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## Zoning or planning commission?

# Dickson, township clash over plan

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Deford area man is urging his fellow Novesta Township residents to vote "no" on the formation of a planning commission, saying the request is little more than an attempt by township officials to maintain and strengthen control over citizens' personal land-use rights.

Novesta Township officials say Bob Dickson's protests are unfounded, and that the proposed formation of a township planning commission is required under a new state law.

Voters will decide the issue during the Tuesday, Jan. 15, presidential primary election.

"The township did not explain to them (voters) that if this township planning commission is not created within 3 years, which is 2011, then the (township's existing) zoning commission no longer has any authority under this act," said Dickson, who interprets the new law to mean vot-

ers have the opportunity to put an end to what he calls oppressive zoning laws that target those least able to defend themselves.

Township officials dispute that claim.

According to Novesta Township Clerk Karen Mozden, the issue at hand stems from the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (Act 110 of 2006), which became effective July 1, 2006. The act, she explained, requires all townships to establish a planning commission by 2011. Novesta Township currently has a zoning commission, Mozden said, noting the new law also requires extensive revisions to Novesta Township's outdated zoning ordinance.

"The planning commission and the zoning commission basically consist of the same board members and terms of office. The only difference is a zoning commission can only handle matters related to the zoning ordinance, while a planning commission can deal with both zoning and planning issues," Mozden said.

The township board passed a resolution in July 2006 to create a planning commission, but a successful petition drive spearheaded by Dickson forced officials to place the request on next week's ballot.

In the end, however, there will be a township planning commission regardless of the outcome of the vote, Mozden said.

"If they (voters) go for a zoning commission, we keep it for 3 years, and then we still have to go to a planning commission," she added. "We're just trying to meet the requirements of the law, and instead of waiting, we decided to approve the planning com-

mission now."

As for the local zoning laws, the new requirements have also forced township officials to make numerous revisions in their ordinances or write new ordinances altogether, Mozden said. "Our attorney advised that rather than amend outdated ordinances, we should start over and simplify them, and we are doing that right now," she added. "This happens regardless of whether we have a planning commission or a zoning commission."

Dickson emphasized that the new law in no way requires voters to approve a planning commission. The law states the township has until 2011 to transfer the powers of the zoning commission to the planning commission, he said, but it also states that the zoning commission loses its authority in 2011. As Dickson sees it, if voters can repeatedly defeat the proposed planning commission through 2011, the township will no longer have the authority to enforce and create unfair ordinances that dictate what residents can do on their own property.

"Myself, I believe in land rights, and I believe that within reason, a person ought to be able to do anything on their land as long as they're not harming their neighbor or spilling pollution," he said. "I know that we have a right to make a living — we just do — on our own land."

Dickson, who has lobbied against the planning commission proposal for more than a year, said his distaste for local ordinances stems, in part, from what he calls unfair enforcement practices on the part of township officials. They pick and choose who to

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**BOB DICKSON LOOKS** over some of the logging equipment parked in the front yard of his Deford area residence. Dickson, who lost an ordinance battle with Novesta Township officials back in 2001, has spent months campaigning against a township proposal creating a planning commission to replace the township's existing zoning commission. Voters will be asked to approve the plan next week.

## O-G still considering idea

# Shared school superintendent?

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

School officials in the Owen-Gage, Port Hope and North Huron districts are continuing to discuss the possibility of "sharing" a superintendent, and representatives of the 3 school

systems are expected to come to a consensus in the near future.

Each district has established a committee to explore the proposal, and those committees met again last month.

"Our board indicated at that time that they weren't ready yet to make a com-

mitment one way or the other," said Owen-Gage School Supt. Dana Compton, who is considered the top candidate for the position - Port Hope Supt. Larry Johnson is retired and working on an interim, part-time ba-

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## Wallace: photo I.D. needed to cast vote

When it comes to elections, veteran Elkland Township Clerk Norma Wallace could easily vouch for the identity of many voters casting their ballots, because she knows or is at least familiar with most of them.

That won't be good enough, however, for area residents exercising their right to vote in Michigan's presidential primary election Tuesday, Jan. 15.

Due to a recent court ruling, every Michigan voter must comply with a new identification requirement for the first time. The law requires voters to present a photo identification card or sign an affidavit attesting that he or she is not in possession of picture identification.

"It's going to be really confusing for people and they're going to (complain)," Wallace said. "But it's a federal law that we have to go by, and it will be on all elections from now on."

Wallace is urging residents to become familiar with the law and be prepared when they go to vote. "We're hoping it's going to be like at the airlines where you get up to the line and you have your photo ID out," she said.

Voters can satisfy the picture identification requirement by showing a Michigan driver's license or a Michigan personal identification card.

Residents who don't have either document may show any of the following forms of photo ID as long as they are current: a driver's license or personal ID card issued by another state, federal or state government-issued photo ID, U.S. passport, military identification card with photo, student identification with photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education, or a tribal ID card with photo.

Voters who do not bring picture identification to the polls can cast their ballot like any other voter by signing an affidavit. Wallace said a signature is all that is required - no other personal information is requested.



**BITTER BUT BEAUTIFUL** — Winter sunsets offer plenty of color in the Thumb, and Thursday was no exception. Single-digit temperatures last week gave way to a milder air mass that began making its way into the state over the weekend, gradually warming temperatures and starting a January that was expected to peak Tuesday with highs in the low 50s.

## Sheriff implements STOPPED

Sanilac County parents can now join those in Tuscola and Huron counties in keeping tabs on their young drivers' habits on the road.

Sanilac County Sheriff Virgil Strickler last week announced his department is beginning the new year by kicking off a relatively new program known as STOPPED - Sheriffs Telling Our Parents and Promoting Educated Drivers.

The program, which is being implemented throughout the county with the support of local police departments, is a voluntary parental notification system developed for the state by the Michigan Sheriff's Association.

"The goal of STOPPED is to reduce the number of young drivers who are injured or killed in motor vehicle crashes each year," explained Strickler, who noted that annually more than 3,000 drivers ages 16 to 21 years old die in the United States as a result of traffic accidents.

Under the program, parents voluntarily register with the Michigan Sheriff's Association any motor vehicle that will be operated by a driver under the age of 21. A decal is then issued by the association and should be affixed to the front windshield of each registered vehicle.

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## Calendar of Events

Deadline for submitting items in the calendar is the Friday noon before publication.

### Wednesday, January 9

Natural Health Class, 6 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

### Thursday, January 10

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 872-4816.

### Friday, January 11

Closed Al-anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 872-4042.

### Saturday, January 12

Roast Beef/Pork Dinner, 4:30-7 p.m., Shabbona United Methodist Church (corner of Decker and Severance roads). Free will offering.

### Sunday, January 13

Gagetown AA meeting, 8-9 p.m., Gagetown fire hall. For more information, call (989) 665-2361.

### Monday, January 14

Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.  
VFW monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

### Tuesday, January 15

Thumb Area Parkinson's Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., Northwood Meadows.  
Heartland Hospice Grief Group Lunch, 1 p.m., Gilligan's. For more information, contact Laura Johannes at 1-877-486-6671.



Bethany Kovach

## B. Kovach "Student of the Month"

Bethany L. Kovach has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for January.

Kovach has been a member of the basketball, volleyball and softball teams all through high school. She served as class secretary her freshman year and as student council vice president in her junior year. She currently is the student council president.

Academically, Kovach has been a member of the 3.0 Honors Club all 4 years of high school. She has been a member of the National Honor Society since her sophomore year and currently serves as the local chapter's vice president.

Kovach was a cast member in the all-school play as a freshman. She has been named a "focus" student of the month in years past and was a class representative for homecoming in her freshman and junior years. She was a queen candidate last fall.

Kovach has also been very active in the Owen-Gage band program as a member of the marching band and pep band. She was also selected for the Tri-County Honors Band and competed in solo and ensemble throughout high school.

She has been a member of the school's yearbook/newspaper staff the last 2 years, served as co-editor of the newspaper as a junior and currently is the editor.

Kovach is the daughter of Albert and Elizabeth Kovach of Owendale. After graduation, she plans to enlist in the U.S. Navy and hopes to pursue a career in music.

## Sanilac Co. banquet set for Jan. 19

Make plans to attend the 72nd Annual Sanilac County Dairy Banquet. This year's entertainment will be highlighted by magician The Amazing Clark, who is well-known throughout Michigan and the Midwest for his family-oriented magic shows.

The banquet is set for Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Sandusky High School cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. The school is located on Pine Tree Lane, east off of M-19 on the south side of Sandusky.

The Sanilac County Dairy Banquet is held each year to celebrate the accomplishments of one of Sanilac County's most important industries: the dairy industry. Sanilac County has one of the largest and most progressive dairy industries of all counties in Michigan. Each year the important accomplishments of individual dairy farmers and dairy farms are honored at the banquet.

Additionally, 2 special awards are given to individuals each year.

The Jim Frey Award is given to a person associated with Sanilac County's dairy industry who demonstrates a history of involvement in the dairy industry and community leadership. Last year's winner was Linwood Dale of Marlette. Other past winners read like a "who's who" of the Sanilac county dairy industry.

Another prestigious award, the Lifetime Achievement Award, is given to a current or former Sanilac County dairy producer who has demonstrated a lifetime of dedication to the Sanilac County dairy industry. Last year's winner was Hank Osentoski. The list of Lifetime Achievement Award winners includes many of the most dedicated and esteemed of Sanilac County's dairy producers community.

Tickets are available at the Sanilac County Michigan State University Extension Office, 37 Austin St., Sandusky, or from one of the following dairy banquet committee members: Mike and Jordan Noll, Dr. Rick Langolf, and Patti Shinn of Crosswell; Dr. Mark Fox, Dennis Lee, and Mary Nichol of Deckerville; Dr. Bob Hassler of Sandusky, Gertie van den Goor of Marlette, Art Glaza of Decker, Dwight and Nancy Bartle of Brown City, or any of the DHIA technicians (Mark Battel, Kim Byrnes, Pam Thom, Marlin Zeiset, Jean Hart and Duane Zimmerman).

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Mrs. Curtis Cleland was a Christmas dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka and family attended the Alex Particka Christmas dinner get together at Utica.

Dr. and Mrs. Tom Collins of Allegan had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Brian Sweeney and Bertha Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were

among a large group who attended a surprise birthday party for Bob Osentoski on New Year's Eve at Cousins in Bad Axe. Those who came from a distance were their daughter from Atlanta, Georgia, Jq and Betty Myers of Gladwin and Susan and Greg Krozek of Filion.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson spent Wednesday afternoon with Thelma Jackson.

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# Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

How long will it be before the skeptics stop scoffing at the weather forecasts and admit that they not only know what they are doing, but prove it time after time - especially in the short run.

It appears that they have a way to go to get 100 percent accuracy in longer term trends and what they forecast for a week from today may not happen. They admit that by giving a percentage figure such as predicting a 55 percent chance for sun (or rain) on a day over a week away.

For many of us the forecast last week that we are due for record-breaking hot spells for January wasn't a surprise, it was accurate and expected.

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A sports fan collared me the other day and asked why the girls were ignored in the prediction of volleyball winners and losers that run in the fall football season. The answer was simple, there is no way to predict who the next opponent will be and the results of the games are hard to come by, especially if it's a tournament with an out of the area school winning.

Now that they play concurrently it's a pleasure to be able to include a forecast for the girls.

It's surprising how easy it is to make a prediction figuring it was a boys' game when it wasn't, or vice versa.

Okay, that's no excuse for bum predictions, but I'll claim it anyway.

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Sometimes procrastination can turn into a good thing. Emily Martin, a sophomore at Cass City High School, found that out last week. Collecting cans and bottles for a school project, she hit a small jackpot at the John Haire house.

In one of our cars we had a sack full of cans and bottles waiting to be returned. It was there for a month or more. Meanwhile, the cans and bottles started to pile up in the house.

Emily left with a sack of cans in each hand and I suspect she was very happy about her unexpected haul.

But she just couldn't be as happy as we were to get the bottles out of the house to be recycled without any further effort at all.

# Dickson, township clash

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go after, and more often than not they pick on those who can't afford to defend themselves, he claims.

Dickson, a farmer and logger, indicated he's a perfect example. He recalled the township's decision to prosecute him in 2001 for violating a junk and dismantled car ordinance.

Dickson said the ordinance prohibits activities such as redesigning/modifying equipment and repairing equipment unless it takes place in an enclosed building. As a logger, those

activities are integral to the job, and building a structure to enclose everything was out of the question financially, according to the Shabbona Road resident.

Dickson, who noted he couldn't afford an attorney, said the township's legal action cost him fines and probation, and put an end to his livelihood.

He readily admits it was then he began researching township law and challenging township officials on various issues, including the upcoming vote.

The bottom line, Dickson said, is "I want them (voters) to vote 'no'. What I'm trying to do is give the people back some of the power they've lost. I'm not trying to condemn these people (township officials). I want them to do what is right, and I want them to quit being biased, and I want them to stop oppressing the oppressed."

