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SERVED family-style. Diane Battel (above) serves guests last Wednesday during the final dinner hosted by the Fraser Presbyterian Church Ladies Aid. The dinners, held twice a month but later scaled down to once a month, have been a tradition for decades at the rural church, drawing residents from throughout the Thumb area. At left, Roberta Stine stirs up a dish before serving what was just one of thousands of meals during her 50 years as a volunteer.

Saying good-bye

Decades-old Fraser dinners come to an end

"The ladies aid describes themselves as a small group. They continue to prepare and serve meals (each month). They have a devotional period, a business meeting, they keep a record of each meeting, the income, expenses, and their purchases. They quilt every Wednesday. On the off Wednesdays when they are not preparing a meal for 60 to 100 people, find the quilting members, though few in numbers, sharing a wonderful talent."

"What words can not describe is the amount of Christian fellowship, laughter, sadness and hopes that were experienced and discussed during the times that the women met."

—Taken from a speech honoring the Fraser Presbyterian Women's Ladies Aid.

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A sunny later morning last Wednesday found a small but tight-knit group of ladies along with a couple of men busy in the basement kitchen at the Fraser Presbyterian Church, preparing a monthly meal for those that would come, just as they have for

many months, years. Decades.

There was no lack of conversation and laughter as the guests took their seats, the aroma of another home-cooked meal thick in the air.

But the day was bittersweet.

"This is a happy day. It is also a sad day. We're going to miss you," Theda Seeger told the group gathered in the tiny church just 5 miles north of M-81 on the west side of M-53. At 89 years of age, Seeger is among the veteran members of the Fraser Presbyterian Women's Ladies Aid. She started working what was then a community dinner twice a month, when she was about 25.

Her statement last Wednesday referred to the ladies aid's decision to halt what have been monthly dinners for the past couple of years. The gatherings date back to the 1920s, when ladies of the church prepared an annual holiday meal for the congregation to enjoy.

"As there are fewer younger people available to help out, there just isn't a sufficient number of people to feed the crowds," explained Judy Brown, who has served as the church's secretary for many years. "The dinners will stop being served, but the mission will go on in the church."

Still, the meals will be missed by the handful of ladies whose faithful service and skills in the kitchen have kept area residents coming back month after month.

"It's just the fellowship. You learn a lot working with other people. You get some new ideas, too. I hate to see them (dinners) stop, but I'm 86 years old and I can't keep coming here forever," joked Roberta Stine, who has been working the dinners for half a century.

Edna McLachlan agreed the fellowship will be sadly missed.

"My husband's (Robert) family has been involved in it since the very beginning," recalled McLachlan, who has been volunteering since she retired from the Huron County Medical Care Facility in 2000. "I like being with the people. When you get to be in your 70s, some days you don't want to do it (work in the kitchen), but you do it anyway."

The dinners have proven profitable, in spite of the fact that there was no set charge for those who enjoyed them.

"We made pies and if we had garden stuff, we shared that. Otherwise we pay for that (food) out of the din-

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Biniecki running for sheriff in Sanilac Co.

Sanilac County Undersheriff Garry Biniecki Thursday announced his candidacy for Sanilac County Sheriff.

Biniecki is a 32-year veteran of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department. He was hired in 1976 as a corrections officer and attended the police academy in 1977. He was promoted to sergeant in 1984 and has served as undersheriff since 2006.

"I have been proud to serve in the sheriff's department for 32 years," Biniecki said in announcing his candidacy. "Because of my experience, I am well-equipped to become the next sheriff of Sanilac County. The purpose of the sheriff's office is to serve and protect the residents of our county, and I will do everything I can to ensure community safety."

During his tenure as undersheriff, Biniecki has served as leader of the department's Victims' Services Unit. He has been recognized as "Police Officer of the Year" and has earned Meritorious and Life-Saving awards. In addition, he has taught boating safety, hunter safety, CPR and scuba diving courses, and has served as captain of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Dive Team for the past 30

years.

Biniecki indicated he is committed to carrying on a strong tradition of law enforcement in Sanilac County if he is elected.

"As sheriff, I will run the department efficiently and effectively," he said. "I will continue to promote professionalism, service and accountability within the department while working to keep the budget balanced."

Sheriff Virg Strickler endorsed Biniecki's candidacy, saying, "Garry will promote law enforcement with compassion and professionalism. He brings to his candidacy his record of leadership and performance in law enforcement, strong commitment to the community, (and) his proven ability to effectively manage fiscal issues."

When not at work, Biniecki and his wife, Debra, are avid shipwreck hunters and enjoy researching, locating and documenting Thumb area maritime history. Garry was instrumental in establishing the Sanilac Shores Underwater Preserve, which protects shipwrecks in 163 miles of Lake Huron bottomland. Both he and his wife have appeared in several publications

Biniecki is a 32-year veteran of the department. He started as a corrections officer in 1976.

and television documentaries on the History Channel.

Biniecki, a 4-H leader in archery, said he enjoys mentoring children in conservation issues. He is a member of the area National Wild Turkey Federation and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. He is also a member of the Sandusky Lions Club.

"I have always valued being part of the Sanilac County community," he said. "I would consider it a privilege to serve as sheriff."



Garry Biniecki

Cass City thins out its would-be valedictorian pool

And then there was one.

The Cass City School District has a reputation for turning out valedictorians en masse. It's a well-earned reputation, with the district boasting as many as a dozen valedictorians and 2 salutatorians in some years.

Not anymore. In fact, a revised scale for determining grade point averages that kicked in with this year's graduating class resulted in last week's announcement of one valedictorian and one salutatorian for the Cass City Class of 2008.

They are Derek Weidman, who earned valedictorian honors with a grade point average of 3.954, and salutatorian Danielle Delamarter, whose boasts a 3.946 grade point average.

Weidman, the son of Dale and Maryke Weidman, has been a member of the National Honor Society for 2 years and has participated in a number of community service projects and activities.

He has been a member of Cass City's soccer team for 4 years, serving as co-captain as a senior and earning several honors, including second team all-conference selection and "Defensive Player of the Year." He has also been an academic all-conference selection every year.

Also a musician, Weidman has been an active member of the band program throughout high school. He plays alto saxophone and served as section leader.

His future plans include attending college to study pre-med or pre-pharmacy.

Delamarter, the daughter of Dan and Sharon Delamarter, is also a member of the National Honor Society and has been active in the all-school play, student council and pom squad. She played varsity soccer 4 years, earning scholar-athlete, honorable mention and all-conference honors.

The senior class treasurer, Delamarter plays the flute and has been a member of the Cass City marching and symphony bands through-

out high school. She earned Division I ratings at the district and state solo and ensemble festivals in 2006, and a Division I rating at the district festival and Division II rating at the state festival in 2007.

She has worked during many fundraisers to help area families, volunteers for the Community Thanks-

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Derek Weidman



Danielle Delamarter

Battel returns to roots in Thumb

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Bob Battel may be the new face at the MSU Extension Office in Huron County, but he's no stranger to the Thumb.

Battel, who recently began his new job as the county's MSU Extension agriculture educator, is a Cass City native. The son of Mark and Diane Battel, his return to the Thumb came after 12 years spent working in agriculture-related jobs in other areas of the state.

It's a career he seemed destined for early on, having grown up just down the road from his grandparents' farm near the corner of Daus and Grassmere roads, about 3 miles south of Huron Line Road. Battel recalled, his grandfather, the late Art Battel, raised hogs and grew crops, and was well known in the region for his maple syrup.

"Being involved in 4-H, it was something I've always had an interest in. I was a member of the Cass City Livestock 4-H Club," said Battel, 35, who fondly remembers his 10 years in 4-H, showing hogs and steers at the Tuscola County Fair.

After graduating from Cass City

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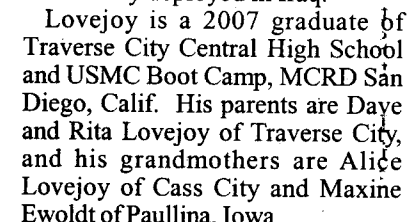
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United Sportsmen's Alliance meeting, 7 p.m., Cass City Gun Club, 2676 Englehart Rd. For more information, call (989) 872-2398.

Barbara Ann Burns (CNAP) will once again be on hand to inform and educate about these different ways to restore your health naturally. Classes start at 6 p.m.

