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Foundation giving tops \$1 million in Tuscola

Tuscola County Community Foundation officials were scheduled to host their annual spring awards presentation Tuesday at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro, where they were slated to dish out more than \$182,000 in grant awards and scholarships.

Community foundation Executive

Director Ken Micklash said the presentation marked a milestone of sorts, with the combined awards now topping \$1 million since the foundation was established about 10 years ago.

And although financial times are tough in Michigan, the foundation continues to enjoy growth.

Officials reported an average investment growth of about 12 percent in 2006 and had hoped to average double digits again last year. That didn't happen, but Micklash said investment growth still averaged 7 percent. "We were pleased with that," he added. "The year started out weak, but things are turning around again."

Micklash, who predicted the foundation's assets will top \$7 million this year, noted the number of funds entrusted to the organization has also grown to 53 currently. "We added 12 last year. This year, I think we've added 3, and the size of one was over a half-million (dollars)," he said.

In all, foundation officials this week were scheduled to distribute \$101,235 from the Janks Fund, Andrews Fund, Future Youth Involvement (FYI) Fund, Founders Fund and the Greater Millington Area Fund to representatives of various organizations throughout the county. Another \$81,475 in scholarships were awarded to students from the county's schools from funds maintained by the foundation.

The following is a list of the spring 2008 grant and scholarship recipients:

Janks (William A. and Ruth) Fund - Tuscola County Green Thumb Master Gardeners, Secret Gardens renovations (\$3,000); village of Kingston, basketball court renovations (\$5,000); village of Akron, defibrillator purchase (\$1,664); Caro Little League, water system repairs (\$750); Caro Middle School Library, computer and equipment purchase (\$2,000); Tuscola County Dive Rescue Team, trailer and safety equipment purchase (\$5,375); the Fowler Center, support for the equestrian program for the handicapped (\$3,650); Caro Community Hospital, rehabilitation PT equipment purchase (\$6,000); Tuscola Technology Center - Rainbow Center, playground equipment purchase and fencing (\$5,000); Tuscola County Fair

Association, Merchant Building and Heritage Hall roof replacements (\$10,000); village of Cass City - Tom Thumb Singers (\$850); Novesta Church of Christ, Fifth Quarter Party equipment purchases (\$2,500); and Theron Atwood Sr. American Legion Post 7 (\$4,045).

Andrews (Claude D. and Etta H.) Fund - Tuscola County Green Thumb Master Gardeners, Secret Garden renovations (\$1,000); village of Kingston, community park renovations (\$3,000); Caro Middle School Library, purchase resources and computer equipment (\$2,000); McComb Elementary School, Tiger Paws PTO, equipment purchases (\$2,000); Tuscola Technology Center - Rainbow Center, equipment and fencing (\$1,000); Mayville Elementary Parent/Teachers, purchase playground equipment and ground cover (\$2,000); and Caro Boys' Basketball Club, equipment/supplies purchases (\$4,600).

Future Youth Involvement - village of Kingston, challenge grant to renovate park area/basketball courts (\$10,000); Novesta Church of Christ, Fifth Quarter parties (\$2,500); Cass City High School, courtyard greenhouse beautification (\$2,950); Tuscola Transition Network, tenth grade student transition conference (\$1,620); Millington High School, technology upgrades (\$9,520); and village of Reese, park improvements (\$1,022).

Future Youth Involvement Mini-Grants - Vassar High School, science reading program (\$200); Reese High School, outdoor earth program (\$500); and Caro High School (\$289).

Founders Fund - Cass City Laymen's Club, music program in the village (\$900), and Mayville Elementary Parents/Teachers (\$500).

Greater Millington Area Fund - Millington Community Center repairs (\$3,500).

James Plain Sports Foundation Fund - 2 grant awards, each for \$300.

Millington Scout Fund - Millington Scouting Program support (\$1,700). The scholarship awards, meanwhile,

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ALWAYS WITH a smile on his face, Dale Bullock puts mail in a mailbox. He enjoys his job because he gets to interact with many different people. He is well known in the area and said he has made many friends through this job.

A day in the life of...

Bullock still enjoys postal job

by Emily Davis
Staff Writer

Editor's note: The following is another installment in a series of stories entitled "A day in the life of..."

The stories, written by Chronicle summer intern Emily Davis, will appear regularly this summer and focus on a variety of professionals in the community, from a local contractor to a daycare provider to a veterinarian. The goal of the series is to share with our readers some insight into what it takes to tackle various jobs and why those interviewed decided on their chosen fields.

Being a postal carrier is not just about putting mail in peoples' boxes.

Dale Bullock said his favorite part of being a postal carrier is seeing the people every day. "I have a lot of friends in this town," he said. "People are usually really happy to see me. Some not so much when I bring their bills!"

Bullock was born and raised in Cass City and currently lives in Sandusky. He is starting his thirty-third year as a postal carrier, but it's actually his thirty-first. "I was in the military and service time counts toward seniority.

So actually this is my thirty-first year," Bullock said.

About 31 years ago, Bullock found out the postal carrier exam would be offered in the area so he decided to take it. After taking the exam, he got placed on a list and waited for an opportunity to work. After a year and a half, he was hired.

Bullock walks his route instead of driving it, even in bad weather. "The most challenging part is walking in the winter. There's snow and ice and slippery steps. I've fallen many times over the years. That's probably the worst and most tiring part," he said. Even though the winter months can make his job a real challenge, he said it's the rain that is his least favorite weather to deal with. "Winter is bad, but I hate walking in the rain. You can put on extra clothes in the winter, but when it rains, you get wet and cold and stay wet and cold all day."

With bad weather, it is important to take precautions. "If there's thunderstorms, I'm always concerned about walking under trees. We try to be cautious and wait it out if it looks like it will be a short storm. But you can't waste too much time," he said. Now the main weather Bullock will have to deal with is heat. It's nice to be in a small town because he doesn't

feel uncomfortable asking someone for water if he runs out, he said. The most important thing to remember when it's hot is to pace yourself, according to Bullock.

Besides just coping with the varying Michigan weather, Bullock has dealt with some interesting animals. "I once had an encounter with a skunk," he said. "I was sorting mail and I heard someone yell, 'Don't go any farther.' I looked up and there was a skunk right in front of me. It had fallen into a pool and it was so waterlogged it didn't smell. It then just kind of staggered off." The skunk was the most unusual situation Bullock could recall, but he did say he has had a few unpleasant experiences with some dogs. "I've never been seriously injured, but I have been bitten probably 3 times in my 31 years. One time I didn't know a dog was behind me and I backed up and stepped on his paw. He bit me in the leg, but I guess it was kind of retaliation." To protect himself in situations like these, Bullock usually carries mace, though he said he has only used it a couple of times and only on animals.

When Bullock is on his normal route, which usually has him walking about 10 miles in an 8-hour day, he is frequently stopped for directions. "Almost daily I'm giving out directions. A lot of people from out of town come in and are looking for the hospital or the retirement home. We (postal carriers) get around the town and know where those places are," he said.

But there is more to Bullock's job than meets the eye. "I don't do much

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SUE WELCH OF Decker looks over a scrapbook filled with photos and news clippings telling the story of the Klothes Kloset Plus, which she founded in Kansas in an effort to freely accept and freely distribute clothing, furniture and household items to needy families. Now, Welch is searching for donated space to open a similar operation in the Cass City area.

Spare some space?

Decker woman seeking home for group that accepts donations, gives to needy

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Hey, buddy, can you spare a room? A building?

It might seem like an odd question, but Decker area resident Sue Welch couldn't be more serious in her search for donated space, preferably in the Cass City area, in which to operate her Klothes Kloset Plus, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing clothing and other necessities to needy families.

"The Klothes Kloset Plus takes in donations from the community, then in a thrift shop setting we give back to the community free of charge," explained Welch, an Almont native who founded the organization while living in Wichita, Kan., from 1984 through 2000. "We also do a small food pantry so that when someone asks for a list of local food banks, we provide them with food for an evening

meal and something for breakfast until they can get to a larger bank.

"During the year we also keep out good, quality, gently used books and toys to be used for our 'Christmas Closet' for families who can't qualify for other help."

Welch most recently operated a Klothes Kloset Plus in Lapeer County for 3 years, where volunteers distributed clothes as well as donated furniture and household items.

"It started in a small horse barn without heat, electricity or running water," she recalled. "Then, it moved to a building owned by Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church. On Dec. 1, we left that property because the church needed the space for their new youth ministry."

"During our 3 years, we helped over 7,000 people a year, most of them growing children who needed good, quality clothing for school."

Welch's drive to help others stems

largely from her own personal experiences. She and husband Dan are longtime foster parents who have 9 adopted children of their own, the youngest now 19. The couple left Michigan in 1984 and headed for Kansas in hopes of finding employment.

Living in an urban area and struggling financially with a large family led Welch to found the Klothes Kloset Plus in 1996. From the start it was a family affair.

"All my kids have done this. They've taken in donations, they've sorted - you name it, they've done it," she said. "It actually started in our livingroom. Some neighborhood kids needed some things," Welch added, noting she was very familiar with garage sales and found them very helpful when it came to providing clothing for her own children.

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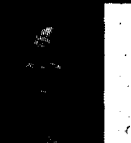







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Sweet Angus donates heifer to DeLong scholarship

Lee Sweet, owner of Sweet Angus, is having a dispersal sale of his entire Angus herd June 21, at 1 p.m. at the Marlette Livestock Pavilion in Marlette.

Sweet has donated all of the proceeds from his top yearling heifer, Sweet Design Frontier 703, to the Paul DeLong Memorial Scholarship of the Thumb Jackpot Educational Program and the Junior Scholarship Program of the Michigan Angus Auxiliary.

Sweet Design Frontier 703 is a registered Angus heifer born March 5, 2007. The Paul DeLong Memorial Scholarship is part of the Thumb Jackpot Educational Program. Scholarships are given annually to high school seniors participating in the Thumb Jackpot Educational Programs.

Sweet has been an avid supporter of youth educational programs related to the beef project and continues to be a valuable resource to youth throughout the Thumb area and state.

Questions regarding the sale should be directed to Bill Sheridan, auctioneer, at (517) 676-9800. If you have questions regarding the heifer donation, contact Doug Meiburg at (810) 688-2222 or Jeannine Grobbel, district livestock extension educator, at (989) 269-9949 (ext. 612) or by email at grobbelj@msu.edu.



Andres and Michelle Wells

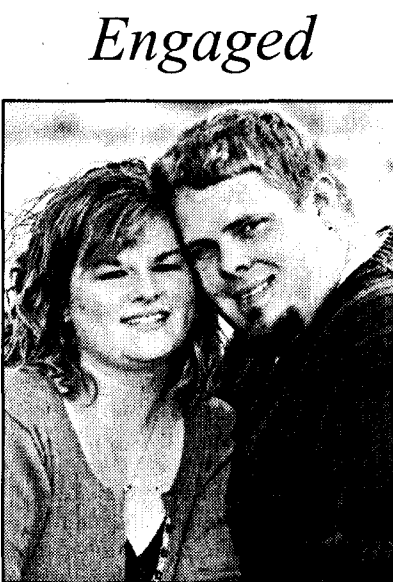
Michelle Derfiny, Andres Wells wed in Hawaii

Michelle Patrice Derfiny married Andres Ricardo Wells April 22, 2008 in a private ceremony on the island of Hawaii. A luau-themed reception was held May 17 at Heritage Glen Golf Club near Paw Paw.

The bride is the daughter of Linda and Dan Derfiny of Cass City. She is a graduate of Cass City High School and Western Michigan University. She is a corrections officer for the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department.

The groom is the son of Elizabeth and Warren Wells of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. He is a graduate of Portage Central High School and WMU. He is a police officer and firefighter with the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety.

The couple resides in the Kalamazoo area.



Natasha Hill and Joshua Nolan

Cliff and Chris Pawlowski of Harbor Beach announce the engagement of their daughter, Natasha Hill, to Joshua Nolan, son of Henry Nolan, and Denise and Tim Guinther of Cass City.

Natasha is a 2006 graduate of Harbor Beach High School, and is currently attending Baker College for early childhood education.

Joshua is a 2005 graduate of Cass City High School, and is currently working at Huron Castings.

An Aug. 16, 2008 wedding is being planned.

Area diabetic support group set to meet

Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe will host its monthly adult diabetic support group Thursday, June 19. Participants will learn how to make better choices when eating out.

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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Licking around on my desk for eons is a photograph of the students at Cedar Run School. It was evidently sent by William J. Ritter, 5678 Cathro Road, Alpena, according to an address sticker stuck to the rear of the photo. The picture is dated May 4, 1932 and anyone with an identified print is invited to let us copy the names and we will publish the class standing in front of the school. There are 22 males and 18 females in the photo. Ten of the boys are dressed right in style, they are wearing bib overalls.

Don't look for an immediate return of Roger Pond's column, his wife, Connie, reports. "We have moved him to a hospital closer to home....he is fully ambulatory, but that isn't necessarily good when you want to go home. Speech is still "word salad" which would make for an interesting column....he can read anything, but doesn't know what it means. His column is definitely suspended and I do apologize for any inconvenience. Thanks, Connie."

There's a little less activity in town and at the park much of this week. Seventeen boys are spending Monday through Thursday at a football camp at Olivet College.

A basketball camp for both boys and girls up to and including 8th grade, previously announced, will be held June 23-26 in Cass City.

Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, June 12

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

Summer Reading Program Story Time, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Hot Dog Roast, 4-7 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

Friday, June 13

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

Sunday, June 15

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

Monday, June 16

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyl. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.

Children's Movie, "Ratatouille," 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Historical Society meeting, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Tuesday, June 17

Thumb Area Parkinson's Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., Northwood Meadows.

Heartland Hospice Grief Group Lunch, 1 p.m., Gilligan's. For more information, contact Laura Johannes at 1-877-486-6671.

Wednesday, June 18

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

Township candidates file to run

There will be no shortage of candidates and issues at the township level come election time in Tuscola County.