According to Novesta Township Zoning Administrator Dave Hoard, the whole point of having ordinances in place is to maintain consistency in the township. Without them, he said, "you're giving people free rein to do whatever they want whenever they want."

"We're not trying to take away the rights of the individual," Hoard said. "The laws are there to basically prohibit just unnecessary misuse of property. It maintains the integrity of the township. A lot of it, too, is the protection of the homeowner and everyone else around them."

Dickson disagrees. "We have many, many, many rights," he said, adding township officials have no business telling residents how many garage sales they can have, or how many bedrooms they can build, for example. "I want my rights to be strictly adhered to," Dickson said. "They're not rulers, they're public servants."

# Sanilac suspects caught with pot, cash after chase

A routine traffic stop in Sanilac County Thursday ended with 2 arrests and the seizure of roughly three-quarters of a pound of marijuana valued at \$3,700.

Sgt. Robert Willis of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department reported that Deputy Russell Nowiski attempted to stop a vehicle for a traffic violation on M-19 near Aitken Road at about 1:30 p.m., and the driver refused to pull over and a chase ensued.

"The vehicle was pursued eastbound on Aitken Road, where it turned northbound on Brown Road. It then turned east on Marlette Road, where a second patrol vehicle driven by Sgt. Charlene Washkevich was waiting and joined in the pursuit," Willis said. "The suspect vehicle turned northbound on Ruth Road, where it eventually stopped for officers."

The 2 male suspects were arrested

without further incident - the driver, a 22-year-old Sandusky resident for fleeing and eluding and driving with a suspended license, and the passenger, a 27-year-old Peck man wanted on 2 outstanding warrants out of Waterford Township in Oakland County (fleeing and eluding and assaulting a police officer).

Police searched the vehicle and found 371 grams of marijuana in the trunk. They seized the marijuana along with \$621 in cash.

Both the driver and passenger are expected to be charged with possession with intent to deliver marijuana, a felony punishable by up to 4 years in prison. Bond was set at \$10,000 for the driver. The passenger is being held on his outstanding warrants. The Sanilac County Drug Task Force is continuing an investigation into the case. They assisted deputies along with Michigan State Police troopers and the Crosswell Police Department.

# The Haire Net

Important, but subject to change



Okay, the holidays are over, but the effects linger on. The Chronicle won't be back to normal until we complete a week with no holiday days off. That's especially true when school doesn't reconvene right after New Year's.

Adding to the confusion is that sports teams play make-up games or schedule games during the time when there are no classes. It's an adjustment for reporters.

Enough lamenting about the troubles that are a staple during the holiday season. Let's take a stab in another direction.

It's the constantly changing discovery of phenomena that potentially affects us all. For instance, I've read over the years that cholesterol control was life saving, not too important and now back to where it was at the beginning.

The relative good/bad of various foods and drinks has varied with the times. A little red wine used in moderation is a healthy benefit today. Tomorrow it may be as bad as it was considered to be before the recent discoveries. (Probably still is now what it was before to many teetotal-

ers.)

Just last week a headline in the Bay City Times blared "Report finds natural cause in Arctic heat-up." Over the head in smaller type was the line "Not just global warming."

Given the concern with the record-breaking loss of summer sea ice, it's a thought-provoking issue.

The article explains the scientific reasoning behind the new discovery. New research now says that the warming is part of a natural increase in the amount of energy in the atmosphere and with global warming is causing the change in the Arctic.

Since there is still a minority that dismisses the issue as far-fetched and not of major concern, the new research will slow acceptance of the significance of global warming.

The article also says that scientists are trying to figure out why the Arctic is warming and melting faster than computer models project.

So don't be surprised as the years roll by that the affect of global warming goes the same route as cholesterol, diets and red wine.

Important, but subject to change.



# The back forty

by Roger Pond

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What will they come up with next? First they search the passengers, then the suitcases. Now they want to charge for in-flight meals.

I don't know what airlines could do to make flying more annoying. Now I see that commuter airlines are planning to weigh the passengers before boarding the plane. Federal officials have decided that weight estimates for passengers and baggage might be out of date.

Weighing luggage is one thing, but running passengers over the scales seems a bit cruel to me. There must be less intrusive ways of checking the load on an airplane.

They could have one big scale for all the passengers. Or weigh randomly like they do the search. Pretend they can't tell the big ones from the little ones.

The whole thing reminds me of the days when we loaded pigs on the truck and took them to market. We never had a scale in those days, so everything was based upon some sort of guesstimate.

When sale day arrived, my brothers and I would herd all of the market hogs into a large pen. Then we would try to determine which ones would make market weight.

The market wanted 200 to 220-pound hogs in those days, and the only method we had for loading the truck was to grab a pig and wrestle him aboard. Two kids could handle a pig of 180 pounds or so, but it took all three of us to deal with the 200-pounders.

That became our criterion. If two of us could handle the pig, he went back to the feeding pen and stayed another

week or two. If it took all three to subdue the critter, we dragged him onto the truck and took him to market.

Wrestling pigs isn't the only way to sort them, of course. Two boys in my vo-ag class taught me that several years later. These fellows built a sturdy panel with vertical slots to fit across an alley inside their barn.

Through considerable trial and error they determined the exact width of slot that a 200-pound pig would fit through - but a 210-pounder would not. Then, all they had to do was chase the pigs to one end of the alley and close the panel.

Once the panel was secured behind the pigs, the boys would sic the dog on them; and the pigs ran back through the panel into the feeding pen.

A pig weighing less than 210 pounds went through slick as a whistle. Anything over that remained in the alley and went to the sale.

It's obvious to me that airlines don't have to weigh the passengers. These new security measures have filled airports with more government employees than anyone knows what to do with. The most humane way to determine which passengers are overweight is to have two or three security people wrestle them into a holding area.

If two employees can subdue the passenger, that person should be loaded on the plane. If it takes three or more, the passenger is too big and needs to wait for a later flight.

What about the slotted panel trick? Everyone walks through those metal detectors, anyway. Just narrow them down a little.

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Last Week's Local Almanac					
Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Monday	32	18	29/16	0.00"	0.00"
Tuesday	34	25	28/16	0.00"	0.45"
Wednesday	25	7	28/16	0.00"	-0.45"
Thursday	25	9	28/16	0.00"	-26.2°
Friday	30	18	28/15	0.00"	-21.9°
Saturday	37	25	28/15	0.00"	+4.3°
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## "The Maroon and White"

by Lauren Hudson

The collective human conscience has suffered some sort of amnesia in the past centuries. The Great Pyramid's use is a mystery, the Dark Ages is still just that; the dark ages, there are theories about parts of history, with little proof, and the Renaissance was the period that Europe finally started to record things, but very little.

There are times in the 'technology age' that we as people of the western world tend to forget that our great-grandparents, or even our great-great-grandparents, lived in a world without an 'iPhone', computer, 'iPod', etc. What was new then was electricity, the car, the plane and some other things that today we take for granted.

But, of course, in a couple decades, the same will happen to this generation.

Something else will come out, history will be made, and we will be in shock of the 'new-new generation'. Or it could all crumble. History has always shown the human obsession for 'the end times'. That seems to be the only reoccurring memory, a fear,

but it hasn't happened. Only some 'theories' have been offered. For example: The Black Plague killed one-third of the known world at that time, and people say Hitler was the anti-Christ.

That isn't the reason for this article. Time changes. Period. What we, of the new year of 2008, know of, will change.

One hundred years ago, in 1908, the people of the time had just gotten electricity and the car was still very new and mostly for the rich. But only a decade ago, back in the 90s, the Internet was new, CDs were becoming popular, and the music was in a confused state. It was stuck in the 80s, but also hip hop and rap made it up. Time changes.

I understand how boring history class may be at times, or listening to history. But you must remember that the people of a time were just like you. History was being made new to those people, new fangled things were coming out, new lands were being discovered, and memory is lost. Honor history. To some extent, it could affect you one day, and it will.

## Community foundation to host funding workshop

Tuscola County organizations planning to cash in on the continuing generosity of the Tuscola County Community Foundation have just a few weeks to apply for funding in the spring.

Groups not familiar with the foundation and its application process may be interested in attending a grant information meeting scheduled for 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, at the Tuscola Technology Center, 1401 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

Interested parties are asked to RSVP on or before Jan. 18 by writing to P.O. Box 534, Caro, MI 48723, by calling (989) 673-8223, or by sending an e-mail to [tccef534@yahoo.com](mailto:tccef534@yahoo.com).

"The meeting will acquaint participants with the community foundation's grant guidelines, its grant application forms and additional details concerning the available funding," explained Ken Micklash, executive director of the Tuscola County Community Foundation.

Micklash said foundation officials will be distributing a combined \$95,000 during their spring funding cycle.

The funds and amounts of money available are: Janks (William and Ruth) Fund, \$47,000 (unrestricted); Andrews (Claude and Etta) Fund, \$14,000 (children's activities); Founders Fund, \$1,100 (unrestricted); Future Youth Involvement (FYI) Fund, \$28,000 (youth pro-

grams); Homelessness Fund, \$800 (to aid the homeless in Tuscola County); Healthy Youth/Healthy Seniors Fund, \$2,000 (for tobacco cessation programs); and Greater Millington Fund, \$2,500 (unrestricted for Millington area projects).

Applications must be postmarked no later than Thursday, Feb. 7. Micklash noted the funding will be distributed by June 15.

Foundation officials last fall distributed roughly \$260,000 in 2007. The money was generated by several endowment funds, all held under the umbrella of the Tuscola County Community Foundation.

The foundation accepts donations from individuals, families and organizations, and earmarks future distribution of the money based on the donors' wishes. Those who give to the foundation actually double their giving because they receive a 50-percent tax credit (up to \$400), according to Micklash, who said all of the funds are then combined and invested.

Over the past 2 years, the foundation's assets have grown from \$3.9 million to more than \$6 million. "We should break the \$7 million mark in assets (in 2008)," Micklash said.

The number of funds within the 10-year-old foundation has also grown during the same period, from 23 to 46 currently, and Micklash predicts total distributions will reach the \$1 million mark this year.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Planning commission plan is a bad idea

Novesta Township voters face a very important decision on Jan. 15 when they go into the booth to cast their vote. Not only will they be there to decide who to support as their favorite candidate for the coming presidential election in November, but they also face a very important decision concerning their local Novesta Township government.

The township officers desperately want the voters to vote in favor of creating a township planning commission and to transfer the powers of the present zoning commission to the planning commission. They are so desperate that for the past 2 years they have included a statement in the Novesta Township Newsletter stating that state law requires the township to create a planning commission by 2011. This is an attempt at a power grab and retention of the powers already possessed by the zoning commission (formerly the zoning board) by the township officials.

Before I go any further I would like to say, Novesta Township voters are in No Way required to vote in favor of creating the planning commission. The newsletter statements that say the creation of this planning commission is required by law is very cleverly written and has the potential to make the voters feel that in some way they are obligated by law to vote in favor of creating the planning commission. They should not be compelled by some cleverly written statement to do so.

If the township's intent was to educate and better inform the public of this voting choice, then the statement should have stated the law as it really reads with its real intent instead of just taking a small part of the law out of context to make the voters think that this commission must absolutely be created.

The law the township alludes to is taken from the recently (July 1, 2006) enacted Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, section 301 subsection (2) and the second sentence reads as follows - (keeping in mind the township board

### Ron Paul candidate to choose

All 8 Democratic candidates support taxpayer funded abortion-on-demand. Four of them would appoint judges who would uphold Roe v. Wade. Source: National Pro-Life Alliance.

Rudy Giuliani supports amnesty for illegal aliens, abortion rights and gun control. Source: National Pro-Life Alliance and American Free Press (A.F.P.).

John McCain teamed with Ted Kennedy on a bill for amnesty. Source: a matter of record.

Mitt Romney consistently supported abortion-on-demand as governor of Massachusetts and says states should choose whether or not to allow abortion. Source: National Pro-Life Alliance.

Fred Thompson, as a senator, supported amnesty for criminal aliens. Source: A.F.P.

Mike Huckabee, as governor of Arkansas, opposed a bill in the state legislature that would have prohibited state benefits for illegal immigrants as "un-American and un-Christian." Source: A.F.P.

Then there is the America First candidate - the only candidate who can pull this country out of the mess it's in: Ron Paul.

Thank you,  
Ed Aulph  
Clawson

#### Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper.

Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason.

The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.

is the legislative body) "The legislative body shall have 5 years from the effective day of this act to transfer the powers of the zoning commission to the planning commission." That did not say the voters must vote in favor to transfer the powers.

To better understand what they are voting for Jan. 15, the voters should know what the following sentence in that law states: it says "Except as provided under this subsection, 5 years after the effective date of this act, the zoning commission (formerly the zoning board) shall not have any authority under this act or an ordinance adopted under this act."

I am not a lawyer and I am not a judge, but to me that sounds like if the voters can keep voting down the proposal to create a planning commission until July of 2011, then they will no longer have to answer to the township on matters such as paying for building permits, and the people will be freer to do as they please instead of as the present zoning commission and possibly (if the township is able to pull this off), the future land use planners of the township see fit. It means that the unjust rules in the zoning ordinances that the township imposes on folks have no effect because the zoning commission will no longer have authority.