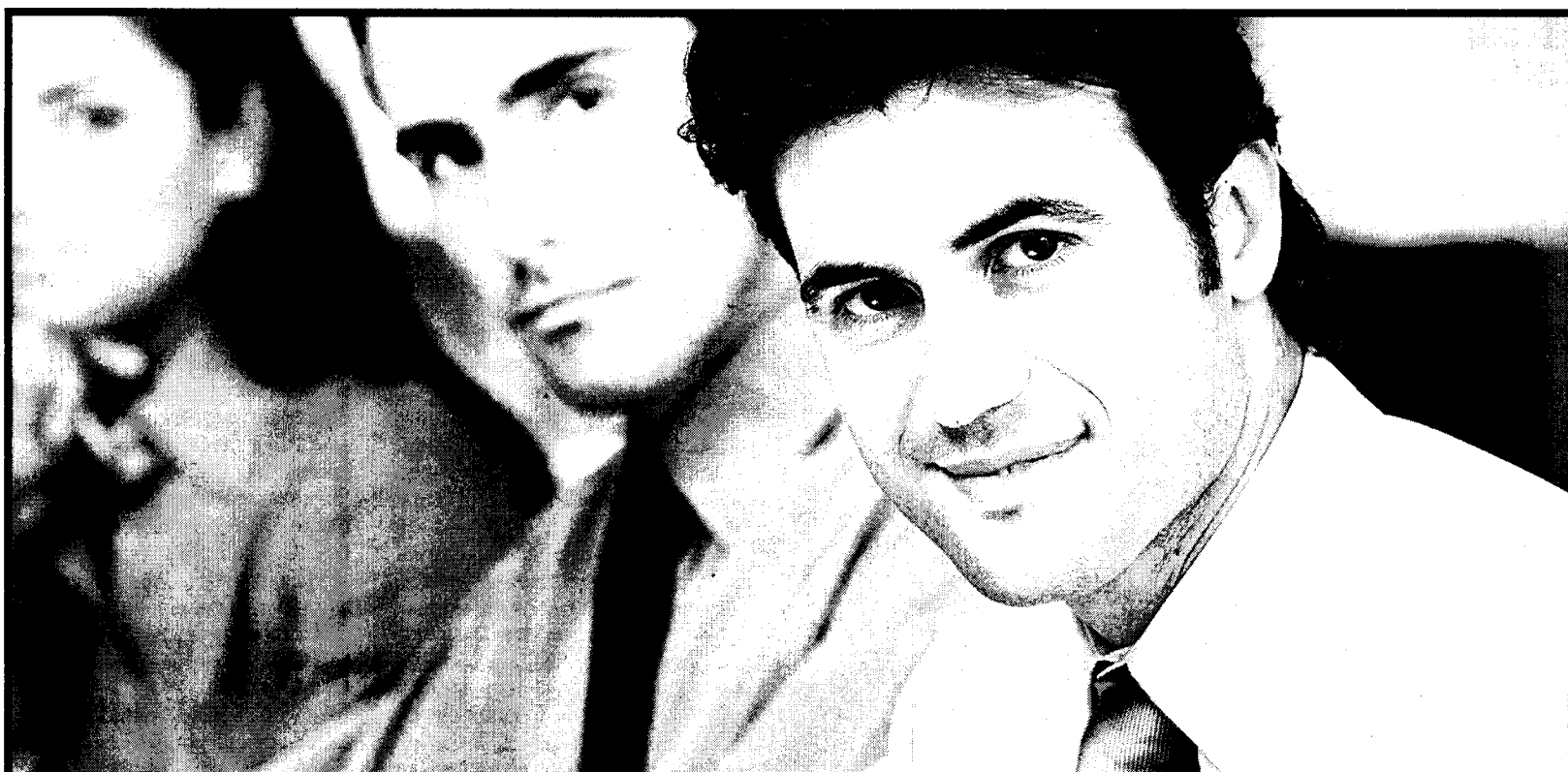
To be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average while completing at least 9 credit hours of regular coursework.



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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

I appreciate readers calling or sending items of trivia suitable for this column. I regret when I goof it up. My latest faux pas was getting the name wrong in a report about the first robin. I thought I heard Kristi Sperry instead of the right name and the right spelling, Kristin Steely.

AAA travel reports 10 tips for a better, safer vacation for student travelers. Traveling overseas, it already is too late to secure a passport for most students planning a spring vacation trip. To secure a passport without special charge, AAA suggests that applications should be submitted at least 3 months in advance.

Another tip really makes good sense, but probably is ignored more than followed. It's to do your homework. Consult the U.S. Department of State and Centers for Disease Control & Prevention for health and travel advisories. Familiarize yourself with the language and local currency. Study the customs of the places you plan to visit - particularly those involving interaction with the opposite sex.

The Haire household is the victim of a wrong telephone listing. At home my number is 872-3270. The number at the Charmont Motel is 872-2270. Last week I received 2 calls intended for the motel. Somewhere there is an incorrect phone listing.

That's been going on for several years, long enough that I don't need to look up the correct number to help the caller.

I figured that it would be corrected long before now. I was wrong.

For the first time in many years, a school bus was fired up to take students to see the finals of the boys' district basketball tournament at Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools. Cass City High School Principal Chad Daniels said that he set up the bus transportation at the request of Supt. Ron Wilson.

Busses haven't been used to transport students to events in many years. It's not because we haven't tried, Daniels said, but there hasn't been much interest. We put lists up for students to sign in previous years and only 2 or 3 indicated they wanted to go.

This year the trip included a tailgate party with the food furnished by the participants and there was a full bus with 42 aboard.

Caseville driver dies in accident

A Huron County man was killed in a collision involving 2 pickup trucks late Thursday night in Sanilac County.

The Sanilac County Sheriff's Department identified the victim as Gary M. Curry, 55, of Caseville.

Sanilac County deputies were dispatched to the scene, on M-53 near Cooper Road in Marlette Township, at about 11:20 p.m., according to reports, which state deputies arrived to find 2 pickup trucks in a north-bound ditch.

"One pickup truck was overturned and occupied by a 47-year-old Madison Heights man that was trapped in the driver's seat inside the vehicle," said Sanilac County Undersheriff Garry Biniecki, who identified the man as David S. Reid. "He was freed from the overturned vehicle by the Marlette Fire Department's Jaws of Life and airlifted from the scene to Saginaw St. Mary's Hospital, where

he was treated for serious injuries."

The other pickup was occupied by the victim and his wife, Victoria A. Curry, 55, according to Biniecki. He said the victim was trapped in the driver's seat and was pronounced dead at the scene. "The passenger was transported to Marlette Regional Hospital by Marlette EMS, (and) she was treated for serious injuries, he added.

An initial investigation revealed that the truck driven by the Madison Heights man was traveling southbound on M-53 and crossed the road centerline, striking the northbound truck driven by the Caseville man.

The accident remains under investigation by deputies, who were assisted at the scene by Marlette police, the Marlette, Kingston and Burlington fire departments, and Marlette EMS personnel.

The Haire Net

March not the start of spring



Last Wednesday was a great day. It sparked delusions of grandeur and a self-hypnosis-feeling that winter is about, the snow banks are melting away and glorious spring is poised to take over.

Never mind that it snowed in Detroit, Port Huron and adjacent areas, it didn't snow in Cass City or anywhere in the immediate vicinity.

I was about ready to be carried away when my memory jerked back to other springs in Michigan.

March is not the beginning of spring, or the end of winter. In fact, it is the month that the greatest storm in the last 60 years swept across the state. There have been others that may have had the same impact as the '47 storm in certain areas. What made it most remembered is that it covered the state from the northern tip of the Upper Peninsula to the southern tip of the Lower Peninsula.

I've viewed pictures of the storm in Cass City and I was in the middle of it near Gaylord.

It's not unusual for residents to rise to the occasion during an emergency. The Chronicle published a picture of stranded motorists being cared for at the Fraser Presbyterian Church. I'm sure that they also brought food and medical care to the needy the same way that they did in a later storm that the community suffered a few years after I arrived in town.

It wasn't easy to make essential trips then and hospital help was ferried to town on horse-drawn sleds. I can imagine it was the same or even more challenging in 1947.

It was the same at Gaylord. I was hitchhiking back to school from Petoskey and hooked a ride at about 9 a.m.

The weather went from bad to can you believe this? We were stuck about 6 miles or so from Gaylord and waited for help. In mid-afternoon the

rescue troops arrived. A huge rotary plow cleared the way. It already had dug out a dozen cars and also a small plow that couldn't handle the drifts.

In Gaylord, I stayed for 2 days sleeping among other tourists in whatever place we could find. There was one bright spot in the whole affair. Also stuck were 4 students returning to Michigan State and they generously gave me a ride all the way to the campus.

There may still be a lot of winter left at the end of March, and April can also be iffy. The last Saturday in April, when the general trout fishing season opens, I've experienced weather to be a balmy 75 degrees, or so low that ice formed in the guides of the fishing rods.

When writing a column, you can always talk about the weather and have a 50-50 chance of being right.

Maple season nearly here

The maple season in Michigan starts in February in the southern counties and runs well into April in the Upper Peninsula. Warm sunny days and freezing nights determine the length of the maple season.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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Here's one for further study. A news report says two Toronto psychologists have located a segment of the brain responsible for a person's sense of humor.

These psychologists observed 31 men and women to determine how each responded to jokes. Some of the participants in the study had minor brain damage, while others did not.

The researchers found brain damage in general didn't curtail a person's sense of humor, but those with damage to the brain's right frontal lobe had trouble with certain types of jokes. The scientists said these persons appreciated only obvious, slapstick humor.

I'm O.K. with that. I've long suspected aberrations in the brain play a role in certain types of humor. That's how we get TV sitcoms.

I have trouble with certain kinds of jokes, too. But that doesn't keep me from telling them.

Earlier studies also suggest the right side of the brain is the lightning rod for humor. Subjects in those studies wore caps to measure brain waves while they were subjected to jokes.

A few patients, who burst into spontaneous giggling for no apparent reason, were thought to have tumors on the right frontal lobe of the brain.

I'm not a scientist, but I'd take another look at those wired-up caps before I started diagnosing brain tumors. Any kid who's ever been to church can tell us spontaneous giggling and hats often go together.

My biggest problem with the

Toronto study is the researchers' incessant probing into the anatomy of humor. These psychologists say the simple, slapstick humor enjoyed by folks with frontal lobe damage is similar to jokes "appreciated by young children and men."

That leads the scientists, laughing and giggling, down the slippery slope of gender differences. They claim earlier studies show women enjoy jokes that are more complicated - sophisticated if you will; while men and young children prefer slapstick, "such as the Three Stooges."

I can't speak for other men, but that's not a bit funny in my opinion. What's wrong with the Three Stooges, anyway? I think they're hilarious.

Besides, humor isn't a matter of sophistication. It's a matter of experience.

Women see one Stooge hit another with a two-by-four and think that's the dumbest thing they ever saw. Men see the same thing and remember helping the neighbor build his garage.

Women watch Moe crank his old Model T and wonder, "Why is Larry holding onto the spark plug wire with one hand and Curley's ear with the other?" Men see the same thing and remember their high school shop teacher.