All of the seats are for 4 years. The primary election is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 5, and the general election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 4.

The following is a list of candidates planning to run for township offices in the Cass City area:

•**Elkland Township** - Daniel J. Erla, Republican, supervisor; Ed LaBelle, Republican, clerk; Dale J. McIntosh, Republican, treasurer; Cynthia Kruse and Terry Muntz, both Republicans,

trustee.

•**Ellington Township** - Duane D. Lockwood, Republican, supervisor; Frederick J. Bardwell, Republican, clerk; Diane K. Wilder, Republican, treasurer; Larry A. Finkbeiner, Republican, Mark R. McGarry, Republican, Patrick Price, Democrat, and Brent Robinson, Democrat, trustee.

In addition, Ellington Township officials have placed a pair of millage questions on the ballot, including 3 mills for 10 years for road improvements. If approved, the tax would generate about \$102,800 in the first year. The second proposal is for up

to .50 of a mill for fire protection for 5 years, which would raise \$17,200 the first year.

•**Elmwood Township** - Chris Graff, Republican, supervisor; Amy Lowman, Republican, clerk; Nicholas Bliss, Republican, treasurer; Tracey Moore, Republican, and Joan A. Sattelberg, Republican, trustee.

•**Kingston Township** - William "Jesse" Zimba, Democrat, supervisor; Carrie Gilley, Democrat, clerk; Mary Lou Wolak, Democrat, treasurer; Gary S. King, Republican, and Frances J. Lis, Democrat, trustees.

•**Koylton Township** - Albert Ruggles, Republican, supervisor; James R. Borek, Republican, clerk; Louis Hasse, Republican, and Faye Stoll, Republican, treasurer; Douglas R. Kramer, Republican, and Rex W. Vroman, Republican, trustee.

Township officials are requesting a tax of 2 mills for 4 years for road main-

tenance. The levy would raise roughly \$84,000 in the first year.

•**Novesta Township** - Dale M. Churchill, supervisor; Joann M. Tauber, Democrat, clerk; Antoinette Stachura, Republican, and Ralph A. Zinnecker, Democrat, treasurer; Ronald Patera, Democrat, and Marlene A. Sieradzki, Democrat, trustee.

In addition, Novesta Township voters will decide a proposed renewal of one mill for 4 years for road maintenance. If approved, the tax would generate about \$33,536 in the first year.

•**Wells Township** - Melvin L. Witkovsky, Democrat, supervisor; Karen Varney, Democrat, clerk; Ronda K. Benjamin, Republican, treasurer; James Kratz, Republican, Rex Fritz, Democrat, and Richard E. Witkovsky, Democrat, trustee.

Crash claims life of woman Sunday

A Frankenmuth woman died in a traffic crash Sunday morning in Fairgrove Township, according to troopers at the Michigan State Police post in Caro.

Troopers were dispatched to the intersection of Gilford and Hinson roads at about 6:58 a.m.

Reports state the victim, Malissa Marion Mercer, 21, was traveling northbound on Hinson Road, ran the stop sign at Gilford Road and was struck in the driver's side door by an eastbound vehicle driven by Misty

M. McMann, 21, of Bay City. Both vehicles came to rest at the northeast corner of the intersection.

Mercer was pronounced dead at the scene. McMann was transported to Bay Medical Center by MMR personnel. Her injuries were not believed to be serious.

Troopers said both drivers were wearing seatbelts, and air bags deployed in both vehicles.

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department and Fairgrove Fire Department assisted at the scene.

The Haire Net

Solution offers some incentive



The Cass City Rotary and other sponsoring groups have housed foreign exchange students who spend a year living, working and playing as a "family" member of various hosts in the community.

You'll find them becoming members of various social, educational and athletic groups at the high schools.

Without exception, the students that visit are in the junior or senior classes of their schools. Also without exception, the senior classes they take in Cass City, or the Thumb, are merely a review of classes completed in school at home.

I have never interviewed a student who feels that schools in the United States are harder than schools in their native country.

From the get-go, students I've talked to have a system that has 2 levels. One with adequate grades is placed in a college prep course and others are in courses aimed at providing skills needed for jobs.

Exchange students are picked for their achievements and are not average. Most of them come from well-to-do families.

I couldn't help but compare their systems with ours when a headline blared across a page in Friday's Detroit News, "Schools fight tough classes".

Under the new policy started with this year's freshmen, Michigan students must pass a full slate of college prep English, science, social studies

and math classes, including algebra I and algebra II, to earn a diploma.

Foes of the newly adopted curriculum claim that the new requirements could mean some children leaving school after 4 years without a diploma. That, they add, condemns a student to a life of poverty if they can't handle one of the new requirements.

It seems to me that the rest of the industrialized world has a better system. Why force a student to study subjects that they will not be able to use in the "real world"?

For years before the advent of the computer, store owners' plaintive plea was for the school to graduate students that could make change due after a sale.

Backers of the new program say that the math courses are essential because the employers want it.

Instead of denying students a diploma if they fail any of the new requirements, State Rep. Joel Sheltrown, D-West Branch has introduced a bill to grant dual diplomas.

You can find numerous flaws in this solution, but isn't it better than removing any incentive at all to stay in school?

4 renewals on ballot

Tuscola County officials are hoping residents will be as generous as they have been in the past when they go to the polls in August to decide 4 millage questions - all renewals - to fund various services in the county.

Tuscola County Controller/Administrator Mike Hoagland said the requests include .25 of a mill to continue funding operational costs and equipment at the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility in Caro.

The request, if approved, would remain in effect from 2009 through 2018 and generate an estimated \$349,000 in the first year.

Voters will also be asked to renew .9657 of a mill for the years 2008

through 2015 for use by the Tuscola County Road Commission along with villages and cities for construction, repair and maintenance of primary county roads and major streets. The tax would raise \$1,347,621 in the first year.

Another .4807 of a mill is being requested for renewal for county bridge and street improvements. If approved, the millage would be in effect from 2008 through 2015 and raise roughly \$671,000 in the first year.

Finally, county officials are requesting renewal of .15 of a mill from 2009 through 2016 for recycling services. The tax would generate about \$209,000 in the first year.

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5-Day Local Forecast	In-Depth Local Forecast	Upcoming Moon Phases
Wednesday Mostly Sunny High: 75 Low: 49	Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 75°, humidity of 63% and an overnight low of 49°. The record high temperature for today is 91° set in 1949. The record low is 36° set in 1980.	Full 6/18, Last 6/26, New 7/2, First 7/9
Thursday Mostly Sunny High: 82 Low: 65	Thursday, skies will remain mostly sunny with a high temperature of 82°, humidity of 57% and an overnight low of 65°.	Sunrise/Sunset Times Sunrise today 5:51 a.m. Sunset tonight 9:15 p.m.
Friday Mostly Cloudy High: 81 Low: 58		
Saturday Mostly Cloudy High: 79 Low: 56		
Sunday Partly Cloudy High: 80 Low: 59		

Last Week's Local Almanac					
Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Monday	82	45	72/49	0.00"	0.00"
Tuesday	63	52	72/50	0.00"	0.65"
Wednesday	68	55	73/50	0.00"	0.65"
Thursday	79	61	73/50	0.00"	69.0°
Friday	90	63	73/51	0.00"	61.6°
Saturday	86	72	73/51	0.00"	+7.4°
Sunday	84	66	74/51	0.00"	

Data as reported from Bad Axe, Michigan
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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:

•James R. Woodley Jr., 24, Mayville, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, Nov. 17 in Mayville. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on 60 months probation and ordered to complete 90 days of residential treatment and pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,820.

•Terrance A. McGrew, 21, Inkster, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to furnish contraband to a prisoner and possession of marijuana Feb. 23 in Indianfields Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Allan L. Stephen, 32, Millington, pleaded guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond March 10 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$50,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Keith A. Benjamin, 30, an inmate at the Michigan Department of Corrections Tuscola Residential Reentry Program in Caro, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, and unlawfully driving away an automobile March 30 in Indianfields and Juniata townships. Benjamin, who was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions), was originally charged with prison escape and unlawfully driving away an automobile.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$500,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Ronald J. Carter, 41, Vassar, pleaded no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon Nov. 22 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$15,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Benjamin A. Barron Jr., 26, Saginaw, was sentenced to 270 days in jail, with work release, and 60 months probation for his pleas of no contest to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, and larceny in a building May 28, 2007, in Denmark Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$2,380 in costs and fines. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

•Daniel K. Keltner, 50, Silverwood, was sentenced to 270 days in jail and 24 months probation for his plea of no contest to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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



THOMAS LEVALLEY RAISES the flag on the finished product of his Eagle Scout project. Joe Rule (left) and Tommy Brinkman help.

LeValley reaching for scouting's highest rank

by Emily Davis
Staff Writer

Scouting has been something Thomas LeValley has known almost all of his life.

LeValley, the son of Richard and Paula LeValley, joined Cub Scouts when he was in first grade. Now, at age 15, LeValley has almost reached the elite level of an Eagle Scout.

LeValley finished his Eagle Scout project on April 26, appropriately on opening day of little league season. His project was to refurbish the flagpole at the little league fields. LeValley will also be adding a light to the pole.

"Jim Baker and Matt Priesskorn gave me the idea and we thought it would make the park look better," LeValley said. He also said he enjoys playing baseball, so the project was a good fit for him.

Doing a project like this can positively affect the area. But it also positively affected LeValley.

"We're very proud of him for his organization. People in the community will come up and say what a good job he's done and what a nice young man he is. We're happy he's showing good community service," Paula LeValley said of her son.

LeValley has learned a lot through scouting and his Eagle Scout project. "You learn to do stuff, like climbing, repelling, woodworking...practical stuff," he said. While LeValley has enjoyed his time in scouting, he said he would only recommend it to others if they really wanted to do it. "If you're in it, you're going to learn something from it. If you want to be

in it, you have to want to learn."

Working on a large project like this also helped LeValley with planning skills. He had to assess the problems with the flagpole, come up with solutions and create a list of supplies that he would need. He then had to raise the money and get donations to help him make his project a reality. LeValley said he is unsure exactly how much money the project would have cost because some equipment was donated to be used. However, he and his mother estimated the total cost would have been around \$1,200 or \$1,300.

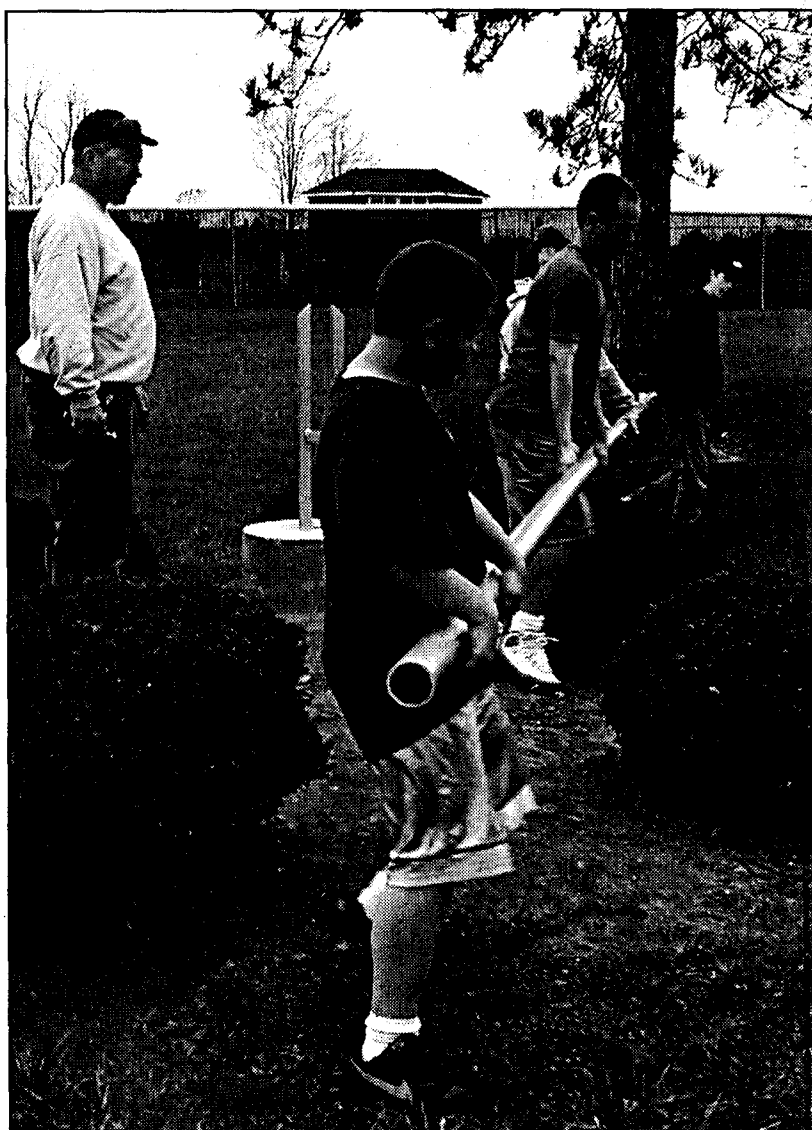
LeValley worked for 2 weekends, about 6 or 7 hours each day on the project. He said he had about 7 friends and scouts there helping him.

"Scouting has taught me that when someone calls you and asks for help,

you help them," he said. Being involved has taught LeValley a variety of things that will be beneficial throughout his life. "I've learned how to lead through a project. Leadership is big," he said.

Brian Mallory, who was LeValley's Scout Master when he started in Boy Scouts, said LeValley's attention to detail has made him a great potential Eagle Scout. "Scouting has affected Thomas, but Thomas has also affected scouting," Mallory said. "The first day he walked in, I said 'There's an Eagle Scout.'"

While Mallory said it is becoming more common for boys to finish their Eagle Scout project at a younger age, it is still impressive to see what LeValley has done. "He took advantage of the opportunities. He had that goal in mind and always made good choices."