They are clever. They have also employed a very clever municipal attorney that has been very active in the past few years teaching them some of the ways of grabbing more municipal power.

If you are one of the very many people that keep asking me, "How do we get these people out of our hair?" Then right now is the time to act! It may be the last opportunity. If you don't vote on anything else, at least go on Jan. 15 and vote down the planning commission if you don't like zoning. I can guarantee, if you don't like zoning, then you won't like these people planning your land use for you.

This vote is made possible by the action of the many brave Novesta Township citizens who weren't afraid to sign the petition in fear of repercussions from the township. For those of you who were afraid as you indicated to me, then this is also the time to act to help limit the power these people have over you. They will definitely gain more power if this passes.

I think it also should be said that when the proposal to create this planning commission was first published in the Cass City Chronicle back in July of 2006, one provision in the proposal provided 60 days for the people to petition to put this up for vote. I did so and with the great help of many of you, we have this right to vote on it.

I went to the August 2006 zoning meeting and Dale Mills, one of the zoning commission members, raised his voice very loud and said he doesn't care what it takes or what it costs, they were gonna pass this no matter what. I said, "What if the people petition to put the question on the ballot and then vote it down?" He and all the others on the zoning board that night said we can't do that.

It's so funny that not one of them had read their own proposal. These people don't even know what's in the laws that govern their actions. Not one of them knew this. They all thought it was a done deal back in 2006. I think that's unacceptable.

I would like to say one last thing, the zoning commission is presently involved in creating a new zoning ordinance at the cost of \$8,400. In the preliminary draft of the ordinance is a provision that states that the ordinance governs over any other law. That is unacceptable because all higher law supercedes all ordinances, but I believe that it is just an attempt to create a stumbling block a person would have to overcome if they were to defend themselves against an unconstitutional act done by the zoning commission under that zoning ordinance.

I put the zoning commission on notice that their number one duty is to stand for the Constitution of the United States and to the Constitution of this state. They must take the oath before they can act in their official positions.

There is much more I could say about why I think we shouldn't trust our future planning concerns with these people but at least the people now have a better idea as to what their vote really means. I vote "no" to the planning commission.

Thank you and sincerely,

Bob Dickson  
Deford



## "The Taste of Ink"

by Becca Troop

The meaning of a dream can perplex any human, but there are some who think they have the answers. One famous dream interpreter from long ago had a few theories that became famous to people throughout the world.

Freud analyzed dreams in order to understand aspects of personality as they relate to pathology, meaning that he believed that nothing we do occurs by chance—our unconscious motivates, our thoughts and actions, at some level.

He also believed that in order to live in our society, we have to hold back urges and suppress our emotions. Being citizens of America, we all know how that feels even at the smallest level. It is through dreams that our true souls spill out of our mind to show what is real in our hearts.

Freud thought that the motivating force of a dream is wish fulfillment. Issues of power, lack of control, or unsatisfied love may manifest in dreams as a way of satisfying such needs. Thoughts that get repressed during the day may also find a way into your dream as an attempt to being fulfilled.

As for the actual interpretation of dreams, there are many varied ways. A majority of online websites seem to focus on key objects, places or persons that may be involved and the meanings that they place upon them.

These clarifications are quite obvious most of the time, but can also show you different explanations as to why you might be dreaming of such undertakings.

More advanced websites delve into the deeper meanings that coexist with events that are taking place in your life. Of course, there are always professional experts on dream interpretation, but they aren't exactly free.

Mostly, dreams are fulfillments we can never live up to. They are our hopes, aspirations and thoughts we never knew we could think. Without these endless possibilities of truth, each day would be a little less full. People might seem more bland and unoriginal, but with each dream and thought that creates that dream, those people have a soul with which they can never be rid of to any degree.

Whenever I hear someone telling me about a dream, their dreams are about the weirdest things. Realizing that that's what they think about consciously or unconsciously, you get to know a deeper part of who they are. Thinking of dreams in such a personal way can help you to know people on such an unfathomable manner.

People aren't always as they seem and dreams seem to open up the possibilities.

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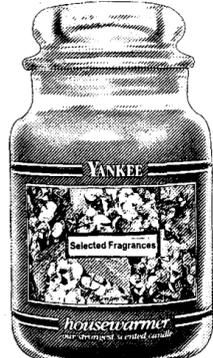
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## Hopes to encourage others

# Weight battle prompts woman to seek surgery

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Sandy can't remember a time when she hasn't struggled with her weight, even as a child. And she will never forget the shame and lack of self-esteem she feels every time she looks in a mirror.

Sandy, a Cass City area resident who asked that her real name not be used for this story, recently talked about her decision to undergo the LAP-BAND Adjustable Gastric Banding System procedure last fall in an effort to finally begin losing the pounds, a lifelong battle in which diets never seemed to work. Having children led to even more weight gain.

"I have always had a weight problem," commented Sandy, who at age 50 now has found it even more difficult to do the things she wants to, including enjoying time with her grandchildren.

In December 2005, she recalled seeing a story about a Millington woman who underwent the same procedure and lost 100 pounds.

"When I read that, I was just floored," Sandy recalled, adding she contacted the woman to learn more. "I felt so discouraged because I had no hope," she said. "She was so happy that I called her. She explained everything to me."

Sandy's hope was quickly dashed when she contacted a hospital in Port Huron for an information packet and more specifics, and learned the procedure costs roughly \$20,000. "I thought, no way could I afford it. I got my packet and cried every day for a week."

She put the information away until last summer, when a set of circumstances arose, providing her with the money she needed.

Sandy's next step was to attend a lengthy seminar on the operation, attended by others who have undergone the procedure. "When I met with the doctor, he asked me questions and I had some testing done," she said, noting she also met with a nurse and nutritionist. Along the way, she gained the full support of her family, including her daughters, who at first were not thrilled with their

mother's decision.

According to officials at INAMED Health, the Santa Barbara, Calif.-based company that manufactures the LAP-BAND System, the name comes from the surgical technique used (laparoscopic) and the name of the implanted medical device (gastric band). Company officials say the system is the only adjustable and reversible obesity surgery that does not require cutting and stapling of the stomach or gastrointestinal re-routing to bypass normal digestion.

The LAP-BAND System utilizes a silicone elastomer ring designed to be placed around the upper part of the stomach and filled with saline on the inner surface. This creates a new, small stomach pouch and leaves the larger part of the stomach below the band so the food storage area of the stomach is reduced, and the pouch above the band can hold only a small amount of food. The end result is that the patient feels full sooner.

The band is connected by tubing to an access port that is placed beneath the skin during surgery. Later, the surgeon can change the size by adding or subtracting saline inside the inner balloon through the access port.

Sandy said her procedure was done laparoscopically under general anesthesia. The surgeon made a few small incisions in her abdominal wall for the insertion of long, thin surgical instruments, and he placed the band around the upper part of her stomach while viewing the operation via a narrow camera that was also inserted during the procedure.

Although the operation was a success, and Sandy was aware she would have to adopt a healthier lifestyle involving better nutrition and exercise, she found her initial expectations were greater than they should have been.

"I'll tell you, this is teaching me patience. I have to eat slower, I have to chew slower. It's not as easy as you think, which I'm finding out," she said. "I don't have any regrets. I just wish I had educated myself more so I would have been prepared first, because the LAP-BAND is a tool,

and that's what they tell you. You still have to diet, you still have to exercise, you still have to watch what you eat. It's a gradual weight loss program, which is really good."

Following surgery, Sandy was placed on a liquid diet the first 2 weeks. Gradually, she has been able to add more substantial items to her diet. She learned first-hand the consequences of moving too quickly, such as when she sampled some toast. "If you eat something you shouldn't, you get a feeling like you're having a heart attack, and it's really scary," she explained.

Sandy is still recovering. In fact, she isn't scheduled to have the band that was placed around her stomach filled with saline until later this month, so she is still able to eat about half the amount of food she was able to before the surgery.

To-date, Sandy has lost about 30 pounds, but says she is still 120 pounds overweight.

But she has made great strides with the support of her husband and other family members. She's learned to give up French fries, potato chips, candy, cookies and cake. "I'm trying to stay away from sugar and stay away from deep-fried things, and I don't drink any pop at all," she said, adding she's also adopted a regular exercise regimen of walking and swimming.

Sandy is the first to say the battle has not been an easy one because, she says, her desire to eat is more than just a desire.

"I am addicted to food. I'm not an alcoholic, I'm a 'foodaholic,' and it is what it is," she said. "Every day I'm learning, every day I struggle, and every day I pick myself back up. It's a lifelong struggle."

Sandy said her motivation lies in years of feeling terrible about her image, bad enough to want to simply stay home and avoid work, shopping, anything that would force her out into the public eye. "I've cried myself to sleep because of my weight," she said.

Sandy indicated she offered to tell her story in hopes of encouraging others battling obesity to consider their options, understand there is hope for them, and seek out support. She also hopes those who are not facing a weight problem will take a moment to understand how she and others like her feel.

"We already feel bad about ourselves," said the area resident, who is learning to slow down and keep her goals in mind.

"I'm still struggling and I still want bad things," she confided. "I do know it's going to take time. It's not going to happen overnight. I have to take it one day at a time."

## Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



### 5 YEARS AGO

Equipment inside the former Cass City IGA Store will go on the auction block later this month to satisfy a personal property tax debt. The auction is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 25, beginning at 10 a.m. at the store, located at the west end of the village. The sale, ordered by Elkland Township Treasurer, Art Randall, will include a variety of freezers, coolers, display cases and racks, cooking appliances, tables, cash registers and other items. Randall said proceeds from the sale will be applied to a tax debt spanning about 3 years and totaling \$10,000 to \$12,000, which is owed to several entities. "It's not just to the township; it's school tax, state tax, county tax, the township tax and the intermediate school tax," he explained. The store has been closed since October 2000 when then-business owner Dan Wills, who had leased the building, closed up shop after 4 years in Cass City. "The previous owners basically abandoned the equipment," Randall said of Wills, adding it's unusual to reach the point of holding an auction because often any equipment or furnishings that could be sold are long gone before local government officials realize it.

If the Cass City High School Forensics Team's performance Saturday in Sterling Heights is any indication of things to come, Coach Chad Daniels is going to have to make some serious room in his trophy case. The Red Hawks flexed muscle early and often during the tournament - the first of the season - hosted by Sterling Heights High School. "It didn't take long before the other 32 teams at the tournament were shaking their heads in disbelief," Daniels said, adding most of the teams were from Class A schools. "Cass City registered 10 entries, with all 10 making the semifinal round. More heads began to shake when 9 of the 10 entries then made it to finals. "We had the tournament of a lifetime on Saturday," Daniels said. "It is uncommon for a team to have 100 percent of its entries make the semi finals and then follow it up with 90 percent bringing home trophies."

### 25 YEARS AGO

Activity along the main stem. The building housing the game room has been sold to Gloria Ouyv. The building next to it where the former Mutual Savings was located has been purchased by Bob Hunter. There has been some activity concerning the building that formerly was Chappel's Men's Store, but nothing is yet in the final stages. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Tuesday's non-conference clash with Mayville couldn't have come at a better time for Coach Ron Nurnberger's Cass City Red Hawks. The Wildcats, in a down year, were no match for the Hawks who won 70-62 and it gave Nurnberger a chance

to give his bench much needed playing time. With Caro carded Friday in a Thumb B Association tilt, the Hawks will have to have everything going for them when they invade the Tigers' lair. Caro was impressive in a one-sided win over Bad Axe last Friday and any team that can score in the 90s is one to be reckoned with. It's probable that Cass City will have to play better than it did against Mayville to win. The first quarter was a parade of turnovers by both clubs and that set the pattern for much of the game. Cass City jumped off in front midway through the period, 7-4, as Joe Langenburg hit a couple of 15-foot jumpers.

### 35 YEARS AGO

John Maharg, 22, graduated with a bachelor of science degree in biology and physical education from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo at the end of the winter term in December. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Maharg of Cass City, and is a 1968 graduate of Cass City High School.

Time flies. The odds are great that if you haven't been a patient at the Rawson clinic for many, many years you'd never guess how long that attractive aide has been helping Dr. D.E. Rawson. Mrs. Fran Kehoe, who doesn't look as old as she has to be, is now in her 30th year there. She went to work immediately after high school and never had another job. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Mrs. Kathryn M. Turner of Decker has been named secretary-treasurer of the Michigan Fraternal Insurance Counselors Association. Her appointment was announced by James Noble of Port Huron, president. Mrs. Turner has represented the Gleaner Life Insurance Society as a fraternal life insurance agent for 27 years. The MFICA is the Michigan chapter of a national professional organization for fraternal life insurance agent for 27 years. The MFICA is the Michigan chapter of a national professional organization for fraternal insurance sales people.