Women think the Three Stooges are just a bunch of clumsy bozos. Men see them as a parody on the human condition.

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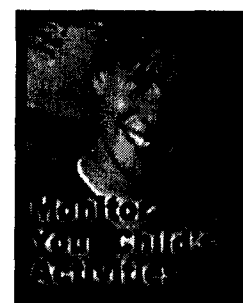
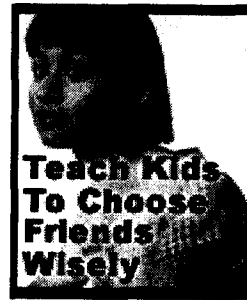
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“The Maroon and White”

by Lauren Hudson

The snow hasn't melted, it's still white outside, yet all that the eyes will see this upcoming Monday will be green. How can that be? That's because Monday is St. Patrick's Day.

St. Patrick's Day is an Irish-flavored holiday, which is celebrated in a few different ways here in America. One way is to wear green to avoid being pinched, or if a person pinches another person when they are wearing green, they get to pinch that person.

There are many myths surrounding this holiday. Many of those, involving faeries and leprechauns, are playful and tend to shed the Irish in a whimsical light. Although it is true that the Irish are said to be a caring people, the holiday itself has suffered media hype.

The holiday surrounds St. Patrick, the patron Saint of Ireland. It is said that he banished the snakes from Ireland. What is true about him, or what is found to be true, is that St. Patrick was first introduced to the island of Hibernia (Ireland) as a slave back in the days of the early Holy Roman Empire. He learned the ancient Irish Celts language, religion, and family life. When he was able to escape from being a slave and return to the then-Roman owned Britain, St. Patrick had a revelation from God to return to Ireland and convert the Pagan Celts. And he did so, converting them peacefully.

So, how did all of this get over to America and become a big enough deal to be a nationally recognized holiday? The history is a bit confusing, but to start off with: The Republic of Ireland received its independence from England on Dec. 6, 1921. Before that time, the Irish had fought time and time again throughout their history against English rule since the English takeover during Strongbow's time (medieval era).

The Irish are deeply patriotic and that wouldn't change if some moved to America. There would be a dual patriotism. And so, when the Irish-Americans here heard of the 1916 uprising and then the following revolution in Ireland, the action stirred patriotism.

St. Patrick's Day was already celebrated widely in cities such as New York and Chicago, but the nation had yet to take notice until the parades held in the cities were used as political statements during the revolutions. Whether for our nation to make a political statement itself or to appease the voters...St. Patrick's Day became more of a national holiday here.

With the media hype that followed in the 60s and 70s, this day became more "cutesy" and "faerie-like" based on the Irish myths of the "otherworld" (the faerie world), leprechauns, sprites, brownies, etc.

For the most part, though, St. Patrick's Day in our town isn't as celebrated as it is in other areas (depends on the mix and population of an area. For example, South Side Chicago has a huge Irish-American population.) In our area, the VFW is having a "Luck of the Irish" type Rotary Club event that will feature a raffle ticket drawing to win "some 'o the Leprechaun's pot 'o gold" March 15.

"(I'll) probably be at work, but they're going to celebrate St. Patrick's Day by bringing in green food for the employees. It should be interesting," said Anna Deel, who works at McDonald's, which will be hosting an interesting event on Good Friday (if the restaurant can get 140 cars — or orders, a car can go through multiple times — through the drive-through between the hours of noon and 1 p.m. the restaurant will receive \$1,000 from the corporation to use on renovations and such).

"I'm going to be on an airplane coming back from Florida. If I get back early enough, I'll probably go do something with my fiancée," said Scarlett Helland of her plans on St. Patrick's Day.

Mrs. Zawilinski, anthropology teacher at the high school, laughed and jokingly told me, "I'm going to be enjoying the rich Irish history...of corned beef! And some green tea with the little people, my leprechaun and faerie friends." She added seriously, "I think I'll spend time looking through pictures from my trip to Ireland." Mrs. Z (as the students have nicknamed her) went on a trip to Ireland this past summer. It was a summer trip, a few months, and Mrs. Z had a very good experience while visiting this ancient, yet modern, country rich with history.

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Several appear on charges last week

The following people appeared in Tuscola County Circuit Court last week on various criminal charges:

•Jarred W. Long, 18, Caro, pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy to commit first degree home invasion and receiving and concealing a stolen firearm Aug. 22 in Almer Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•John A. Vanderpool, 53, Bad Axe, pleaded guilty to failure to pay child support from March 1, 2004, through July 14, 2005, in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,500. Sentencing is to be set.

•Sean P. Chandler, 18, Vassar, stood mute to charges of larceny of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 and conspiracy to commit larceny Feb. 5 in Vassar.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$5,000.

•Matthew L. Ward, 33, Vassar, was sentenced to 270 days in the county jail and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Sept. 28 in Millington Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,620.

•Bradford G. Henderson, 39, Millington, was sentenced to 18 months to 15 years in prison for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 7 in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay \$1,120 in costs and fines.

•Shane P. Mohr, 19, Millington, received a one-year delayed sentence for his pleas of no contest to larceny from a motor vehicle and receiving and concealing stolen property valued at less than \$200 Aug. 17 in Millington Township.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,065. Restitution is to be determined.

•David M. Mihalko, 45, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with worksite privileges, and 60 months probation for his pleas of guilty to

fleeing a police officer and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Nov. 29 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay \$1,820 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$95.

•Brandon L. Stevens, 19, Caro, was sentenced to 182 days in jail and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance July 12 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$320. Attorneys fees are to be determined.

•Audrea L. Jackson, 21, Akron, was sentenced to 180 days in jail (deferred) and 36 months probation for his plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, Sept. 12 in Akron.

He was also ordered to pay \$320 in costs and fines.

•Anthony J. Sleeper, 44, Columbiaville, was sentenced to 270 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 24 in Millington Township.

He was also placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,620. Attorneys fees are to be determined.

•Richard M. Goller III, 29, Clio, was sentenced to 270 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - causing injury April 29, 2006, in Arbel Township.

He was also placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay \$1,620 in costs and fines. Restitution and attorneys fees are to be determined.

•Robert A. Jacobs, 17, Fairgrove, received a one-year delayed sentence for his plea of guilty to delivery/manufacture of marijuana Sept. 30.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$270.

•Pete B. Schmitzer Jr., 22, Clio, was sentenced to 45 days in jail and 24 months probation for his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, and possession of a controlled substance Sept. 30 in Indianfields Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,165 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$95.



“The Taste of Ink”

by Becca Troop

Working at a fast food franchise can be more complicated than most people might think.

Dealing with ornery customers, keeping everything clean and sanitary, and providing food as fast as possible for drive through services are just a few activities that fast food employees have to keep up with while only being paid minimum wage. Impressively enough, there are many teenagers who work nights and weekends at these franchises.

The most popular of fast food franchises specialize in hamburgers, tacos, fried chicken or fish, and other meals that are easily prepared. There are many different positions depending on each restaurant. The general jobs are a cook, counter worker/cashier, drive-thru attendant and a manager. Usually there is more than one cook to fill the many orders throughout the day.

A minor under the age of 18 years old can only work up to 18 hours each week when they are in school. Out of school, minors can work up to 40 hours per week. Being able to work while in school has both advantages and disadvantages.

Working, of course, always involves money. Teenagers are always looking for a way to earn money and by working at a fast food restaurant, that's exactly what they get. Whether it's to save up for college or just to have some spending money, it's a good thing. Working at a fast food restaurant can also help to improve social skills by working as a counter/cashier person. Having short conversations with customers can bring out a person's personality more and more each day. By meeting new people and being challenged with both school and work, it can show how ready a person is for the real world.

"It's easy, I work 3 days a week on Mondays and Tuesdays from 4 to 8," said Rachel Welch. "It gives me enough time to work and get money and go home and do homework. I don't mind it, it's easy, and I make money. I love the people I work with too."

Not everything about the fast food industry is excellent for young employees. They don't always get the hours they want because of school hours or sports activities. It can also be stressful for some teenagers to have to manage getting homework done, hanging out with friends, and going to work all in one week. It all depends on how much a person can handle while going to school.

The fast food industry will always be looking for more employees. The turnover rate is very high because of poor pay and working conditions and is usually seen as a temporary fix to save money for bigger and better opportunities. Employees can be fired for the smallest mistakes only to be replaced by someone who can do a better job with more dedication.

Statistics may not involve everyone, but give a general idea to the public, so here are some that involve fast food: The younger the person, the more they eat out at fast food restaurants; the average person eats at a fast-food restaurant an average of 9.2 times monthly; even if you are ordering a veggie burger and a non-carbonated beverage, it's still not healthy—fast food restaurants serve a purpose of being convenient when there's no time to cook a healthy dinner at home, but they definitely don't help people to be healthy in any way or lose weight.

America continuously provides their own people with jobs because of unhealthy habits that can't be denied.

Letters to the Editor

Taxpayers can't afford their own “wish list”

John,
Your explanation of why the school needs a new roof was never publicized before.

I would firmly support millage for a new roof - \$711,000 only. All other items on this "wish list" should be paid out of the school general fund revenues. Are all quotes on the wish list derived from competitive bids from reputable contractors?

We subscribe to four area newspapers. School officials in other districts simply say "we will do what we have to do". None are threatening bussing, sports, etc., nor are they asking the taxpayers for additional millages. Other districts are cutting many teaching and administrative positions due to steadily falling student enrollment.

The news media tell us almost daily about blue collar workers forced to take pay cuts by as much as 50 percent. Well-educated white-collar workers are also taking substantial cuts. No one, including school officials and teachers, should be exempt.