FRIENDS AND FAMILY help Thomas LeValley with his Eagle Scout project. Richard LeValley (far left) watches as (left to right) Lucas Baker, Austin Baker and LeValley carry the flagpole.

Brownfield meet set in village

The general public and property owners are invited to learn more about the Tuscola County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and the Brownfield Assessment grants that are being awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The primary objective of these grants is to promote the redevelopment of vacant and underutilized properties and promote private investment in sites that may be contaminated by hazardous or petroleum substances.

Three meetings will be held at the following locations and dates in order to begin identifying sites for inclusion in the Brownfield inventory:

- Tuesday, June 17, at 5:30 p.m. in the Caro Municipal Building, 317 S. State St.;
- Thursday, June 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cass City Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street; and
- Thursday, June 26, at 5:30 p.m. in the Vassar Municipal Building, 287 E. Huron Avenue.

The inventory compiled from these meetings will provide a working list of target properties, which allows the Tuscola County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and stakeholders in Tuscola County quick access to site-specific information that is not currently readily available. Sites nominated to the TCBRA may be eligible for environmental assessments and other financial incentives available

through state and federal programs to allow for redevelopment of Brownfield sites. The Tuscola County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority has received a few recommended sites for inclusion in the inventory and would like to extend this opportunity to nominate sites.

The law defines a "Brownfield site" as real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant.

Blood drive slated June 17 in Cass City

Area residents' next opportunity to donate blood locally will be Tuesday, June 17, from 1 to 6:45 p.m. at Hills and Dales General Hospital. The hospital's auxiliary and Cass City VFW Post 3644 are sponsoring the event.

According to hospital spokeswoman Kerry Brown, the summer months are traditionally a challenging time for blood centers.

"During the school year, donations from high school and college students account for approximately 15 percent of Red Cross blood collections," she said. "In the summer, these groups become tougher to reach. Many donors also give blood during office blood drives, which see smaller turnouts due to summer vacations."

Major disasters do not usually require a lot of blood, but that is when blood centers see the greatest outpouring of support from donors, Brown noted. In fact, she said, blood is needed every 2 seconds in America to meet the needs of everyday accident victims, cancer patients and children with blood disorders.

Director Jim McLoskey of the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation is working with Ryan Londrigan of AKT Peerless Environment Services to reach the goal of this program, which is to assist with property transfers and to promote the redevelopment of Brownfield properties. This is a voluntary program.

More information is available by contacting McLoskey at (989) 673-2849.

Roggenbuck recertified in probate, estate planning

Amanda L. Roggenbuck has renewed a Certificate of Completion in the areas of probate and estate planning issued by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education and the Probate and Estate Planning Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

The program serves to strengthen an attorney's skills in the area of estate and probate planning. It also allows attorneys to learn about new areas in the law and changes to the current laws and practices.

Roggenbuck practices in the area of estate planning and family law. Her law practice is located in Cass City.

Homakie and Hacker on Hope list

Krista Homakie of Cass City and Courtney Hacker of Ubyly were recently named to the dean's list at Hope College, Holland, Mich., following the second semester of the 2007-08 school year.

Homakie, a senior, is the daughter of Michelle Homakie. Hacker, a sophomore, is the daughter of Brian and Melissa Hacker.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

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THE DTE ENERGY Foundation recently honored the Sanilac County Kids' Connection with its "Achieving Excellence Award". Pictured above are Frederick E. Shell, DTE Energy president; Fanchon Stinger, WJBK Detroit Fox 2 news anchor; Nancy Dean, Sanilac County Kids' Connection director; and Anthony F. Earley Jr., chairman and CEO, DTE Energy.

In Sanilac County

"Kids' connection" honored

The DTE Energy Foundation recently announced its "Achieving Excellence" awards honorees, including a Thumb-based organization dedicated to serving families.

The awards ceremony - held at the Max M. Fisher Center in Detroit and compared to the Academy Awards for non-profit organizations - recognized best practices in the areas of collabora-

tion, leadership, sustainability, innovation and merger.

This year the Sanilac County Kids' Connection was recognized for its partnerships with more than 26 organizations to serve families by providing a single access/referral center where families can obtain information, referrals and a multitude of services. Selected in the collaboration category, the Sanilac County Kids' Connection was awarded \$25,000 to support its work.

"This award is a huge honor for Sanilac County and the multitude of organizations working...to ensure families have access to the resources that are needed," commented Nancy Dean, director of the Sanilac County Kids' Connection. "Sanilac County is truly a model of excellence for other communities."

Dean said the organization was established in 2005 with shared values consisting of always acting in the best interest of the child, being customer friendly, addressing the whole child and family, acting with a "no wrong door" policy, and providing evidence-based programs to families.

"Sanilac County Kids' Connection works with its partners to build better lives for our children," she added. "As a collaborative, we believe our youth are our future. Together, we can ensure our youth grow up happy, healthy and productive citizens of tomorrow."



Sue Walsh

Family time essential to Father's Day

We shouldn't need an excuse to honor our fathers. However, giving them a special day is a great way to show respect and love.

With 64.3 million fathers in America, it is important to honor and remember all they do. Father's Day is not only a day to celebrate fathers, but also father figures. It is a chance for people to pay tribute to fathers, stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, friends and any male who has had a positive impact on someone's life.

Father's Day was first celebrated in 1910 in Spokane, Wash. after a woman wanted a special day to honor her father. It was supported in 1924 by President Calvin Coolidge as a national holiday but not declared a holiday until 1966 when President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation.

People use the holiday to remember their fathers and father figures in a variety of ways. For Curtis Sales Consultant Sue Walsh, a cookout is on schedule for this year. She will be spending the day with a friend and his children and her father. "We always switch it around," she said. "I thought it would be nice to stay at home this year."

Walsh said it's important to have family together on Father's Day. "Family is the most important thing. It (Father's Day) is a good way to get my brothers and sisters together. Just being with my family is what I'm looking forward to."

Walsh is sure her father will have a good time this Father's Day. "Generally, he just likes to be with family."

www.holidays.net/father contributed to this report.

U-M women air meeting

Sixteen United Methodist Women met June 2 for a noon luncheon. Connie Schwaderer and Shirley Wisenbach along with group one prepared and served the luncheon.

The meeting was opened by Schwaderer, who read a scripture from the book of Genesis. Schwaderer reminded the group of pictures being taken for the church

directory June 26, 27, 28 and 30.

Sherryl Seeley will be in charge of the Mystery Trip to be held this summer, and the strawberry social will be held July 4 at the park.

Joan Merchant presented a memorial service in remembrance of Esther Buehly, Marilyn Hobart, Ruth Esau and Margaret Burns.

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Down Memory Lane

By Tina Pallas



5YEARSAGO

Rebecca Hartel of Cass City is among 40 of the state's top high school student leaders to receive the Leader Advancement Scholarship to attend Central Michigan University this fall. The 4-year renewable award is valued at \$1,500 per year. It is among the first scholarships in Michigan to provide financial assistance specifically for student leaders.

Cass City's Pat Britt has spent a lifetime exploring various forms of art, including painting, photography and crafts. She will soon add "published author" to the list following her submission of a short story to a magazine in Canada.

Walbro employees, the VFW and Hills and Dale's General Hospital Auxiliary understand the importance of giving blood. All three responded to the Red Cross blood shortage with blood drives last week.

10YEARSAGO

Graduation came early for Shelly Hendrick, but the Cass City resident's high school career is not over yet. Hendrick, daughter of Ray and Barb Hendrick, graduated this spring after only 3 years of high school, but will continue her education in Hinnerup, Denmark, for one year as an exchange student. Graduating with the third highest G.P.A. in her class, Hendrick, granddaughter of Carl and Gerry Crow, said she was a sophomore when she realized she would be able to earn her diploma based on the number of credit hours she had.

The Cass City Middle School girls' track team had a very successful season. In a triangular meet with Reese and Akron-Fairgrove, the girls finished first. Several records were broken. In the 3200-meter relay, the team of Kerry Shagene, Lyndi Trischler, Lindsay Hendrick and Jessica Tenbush set a new record with a time of 11:59.1. The relay team of Sara Homakie, Ashley Ouvre, Lindsay Hendrick and Brooke Marks set a new record in the 1600-meter relay with a time of 4:42.2. Individually, Kerry Shagene set a new record in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:44.7. Sara Homakie set the record 4 times in the 400-meter run, with her best time being 1:03.87.

Cass City Cub Scout Michael Zmierski was recently named the "Cub Scout of the Year," an award given in memory of Dr. K. Ivan MacRae.

25YEARSAGO

The students who ride Les Kappen's school bus don't give him any problems, so he said "thanks" by driving them to his Ale Street home

last Wednesday, the last full day of school, for an ice cream sandwich before taking them home. He has ended the school year with a treat for his passengers for four years. Kappen's route is primarily east of M-53.

Wes Connolly of Deford spent an unplanned night floating on Saginaw Bay. The motor of his boat wouldn't start. There was "no spark in the spark plug," he explained. He tried fiddling with it for about a half-hour before giving up. He crawled under the covered-over bow of the boat to sleep and used the oar to paddle to shore, which took 4 1/2 hours.

Another attempt is being made by the Cass City Board of Education to cancel the traditional swing out of graduating seniors. The board banned future walks at its regular meeting Monday. Principal Russell Richards told the board that the problem of rowdy marchers that has been plaguing the administrators in recent years was incurred again this spring. Band Director George Bushong said that a couple of students threw their caps over their heads and rushed up and tipped his directors hat off. Seven smoke bombs were ignited during the parade and students were trying to run ahead of the band.

35YEARSAGO

Dr. Richard P. Chappel, DDS, will begin his dental practice in Cass City sometime next week, depending on the availability of facilities. Dr. Chappel is a native of Marlette. He graduated from Marlette High School and attended Michigan State University for three years and attended University of Michigan for four and one-half years where he received his degree. He graduated with his Doctorate of Dental Surgery degree May 5. Dr. Chappel will practice evenings at the offices of Dr. D. E. Rawson until his new dental clinic, located on Hill Street, is completed.

Betty Carmer is \$2,000 richer this

week, thanks to a lucky draw. Ms. Carmer won the prize in a raffle drawing at the 20th anniversary celebration of the Caro Association for Retarded and Epileptic Children held Sunday, June 3. Ms. Carmer, who earlier this year won \$25 in the Michigan Lottery, said she's already spent her big windfall, paying off a note on her house.

For 16 Cass City Boy Scouts this year, was six hours of work at the Cass City Recreational Park. The boys cleaned out the sod, removed the crumbling fence at the tennis courts and helped erect a new one. They also painted the posts in the troop's once-a-year work project to keep the village beautiful. It wasn't all work and no play, for a picnic lunch was served as part of the day's program.

Weatherization help available in the Thumb

Human Development Commission (HDC) officials are reminding residents in Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac and Lapeer counties that its weatherization program can help provide energy-saving measures.

The program is designed to reduce the cost of home heating for renters and homeowners alike and offers services such as insulating, weather stripping, caulking, replacing broken glass and repairing roofs.

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THE 2008 LITTLE League regular season champion Orioles compiled an 8-3 record. They are: (front, l-r) Kolton Cook, Jack Stern, Parker Haire, Tommy Lang, T.J. Moore, Jacob Wismer (back) Coach Scott Hartel, Dakota Hartel, Drew Fields, Drew Loomis, Caleb Henderson, Coach Pat Henderson and Coach Tyler Erla.

Greater Thumb West names its best for 2008 baseball season

Cass City, which compiled a 1-9 Greater Thumb West record, failed to land anyone on the 2008 GTW all-conference baseball dream team, but was well represented in the coaches' voting with 5 Red Hawks earning league honors.

Chosen as first team players in the 6-school association were Bad Axe's Tim Rader, pitcher, Jason Brown, player at large, Chris Smith, infield, Pete Salens, infield, Joe Fischer, outfield; Reese's James Stockmeyer, pitcher, Mike Herbolzheimer, infield;

Unionville-Sebewaing's Kelson Gettel, catcher, Heath Schmidt, infield, Brandon Bitzer, infield, Lance VanHoost, outfield; Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port's Logan Tibbitts, first base; and Bay City All Saints' Taylor Jakubczak, outfield.

Highlighting the Red Hawk all-conference selections are juniors Lukas Varney and Austin Babich.

Varney was named a player at large, while Babich was voted to the infield of the GTW all-conference second team. They were joined by Unionville-Sebewaing's Matias Kraynak, pitcher, Caleb Brow, outfield; All Saints' Adam Pijaszek, pitcher, Drew Bauer, first base, Josh Sutton, infield; Reese's Travis VanAlst, catcher, Jacob Bouvry, first base, Will Tack, infield, Chad Kern, outfield, and Chris Williamson, outfield.

During the 2008 season, Varney scored a team-high 18 runs and belted 7 doubles while batting for a .307 average. Babich, who has one of the team's best arms, clubbed the Red Hawks' lone home run on the year and batted .295. However, during league outings, Babich was at his best and held a team-best .304 average.

Cass City's Brent Doerr, Trevor Phillips and Trent Vatter were named honorable mention selections. Joining them are All Saints' Matt Mikolajczak, pitcher, Marc Kwapiszewski, catcher, Kevin Gwizdala, player at large, Justin Gielda, infield; Lakers' Craig Smith, pitcher, Adam Chiotti, outfield; USA's Tyson Valentine, outfield, Tim Holland, first base, Bad Axe's Dillon Newell, outfield, and Reese's Greg Caldwell, infield.

Doerr, honored for his work on the rubber, led the Hawks in total hits (25) doubles (9), and batting average (.342). Phillips, a sophomore catcher, had a team-best 18 singles and Vatter, a sure handed infielder, average .315.



CASS CITY golfer Matt Hallwood strolls the fairway at Forest Akers Golf Course in East Lansing over the weekend, site of the Division 3 state finals.

