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Church gearing up to launch new food pantry

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Members of a local church are planning to take a bite out of the financial struggles many area families are facing these days by setting up a mobile food pantry this month and distributing food to anyone in need. No strings attached.

The congregation of the Cass City Missionary Church has spent weeks researching the project and making contacts with other groups that have taken on similar efforts. The church has also established a relationship with the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan in Flint, which provides food to people in need through 350 partner agencies in 22 Michigan counties.

The church hopes to draw support for the project from other area congregations as well as the community - anyone willing to get involved - in an effort to continue the free food distributions in the future from a permanent home somewhere in the village.

The Cass City Missionary Church has been the force behind "Revive", an annual spring outreach that began as a children's fair and community services over a 2-day period. This year, the celebration was trimmed down to one day and included a community pantry offering residents free household items and clothing. Attendance was estimated at 500 people.

"We've had our Revive event for the past few years, and especially this year, with the community food pantry - the response we had was just overwhelming," said the Rev. Bob Sweeney, pastor. "So many people said it was meeting needs for them. That caught our attention."

Which led church members to contact the organizers of a food pantry in Marlette for advice, and the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan for the food to distribute.

Their initial efforts will come to a head Friday, July 11, with their first distribution, which will be staged at the corner of Main and Seeger streets (behind the Cass City Municipal Building) from 4 to 6 p.m. Volunteers will be doing all the work, but families planning to take advantage of the offer are asked to bring bags or boxes to hold their food.

"It's called a mobile food pantry because we don't have a permanent place yet," Sweeney explained. "Anyone in need is welcome. There are no financial guidelines for this. We're not looking at W-2s."

The church will provide a number of volunteers, "but we'll take more. You can never have enough," said Sweeney, who is hopeful that others will be willing to lend a hand for the distribution, which is expected to provide enough food for up to 500 families.

"We need quite a few people," he added. "They're (food bank) going to bring a semi load of food. I think it's at least 12 pallets."

It's a big undertaking, one that Sweeney and other members of the church would like to see embraced by other churches as well as the local business community.

"As this grows, we hope that other churches will get on board. We want

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JOE AND MEGAN Toft sang at the first Music in the Park event of the 2008 summer. The Tofts lead worship services at Deford Community Church and have been singing for about 10 years. (See story, page 5)

Expenses hit O-G hard

Skyrocketing fuel expenses along with unexpected employee-related costs and other factors combined this past year to hit the Owen-Gage School District's bottom line hard.

The good news is the school system's general fund remained in the black following the 2007-08 fiscal year, which ended Monday. But not by much.

"Our general fund, at the end of the year, shows a fund balance of \$1,400, but that's before the audit," Supt. Dana Compton said following last week's regular monthly meeting of the Owen-Gage Board of Education.

Compton outlined amendments to the 2007-08 spending plan, and pre-

sented a proposed 2008-09 budget.

"One of the big things that hit us (in 2007-08) was, we had to transfer \$56,000 to the athletic fund to cover the cost of athletics. And, of course, our expenditures for fuel was substantially higher, our pupil transportation budget was about \$20,000 out of whack," said Compton. He added that a district employee who handled both transportation and maintenance duties was ill during the year, forcing school officials to cover both sick/vacation pay and the cost of hiring a replacement worker.

Together, those factors trimmed down what Compton had projected would be a year-end fund balance of

\$40,000 or \$50,000. "We knew we were going to be tight, but we didn't think we'd be that tight," he said. Still, school officials have not had to make any significant program cuts, he added.

"It's a little more positive for next year," noted Compton, who is projecting 2008-09 revenues at \$1.96 million and expenditures at \$1.9 million, with a year-end fund balance of roughly \$60,000.

"It (spending) is just a tad under what we had projected for last year," Compton said. He explained the projection is based, in part, on plans to

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Council hears update on DFA plant

Cass City's courtship of Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) continued Monday night at the regular meeting of the village council.

The board called for a special council meeting July 16, when a pair of public hearings will be held beginning at 7 p.m.

Although a number of positive meetings have taken place during June with DFA officials, in addition to summits with representatives of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and Department of Agriculture, Village Manager Peter Cristiano vowed to continue their efforts to secure the milk processing facility until the "shovels are in the ground."

"Our first hurdle is establishing an extension to the Renaissance Zone in the industrial park," Cristiano said.

That will be addressed during one of the public hearings, when a 15-year extension on 40 acres of land within the industrial park will be conducted.

The council also approved a contract with Spicer Engineering to complete a Boundary Topographic and Utility Survey of the 65-acre Industrial Park for a cost not to exceed \$13,500. An exact description and mapping of the property is required to obtain the milk processing plant, which is expected to initially employ 30 people with an annual payroll of over \$1 million.

While the DFA proposal remains one of the council's top priority, the other public hearing scheduled during the special council meeting could also lead to more jobs for area residents, many who have struggled during Michigan's economic downturn.

Preceding the discussions to extend the Renaissance Zone, the council will hold a hearing to establish an Industrial Development District for Ceramic Systems, 6201 Church St.

Cristiano says the designation will allow Eldor Herrmann, owner of the former Nestles building, the opportunity to request tax abatements and

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CASS CITY'S Rebecca Doerr was recently crowned the 2008 Michigan Sugar Queen and will spend her summer representing the state's sugarbeet industry in more than 20 parades as well as other public appearances.

Sweet opportunity Cass City's Doerr crowned sugar queen

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Homecoming queen, Cass City's Junior Citizen of the Year, recent high school graduate. It's been quite an exciting year for Rebecca Doerr.

And this summer promises to be even sweeter for the 18-year-old Cass City resident, who was recently crowned the 2008 Michigan Sugar Queen.

"It's been amazing. There have been so many opportunities this year. Definitely," commented Doerr, the daughter of David and Janice Doerr of Cass City. "It's been a great year. I can't believe all the honors I've been given this year."

Doerr, who was crowned during the 44th annual Michigan Sugar Festival in Sebewaing, will have a busy year ahead of her, representing the

sugarbeet industry as she visits with public officials, food industry leaders and the general public. Her schedule includes many official appearances, riding on the Pioneer Sugar float in more than 20 parades throughout Michigan.

"I was really shocked (to win the Michigan Sugar Queen title)," recalled Doerr, whose future also includes attending Delta College in the fall to study dental hygiene. "I was not expecting to win. It was such an honor."

First runner-up Ashlyn Gurley of Burt and second runner-up Tara Binder of Unionville will serve on the queen's court. Both will accompany Doerr in various parades and other public appearances.

Jeff Adamo, director of Human Resources for Michigan Sugar Com-

pany, was among the judges for the queen scholarship committee.

"Again this year we had several qualified candidates with very diverse backgrounds," Adamo said. "With so many excellent candidates to choose from, it was difficult for the selection committee to make a decision. All of the candidates should be proud of themselves, and hopefully all took away something positive from this experience."

Michigan Sugar Company solely sponsors the Michigan Sugar Queen competition. As the sponsor, the company and grower-owners provide the queen with a \$2,000 scholarship for use at the university of their choice. The first and second runners-up each will be awarded a \$1,000

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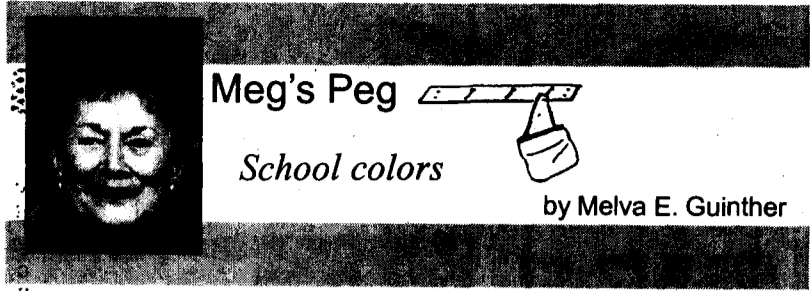
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The CCHS class of '51 is planning a reunion for this summer. We reunited in 2006, but decided not to wait another 5 years, due to the continual thinning of our ranks.

I've been assigned the task of finding out when and why Maroon & Gray became Maroon and White as school colors. So far I've batted zero, so if anyone out there remembers when the transition took place, please let me know.

Of course, one question leads to another. How were maroon and gray chosen in the first place?

Personally, I like maroon and white. I think it looks sharp.

Mothers might have been responsible for the original choice of gray because it would have been so hard to keep whites white in those days.

Chances are that few people remember how laundry was done in the old days. I am one who does, which makes me forever thankful for my automatic washer and dryer.

Monday was washday, and water had to be hauled into the house and heated on the stove in a huge oval boiler. Then it was transferred to the washer. The washtubs in which the clothes were rinsed had to be filled too. I tell you, women in those days could have lived in Lake Wobegone, where all the women are strong, etc.

The procedure was to wash the white things first, then the colors, then the dark, grimy clothes, all in the same water. (Kind of like the bath time ritual when you hoped the least dirty got the first turn in the tub by the old potbelly stove.)

For the benefit of the young and pampered, the clothes were taken from the washing machine, put through the wringers into the first rinse tub, then through the wringers into the second rinse, and finally through the wringers again into a basket to be taken outdoors and hung on the clothesline.

Of course, in winter the clothesline

Cass City's Uhl named TCD poster contest winner



Mackenzie Uhl

Mackenzie Uhl, a second grade Cass City student, was recently named this year's Tuscola Conservation District Poster Contest winner in her age division.

"This was chosen as first-place winner out of several hundred entries throughout the various school districts in the county," said Steve Schaub, district education coordinator. "We will be entering (Uhl's) poster in the state contest to be held in October."

Uhl, daughter of Valerie Kappen, Cass City, received a Barnes and Noble Bookstore gift certificate for her effort in this year's contest, which featured the theme, "Water is Life". Her work along with the other winning posters are currently on display at the USDA Service Center, 1075 Cleaver Rd., Caro, and can be viewed from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on any weekday.

4 from area named to dean's list at Alma

Four area residents were recently named to the dean's list at Alma College, Alma, following the 2008 winter term.

They are: Lysa Knight, a freshman from Cass City, and senior James Tibbetts III, senior Karl Recker and sophomore Mark Recker, all of Ubly. To be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average while completing at least 13 credit hours of coursework.

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Helen Babich

Helen L. Babich, 84, of Marlette, passed away Saturday, June 28, 2008 at Marlette Regional Hospital.

She was born May 27, 1924 in Pontiac, the daughter of the late Osro and Hazel (Wilson) Tallman.

She married Joseph Babich Jr. Nov. 29, 1941 in Deford. He preceded her in death April 25, 2001.

Mrs. Babich has lived in Marlette since 2000 and was previously from the Manton area. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Manton and the Marlette First United Methodist Church. Helen was also a member of the Rebecca Lodge in Manton and the Manton Snow Devils Snowmobiling Club. She enjoyed Snowmobiling, camping, friends and most of all, her family.

Mrs. Babich is survived by a son, Ken (Ruth) Babich of Marlette; brothers: Andrew (Jessie) Tallman of Fife Lake, Bruce (Linda) Tallman of Caro and Hiram Tallman of Fife Lake; a sister, Winnie (Dale) Bridson of Fife Lake; grandchildren: John and Doty Babich of Auburn, Damian and Candy Babich of Kalkaska and Tiffany Steffen of Dayton, Ky.; great-grandchildren: Micaela, Andrew, Sarah, Samantha Jo and Nathan; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a son, D. Douglas "Butch" Babich, an infant daughter, Lora Babich; an infant brother, Marvin; a brother, Kenneth; and sisters: Dorothy, Grace, Marian and Irene.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., today (Wednesday), at Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette, with the Rev. John R. Allan officiating.

Burial was in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Honorary casket bearers were John, Damian, Gene, Bernard, Andrew and Nathan Babich, Andrew and Bruce Tallman.

Memorials may be made to Manton High School, Marlette Regional Hospital Extended Care Facility or the memorial of your choice.

Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Inc., Marlette.

James Fritz

James E. Fritz, PhD, 62, of Boston, MA, formerly of Cass City, died unexpectedly Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at home.

He was born July 27, 1945 in Cass City, the son of Edwin and Doris (Amundson) Fritz.

Jim received his BA from the University of Wisconsin, Madison after which he worked for Caterpillar in Peoria, Ill. He then served with the Peace Corp in Paraguay, South America. Following the Peace Corp, he joined the Agency for International Development and worked in South America. Upon returning to the U.S., Jim completed his master's degree and his PhD in instructional technology at Michigan State University. He then began his work with Digital Equipment in Boston. After he left Digital, he served as a substitute teacher in the Boston Public School system and also worked in retail sales. Jim enjoyed listening to music, attending the opera, and watching sporting events.

Jim is survived by his brother, Michael (Jeanne) Fritz of Birmingham; nieces: Sarah Fritz, and Amanda (Todd) Levin; great nieces and nephews: Jasmina, Michael, Isabella, Leah, and Jacob; and several cousins.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, July 7, at the Cass City United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Paul Donelson officiating.

Interment will be in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City, with his parents.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were made by Krantz Funeral Home, Cass City.

James Hack

James (Pete) Harley Hack, 74, a life long resident of Caro, passed away Wed., June 25, 2008 at his residence. Pete was born Feb. 6, 1934 in Caro, the son of the late Vern and Lenore (Emery) Hack.

He married Shirley Kill March 14, 1959 in Caro.

Pete served in the U.S. Army in Korea. He worked for Apache Trailers (Vesley's Trailers) in Lapeer, did TV repair, worked doing auto body repair with his brother, and enjoyed traveling and time with his family especially his grandchildren, playing marble games.

Pete is survived by his loving wife of almost 50 years, Shirley; children: Ginger (Kenneth) Wonnacott of Caro and Allen Hack of Roscommon;

grandchildren: James, Andrew, Dustin, Dylon, Tommy and Troy; and sisters: Marie (Gary) Hazen of Midland, Jane (Sonny) Babcock, Maxine Krabbe and Ruthann (Jim) Babcock, all of Caro.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, James Dean; and brothers, Donald, William and Paul Hack.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 29, at Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City, with Chaplain Wendy Orzel of Home and Hospice Advantage officiating. Cremation will follow the service.

Burial will be in Indianfields Cemetery, Caro.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Jeanne Soubliere

Jeanne Soubliere, 71, of Howell, passed away at her home Thursday, June 26, 2008.

She was born April 6, 1937 in Cass City, the daughter of Floyd and Ada (Deering) O'Rourke.

A Livingston County area resident

since 1969, Jeanne was an advanced drivers training instructor for GM's Milford Proving Grounds, retiring after 26 years of service. Following retirement, she worked with Michigan Police Agencies setting up their advanced drivers training units. She was a member of Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church, an avid bowler, enjoyed gardening and her family.

Beloved wife of the late Leeson E. Soubliere (1984), dear mother of Rick (Kathy) Soubliere of Howell, grandmother of Nikole and Danielle. Also survived by her mother, Ada and step-father, Orville Hutchinson of Cass City and step-siblings, Gary (Jeanine) Hutchinson of Saginaw, Bob Hutchinson and Ann Hutchinson, both of Cass City.

She was preceded in death by her father, Floyd.

Memorial services were held Monday, June 30, at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell, with the Rev. Galen R. Grulke officiating.

Memorials may be made to Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church.