With the loss of students by the hundreds, I think it is time for consolidation. Consolidation would eliminate a large part of this wish list. It's time our administrators, teachers and school board face reality.

As a reminder to those that rent a home or apartment - you are also paying property taxes. It is included as a portion of your monthly rent.

Considering the rising cost of gro-

ceries, gas and home heating, most of the taxpayers can hardly afford their own "need list" let alone a \$7.2 million "wish list".

Larry Peters
Cass City

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.

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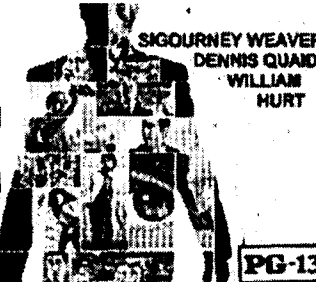
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CAMPBELL THIRD grader Meagan Whisenant (left) and fourth grader Kaitlyn Fetterhoff share company as well as breakfast Thursday morning. School officials offered free breakfast for all students last week and saw a marked increase in participation.

Students flock to eat breakfast in Cass City

There may be no such thing as a "free lunch", but students in the Cass City School District were offered free breakfasts throughout the past week.

And they took advantage of the opportunity in droves.

In fact, Cass City Schools Food Ser-

vice Director Shari Bock said the number of students eating breakfast at Campbell Elementary School more than tripled last week.

"We usually do 100 at this school, and this week we've been doing 350, and every day it seems to be more," Bock commented while checking students through the breakfast line Thursday morning. "The middle school has had the same kind of participation - they're doing about 255 (breakfasts) a day, and they usually do about 75."

Bock, who noted the number of high school students eating breakfast did not increase drastically, said roughly 600 breakfasts were served daily last week in the combined buildings, compared to an average of 250 morning meals.

The project was organized in conjunction with National School Breakfast Week, March 3-7. The campaign was launched by the School Nutrition Association back in 1989 to raise awareness about the availability of breakfast for all students at school, and to draw attention to the link between eating a good breakfast and cognitive growth.

According to Erik Peterson, spokesman for the School Nutrition Association, school breakfast provides the necessary fuel to start a day of learning and achievement, providing 25 percent of the recommended daily allowance of protein, calcium, iron and

vitamins A and C.

"Research has shown that children who eat breakfast at school score better in standardized tests, have fewer health issues and behave better in class," Peterson said, adding research indicates that kids who skip breakfast rarely make up for missed nutrients later in the day, so skipping breakfast could also affect students' performance in after-school activities.

"We're hoping to see if the kids can focus more, if it helps with classroom attention," Bock said.

A number of Cass City students enjoyed their "cereal kits" — cold cereal, milk, juice and multi-grain bars — in the cafeteria. "A lot of the teachers are bringing students down as classes, and then they go back and eat together," she noted.

"We just hope to encourage the kids to eat breakfast from here on out," Bock said. "Whether they're eating here or at home, (we just want to make sure) they get fed."

Editor's note: The normal charge for breakfast in the Cass City School District is \$1 per student. However, many students qualify for a reduced price (30 cents) or are eligible for free breakfast. More information is available by calling the elementary, middle or high school offices.

Down Memory Lane

By Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO

Cass City's seniors Chris Maharg, Matt Stoutenburg and junior Jake Brinkman were honored as choices to the Greater Thumb West Conference all-conference cage teams. Maharg, a solid rebounder, was placed on the conference's dream team. Brinkman, an honorable mention choice as a sophomore, was placed on the conference's 2nd team and was the only non-senior named to either of the league's first 2 dream teams.

Greater Thumb West Conference volleyball co-champions Cass City and Bad Axe ruled the league's all-conference teams selected by the 7 school member coaches. For the Red Hawks, Amy Howard, Becky Hartel and Krystee Dorland are returning picks, while Mallory Powell earned here first dream team recognition.

Curtis Chrysler of Cass City has again been recognized with 5-star dealer status for the third year in a row. It is the only dealer in the Thumb who can claim that. Five Star Dealer status is achieved through customer satisfaction scores for both sales and service. It also requires that all employees stay constantly educated on product and service knowledge so that Curtis Chrysler can get it right the first time.

10 YEARS AGO

The Saginaw Valley Patent Law Association recently announced the 1998 winners of the Inventor of the Year Award and the Fire of Genius Award. The winner of this year's Fire of Genius Award is Charles H. Tuckey, Cass City, a consultant to Walbro Corporation of Cass City. Tuckey has been working with Walbro since 1957, developing fuel delivery systems for vehicles, marine engines and small engines such as those found in chain saws and motorized string trimmers. In that time he has had more than 125 patents issued in his name, 57 of which have been issued since 1990. Tuckey pioneered the first gerotor-type pump designed for use in fuel delivery systems, which has become the standard in the industry.

For the first time in Cass City Red Hawk wrestling history, sophomores advanced to the state wrestling finals and Cass City had 2 of them, Roy Davis and Adam Dorland. Wrestling Friday and Saturday at Western Michigan University, Davis finished fifth in the state at 103 pounds in division IV. Davis won both Friday matches by pins to advance to Saturday's semi-finals. Davis lost to John Lopez of Shelby, 21-6, who finished second, and then to Gabe Ewers of Cassopolis, 16-11. Ewers finished third. Davis then pinned his final opponent to place fifth in the

state. For the season, he posted a 46-6 record. The other Hawk at the finals was Adam Dorland, who was decisioned in both of his matches, 13-6 and 4-2, and did not place. He gained valuable experience, Coach Don Markel said, for next year. He finished with an outstanding season's record of 40-15.

25 YEARS AGO

The third annual Battle of the Books ended Monday evening at Rawson Memorial Library. After having started with 15 teams, the winner of the third-fourth grade division was the Rugged Readers. Team members were John Koepf, Troy Benitez, Randy Peasley, Jodi Benitez, Mike Van Allen and Ryan Pringle. The manager was Barb Koepf.

Of the 12 fifth-grade teams that started, the winner was the Sensational Six, which consisted of Mike Bills, Steven Bills, Ken Micklash, Daniel Barriger, Randy Johnson, Josh Conostas, and Jason Jezewski (alternate). All but the alternate were on the winning third-fourth grade team last year, and the year before. Theresa Micklash was the manager. The two winning teams will compete against the Mayville District Public Library Battle of the Books winners March 31 at Campbell Elementary School.

Cass City placed two players on the Thumb B Association all-conference first team and a pair on the honorable mention list this year. The team is selected by a vote of the coaches with each coach not allowed to vote for his own players. Named from Cass City were John Meininger, junior center, and Rick Pobanz, senior forward. Receiving honorable mention were Joe Langenburg, junior guard, and Barry Lapp, senior forward.

Jill Root, senior, was the only Cass City volleyball player to be named to one of the first two all-conference teams in the Thumb B Association.

She was named to the second team by league coaches. Julie Miller and Lori Calka received honorable mention.

35 YEARS AGO

Cass City put it all together Saturday night before a near capacity crowd at Cass City High School gym to run roughshod over Unionville-Sebewaing in the finals of the district Class C tournament, 89-69. The Hawks put on an offensive and defensive show in the first quarter to blast off into the lead and turn what was expected to be a close game into a rout. It was one of the two best quarters Cass City played all season ... matching the first quarter against Sandusky the previous week. The difference was that against USA Cass City continued to roll in the next three periods instead of faltering after the initial frame. It was a team victory for Cass City. Four of the five starters were in double figures and the defense left USA rocking all evening. Paul Bliss started it rolling for the Hawks as he drove around and through the Patriots' defense for driving lay-ups in the first quarter while setting up teammates with his usual sharp passing. Nick Gibas, Scott Hartel, Randy Wright, and Dave Hillaker were able to control the backboards against the taller, but slower USA quintet.

Unless the federal government acts favorably on Cass City's request for matching funds to build a municipal swimming pool, residents may face another long, dry summer. If an informal, unscientific survey conducted by the Chronicle holds any credence, most Cass Cityans would be willing to pay for the project completely in order to see it built. Mothers with small children especially stressed the need for some kind of outdoor recreation in town.

Why School Breakfast?

School breakfast really is the most important meal of the day for kids as it provides the necessary fuel to start a day of learning and achievement. Research has shown that children who eat breakfast have:

Higher Academic Scores

- Students who eat breakfast earn, on average, a letter grade higher in math than kids who don't according to *Pediatrics Magazine*
- Studies have also shown eating breakfast results in higher test scores

Improved Behavior

- Hungry children are more likely to have discipline problems
- Satiated teens are less likely to be suspended from school

Reduced tardiness and absenteeism

- Kids who participate in the School Breakfast Program are tardy and/or absent from school less often

Food distribution set

Human Development Commission (HDC) officials announced that the next commodity food distribution in Tuscola County will be Thursday, March 13.

The CSFP (green card) distribution will be from 10 a.m. to noon, and the TEFAP (yellow card) distribution is slated for noon to 2 p.m.

Recipients of both the green and

yellow card programs may pick up both cards during the 10 a.m. to noon time slot. During your pick-up time, sign-in at the LeeRoy Clark Building (435 Green St., Caro) and then proceed to the Tuscola County Fairgrounds.

More information is available by calling HDC at (989) 673-4121.

Lobby hours extended

Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern recently announced his department is extending the sheriff's department lobby hours until 6 p.m. on Tuesdays

only to assist residents applying for gun registration and purchase permits. The change will take effect in April.

Cass City Area Church Directory

Calvary Bible Fellowship

an Independent Baptist Church
4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726

989-872-4088

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 7:00 p.m.

Pastor - Chuck Carr

Transportation available

Cass City Church of Christ

6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726

Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136

Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Cass City Church of the Nazarene

6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726

872-2604 or 872-5201

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Prayer & Bible Study

& Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.