Hallwood finishes 17th in Division 3 golf finals

Matt Hallwood ended his 2008 golf season on a high note over the weekend with a splendid showing at the Division 3 individual state finals.

The Cass City junior shot a 2-day total of 154 at Forest Akers East Golf Course on the campus of Michigan State University. Playing in extreme heat and windy conditions, the Greater Thumb West all-conference performer shot 77 on Friday and 77 on Saturday to finish 17th in the Division 3 rankings.

Lansing Catholic Central's Patrick Duda was the individual champion, firing scores of 71-75 for a 2-day total of 146.

Hallwood advanced to the state finals by finishing second at the Division 3 regional competition in Frankenmuth. He carded a one-over par 73 at the Fortress Golf Course.

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Owen-Gage dominates NCTL-N softball all-conference selections

Champion Owen-Gage dominated the 2008 North Central Thumb League - North all conference softball picks with 9 Lady Bulldogs receiving league honors.

Owen-Gage placed 5 players on the NCTL-N all-conference first team, including repeat performers April Nowaczyk, Amanda Faist and Mariah Francis.

Nowaczyk was a sure defender in center field and a hard out at the plate. A 4-time all-conference selection, she batted .625, using her speed (20 stolen bases), to help record 4 triples and 7 doubles.

Faist, the Bulldog short stop, batted .450 with 29 RBIs which included 9 extra base hits.

"Amanda was our number 4 hitter. She is a 3-time first team selection and

will have to become even more of a team leader next year in her senior season," Coach Doug Hyatt said.

Hurler Francis is also a 3-time first team all conference pick. One of the Bulldog captains, she recorded 9 wins in her junior year on the mound in conference action where she fanned 32 and allowed just 18 free passes.

"Mariah is very dependable. Her ERA in her freshman year was 5.5, in her sophomore year she lowered it to 4.8 and this year she allowed just 3 runs per outing," said Hyatt.

Two Bulldogs, infielder Samantha Radabaugh and outfielder Sara Lesoski, were named to the NCTL-N dream team for the first time.

"Samantha was our number 2 hitter and is willing to do anything to help the team win," Hyatt said. Adding,

"Sara is a nice all around player with a good eye at the plate."

In addition to the 5 Bulldogs, North Huron placed Jodie Pettit and Nicole Church on the elite squad, along with Akron-Fairgrove's Renee Repkie and Lindsey Periard; Port Hope's Brooke Iseler and Erika Gise; and Caseville's Shane Kretzschmer.

The NCTL-N all conference second team included Owen-Gage catcher Katie Rhodes, outfielder Christy Schmidt, designated hitter Ashley Rockefeller and infield/pitcher Lauren Mandich. They were accompanied by Caseville's Britt Meissner, Beth Grates, Alyssa Mroczek and Meaghan Fortsch; North Huron's Ally Eggert and Jessica Ignash; Akron-Fairgrove's Sarah Crane; and Port Hope's Kayla Gust.



NINE MEMBERS of the 2008 Owen-Gage softball team earned NCTL-N all-conference honors. They are: (front, l-r) Ashley Rockefeller, Mariah Francis, Katie Rhodes, Sara Lesoski (back) Amanda Faist, Samantha Radabaugh, Lauren Mandich and Christy Schmidt. Missing is April Nowaczyk.

GTW airs all star softball teams

Three schools compiled winning records this year in the Greater Thumb West softball wars, and accordingly, only players from champion Unionville-Sebewaing, runner-up Reese and Bay City All Saints were named to the 2008 all-conference first team.

Placed on the GTW dream team were Patriots Marissa Lemere, senior pitcher, Mercy Martinez, senior first basemen, Carly Treiber, junior player at large, Dani Gremel, junior infielder, and Jillian Williamson, junior infielder; Rockets Abbey Harrington, junior pitcher, Amy Kaufman, junior infielder, Jamie Humpert, junior outfielder; Cougars Louise Rezmier, jun-

ior pitcher, Becca DeWyse, senior catcher, Stephanie Herman, sophomore outfielder and Melanie Sobczak, junior outfielder.

The GTW all-conference second team included 3 Cass City players as junior pitcher Amanda Langenburg, senior catcher Maddie Dooley and freshman infielder McKensie Parrish were all recognized for their efforts on the year.

Joining the 3 Red Hawks were Rockets Kayla Sahr, freshman pitcher, Kaitlyn Squanda, sophomore first basemen, Erika Squanda, senior infielder, Gabby Tafoya, senior infielder, Jenna Lynch, senior outfielder; Patri-

ots Estey Ruppall, junior outfielder, Katie Schaus, junior outfielder; Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port senior catcher Lindsay Ellicott and Bad Axe's Jodi Waun, junior player at large.

The Red Hawks also had 3 players earn honorable mention praises in senior Lauren Bennett, senior Lauren Dillon, and junior Carly Rabideau. The complete honorable mention picks also included Bad Axe's Rachel Krulicki, Nikki Braun, Taylor Braun, Ashley Bensinger; Reese's Danni Kern, Alex Toma, Genna DePrekel; Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port's Erica King; Cougar Selene Rezmier and Patriot Minda Martinez.

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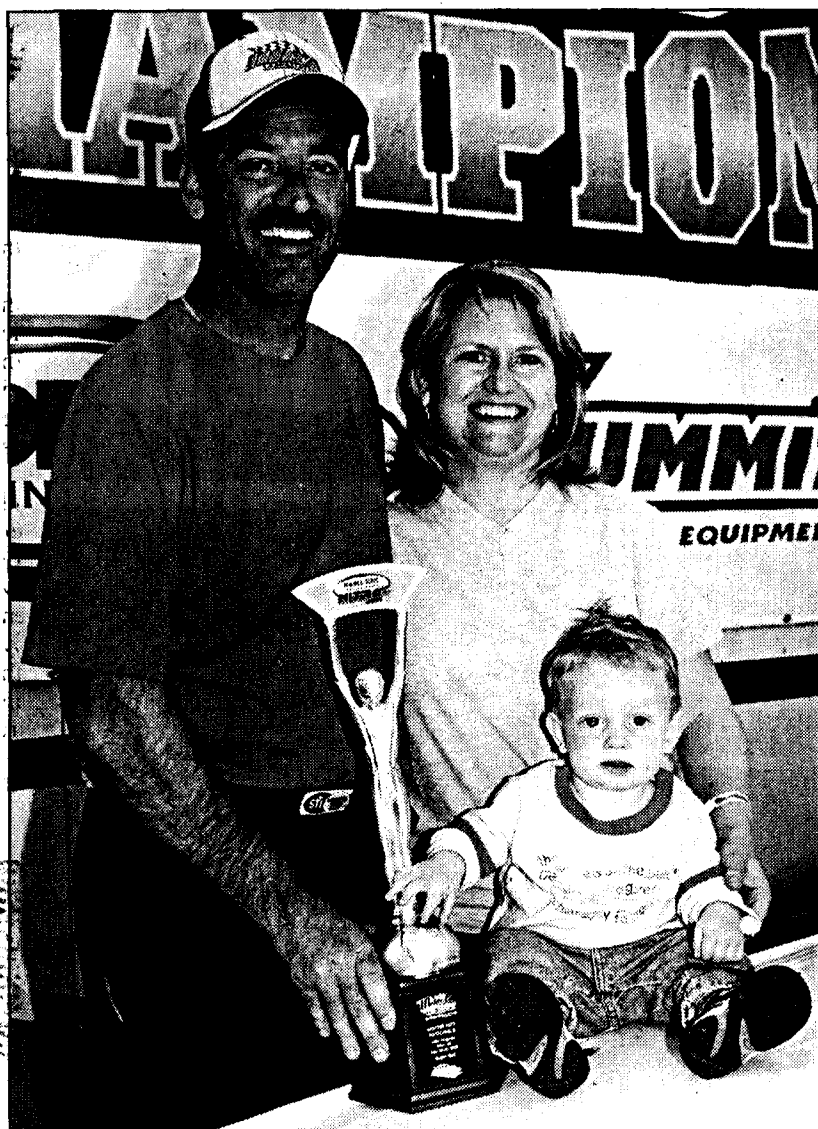
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PAUL BROWN STANDS with wife Rochelle and son Mason in the winner's circle after winning the Nationals at the Motor City Nationals in Milan.



LIFT-OFF!

PAUL BROWN RACES his 1968 Dodge Dart in the Motor City Nationals race in Milan. Brown won the International Hot Rod Association event.



CASS CITY'S Dan Mittlestat used a bow shot from 6 yards to bag his 2008 turkey. The Ingham County tom had a 10" beard, 1 3/16" spurs and weighed approximately 24 pounds. Got the whole hunt on DVD, too, says the MSU Spartan.

Cass City racer records 3rd national title

Brown claims hot rod event

by Emily Davis
Staff Writer

What do a contractor and a drag racer have in common? For Paul Brown - everything.

Brown, who has been racing since 1982, is also a contractor. His business, ProTemp Heating & Cooling, is one of his main racing sponsors. "You have to work to be a driver," Brown said.

The cost of racing has gone up since Brown has been involved, particularly in recent years. "I have to budget which races I'm going to. Costs of racing and maintaining equipment has gone up," he said.

Luckily for Brown, he recently won a National Championship which will help pay some of his costs. He recently competed in the Motor City Nationals at the Milan Dragway in Milan, Mich. "To win early enough in the year really takes some pressure off," Brown said.

Brown has won 2 national events in the International Hot Rod Association (IHRA) and one in the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA). "For me to have 3 national wins is pretty big in my book. Winning one race a year, with the competition out there right now, is huge. Some guys race 20, 30 years and never win," he said.

The races are set up in a bracket-style, according to Brown. Brown races in the Super Rod class with a 9.90 index. This means that from the moment a racer leaves the starting line, they have 9.90 seconds to go a quarter of a mile. The racer with the closest time is the winner.

With races like these, many people think drivers are in a great deal of danger. Brown said he is usually moving at about 150 miles an hour

during the races. However, he has very good equipment and checks his cars frequently to make sure they are safe. But there is always a chance of danger. So why compete? For Brown, it's the one-on-one competition. "It's a man in a machine versus a man in a machine. As long as it stays fun and I still get that thrill of the competition and I stay healthy, I'll stay involved," Brown said. He also said that if the costs get to be too much for him, then he might cut down a little bit and just race locally.

Most of Brown's races are in Michigan, though some take place in sur-

rounding areas like Ohio and Canada and even one in Chicago. He said the race in Chicago will probably have about 40,000 people in attendance. He usually participates in one race a weekend from April to October.

"Drag racing is the second biggest watched motor sport in the world, right behind NASCAR. It's a pretty big deal," Brown said. Most races draw big crowds.

Brown's young son, Mason, seems to be a good-luck charm for him at races. His wife, Rochelle, and Mason were at the race he won in Milan. "I'm glad they were at this race. It's a

family sport, most people bring their families." Brown said he enjoys the time at the races because he gets to meet people who do drag racing for fun, just like him. "I'm making friends at the races," he said.

Brown's son Mason is too young to be racing, at about age 2, but Brown said if he ends up being interested in racing, he would help him out. "If I'm able to help him out and he's interested, he'll probably be racing," Brown said.

More information on drag racing and the IHRA and NHRA can be found at www.ihra.com and www.nhra.com.

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Red Hawk basketball camp set

The annual Red Hawk Basketball Camp, a boys' and girls' individual skills camp, is slated for June 23-26.

According to camp officials Lloyd Schinnerer and Nick Moyer, the camp is designed to develop the all around skills of the player. All aspects of the game are covered. A large emphasis is placed on both skill development and daily competition. Each camper will compete in a league and individual contests. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each contest.

Session one is for all students entering grades 3 through 5 and will be held from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. daily. Session 2, is for all students entering grades 6 through 8 and will be held from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. All sessions are at the Cass City High School gym.

Costs for the clinics are \$50 per participant or a maximum of \$110 per family. Each camper will receive a T-shirt, basketball and prizes. Checks should be made payable to Cass City Basketball and can be dropped off at the Campbell Elementary School office.

For more information, call Schinnerer at 872-3788 or Moyer at 872-2141.

Alumni game set

The second annual North Huron vs. Owen-Gage alumni football game will be held Friday, Aug. 1st at North Huron High School. Kick off is slated for 7:00 p.m.

Bulldog Athletic Director Jason Pierce reports that registration and waiver forms are available at each high school. Cost to participate is \$40 per player and must be paid in full by the July 18th registration deadline.

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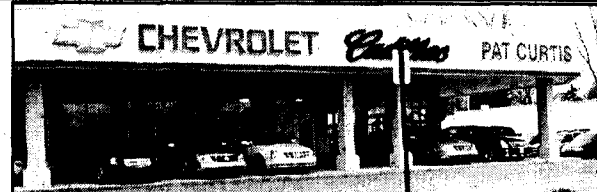
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Cooks: can't miss with veggies grown at home

by Emily Davis
Staff Writer

For some people, gardening can be a great way to spend their days. For Earnest and Zellen Cook, it is no different.

The Cooks have a 2-acre garden that

includes a large variety of fruits and vegetables. Watermelon, sweet corn, zucchini, pumpkins, squash, tomatoes, green beans, peppers, cucumber, lettuce, okra and berries are their main crops. "We've also been experimenting with Cinderella pumpkins," Zellen said. Both Earnest and

Zellen work on the gardens, though Zellen said her husband does the majority of the work.

"I've been gardening all my life," Earnest said. "This is our fourth year doing a 2-acre garden." He said he likes having a variety of things in his garden because he usually has good luck selling it. "Can't miss with food like this, and there's nothing added to it. You buy a watermelon, you get a watermelon," he said. "We don't add any growth hormones," Zellen added.

Earnest likes working in the gardens because of the results he sees. "I like to live and let live," he said. "I like to see it produce in the end."

In the past, the Cooks have sold their produce to the public out of a cart at the edge of their property near the road. This year, however, they will be selling it closer to the backyard, near the house to avoid theft. They noted there had been some problems in the past with people coming up and trying to take some of the food without paying. However, because of the poor weather conditions in the late spring, the Cooks said they probably will not be selling anything this year until July, and it probably won't be too much. "It all depends on the weather," said Earnest.