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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Did you catch the story about the new California law starting Jan. 1 next year that requires all new cars to carry "green" stickers depicting the impact the car has on the environment? The stickers are designed to reveal the environmental effect of each car or truck. Each car is rated on a 1-10 scale with 10 the highest and one the lowest. A 5 rating will be average. The rating number is printed on the sticker. Historically, advances in producing a cleaner environment start in California and often spread across the country. Sponsors of the new law say it's part of California's efforts to educate consumers about the environmental impact of vehicle emissions.

The bad news for the district tournament for 9- and 10-year-old baseball players on the Cass City team is that the embryo Hawks are scheduled in the tourney bracket that features all-star teams from Saginaw and Bay City. The good news is that the district tournament is scheduled in Cass City and baseball fans will be able to see the better teams in action as well as compare the area team with the big city representatives. The tourney starts July 9 with Bay City northwest playing Bay City northeast at 5 p.m. and Saginaw north meeting Bay City southwest playing at 7 p.m. Cass City's opening game is Thursday, July 10 against Essexville at 5 p.m. The second game that day pits Saginaw south against Caro. It is a double-loss tournament. If Cass City wins its opener it will play July 11 at 7 p.m. If it loses, it will play at 2 p.m. July 12.

Visited with Chronicle correspondent Thelma Jackson last week and found the 90-year-old is still ready, willing and able to continue writing for at least this year. There's no doubt that in length of service she is at the head of the list. She took over the writing from a neighbor to "give it a try." She is the only employee at the paper who has been working longer than I have. She can't remember the exact date she started, but she worked for the former publisher, H. F. Lenzner, who turned the reins over to me in March 1951.

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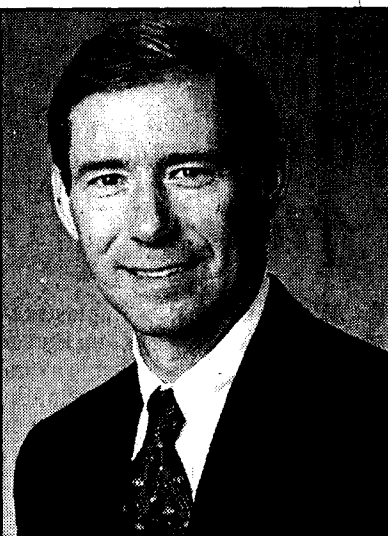
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Shaw among TFNGers at recent launch

When Space Shuttle Discovery and her STS-124 crew recently lifted off for a 14-day mission to the International Space Station, there was a distinguished group of onlookers down below - the first ever space shuttle astronaut class that included one of Boeing's own. NASA's 1978 astronaut class, better known as the TFNGers or "Thirty-five new guys," includes Boeing Space Exploration Vice President and General Manager Brewster Shaw, a Cass City native. Sixteen of the original 35 showed up for a weekend reunion during Discovery's May 31 launch to deliver the Japanese Pressurized Module to the orbiting outpost. "It has been an honor to serve my country and a privilege to be part of the first shuttle astronaut class," Shaw said. "This was a wonderful



Brewster Shaw

weekend reminiscing with my classmates, talking about the exciting future of our space program, and culminating with a terrific launch of Discovery and her STS-124 crew." Headquartered in Houston, Texas, and near NASA's Johnson Space Center, Boeing Space Exploration is a division of Boeing Integrated Defense Systems and the leading global supplier of reusable and human space systems and services. Shaw flew 3 Space Shuttle missions - as pilot of STS-9 in November 1983, as commander of STS-61B in November 1985, and as commander of STS-28 in August 1989. Shaw received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1968 and a Master's of Science degree in 1969, both in engineering mechanics from the University of Wisconsin. He was born in Cass City. The '78 class was the eighth group selected by NASA and the first selected nearly a decade after the end of the Apollo era. From this group came the first female astronauts - Anna Fisher, Shannon Lucid, Judith Resnik, Sally Ride, Rhea Seddon, and Kathryn Sullivan - as well as the first black astronauts - Guion Bluford, Fred Gregory, and Ron McNair. With all their great accomplishments, the group also experienced great tragedy when 4 of their members perished in the Challenger disaster on Jan. 28, 1986. Ronald McNair, Ellison Onizuka, Judith Resnik, and Richard Scobee were among the 7 crew members that lost their lives during the launch of space shuttle Challenger - Gregory Jarvis, Christa McAuliffe, and Michael Smith were the other 3 crew members. During the early years, the TFNGers

comprised the bulk of the shuttle crews, and from 1983 to 1992, there would be at least one TFNG member on each mission (STS-7 to STS-49). "Similar to the atmosphere 30-years ago, there is an exciting future in space exploration," added Shaw. "Our group was the first group se-

lected specifically for the space shuttle era in space exploration, and now we stand next to today's young astronauts, and those to be selected in the future, and know that they will feel the same excitement that comes from being the next generation of space explorers."

Cass City police nab 2 teens in Fairway break-in last week

Two area teens allegedly took shoplifting a step farther last week when they broke into the Fairway Discount Store, 6520 Main St., Cass City. Cass City police say they caught the pair red-handed during the early morning hours of Tuesday, June 24. Cass City Officer Mike McCrea was dispatched to the local business at about 12:18 a.m. to investigate a store alarm, according to reports, which state McCrea arrive to find the store's rear overhead door slightly open. McCrea, who approached the building and heard someone moving inside, requested assistance from the Caro Police Department. McCrea and a Caro officer entered the business and discovered 2 teens

on the floor at the northeast corner of the store. They arrested one of the suspects, Chelsea L. Depner, 17, Cass City, and they released the other, a 15-year-old Deford resident, to family members. Reports state the 2 had in their possession nearly \$90 worth of merchandise, including condoms, tobacco and candy. Cass City Police Chief Craig Haynes said the Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office has authorized felony charges of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, and larceny in a building against Depner. The other suspect, he added, will be petitioned into the juvenile division of the Tuscola County court system.

Sanilac drug team seizes pot, cash

Sanilac County Drug Task Force officers harvested a jackpot of marijuana, cash and property during a recent investigation in Marlette Township. Officers, serving a search warrant June 23 in the 5400 block of Cotter Road, seized marijuana with a street value of several thousand dollars as well as a loaded revolver and \$7,400 in cash. According to task force Director William Gray, officers forced their way into the home, where the suspect - a 53-year-old Marlette Township man - was known to be armed with a loaded .38-caliber revolver. "A search of the home resulted in the recovery of 16 marijuana plants growing in the main floor area of the home. A search of the basement disclosed the suspect was in the process of constructing a larger scale grow area...in order to expand the marijuana manufacturing activity he was already engaged in," Gray said. Officers recovered more than 425 grams of already-harvested and processed marijuana ready for retail sale/distribution, and a triple beam scale. "Investigators also located a bathroom wastebasket filled with used toilet paper, which when dumped out had \$7,400 in small and large denomination bills," Gray said.

In addition to the loaded handgun, he noted, the suspect had electrified the home's glass sliding patio door by connecting an electric "cattle fence" to the door and door track. Investigators avoided the trap by entering the front door of the home, according to Gray, who said the day's seizures included a large amount of marijuana manufacturing equipment and a Toyota pickup truck. "The total estimated retail street value of all of the marijuana seized is more than \$20,000," Gray reported. "The total value of all of the equipment, cash (and) vehicle is at least an additional \$15,000." The suspect was questioned and released pending crime lab certification of the marijuana. The task force, meanwhile, is seeking a warrant charging him with manufacturing marijuana, possession with intent to deliver marijuana, possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, possession of an unregistered handgun, maintaining a drug house, and possession of marijuana. Additional federal firearms violations are also possible pending the outcome of the investigation, which is continuing. Sanilac County residents can report any suspected illegal drug-related activities anonymously by calling 1-800-544-DRUG (3784).

The Haire Net

Give-away raises some suspicions

The idle talk at a recent Rotary meeting switched to the political issues of the day and commentary about the rally staged in Detroit by Barack Obama. Were you there, joked one staunch Republican, kidding another staunch Republican, Dave Milligan, about the rally. In the spirit of the conversation, Dave answered, no, but I bet John was. No, I replied, but I was there in spirit. Actually, I was disappointed when Obama won the primary nomination. I figured that Clinton was the better choice. But after 7-plus years of the presidency of George Bush, my vote is as much, or perhaps more, in protest of his policies than a strong support of the Democratic candidate. Speaking candidly, I haven't been able to justify one major issue that he endorses that is in the direction that I would have our country go. The opening of off-shore drilling for oil. His support of oil subsidies for the big oil companies when they all report record profits and oil prices climb, climb, climb. His determination to drag us into war with Iraq and tax policy that favors big business more than the middle

class or the poor are ones that are diametrically opposite to the direction that I feel is best for the country. Last Thursday a report from the government informed me that my incentive payment should be coming my way, probably before my birthday, June 22. Sorry, that's another poor Bush proposal. Of course, the money will come in handy, but with the country already going deeper in debt, down the road someone will have to pay. It's an incentive, the president says, to get the recipients to spread the money around and get the economy rolling again. It's not fair to doubt the president's sincerity when he claims that the dole will get the economy in motion. Still, with the give-away coming just before the election and the strides taken by the Democrats in the last election, this first-ever national give-away raises a suspicion that politics could be a factor as strong as the faltering economy.

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Thursday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 70 Low: 50

Friday
Mostly Sunny
High: 74 Low: 51

Saturday
Mostly Sunny
High: 78 Low: 60

Sunday
Mostly Sunny
High: 81 Low: 62

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 83°, humidity of 65% and an overnight low of 61°. The record high temperature for today is 97° set in 1966. The record low is 43° set in 1957. Thursday, skies will remain mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 70°.

Upcoming Moon Phases

New 7/2 First 7/9 Full 7/18 Last 7/25

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today 5:56 a.m.
Sunset tonight 9:18 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Monday	73	54	77/55	0.00"
Tuesday	79	48	77/55	0.00"
Wednesday	82	54	78/55	0.00"
Thursday	88	63	78/56	0.00"
Friday	82	57	78/56	0.00"
Saturday	82	59	78/56	0.00"
Sunday	73	57	78/56	0.00"

Precipitation 0.00"
Normal precipitation 0.68"
Departure from normal -0.68"
Average temperature 67.9°
Average normal temperature 66.6°
Departure from normal +1.3°

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Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, July 3

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 872-4816.
Friends of the Library meeting, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Friday, July 4

Rawson Memorial District Library will be closed in observance of the 4th of July holiday.
Dance with Denny Ewald Band, 7-11 p.m., Cass City VFW Hall, 4533 Veterans Dr. \$7 per person, lunch served.

Saturday, July 5

Rawson Memorial District Library will be closed in observance of the 4th of July holiday.

Sunday, July 6

Gagetown AA meeting, 8-9 p.m., Gagetown fire hall. For more information, call (989) 665-2361.
Gagetown United Methodist Brunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All you can eat. \$5 donation.

Monday, July 7

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Uby. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
Children's Movie, Stuart Little 3, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.
Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 8

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.
Tuscola County Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Family Support/Education Group meeting, 1:30 p.m., Adult Day Services building, 435 Green St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 672-2273.
Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.
Watrousville-Caro Area Historical Society meeting, 7:30 p.m., at the museum, 4607 W. Caro Rd.

Letters to the Editor

Biniecki best choice for Sanilac sheriff

I have known Under Sheriff Garry Biniecki for 16 years. During my association with Garry I was a customer on dive charters and have had several opportunities to serve on his scuba dive boat as divemaster.

Garry taught me many things about safe diving and the Sanilac shipwreck preserve. Garry has been featured in several Discovery Channel documentaries on Great Lakes shipwrecks and is respected throughout the diving community.

Several years ago, I took my cousin Mark diving on Garry's boat. My cousin had a panic attack that caused an air embolism. Garry's quick thinking and management of the accident saved my cousin's life. He had me clear Mark's air passage and administer oxygen while we went to shore. At the dock, the EMS transferred Mark to the Sandusky hospital and after an examination by the doctors it was determined that Mark did not have to go to a decompression chamber. Garry Biniecki was insistent that my cousin be transported to the nearest chamber. Had Garry not been so insistent, my cousin would have died or been disabled for the rest of his life.

I use this personal story to illustrate how a leader works under extreme pressure and to stand fast with unwavering conviction for what is right.

I am a retired school superintendent and was responsible for several hundred employees along with several thousand students. I know first hand what it takes to administer a large

budget and manage people while maintaining a high ethical standard and conviction to the people I served.

For these reasons and many more Garry Biniecki is the best choice for sheriff for Sanilac County. Garry is experienced, hard working, honest, intelligent and articulate. He will fight to keep our community safe while maintaining a high ethical standard and always do his best for the people he serves.

Peter Caroselli
Former School Superintendent of Hartland Consolidated Schools

Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

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

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

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

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



STATE REP. TERRY Brown (second from right) hosted Doerr and her family at the Michigan Capitol last Wednesday. Also pictured are (from left) Doerr's parents, David and Janice, and her sister, Libby. At right is state Senator Jim Barcia.

Doerr crowned '08 state sugar queen

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scholarship.

State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) last week hosted Doerr at the Michigan Capitol during her first official appearance as the newly-crowned Michigan Sugar Queen.

"It was an absolute delight to welcome Rebecca to the Capitol in her new role as an ambassador for the sugar industry, which is a major employer and an essential economic force in the Thumb," Brown said.

"The 2008 Michigan Sugar Queen's visit to the Capitol created a lot of excitement as well as opportunities to educate my fellow legislators about how the sugar industry can contribute to Michigan's economic growth and job creation," he added. "Everyone was very impressed with how well Rebecca represented our sugarbeet growers and the Thumb in general."

Doerr visited the Capitol with her parents and sister, Libby, along with Ray Van Driessche of Michigan Sugar Co. Brown introduced her to

the Michigan House of Representatives, while state Senator Jim Barcia (D-Bay City) introduced her to members of the Michigan Senate. She also taped a public service announcement with Brown promoting Michigan-made products.

Michigan Sugar Co. is a cooperative owned by about 1,250 sugarbeet growers that employs 50 full-time workers plus another 1,200 seasonal employees. With factories in Caro, Sebewaing, Croswell and Bay City, the company now processes all the sugar produced in Michigan — some one billion pounds a year under the Pioneer and Big Chief brand names.

"I'm very honored to be down here today to represent the Michigan sugar industry," Doerr said. "I appreciate the kind hospitality that Representative Brown and Senator Barcia and everyone else here has shown me at the Capitol. I've been given a great opportunity and I really appreciate the chance to represent the Michigan sugar industry in the capital city."

Several appear on charges last week

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

*Sean M. Hadaway, 36, Fairgrove, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to verify his sex offender registration information with local law enforcement from Oct. 1 through Oct. 15, 2007, in Fairgrove Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

The court ruled that Hadaway will have to serve a prison term of 2 to 8 years should he fail to register as a sex offender in the future.

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,820.

*Richard R. Lawrie, 39, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 36 months probation for his pleas of guilty to 2 counts of delivery/manufacture of marijuana, subsequent offense, Dec. 7 in Indianfields Township and Dec. 6 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay \$3,680 in costs and fines.

*Allan L. Stephen, 32, Millington, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with work release, and 60 months probation for his pleas of guilty to uttering and publishing involving a \$350 check drawn on Mayville State Bank last May, and to absconding or forfeiting bond March 10 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$3,310.