## Volunteers sought for tax assistance

Human Development Commission (HDC) is searching for volunteers in Lapeer, Sanilac, Tuscola and Huron counties to assist with a tax preparation and counseling program.

The program assists seniors and low-income individuals in processing their income and property tax returns, including filing for the Home Heating Credit.

Volunteers need not dedicate a large amount of time, usually 6 to 10 hours per week. In addition to training, volunteers are provided with a stipend. This is an ideal opportunity for retirees or someone looking to donate their time to helping others in need.

HDC has conducted the tax preparation and counseling program in Sanilac, Lapeer, Tuscola and Huron counties for 17 years. Brian Neuville, HDC's Fiscal and Business director, testifies to the value of the program.

"Last year we helped hundreds of people throughout our four county area," says Neuville. "Volunteers helped these people regain over a million dollars in refunds that they may not have been able to receive if this service wasn't provided for

them." Neuville adds, "This program is so helpful to seniors and others who are unable to afford to have their taxes done elsewhere. On top of that, it feels great to help out people in my community."

Volunteers are the critical ingredient in making this tax preparation program successful. Volunteers of any age are welcome to participate. Individuals over 55 years of age are especially encouraged to volunteer for this or other service opportunities through HDC's RSVP program (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program). RSVP is an invitation to those 55 and over to serve within our community.

If someone is looking to volunteer and has basic tax and/or accounting knowledge, as well as computer experience, they are encouraged to contact Julia DeGuise at Human Development Commission for more information at (989) 672-1723.

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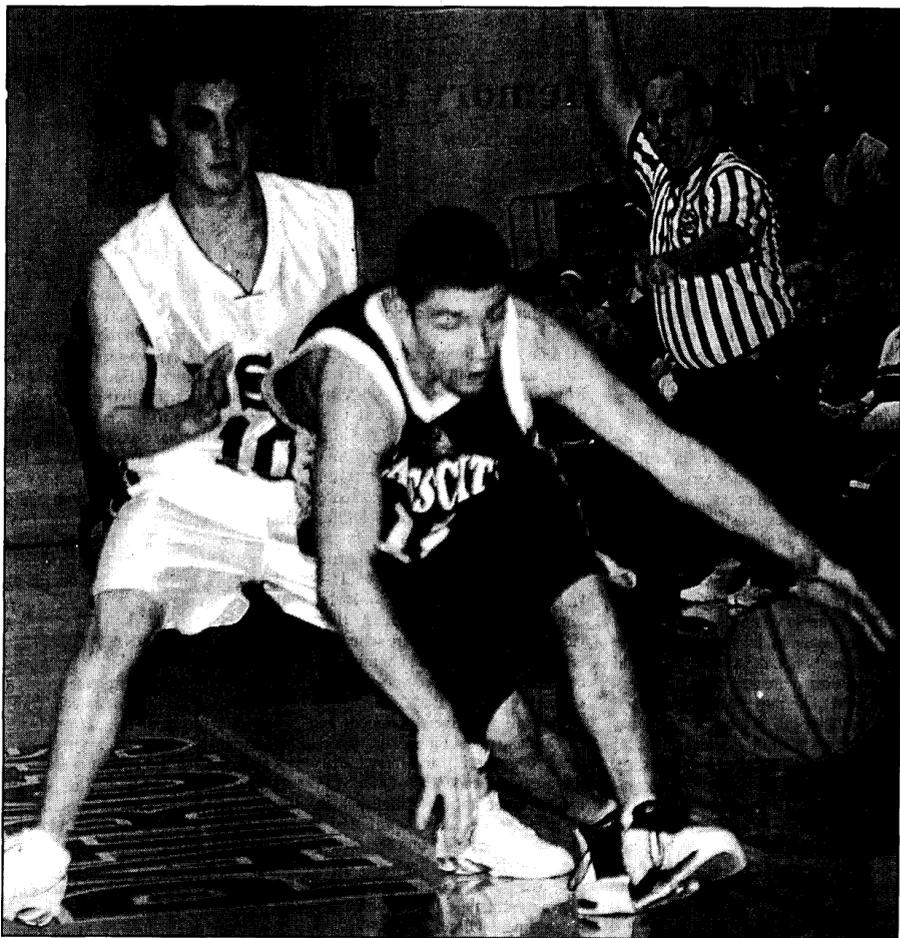


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**CHRIS CHILDS** uses a low dribble to avoid the defensive pressure of Patriot **Shane Schmidt** in Friday's GTW contest. Childs hit 3 treys for Cass City, but it wasn't enough as the visitors fell, 46-37.



***GIVE ME THAT!***

CASS CITY'S **Megan Zawilinski** and Unionville-Sebewaing's **Jillian Williamson** battle for control of the ball in Thursday's GTW outing. The host Patriots posted a 45-32 victory.

# USA SWEEPS CASS CITY

## *Cass City boys' squad lacking offense*

If the Cass City boys' basketball team has any hopes of upsetting highly favored visiting Reese tonight, the Red Hawks will need an effort similar to Friday's opening half performance against Unionville-Sebewaing.

It would also be beneficial in Cass City's attempt to hand the talented and undefeated Rockets their first setback if the team could forget the final 16 minutes of their Greater Thumb West contest in Sebewaing.

In front of a nearly full house, the Patriots kept pace with the Rockets in the GTW standings by limiting coach Aaron Fernald's cagers to just 9 points over the final half en route to their 6th win of the year in as many attempts.

For 2 quarters against the Patriots, it appeared as if Cass City was on track to run its current win streak to 4 straight. The visitors jumped out to a quick 5-2 margin and maintained their advantage for most of the opening half that ended with the Red Hawks enjoying a 28-24 margin.

Cass City's offense in the early going was found under the basket. Chris Summersett and Shane McFarland each scored from the paint to help put the Red Hawks in front, 5-2.

Unionville-Sebewaing, co-leaders of the GTW, battled back behind guard Brandon Bitzer and forward Taylor Cramer and seized its only advantage during the opening frame with 4 minutes on the clock.

While Cass City's zone defense was effective in limiting the Patriot shot attempts, Bitzer found room to operate along the baseline and back-to-back baskets, combined with a triple from Cramer, gave the hosts a slim 9-7 edge.

With the Patriot defense keying on the Red Hawks' interior attack, however, guard Chris Childs was able to get off his shot and launched a pair of triples that regained the advantage for the Red Hawks entering the next frame at 15-13.

The 2 teams traded punches to the intermission in a period that featured 3 ties and 2 lead changes. Cass City used an early trey from Childs and a late shot from behind the arc from Chris Binder to enter the locker room leading 28-24. In between the 2 long range jumpers, Austin Babich poured in 7 points that included a pretty hard left-handed drive to close out the scoring for the Red Hawks in the half, which also gave the visitors their biggest bulge on the night at 28-22.

Cass City matched its largest lead shortly after the break when consecutive baskets - a short baseline jumper from Babich and a 15' jumper by Childs - gave the visitors a 32-28 spread. Childs' jumper would be the Red Hawks' final points in the period that the Patriots ended on an 8-0 run.

Cass City offensive struggles carried over into the final 8 minutes. After baskets by Summersett and Babich sliced the Patriot advantage to 40-36, the Hawks would be held to a Shane Bloomfield free throw over the final 3 minutes.

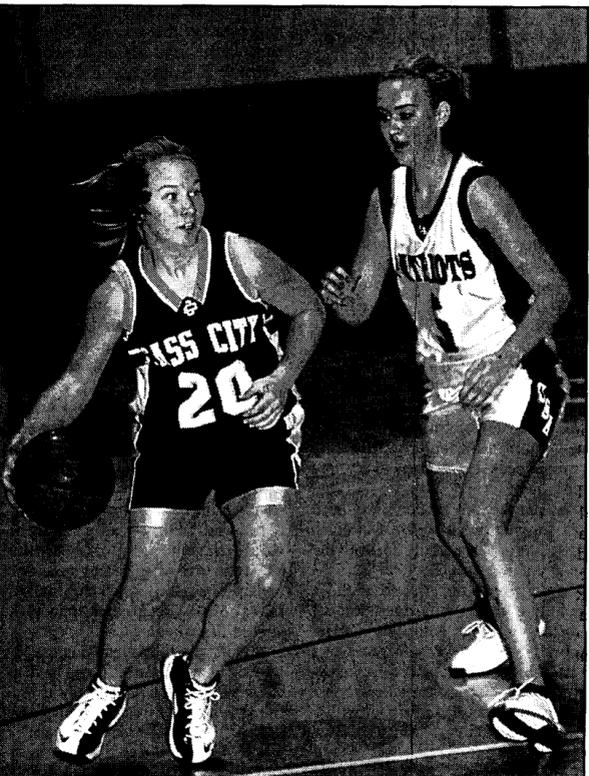
Despite their offensive woes, Bloomfield's free throw toss with 2:15 remaining made it a one possession

game at 40-37.

Forced to send the Patriots to the foul line, Cass City had its chances in the closing minutes, but failed to rebound a pair of missed charity tosses that secured a 46-37 victory. "Our shooting percentage (47%) really wasn't that bad," said Fernald. "We just didn't get up enough shots. We had 22 turnovers and that was the key stat (of the game)".

Childs recorded 11 points to lead Cass City, while Bitzer posted 14 markers to earn game scoring honors.

On Friday, Cass City plays host to the Bay City All Saints in a GTW billing.



**RED HAWK** **Aleigh Kappen** looks for a path to the basket in GTW action against Unionville-Sebewaing. Kappen helped keep the visitors close in the opening half with 4 free throws.

## *Lady Hawks fall short in Sebewaing*

A slow start doomed the Cass City girls' basketball team Thursday in Sebewaing, where the visitors bowed 45-32 in Greater Thumb West play to the Unionville-Sebewaing Area Patriots.

With the loss, Coach Lloyd Schinnerer's Red Hawks slip to 1-2 in the GTW, 2-7 overall, entering this week's GTW contests with Reese and Bay City All Saints.

To upset either of those GTW foes, the Lady Hawks will need a much better outing than the one the team delivered against the Patriots.

"Poor execution at both ends of the floor," lamented Coach Schinnerer. "We committed 27 turnovers and were out rebounded by USA."

After Cass City drew even with the Patriots at 4-all on a pretty left-handed lay in by Megan VanVliet, the hosts closed the opening period on a 9-2 spurt as Mercy Martinez, Kiersten McBrayer and Danielle Gremel all scored on offensive rebounds.

Trailing 13-6, Cass City climbed to within 15-13 early in period 2 as Jennica Richards recorded the Hawk's first perimeter basket and Aleigh Kappen added 4 free throw tosses midway through the frame. But once again the Patriots closed the stanza on a positive note, this time outscoring their guests 7-2, before Carly Rabideau's trey ended the scoring entering the locker room, and slicing Unionville-Sebewaing's advantage to 22-18 at the halfway point.

In the final half, Cass City was outscored 23-14 to provide the final margin. The Hawks managed just 4 field goals over the final 16 minutes, including 3 from Richards who led Cass City with 9 points.

Gremel had 13 tallies to pace the Patriots and was the only player to reach double figures on the night.

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<b>Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast</b>				
<i>This Week's Forecast</i>	 John Haire	 Clarke Haire	 Tom Montgomery	 Doug Hyatt
<b>GIRLS' BASKETBALL</b>				
<b>Thursday, January 10</b>				
Lakers at Bad Axe	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers
BCAS at Cass City	Cass City	BCAS	Cass City	Cass City
Saginaw BV at USA	USA	Saginaw BV	USA	USA
Deckerville at Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette
Sandusky at Reese	Reese	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky
Akron-Fairgrove at Port Hope	Port Hope	Port Hope	Port Hope	Port Hope
Memphis at Kingston	Memphis	Kingston	Memphis	Memphis
<b>Friday, January 11</b>				
Ubly at Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly
<b>BOYS' BASKETBALL</b>				
<b>Wednesday, January 9</b>				
BCAS at Bad Axe	BCAS	BCAS	Bad Axe	BCAS
Reese at Cass City	Reese	Reese	Reese	Cass City
Mayville at Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Ubly at Marlette	Marlette	Ubly	Marlette	Ubly
<b>Friday, January 11</b>				
Lakers at Bad Axe	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers
BCAS at Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Sandusky at Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Ubly at Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Deckerville at Marlette	Deckerville	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette
Owen-Gage at Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck
Kingston at Akron-Fairgrove	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
<b>Saturday, January 12</b>				
USA at Harbor Beach	USA	Harbor Beach	USA	Harbor Beach
<b>Last Week's Results</b>	13-4	13-4	13-4	15-2
<b>Season's Results</b>	36-13 (73%)	37-12 (76%)	36-13 (73%)	37-12 (76%)

## Hawk grapplers rusty after long holiday break

Cass City opened its 2008 wrestling schedule Saturday in North Branch, where the Red Hawks finished near the middle of the pack at the 12-team invitational.