The cold weather in May had a big impact on the Cooks' garden. "Because of the wind, cold weather and frost, we had to replace the gardens. Things just wouldn't develop," Earnest said. "It was back-breaking to have to replace it all," added Zellen. Earnest said it took him about 4 days to replace all of the gardens. "I decided I wasn't going to let it get the best of me," he said.

Despite the bad weather, Earnest said he still enjoys his work. "It's better to be outside than sitting in a chair inside. I very much enjoy working outside. I like working with my hands," he said. He's had to re-do a lot of it, but he's had help. "My boys come over and help out a lot," he said. Zellen also does some work in the gardens, but not as much as her husband, she said. "He's out working every day," she said. Earnest has a lot of work he has to do for his gardens and he said it is "pretty much a full-time job."

Landscape trees need fertilizer

If your landscape trees are growing poorly and have smaller than usual leaves and off-color foliage, they may need fertilizing.

"Soil fertility around landscape trees can decline over time," observes Mary McLellan, Extension Master Gardener program coordinator at Michigan State University. "When tree leaves drop, homeowners usually rake them up so they don't damage the lawn. Unless the leaves are composted and the compost is spread around the trees, the nutrients in the leaves are lost, and trees may eventually begin to show the signs of nutrient deficiencies."

Trees stressed by poor nutrition are slow to recover from injury and susceptible to attack by insects and disease organisms, she points out, so increasing problems of other kinds may actually be signs that trees need fertilizing.

The time to avoid fertilizing is late summer, when it would promote a flush of late growth that may not have time to harden off before winter and so will suffer winter injury.



EARNEST COOK LOOKS out over his berry garden. Cook and his wife Zellen have 2 acres of gardens with a large variety of produce.

Plant for fall harvest

Planting the vegetable garden is not a one-time-then-done proposition. Just as you plant cool-season crops early — before the Memorial Day planting blitz of warm-weather crops — you can plant another round in midsummer for a fall harvest.

"Many of the same crops that we plant early because they grow best in cool temperatures can be planted again for harvest in the fall," says Mary McLellan, Extension Master Gardener program coordinator at

Michigan State University. "The cole crops — except for Brussels sprouts, which have a long growing season — and salad vegetables such as spinach and lettuce can be planted to produce in the fall."

To have transplants of broccoli, cabbage, kohlrabi, Chinese cabbage and cauliflower when you want them, sow seed directly into the garden in June and grow your own. Seed will germinate quickly in the warm soil.

"This is a good way to use up space where peas or early salad crops once grew," she points out. "Be sure to mark your rows and label them — the seedlings of the cole crops all look very much alike."

When seedlings reach the four- to six-leaf size, they're big enough to handle and ready to transplant. Follow recommended spacing and get them off to a quick start with an application of high-phosphorus fertilizer to promote good root growth, she suggests.

Insects are usually the biggest problem with cole crops planted for a fall harvest, she observes. If you've had cutworm problems in your garden, it may be a good idea to protect seed-

lings with cutworm collars — strips of cardboard 3 to 4 inches wide shaped into rings and pushed down into the soil around the plants. More common are cabbage worms and other caterpillars, which feed on the foliage and the plant parts the gardener hopes to harvest. What they don't chew on they contaminate with their droppings. Control options range from chemical insecticides to hand picking to use of *Bacillus thuringiensis*, a bacterial disease of caterpillars formulated and sold as a pesticide. It needs to be reapplied after rain or overhead irrigation can be used right up to harvest.

Regular watering during dry weather, weed control and a nitrogensidedressing 4 to 6 weeks after transplanting are the basic requirements for the cole crops.

"Planting for a fall harvest is a good way to make efficient use of all the garden all season," McLellan points out, "and it extends the harvest into the cool weather. A fall harvest can make up for a short spring crop and provide produce for freezing, pickling and other uses, as well as fresh eating."

Hidden danger in CFL lights

Did you know the U.S. Congress passed an energy bill in 2007 banning the incandescent light bulb by the year 2014? That's because the incandescent bulb, the one Thomas Edison helped perfect in the 1800s, has been superseded by the compact fluorescent light (CFL) and LEDs because of their benefits to the environment.

But could the CFL really be too good to be true? Less than a month after the U.S. energy bill was passed, research in Britain has led to the UK Environment Agency issuing guidelines about CFLs. They're calling for evacuation of any room where an energy-saving compact fluorescent light bulb is broken, due to the release of toxic mercury.

According to environmental impact studies, CFLs stand to save at least five million tons of carbon dioxide emissions every year. They also are more cost-effective in the long run: CFLs are more expensive than incandescent bulbs up front, but through longer burn times and less energy usage, they save home and business owners money. But each CFL contains 6 to 8 milligrams of toxic mercury. Broken bulbs, where mercury could be released into a home, and even improper disposal of the bulbs present separate environmental problems.

If a CFL bulb is broken, these suggestions are offered:

- Vacate the room for at least 15 minutes.
- The debris should be removed with rubber gloves. Do not use a vacuum, which could push toxic dust into the air.
- Put all broken glass and debris into a sealed bag and bring to a recycling center for proper disposal.



A LARGE BERRY patch faces the road on Earnest and Zellen Cook's property. They have raspberries, blackberries and strawberries in this patch. Both Earnest and Zellen are quite proud of this patch, along with all of their others.

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Obituaries

Julia Berry

Julia Berry, 87, of Caro, died Wednesday, June 4, 2008 in Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro.

She was born May 31, 1921 in Caro to Theodore and Mary (Kulyk) Piasecki.

She married John H. Berry March 1, 1941 in Caro. He died Jan. 9, 1997.

Julia loved country music. She played the guitar and loved to sing. She enjoyed working outside in her gardens. Julia enjoyed embroidery and crocheting. Years ago she taught sewing with Extension. Julia was a great cook. She enjoyed cooking and eating.

Julia is survived by a daughter, Janet Waugh of Caro; a son, Robert L. (Norma) Berry of Caro; grandchildren: John Hergenreder, Fred Hergenreder, Kenneth Hergenreder, Leroy Waugh, Amber Berry, Alyse Berry; great grandchildren: Michael, Jonathan, Lance, and Zora; sisters: Helen Cortes of Las Vegas, Nev., and Stella Mozak of Florida; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, John Allen Berry; sisters: Ann Tarkowski, Rose Polishuk, Sophie Sales; and brothers: Pete Piasecki, John Piasecki.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 9, at Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston, with Pastor Len Wyatt of Kingston Wesleyan Church officiating.

Interment was in the Kingston Cemetery, Kingston.

Memorials may be made to Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

Arlington Frederick

Arlington Donald Frederick, 74, passed away suddenly Friday, April 25, 2008 at Caro Community Hospital.

A. D. was born Aug. 31, 1933 in Cass City, the son of the late Joe and Levina (Ball) Frederick, and was a life-long area resident.



He wed Maureen Curtis March 3, 1956 in Cass City and was blessed with 52 years of marriage and 4 children.

A. D. was employed for many years by Marlette Coach until it's closing when he went to work in maintenance at Caro Community Hospital. He was a member of the Mizpah Missionary Church in Cass City and enjoyed bowling, fishing and tinkering with old cars.

In addition to his wife, Maureen, A. D. is survived by 4 children: Mike (Andrea) Frederick, Cindy Davidson of Caro, Peggy (fiancé Mike Crandall) Edwards of Vassar, and Troy (Linda) Curtis of Cass City; 16 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; brothers-in-law: Dale Curtis and Shirley Nichols of Bad Axe, and Scott (Jeanette) Curtis of Maryville, Tenn.; sisters-in-law: Marion Frederick of Killeen, Texas, Marsha (Mark) Sipes of Vassar, and Sharon (Fred) Pomeroy of Deford; and many nieces and nephews.

A. D. was preceded in death by a brother, Raymond Frederick; and a sister, Arlene Herr.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 29, at the Ransford Funeral Home, Caro, with the Rev. J. T. Mabe officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Ransford Funeral Home, Caro.

Robert Gage

Robert Michael Gage, 64, of Caro, died Saturday, June 7, 2008 in Cincinnati, Ohio, following a short illness.

He was born Feb. 23, 1944 in Cass City, the son of Floyd and Irene (Smith) Gage.

Robert served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was a Green Beret Paratrooper stationed in Germany. He worked in construction as a maintenance worker and many other jobs. Robert was an avid deer and turkey hunter and he enjoyed fishing. He was a very good uncle and spent a lot of time with his nephew. Robert loved pets. Animals could sense his gentleness and were eager to be around him. He loved his mom and did as much as he could for her.

Robert is survived by his brothers: William (Sue) Gage of Caro, and Jerry Gage of Caro; nephews and nieces: Mearreal (Angela) Gage, Billy Gage, Jenny Gage, Deanna (Pete) Miller, Rachelle Boitel, Sue (Jay) Hecht; loving friend and companion, Mary Beth Svoboda; and several great nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 14, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Interment was in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Pallbearers for Mr. Gage were Brennen, Aaron, Blaine and Brant.

Military honors under the direction of Cass City VFW Post #3644 and the U.S. Army.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Irma Jacobs

Irma R. Jacobs, 85, of Decker, died Wednesday, June 4, 2008 in Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro.

She was born July 4, 1922 in Petoskey, the daughter of Ernest and Mary (Flannigan) Gibson.

She married Floyd Kennedy Nov. 1, 1941. He died Nov. 14, 1972. She later married Kendall Jacobs April 9, 1977.

Irma was a very loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She taught Sunday school for over 20 years. Irma managed Evert's Hallmark Store in Caro for many years. She enjoyed reading, playing piano, watching the birds by her pond and she liked to sew. She loved people. The greatest joy for Irma on this earth was her family.

Irma is survived by her husband, Kendall; daughters: Carol (Robert) Parrott of Decker, and Betty (Roy) Powell of Cass City; granddaughters: Debbie (Alan) Reames, Robyn (Mark) Murdoch, Cindy (Anthony) Moran, Beth (Scott) Marshall; great-grandchildren: Melissa Reames, Daniel Reames, Braden Murdoch, Jesse Moran, Derek Moran, Tayler Marshall, Amanda Marshall and the eighth great-grandchild is due at any time; step-children: Hayden (Debbie) Jacobs, Carolyn Caverson, and Grant (Linda) Jacobs; step-granddaughter, Michelle Jacobs; and several special nieces and nephews.

Irma was preceded in death by her sisters: Naomi Lindsay and Emma Nichols; and a great-granddaughter, Holly Marshall.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 7, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Wendy Orzel, Home and Hospice Advantage Chaplain, officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Pallbearers for Mrs. Jacobs: Dallas Nichols, Doug Nichols, Phil Nichols, Alan Reames, Daniel Reames, Mark Murdoch, Scott Marshall and John Agar.

Memorials may be made to Home and Hospice Advantage or Bay Shore Camp.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Martha Masten

Martha M. Masten, 92, of Shabbona, died Saturday, June 7, 2008 in Marlette.

She was born Nov. 9, 1915 in Canada, the daughter of the late Johann and Augusta (Marzufka) Wenhart.

She married Dan "JD" Masten Dec. 31, 1938 in Angola, Ind. He died Feb. 11, 1988.

Martha was a lifelong area resident and an active member in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. She was a member of the Sanilac 4-H and was a 4-H Leader, the Ladies Extension in Shabbona and a volunteer Gray Lady at Marlette Hospital. Martha was a member of the 1933 Brown City High School Sanilac County Basketball Championship Team. She enjoyed painting, Senior Citizen Groups, and watching her grandchildren play sports.

She is survived by her children: Charlotte Behr of Marlette, and Sally (Jesse) Zimba of Deford; 5 grandchildren: Tom (Lynn) Behr of Fenton, Ronda (Mike) Bower of Marlette, Amy (Marc) Cohen of Commerce Twp., Ben (Estee) Zimba of Deford, and Chelsee Zimba of Napes, Fla.; and 4 great-grandchildren: Chad and Aaron Bower, Alyssa and Ella Cohen. She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Ronald Behr, and a grandson, Mike.

Cremation has taken place at the Sunset Valley Crematory, Bay City. A memorial service was held Monday, June 9, at Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette, with Pastor Gerald Meyer officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City, Shabbona United Methodist Women, or any organization of the donor's personal choice.

Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette.

Dorothy Myszkier

Dorothy Alice Myszkier, 84, of Cass

City, died suddenly Thursday, June 5, 2008 in her home.

She was born Sept. 14, 1923 in Detroit, the daughter of William and Martha (Haas) Thoms.

She married Arnold E. Myszkier July 10, 1948 in St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Detroit.

Dorothy worked at Ford Motor when she was young and then became a full-time homemaker. She was a member of St. Pancratius Catholic Church. She enjoyed playing cards, gardening, canning, camping and fishing.

Dorothy is survived by her husband Arnold; her children: William Myszkier of St. Clair Shores, Marie Myszkier of Albuquerque, NM, and Lynne (Paul) Spencer of Seattle, Wash.; a grandson: Joseph Spencer; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by 4 brothers: Edward, Walter, Harold and Floyd Thoms.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, June 10, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Stephen J. Fillion officiating.

Interment was in the Santa Fe National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Breast Cancer Awareness or Mass Stipends. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Judy Sproull

Judy Lee Sproull, 62, of Bad Axe, passed away Monday, May 26, 2008 at Brian's House Hospice Residence in Bay City.

Judy Lee was born March 12, 1946 in Wisner Township, the daughter of the late Charles and Lurine (Davenport) Ahrens.

Judy Lee worked at the Clifford Sawmill, and also worked in the bakery at Erla's. She enjoyed time with her grandchildren and sitting under a shade tree.