*Rayford U. Sanders, 20, Saginaw, pleaded guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond Jan. 15 in Caro, and to uttering and publishing involving a \$765.30 check drawn on National City

Bank April 18.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at a combined \$15,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Michael D. Vermillion, 30, Vassar, pleaded no contest to accosting a child for immoral purposes April 8 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be set.

*Andrew E. Albin, 24, Caro, pleaded guilty to second degree home invasion, larceny in a building and 2 counts of larceny of property valued at less than \$200 between the fall of 2007 and May 2008 in Indianfields Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Antonio L. Villanueva, 24, Alma, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and his plea of no contest to possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, Oct. 31 in Dayton Township.

*Andrew S. Casper, 36, Cass City, was sentenced to 6 years and 3 months to 15 years in prison for his plea of no contest to third degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years April 9 in Cass City.

He was also ordered to pay \$120 in costs and fines.

*Dwayne A. Rocca, 40, Fairgrove, was sentenced to 4 years and 10 months to 30 years in prison for his jury trial conviction on charges of possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony Nov. 29, 2006, in Fairgrove. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$180.

Huron sheriff, county settle car-use dispute

Embattled Huron County Sheriff Kent Tibbits and the Huron County Board of Commissioners made peace last week.

Both sides settled a dispute that began with Tibbits' personal use of a county-owned vehicle. The board later asked for the sheriff's resignation, and Tibbits along with several supporters filed suit against the county.

An investigation into Tibbits' alleged misuse of county property began when Tibbits took his assigned county-owned vehicle on a family vacation to Florida last spring.

Last week, both Tibbits and the county agreed to move on.

"I am very pleased we have reached a settlement with the Huron County commissioners regarding the prosecutor's investigation of my use of the motor vehicle that was assigned to me as sheriff," Tibbits said in a written statement.

"As I indicated in the beginning when the allegation arose that I had used my car improperly by taking it to Florida, I am willing to pay the county for its use. "However, as I have maintained from the very beginning, there was absolutely no violation of the law or no violation of policy regarding my use of the vehicle," he added.

Tibbits said his own personal policy has been that, once he was traveling

outside the state, he paid for his own gas.

"Some individuals have felt that I was not truthful when I made the statement because there was gas purchased in Michigan on my way to Florida, and gas purchased at the border of Indiana on my way back to Michigan," he said. "I never intended to mislead the commissioners or the public, and if they felt misled, I have and do apologize."

"Once I was traveling outside the state of Michigan, I did pay for all of the gas on my trip. The commissioners and I have agreed on \$1,500 as restitution, which I will pay to get this matter behind me and the county."

The county, meanwhile, agreed to rescind a resolution asking Tibbits to resign and pay more than \$7,000 in restitution.

"The suit alleging the violation of the Open Meetings Act, filed by myself and some other citizens...is being dismissed," Tibbits said. "A policy relating to the motor vehicle assigned to me has been reviewed and approved by both the commissioners and myself. And, of course, I will abide by this policy."

"I bear no ill-will towards the commissioners," Tibbits added. "They were simply trying to do their job, given a very difficult political climate."

Tibbits seeks reelection

Huron County Sheriff Kent Tibbits recently announced he will seek a third term in office in the Tuesday, Aug. 5, primary election. He will run on the Republican ballot.

"I hope to continue many of the fine programs we've developed over the years, which work for the good of so many residents," Tibbits said. He listed several examples, including inmate programs such as the Community Work Program in which county prisoners volunteer to work on public and charitable projects throughout the county. That program saved the community more than \$120,000 last year, he said.

Tibbits cited other examples, including Forgotten Man Ministries, Kids Against Drugs, Safetyville, Law Enforcement Explorers and Operation Identification - Child Fingerprinting, and Neighborhood Watch programs.

"With economic times being what they are, we try to do our fair share," Tibbits said. "This past year alone, through donations, grants and revenue, we have brought in \$1.044 million at the sheriff's office."

"We've learned over the years where and how to apply for grant money and equipment that is available," he added. "It's a win/win for the community when law enforcement agencies demonstrate that they know how to put grants to their most effective use. A constant search and watch over state and federal grants

for law enforcement has brought many thousands of additional dollars to the Huron County Sheriff's Office."

Tibbits said he has always tried to be fiscally responsible to Huron County taxpayers.

"For each of my 8 years as sheriff, I have come in at or under budget," he added. "I have always worked hard with the board of commissioners to find innovative ways to get the most from every available tax dollar. My staff and I have worked hard to run an efficient jail."

Tibbits noted he is very pleased with the Triad program, which involves his department, local police and senior citizens, who work together on concerns for the elderly. The effort has included the 55 Alive Drivers Training Class, providing a legal hotline, the Do Not Call Registry Information to Seniors, and the Send Help sign program.

"Another popular program is free emergency cell phones for seniors. To-date, this program has delivered around 900 cell phones into the local community," Tibbits said.

The sheriff said his 34 years in law enforcement have made him well acquainted with area police departments, drug enforcement units, fire departments and ambulance services, creating a vital bond for prompt and effective cooperation in handling cases.

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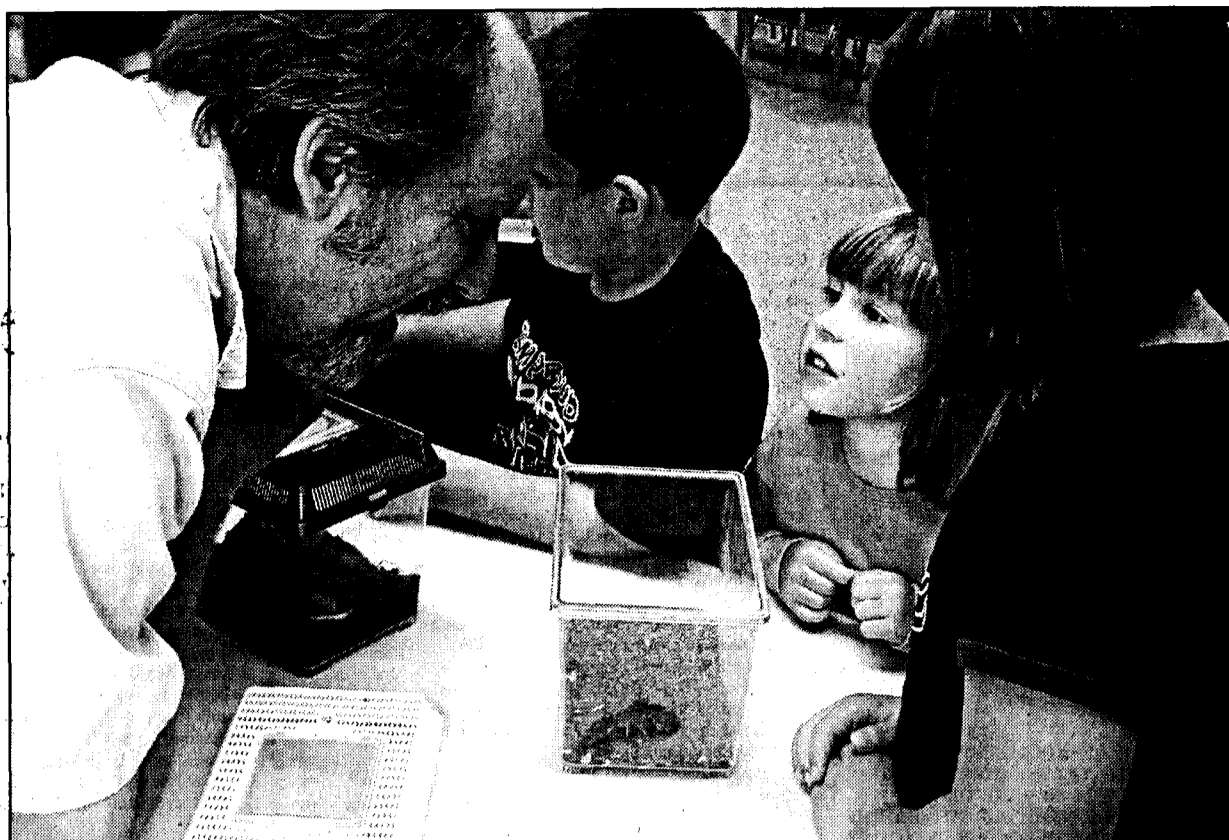
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AREA YOUNGSTERS visited with "Mr. G" from Dynamic West School Assemblies during a recent "Bugs, Books and Beyond" program hosted by Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City.

Thanks to village, Rotary Club

Summer music series on

by Emily Davis
Staff Writer

The sweet sounds of music will fill downtown Cass City every Friday night until the end of summer.

The Village of Cass City and the Cass City Rotary Club are sponsoring the "Music in the Park" series previously sponsored by the Cass City Arts Council. There will be performances every Friday from now until Aug. 29, with the exception of July 4 because of the Freedom Festival. The concerts will be free of charge and will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Rotary Park. Nathan Haag, Cass City Parks and Recreation director, indicated he's

looking forward to seeing how the event does this year.

"There's been decent groups the last 2 years, I hope we get at least 50 people the first night," he said. "I'm expecting we can get 100 people as it gains popularity." Haag noted there are similar programs in both Caro and Bad Axe, and he feels that if it can work there, it can work in Cass City, too.

Haag expects the program will most likely attract a slightly older crowd. "Other park activities may not be geared towards them quite as much. This will be good for them," he said. However, he hopes the program will appeal to a wide range of ages.

There will be a variety of musicians throughout the summer, according to Haag. There will be music of all sorts — saxophone, guitar, banjo, base, gospel, group players, basic singing and more. Haag said the musicians are mostly from the Thumb area. There will be artists coming from Unionville, Caro, Pigeon, Deford and Cass City. He is happy to bring in local talent to help showcase the area. "Why spend hundreds of thousands of dollars from who knows where, when we have the talent here?"

The Cass City Rotary Club donated \$500 to the event for the whole summer. Haag said this should be enough to fund the program. With the donations from the Rotary Club, there will be no charge for viewers.

"It's something people can find time to do and is free. It's a way to get out of the house and enjoy the weather. We need more things that are inexpensive," Haag said. The musicians will all bring in their own sound system and equipment, which is one less thing for the village and the Rotary Club to have to pay for. They will set up in the newly built band shelter at Rotary Park.

Haag said that when he asked some of the musicians how much they normally get paid to perform, some said up to \$300 per show. However, many groups were willing to take a lot less just so they could be a part of the "Music in the Park" program.

"I appreciate they're flexible with their time and money, they just like to play. We're proud they get to play in Cass City," Haag said.



SHANNON ALLEN SHOWS emotion while she sings at Friday's Music in the Park event. Allen sings mostly Christian contemporary music. "I'm just happy to sing, anytime, anywhere," she said.

Ask a local neighbor

Festival events a big hit with people of all ages

What are you most looking forward to at the Cass City Freedom Festival?

The 30th annual Cass City Freedom Festival will have something for everyone.

The festival is a tradition in Cass City and an event that almost everyone enjoys. From food vendors to the big parade, there is a wide variety of activities.

For Cass City local Heidi Vatter, the festival is something to look forward to. Vatter has lived in Cass City her entire life and she said she has gone to the festival every year. She now looks forward to going so her 4-year-old daughter Elizabeth McCormick can enjoy the many activities.

"I look forward to the petting zoo and the horsy rides. That's because of her," Vatter said pointing to her daughter. Vatter also added that she greatly enjoys seeing the fireworks display each year and all of the beautiful colors.

The food vendors appeal to Vatter as well. She is very excited about the Methodist Church's strawberry ice cream social on Friday. For Vatter, the festival is a good chance to talk to and meet new people. She said it is something people can enjoy with good friends and family and get to see a lot of people, many of whom come in from out of town.

Although Vatter loves the activities of the festival, she knows the significance of the holiday as well. "In my opinion, it is important to have this kind of festival because it celebrates freedom," she said.



Heidi Vatter

Down Memory Lane

By Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO

For Kevin and Jimmy Merchant, showing pigs at the fair is never a boring experience, especially when it comes down to handling a 270-pound pig. The pigs are not always predictable and easy to control, the boys said. Jimmy said, one year his pig ran away from him when the judge came over to see it.

Jim Veneziano, manager of ProGraphix in Cass City, recently won a national award for his expertise in graphic design. The American Library Association awarded him "Best of Show" for website promotional materials and outstanding efforts in the area of library public relations during their annual conference in Toronto.

The Owen-Gage Board of Education Monday accepted Supt. Dan McKenzie's resignation and began weighing its options for filling the post. McKenzie, whose resignation was accepted "with regret and thanks for all he's done through difficult times" in the district, has accepted the position of superintendent for the Kalkaska Public Schools.

Cass City Schools Supt. Ken Micklash has been named the Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA) Region 5 president for 2003-04.

10 YEARS AGO

Weather dominated talk in Cass City last week following the sighting of funnel clouds near the village during the morning hours of June 30.

After 54 years of mowing grass and keeping track of burial records, Virginia Auslander has retired her duties to her daughter Janet Severance, and her husband, Arthur. Since 1944 Auslander and her late husband, Clair, kept the grounds of Evergreen Township Cemetery free of brush and overgrown grass and weeds, and recorded the names of individuals buried and what site they occupied in the cemetery. "I did it for others, not myself," Auslander recently said, adding, "No one cared about the cemetery."

An overcast sky and cool temperatures didn't deter thousands from attending Cass City's 20th annual Fourth of July Festival, which organizers deemed a success. "Considering the weather, we did very well crowdwise," said Jane Hittler, July 4 Festival coordinator. "The crowd is to be commended. It wasn't any smaller than other years." At least average, agreed Duke Sward. The festival remains a popular activity for the holiday weekend. Even new events like wrestling went over well. So well, in fact, that Doug Hyatt, who is in charge of park grounds added, "there were about 100 people that stood outside the fence (to watch the wrestlers)."

25 YEARS AGO

Two Cass City students have been awarded music scholarships for summer student study at Blue Lakes Fine Arts Camp near Muskegon. They are Paul Asher, an intermediate school student and the son of David and Sharon Asher, and Annette M. Stachura, a high school student who is the daughter of Raymond and Antoinette Stachura.

The Cass City High School boys' and girls' cross country teams combined efforts to complete their goal of making the 209-mile run across the state last Thursday in order to raise money. According to girls' cross country coach Doug Grezeszak it took the group 22 hours, six minutes and one second to make the trek — two hours ahead of schedule. The eight girls and nine boys ran the distance in relay fashion passing a baton to the next runner. The furthest interval anyone ran at a time was one mile. The members who participated in the run from Montague to Forestville last Wednesday and Thursday were: LaDonna Hawley, Lorie Hurley, Chris Tuckey, Renae Stimpfel, Ann Leslie, Dicky Green, Dana Zdrojewski, Beth Cleland, Ruby Bryant, Randy Nicholas, Ed Hewitt, Chuck McPhail, Kurt Bliss, Greg Bliss, Mike Middaugh, Randy Jackson and Kevin Bliss.

The runners undertook the challenge in order to raise money to buy shoes, orange juice for meets and a trip to Sleeper State Park. Coaches estimated between \$2,000-\$2,500 in pledges will be collected.