Pastor - Judy A. Esckilsen

Cass City Missionary Church

4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726

989-872-2729

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.

Pastor - Bob Sweeney

www.casscitymc.org

Cass City United Methodist Church

5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,

P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726

872-3422

Worship: 11:00 a.m.

(Summer 9:30 a.m.)

Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.

Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)

Pastor: Rev. Paul G. Donelson

Evangelical Free Church of Cass City

6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726

Phone: 872-5060

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Midweek Bible Studies

Biblical Counseling

Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould

First Baptist Church

(Independent, Fundamental)

6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726

989-872-3155

Sunday School All Ages 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

AWANA Clubs 6:45 p.m. During School Year

Pastor: David G. Hill

Website: www.fbccc.us

First Presbyterian Church

Barrier Free

6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726

872-5400

Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:45 a.m.

Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Dave Blackburn

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726

872-2770

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Gerald Meyer

Living Word Worship Center

(Where the Word is Life)

6536 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726

872-4637

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Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.

Wed. (Family Training Hour) 7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Keith Misany

Novesta Church of Christ

2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726

872-3658 or 872-1195

Bible School 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

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Merchants as of March 5		Thursday Nite Trio as of March 6		Individual High Games & Series: K. Maurer 196-181 (528); E. Romain 167 (455).	
Curtis Chrysler	21	Martin Electric	37	Team High Game & Series: All or Nothing 600 (1692).	
Kelly & Co.	18	United Building Centers	25	Sunday No Rollers	
Barronsteam Bears	18	Doerr Landscaping	25		
Charmont	17	Mycogen Seeds	25	Damn Near Last	
Thumb Welding Supplies	16	Jebco Consulting	17		
R&H Body Shop	15	Individual High Games & Series: Ed Schmaltz 224 (603); Dave Miller 227 (582); Dan Dickinson 227 (576); John Hacker 213; Ken Martin 212.		The Rollers	
Silent Bob, Garf & the Traitor	14	Team High Game & Series: Martin Electric 618 (1705).		Pinheads	
2 Guys & a Dave	9	Merchanettes as of March 6		Sometimers	
Individual High Games & Series: Don Doerr 223; Bob Joseph 245 (577); Denny Doherty 200; Dave Miller 213-223 (624); Tom Lis 216; Tom Fulcher 201; T. Barrons (517); Gary Vanderstelt 204-201 (595).				Par-T-Ranch	
Team High Game & Series: Silent Bob, Garf & the Traitor 584 (1660).		Thumb Octagon Barn		Individual High Games & Series: Melissa Mathewson 220 (531); Jeff Mathewson 214.	
Awards: Tom Fulcher 201 (200 game w/160 avg. or less).		All Season Video		Team High Game & Series: Damn Near Last 729 (1976).	
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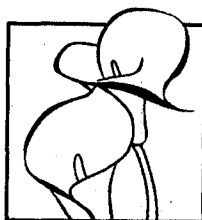
<u>Honorable Mention</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Matt Cook	Mayville	12
Ashton Workman	Mayville	12
Jon Muxlow	Brown City	12
Jeremy Kubacki	Ubly	12
Steven Weber	Ubly	10
Ethyan Kramer	Deckerville	11
Brandon Stolicke	Deckerville	12
Jake O'Mara	Deckerville	12
Dave Bliss	Marlette	12
Shane Mitrovich	Marlette	12
Jordan Barrons	Marlette	12
John Bichop	Marlette	11
Tyler Loding	Sandusky	11
Tom Loding	Sandusky	12
Jason Vulmering	Harbor Beach	12
Brett Buchholz	Harbor Beach	12

<u>Honorable Mention</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Amara Wilson	Marlette	10
Lyndsey White	Ubly	11
Amy Elenbaum	Mayville	10
BriAnn Summersett	Mayville	11
Kayla Parr	Brown City	11
Rachelle Rich	Deckerville	12
Katelyn Stutterheim	Deckerville	12
Alyson Cook	Harbor Beach	12
Alicia Seltz	Harbor Beach	11
Monica Chambers	Sandusky	12
Maddie Hale	Sandusky	11

BUDGET MEETING

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Obituaries

James Ballagh

James T. Ballagh, 89, of Ubly, died Saturday, March 8, 2008 in Hills and Dales Hospital, Cass City.

He was born Aug. 28, 1918 at home on the farm, the son of William J. and Mabel (Smith) Ballagh.

He married Stella P. Gryskiewicz Dec. 14, 1941 in Bowling Green, Ohio. She died Jan. 27, 2007.

Ballagh was a lifelong dairy farmer. He was a member of the Grange and NFO. He served on the Board of Review of Sheridan Township for many years. Ballagh was a member of St. Columbkille Catholic Church. He served as an officer of the St. Columbkille Ushers Club and served on the church board.

He is survived by his children: William (Diane) Ballagh of Dexter, James (Cheryl) Ballagh of Oxford, Kathleen (Alan) Milligan of Cass City, Marilou (Thomas) Barszczowski of Dearborn, and David (Colleen Mouton) Ballagh

of Ubly; 7 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law: Fay Ballagh of Cass City, Rita Seidel of Shamokin, Penn., and Val Cahill of Glendora, NJ; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by 3 brothers: Earl, Clare and Harold Ballagh; and 2 sisters: Ella Mae Wagner and Beatrice McDowell.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 11 at St. Columbkille Catholic Church, with the Rev. Joe Griffin, officiating.

Memorials may be made to St. Columbkille Catholic Church.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Natividad Benitez

Natividad "Nat" Benitez, 87, of Gagetown, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008.

He was born Sept. 8, 1920 in Bolton, Kansas, the son of Manuel and

Ysidra (Sanchez) Benitez.

Benitez was a member of St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown. He served in WWII and earned the Bronze Star. He was a member of the VFW Post #3644.

Benitez is survived by a brother, Frank Benitez of Gagetown; a sister, Anita Cheshier of Colorado; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial took place Saturday, Feb. 23, at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown, with Fr. Steve Fillion and Sr. Dorothy Ann Blasko officiating.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the St. Agatha Cemetery Fund or the St. Agatha Kitchen Fund.

Arrangements were made by the Gagetown Funeral Chapel, Gagetown.

Ann Connolly

Ann Connolly, 85, of Grayling, previously of Cass City, died Friday, March 7, 2008.

She was born Jan. 17, 1923 in Germany, the daughter of the late Josef and Rosalia (Lange) Lehmann.

She married Milton H. Connolly Jan. 31, 1955. He died in 2003.

Connolly moved to the United States in 1955 from Germany.

She is survived by a daughter, Renate (Willard) Harwood of Grayling; a grandchild; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Interment will be in the Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Arrangements were made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, Grayling.

Battel returns

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High School in 1991, Battel attended Michigan State University, majoring in crop and soil sciences. He graduated with his bachelor's degree in 1995, and later completed a master's program in Extension Education, also at MSU.

"I had some jobs in the agriculture field after graduating, but it wasn't until October 2000 that I started with MSU Extension," Battel said. I worked in sales at a fertilizer chemical dealership in southern Michigan, and then I worked in a laboratory in Litchfield that tests (animal) feed and soils."

Battel began his Extension career in southern Michigan as the field crops educator for Branch and Calhoun counties. Most recently, he served as the Extension farm management educator for an 18-county district in northwest lower Michigan.

Battel indicated he saw the job opening in Huron County as an opportunity to continue his career and at the same time enjoy a long-term homecoming.

"That's exactly it," he said. "I applied for it with the primary interest of getting closer to home for both of us," he said, noting his wife, Sue, is originally from the Capac area. The couple, who met while at MSU (she was majoring in agricultural communications), have 2 daughters, Addy, 5, and Dori, 2.

"The agriculture here in Huron County is really second to none in the state, and (that) also made it very attractive," he added.

In Huron County, Battel's main job will be to work with producers, providing educational programming and one-on-one assistance in field crops education. In addition, he will serve as a resource for information on manure nutrient management for farmers in the greater Thumb and Saginaw Valley.

"I work with farmers," said Battel, who explained that he'll serve as a resource for producers who need assistance in a variety of areas, including soil fertility, pest management, variety selection and crop production. He will also deliver educational programs focusing on research conducted at MSU.

Battel's office is located in the Huron County MSU Extension Office located at 1142 S. VanDyke Rd., Suite 200, Bad Axe. He can be reached at (989) 269-9949 (ext. 605) or by e-mail at: battelro@msu.edu.

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THE NUMBER OF children eating breakfast in the Cass City School District soared from an average of 250 to some 600 daily last week as school officials observed National School Breakfast Week by offering the morning meal free to all.

Earned Income Tax Credit

Tax benefit available

State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) is encouraging Tuscola and Huron county residents to take advantage of a tax benefit specifically designed for workers.

The federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a tax break for workers with moderate or low incomes that can make a big difference in the household budgets of working families.

"Many working families are struggling to make ends meet during these tough times, and every dollar counts," Brown said. "With tax season here, I want to make sure that our workers know about the EITC and how it can provide money to help them buy groceries, pay bills, and hopefully even save toward a down payment on a house or another goal. As we work to create more good-paying jobs and turn our economy around, we have to do everything we can to support our working families."

About 665,000 EITC returns were filed in Michigan in 2006. But about \$300 million in federal Earned Income Tax Credits went unclaimed by Michigan workers. The following guidelines apply to the EITC:

- Families with one child that earned less than \$33,241 in 2007 (or less than \$35,241 for married workers) are eligible for a credit of up to \$2,853.

- Families with two or more children that earned less than \$37,783 in 2007 (or less than \$39,783 for married workers) are eligible for a credit of up to \$4,716.