Judy Lee is survived by her 2 daughters: Cindy Jo Blankenship of Kentucky, and Melissa (William) Caudell of Bad Axe; 2 sisters: Diane Charzan of Cass City, and Sharon of Bay City; and grandchildren: Raven, Bryanda, Christopher, Jeffrey and Alexx.

She was preceded in death by her loving companion, John Schall; and 2 infant children: Joey and Terri.

Cremation has taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory, Bay City.

Burial will be in the Grant Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Tammy Spencer

Tammy Ann Spencer, 29, died unexpectedly Saturday, May 31, 2008 in her home in Mt. Pleasant.

She was born May 5, 1979 in Cass City, the daughter of Daniel J. and Ronda (Schenk) Spencer.

She was never married.

Tammy was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She was always laughing and joking and truly loved holiday dinners and being with

the people she loved. Tammy enjoyed the tribe cultural events and was being enlightened about the tribal culture and activities. She enjoyed listening to music and watching movies.

Tammy is survived by a son, Ethan Clark Finkbeiner of Caro; a brother, Aaron Spencer of Cass City; aunts and uncles: Robert D. (Robin) Spencer, Mark E. (Mona) Spencer, Brad G. (Cheryl) Spencer, Chris Schenk (Frank Latner), Dawn Schenk, Lisa (Lance) Powell, Andy Tague, Tom (Jennifer) Rehms, and Terri (Dave) Osentoski; her grandparents: August "Sonny" and Shirley Schenk, and Thomas and Judy Rehms; a nephew, Daniel Spencer; a niece, Nevaeh Spencer; and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Daniel J. Spencer; her mother, Ronda Powell; an aunt, Katherine M. Ernst; an uncle, Ernest Spencer Jr.; and grandparents, Ernest and Juanita Spencer.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 4, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Robert Tucker, Potter's House Christian Fellowship Church, officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Wayne Tomich

Wayne K. "McGuvyer" Tomich, 56, of Gagetown, passed away Sunday, June 8, 2008.

He was born Jan. 28, 1952 in Saginaw, the son of Michael and Katherine (Valeck) Tomich.

He married Joan Salcido Nov. 8, 1975.

Wayne and his wife owned and operated Kelly's Market in Gagetown for 7 years. He was a gasoline delivery driver for the AVFUEL Corporation for 21 years. He was an excellent mechanic and repairman, enjoyed helping people, and was very inventive. Wayne liked to travel with Joan, and was an enthusiastic musician and singer. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #317, Cass City.

Wayne is survived by his wife of 32 years, Joan; children: William Kuhl, Michael (Shelly) Tomich; Jason (Melinda Mosher) Tomich, Toni (Wayne) Nitz, and Kelly (Johnathan) Limberger; 8 grandchildren: Justin Kuhl, Whitney Wiederhold, Nashia Wiederhold, Kelsey Jo Nitz, Morgan Wolf, Jaiden Limberger, Ashley Mosher and Amanda Follman; 3 brothers: Richard, Michael and Melvin Tomich; a sister, Ginnie (Ervin) Haley; a sister-in-law, Sandra Tomich; and many dear and loving friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, June 12, at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown, with Sr. Dorothy Ann Blasko officiating.

Interment was in the Grant Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown.

Arrangements were made by Gagetown Funeral Chapel, Gagetown.

DTE offers tips to save on energy

Summer is here and with it warmer weather. DTE Energy offers the following tips to help customers save money while they're staying cool in the months ahead:

Air conditioning

- Set the air conditioner's thermostat at the highest comfortable setting. When leaving home for more than five hours, raise the thermostat five to 10 degrees. Raising the thermostat just a couple degrees can cut cooling costs by as much as five percent.
- Regular maintenance is important to operating air conditioners efficiently. Check filters at least once a month. Dirty filters cause air conditioners to work harder and use more energy. Many filters can be removed, washed and dried, and reinstalled. Check the owner's manual or contact the manufacturer for more information.
- Keep air conditioning units free of obstructions, inside and out, so air can flow freely. Outdoor units should be free of bushes, and leaf and grass debris. Indoors, move furniture and draperies to prevent blocking window units, vents and air returns.
- Position window air conditioners on the shaded side of the house, away from direct sunlight. Window units generally are not designed to cool more than one room. Close the doors leading to uncooled parts of the house for more efficient cooling.
- In homes with central air conditioning, leave room doors and air registers open so the system can operate

effectively.

Fans

- Make sure ceiling fan blades rotate clockwise in the summer months to draw cooler air up from the floor.
- A window fan in an apartment or one-story home should be put in a window on the warmest side of the structure; in a two-story home, put it in an upstairs window. Fans draw cooler air inside during the night and circulate air during the day. Make sure draperies are secured away from the fan for better air circulation and safety.

Tri-County 4-H Camp scheduled

Youth who attend the 2008 Tri-County 4-H Camp will have the opportunity to gain an outdoor living experience, learn citizenship, and learn how to get along and live with others.

The Tri-County 4-H Camp is open to all youth entering third through eighth grades in the fall. Participants do not need to be a 4-H member to attend.

Applications and fee information are available from Linda Schumacher, 4-H Youth Development, (989) 269-9949 (ext. 609).

Farmers still looking at CRP, CREP contracts in state

Officials who work with Michigan farmers on conservation programs say that environmental watchdogs who cite reports of 2.5 million acres of "environmentally sensitive" land being withdrawn from the federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and planted to high-value crops such as corn, wheat or soybeans have the cart ahead of the horse and underestimate the integrity of the nation's farmers.

"One year of \$6 corn does not lure a farmer into forgetting about good conservation practices like cover crops, no-till farming, crop rotations and in many cases CRP contracts," said Michigan Farm Bureau agricultural ecology specialist Carrie Vollmer-Sanders. "Certainly, farmers will try to maximize profits; their families have needs, too. But they also know they can't cut off their nose to spite their face."

CRP is the nation's largest private-lands conservation program. Under the voluntary program, enrolled farmers plant resource-conserving cover crops to improve water quality, control soil erosion and enhance habitats for waterfowl and wildlife. In return, they receive rental payments on contracts from 10 to 15 years.

According to Steve Shine, manager of the Michigan Department of Agriculture's conservation programs, the public may be surprised to learn that Michigan's more fragile and erode-lands are being re-enrolled in CRP, adding that the environment won't be in serious jeopardy even if some CRP contracts aren't renewed.

"Instead of getting whole field enrollments or wetland restorations, we're getting, for example, farmers who sign up for a 7-acre filter strip along a stream instead of the entire 40 acres they'd have put in the program before," Shine said. "Although the financial incentives for entering into CRP or CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program) are better when prices are less, farmers are still looking at it."

Under CREP, farmers-landowners agree to set aside acreage for 15 years, and are reimbursed for establishing conservation practices such as grass filter strips, wetland restoration, field windbreaks, riparian forest buffers, sediment retention control structures and grass plantings for highly-erodible fields.

In Michigan, where water issues are being grappled with more and more frequently, the numbers tell a story of relatively steady conservation practices through CRP and CREP.

As of February, Michigan had 16,337 CRP contracts on 9,503 farms for a total of 261,337 acres, said Kent Politsch, communication services section chief with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Knowing that, even \$6 corn and \$11 soybeans shouldn't jeopardize the environmental efforts of the federal programs or the soil and streams of the state, said Dale Allen, Michigan conservation programs chief with the USDA's Farm Service Agency.

"We're strongly encouraging farmers to farm the best and conserve the rest," he said. "It may be a harder sell than it was with cheaper crop prices, and it's true that the brand new contracts are tending to be on smaller acreage. But, surprisingly, even though the acreage is smaller, we're seeing more contracts and a lot of wetlands restoration."

Highly erodible land and wetland conservation compliance, Allen said, has been the cornerstone of every farm bill since 1985, and there is a national will to keep it in place.

"But even if a farmer has CRP land going out of the contract, the land still has to be farmed in the proper conservationist way for the farmer to get USDA payments," he said. "That includes loan deficiency payments,

countercyclical payments and all the other programs. They all require compliance."

Even with that scenario, farmers are pushing their pencils, because CRP and CREP can't necessarily compete profitably when crop prices are so high. It's one reason some farmers are inquiring about the penalties for getting out of the contracts early.

When the general public worries that not enough farmers are entering into new CRP contracts, remember two important things, Politsch said.

"We haven't had a new general signup period for CRP since 2006," he said, "but neither will the government give permission to get out of CRP contracts without penalties, which is what some grain farmers have been asking for."

Most farmers, however, will not pay the penalties to pull out of CRP early. What they may do is simply let the contract expire, which creates risks of its own, Politsch said. But it also leaves plenty of time for thought, and doesn't necessarily mean a wholesale flight from CRP programs.

"What we know now is that, come September, there are 1.2 million acres ready to expire out of CRP nationwide. Everybody has the opportunity to re-enroll, just like they did in 2007. But if they don't re-enroll, or if they take the top 20 acres out of a 30-acre piece and sign 10 in continuous CRP signup and take the chance of re-enrolling that 20 acres the next year, what if those are not the best acres we're looking for? The farmer could lose his opportunity to get that whole 30 back in, because there may be acres elsewhere that will go in to accomplish the goal of protecting the most environmentally sensitive land."

Knowing that some land in CRP is not highly erodible, since Michigan lands originally were all accepted because Michigan was a high-priority state, farmers who let CRP contracts expire aren't necessarily increasing environmental threats, Politsch said, especially since they can accomplish environmental goals by using other practices.

For example, he said, farmers can plant alfalfa on steeper hills, harvest the hay (for which prices are expected to be high this year as well), and still let the crop keep soil from eroding. Of course, even CRP land that's in hay ground can be harvested under emergency haying and grazing provisions when drought conditions mandate that government action.

All in all, Shine said environmental watchdogs shouldn't get too excited because no one will know until September just how much land will be taken out of CRP, and Michigan's CREP program still has around 68,000 acres enrolled.

"At the beginning of CREP, when corn was \$1.80, enrollment was fantastic," he said. "Now it's not quite as robust, but we continue to get enrollment. That shows that CREP is still worth looking at, and that farmers are still conscientious stewards of the land."

Emphasizing that acreage that may be allowed to be taken out of CRP will be "flat, fertile soils," Allen said he's not terribly concerned that too many erodible acres will go back into production, or that sensitive land that's never been in CRP will never get there.

"I'm not too concerned yet, but we really don't have a good way of tracking it," he said. "We will poll our county offices soon to get a feel of what's happening, because our state committee feels it wants to preserve as many acres as possible. Washington also feels that we need to preserve land in conservation covers, so the firm directive to state offices is that a contract is a contract, and we'd like to see them stick with it until it expires."

God Bless
Cass City

Ray and Marlene Donaldson

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Debra Ann Lamphere, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Ameriquet Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated December 27, 1999 and recorded on January 20, 2000 in Liber 792 on Page 1253 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, 2005-SC1 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Nineteen and 35/100 Dollars (\$50,619.35), including interest at 11.25% 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 June 19, 2008.

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

Lot 5 and the North 1/2 of Lot 8, Block 2, of Woodside Addition of the Village of Mayville, Fremont Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 63, now being 34A.

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: May 21, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by ROY S. LEE and KATHERINE LEE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns. Mortgagee, dated May 2, 2007, and recorded on May 14, 2007, in Liber 1119, on Page 603, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Seven Dollars and One Cent (\$133,807.01), including interest at 6.500% 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 June 26, 2008.

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

LAND BEGINNING 8 RODS SOUTH OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF BLOCK 33 OF THE MAP OF THE VILLAGE OF FOSTORIA; THENCE WEST 8 RODS; THENCE SOUTH 4 RODS; THENCE WEST 10 RODS; THENCE SOUTH 9 1/2 RODS; THENCE EAST 18 RODS; THENCE NORTH 13 1/2 RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, EXCEPT THE EAST 33 FEET THEREOF, ALL BEING A PART OF BLOCK 33 OF THE MAP OF THE VILLAGE OF FOSTORIA ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS ON PAGE 45A.

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: May 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.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

5-28-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eric L. Burgess, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Mortgagee, dated February 20, 2007 and recorded on March 2, 2007 in Liber 1112 on Page 452 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety and 58/100 Dollars (\$86,990.58), 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 July 3, 2008.

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

Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 17, Town 13 North, Range 10 East, described as commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 17; thence along

the East line of said Section 17, South 01 degrees 09 minutes 45 seconds West, 2186.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said East line of Section 17, South 01 degrees 09 minutes 45 seconds West, 200.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 00 minutes 56 seconds West, 435.60 feet; thence North 01 degrees 09 minutes 45 seconds East, 200.00 feet; thence South 88 degrees 00 minutes 56 seconds East, 435.60 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: June 4, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffery C. Warren and Julia A. Warren, husband and wife, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 11, 2006 and recorded August 1, 2006 in Liber 1089, Page 1015, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for ABFC 2006-OPT3 Trust, ABFC Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-OPT3 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Eight and 72/100 Dollars (\$98,838.72), 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 JUNE 26, 2008.

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

The North three-quarters of Lots 9 and 10, Block 2 of Ebenezer Morse's Addition to The Village of Vassar, (now City), according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 359, Tuscola County Records. Town 11 North, Range 8 East.

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

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

Dated: May 28, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jason Coucher, a single person, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Mortgagee, dated July 16, 2003 and recorded July 31, 2003 in Liber 946, Page 923, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Four Thousand Nineteen and 11/100 Dollars (\$104,019.11), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JUNE 26, 2008.

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

Part of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 23 in Town 11 North, Range 9 East, Fremont Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning distant East 660 feet along the South line of said Section 23 from the South corner thereof; thence, from said place of beginning, West 660 feet continuing along said South section line; thence North 660 feet along the West line of said section; thence 660 feet East; thence 660 feet South 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.

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: May 28, 2008

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ages, 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 Larry Ray Ramsay, an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Mortgagee, dated October 27, 2005 and recorded on December 5, 2005 in Liber 1063 on Page 334 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand One Hundred Seventy and 49/100 Dollars (\$73,170.49), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on July 3, 2008.