In addition to Grezeszak and boys' cross country coach Dennis Meck, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Meck, Danny Gee and Katha Cleland helped do the behind-the-scenes work such as driving the vehicles.

Randy Rieck of Fairgrove won the 1,800-lb. limited modified mini-tractor division in front of an estimated 700 people at Sunday afternoon's popular Tractor Pull.

35 YEARS AGO

Inclement weather fails to stop postman Dick Root, who has been delivering mail for 16 years. Root has served on the Elkland Township Fire Department for 21 years.

Saturday was the day and the Cass City Recreational Park was the setting for the Cass City Horse show sponsored by the Jr. Wranglers of the 4-H. Cass City's Mark Neiman was high point winner with 25 points, followed by Carrie Carpenter with 23. A total of 20 classes were judged.

Cass City's building boom continued last year, despite inflation and at times, inclement weather. Figures for the period June 1, 1972 through June 1, 1973, show the dollar value up 51 percent over last year. In this period,

66 building permits were issued with a total dollar value of \$1,664,515. This compared with \$936,865 for the same period last year. Forty-four permits were issued in last year's period.

Winners of Hills and Dales Hospital \$1,000 scholarships are: Mary E. Powell of Cass City, in her second year at Delta, who expects to graduate in 1974; Paula Decker of Cass City who plans to attend Ferris State College and graduate in 1975, and Nancy Kerbyson, a Sophomore at Michigan State who expects to graduate in 1976. The girls receive \$1,000 per year and the grants are renewable each year if grades are maintained. In return, the winners agree to return to the hospital to work for one year after graduation or to refund the scholarship money.

The regular season schedule in the Cass City Little League is ending and the teams are preparing for the post season play-offs ahead. At the end of last week several teams had two games left to play but it was all academic...the Yankees had salted away the toga for the third straight year. Yankee members are: Batboy Lari Tonti, Brian Hagg, Shawn Papp, Craig Tonti, Brad Hartel, Randy Severance, Tim Johnson, Tim Severance, Steve Bergman, Jeff Hartel, Tony Doerr, Joel Palmateer, Jeff Rutkowski and Jeff Prieskorn. The team is coached by Jim Johnson and Don Tonti. Team manager is Lee Hartel.

Stoeckle recognized for riding

Ashleigh Stoeckle of Cass City recently earned an award for logging 250 hours in the American Quarter Horse Association Horseback Riding Program.

The program recognizes and rewards AQHA Members for time spent with their American Quarter Horses in activities such as trail rides, working cattle, pleasure driving and simply riding.

A unique aspect of the program is its simplicity. Current AQHA Members complete a program application and pay a one-time \$25 enrollment fee. Each enrollee receives an official AQHA log sheet to record their hours driving or riding an American Quarter Horse. Participants need not own their own horse, but all official hours must be accrued with a registered American Quarter Horse.

Nine subsequent awards are presented at 100 to 5,000 hour levels and range from merchandise gift certificates from Drysdale's Western Store to a Montana Silversmith trophy belt buckle at the highest level.

Cass City Area Church Directory

Calvary Bible Fellowship an Independent Baptist Church

4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-4088
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 7:00 p.m.
Pastor - Chuck Carr
Transportation available

Cass City Church of Christ

6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136
Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Cass City Church of the Nazarene

6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2604 or 872-5201
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study
& Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.
Pastor - Judy A. Eskilsen

Cass City Missionary Church

4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-2729
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.
Pastor - Bob Sweeney
www.casscitymc.org

Cass City United Methodist Church

5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,
P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726
872-3422
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
(Summer 9:30 a.m.)
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
Pastor: Rev. Paul G. Donelson

Evangelical Free Church of Cass City

6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726
Phone: 872-5060
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Midweek Bible Studies
Biblical Counseling
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould

First Baptist Church

(Independent, Fundamental)
6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-3155
Sunday School All Ages 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
AWANA Clubs 6:45 p.m. During School Year
Pastor: David G. Hill
Website: www.fbccus

First Presbyterian Church

Barrier Free
6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-5400
Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2770
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Gerald Meyer

Living Word Worship Center

(Where the Word is Life)
6536 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-4637
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wed. (Family Training Hour) 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Keith Misany

Novesta Church of Christ

2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-3658 or 872-1195
Bible School 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Youth Group & Sunday Evening
Services 6:00 p.m.
Minister: Chuck Emmert
Youth Minister: Brad Speirs
Visit our website at: www.novestachurch.org

Potter's House

Christian Fellowship Church
Corner of 6th and Leach, Cass City, MI 48726
872-5186
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: F. Robert Tucker

St. Pancratius Catholic Church

4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-3336
Saturday Liturgy 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Pastor: Father Steve Fillion

Visitors always welcomed Please join us today

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tony M. Bazan and Karen Bazan, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Olympus Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated February 11, 2004 and recorded on November 17, 2004 in Liber 1017 on Page 1313, and assigned by meane assignments to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company on behalf of FGS Mortgage Securities Corp., GSAMP 2004-ARI, Mortgage Pass Through Certificates Series, 2004-ARI 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 Two Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-One and 95/100 Dollars (\$262,621.95), including interest at 9.25% 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 17, 2008.

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

Commencing at a point that is North 89 degrees 13 minutes West, 660 feet from the Southeast corner of Section 1, thence North 89 degrees 13 minutes West, 165 feet; thence North 275 feet; thence South 89 degrees East, 165 feet; thence South 275 feet to the Point of Beginning, Village of Caro, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, Section 4, Town 12 North, Range 9 East.

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

Dated: June 18, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC F (248) 593-1302
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Attorneys for Servicer
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #116819F03

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donald Woodworth, a/k/a Donald R. Woodworth, and Michelle Woodworth, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 25, 2006 and recorded on August 18, 2006 in Liber 1091 on Page 1463 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Two and 77/100 Dollars (\$157,862.77), including interest at 7.5% 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 17, 2008.

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

Commencing at the East quarter corner of Section 36, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County Michigan; thence South 20 degrees 19 minutes East, 330.0 feet along the East Section line to the point of beginning; running thence South 00 degrees 19 minutes East 330.0 feet along the East section line; thence South 89 degrees 23 minutes 15 seconds West, 1323.76 feet; thence North 00 degrees 17 minutes 37 seconds West 330.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 23 minutes 15 seconds East, 3323.63 feet to the point of beginning. Being in and part of the Southeast quarter of Section 36, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, except easements and right of way of record.

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 18, 2008

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File #207748F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Warren George DeJohnston Jr. and Linda Denniston, husband and wife, to JPMorgan Chase Bank NA, successor by merger with Bank One, NA, Mortgagee, dated March 20, 2001 and recorded April 10, 2001 in Liber 827, Page 448, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Four Thousand Two Hundred One and 52/100 Dollars (\$34,201.52), including interest at 9.25% 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 July 17, 2008.

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

A parcel of land in the East -19 acres of that part of

the North half of the Southwest quarter of Section 19, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, lying West of the center line of M-15 described as follows, to wit: commencing at a point on the center line of Michigan State Trunk Line Highway M-15 as established across said Section 165.00 feet Southeasterly along said center line from its intersection with the East and West quarter line of said Section 19; thence West parallel to said quarter line 587.02 feet; thence South at right angles 189.33 feet; thence East parallel to the East and West quarter line of Section 19 703.08 feet to the center line of Highway M-15; thence Northwesterly along the center line of said Highway 222.08 feet to the Point of Beginning, except the Northeasterly 30.00 feet thereof for highway purposes, and except a parcel described as commencing at a point on the center line of Michigan State trunk line Highway M-15, 387.08 feet Southeasterly along said centerline from its intersection with the East and West quarter line of said Section 19, thence Westerly and parallel to the quarter line 58.65 feet to the Point of Beginning for this exception, thence Northwesterly on the Southwesterly right of way line of M-15, 156.00 feet, thence Southeasterly at right angles to M-15, 179.04 feet, thence Southerly 46.25 feet; thence Easterly parallel to the East and West quarter line of said Section 19, 210.00 feet to the Point of Beginning for this excepted parcel. Township of Vassar, 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.

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: June 18, 2008

Orlans Associates, P.C.
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File No. 224.1520

6-18-4

PURSUANT TO 15 USC §1692 YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION THAT YOU PROVIDE MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the condition of a mortgage made by Carl P. Main and Gladys M. Main, Husband and Wife, to HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III by a mortgage dated March 10, 2004 and recorded on March 16, 2004 in Liber 984 on Page 615, Tuscola County Records Michigan and recorded an Affidavit to correct legal description of mortgage on January 9, 2008 in Liber 1138, Page 1285 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Five and 88/100 Dollars (\$227,865.88), including interest at 7.72% 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 in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI at 10:00 am on July 17, 2008.

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

The North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, except 1 piece in Northeast corner 132 feet North and South by 660 feet East and West, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 1 year 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 13, 2008

Michael M. Grand, Esq.
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6-18-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Windy McClees, a married woman, and Sean M. McClees, a/k/a Sean McClees, her husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 5, 2005 and recorded August 15, 2005 in Liber 1049, Page 1197, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston HEAT 2005-4 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Three and 59/100 Dollars (\$73,963.59), including interest at 7.75% per annum.

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

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

Lot 7, Block 1, except there from a strip of land 7.00 feet wide across the West side of Lot 7 of Hamilton's Addition to the Village of Mayville, according to the Plat thereof as recorded Liber 1, on Page 34, now being Page 35A of Plats, Tuscola County Records.

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

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

Dated: June 25, 2008

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File No. 306.1432

6-25-4

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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 meane 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

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304
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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 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 thence South along the West Section line, 323.0 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

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6-11-4

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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Connie J. Tacey, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as a nominee for Oak Street Mortgage LLC, Mortgagee, dated June 12, 2006 and recorded on June 21, 2006, in Liber 1085, Page 868, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to The Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificate holders CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2006-OC7, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-OC7 by an Assignment of Mortgage which has been submitted to Tuscola County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars 91/100 (\$144,762.91), including interest at the rate of 8.875% per annum.

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

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

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4; Thence West 220 feet, North 380 feet, East 220 feet, South 380 feet to the point of beginning, Section 31, Township 10 North, Range 9 East, 9970 Hart Lake Road.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the

date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later.

Dated: June 25, 2008

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Assignee
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Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
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Our File No. 172.01135

6-25-4

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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 CitMortgage, 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 E. 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

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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 Trust 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

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael A. Pletcher and Bobbie M. Pletcher, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Centex Home Equity Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated February 25, 2005 and recorded on March 10, 2005 in Liber 1030 on Page 626 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Nine and 55/100 Dollars (\$224,129.55), including interest at 9% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, no-

tice 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 17, 2008.

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, described as beginning at the North 1/4 corner; thence West 661.17 feet; thence South 0 degrees 53 minutes 25 seconds East 1022.27 feet; thence East 664.20 feet; thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 36 seconds West, 1022.12 feet to the point of beginning. Except beginning 398.07 feet West of the North 1/4 corner of said point being centerline of Perry Creek; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds West, 263.09 feet; thence South 0 degrees 53 minutes 25 seconds East, 366.65; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds East 54.8 feet to the Southerly end of said traverse line; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds East, 16.6 feet to the Centerline of Perry Creek; thence Northerly along centerline of said Creek, North 26 degrees 53 minutes East 411 feet to the point of beginning.

Less and except the following described property:

Parcel A: A parcel of land in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbel Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 26 which 195.03 feet South 89 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds West from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 26; thence South 01 degrees 03 minutes 35 seconds West from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 26; thence South 01 degrees 03 minutes 35 seconds East parallel with the North and South 1/4 line of said Section, 175.01 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds West parallel with said North Section line 294.83 feet to the centerline of Perry Creek (so-called); thence North 26 degrees 19 minutes 57 seconds East along the centerline of Perry Creek, 196.19 feet; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds East on the said North Section line 203.04 feet to the Point of beginning.

Parcel B: A parcel of land in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbel Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 26; thence South 01 degrees 03 minutes 35 seconds East on the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 224.04 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds West parallel with and 224.00 feet, measured at right angles, South of North line of said Section 195.03 feet; thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 35 seconds West, parallel with and 195.00 feet, measured at right angles. West of said North and South 1/4 line, 224.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds East on said North Section line 195.03 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel C: A parcel of land in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbel Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning a point on the East line of said Section 26 which is 224.04 feet South 01 degrees 03 minutes 35 seconds East from the North quarter corner of said Section 26; thence continuing South 01 degrees 03 minutes 35 seconds East on said North and South 1/4 line of said Section, 124.04 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds West parallel with and 448.00 feet, measured at right angles, West of said North and South 1/4 line, 224.04 feet; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds East parallel with and 224.00 feet, measured at right angles South of said North section line, 195.03 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 18, 2008

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6-18-4

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MORTGAGE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Annette Michelle McLaren and Brian J. McLaren, wife and husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 30, 2007 and recorded June 11, 2007 in Liber 1122, Page 3, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Four and 43/100 Dollars (\$164,804.43) including interest at 6.5% per annum.

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

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

Part of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 32, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 32, which is South 87 degrees 17 minutes 23 seconds East, 484.02 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 32; thence South 42 degrees 37 minutes 40 seconds East, 613.00 feet; thence South 29 degrees 54 minutes 02 seconds West, 56.21 feet; thence North 87 degrees 17 minutes 23 seconds West, 543.75 feet; thence North 02 degrees 42 minutes 37 seconds East, 181.31 feet; thence South 87 degrees 17 minutes 23 seconds East, 133.00 feet; thence North 02 degrees 42 minutes 37 seconds East, 300.00 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.

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: June 18, 2008

Orlans Associates, P.C.
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6-18-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Larry H. William Bogart and Deborah K. Bogart, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Citifinancial Mortgage Company, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 26, 2005 and recorded on August 11, 2005 in Liber 1049 on Page 33 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Two and 59/100 Dollars (\$94,352.59), including interest at 7.2% 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 24, 2008.

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

The following described premises situated in the Township of Novesta, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan Parcel 1 - Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of section 4, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, running thence North 8 1/2 rods to the center of the highway; thence Northeasterly along the center of the highway 107 feet; thence South to the 1/8 line; thence West to the point of beginning.

Parcel 2 - Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, running thence East 302.5 feet; thence South 144 feet; thence West 302.5 feet; thence North 144 feet to the point of beginning.

Except on undivided 1/2 interest in and to all of the oil, gas and other minerals as set forth in mineral deed to D. E. Smith as set forth in Liber 277 of Deeds, Page 480, and any interest in subsequent instruments pertinent thereto.

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 25, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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6-25-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gerry D. Shetenhelm, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 29, 2007 and recorded on July 16, 2007 in Liber 1124 on Page 1483 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Five and 81/100 Dollars (\$51,725.81), including interest at 7.5% 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 24, 2008.

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

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 14, Township 12 North, Range 8 East, thence West on the Section line 20 rods; thence South at right angles 12 rods; thence East 20 rods; thence North 12 rods to the place of beginning.

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

Dated: June 25, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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6-25-4

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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 Albert Shippey, a married man, and Beth Shippey, a/k/a Bethany Shippey, his wife, original mortgagors, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 22, 2005 and recorded on July 11, 2005 in Liber 1045 on Page 49 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand One Hundred Ten and 12/100 Dollars (\$106,110.12), including interest at 10.5% per annum.