Coach Don Markel believes his young and mostly experienced grapplers suffered slightly from a holiday hangover as it was the Red Hawks' first outing after a 17-day break from competition. In addition, the Red Hawks also endured some health problems at the team's first outing of the New Year. However, Markel is hopeful both problems will be remedied for this Saturday's invitational in Port Huron and, more importantly, before the Red Hawks enter the heart of the Greater Thumb Conference campaign the following week.

"Clearly there was some sluggishness that showed from having not been in competition for the past few weeks, but overall we wrestled fairly well," said Markel. "We probably would have placed a little better, but we had a couple of wrestlers missing from the line-up due to injury and illness."

Cass City compiled a record of 2-3 on the day to place 8th. The final team standings had Lapeer East on top followed by Grand Blanc, Midland High, Hartland "B", Imlay City, Saginaw Carrolton, North Branch, Cass City, Ortonville-Brandon, Frankmunth, Crosswell-Lexington and Otisville-Lakeville.

In the pool play matches, Cass City posted a record of 1-2, defeating Crosswell-Lexington 38-33, before falling to Hartland "B" squad, 50-26, and to Grand Blanc, 47-33.

In the rounds to determine the final standings, Cass City defeated Ortonville-Brandon, 43-36, while falling to North Branch in an exciting 39-36 decision.

The Hawks were led at the invite by Travis Mabe (125), Bryan Burk (130/135) and Clark Walsh (140/145) who all posted perfect marks of 5-0 on the day. Cass City's showing also benefited from a solid outing from Eric Reif (171/189) who ended the day with a 4-1 record.

Cass City's dual meet record stands at 12-11 for the season.



OWEN-GAGE'S Amanda Faist puts up a shot from just inside the arc against Caseville.

## Lady Bulldogs drop North Central Thumb League tilts to Caseville and North Huron

The Owen-Gage Bulldog girls et a fast start go to waste Saturday and fell to visiting Caseville, 42-35, in a North Central Thumb League North game.

There were similarities in Saturday's loss to Caseville and the loss at North Huron 2 days earlier.

In both games the Bulldogs charged to an early lead only to lose when the teams staged last quarter rallies.

Against the Eagles the Bulldogs looked like a smooth operating machine in the first quarter, using their speed and ball handling to overcome a decided height advantage of the visitors.

After a slow start with both teams failing to find the hoop, the Bulldogs trailed 5-4 before they went on an 8-0 run to lead 12-5. In the spurt April Nowaczyk contributed baskets on 2 fast breaks, the first after she stole the ball at mid-court. Samantha Radabaugh also contributed a pair of hoops in the streak.

Going into the second quarter the Bulldogs were in front, 12-7, but Caseville rallied to lead at the intermission, 20-19. The Bulldogs were held to a single field goal in the second quarter, as Amanda Faist swished a bucket from just inside the

3-point arc.

The Bulldogs stayed in the game as Nowaczyk hit 5 of 5 free throws, 3 coming as she was fouled in 3-point territory.

The teams traded baskets in the third period and with just under 6 minutes left to play in the game the score was tied at 32-all.

Caseville dominated the rest of the way, using its height advantage to control the ball and post the win with the help of 7 unanswered points. The Bulldogs were without Nowaczyk, who fouled out with 3 minutes left. Coach Brian Siegfried switched to a control-ball offense in the final minutes to assure the win.

### NORTHURON

The game with North Huron was much closer than the final 49-39 score indicated. The Bulldogs had controlled the game and looked ready to chalk up the win until the fourth quarter.

It was a combination of shoddy ball handling and inefficiency from the foul line that doomed the Bulldogs.

In the first quarter it looked as if the Warriors were going to chalk up a decisive win. Owen-Gage trailed by 8

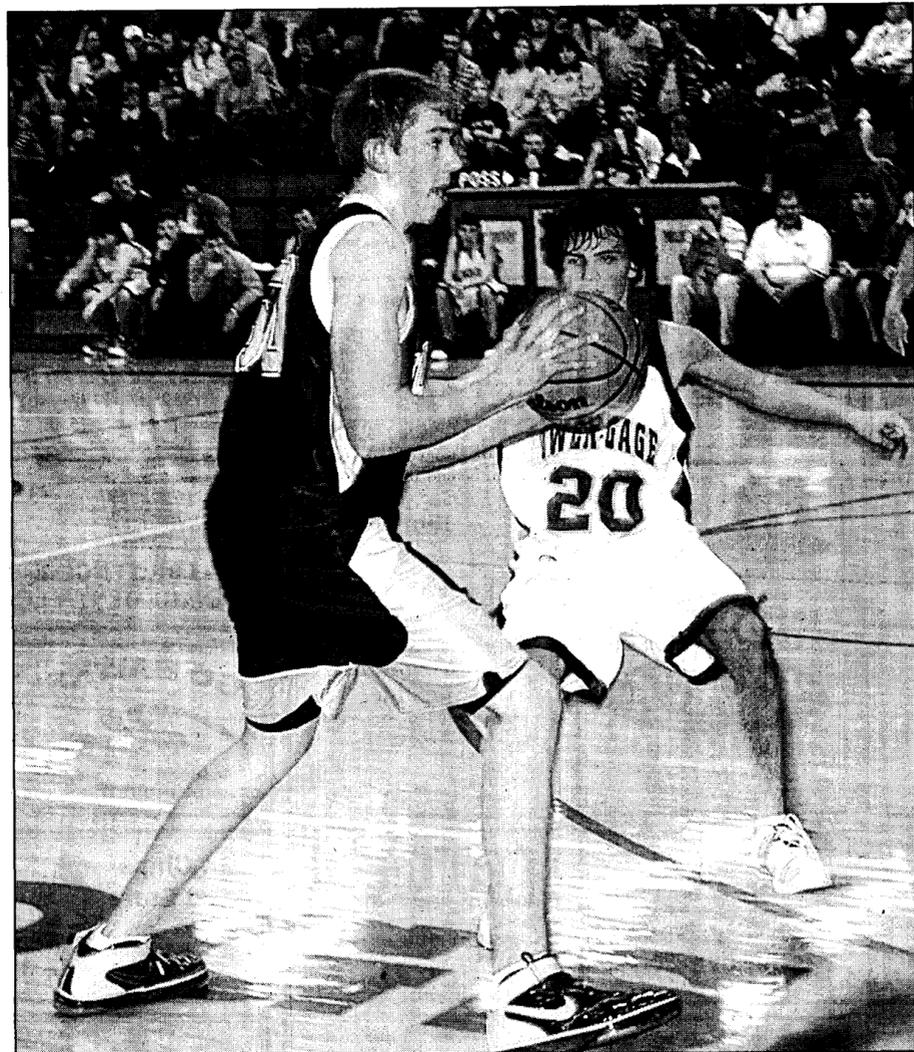
points in the first period, but came charging back to take a 20-17 lead at the half.

The rally continued in the third quarter and the Bulldogs were in front by 8 points during the period. Contrary to the fine foul shooting the Bulldogs produced against Caseville, it was the dismal shooting from the charity line that doomed Owen-Gage. North Huron fouled frequently as they fought to overcome the Bulldog lead and O-G paraded to the free throw line, but hit just 6 of 19 attempts.

The fouls came thick and fast and Owen-Gage had only 4 players left on the floor from a 9-girl squad when the game ended.

Nowaczyk led both teams in scoring with 18 points. Jodie Pettit led North Huron with 14 points.

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DEVIN PRICH checks a North Huron player in a Saturday evening make-up game at Owen-Gage. The Warriors finished on top in a game that went back and forth most of the night. The final score was 65-54.

## BOWLING

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Team High Game & Series: Martin Electric 732 (1830).

Merchanettes as of Jan. 3

- All Season Video 5
- Thumb Octagon Barn 4
- All or Nothing 3

Individual High Games & Series: D. Zdrojewski 194 (430); K. Maurer 183 (483); D. Sweeney 182 (465).

Team High Game & Series: All or Nothing 674 (1793).

## Schneeberger's ATHLETES of the WEEK



TRAVIS MABE



BRYAN BURK



CLARK WALSH

A trio of Cass City wrestlers are this week's Schneeberger's Athletes of the week recipients.

Coach Don Markel said Red Hawk leaders Travis Mabe, Bryan Burk and Clark Walsh all recorded perfect 5-0 records Saturday at the 12-team North Branch Invitational.

Mabe compiled a perfect day wrestling in the 125-pound class while Burk competed in both the 130 and 135-weight classes and Walsh in the 140 and 145-weight classes.

The trio helped Cass City to an 8th place finish.

## Cass City Bowling Leagues

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**GIRLS' HOOP STANDINGS**

**GREATER THUMB WEST**

Team	W	L	W	L
Lakers	2	0	6	3
USA	2	1	4	5
Reese	1	1	5	3
BCAS	1	1	3	4
Cass City	1	2	2	7
Bad Axe	0	2	1	7

**GREATER THUMB EAST**

Team	W	L	W	L
Ubyly	3	0	7	1
Marlette	2	0	5	3
Harbor Beach	1	0	6	1
Sandusky	1	1	7	1
Brown City	1	2	5	4
Mayville	0	2	2	6
Deckerville	0	3	2	5

**NCILNORTH**

Team	W	L	W	L
Port Hope	5	2	7	2
Caseville	3	4	4	4
North Huron	2	5	2	6
Akron-Fairgrove	1	6	1	6
Owen-Gage	1	6	1	7

**NCILSOUTH**

Team	W	L	W	L
Memphis	7	0	7	1
Kingston	5	1	5	2
Dryden	4	2	4	3
CPS	4	3	4	3
Peck	2	5	3	6

**CASS CITY** - Richards 4-0 (1-1) 9; VanVliet 1-0 (1-2) 3; Zawilinski 0-0 (2-2) 2; Rabideau 0-1 (0-0) 3; Kappen 0-0 (4-6) 4; Bennett 1-0 (2-2) 4; Reed 0-0 (0-1) 0; Martin 1-0 (0-0) 2; Dooley 1-0 (3-4) 5.  
**TOTALS** - 8-1 (13-18) 32.

**USA** - Gruehn 2-0 (1-1) 3; Gremel 3-2 (1-2) 13; Martinez 1-0 (1-2) 3; Ji. Williamson 3-0 (0-2) 6; Je. Williamson 1-0 (0-1) 2; McBrayer 3-0 (2-4) 8; Ruppel 2-0 (2-3) 6; Schaus 2-0 (0-0) 4.  
**TOTALS** 17-2 (7-15) 45.

**NORTH HURON** - Heffner 3-0 (4-6) 10; Church 2-0 (2-4) 6; Schramski 0-0 (1-2) 1; Pettit 2-0 (10-16) 14; Knoblock 1-0 (2-5) 4; D. Kettle 1-0 (0-0) 2; Ignash 1-0 (0-0) 2; Eggert 3-1 (1-2) 10.  
**TOTALS** - 13-1 (13-22) 39.

**OWEN-GAGE** - Faist 4-0 (1-2) 9; A. Kovach 0-0 (1-2) 1; Rhodes 1-0 (2-8) 4; Nowaczyk 5-0 (8-14) 18; Radabaugh 2-0 (0-0) 4; Schmidt 1-0 (1-5) 3; B. Kovach 0-0 (0-1) 0.  
**TOTALS** - 13-0 (13-32) 39.

**BOYS' HOOP STANDINGS**

**GREATER THUMB WEST**

Team	W	L	W	L
Reese	2	0	8	0
USA	2	0	6	0
Cass City	1	1	4	4
BCAS	0	1	3	5
Bad Axe	0	1	2	5
EPBP	0	2	5	3

**GREATER THUMB EAST**

Team	W	L	W	L
Brown City	2	0	7	1
Marlette	1	0	3	4
Harbor Beach	1	1	5	2
Sandusky	1	1	4	3
Ubyly	1	1	4	3
Mayville	0	1	1	6
Deckerville	0	2	1	4

**NCILNORTH**

Team	W	L	W	L
North Huron	4	2	4	3
Owen-Gage	2	3	2	5
Caseville	1	4	3	4
Akron-Fairgrove	1	4	1	4
Port Hope	0	5	1	5

**NCILSOUTH**

Team	W	L	W	L
Peck	5	0	5	1
CPS	4	0	5	1
Memphis	4	1	4	2
Dryden	2	2	2	3
Kingston	2	3	2	5

**CASS CITY** - Binder 0-1 (0-2) 3; Childs 1-3 (0-0) 11; Babich 4-0 (2-4) 10; Summersett 4-0 (0-0) 8; Bloomfield 0-0 (1-4) 1; McFarland 2-0 (0-0) 4.  
**TOTALS** - 11-4 (3-11) 37.

**USA** - Bitzer 6-0 (2-4) 14; Schmidt 2-1 (0-0) 7; Cramer 0-3 (0-1) 9; Gettel 2-0 (1-2) 5; Holland 2-0 (0-0) 4; VanHoost 3-0 (0-6) 6; Richardson 0-0 (1-2) 1.  
**TOTALS** - 15-4 (4-15) 46.