- Workers without a qualifying child who earned less than \$12,590 in 2007 (or less than \$14,590 for married workers) are eligible for a credit of up to \$428.

Michigan will debut its own state EITC starting with the 2008 tax year. Workers who qualify can receive a

percentage of the federal EITC from the state on next year's tax return, in addition to what they get from the federal credit. To learn more about the EITC, and to use a free e-filing system for taxpayers with a household income of less than \$50,000, go to www.MichiganEITC.org.

Seniors, veterans and other tax filers may qualify for tax credits and deductions of their own.

To help residents keep more of their hard-earned dollars, Brown has posted the following resources on his Web site, house.mi.gov/tbrown:

- A review of various state and federal tax credits and deductions, and ways that seniors can get tax preparation assistance.

- A guide to reviewing and appealing your property tax assessment.

• Information to help ensure that you receive the federal tax rebates that will be issued beginning in May. All residents must file a 2007 tax return, even if they did not have earned income.

"The EITC is an excellent tool for our workers and for our local economy, because workers spend their refunds at our community's businesses, which supports local jobs," Brown said. "Families who qualify for the EITC should check into whether they qualify for other tax credits such as the Home Heating Credit, the Homestead Property Credit, and state and federal child and dependent care credits. I encourage all residents to make the most of their tax deductions and credits."

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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 AM, on March 20, 2008.

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

Part of the Northwest quarter of Section 28, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: Beginning at the West quarter corner of said Section 28; thence North 00 degrees 07 minutes 28 seconds East along the West line of said Section, 243.51 feet; thence South 89 degrees 43 minutes 10 seconds East 787.78 feet to the centerline of ditch; thence South 14 degrees 05 minutes 51 seconds West along the centerline of ditch, 240.69 feet; thence South 89 degrees 38 minutes 12 seconds West along the East-West quarter line as occupied, 729.70 feet 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: February 20, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jill A Milostan, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Equinox Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated May 10, 2005 and recorded on May 16, 2005 in Liber 1038 on Page 1299, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Two and 47/100 Dollars (\$122,362.47), 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 AM, on March 20, 2008.

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

Part of the Northeast quarter of Section 25, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, described as: beginning at a point of the East line of said Section 25 that is 1486.96 feet, North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East from the East quarter corner of said Section 25; thence continuing North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East along said East line of Section 25, 136.00 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 250.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 136.00 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 250.00 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: February 20, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Terry J. Morley and Lois A. Morley, F/K/A Lois A. Metras, as Joint Tenants and as Tenants in Common, original mortgagors, to Cresleigh Financial Services LLC, Mortgagee, dated June 26, 2001 and recorded on March 22, 2002 in Liber 871 on Page 216 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to The Bank of New York, as trustee for the holders of the EQCC Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2001-1F as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirteen and 22/100 Dollars (\$104,739.22), including interest at 8.175% 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 April 10, 2008.

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

Lot 5 Proctor Heights Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 2 of plats, page 31 Tuscola County Records and restrictions recorded in Liber 320 of Deeds pages 285-287 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: March 12, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gregory John Ashbreck, a single man, to Amerquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated November 19, 2002 and recorded December 4, 2002 in Liber 905, Page 831, and Re-recorded to correct legal description in Liber 911 on Page 1292 on January 22, 2003, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, in trust for the registered holders of Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, of Amerquest Certificates, Series 2003-1, under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2003, without recourse by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Fifty and 81/100 Dollars (\$83,450.81), including interest at 11.625% 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 MARCH 20, 2008.

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

Section 15, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, South 60 acres of West half of Southwest quarter except commencing at a point that is North 89 degrees 36 minutes 35 seconds East 396.23 feet from Southwest corner of Section, thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds West 379.50 feet, thence North 89 degrees 16 minutes 35 seconds East 760.56 feet, thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds West 5.5 feet, thence North 89 degrees 36 minutes 35 seconds East 135 feet, thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East 380 feet, thence South 89 degrees 16 minutes 35 seconds West 895.56 feet to Point of Beginning, also except commencing at Southwest corner of Section, thence East 97 feet, thence North 184 feet, thence West 97 feet, South 184 feet to Point of Beginning, also except commencing at a Point that is North 89 degrees 36 minutes 35 seconds East 166.67 feet from Southwest corner of Section, thence North 89 degrees 36 minutes 35 seconds East 229.56 feet, thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds West 379.50 feet, thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 35 seconds West 229.56 feet, thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East 379.50 feet to Point of Beginning. Also, premises situated in the Township of Almer, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan to Wit: Section 15, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, Commencing at Southwest corner of Section, thence East 97 feet, thence North 184 feet, thence West 97 feet, thence South 184 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: February 20, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Robert Primeau and Laura A. Primeau, Husband and Wife, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 25, 2005 and recorded May 27, 2005 in Liber 1040, Page 399, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: U.S. Bank, National Association, as trustee for J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. 2005-OPT1 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-OPT1, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and Seven Cents (\$106,325.07) including interest 9.875% 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, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on March 20, 2008.

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

Lot 29, Canterbury Woods Subdivision, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 5, Page 13 of Plats, Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as 4867 Farmington, Vassar MI 48768.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: FEBRUARY 18, 2008

U.S. Bank, National Association, as trustee for J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. 2005-OPT1 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-OPT1 Assignee of Mortgagee

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert E. Hildinger and Jessica A. Hildinger, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 9, 2004 and recorded on January 16, 2004 in Liber 974 on Page 490 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Washington Mutual Bank as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Two and 57/100 Dollars (\$35,852.57), including interest at 7% 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 March 20, 2008.

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

Lot 13, Block 2 of Wilmot and Walker Addition to the Village of Caro, According to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10A.

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: February 20, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Susan G. Keyser, a married woman, and Timothy M. Anuszkiewicz, Jr., a single man, original mortgagors, to Mortgage America, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 6, 1993 and recorded on October 18, 1993 in Liber 648 on Page 696, and assigned by said Mortgagee to KeyCorp Mortgage Inc. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Sixty and 03/100 Dollars (\$25,060.03), including interest at 7.37% 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 March 20, 2008.

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

Lot 27, Block 1 of Vanderbilt Subdivision, part of Government Lot 1 of Section 28, Town 14 North, Range 7 East, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 82, now being Page 328 and a parcel of land described as beginning at the North line of Vanderbilt Subdivision, thence running North 50 feet along the West line of Section 28; thence East 210 feet more or less to the County Dredge Cut; thence South along the West line of County Dredge Cut 86 feet more or less; thence Westerly along the North line of Vanderbilt Subdivision to the point of beginning. Also commencing on the East margin of Gager Road, Vanderbilt Subdivision, part of Lot 1, Section 28, Town 14 North, Range 7 East, 20 feet South of the Northeast corner of said road; thence South 30 feet along the East margin of said road; thence East 17.67 feet, thence North 10 degrees 42 minutes West 30.53 feet; thence West 12 feet to the point of beginning, except the North 15 feet.

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: February 20, 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 front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 20, 2008.

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

Part of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 27, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of Section 27, which is South 02 degrees 06 minutes 45 seconds East, 772.69 feet from the West one-quarter corner of Section 27; thence continuing along said West line South 02 degrees 06 minutes 45 seconds East 214.50 feet; thence

South 89 degrees 46 minutes 12 seconds East 198.00 feet; thence North 02 degrees 06 minutes 45 seconds West 214.50 feet; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 12 seconds West 198.00 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: February 27, 2008

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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 Charles M. Grignani, and Michelle Grignani, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Republic Bank, Mortgagee, dated September 9, 2003 and recorded on September 16, 2003 in Liber 954 on Page 160, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Sixty and 99/100 Dollars (\$162,660.99), including interest at 5.88% 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 March 20, 2008.

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

A parcel of Land in the Northeast 1/4 of section 30, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: To fix the point of beginning commence at the North 1/4 corner of section 30, thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, on the North line of said Section 162.50 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, on said North Section Line 162.50 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, perpendicular to said North Section Line, 470.00 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, parallel with said North Section Line, 162.50 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West perpendicular to North Section Line 470.00 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to highway use of the North 33 feet thereof.

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: February 20, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel J. Pudello and Dana J. Pudello, husband and wife, to America's MoneyLine, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 15, 2004 and recorded October 22, 2004 in Liber 1013, Page 129, and an Affidavit of Scrivener's Error was submitted for recording, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas formerly known as Banker's Trust Company, as Trustee and Custodian by: Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc., f/k/a Meritech Mortgage Services, Inc. as its attorney-in-fact by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Seven and 33/100 Dollars (\$136,757.33), including interest at 11.375% 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 front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 20, 2008.

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

Part of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 9, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Section 9 which is South 01 degrees 25 minutes 37 seconds East 990.00 feet from the East one-quarter corner of said Section; thence continuing along said East line South 1 degrees 25 minutes 37 seconds East, 594.00 feet; thence parallel with the East and West one-quarter of said Section South 89 degrees 16 minutes 50 seconds West, 561.00 feet; thence parallel with said East line North 01 degree 25 minutes 37 seconds West, 594.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 15 minutes 50 seconds East, 561.00 feet to said East line of Section 9 and the place 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: February 27, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Randolph L. Brown and Shawn Brown, husband and wife, to CitiMortgage Inc. successor by merger to CitiFinancial Mortgage Company Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 9, 2002 and recorded April 17, 2002 in Liber 874, Page 724, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Eight and 30/100 Dollars (\$72,748.30), including interest at 9.94% 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 MARCH 20, 2008.

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

The North half of the North half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 31, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, except beginning at the Southeast corner of the North half of the North half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 31; thence North 83 feet; thence West 300 feet; thence South 83 feet; thence East 300 feet 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: February 20, 2008

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John J Miller and Deborah A Miller, Husband and Wife, by John J Miller her attorney in fact, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 18, 2003 and recorded on August 6, 2003 in Liber 947 on Page 795 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Sixteen and 67/100 Dollars (\$142,016.67), 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 April 3, 2008.