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

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Sections 4, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, being further described as follows: beginning at the East 1/4 corner of said Section; thence South 497.30 feet along the East line of said Section; thence South 89 degrees 46 minutes 39 seconds West, 1,328.75 feet to the West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section; thence North 00 degrees, 00 minutes, 55 seconds, West, 496.83 feet along said West line to the East-West 1/4 line of said Section; thence North 89 degrees 45 minutes, 26 seconds East, 1,328.88 feet along said East-West 1/4 line to the point of beginning. Said parcel contains 15.16 acres more or less and is subject to any and all easements, restrictions and/or rights of way, whether used implied or of record.

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 25, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joshua R. Wright, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 3, 2003 and recorded on July 8, 2003 in Liber 940 on Page 887 in instrument 200300834242, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Nineteen and 26/100 Dollars (\$60,719.26), including interest at 5.375% 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 24, 2008.

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

Lots 234, 235 and 236 of Shay Lake Heights Subdivision No. 2, according to the plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 45.

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 25, 2008

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File #208728F01

6-25-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by CHRISTENE

OKAIE, 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
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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, 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 as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Eight and 12/100 Dollars (\$156,198.12), including interest at 9.60% 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 Indianfields, 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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File #207062F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Arlene Hempton, an unmarried woman, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 16, 2004 and recorded January 22, 2004 in Liber 975, Page 834, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC, successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Nine Hundred One and 18/100 Dollars (\$93,901.18), including interest at 6.125% per annum.

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

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

Part of the Northwest quarter of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as: Commencing at a point on the East side of Pearl Street 338.3 feet South of the North line of Section 3; thence East 148.5 feet; thence North 104 feet; thence West 148.5 feet; thence South 104 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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

Dated: July 2, 2008

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File No. 310.2894

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ricky D. Enos, an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to PHH Mortgage Services, Mortgagee, dated November 23, 2004, and recorded on November 29, 2004 in Liber 1018 on Page 1318, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Five and 17/100 Dollars (\$120,585.17), 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 31, 2008.

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

Commencing 829.39 feet East of the Southwest corner of Section 22, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence North 1316.12 feet, thence East 165, feet, thence South 1314.89 feet, thence West 165 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: July 2, 2008

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7-2-4

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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
Mortgagee/Assignee

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gordon Gross, A/K/A Gordon L. Gross, married, and Doris E. Gross, married, to Fifth Third Bank (Eastern Michigan), a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 17, 2003 and recorded September 15, 2003 in Liber 953, Page 1119, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Eight and 87/100 Dollars (\$122,638.87), including interest at 4.875% per annum.

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

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

The West 20 rods of the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter, excepting the North 48 rods of Section 28, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Tuscola County Records.

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: June 25, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dale Frederick Iseler and Kathleen Elizabeth Iseler, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, A California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 16, 2006 and recorded on August 21, 2006 in Liber 1092 on Page 496 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six and 13/100 Dollars (\$144,486.13), including interest at 12.95% per annum.

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

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

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

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

Dated: July 2, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John W. Homakie, a married man, and Julie Homakie, his wife, a/k/a Julie L. Homakie, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 31, 2002 and recorded on June 18, 2002 in Liber 882 on Page 133, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificate Holders of CWMBS 2002-28, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-28 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 Thousand Eighty-Three and 44/100 Dollars (\$80,083.44), 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 17, 2008.

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

Lot 4, and a piece of land commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot 3 and running East 1 rod; thence North 4 rods to the place of beginning, all being in Block 7 of the Plat of the Village of Cass City, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 15 of Deeds, Page 276.

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 18, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian L. Kelley, Jr., a single man, original mortgagor, to Thumb National Mortgage, LLC, Mortgagee, dated April 3, 2006 and recorded on April 13, 2006 in Liber 1077 on Page 359 in instrument 200600879629, and assigned by said Mortgagee to US Bank, 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-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Nine and 71/100 Dollars (\$87,329.71), 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 17, 2008.

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

A piece of land commencing 12 rods North of the Southeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Township of Elkland, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence West 40 rods; thence North 4 rods; thence East 40 rods; thence South 4 rods to the place of beginning.

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

Dated: June 18, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark R. Nickerson, an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 5, 2003 and recorded on August 27, 2003 in Liber 950 on Page 1303 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Nineteen and 68/100 Dollars (\$184,519.68), including interest at 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 17, 2008.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 17, Township 12 North, Range 11 East, Kingston Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 17; thence North 00 degrees 07 minutes 29 seconds West, along the West line of said Southeast 1/4, 1308.26 feet to the North line of said Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 34 seconds East along said North line, 643.17 feet; thence South 00 degrees 17 minutes 23 seconds East, 1308.63 feet to the South line of said Southeast 1/4; thence North 89 degrees 35 minutes 50 seconds West, along said South line, 646.95 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 18, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John Weber, a/k/a John C. Weber, and Jill R. Weber, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to New Century Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 5, 2005 and recorded on October 11, 2005 in Liber 1057 on Page 471 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to US Bank National Association, as Trustee for MASTR Asset Backed Securities Trust 2006-NCI as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Six and 08/100 Dollars (\$62,976.08), 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 17, 2008.

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, described as beginning at a point on the West line of said Section 28, which is South 83.69 Feet from the West 1/4 corner of said Section; thence continuing along said West line, South 133.00 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 59 Minutes 00 Seconds East, 147.00 feet; thence North 135.00 Feet; thence North 89 Degrees 59 Minutes 00 Seconds West, 147.00 Feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: June 18, 2008

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Expenses hitting O-G hard

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review athletic expenses, including the cost of transporting junior high sports teams to away games.

Owen-Gage officials annually dip into their general fund to subsidize the district's athletic fund, but not to the extent they had to in 2007-08. Compton noted that a Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) ruling forced school officials to purchase new basketball uniforms for home games, for example.

On a brighter note, Compton reported the district's food service budget ended 2007-08 with a fund balance of \$16,600. The food program, which in the past battled growing deficits, should have a year-end bal-

ance of nearly \$30,000 in 2008-09, he said.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business last week, the board:

- Reviewed curriculum plans for the coming school year. Compton discussed several adjustments, including expanding foreign language offerings by adding a middle school language exploratory class; expanding virtual/distance learning options at the high school; eliminating very basic computer knowledge classes that teach skills most students have already learned at an earlier age; adding a math remediation lab at the high

school; and utilizing more multi-age coursework in the middle school grades.

- Discussed possibly holding students financially responsible for virtual classes they enroll in but don't complete. The district currently covers the cost of those classes, which cost \$300 to \$500 each.

- Approved a motion to maintain the district's 18-mill non-homestead property tax.

- Approved a plan to shift the hours that students attend tech center classes, from the afternoon to the morning.

- Approved an agreement with Baker College that will allow Owen-Gage juniors and seniors to enroll in classes for college credit while still attending high school.

Church launching pantry

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that - we want this to be a community effort," he said.

As for the missionary church's role, Sweeney pointed out that supporting various missions in this country and abroad has always been a priority, and setting up a food pantry is a part of that effort. "We're trying to make sure that, as we receive money and other financial resources, that we're trying to reach all the areas that (God) said we should be reaching. We have to be sure we're meeting needs in this area."

The bottom line, according to Sweeney, is that organizing a food pantry offers the church another opportunity to reach out to the community.

"The theme for Revive has been communicating to the community that Jesus transforms lives," said Sweeney, who added there are countless examples in the Bible where Jesus met physical as well as spiritual needs. "This is definitely a needy time," he said, "and it's just one tangible way for us to help out."

"It's been fun. We don't know every step we're taking, but you can see (God) opening doors as we take each step," Sweeney said of the project.

"This is really what we should be doing," he added. "You have to get out there in the community. That's how the church grew - we see that in the New Testament - and that hasn't changed."

Editor's note: Anyone interested in getting involved in the project can learn more by calling the church at 872-2729, or by logging onto www.revivecc.org.

Council hears update on plant

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other tax benefits from the state.

Turning to other matters during the 45-minute gathering, the council took action to improve streets within the village. A motion was approved to hire Scodeller Construction, Wixom, for street crack and joint filling work for Church Street and Garfield Avenue at \$1.39 per pound, with the total cost not to exceed \$25,000.

The council also authorized the village to receive and open bids for the 2008 Sidewalk Repair Program July 22. Bids will be based on 1,300 lineal feet,

concentrating on Third Street between Brook Street and Woodland Avenue.

The estimated cost of the sidewalk repairs is \$25,000. Homeowners will be required to pay 50 percent of the repairs, and will not be charged interest if paid within 90 days upon completion of the project. However, thereafter an interest rate of 10 percent per annum will be charged. If the bill goes delinquent after 2 years, it will be transferred to the next village tax bill.

The council also approved a pair of purchases during their June meeting. For a cost of \$5,854.90, the purchase and installation of a telephone and paging system for the department of public works building was granted to I.T.I., Inc. of Bridgeport.

The council also approved a motion for the purchase of a 2000 Chevrolet pick-up truck and snow plow unit for \$7,300 from Curtis Chrysler, Cass City.

"The equipment will be used as a backup vehicle and additional snow plowing for the winter season," Cristiano said, adding, "We were offered a good opportunity" that we couldn't pass up.

In other business, the council:

- Approved the bid of \$31,252 from Niles Industrial Painting, Fenton, to paint the exterior of the equalization basin at the wastewater treatment plant.

- Appointed Robert Brooks to fill the vacancy on the Downtown Development Authority and the Economic Development Corporation boards. Brooks will fill the terms of Jim Rutkowski who has resigned from both boards.

- Received and filed the May minutes from the Downtown Development Authority and Economic Development Corporation.

- Accepted the financial statements ending May 31, 2008, with a cash balance of \$1,179,206.

Coaches needed

Cass City's newly hired athletic director, Don Markel, reports that the Red Hawks have a pair of coaching positions available for the 2008-09 school year.

Anyone interested in coaching either the seventh or eighth grade volleyball teams is asked to call Markel at (989) 872-2148.



Wednesday Night 2-Man Golf League as of June 25

Division 1 - Early	
Hobbs/Meck	19
Pobanz/Smithson	17
Burns/Caister	16
Young/Veggian	15
Davis/Tate	15
Iwankovitch/Stickle	14
Hendrick/Wilson	14
Jones/Marshall	14
Burns/Kritzman	11
Alexander/Spencer	11
Zdrojewski/Peters	8
Berwick/Greenlee	8
Craig/Knight 8	
Cotton/Israelson	7
Bliss/Irrer	7
Collins/Herron	6
Dillon/Tonti	5
Warner/Wallace	3

Individual Medallists: Kelly & Pasant 37.
Team Medallist: Young/Veggian 83.

Division 2 - Late	
Bliss/Krol	20
Hool/Toner	19
Laurie/Lautner	18
LeValley/Morgan	17
Hartel/Brown	15
Langley/Tamlyn	13
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Individual Medallists: Tamlyn & Ware 37.
Team Medallist: Hool/Ware 77.

Monday Night Golf League as of June 23

1st Flight	
C. Helwig	101
S. Richards	96
R. Tate	91
D. Roth	88*
M. Lowe	81
D. Warner	79
D. Weiler	77
R. Fox	59
D. Ouvry	50

Medallist: C. Helwig 34.

2nd Flight	
J. Langley	91
J. Peyer	86
T. Kelly	84
D. Iwankovitch	81*
J. Zdrojewski	74
D. Mosher	72
C. Erla	68
J. Hobbs	57
D. Curtis	55

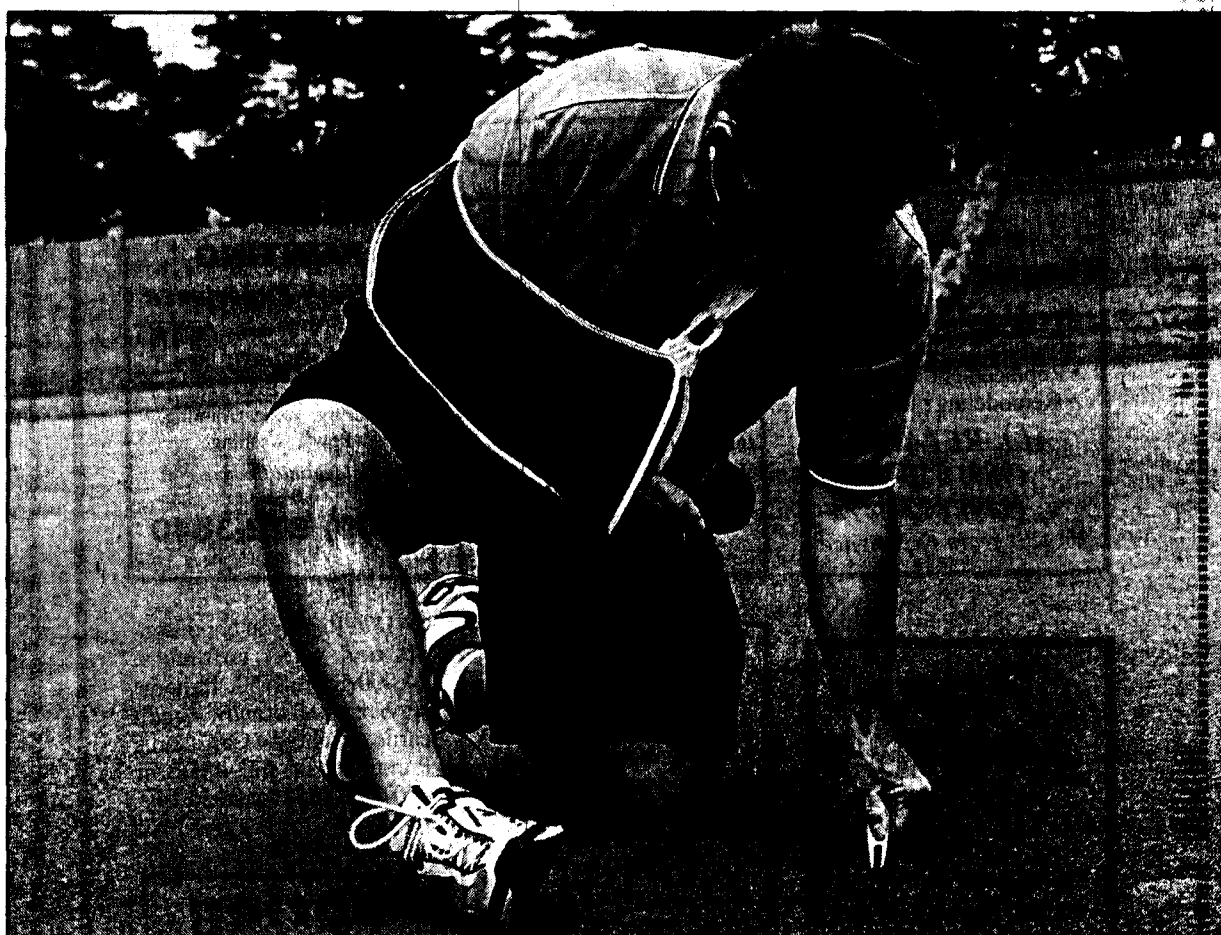
Medallist: T. Kelly 40.

3rd Flight	
D. Allen	97
L. Robinson	91
T. Hendrick	84
J. Hool	83
D. Caister	79
J. Smithson	75
D. Wallace	74
B. LeValley	67
C. Tunis	63
T. Lis	57

Medallist: J. Hool 40.