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Dec. 12	Harbor Beach 67, Cass City 58	
Dec. 14	Yale 51, Cass City 61	
Dec. 19	John Glenn 29, Cass City 44	
Dec. 21	Lakers 41, Cass City 48	
Dec. 28	Deckerville, ppd	
Jan. 4	USA 46, Cass City 37	
Jan. 9	Reese	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 11	BCAS	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 16	Deckerville	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 23	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 25	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 30	Sandusky	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 1	USA	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 6	Reese	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 8	BCAS	5:00 p.m.
Feb. 19	Ubyly	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 21	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.

\*Home games are in bold

**Cass City Red Hawks 2007-08 Wrestling**

Nov. 28	Imlay City	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 1	Cros-Lex Invite	8:30 a.m.
Dec. 5	Almont/Armada	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 8	Marlette Invite	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	Mayville	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	Caro/Meridian	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 5	N. Branch Invite	9:00 a.m.
Jan. 12	Port Huron Northern	9:00 a.m.
Jan. 16	Nouvel/Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 19	Mayville Invite	8:00 a.m.
Jan. 23	Marlette/Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 26	Marysville Invite	9:00 a.m.
Jan. 30	Mayville/Sandusky	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 2	Standish/Sterling Invite	9:00 a.m.
Feb. 9	League Tourney @ BC	TBA
Feb. 14	Team District	

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**Follow the Hawks at home Boys' Basketball**

**Wednesday, January 9  
Cass City vs. Reese  
Friday, January 11  
Cass City vs. BCAS**

**Girls' Basketball**

**Thursday, January 10  
Cass City vs. BCAS  
Thursday, January 24  
Cass City vs. Lakers  
Gymnastics  
Thursday, February 13  
Cass City vs. Freeland**

**Cass City Red Hawks 2007-08 Girls' Varsity Basketball**

Nov. 27	Ubyly 59, Cass City 40	
Nov. 30	Brown City 50, Cass City 28	
Dec. 4	Sandusky 70, Cass City 40	
Dec. 6	Mayville 37, Cass City 41	
Dec. 7	Yale 50, Cass City 39	
Dec. 11	Harbor Beach, ppd.	
Dec. 13	Marlette 52, Cass City 43	
Dec. 18	Bad Axe 30, Cass City 31	
Dec. 22	Lakers 41, Cass City 48	
Jan. 3	USA 45, Cass City 32.	
Jan. 8	Reese	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 10	BCAS	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 15	Deckerville	5:00 p.m.
Jan. 22	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 24	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 29	Frankenmuth	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 31	USA	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 5	Reese	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 7	BCAS	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 12	Deckerville	6:00 p.m.

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**Cass City Red Hawks 2007-08 Gymnastics**

Dec. 20	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	Jackson Invite	9:30 a.m.
Jan. 29	Vassar/Freeland	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Vassar Invite	12:00 p.m.
Feb. 13	Freeland	6:30 p.m.

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# Obituaries

## Jean Drinkwater

Jean Drinkwater, 84, of Mayville, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008 in Covenant Health Care System Harrison Campus, Saginaw.

She was born July 12, 1923 in Dexter, the daughter of David and Mary Evelyn (Banghart) Steptoe.

She married William James Drinkwater May 6, 1945 in Dexter. He died Sept. 22, 1991.

Drinkwater attended Albion College and received her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan. She received her master's degree in education from the University of Detroit. She was a math teacher and math specialist with the Detroit Public Schools. Drinkwater and her husband retired to the family centennial homestead in 1985. She was a former

member of the Redford United Methodist Church in Detroit, St. Matthews Methodist Church in Detroit and was a current member of the Kingston United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Thumb Thimbles Quilt Guild.

Drinkwater is survived by her children: Janet (Tom) Burke of Littleton, Colo., Karen (Michael) Posa of Mayville, and Kris (John) Leary of Rockville, Md.; 6 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; a son-in-law, Thomas (Barb) Gill; a brother, William (Mary Ann) Steptoe of Dexter; a sister, Mary Kimmel of Dexter; a sister-in-law, Bette Pflugrad of Southfield; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Judy Gill.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 5, at Kranz Funeral Home,

Kingston, with the Rev. Paul Donelson of Cass City United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment will be in the Utica Cemetery, Utica.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

## Imogene Fleming

Imogene Fleming, 85, of Cass City, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008 in Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro, following a short illness.

She was born March 5, 1922 in Ozark, Ark., the daughter of Dewey Curtis and Reta (Wisdom) Alston.

She married Percy Edwin Fleming March 12, 1946 in Pontiac. He died March 16, 1981.

Fleming and her husband owned and operated Eddie's Sports Bar and Lounge in Hazel Park and then Kentucky Bar on Grand River in Detroit. They owned racehorses during World War II and were members of the U.S. Trotting Association and the Michigan Harness Horse Association. They retired to Cass City in 1976.

Fleming is survived by her children: Janna (David) Otto of San Diego, Calif., and Edwin Curtis Fleming of Cass City; 3 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; her mother, Reta Louise Alston (106) of Cass City; and 4 nieces.

She was preceded in death by a son, David Jeffery "Jeff" Fleming; 2 sisters: Zella Mae Alston and Patsy Lawrence; and a brother, Dewey Curtis (DC) Alston.

Memorial services were held at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Debra Kranz, Funeral Service Celebrant, officiating.

Interment will take place at a later date in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Ruby Thorne

Ruby Marion Thorne, 96, of Cass City, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008 in Vadavilla AFC Home in Unionville, following a long illness.

She was born Oct. 10, 1911 in Evergreen Township, the daughter of Fred and Amy (Wentworth) Palmateer.

She married Lyle Biddle Oct. 24, 1953. He died March 24, 1978. She later married Allan Thorne Oct. 26, 1983. He died Jan. 22, 1984.

Thorne was a member of the Cass City First Baptist Church and the Retired Persons of Cass City. She volunteered as a gray lady in the hospital and later volunteered in the school cafeteria.

Thorne is survived by a son, Paul (Sandra) Miller of Grand Blanc; a step-daughter, Patricia (Stanley) Hall of Springfield, Ill.; step-sons: Emerson Biddle and Donald Biddle; 6 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brothers: Stanley and Arnold Palmateer; and a sister, Maxine Acre. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 9, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. David Hill of Cass City First Baptist Church officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Cass City First Baptist Church.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.



**NINE-YEAR-OLD Jeremiah Eagleson of Cass City was out early Saturday, offering his shoveling services to local businesses, including Carmela's Pizzeria (above). The Campbell Elementary School third grader said he has several regular customers, earning as much as \$32 in one day so far this winter.**

## Sanilac honors 2007 Children's Champions

The 2007 Children's Champion Awards were recently given at the annual holiday celebration of the Sanilac County Kids Connection.

Children's Champion Awards are given yearly to individuals and/or groups/businesses that have demonstrated continuous support for the vision of the Sanilac County Kids' Connection. Children's Champion consecutive award plaques are displayed at the Sanilac County Kids' Connection.

Individuals that were nominated for this year's award were Nicole Lawson, Steve Manchester, Debra Messing, Kris Kreger, and John Bowker. Groups/businesses that were nominated were the charter agencies of the Partner Member Council of the Kids' Connection and Sanilac County Community Mental Health.

John Bowker was the first individual honored with a Children's Champion award. He is a resident of Bloomfield Hills but truly believes in the concept of the Sanilac County Kids' Connection. He is a very influential statewide advocate for children who has championed the Sanilac County Kids' Connection all over the state and legislature.

At every state meeting on children's issues he presents the Sanilac County Kids' Connection as the model program that other counties and the state should emulate. He nominated the Sanilac County Kids' Connection for the "Nick Filonow Award for Excellence" which we won in 2007.

Bowker has carried that message to

the legislature, the governor, and many other committees.

Kris Kreger was the second individual honored with a Children's Champion award. She is employed as a social worker for MSU Extension.

Prior to her employment with MSU Extension, Kreger worked for "The Connection", Sanilac County's first attempt at a family advocacy center. She has been a member of the Sanilac County Child Abuse Prevention Council for over 10 years and has spearheaded the effort to open and maintain the baby pantry in Sanilac County.

Among her many volunteer responsibilities, Kreger is an advocate in the fight against child abuse and neglect and works to promote safety programs in the county schools.

In the group/business organization the honoree was Sanilac County Community Mental Health.

Sanilac County Community Mental Health has been a strong supporter of the concept of the Sanilac County Kids' Connection since its inception. As the organization has grown, so has the support from CMH. CMH support has been in the areas of maintenance of the Kids' Connection building, receptionist support, team building with staff at the Kids' Connection, and offering programs and services such as an infant mental health specialist, anger management, parenting sessions and much more. The CMH Board has continued their support financially as well.

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## Rep. Brown looks ahead to 2008

The following commentary was written by State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon), who represents the 84th House District (Huron and Tuscola counties).

Many of us are thinking now about changes we want to see in 2008, and I have to tell you: I want to see things change in Lansing.

It is a real privilege to represent you and all our Thumb-area communities at the Capitol. I still get goose bumps when I walk out on the House floor. It is an amazing honor to be there - and an amazing responsibility.

I guess that's why I sometimes get frustrated and, yes, a little angry, at how things work - or don't work - at the Capitol. I have great respect for the vast majority of my colleagues, who are good people trying to do the right thing in a tough environment.

I think our Legislature would do well, though, to remember a few basic principles as we enter the new year. I try to remind myself of these principles daily.

First, legislators are public servants, working for the people of Michigan. Although we cannot make everybody happy every time, we must always put the interests of the people we represent first. Legislators are there to do a job, not to serve their own interests. Our priority is the well-being of Michigan and its residents.

Second, the decisions made in Lansing affect the everyday lives of real people. The paperwork and politics at the Capitol can seem unreal at times, but the impact they have is very real indeed. Legislators must always ask: How will this affect the people in our community? How will it change life for our workers, our seniors, our children, our veterans, and others?

Third, when partisan ways win, the

people of Michigan lose. Both parties waste too much time and energy maneuvering to claim victory. My job is to be an independent voice, and to do my best to do the right thing for the people I represent. Partisanship destroys our chances of resolving the challenges we all face as residents of this great state. And that hurts us all.

I would love to see our legislators use these principles to keep themselves grounded and work together more effectively.

As for me, in addition to reminding myself of these principles, I also stay focused on 3 top priorities for making life better for our Huron and Tuscola county communities.

My top priority is creating good-paying jobs for our workers and jumpstarting our economy. It will take a long, hard fight to recover from the years that it took Michigan's economy to deteriorate. We must attract more high-tech employers to provide the good-paying jobs of the future, and we must ensure our workers are prepared for them. I am doing everything I can to create good-paying jobs and strengthen our economy so our families and communities can thrive.

Securing Michigan's stake in the growing renewable energy industry is another top priority. The Thumb can create good-paying jobs for our workers and breathe new life into our manufacturing plants by meeting the demand for wind turbines, here in Michigan and nationwide, for example. We also must develop cellulosic ethanol and biofuels to advance our agricultural economy and support our farmers.

My third major priority is protecting our Great Lakes and other natural

resources, and that includes finding solutions to the muck problem that is hurting our shores. Our water is precious, and we must protect it from the threats coming from several fronts. This priority also includes fighting the Canadian and out-of-state trash that is flooding our state.

I encourage you to visit my Web site, [house.mi.gov/tbrown](http://house.mi.gov/tbrown), to track my work on these priorities and my other goals, such as cutting wasteful government spending. While you are there, please sign up for my e-newsletter to stay informed of my legislative work and community events.

I hope to see you at one of my coffee hours or town hall meetings in 2008. As always, don't hesitate to contact me with any concerns, questions or suggestions. You can call me toll-free, at (888) 254-5284, or e-mail me at [terrybrown@house.mi.gov](mailto:terrybrown@house.mi.gov).

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 A.M., on February 7, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 4 and 30, and the South 1/2 of Lots 5 and 29, Block 12, The Plat of the Village of Vassar (now City), according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1, Page 143 of Deeds and Liber 2, Page 93 of Deeds, Tuscola County Records; also commencing at the Southeast corner of said Lot 29, Block 12, The Plat of the Village of Vassar (now City); thence in an Easterly direction to the Southwesterly corner of Lot 75, Block 12; thence Northerly along the West line of said Lot 75, 33 feet; thence Westerly to a point on the East line of said Lot 29, Block 12, 33 feet Northerly from beginning; thence Southerly along the East line of said Lot 29, to the point of beginning; and also that part of Gore Lot lying between Lots 30, 31, 76 and 77, Block 12, The Plat of the Village of Vassar (now City).