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

Lot 33, Glenfield Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 41.

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: June 4, 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 William Hall, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Mortgagee, dated October 12, 2006 and recorded on October 20, 2006 in Liber 1099 on Page 1379 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to LaSalle Bank National Association as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-FF18, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-FF18 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Eight and 12/100 Dollars (\$156,198.12), including interest at 9.6% 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 July 10, 2008.

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

Lots 7, 8 and the West 49 1/2 feet of Lot 9, Block 2, Westdale Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats on Page 74, now being Page 24B, 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: June 11, 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 Jeremy Warren, a married man, and Jessica Warren, his wife, joint tenants, original mortgagors, to Premier Mortgage Lending, LLC, Mortgagee, dated August 10, 2005 and recorded on September 23, 2005 in Liber 1054 on Page 1465 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Three and 45/100 Dollars (\$131,573.45), including interest at 5.5% 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 July 10, 2008.

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

The South 1/2 of Lot 3 and all of Lots 6, 7 and 10, Block 2, Beechwood Annex to the Village of Mayville, as recorded in Liber 1, Page 31, of Plats, now being Page 32A, 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: June 11, 2008

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6-11-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by CHRISTENE OAKIE, A SINGLE WOMAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns. Mortgagee, dated July 14, 2006, and recorded on July 26, 2006, in Liber 1088, on Page 1422, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Five Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$109,845.55), including interest at 7.625% 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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on July 10, 2008.

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

LOTS 5 AND 6 AND THE NORTHWEST 1/2 OF LOT 4, BLOCK 6, WILLIAM E. SHERMAN ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF CARO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN LIBER 11 OF PLATS, PAGE 491, 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: June 6, 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.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by GREGORY STOUT, A SINGLE MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns. Mortgagee, dated July 12, 2005, and recorded on July 21, 2005, in Liber 1046, on Page 997, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$140,748.99), including interest at 9.640% 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 July 10, 2008.

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

LOTS 2 AND 3, BLOCK 3 OF LEONARD FOX'S THIRD ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF MAYVILLE, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS PAGE 32, NOW BEING PAGE 33A, SECTION 36, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST.

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: June 6, 2008

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeremy Lesko and Bobbi J. Lesko, a/k/a Bobbi Jo Lesko, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 15, 2006 and recorded on August 7, 2006 in Liber 1090 on Page 756, and assigned by said Mortgagee to LaSalle Bank, N.A., as trustee 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 Eighty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Five and 83/100 Dollars (\$86,425.83), including interest at 9.95% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on June 19, 2008.

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

A parcel of land in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: To fix the point of beginning commence at the West 1/4 corner of Section 20, thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes 00 seconds East on the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 2,201.72 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes 00 seconds East on said East and West 1/4 line, 198.00 feet to a point on said East and West 1/4 line which is 231.00 feet South 89 degrees 48 minutes 00 seconds West from the centerpoint of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 12 minutes 00 seconds East perpendicular to said East and West 1/4 line, 220.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 00 seconds West, parallel with said East and West 1/4 line, 198.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 00 seconds West, perpendicular to said East and West 1/4 line 220.00 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: May 21, 2008
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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File #152711F03

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nicole M. Germain, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 23, 2007 and recorded on March 2, 2007 in Liber 1112 on Page 427 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Citimortgage, Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Two and 93/100 Dollars (\$116,922.93), 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 June 19, 2008.

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

Part of the South half of the Northwest quarter of Section 29, Town 12 North, Range 7 East described as beginning at a point on the West line of Section 29 which is North 480.00 Feet from the West quarter corner of said Section; thence continuing along said West line, North 185.00 Feet; thence at right angles to said West line, East 248.00; thence parallel to said West line, South 185.00 Feet; thence West 248 Feet to the West line of Section 29 and the point of beginning.

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

Dated: May 21, 2008
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dawn Sherman, P/K/A Dawn H. Hartman, and Randy Sherman, wife and husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lenders successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 30, 2006 and recorded January 8, 2007 in Liber 1107, Page 810, 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 Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Two and 26/100 Dollars (\$16,572.26), including interest at 8.25% 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 fore-

closed 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 JUNE 18, 2008.

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

Lots 7 and 8, Block 12, Village of Unionville, now being H.C. Marvins Plat, as recorded in Liber 1, Page 48, now being Page 49A 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.

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: May 21, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
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File No. 225.1260

5-21-4

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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 Cindy E. Howden and John Howden, wife and husband, original mortgagors, to Mortgage America (MC), Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 17, 1997 and recorded on January 13, 1998 in Liber 728 on Page 157 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. (successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank), as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Truman Capital Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-2 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-2 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Nine and 10/100 Dollars (\$69,649.10), including interest at 11.91% 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 June 26, 2008.

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

Commencing at a point 120 feet West of the Northeast corner of Section 38, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, thence South 188 feet; thence West 162.5 feet; thence North 188 feet; thence East 162.5 feet to the place of beginning, Denmark Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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: May 28, 2008
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File #201459F01

5-28-4

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Mark W. Griswold, a single man, on April 18, 2002, to Tri County Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation of 4222 Main Street, Brown City, Michigan 48416 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, Michigan on April 24, 2002 in Liber 875, page 491, and upon which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice for principal and interest the sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand Eleven and 03/100 (\$38,011.03) Dollars and said default having continued for more than thirty (30) days and no suit or proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That on Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Local Time, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale at public venue to the highest bidder at the front entrance of the Courthouse, 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County, of the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage as aforesaid with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses including the attorney fee provided by law and any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned at or before said sale for taxes, assessments and insurance premiums on said premises, which said premises are situated in the Township of Koylton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as follows:

That part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 5, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, described as: commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 5; thence North 88 degrees 05 minutes 17 seconds East, along the South line of said Section 2318.78 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 01 degree 51 minutes 49 seconds West 1321.30 feet to the South 1/8 line of said Section; thence North 88 degrees 06 minutes 53 seconds East along said 1/8 line 204.00 feet; thence South 01 degree 51 minutes 49 seconds East 1321.22 feet to said South Section line; thence South 88 degrees 05 minutes 17 seconds West along said Section line; 204.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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The length of the period of redemption from such sale will be one (1) year immediately following said sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated at Caro, Michigan, this 14th day of May, 2008.

Touma, Watson, Whaling, Coury & Castello, P.C.

Attorneys for Tri County Bank

By: Douglas S. Touma
316 McMorran Boulevard
Port Huron, MI 48060

5-14-5

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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 Patricia A. Skinner and Maylen Dan Skinner, Wife and Husband, original mortgagors, to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated July 16, 2001 and recorded on September 17, 2001 in Liber 842 on Page 1392 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Two and 18/100 Dollars (\$15,932.18), 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 July 3, 2008.

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

The North 1/2 of the West 165 Feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 6, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, except; the South 1/2 of the West 165 Feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 6, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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: June 4, 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 Sandra M. Winnie, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 20, 2007 and recorded on May 7, 2007 in Liber 1118 on Page 1065 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Two and 30/100 Dollars (\$94,152.30), 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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on July 10, 2008.

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

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 26, Town 14 North, Range 7 East; thence North along the West line of said Section 26, 775.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 05 minutes 40 seconds East, 198.0 feet; thence North parallel with the West Section line, 323.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 05 minutes 40 seconds West, 198.0 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: June 11, 2008
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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File #167735F02

6-11-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dvain A. Fyan, Jr. and Kellie A. Fyan, husband and wife, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., successor by merger with Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated December 11, 1999 and recorded December 29, 1999 in Liber 791, Page 688, and an Affidavit of Scrivener's Error to correct legal was recorded on 3/19/2008 in Liber 1144, Page 212, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Six and 67/100 Dollars (\$70,346.67), including interest at 8.9% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JUNE 26, 2008.

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

Parcel A: The Southeast one-quarter of the North-west one-quarter of Section 22, Town 10 North, Range 7 East.

Parcel B: The West 2 rods of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 22, Town 10, Range 7 East.

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

of such sale.

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

Dated: May 28, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
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File No. 224.3019

5-28-4

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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 Dustin Wood, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 2, 2007 and recorded on May 11, 2007 in Liber 1119 on Page 472 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Citimortgage, Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Six and 88/100 Dollars (\$91,236.88), including interest at 8.6% 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 July 10, 2008.

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

Lot 6, Block C of James L. Hitchcock's Second Addition to the Village of Cass City, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 5A.

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: June 11, 2008
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC C (248) 593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #207127F01

6-11-4

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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 Deborah A. O'Brien and James S. O'Brien, wife and husband, original mortgagors, to Foundation Financial Group, Mortgagee, dated June 26, 2006 and recorded on July 10, 2006 in Liber 1087 on Page 702 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National City Company as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I, Inc. Trust 2006-HE8, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-HE8 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Three Hundred Thirteen and 61/100 Dollars (\$101,313.61), including interest at 8.3% 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 July 10, 2008.

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

Lot 23, Block 7 of Charles Montague's Subdivision to the Village of Caro, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, now being Page 11A.

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: June 11, 2008
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #206828F01

6-11-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Alfred M. Hansen, single man, as his sole and separate property, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successor and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 25, 2005 and recorded June 2, 2005 in Liber 1040, Page 1254, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Sixty-Seven and 71/100 Dollars (\$105,067.71), including interest at 9.35% 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 JUNE 19, 2008.

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

Lot 6, Block 5 of the Plat of the Village of Mayville, except the West 23 feet thereof, according to Plat recorded in Liber 15 of Deeds, Page 564, now being Liber 3 of Plats, Pages 35 through 36.

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: May 21, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File No. 285.4112

5-21-4

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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 Dvain A. Fyan, Jr. and Kellie A. Fyan, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated October 10, 2003 and recorded on December 22, 2003 in Liber 969 on Page 1457 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fifth Third Mortgage Company as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Two and 51/100 Dollars (\$123,862.51), including interest at 4.75% 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 June 19, 2008.

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

The Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 10 North, Range 7 East and the West 2 rods of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbel Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Dated: May 21, 2008
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC J (248) 593-1311
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Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #202736F01

5-21-4

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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 Susan R. Krueger, a single woman, original mortgagor, to National City Mortgage Co dba Commonwealth United Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated January 5, 2004 and recorded on February 23, 2004 in Liber 980 on Page 1383 in instrument 200400846551, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. as Trustee as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Two and 38/100 Dollars (\$136,502.38), 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 July 3, 2008.

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

A parcel of land in the West 1/2 of the fractional Northeast 1/4 of Section 6, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbel Township, Tuscola County, Michigan described as follows: Commencing on the North line of said Section 6, at a point 2434.50 feet North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, from the Northwest corner of Section 6, said point being the Northeast corner of said West 1

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lana Ellis, a married woman, as her sole and separate property, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 16, 2005 and recorded on June 17, 2005 in Liber 1042 on Page 781 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Two and 80/100 Dollars (\$119,802.80), including interest at 5.875% 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 July 3, 2008.

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

Lot 46, Pine Crest Acres Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 15-16 of Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: June 4, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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File #195450F03

6-4-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Christopher Gilliland, a single man, a/k/a Christopher M. Gilliland, a single man, original mortgagor, to First Financial Bank of IN, Mortgagee, dated August 26, 2005 and recorded on September 22, 2005 in Liber 1054 on Page 1357 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-FFH4, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-FFH4 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-One and 68/100 Dollars (\$232,631.68), including interest at 9.5% 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 July 3, 2008.

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

Part of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Town 14 North, Range 10 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of Section 33, which is North 00 degrees 21 minutes 30 seconds East 330.00 feet from the East quarter corner of said Section 33; thence continuing along the East line, North 00 degrees 21 minutes 30 seconds East, 577.82 feet; thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 48 seconds West, parallel with the North, East and West one-eighth line, 198.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 21 minutes 30 seconds West, parallel said East line 577.89 feet; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 31 seconds East, parallel with the East and West quarter line of said Section 33, 198.00 feet to the point of beginning. Rights of the public and governmental unit in any part of the land taken, deemed or used for road, street or highway purposes.

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: June 4, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #2053639F01

6-4-4

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by SANTOS R. GOMEZ and JOYCE A. GOMEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETIES, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 8, 2005, and recorded on April 14, 2005, in Liber 1034, on Page 1199, and modified on July 26, 2006, recorded October 24, 2006, in Liber 1100, on Page 0180, and assigned by said mortgagee to THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE UNDER NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST 2005-2, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand One Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Eight Cents (\$110,113.08), including interest at 8.990% 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 June 26, 2008.

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

COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 POST OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 13 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, THENCE EAST 16 RODS, THENCE NORTH 20 RODS, THENCE WEST 16 RODS, THENCE SOUTH 20 RODS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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: May 20, 2008

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE UNDER NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST 2005-2
Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

5-28-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dale M. Pisha, a married man, by Jessica L. Pisha, attorney in fact, Jessica L. Pisha, his wife, original mortgagors, to Independent Mortgage Co. East MI, Mortgagee, dated December 2, 2005 and recorded on December 20, 2005 in Liber 1065 on Page 601 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand One Hundred Thirteen and 69/100 Dollars (\$198,113.69), 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 July 3, 2008.

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

Part of the Northeast quarter of Section 32, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, Kingston Township, Tuscola County, Michigan described as: Beginning at the East quarter corner of said Section 32; thence along the East-West quarter line of said Section 32, North 89 degrees 41 minutes 20 seconds west, 264.00 feet; thence parallel with the East line of said Section 32, North 00 degrees 05 minutes 35 seconds West 296.50 feet; thence parallel with said East-West quarter line of Section 32, South 89 degrees 41 minutes 20 seconds East, 264.00 feet to said East line of Section 32; thence along said East line of Section 32, South 00 degrees 05 minutes 35 seconds East, 296.50 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: June 4, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Transit (nonbusiness) rates, 10 words or less, \$3.95 each insertion; additional words 10 cents each. Three weeks for the price of 2-cash rate. Save money by enclosing cash with mail orders. Rates for display want ads on application.