4th Flight	
T. Phelps	103
K. Pobanz	85
H. MacAlpine	82
D. House	80
D. Keller	75
D. Lautner	70
C. Innis	61
B. Stickle	60

Medallist: H. MacAlpine 43.



BEN VARNEY WORKS on the hole 9 green at the Rolling Hills Golf Course. Maintaining and monitoring the greens is a constant job, he said.

A day in the life of...

Golf course work never ends

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.

Owning a golf course is no 8 to 5 job.

Ben Varney, owner of Rolling Hills Golf Course, knows that even when he is not at the golf course, he is still at work. "Even if I'm not here (the golf course), it's still a 24-hour-a-day job," he said.

Varney has been the owner of Rolling Hills for 4 years. Prior to working at the golf course, he owned other businesses and after they were sold, he wanted to buy another. The golf course was available and something he found interesting, so he ended up there.

Varney said the job is a fun one because of how different each day can be. "It's a challenge every day," he said. "It's different every day." Having that variety, though, is nice for Varney because it gives him more freedom. He enjoys being able to take time off when necessary to see his children compete in sporting events.

Varney has the flexibility to leave when he needs to. He employs about 10 workers and is always in close contact with them. "If something comes up, they can call me on my cell phone," he said. On a typical day, Varney spends between 12 and 14 hours at the golf course. When the course closes at night, the restaurant and bar are usually still open. He said that sometimes he's at the restaurant until 2 a.m. and has to be in around 6 the next morning.

An average day at the golf course starts off with giving job assignments. "We try to make a list of jobs and the outside staff works off that list. For the inside workers, things don't change too much," Varney said. The biggest part of his day consists of working outside on the lawns. "The actual involvement of taking care of the greens is very extensive. We're constantly monitoring the greens for fungus, insects and damage. I like working outside, though. It's much nicer than being inside," he said. Varney added that the time it takes to work on the greens could take up to 5 hours a day, depending on what needs to be done.

Rain is one of the biggest weather factors that affects the golf course, Varney said. "It's really a learning experience because the weather controls what we can and cannot do. If we get enough rain, it can shut the course down. Usually that happens in the spring when the ground is still saturated and the rain has nowhere to go," he said. When the weather turns cold and it is time to shut down the course for the season, work needs to be done to prevent as much damage as possible. "We have to blow out the water lines on the irrigation system and have to aerate the greens at the end of the year. We try to be vigilant about getting leaves cut by

the woods, too," Varney said. It takes about a week to get the course running again when the weather gets nice.

Luckily for Varney, the problems the golf course encounters are not too severe. "We sometimes have problems with vandalizing, but it doesn't happen often. Mowers and carts breaking are the 2 biggest issues we deal with," he said. Varney also said that deer can be a significant problem at the course as well. "Once the

course closes, the deer come out and eat a lot of the shrubs. We also have muskrats that do damage around the pond and damage the fairways by digging holes."

Varney really wants to help the game of golf expand to attract more people. "We're constantly trying to do promotions for golf as a family. Right now, if a golfer pays the regular price, the child can play for a dollar," Varney said. "We're trying to promote golf in general."



WORKING OUTSIDE IS Ben Varney's favorite part of owning the Rolling Hills Golf Course. He greatly enjoys spending his time outdoors and keeping an eye on the course.

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D. Bowen completes training



Dennis J. Bowen

Petty officer third class, Dennis J. Bowen, 19, graduated from Navy Boot Camp Feb. 29 in Great Lakes, IL.

The 2007 Cass City High School graduate, son of Jack and Elizabeth Bowen, completed Nuclear Field A School on June 13 and will now be stationed at Nuclear Field Power Prep in Grosecreek, SC.

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Tractor pulls slated for 30th Freedom Festival

Tractors aren't always used just for work - they can also be a great form of entertainment.

The Cass City Freedom Festival will welcome the Mid-Michigan Mini Tractor Pulling Association and the M-T Pocket Pullers. The Mid-Michigan Mini Tractor Pulling Association event will be on Friday at noon and the M-T Pocket Pullers on Saturday at 1 p.m. Both will be at the track by the sled hill. The rules for the 2 events are very similar and will include the same style races. The races will have drivers of mini-tractors pulling sleds of 5,000 to 6,000 pounds.

M-T Pocket Pullers treasurer Melissa Richardson said the race should be anywhere from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 hours. There will be a pull-off if the race ends in a tie.

Richardson said the event is usually pretty full and expects to get anywhere from 40 to 60 racers. "It's open to the public to pull," she said,

"It's \$15 to pull if you're not in the organization and \$10 if you are. It is broken down into 11 classes, each with a winner." There will be a 50-50 raffle that will help award cash prizes to the winners. The costs to enter are the same for the Mid-Michigan Mini Tractor Pulling Association event.

Pam Hawley, who helps bring the Mid-Michigan Mini Tractor Pulling Association to Cass City, is very happy to have the event in Cass City. "Cass City's pull is very important to me," she said. "It's always fun to pull in your hometown." This year's pull is especially important to her because it is in remembrance of her son.

Richardson said the M-T Pocket Pullers event is one that keeps everyone entertained. It's something that both the racers and the audience enjoy. "The challenge of trying to win is great. Whoever has competition in their blood - that makes it a

thrill," she said. Richardson pulls and is excited for the event this year.

Both events are expected to bring large crowds. "Last year the stands were completely full and people were sitting out in lawn chairs, too," Hawley said. "People cheer a lot, especially when the children pull."

M-T Pocket Pullers is a family-oriented group that was established in 1991. The non-profit and charitable organization's name is used because it sounds like empty, Richardson said. "Our logo is a guy pulling out empty pockets," she said. To join the organization, one can fill out a paper, give some money and will then be a part of the group. The organization donates money to charities like Big Brothers, Big Sisters, the American Cancer Society and many more.

To ensure safety and fun for everyone, both organizations have rules for participants. The very first rule

listed on the Mid-Michigan Mini Tractor Pulling Association's web site, <http://minipulling.com>, states that no alcohol will be allowed during or before the event. Any driver drinking alcohol before or during the event will not be allowed to pull.

Reckless driving is not allowed and anyone causing problems at the event will be asked to leave. For safety reasons, drivers must attend a meeting before they are allowed to pull, they must be in control of their machine at all times, all machines must

have working breaks and unsafe driving is not allowed. Rules for the M-T Pocket Pullers are very similar and also state that cheating and foul language will not be tolerated. A full list of their rules can be found at <http://mtpocketpullers.com>.



THE M-T POCKET Pullers tractor pull will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Cass City Hill. The Mid-Michigan Mini Tractor Pulling Association will also have a pull on Friday starting at noon.

SAVE MICHIGAN.

Variety and quality important aspects of food at festival

Visitors will not go hungry at the Freedom Festival.

With food ranging from chicken dinners to barbecue sandwiches to ice cream, there will be more than enough to satisfy everyone.

"There's a large variety between what is offered," said Emily Phillips, chairperson in charge of food vendors. "There's a lot to be had."

Phillips is in charge of organizing the vendors. She sends out information to local organizations trying to get them to come as vendors. "I have to make sure they have their food licenses and insurance," she said. Phillips said that the cost of food licenses has about doubled in the past year. "It's costly to get licensed, especially if you just need it for one day," she said. This has made it harder for some non-profit organizations and vendors to come to the festival.

Despite the fact that some vendors from previous years will not be returning to the festival, a wide variety of food will still be available. Phillips said the committee tries not to have too many

vendors selling the same food. If there is a lot of overlap, then the vendors are not going to make much money, she said. The Cass City Lions Club, Cass City United Methodist Church, Bechler's Fun Foods, Hoppy's Concessions, Sunshine Concessions, Eric's Deputy Dawgs and the Cass City boys' little league will be some of the vendors at the festival. The vendors will sell a variety of food including chicken dinners, strawberry ice cream, apple dumplings, smoothies, floats, barbecue sandwiches, hot dogs and nachos. Phillips said the Cass City Lions Club dinner is a common favorite. "The Lions Club has been here for several years, they always do a great job."

The food will be set up in time for dinner on Friday and will be available all day Saturday. The vendors will be in a shaded area between the tennis courts and the craft area, Phillips said.

"It will all be pretty affordable, general concession food prices," Phillips said.



MARK ZMIERSKI AND Barry Brown pose in front of Hoppy's Concessions, which will serve barbecue sandwiches at the festival.

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Animals fun for kids to pet and ride at festival

What kid doesn't like those cute, furry friends?

The Maplewood Petting Zoo will return to Cass City's Freedom Festival along with many animals. Bill Simpson,

co-owner of Maplewood Petting Zoo, said they will bring miniature horses, miniature donkeys, pot-bellied pigs, goats, sheep and probably some birds and rabbits. But

not just kids can enjoy this event. "It's for all ages," Simpson said. "A lot of people never have chance to touch these kinds of animals or get close to them. Where

else do you get to see a variety of animals?"

People may have the chance to feed the animals as well as pet them. "We do not carry feed stands with us, but people can pet the animals and if there is grass close by, they can feed them," Simpson said. He said there will be between 10 and 12 of the bigger animals there and then a few birds and rabbits.

Simpson said the workers will do everything they can to make sure everyone stays safe. They will only bring

certain animals to the festival. "They (the animals) have to prove to us they are calm," he said. "But people have to use common sense, too. Sticking your fingers in an animal's mouth isn't a good idea."

Simpson said there will be probably 3 or 4 people from Maplewood working at the event. They will all be monitoring the animals and making sure everything is going smoothly.

Maplewood Petting Zoo will be bringing the ponies

to the festival as well. Simpson said they will probably bring 3 or 4 ponies, but only use 2 at a time and have the others as backups. Again, Simpson said safety is very important. "We're licensed under the USDA and they set the standards. We don't let the kids go off with the ponies, one of us is with them at all times." Simpson said the ponies will be able to hold up to about 100 pounds, so any child 100 pounds or under will be able to ride. "We just want people to come out and enjoy it."



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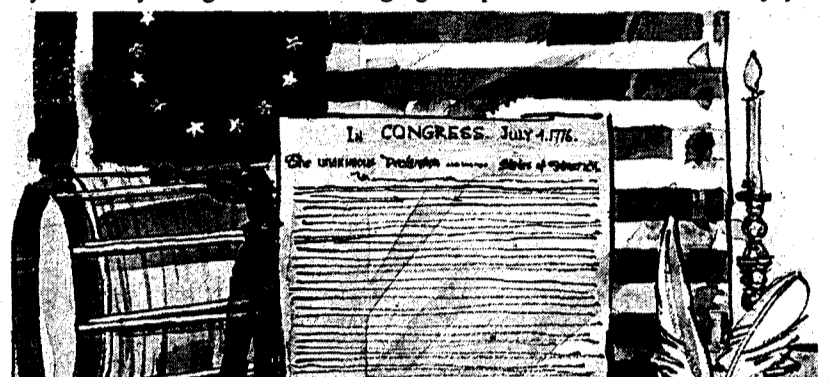
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Dancing brigade

Excel dancers to perform during and after parade

Dancers will excel at the 30th annual Cass City Freedom Festival.

The dancers from the ExcelDance Studio will perform at, and after, the grand parade. Jeralyn Bliss of ExcelDance Studio said there will be chorus line dancers from high school age to adult on a float during the parade. There will also be a performance right after the parade in the parking lot of Baker College. This will be a public performance with dancers ranging from ages 3 to adult.

Bliss said she likes the publicity her girls get by doing shows like these. "It's beneficial to them to dance in a different setting than inside a studio or on stage. We see crowds we wouldn't normally be able to perform in front of," she said. Bliss said the girls are excited to be in the parade and to do the performance afterward.

The dancers will perform a variety of styles of dance. "We do a little bit of every-

thing. Jazz, tap, ballet, hip-hop, modern...not usually acrobatic tumbling because we will be on pavement," Bliss said.

The performance after the parade should last around 50 minutes to an hour, Bliss said.

"We do a little bit of everything. Jazz, tap, ballet, hip-hop, modern...not usually acrobatic tumbling because we will be on pavement."

**-Jeralyn Bliss
ExcelDance Studio**

She said she enjoys doing the performance and the parade when the girls get a positive reaction from the crowd. "We like it when they clap or give positive feedback. We enjoy that very much," she said.

There are a lot of costs that go into making performances like these possible, Bliss said. "We do not have to pay an entry fee for the parade, but

there are a lot of other costs," she said. The driver, the float, decorations are just some of the things the studio will have to fund.

The Excel dancers have been involved in the Cass City Freedom Festival since

before Bliss has worked at the studio. "I've been here for 7 years, and they were doing it before me," she said.

The Excel dancers will come from a variety of areas, Bliss said. "They come from all 3 counties - Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac," she said. She has a lot of girls return and stay in her studio for a long time. "I'm also consistently having new students."



DANCERS FROM EXCELDANCE Studio will perform during the parade and afterwards in the Baker College parking lot. Jeralyn Bliss, of ExcelDance Studio, said the girls look forward to having this kind of exposure.

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Time to organize

Hard work and planning go into Cass City's Freedom Festival

Setting up Cass City's largest festival is no easy task. The Fourth of July Freedom Festival typically costs over \$10,000, with the fireworks and parade being the most expensive. "The fireworks are the most expensive, but the parade is not far behind," Freedom Festival Financial Secretary Emily Phillips said.

"The entries (for the parade) cost money. Groups come from all over the state."

Phillips said that there are a lot of little things that need to be paid for that most people don't think about. Advertising, porta johns and the petting zoo are just some of the things that cost money. Also, in order to have

the fireworks display, the Fourth of July Committee must make a down payment around February. Luckily, this year the committee had a good start financially from the money left over from last year's festival.

All of the money for the festival comes from donations and fees that vendors and

events pay to be involved. "We send out letters asking for donations from businesses and members of the community. We've had a couple good years, despite the poor economy. Businesses and community members have done a great job. Without their contributions this wouldn't be possible," Phillips said.

The festival makes some money from vendors, as well. There is a \$35 entry fee for any vendor selling food or drinks and that goes to the festival committee. Vendors keep any money they make at the festival. Phillips also said the Rolling Hills Golf Tournament and some of the other sports give money back to the festival.

This year, the festival is doing well financially. "Every-

thing is on track," Phillips said about the finances. "It's somewhat unpredictable because we're not sure what people will give. Money can be donated up until the day of the festival."

Sponsors also help to ease the financial stress on the committee. This year, the festival will have a mini-fireworks show, which is sponsored by the Cass City Lions Club and will be on Friday night. The car cruise will also be on Friday night and is sponsored by McDonald's. The Chamber of Commerce will expand the children's area by putting up inflatable activities.

Phillips said the committee is very thankful for the help they receive from the area. "The village does a lot to help us out - the crew is down

there working to help set up," Phillips said.

Freedom Festival chairman Kevin Mulligan said the planning for the festival is going very smoothly. "Emily Phillips has done a terrific job getting money," he said. "The community has done a tremendous job. The only way this is possible is through donations." He said the committee takes a lot of time to plan out the festival and it's good to see all the hard work pay off in the end. Mulligan said the food, crafters and parade take the most time to organize. He said the committee will have a debriefing meeting in August to talk about how the festival went and he hopes to start planning for next year's festival in the fall.