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 9, 2008

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 A.M., on February 7, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Akron, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Beginning at a point 600 feet West of the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 Section 29, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, running thence North 200 feet; thence West 125 feet; thence South 200 feet; thence East 125 to the place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 9, 2008

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy Smith and Angela Smith, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 26, 2005, and recorded on November 3, 2005 in Liber 1060 on Page 135 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to HSBC Mortgage Services Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Sixteen and 80/100 Dollars (\$124,516.80), including interest at 9.15% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 A.M., on January 31, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Wells, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Southwest quarter of Section 21, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the centerline of East Dayton Road which is North 0 degrees, 12 minutes, 20 seconds East, along

the West line of Section 21, 2029.20 feet and South 44 degrees, 56 minutes, 40 seconds East, along the centerline of East Dayton Road, 2054.48 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 21; thence North 45 degrees, 03 minutes 20 seconds East, 1062.44 feet; thence South 44 degrees, 56 minutes, 40 seconds East, 205,00 feet; thence South 45 degrees, 03 minutes, 20 seconds West, 1062.44 feet to the centerline of East Dayton Road; thence North 44 degrees, 56 minutes, 40 seconds West, 205,00 feet along the centerline of East Dayton Road to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 2, 2008

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Darrel K. Grady, a single man, original mortgagor, to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Mortgagee, dated March 27, 2007 and recorded on April 13, 2007 in Liber 1116 on Page 193 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Five and 72/100 Dollars (\$110,325.72), including interest at 8.78% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 A.M., on January 31, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Novesta, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1: A piece of land commencing at a point 780 feet North of the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, running thence South 9 rods; thence East 333 feet; thence North 9 rods; thence West 333 feet to the place of beginning.

Parcel 2: Commencing at a point 540 feet North of the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, thence North 51.5 feet; thence East 181.5 feet; thence South 91.5 feet; thence West 181.5 feet to the place of beginning. Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 16, Town 13 North, Range 11 East; except a parcel of land commencing 540 feet North of the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, running thence North 6 feet; thence East 181.5 feet; thence South 6 feet; thence West 181.5 feet to the place of beginning.

Parcel 3: A parcel of land commencing 540 feet North, 181.5 feet East and 6 feet North of the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, running thence East 151.5 feet; thence North 85.5 feet; thence West 151.5 feet; thence South 85.5 feet to the place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 2, 2008

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brad W. Seidell, a married man, and Emily E. Seidell, His Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 17, 2002 and recorded on August 7, 2002 in Liber 889 on Page 153 in instrument 200200817572, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Six and 90/100 Dollars (\$105,896.90), including interest at 6.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 A.M., on January 17, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Millington Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Beginning at the interior quarter corner of Section 31, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, thence North along the North and South quarter line of said Section, a distance of 150.00 feet; thence East parallel with the East and West quarter line of said Section, a distance 580.80 feet; thence South parallel with said North and South quarter line, 150.00 feet to a point on the East and West quarter line of said Section; thence West along said East and West quarter line, 580.60 feet to the place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 19, 2007

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dale Frederick Iseler and Kathleen Elizabeth Iseler, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, A California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 16, 2006 and recorded on August 21, 2006 in Liber 1092 on Page 496 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Sixteen and 72/100 Dollars (\$132,616.72), including interest at 12.95% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 A.M., on January 17, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 27, Northwood Village and Estates No. 1, A Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 and the Southeast 1/4 of Section 28, Township 14 North, Range 11 East, Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan as the same appears from Plat recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County in Liber 4 of Plats, Pages 49-52, Subject to Covenants and Restrictions of Record recorded in Liber 488, Page 1088-1095 and subject to Easements and rights of way of record.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 19, 2007

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**ATTN PURCHASERS:** This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael L. Marsh and Marion M. Marsh, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 15, 2005, and recorded on October 6, 2005 in instrument 200500872376, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Fifteen and 280/100 Dollars (\$150,515.28), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 A.M., on January 17, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Village of Mayville, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, Fremont Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at the Southeast corner of said Section 34; thence along the South Section line, West 181.50 feet; thence North 132.00 feet; thence West 99.00 feet; thence North 216.50 feet; thence East 282.60 feet; thence along the East Section line, South 0 degrees 20 minutes 43 seconds West, 348.51 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 19, 2007

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Troy L. McIntosh, a/k/a Troy McIntosh, unmarried man, and Amanda L. Famum, unmarried woman, to Citicorp Trust Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated February 27, 2003 and recorded March 4, 2003 in Liber 918, Page 724, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Five and 4/100 Dollars (\$49,275.04), including interest at 8.054% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 17, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Fairgrove, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 10, Town 13 North, Range 8 East, thence South 40 Rods, thence East 16 Rods, thence North 40 Rods; thence West 16 Rods to the place of beginning. By fee simple Deed from Calvin E. Wright and Robin L. Wright, his wife as set forth in Book 824 Page 1224 dated March 12, 2001 and recorded March 16, 2001, Tuscola County Records, State of Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

**TO ALL PURCHASERS:** The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: December 19, 2007

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey F. Gillig and Buffle L. Gillig, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 30, 2006 and recorded on July 26, 2006 in Liber 1088 on Page 1311 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to CitMortgage, Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Eight and 63/100 Dollars (\$110,968.63), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 A.M., on January 17, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 52 of the Plat of Northwood Village Estates No. 1, Recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Pages 49 through 52 of Tuscola County Records, excepting a parcel commencing at a Southwest Corner of Lot 52; thence in a Northwesterly direction along the West line of Lot 52, 27 feet; thence Easterly along a line to a point North 54 degrees 49 minutes 51 seconds East, 49 feet from the Southwest corner of Lot 52; thence Southwesterly along the South line of Lot 52 to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 19, 2007

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Amy Wright, a/k/a Amy Jo Wright, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 29, 2005 and recorded on May 6, 2005 in Liber 1037 on Page 741 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty and 88/100 Dollars (\$49,950.88), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 A.M., on January 24, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing 12 rods East of the Southeast corner of Tax 79-034-003-300-1600-00, which is described as commencing 18 1/2 rods East of Northwest corner of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter, running North 12 rods, East 8 1/4 rods, South 12 rods, West 8 1/4 rods to the point of beginning. Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, and running thence North to the 1/8 line of said Section 3; thence East 70 feet; thence South to Gamble Street; thence West to the place of beginning, being part of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 26, 2007

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12-26-4

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert T. Waddell and Patricia Waddell, husband and wife, to CitMortgage, Inc., successor by merger with CitiFinancial Mortgage Company, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 18, 2002 and recorded February 26, 2002 in Liber 866, Page 1371, in Instrument Number 200200809097, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Six and 43/100 Dollars (\$28,326.43), including interest at 7.152% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola

County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 24, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South half (S one-half) of the South half (S one-half) of the South half (S one-half) of the Northwest Quarter (NW one-fourth) of the Southeast Quarter (SE one-fourth) of Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 3 East.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

**TO ALL PURCHASERS:** The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: December 26, 2007

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel P. Heckroth, a single man, to Thumb National Mortgage, LLC, Mortgagee, dated October 17, 2005 and recorded October 27, 2005 in Liber 1059, Page 551, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty and 70/100 Dollars (\$51,330.70), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 17, 2008.

Said premises are located in the City of Cass, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

The West 108 Feet of Lot 1, Block 14, Seegar's Addition to the Village of Cass City, according to the Plat of said addition as recorded in Liber 29 of Deeds, Page 144 of Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

**TO ALL PURCHASERS:** The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: December 19, 2007

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Angela Roe and Mark A. Roe, wife and husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for lender and lender's successor and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 9, 2006 and recorded August 21, 2006 in Liber 1092, Page 476, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety and 74/100 Dollars (\$72,990.74), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 24, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Akron, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1: A part of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 18, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, Akron Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the West one-quarter of said Section 18; thence North on the West line of Section 18, 64.00 feet; thence North 60 degrees 10 minutes 36 seconds East on the centerline of Michigan Highway M-25, 1455.88 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 60 degrees 10 minutes 36 seconds East on said centerline of Michigan Highway M-25, 119.89 feet; thence South 26 degrees 22 minutes 08 seconds East 131.23 feet; thence South 60 degrees 11 minutes 16 seconds West 149.11 feet; thence North 13 degrees 58 minutes 53 seconds West 136.13 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel 2: Commencing at a point at the intersection of the centerline of Trunkline M-25 with the West line of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 18, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, Akron Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; and running thence South 150 feet, thence North easterly parallel with M-25, 200 feet, thence North to a point in the centerline of M-25 which is 190 feet Northeastly from the place of beginning, thence Southwesterly to place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

**TO ALL PURCHASERS:** The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: December 26, 2007

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tracy Dennis, a married woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 12, 2006 and recorded on June 15, 2006 in Liber 1085 on Page 2 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Forty-Six and 97/100 Dollars (\$62,046.97), including interest at 8.65% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding

the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 31, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

The West 37 feet of Lot 34, and the East 13 feet of Lot 35, Block 9 of Charles Montague's Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, now being page 11A of Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 2, 2008

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joe Ray Spencer and Carol Jean Spencer, husband and wife as tenants by the entirety, original mortgagors, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 17, 2005 and recorded on March 28, 2005 in Liber 1032 on Page 843 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Eight and 36/100 Dollars (\$117,348.36), including interest at 10.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 31, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 12, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the South line of Section 12 which is South 82 degrees 49 minutes 46 seconds East, 270.00 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 12; thence continuing along said South line, South 82 degrees 49 minutes 46 seconds East, 120.00 feet; thence North 0 degrees 23 minutes 49 seconds East, 336.00 feet; thence North 82 degrees 49 minutes 46 seconds West, 120.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 23 minutes 49 seconds West, 336.00 feet to the South line of Section 12 and the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 2, 2008

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark Johnson, married, and Michel Johnson, non-obligator spouse/owner, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 18, 2004 and recorded February 2, 2005 in Liber 1025, Page 1022, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand One Hundred Forty-Four and 18/100 Dollars (\$91,144.18), including interest at 11.234% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 17, 2008.

Said premises are located in the City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Southeastly corner of Lot 6, Block 3, of Williams Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 11 of Deeds, on Page 492, Tuscola County Records; thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes West 133.65 feet along the East line of Block 3 to the point of beginning; running thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes West 57.17 feet along the East line of Block 3; thence North 86 degrees 55 minutes West 62.18 feet along an old fence line; thence South 46 degrees 49 minutes West 15.17 feet along an old fence line; thence South 08 degrees 18 minutes East 53.31 feet along an one existing fence; thence North 87 degrees 43 minutes East 65.67 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of Lots 6 and 5, Block 3 of William Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 11 of Deeds, on Page 491, Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

**TO ALL PURCHASERS:** The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: December 19, 2007

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12-19-4

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Anna Marie Pero, a married woman, and Allen Pero, her husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 6, 2003 and recorded June 13, 2003 in Liber 935, Page 1375, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2003-4 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Four and 69/100 Dollars (\$70,734.69), including interest at 9.1% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 31, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 18, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: Commencing 67 Rods North of the Southwest corner of the East one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of said Section 18; thence North 7 Rods, thence East, 26 Rods; thence South 58 feet, thence West, 8 Rods, thence South, 57.5 feet; thence West, 18 Rods to place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

**TO ALL PURCHASERS:** The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: January 2, 2008

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File No. 222.0905

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Erin M. Biddle, a single woman, to New Century Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 20, 2005 and recorded August 23, 2005 in Liber 1051, Page 401, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2005-NC3, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Forty-One and 17/100 Dollars (\$154,441.17), including interest at 9.9% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 31, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Juniata, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 13, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, described as commencing at the North one-quarter corner of said Section 13; thence along the North line of said Section 13, South 85 Degrees 55 Minutes 24 Seconds East 648.43 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said North line of Section 13, South 85 Degrees 55 Minutes 24 Seconds East 334.89 feet; thence South 01 Degrees 47 Minutes 18 Seconds West, 1313.42 feet to the South line of said Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 13; thence along the South line of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 13; North 86 Degrees 00 Minutes 14 Seconds West 334.87 feet; thence North 01 Degrees 47 Minutes 18 Seconds East 1313.89 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

**TO ALL PURCHASERS:** The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: January 2, 2008

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lane A. Torrey and Charlene M. Torrey, husband and wife, to Associates Financial Services Company of Michigan, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 2, 1996 and recorded May 6, 1996 in Liber 689, Page 1345, and Affidavit of scrivener's error recorded 9-13-2007 in Liber 1129, Page 1250, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by CitiFinancial Mortgage Company Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Four and 54/100 Dollars (\$24,364.54), including interest at 13.49% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 31, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Kingsing, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the South east corner of the West one-half of the Northeast one-quarter, Section 30, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, Kingsing Township, Tuscola County, thence West 300 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 540 feet; thence West 202 feet; thence South 540 feet; thence East 202 feet to point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

**TO ALL PURCHASERS:** The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: January 2, 2008

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Johnny P. Bringold, a/k/a John P. Bringold, a married man, and Victoria L. Bringold, a married woman, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 7, 2005 and recorded on June 9, 2005 in Liber 1041 on Page 1283 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Forty-Nine and 37/100 Dollars (\$96,049.37), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 24, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Wells, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Southwest quarter of Section 15, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, being further described as commencing at the West quarter corner of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 19 minutes 50 seconds East, 562.02 feet along the West Section Line to the Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 52 minutes 32 seconds East, 358.50 feet to the Centerline of the Keene Stewart Drain; thence along the following courses, South 05 degrees 27 minutes 01 second West, 127.62 feet, and South 03 degrees 16 minutes 15 seconds West, 125.12 feet; thence North 89 degrees 52 minutes 32 seconds West, 337.78 feet to the West Section Line; thence North 00 degrees 19 minutes 50 seconds West, 252.01 feet along the West Section Line to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 26, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
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12-26-4

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Reginald Broadworth, married, and Billie Jo Broadworth, non-obligator spouse/owner, original mortgagors, to The Cit Group/Consumer Finance, Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 14, 2002 and recorded on February 12, 2002 in Liber 864 on Page 42 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee of Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association, as Trustee as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Nine and 35/100 Dollars (\$33,759.35), including interest at 11.37% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 24, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Akron, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:  
Lot 1 and the Northerly 1/2 of Lot 2, Block 4 of the Plat of the Village of Bay Park, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 47, now being Page 48A of Tuscola County Records.