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

Part of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 9, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, Kingston Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at the West quarter corner of Section 9; thence along the West line of Section 9, South 00 degrees 17 minutes 55 seconds East, 328.56 feet; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 28 seconds East, 1325.19 feet to the West North and South one-eighth line; thence along said North and South one-eighth line North 00 degrees 23 minutes 29 seconds West, 328.45 feet to the East and West quarter line of Section 9; thence along said East and West quarter line South 89 degrees 56 minutes 44 seconds West, 1324.65 feet 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: March 5, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC X (248) 593-1302
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File #191465FO1

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Clark M Haley and Kelly M. Haley, husband and wife, to Draper and Kramer Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 24, 2006 and recorded June 2, 2006 in Liber 1083, Page 1032, 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 One Hundred Five Thousand Two Hundred Seventeen and 46/100 Dollars (\$105,217.46), 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 MARCH 27, 2008.

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

Lot(s) 41 and 42, Block 1, Greenburg Village, according to the Plat thereof as Recorded in Liber 1, Page 45B, 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: February 27, 2008

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2-27-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Logan Stiles and Amanda Johnson, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc (MERS), Mortgagee, dated the 11th day of January, 2006 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 22nd day of March, 2006 in Liber 1074 of Tuscola County Records, page 1405, said Mortgage having been assigned to Wachovia Mortgage Corporation, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred Forty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty One & 21/100 (\$147,851.21), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of March, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described

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in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 8.05% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Fremont, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Part of the Northwest quarter of Section 29, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the North Section line located South 89 degrees 50 minutes 50 seconds East 495.00 feet from the Northwest corner of Section 29, thence along the North Section line South 89 degrees 50 minutes 50 seconds East 200.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 23 minutes 19 seconds West 736.58 feet; thence along the Northerly line of a railroad R.O.W. North 75 degrees 05 minutes 20 seconds West 206.60 feet; thence North 00 degrees 23 minutes 19 seconds East 683.96 feet to the point of beginning.

During the twelve (12) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: February 27, 2008

Wachovia Mortgage Corporation,
Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
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Troy, MI 48084
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Reginald L. Broadworth, an unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 23, 2006 and recorded April 3, 2006 in Liber 1075, Page 1392, and An Affidavit of Scrivener's Error was submitted for recording, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Six and 81/100 Dollars (\$128,846.81), including interest at 6.75% 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 front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 27, 2008.

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

Lots 10, 11 and 12, Lee Hill Subdivision, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Pages 38 and 39.

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: February 27, 2008

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Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Michael A. Jackson and Casey J. Jackson, husband and wife, of 2350 Kirk Road, Vassar, MI 48768, as Mortgagors, to Northstar Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, whose principal office is in Bad Axe, Michigan, as Mortgagee, dated March 20, 2006 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on March 21, 2006 in Liber 1074, pages 1116, et seq, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of One Hundred Ninety Seven Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Nine and 53/100 (\$197,599.53) Dollars and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

NOW THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the main entrance of the County County Building in the Village of Caro, and County of Tuscola, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., local time, in the forenoon of said day, and the premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest, legal costs, attorney's fees and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Part of the Southeast quarter of Section 18, Township 12 North, Range 8 East, Juniata Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; Commencing 938.62 feet South of the East quarter corner of said Section 18; thence South 279.12 feet; thence North 55°44' West 110.61 feet; thence West 105.78 feet; thence North 144.26 feet; thence East 283.62 feet to the point of beginning, except easements and rights of way of record. Commonly known as: 2350 South Kirk Road.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the period of redemption shall be six (6) months from the date of sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240.

Dated: March 7, 2008

NORTHSTAR BANK
Mortgagee

RICHARD L. TROWHILL
Attorney at Law
175 Thompson Rd.
Bad Axe, MI 48413
(989) 269-6272

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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 George R. Whiting, unmarried, original mortgagor, to Money Menders Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 25, 1999 and recorded on September 7, 1999 in Liber 781 on Page 528, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Mortgage Company, an Ohio Corporation as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Twelve and 18/100 Dollars (\$52,512.18), including interest at 7.875% 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 AM, on April 3, 2008.

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

Parcel B-2 - part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 6, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, described as: beginning South 00 degrees 07 minutes 47 seconds West, (assumed bearing) 880.00 feet along the East Section line from the East 1/4 corner of said Section; thence continuing along said East Section line, South 00 degrees 07 minutes 47 seconds West, 330.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 48 minutes 54 seconds West, 661.13 feet; thence North 00 degrees 13 minutes 51 seconds East 330.56 feet; thence South 88 degrees 45 minutes 52 seconds East 660.55 feet to the Place 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: March 5, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard T. Wiecezorek, spouse of Deborah S. Wiecezorek, original mortgagors, to Union Federal Bank of Indianapolis, Mortgagee, dated August 29, 2005 and recorded on September 23, 2005 in Liber 1055 on Page 185 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Nine and 82/100 Dollars (\$53,979.82), including interest at 8.75% 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 April 10, 2008.

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

Part of the Northeast fractional 1/4 of Section 5, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 5; thence along the North line of said Section 5; North 89 degrees 24 minutes 29 seconds East, 268.44 feet; thence South 00 degrees 17 minutes 28 seconds East, 1641.16 feet to the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 5; thence along said East and West 1/4 line North 89 degrees 45 minutes 13 seconds West, 208.44 feet to the interior 1/4 corner of said Section 5; thence along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 5; North 00 degrees 17 minutes 28 seconds West, 1637.24 feet 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: February 20, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Carolyn West, a married woman, Maxine M. Wyman, married, and Rodney West, her husband, Mortgagors, to Long Beach Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated the 29th day of August, 2002 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 27th day of September, 2002 in Liber 895 of Tuscola County Records, page 1196, said Mortgage having been assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-5 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred Thirty Four Thousand Four Hundred Fifty One & 94/100 (\$134,451.94), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of April, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 12.12500% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the pre-

mises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Indianfields, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

The West 20 acres of the East 30 acres of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 12, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, except the Detroit, Bay City and Western Railroad right of way.

During the twelve (12) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 3/12/2008

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-5 Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Attorney for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-5
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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 Heather L. Cooper, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 17, 2005 and recorded on August 19, 2005 in Liber 1050 on Page 1216, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Forty-Nine and 18/100 Dollars (\$57,149.18), 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 AM, on March 20, 2008.

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

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 1, Town 13 North, Range 8 East; thence South 00 degrees 27 minutes West 804 feet along the West line to the point of beginning of this description; running thence East 407 feet; thence South 00 degrees 27 minutes West 222 feet; thence West 407 feet; thence North 00 degrees 27 minutes East 222 feet along the West line of said Section 1 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: February 20, 2008

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2-20-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by WILLIAM L. DARBY and MARCHAN DARBY, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 25, 2006 and recorded on November 16, 2006, in Liber 1102, on Page 1003, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and Ninety-Seven Cents (\$97,474.97), including interest at 8.75% 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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 27, 2008.

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

LOT 210 AND THE NORTH 5 FEET OF LOT 211 SHAY LAKE SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1, PAGE 98 OF PLATS, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 22, 2008

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns
Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
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2-27-4

AND 09/100THS (\$124,312.09) DOLLARS including interest calculated at the rate of (7%) percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on MAY 1, 2008, AT 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

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Dated: 3-10-08

KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P 28477)
ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE
24525 Harper Avenue, Ste. 2
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080
(586) 777-0770

3-12-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark S. Bowman and Tammy S. Bowman, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 30, 2006 and recorded December 19, 2006 in Liber 1105, Page 1463, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by IndyMac Bank, F.S.B. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Six and 02/100 Dollars (\$100,396.02), 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 front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 20, 2008.

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

Lot 3 and the North 12 feet of Lot 4, Block 2, Plat of Centerville (Now Caro) as Recorded in Liber 1 on Page 56, now being Page 59A of Plats.

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.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tammy M. Gugel and Paul L. Gugel, wife and husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 7, 2004 and recorded May 21, 2004 in Liber 993, Page 768, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred and 01/100 Dollars (\$153,095.01), including interest at 12% 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 APRIL 10, 2008.

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

Lot 2 of Williamsburg Estates, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 3, Page 45, 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: March 12, 2008

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 285.3426

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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 Scott M. Jones and Tracee Jones, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Oxford Bank Mortgage Services, LLC, Mortgagee, dated June 25, 2003 and recorded on October 14, 2003 in Liber 959

on Page 1238, and modified by Affidavit or Order received by and recorded, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thousand Seven Hundred Ten and 62/100 Dollars (\$100,710.62), including interest at 5.25% 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 AM, on April 10, 2008.

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

PARCEL D: A parcel of land in the Northwest fractional 1/4 of fractional Section 5, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North line of said fractional Section 5 which is 940.99 feet, North 89 degrees 24 minutes 29 seconds East, from the Northwest corner of said Section; thence continuing North 89 degrees 24 minutes 29 seconds East, on said North Section line, 200.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 50 seconds East, parallel with the West line of said Section, 446.01 feet; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes 29 seconds West, parallel with the North Section line, 200.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 50 seconds West, parallel with said West Section line, 446.01 feet to 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: March 12, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
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3-12-4

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 APRIL 10, 2008.