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BOOM! *Fireworks provide variety of colors to fill Cass City sky*

Cass City's Freedom Festival will end with a big bang.

The large fireworks show will wrap-up the weekend's events. "The show will start at dusk on Saturday and is put on by Kundis Fireworks of Sebewaing. The show will be similar to previous years' shows. However, Dennis Kundering, sales person and lead shooter for Kundis Fireworks, said there will be some changes. "We're getting new shells and putting in new colors," he said.

The show will be a large show that will take around 20 minutes. Chairman Kevin Mulligan said the show is always popular. "The show will probably be similar to years past. It may be slightly smaller due to costs, but people should still go," he said. The cost for the fireworks is about \$5,200, financial secretary Emily Phillips said. Mulligan said the best place to watch the display is just north of the baseball diamonds.

Kundering said a show like Cass City's takes a fair amount of time to put together. "Setting up the show itself takes several hours. The main show takes about 3 hours of work and the finale takes about 6 hours to set up," he said. Setting up a fireworks show is a lot of work. The actual show itself takes a long time to set up and then there is the planning that goes into it. Kundering said that for a show like this, a proposal needs to be done, products need to be ordered and then there is the general set-up.

Kundering said the finale is typically the favorite part of the show. "The shells I put into the finale are the most expensive in the show," he said. The finale will last about 1.5 minutes. Most of the fireworks shells Kundis Fireworks will use in the show will come from Japan and China, he said.

To make sure everything goes smoothly and safely, Kundis Fireworks makes

sure their employees and audience members follow safety regulations. "Fireworks need to be a minimum of 70 feet per inch of shell away from people," he said. "So a 6 inch shell must be at least 420 feet away from viewers." However, to be extra cautious, Kundering said he likes to be closer to 100 feet away than 70 feet.

There will most likely be 4 people from Kundis working at the fireworks show, Kundering said. While working with the fireworks, the workers will have to be wearing hard hats, face shields, ear plugs or ear muffs, long pants, long sleeves, cotton clothing and will have to be able to move quickly in case of an accident.

A new event at this year's festival will include a fireworks preview show on Friday night. The Cass City Lion's Club is sponsoring the show. Lion's Club President Blaine de Beaubien said Gary Jones promoted the idea of a

mini fireworks show. "Some local people made me aware of the fact that it might be a good idea," Jones said.

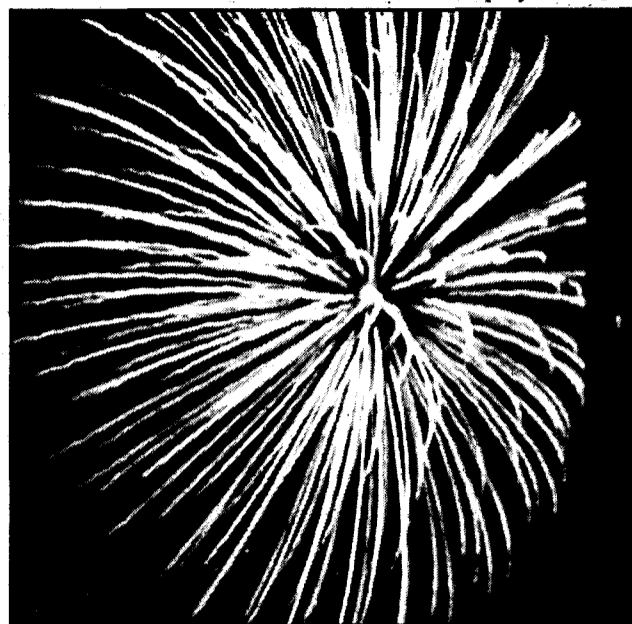
De Beaubien is excited about the fireworks preview and hopes a lot of people hear about it and come out. "I think the numbers of

people that come out will depend on how many people know of it," he said. "For the people that are aware, I think it will be well attended."

De Beaubien expects the show to be similar to the big fireworks display on Satur-

day night, but maybe slightly smaller. He said the cost for the fireworks preview show was only about \$500, so he expects that with the significant price differences between the shows, the preview show will not be as large.

CASS CITY'S FIREWORKS display is always a highlight of the festival weekend. This year, there will be 2 fireworks shows and therefore 2 chances for people to enjoy a beautiful, colorful show.



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The Cass City/Thumb Area branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will once again be sponsoring the Kids' Paint-In. The Paint-In will start at 1 p.m. on Saturday and will be located just east of the gazebo. Children can come and make their own style of artwork for absolutely no cost. Ann Craig of the AAUW said everything will be provided for them. "Brushes, paint, paint shirts, paper - everything is free," she said. The easels will also be provided for the children to use.

After the children are done making their paintings, they can hang them up on a clothesline to dry. They can leave and come back later in the day to pick up their paintings, Craig said. "It's fun to see what the kids make. It's so cute," she said.

There will be Cass City/Thumb Area members of the AAUW working the event in case any problems come up. Craig said that there will probably be 3 members there to supervise.

Craig said the event is usually quite popular and expects it to be again this year. "If it's a beautiful day, and it usually is, the Paint-In is usually fun for everyone." Craig said the AAUW members and other adults tend to enjoy it just as much as the children do. Most adults enjoy seeing the creativity come from the young children.

Giving children a chance to be creative is a great way for them to have fun while expanding knowledge. The Paint-In will be a great chance for them to explore and create whatever comes to mind. "I think all children like to paint. Here they can paint whatever they want, it's not a structured activity," Craig said.



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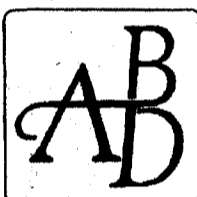
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Great Parade

Festival's parade key ingredient in festival activities

The festival parade will be very similar to years past - with one exception.

For the first time in over 20 years, Gary Jones is not the coordinator of the parade. Don't think he's completely out of the game, though. Jones, along with Jane Hittler, will serve as grand marshals for the parade.

Richard Little has taken over the parade this year, and has done a great job according to Jones. "I'm easing myself out of the parade, Rich is like my protégé," he said.

Little is excited to be working as the parade coordinator, though it is more than he was expecting. Little said one of the most challenging parts is getting in touch with people and making sure they are still planning on being in the parade. He said a lot of people are waiting until the last minute and it makes his job a lot more difficult.

Despite the stress the parade has added to his life, Little is happy to be working

with such a significant part of the festival. "The parade gets a really big crowd, it's probably the biggest thing that happens around here. Main Street is usually lined with people," he said. He hopes the parade will be as popular this year as it has been in the past. "Everybody likes a parade."

The line-up for the parade on Saturday will begin at 9 a.m. on Brooker Street. Each entry will be given a number that corresponds to their place in the parade. The parade will start at 10:30 a.m. where Brooker and Main streets meet. The parade will continue down Main Street and wrap around to end at the park near the gazebo. Little estimates the parade will take about an hour.

There are more than 60 very different entries in the parade. There will be multiple music groups, Clydesdale horses, many local businesses, various youth groups, the Cass

City High School Marching Band, a kids' section and more. All parade entries will receive a ribbon for participating. There will be trophies for the President's Choice, Prettiest and Most Patriotic parade entry. There will be a team of 3 judges that will decide who wins each trophy. Little said most of the entries participate for free, but the festival does have to pay for a few. He estimated the total cost to be over \$2,000.

The price is worth it, though. "It's such a festive occasion. It's entertaining. It's kind of a kick-off for the day's activities," he said. Little said that he has gotten many requests for bag pipers to be in the parade this year. He also thinks the bag pipers and the Clydesdales will be 2 very popular parts of the parade. "There's also the kids' parade near the beginning, right before the band. With children in it, that always makes a difference," he said.



ENTRIES COME FROM all over Michigan to join in the Cass City Freedom Festival parade. The parade is usually one of the most popular parts of the festival and has Main Street lined with viewers. Fife and drum groups are a popular parade entry and will be returning this year.

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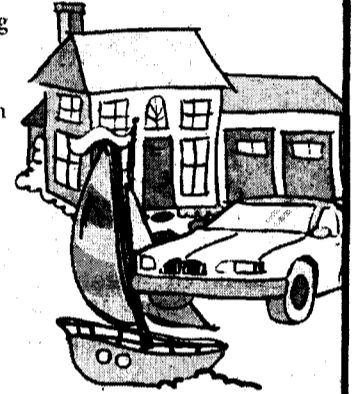
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"They will get a small prize just to get them to do the parade."

-Sharon Erla
coordinator of the event

This year's festival will include many activities for children, including a special part of the parade. The children's section of the parade will be similar to previous years. Children ages 12 and under are welcomed to participate. "Kids decorate bikes or pets," Sharon Erla, coordinator of the event, said. "They will get a small prize just to get them to do the parade. It will not be a competition and will not be judged." Erla sent out notices to chil-

dren on the last day of school in hopes of getting them into the parade. "I've got about 30 or 40 kids right now," she said of the parade involvement. Erla wants to have as many children as possible in the parade. She is happy to give children a chance to show their creativity and be a part of such a big festival. "The main thing is, we're (the committee) trying to get kids involved," Erla said. Children have been invited into the parade in years past and it makes an impact on them. "A lot of kids love to be in the parade. They're very excited. Nothing like a parade to get kids excited - and they get to be in it," she said. Erla hopes the children will enjoy this year's parade and will want to return in the following years.

Any child who wants to be in the parade should meet at the Chemical Bank parking lot on Main Street at 10 a.m. "There will be some parents

walking with the kids, but pre-school aged kids should

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A flashback in time will start at 6 p.m. Friday July 4.

The classic cars display will start at 6 p.m. at McDonald's. The cars will stay there until about 7:45 when the car cruise will begin. Harold Wills is excited to participate in the cruise and display. Wills will have cars in the display, the cruise and the grand parade on Saturday. "I think a lot of people enjoy it because they remember the cars they had in their lifetime," he said.

Wills said there will probably be between 30 and 45 cars in the cruise. Even though it is called a "classic car cruise," Wills said really anyone can put their cars in the cruise. "We prefer older cars, but if someone has a car they really want to show off, they are welcome. Pickups can be in it, too," he said.

McDonald's will provide small plaques for 50 of the people who put their cars in the cruise.

"The feature car is picked out by the car club," Wills said. "This year it's Bill Armstrong from Bad Axe with his '44 Coupe." There is no entry fee to participate in the cruise.

Wills said the route for the car cruise will be about a square mile. "We will go into a car cruise through Cass City. We'll go east down Main Street and then turn left onto Schwegler Road. We'll go one mile north and then turn left onto Milligan Road. From there we'll go past the golf course and turn left on Seeger and go back into Cass City," he said. The cruise will end around 8 p.m. The most important thing to Wills is that everyone is careful and

safe during the cruise. He said he is grateful to the police for working with the cruise and helping to keep things safe.

Wills said about 10 to 15 of the cars from the cruise will be in the grand parade starting at 10:30 a.m. Saturday and will also be on display near the park.

It is exciting for Wills to have his cars get the kind of attention that they do in the cruise, display and parade because he does the work on them himself. "A lot of people do their own work and some people paid to have it done," he said of the car-owners. For Wills and others, feeling that sense of pride when someone admires the work put into the cars is a huge reason to be involved.



HAROLD WILLS STANDS by his 1954 Chevy pickup truck. He also has a 1957 Chevy and a 1953 Ford Victoria hard top. All 3 cars will be displayed and maybe driven in the car cruise.

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Festival has long-standing history in Cass City

Cass City will host its biggest festival for the 30th year in a row.

The Fourth of July Freedom Festival is an event that attracts thousands of people. "I was born and raised in Cass City and I've been going to the festival for as long as I can remember," said Emily Phillips, financial secretary for the festival. "I look forward to it every year."

Long-time committee member Gary Jones said the festival is a great way to showcase Cass City. "It's one of the largest events in the area," he said. "Many people come from miles around because we have such a good festival."

For many people like Phillips, the festival is a chance to spend time with family and have fun. "It's a good time. People have fun and enjoy themselves. We (the committee) want it to be an event where people can spend time with their families. It really brings the community together," Jones agreed. "It gives people the opportunity to meet old friends and

make new friends. The camaraderie amongst people is great," he said.

Chairman Kevin Mulligan said he really enjoys working with the festival committee and hopes to be the chairman again next year. "It's important to me because it's a community service. It helps people realize there are things more important than ourselves. It's a patriotic deed," Jones said he has worked with the festival for 25 years because it is a good contribution to the community. "It makes you feel good to do something people enjoy," he said.

Phillips said people get very excited about the festival and all the activities. "People will set out chairs along the street the night before to get a seat for the parade," she said. "Then seeing the mass crowd of people going into the park after the parade is always interesting to watch."

Mulligan said the festival is a great way to get the community involved. "It's a great way to celebrate the nation's independence. It's also a fun activity to do in the summer

and it's very family-oriented," he said. "Usually the parade and fireworks are the most popular, they appeal to the broadest audience."

Mike Weaver and Tom Herron were 2 of the main people involved in starting the festival 30 years ago. "We were just trying to get something going in the community," Herron said. "We wanted a festival to have something to bring some gusto to town," Weaver added.

Herron said the festival has not changed a whole lot since it started. "We started off with arts and crafts, a tractor pull, a parade...similar to now. The arts and crafts have stayed pretty much the same. The parade was as big then as it is now." However, there were a few more behind-the-scenes kinds of things that were different. "We only allowed organizations to sell food, no vendors. We also didn't allow politicians in the parade. But really, it's not too much different," Herron said. One big difference, though, is the festival did not origi-

nally have fireworks. Now, the fireworks display is one of the biggest events of the festival.

Groups and events came to Cass City's first Freedom Festival from all over, Herron said. It brought a lot of people into town. He estimated that around 10,000 people were in attendance for the first festival, similar to what the committee expects for this year.

Herron said he is glad to see the festival doing so well 30 years later, even though he has not been involved for 21 years. "I still go, but I don't get involved. They've done a good job setting it up in recent years," he said. He enjoyed working with the festival for the 9 years he was involved. "I had a lot of fun putting it together. We did a lot of work."

Most people want to see the Cass City Freedom Festival continue to grow. Herron is definitely one of those people. "As long as people want to take over, it should continue. It's good for the community and a lot of people come out," he said.



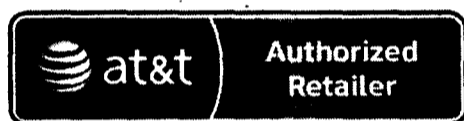
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Wide range of unique homemade crafts and artwork on tap for freedom festival

A variety of arts and crafts will be available for people to admire and purchase at the Cass City Freedom Festival.

Nancy Simms, who is in charge of the craft show, said there will be a wide variety of homemade crafts on display. "We also have an artist coming this year," Simms said. "Her name is Shannon Lundgren and she does the most beautiful, delicate paintings." Simms said Lundgren will be selling her paintings and most likely doing some painting at the show, as well. Simms seemed excited to have something come to the craft show that would make it different from past years.

Simms said there will not be as many vendors at the craft show as there have been in the past. She said this is mostly because the first day

of the craft show is on the actual 4th of July holiday. However, there will be new vendors and new crafters at the show with a variety of merchandise.