Lot 58 of Sloum's Addition to the Village of Bay Park, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 60, now being Page 19B of Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 26, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
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File #179197F01

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Amy Muga, a single woman, original mortgagor, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 11, 2003 and recorded on March 24, 2003 in Liber 922 on Page 169 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven and 68/100 Dollars (\$70,711.68), including interest at 5.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 24, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

South 82 1/2 feet of Lot 1, Block 6 of the Plat of Ebenezer Morse's Addition to the Village (now city) of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 Page 359 of Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 26, 2007

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Justin A. Brannam, a married man, and Vanessa Brannam, a/k/a Vanessa Fritz Brannam, His Wife, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 6, 2005 and recorded June 27, 2005 in Liber 1043 Page 885 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-3 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-3, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and Eight Cents (\$61,644.08), including interest 11.45% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on January 17, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Fairgrove, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1: Commencing 297 feet North and 135 feet West of the East corner of Northeast one-quarter of Northeast one-quarter of Section 17, Town 13 North, Range 8 East, thence South 105 feet, West 75 feet, North 105 feet, East 75 feet to point of beginning.

Parcel 2: Commencing at a point 135 West of a point in the East Line of Section 17, Township 13 North, Range 8 East, 297 feet North of the Southeast corner of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of said Section; thence North

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Julia Marie Oliver, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 19, 2003 and recorded on August 22, 2003 in Liber 950 on Page 337 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Five and 57/100 Dollars (\$87,695.57), including interest at 7.125% per annum.**

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on February 7, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Village of Mayville, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, Block E, of Lynnhurst Annex to the Village of Mayville according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 52, now being Page 53A, Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 9, 2008

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Terry Lynn Czekaj and Shannon Czekaj, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 7, 2007 and recorded on February 23, 2007 in Liber 1111 on Page 1033 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Property Asset Management, Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Three and 88/100 Dollars (\$86,293.88), including interest at 11.07% per annum.**

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on February 7, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 15, The Plat of Pinney and Kinnaird Subdivision in the Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 35B, except easements and rights of way of record.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 9, 2008

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Harold L. Pack, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 31, 2004 and recorded July 2, 2004 in Liber 999, Page 165, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Eight and 93/100 Dollars (\$57,668.93), including interest at 9.4% per annum.**

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 7, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing 152 feet west of Southeast corner of Southeast one-quarter of Southwest one-quarter of Section 13, Town 10 North, Range 8 East; thence West 150 feet; thence North 150 feet; thence East 150 feet; thence South 150 feet point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

**TO ALL PURCHASERS:** The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: January 9, 2008

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Randy E. Zuehlke, Kim Zuehlke, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 23, 2007 and recorded on March 14, 2007 in Liber 1113 on Page 594 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to HSBC Bank USA N.A. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Six and 44/100 Dollars (\$163,536.44), including interest at 8.375% per annum.**

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on February 7, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Koylton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Being part of Section 11, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the West 10 Acres of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, running thence West 300 feet; thence North 500 feet; thence East 300 feet; thence South 500 feet to point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 9, 2008

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Teresa Hicks, married to Robert W. Hicks, signing for the sole purpose of waiving any and all homestead rights, to Draper and Kramer Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 14, 2007 and recorded June 21, 2007 in Liber 1122, Page 1406, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Eight and 43/100 Dollars (\$74,988.43), including interest at 6.5% per annum.**

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 7, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Village of Gageton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing 4 rods South and 22 rods East of the Southeast corner of Block 1, William Cleaver's Addition to the Village of Gageton; thence South 8 rods; thence East 200 feet; thence North 8 rods; thence West 200 feet to the Place of Beginning. Being a part of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 12, Township 14 North, Range 10 East.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

**TO ALL PURCHASERS:** The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: January 9, 2008

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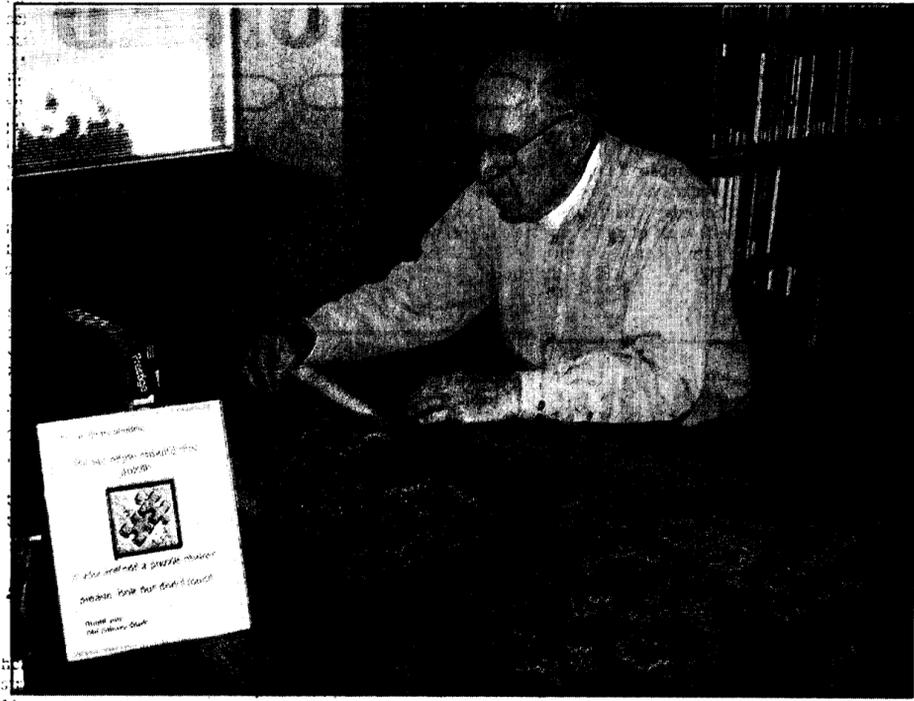
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## O-G considering shared school chief

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sis, while North Huron Supt. Maryann Thompson is also working on a part-time basis and is looking at retirement.

"Our primary concern is really the building operation on a day-to-day basis," Compton added.

Compton may already have a possible solution to the concern of ensuring an administrative presence at Owen-Gage. He has suggested that a pair of "lead" teachers could be released from their classrooms part-time to help cover administrative duties at both the elementary and secondary levels. Compton acknowledges there would be some additional cost, but he said the cooperative agreement with Port Hope and North Huron could save Owen-Gage roughly \$40,000 a year.

Although nothing has been decided, Compton said the proposal is still on the table.

"In terms of viability, yes. In fact, we're going to have a meeting next week and that's what we're going to discuss," he added, noting the special board of education session was scheduled for today (Wednesday) at 4:30 p.m.

Owen-Gage Board of Education President Jeff Leinweber agreed that sharing a superintendent is still a possibility, but said his board wants to be certain that Owen-Gage wouldn't be losing more than it gains in the process.

"I think everybody wants to look at it to see what the savings are," Leinweber said. "I think that it's something we have to look at."

"The biggest concerns are, I would say, are how much money savings and are we going to have enough school (building) coverage. I think (Compton) has a plan that would work. I think it could work," he added. "But what if you get into the year, or 2 years, and it doesn't work? This is new proving ground."

"The biggest fear, and I've heard this from our local people here...is that this would be a move to some

sort of consolidation," Compton said. "My personal opinion is that, if I thought this was a move towards consolidation, I would not be a part of it."

In fact, Compton said, cooperative ventures could be the key to avoiding consolidation. "If it allows the 3 districts to maintain their identity, and fulfills the requirements, and saves some money in the process...then by all means let's investigate it," he said.

Examples of cooperative ventures that minimize cost and maximize opportunities abound at the Huron Intermediate School District (ISD), which provides local students with a myriad of services, from technical training to special education and alternative education programs. And the local districts maintain their own identities.

Likewise, Owen-Gage has successfully experimented with joint athletic cooperatives, sharing football, track and soccer programs with the Caseville School District.

Huron ISD Supt. Bob Colby has taken an active role in the discussions held by Owen-Gage, Port Hope and North Huron, which have a combined enrollment of some 900 students.

Colby said cooperative agreements in which schools share a superintendent have worked in other parts of Michigan and could work in the Thumb.

"It's an option, and it's certainly viable to some extent. It's really determined by the expectations of the school districts involved - weighing the benefits and drawbacks," he said. "The benefit is cost savings right off the bat," noted Colby, who pointed out school coffers have been hit hard throughout the Thumb and state by dwindling student numbers. "And in times of dwindling resources, boards are prudent to look at the options."

As far as drawbacks, he continued, districts are looking at less accessibility and contact time with the superintendent, who in turn must deal with multiple boards, staffs and con-

tracts. "The big benefit that these folks have is they're not reinventing the wheel," Colby said. "I think they've taken a very good approach to this thing, knowing they have the benefit of time."

## STOPPED

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driver is under 21 years of age, the officer will complete a notification card that provides information such as time and location of the stop, the driver's name and the number of passengers in the vehicle, the reason for the stop and whether any citations were issued," Strickler said. "The notification will then be mailed to the parents in order to make them aware of potential problems as well as to enable them to enforce parental rules that often co-exist with teenage driving privileges."

Parents can register anytime by going on-line to [www.michigansheriff.com](http://www.michigansheriff.com), stopping by a local police department, the records department at the sheriff's department, or by calling Sgt. Charlene Washkevich at 1-800-881-5911 (ext. 631). Enrollment in the program is free.

Strickler is the third upper Thumb sheriff to implement STOPPED; Huron County Sheriff Kent D. Tibbits began offering the program a year ago, and Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern was among the first Michigan sheriff's to participate.

Kern has said he's sold on the program, largely because of its impact as a deterrent for young drivers to make poor decisions.

"Once it got rolling (in Tuscola County), I think we signed up about 85 people," Kern said, adding his officers weren't seeing/stopping vehicles with the registration sticker.

Kern suggested that the stickers serve as a reminder for young drivers not to give in to the temptation of doing something silly behind the wheel of a car.

"We've all been there," he added, "and we're not trying to be big brother on them, but sometimes mom and dad should know that their child is out at 2 o'clock in the morning, maybe with an open (alcohol) container."

STOPPED is being funded by a grant from AAA Michigan and was brought to Michigan 2 years ago by the Michigan Sheriff's Association.

"AAA Michigan is very pleased to have the opportunity to support an initiative such as the STOPPED program. AAA has a long history of traffic safety, and any program aimed at reducing risk and raising awareness for our teen drivers is a step in the right direction to protecting this at-risk group," said Jack Peet, manager of Community Safety Services for AAA Michigan.

"The creative partnership will save lives and we're excited to do our part," added Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, who is making STOPPED program information available to customers at several branch offices. "It gives parents a new tool to immediately address risky driving behavior by their teens. But, just as important, it also lets our children know that we care."

In 2005, drivers in the target age group of 16 to 21 years of age comprised 9.3 percent of the licensed drivers in Michigan, but were responsible for 16.3 percent of the crashes in the state.

## Relay for Life fashion event slated

Independent Bankers Relay for Life Teams of Tuscola and Huron counties will present a "Prom and Formal Wear for Less Fashion Gallery" Saturday, Jan. 12, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Mayville United Methodist Church, 601 Ohmer Rd. (on M-24 in Mayville).

More than 150 dresses of all styles, colors and sizes will be showcased during the event, which will also feature a fashion show, soup and salad luncheon, manicures, pedicures, massages, demonstrations of prom/wedding fashion hair styles, floral arrangements, limousine information,

a bake sale, door prizes, and many prom accessories and "like new" dresses available for purchase.

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## Health series on tap

Everyone is interested in staying healthy and keeping their bodies strong throughout their lifetime. Many people remember the home remedies used by their parents and grandparents and how these ideas for staying healthy and curing ailments like the common cold were passed down from one generation to the next. This January the Rawson Memorial District Library will sponsor a series of 4 programs that will explore the wonders of staying healthy in a natu-

ral way. The sessions are set for Wednesdays, Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30, at 6 p.m. Each class will last about one to one and half hours.

The 4 topics include: "Individual use of vitamins and minerals;" "Is stress the #1 factor in many illnesses;" "Toxins need to be understood, not feared;" and "How to grow an organic garden."

Barbara Ann Burns, a C.N.H.P., will present these programs.

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