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

Lot 6, Fred-Char Subdivision, as per Plat thereof recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 27 through 28 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: March 12, 2008

Orlans Associates, P.C.
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File No. 207.9935

3-12-4

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF TUSCOLA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 08-32625-DE

Estate of AMELIA LYDIA GETTEL, a/k/a LYDIA A. GETTEL, deceased
Date of Birth: 10/14/1920

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, AMELIA LYDIA GETTEL, a/k/a LYDIA A. GETTEL, deceased, who lived at 1601 W. Gifford Road, Caro, Michigan 48723, died 10/05/2007.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to V. RICHARD GETTEL, named personal representative, c/o Duane E. Burgess, or to both the probate court at 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan 48723 and the named/ proposed personal representative, c/o his attorney Duane E. Burgess, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: March 4, 2008

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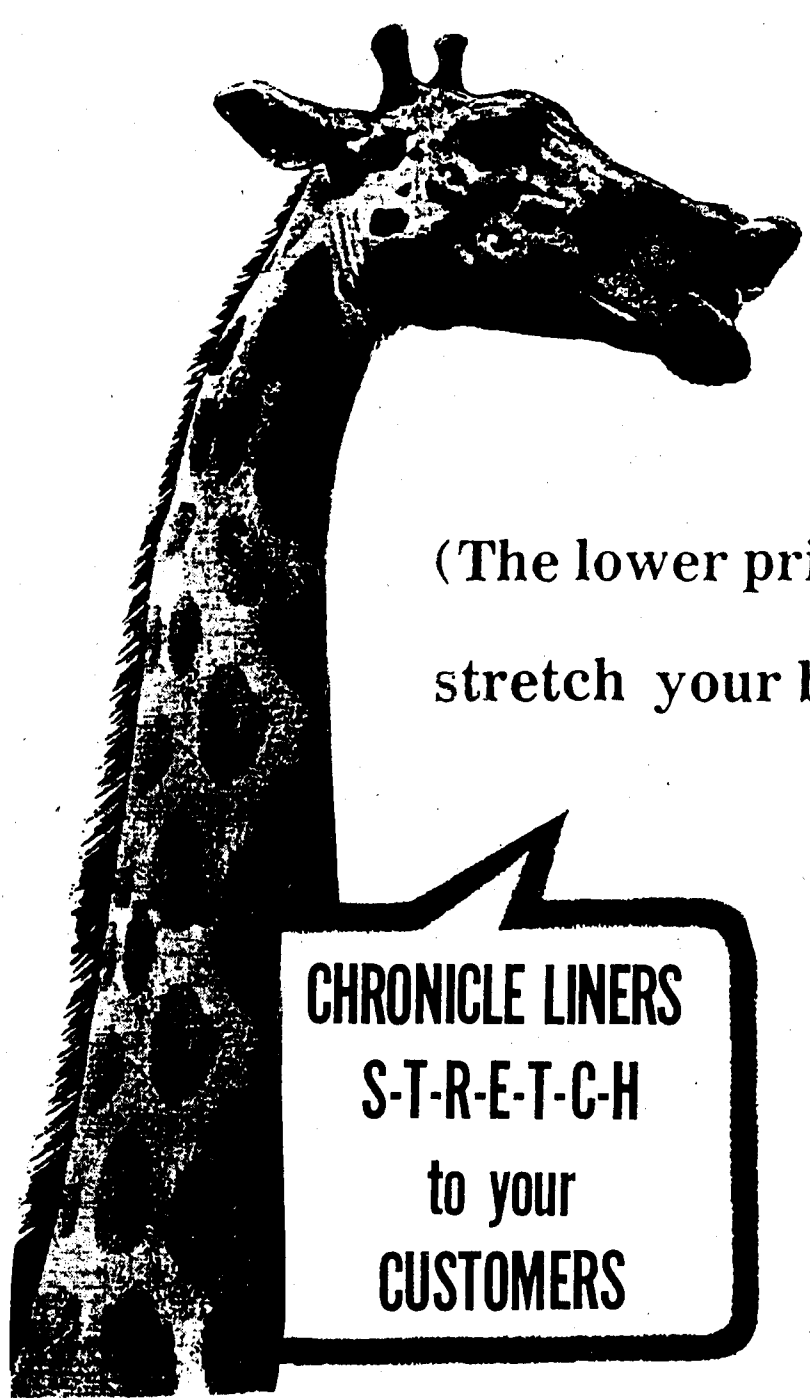
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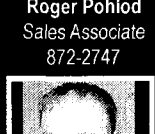
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Fraser dinners come to an end

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ner money, and that's a free-will offering," Stine noted.

A LITTLE HISTORY

Marge Battel, whose family has played an integral role in the Fraser Presbyterian Church's history, wrote a brief history of the ladies aid about 10 years ago. She recalled the fore-runner of the women's group was the annual Thanksgiving dinner started back in the mid-1920s.

"The members of the church planned a holiday meal they could enjoy together, charging a nominal sum which would supplement the church finances," she said.

"These first dinners were held in the building called the Gleaner's Hall just south of the church. The Gleaner's Hall is the site of the Mirle Winter's home, next to the old gas station. Most of the food was prepared at home, but some was cooked on a kerosene stove and some on Mrs. John McCallum's wood range and carried across the road to the meal site.

"It was not long until some Cass City residents heard about the delicious meals and asked if they could attend. The reputation of those first church cooks soon spread so that there were almost as many guests as kitchen attendants," Battel wrote.

In the late 20s, the pastor at the time, the Rev. Roberts, announced that the ladies of the church would be meeting with his wife, who proposed organization of a ladies aid society.

"About 15 ladies met at the home of Lucy McEachern. They decided to have a meal, devotional period and quilting at their gatherings to be held in the homes of the members each month," Battel said. "Three ladies

would contribute the meal and the hostess would have a quilt ready to be quilted. Ten cents was the contribution for the meal, and the hostess paid a dollar to have her quilt stitched. The money was earmarked for the church treasury."

Soon, the women assumed the cost of coal for the church's new furnace. They pledged to pay the heating bills then, and continued to do so until a year or so ago, according to Stine, who said the ladies aid has contributed to many out-of-state missions. "Locally, it's Bay Shore Camp, Youth for Christ and the ministry for the jail (Forgotten Man Ministries)," she noted.

The ladies aid has helped fund many beautification projects at the church. "Whatever came up, our ladies aid tried to pay for it," Seeger said.

According to Battel, the meetings were moved to the church dining room in the mid-1940s.

"Meetings were held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Sometimes the men of the church would come in at noon for the meal," Battel recalled. "One day one of the 'regulars' invited our faithful rural mail carrier, Guy Landon, to dinner. After that, Guy would always schedule his deliveries so that he would be on our corner at noon on 'aid day'.

"A few months later, Guy asked if his wife could bring a dozen ladies from her Cass City Art Club. That started our dinner patronage. Our attendance for meals grew. Rather than 3 ladies putting on the meal, we had a planned potluck, accepting help from any and all who volunteered," Battel said.

"Now some of the items on our menu are purchased, but much of the meal is donated by willing volunteers. It would be impossible to estimate how many pies have passed through the

kitchen door and on to the dining tables.

"Quilting, for so many years, has provided recreation and fellowship for our ladies and income for our projects. Custom quilting, assumed when our membership was larger, has been a vital part of our ministry." In addition, the ladies aid has earned money by selling dishcloths, spices, kitchen knives and greeting cards.

TIMES CHANGE

Seeger can recall a time when there was never an unfamiliar face at ladies aid dinners.

"They were wonderful people. They were all neighbors that lived around here. When we started, the men - the husbands - were the only ones that came because we were here quilting. And then, it just grew. It just grew by itself," she said, adding, "In the later years, it got to be more of a gathering of senior citizens."

"In recent years, many men and friends of the church have offered donations of food and time," noted Battel.

"It's been a highlight of our lives. It's been just a wonderful time, friendly people," Seeger said.

"The way I see these dinners - not only is it wonderful food, but it's also an outlet of fellowship, especially for the seniors. They enjoy meeting with each other and visiting," commented the Rev. Dave Blackburn, who serves as pastor of both the Fraser church and the First Presbyterian Church in Cass City.

"You just can't beat the meal. This is by far the best. And it's camaraderie - you get to know the people who come," commented Walter McIntire, who has been making the 12-mile trek from his home for the meals at the Fraser Presbyterian Church for 7 or 8 years. "A lot of these people come 20, 25 miles."

"It's good, home-cooked food, and these people put a lot of time and effort into it," said David Parrish, another Cass City area resident who has enjoyed the dinners for 18 years or so.

"Such nice people, fellowship, the food is always delicious, and the setting of a country church with the stained glass windows," added Roger Parrish, Cass City.

Although the dinners have come to an end, the church, which boasts a membership in the low 40s, will continue with its mission to touch those in the community and beyond, according to Brown. "It's a small membership, but with a big mission," she said.

Marge Battel agreed. "There are no little churches in the kingdom of God," she said. "There is no such thing as a small church when it is a church of Jesus Christ."

Large or small, folks like McIntire are going to miss the monthly meals - served at noon and 12:30 in recent years - in the little country church on M-53.

"Good food - too bad it's the last one," he lamented as he walked out of the church last Wednesday. "I guess everything comes to an end, but it makes you feel sad, alright."

Easter Egg Hunt slated for March 22

Cass City will host an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 22, at 1 p.m. at the playscape next to Campbell Elementary School.

Participants will be divided into age groups to search for hidden eggs, which may be turned in for special prizes. Children may bring an Easter basket in which to place their eggs, or sacks will be provided. The Easter Bunny will make an appearance and provide an opportunity for participants to have their pictures taken on his lap. There will be no charge.

This activity is sponsored by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce and several local parent volunteers.



THE FRASER Presbyterian Church has hosted community dinners for decades, a tradition that came to an end last Wednesday.



ROBERTA STINE, (from left), Judy Brown and Theda Seeger visit before serving the final dinner at Fraser Presbyterian Church last week. Stine, 86, and Seeger, 89, are among the veteran members of the church's ladies aid.

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