Motor Vehicles

FOR SALE - 2001 GMC Jimmy, \$7,699, 4wd, SLS package. 67,500 miles, silver/graphics, tow package. 872-8300, leave message. 1-5-21-tf

FOR SALE



**1990 Wellcraft
233 Eclipse**
Blue, 23', 5.7 V-8 Merc, new covers, new interior, dual axle trailer, clean, low hours. First \$5,000 takes it!
**Call
989-872-3410**
1-4-9-tf

General Merchandise

TRAVEL TRAILER hitch for sale - Everything but receiver, including sway bar and electric front jack, \$250. 989-872-4641. 2-6-11-1

MATTRESS SET pillow tops - new queen \$175, king \$275, full \$165. Call 989-799-3532. 2-4-23-52

AMISH LOG HEADBOARD & queen pillow top mattress set - new in plastic, \$275. 989-839-4846. 2-4-23-52

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kristine L. Fritz, k/a Kristine L. Beckrow, and Donald L. Beckrow, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 28, 2003 and recorded on June 4, 2003 in Liber 934 on Page 171 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighty and 62/100 Dollars (\$104,580.62), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on July 3, 2008.

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 2, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, Township of Fremont, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Section 2 that is 1058.93 feet, South 0 degrees 46 minutes 51 seconds East from the Northeast corner of said Section 2; thence continuing South 0 degrees 46 minutes 51 seconds East on said East line of Section 2, 150.00 feet; thence South 88 degrees 36 minutes 37 seconds West 479.66 feet; thence South 0 degrees 46 minutes 51 seconds East 181.63 feet; thence South 88 degrees 36 minutes 37 seconds West, 835.05 feet; thence North 0 degrees 50 minutes 41 seconds West 331.63 feet; thence North 88 degrees 36 minutes 37 seconds East 1315.08 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: June 4, 2008

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6-4-4

General Merchandise

TV ANTENNA - Free. Yours for taking down. 872-3566. 2-6-11-3

1984 33' TRAVEL TRAILER. \$3,000. 989-975-0738. 2-6-11-1

FOR SALE - Kenmore washer & LP gas dryer, 3-4 years old, excellent condition, \$400. GE refrigerator, 5-6 years old, excellent condition, \$125. Maytag washer and Whirlpool electric dryer, \$150. Call Holly, 872-2248. 2-6-11-1

PORTABLE ICE MAKER - Almost new, \$150. 989-670-5795. 2-5-28-tf

8-MONTH-OLD male beagle - \$50 O.B.O. 989-872-8257. 2-5-28-3

CRAFTSMAN - 18HP riding mower, \$350. Call 872-3380. 2-5-28-3

14' ALUMINUM BOAT - Trailer, GPS, fishfinder, trolling motor, \$2,150 O.B.O. Heavy duty 12" DeWalt 706 double bevel compound miter saw, \$300. Call 989-551-1509. 2-5-28-3

HOT TUB - 6-person with lounge, backlit waterfall and Michigan cover, never used, with warranty. Retail \$5,900; will sell \$2,975. 989-797-7727. 2-4-23-52

A KING SIZE pillow top mattress set - never used, with deluxe frame still in box. Cost \$1,050, sacrifice \$335. 989-923-1278. 2-4-23-52

A TEMPUR PEDIC style memory foam mattress set - as seen on TV, new in original wrapper with warranty. Cost \$1,800, sell \$695. 989-832-2401. 2-4-23-52

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Bill Ehrlich, Jr. 665-2503
2-4-16-tf

Household Sales

BIG GARAGE SALE - Furniture, toys, clothes, dishes, table saw, and miscellaneous. June 11 & 12, 9-5 p.m. 3320 Cemetery Rd. 14-6-11-1

GARAGE SALE - Friday Only! June 13, 9-5 p.m. Teenage girls' and ladies' clothing, Sky Trek exercise machine, lots of miscellaneous. 4270 S. Seeger St. 14-6-11-1

HUGE ESTATE Garage Sale - One full week starting June 16-June 21, 9-7 p.m. 3308 Warner Rd. (2 miles south, 1 mile west, 1/4 mile south of Cass City). 14-6-11-1

MOVING SALE - 4 miles north of stoptight, 3 miles east, 1/2 mile north on Grassmere. Everything must go! Little boys' and baby girls' clothes. Thursday-Friday, 8-5 p.m.; Saturday, 8-noon. 14-6-11-1

GARAGE SALE - June 12-14, 9-7 Baby clothes, baby items, teen and adult clothing, antiques, housewares and much more. 3441 Lamton Rd., 6 south, 3 east, 1/4 south of Cass City. 14-6-11-1

ESTATE SALE of Gwen McLachlan & Moving Sale of Ken & Janel Guilds - 6836 Herron Dr., Cass City. Thursday, 3:30-8 p.m.; Friday & Saturday, 9-6 p.m.; Sunday, 9-noon. 14-6-11-1

GARAGE SALE - June 11 & 12, 8-5 p.m. June 13, 8-noon. 4311 Ale St., Cass City. Freezer, furniture, bedroom set, lamps, dishes, lots of miscellaneous. 14-6-11-1

GARAGE SALE - Men's & women's clothing, teen girls' clothing, Dale Earnhardt jacket, household items, gun cabinet, a tent and 6-foot display case. 6181 Cedar Dr. (Huntsville Mobile Home Park). June 12, 3-8 p.m.; June 13, 9-4 p.m.; June 14, 9-1 p.m. 14-6-11-1

Household Sales

HUGE ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE 3-Day Sale - Thursday-Saturday. Hall China, glassware, old toys, books, feed sacks, paper items, dolls and linens. 10" Craftsman radial arm saw and many other estate items. 9-5 p.m. 4451 Green Rd. (5 miles west of Cass City across from DNR). 14-6-11-1

SISTERS GARAGE SALE - June 12 & 13. 4913 Linda Lane, Cass City. Craftsman mulching lawn mower, antique Royal typewriter, speakers, much, much more. 14-6-11-1

NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE - 4 within a mile apart. June 13 & 14, 9-5 p.m. Corner of Hurds Corner & Akron roads (1/2 mile off of M-81). Truck toolbox, chest freezer, household items, baby stroller, baby clothes, toys, and miscellaneous. Must come see. Many different items. Garage is full. 14-6-11-1

YARD SALE - June 12 & 13, 9-5 p.m. 6470 Garfield. Many useful and unique items. Priced to sell! Reva Dillon. 14-6-11-1

YARD SALE - Table saw, stove/oven, lawn tractor, kitchen table, chairs and miscellaneous household goods. Weather permitting. 6432 Garfield Ave. Thursday, 8-6 p.m.; Friday, 9-5 p.m. 14-6-11-1

YARD SALE - June 12-14, 10-6 p.m. Leftovers 1/2 price Saturday. Lotions to notions, knickknacks and thingamajigs, movies and books, 3XL women's clothes, tools, candy and cake making, stroller, car seat, etc., car ramps and dollie. Low prices! Corner of Woodland and Houghton. (Will barter for shop lights). 14-6-11-1

Real Estate For Sale

FOR SALE BY OWNER - 6645 Pine St., Cass City. Home conveniently located to downtown area, this 2-bedroom classic is on a corner lot and offers affordable home ownership. Features: living room, separate dining room, full basement, attached garage with breezeway entrance to kitchen. Large backyard for garden or recreation. Immediate occupancy available. Call 872-2621 for a viewing appointment. For questions or additional information, email rmbethel@hotmail.com. No realtor calls. 3-6-4-3

M-53 & M-81 - 3 1/2 acres & 7 1/2 acres with mobile home. Wooded state land behind. Excellent location, hunting, building site, investment. Must sell, moving out of state. Land contract. 586-784-8404. 3-6-11-4

FOR SALE - Aluminum-sided mobile home to be moved. \$1,000 O.B.O. Call Bonnie, 872-8825. 3-6-11-tf

FOR SALE - 1973 Skyline 12x60 mobile home. 2-bedrooms, 1 bath, set in Huntsville Park, Cass City. Asking \$6,500 O.B.O. Very nice in the inside and out. Call 989-912-0136. 3-5-28-3

Real Estate For Rent

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Set in amongst the trees is this unique home. At one time it was the Grand Trunk Railroad depot. Now it is a two bedroom home. CY2548

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WITH THE TEMPERATURE hitting 90 degrees on Friday, many people sought refuge at the Cass City pool. The pool was quite busy and lots of children were excited to spend the day cooling off and having a good time.



U.S. POSTAL CARRIER Dale Bullock opens his truck to sort mail. He has worked as a postal carrier for 31 years and loves the opportunity to get to know people in the area and be a friendly face.

Bullock still enjoys postal job

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sorting anymore," he said. "The postal service has gone computerized, like most everything else, and a lot of the sorting is done by the computer. However, people are usually surprised by the scanner I carry. It tallies and records all the signature mail. We track those very closely to make sure we don't miss any. A lot of people don't realize the time it takes

to stop and deal with that." The job is also more time consuming than people probably realize. Walking down Main Street and knowing where every single mailbox is can be a challenge. A lot of times new postal carriers have a hard time dealing with that, Bullock said. It can be difficult when mailboxes are not in a good location. "We try to educate people on the best locations of mailboxes, but sometimes they're hard to get to," he said. "Also, if mail builds

up and people don't take it out, there sometimes isn't enough room to put new mail in." Even though there are some minor problems Bullock deals with on his job, he greatly enjoys the work he does, especially in Cass City. "I'm blessed because I work in a small community. People are generous with cookies and ice cold drinks on hot days. The problems are minimal and I've never had a situation where I've been scared for life."

Foundation giving now exceeds \$1 million

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included nearly \$15,000 earmarked for Cass City students. They include:

- **Alison Emmert Scholarship Fund**, high school student, (\$500).
- **Ben Hobart Memorial Scholarship Fund**, high school student (\$500).

- **Cass City AAUW Scholarship Fund**, 3 scholarships for adults returning to college (\$1,500 total).
- **Cass City Rotary Scholarship Fund**, 4 high school students (\$4,000 total).

- **Cory Merz Endowment Fund**, 3 high school students (\$3,000 total), middle school Washington, D.C. trip support (\$250) and high school student support (\$250).

- **Kelly Maharg Endowment Fund**, 4 high school students (\$3,000 total) and middle school Washington, D.C. trip support (\$1,475).

- **Wallace Zinnecker Scholarship Fund**, high school student (\$500).
- The Tuscola County Community Foundation accepts donations from individuals, families and organizations, and earmarks future distribution of the money based on the donors' wishes. All of the funds are then combined and invested. Contributors to the funds can actually double their giving because they receive a 50-percent tax credit (up to \$400), according to Micklash.

Decker woman seeking space

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"Then, I realized while I was a volunteer at school, how many parents didn't have the money to even go to a garage sale. That was amazing to me," she continued. "I thought, if somebody would give to the Goodwill, why wouldn't they give to someone who would give it to those who need it."

Before long, Welch found a church that was willing to donate a room for her organization, which has always relied on volunteer help alone. Later, she and other volunteers moved into the basement of the church, which is

now a community center.

Welch and her family returned to Michigan in 2000 because her mother was ill. The years that followed brought some very real financial struggles for them, including a fire that claimed their home in 2006, leaving them homeless for 6 months.

More recently, Dan lost his hotel maintenance job just one day after signing the papers to purchase their home in Sanilac County. The family managed on unemployment for 6 months, then went 2 months with no income at all.

"We've learned to do with less, (but

we have the necessities," Welch said. "I am the people I help. I know what they're going through. I know things can change."

And, Welch is confident she and her family will somehow secure sponsors for the Klotz Klotz Plus, whether in the form of donations or a place to set up shop.

"A building would be nice, but we're not really fussy," she said. "Since we are a 501(c)(3) organization, anything donated to us is tax deductible, and we are willing to clean and do repairs for the use of a building."

"I wasn't really eager to jump back into it," Welch confided. "But I know how many people can be helped. It's the kids, mostly it's the kids - if they have to go to school in really bad clothes, they get teased."

Welch has taken some ribbing herself over the years when the discussion turned to why she isn't out working a 9 to 5 job.

"Believe me, I hear this all the time from my in-laws," she said. "I could make money at a 'real' job, but I wouldn't get the satisfaction I get out of this."

Editor's note: Anyone interested in assisting Welch can learn more by contacting her at (989) 635-7924.

Ag studies underway

Agricultural research that explores practices and tests new seed varieties and potential inputs is good. Research that does all of those things on farms where successful studies will be put into action is even better, and it's at the heart of what organizers of the Thumb Ag Research and Education (TARE) program hope to accomplish.

TARE was formed in 2007. Its members include growers and agribusiness representatives from 7 Thumb region counties: Huron, Sanilac, Tuscola, Lapeer, Saginaw, St. Clair and Genesee. Their work is supported by Michigan State University (MSU) Extension, the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan, the Michigan Soybean Promotion Committee, Project GREEN (Generating Research and Extension to meet Economic and Environmental Needs), the plant industry initiative at MSU and local agribusinesses.

MSU Extension agriculture educators from Tuscola, Sanilac and Huron counties have teamed up to establish local research and education plots on a number of area farms. Two corn plots and one soybean plot have been planted in each of the 3 counties.

"These locations give us a good representation of the variability in soils and weather patterns we have in the Thumb area," said David Pratt, MSU Extension agriculture educator in Tuscola County.

The studies will include evaluations of 94 corn hybrids, 78 soybean varieties and 5 wheat varieties. Additionally, an in-row population trial has been established at each of the 6 corn sites, and an inoculant study and foliar fungicide trial have been established at each of the 3 soybean sites. A wheat foliar nitrogen trial and foliar fungicide trial have also been established.

VBS slated

Vacation Bible School at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 6820 E Main St. in Cass City, is slated for June 23-27 from 9 to 11:45 a.m. It is offered to children ages 3 to 12 years. Call Ruth at 872-2770 to register.

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