"There's so much we're offering," Simms said. She said some merchandise available will be homemade chocolates, quilts, antique photos, home interiors, jewelry, candles, afghans and more. Simms said the prices of the merchandise will vary. Some things will be very inexpensive, while others will be more high-priced.

The craft show will take place on Friday from 4 to 9 p.m. in and around the craft building near the park gazebo. The show will go from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday at the same location. Simms said that the crafters

can come and set up when they need to and can open early on Friday if they want. With the Mid Michigan Mini Tractor Pulling Association's tractor pull going from noon to 4 p.m. on Friday, Simms said viewers may filter down to see the craft show a little early. She wants to give the crafters as much of a chance as possible to sell their merchandise and give others a chance to find things they may want to buy.

The cost for a crafter to come to the festival is \$35 for an indoor space and \$30 for one outdoors. "That price is for both days. They only pay once and they pay the same price if they only stay one day," Simms said. She added that she likes to see crafters stay for both days.

The registration fees from the craft show will go to the festival committee and help pay for things like the fireworks display and the pa-

rade.

Simms said the craft show is a popular part of the festival because it has such a variety of options. "It's a

chance to get homemade goods," she said. She said the parade ends near the craft building, bringing the craft show a lot of attention.



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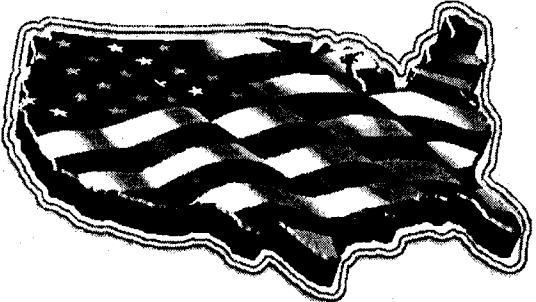
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There will be 3 races, a 5K run, a 5K walk and an 8K run.

There will be age groups for each race. The first division is 14 and under, then it is 15 to 19, and it goes by 5 years up to 60 years old. The 60 and older division is called

the masters' group.

Anyone interested in participating can register for \$15 ahead of time by visiting either the Cass City or Caro Hills & Dales Center for Re-

habilitation. They can also register online at www.hdghehab.com. Online registration closes July 3 at 4 p.m. Participants can also register on-site for \$18. All entering the race will receive a T-shirt, fruit, water and juice at the start and finish line, and entry into a drawing. The money raised from the registration fees

Hills & Dales General Hospital. Wohl said if there ever is a significant amount of money left over from the race, it would be donated to the festival committee.

All 3 races will start at 8 a.m. at the Hills & Dales General Hospital Medical Arts & Rehabilitation Center, across the street from the hospital. The races will also end at the Medical Arts & Rehabilitation Center.

The races will go through town and will be a somewhat hilly course. Wohl said the course for the 5K run and 5K walk will share about 2 miles with the 8K run. There will be 2 water stations for each race.

Wohl said there are normally about 70 to 80 people in the races and it is a good, healthy event. "We wanted to do something to promote health and fitness in the area. We wanted to get involved with the 4th of July festival because it's such a big deal," he said.

The races will be timed and

winners will be named in each of the races. There will be a male and a female winner from the 5K run, the 5K walk, the 8K run and from the masters' division in each of the 3 races. These winners will receive a large trophy. Smaller trophies will be given out to the winners of each age group for each race, as well. Wohl said the times for the 5K run usually range from about 35 minutes to as fast as 18 minutes. The 5K walk can take up to an hour and for the 8K race, times range from about 52 minutes to 28 minutes. Wohl said the times vary and it depends on the person, the age and the race.

Wohl is very proud of the race and encourages people to participate. "We're the only race in the Thumb endorsed by the Governor's Council," he said. Participating in a race endorsed by the council gives people a chance to apply to be one of the 300 people who run the Mackinac Bridge every Labor Day.

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Being safe is the most important way to ensure a fun, enjoyable 4th of July holiday.

While many people know the dangers that come with shooting off fireworks, the laws behind them are not as well known. Cass City Chief of Police Craig Haynes said the laws exist to ensure everyone's safety.

For the fireworks shows that the festival will put on, Haynes said it is very important to stay in the marked safety zones. "Don't try to get beyond the safety zone," he warned. "That's why we have the viewing area, to keep people safe." He said there will be officers around the viewing area to make sure people don't try

ground. However, fireworks that give off a "shower" of color are legal.

The National Council on Fireworks Safety web site has a list of tips people should follow when doing their own fireworks show. Some of the tips include: use fireworks outdoors only, only use fireworks if

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Cass City Chief of Police

"Fireworks are best left to the professionals because of the dangers - loss of eyesight, loss of fingers," he said.

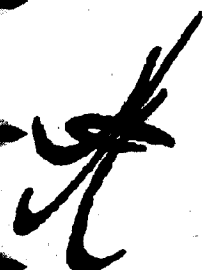
Safety is Haynes' main concern with fireworks. "With legal fireworks, make sure to supervise your children and have water at hand. With sparklers, you want a way to safely dispose of them," he said. Haynes said that shooting fireworks of any kind can be extremely dangerous when the weather gets dry. "You have to be concerned with starting fires," he said.

to get too close to the fireworks.

The 4th of July season tends to be the firecracker season, Haynes said. He said that if an officer sees illegal fireworks going off, or if the department gets a complaint, they will issue a ticket for the offense. It is a misdemeanor to have possession of illegal fireworks.

Haynes said the best way to decipher between legal and illegal fireworks are what they do. He said that if fireworks explode, they are illegal. They are also illegal if they leave the

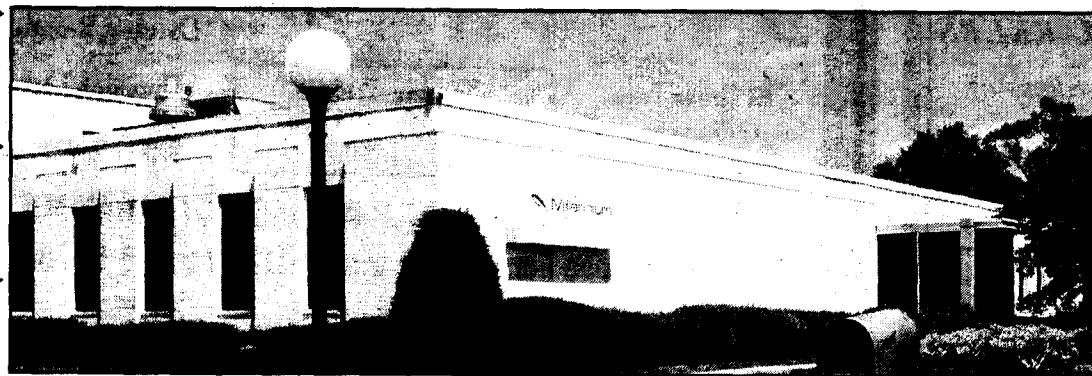
they are legal, always have either a hose or buckets of water on hand, never re-light a dud (wait 20 minutes and then soak it in water), spectators should keep a safe distance away and the shooter should wear safety glasses, do not consume alcohol before or while shooting fireworks, keep children under 12 away from fireworks and do not use homemade fireworks. More information on fireworks can be found at the National Council on Fireworks Safety's web site, <http://www.fireworksafety.com>.



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New inflatable activities to appeal to kids

Kids will not be bored at this year's Cass City Freedom Festival.

The Cass City Chamber of Commerce will expand the kids' area to include 6 different inflatable activities. Dee Mulligan, event coordinator for the kids' area, said the chamber saw the kids' area last year and wanted to expand on it. "There's a lot for the adults to do at the festival, but not much for younger children. We (the Chamber of Commerce) saw that as a place to add something," she said.

The kids' area will be open from noon to 5 on Saturday. It will be located between the Lions' pavilion and the pool. Families can buy bracelets for their kids who will then be able to play on any of the 6 different inflatables. The bracelets will cost between \$5 and \$10, depending on age, Mulligan said. The inflatable activities that kids will be able to choose from include: a moon bounce, a 7-element obstacle course, an inflatable t-ball set, a Velcro wall, a 30-foot climbing wall and a game called aero ball, a trampoline-based game. After buying a bracelet to enter the kids' area, kids will be able to play as much as they want. There will also be an airbrush tattoo artist near the kids' area, Mulligan said. "The inflatables are coming from Detroit," Mulligan said.

"Their workers will set them up and a few will stay to keep an eye on the events. We will have volunteers at each inflatable to make sure the kids are safe and have a bracelet. We will take volunteers at any time," she said.

Mulligan said that the Chamber of Commerce wanted to find items that would be fun for kids from a couple years old up to early teens. "I really think the Velcro wall and aero ball will aim more towards older kids. The moon bounce will be great for younger kids," she said.

Renting the equipment will cost the chamber a little over \$2,000. "With money being very tight, we decided to get these 6 items and hope for bigger events next year," Mulligan said. "If this year is successful, then next year we want to increase it (the kids' area) and get bigger items so we can have a lot of events for kids." The costs of the bracelets should help offset the renting costs. Mulligan said she would love to see this event grow and be positive for the community.

"Our community is continuously trying to make people know what we have and how good it is," Mulligan said. "We hope people will see something they like and come back."

Having a large kids' area will help to keep parents at the

festival longer, too. "We want to make the festival as positive for families as possible. Hopefully if we can keep kids having fun, parents will stay and enjoy the festival," Mulligan said. Freedom Festival Secretary Emily

Phillips said she is grateful to the Chamber of Commerce for their work and is excited to have the kids' area. "Before, parents would leave if their kids were bored, now there will be more things to keep the kids occupied," she

said.

But the main reason to have such a big kids' area is to give kids a chance to have fun. Mulligan expects kids will love the activities. The inflatables at the Freedom

Festival will be similar to those at Summer Mania. Mulligan said kids love Summer Mania, so she thinks they will love the Freedom Festival activities as well. "It's for them and something they can participate in."

Cass City's 30th Annual FREEDOM FESTIVAL

Schedule of Events July 3 - 5, 2008

Thursday, July 3

- Rolling Hills Golf Tourney, (989) 872-3569

Friday, July 4

- Mid-Michigan Mini Tractor Pulling Association's Tractor Pull - 12 to 4 p.m.
- Festival Starts - 4 p.m.
- Maplewood Petting Zoo & Pony Rides - 4 p.m.
- Craft Show - 4 to 9 p.m.
- Classic Cars meet at McDonald's - 6 p.m.
- Classic Cars Parade - 7:45 p.m.
- Mulligan's Moonlight Golf - 9:30 p.m.

FOOD

Methodist Church Strawberry Ice Cream Social
4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at South Pavilion

SPORTS - FRIDAY

ALL-STAR GAMES

Little League Girls - 5 p.m., East of pool
Minor League Boys - 5 p.m., North ball diamond
Little League Boys - 7 p.m., North ball diamond

DUSK - Starting at 10 p.m.

Fireworks Preview - sponsored by Cass City Lions Club

Saturday, July 5

- Craft Show - 9:30 to 5 p.m.
- Free popsicles at Burkhard Plumbing during the parade

BEFORE THE PARADE

- Small kids' bike and pet decorating contest & parade entries - Chemical Bank

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AFTER THE PARADE

- Classic Cars & 2-Cylinder Tractor Display - Near DPW Building
- Kids' Activities in the Park
- New Chamber of Commerce Kids' Area - 12 to 5 p.m.
- Excel Dancers at Baker College - 1 p.m.
- AAUW Kids' Paint-In - 1 p.m., East of gazebo
- Maplewood Petting Zoo & Pony Rides - 1 p.m.
- MT Pocket Pullers' Tractor Pull at the Cass Hill - 1 to 5 p.m.
- Tail Waggers by the gazebo - 2 p.m.

FOOD

- Before the parade - Baker College - Snacks
- Lions Club Chicken BBQ - Lions Pavilion
- Plus Food Vendors in the Park

SPORTS - SATURDAY

- Hills & Dales Rehabilitation & Fitness 5K & 8K Race - 8 a.m.
- 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
- All-Star Football Game - 7 p.m.

MUSIC

- Plymouth Fife & Drum, & Tittabawassee Fife & Drum Corp. at the gazebo
- The Thumb Music Jamers at the gazebo - 1 to 5 p.m.



Competition will heat up with sports tourneys

The Cass City Freedom Festival will swing into action with the Rolling Hills Golf tournament on Thursday. The golf tournament will start at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 3 and will last about 5 hours, said Don Warner, event coordinator for the tournament. Check-in will begin at 9 a.m.

Warner said he hopes to have at least 18 teams participate. "We've always had 20 to 22 teams compete, but we could do it with 18," said Warner. A "whole gamut" of ages will compete, he said. The Rolling Hills tournament will be set up as a 4-person scramble. Warner

said this means that everyone on a team will hit the ball off the first tee, and then they will all go to where the farthest ball went. They will then all hit from there and do the same process for the entire 18 holes. The registration fee for the tournament is \$220. This in-

cludes refreshments, including a hot-dog lunch at the break and a dinner once it is over. The money from the registration fees will go towards the winners and back to the festival committee. "A good part of the money goes back to the 4th committee for the fireworks," Warner said. A portion of the money will also go to the top few teams, depending on how many teams enter the tournament.

There will also be the usual 3-on-3-basketball tournament. The games will start on Saturday around noon, as soon as the parade is over. The entire tournament usually takes between 3 1/2 and 4 hours and will be in the park. Ben Varney, who is in charge of the tournament, said there will be a minimum of 25 teams participating. "We typically have about 150 people playing and have had upwards of 35 or 40 teams in some years," Varney said.

The basketball tournament uses half of the basketball court and only 3 people from each team may be on the court at once. However, some teams will have a fourth person as a substitute. It costs \$70 per team to register and registration goes until July 4, but teams are encouraged to sign up before that. The winning team will receive a trophy.

Varney said that most participants will be in the range of 21 to 25 years old. "We typically have 8-year-olds all the way through adult, about age 25, playing," he said. "People like to come out because their kids, relatives or friends are playing." Both men and women will be allowed to play in the tournament.

The Cass City High School boys' and girls' basketball teams will help out at the tournament. They will keep track of the scores and players will call their own fouls. The money received through the registration fees will go to the athletic boosters. Varney said the coaches for the girls' and boys' basketball teams will be helping out and will get money that usually goes to supporting their team camps. "The rest of the money goes to the boosters and is typically used for the weight room, but it's not set in stone where it goes," he said.

There will be a minor league and little league game on Friday the fourth. Matt Prieskorn, who is in charge of the games, said the 5 best players from 5 minor league and 5 little league teams were chosen to compete in the An-

Star games. The boys' minor league game will be at 5 p.m. at the north ball diamond. The girls' little league game will also be at 5 p.m., but will be at the diamond just east of the pool. The boys' little league game will be at 7 p.m. at the north ball diamond. The ages for the minor league teams can be anywhere up to 10 years old, but Prieskorn said the majority of the children competing will be between ages 7 and 10. For the little league games, the ages are 10, 11 and 12. There will be no fee to play. "It's just for fun," Prieskorn said. There are no prizes. However, there will be a presentation for the regular season and play-offs, where the athletes will get trophies. Prieskorn said the games are usually quite popular. "It's a big deal."

A brand new event for the festival will be the all-star football game. It will also be in the park and will start at 7 p.m. on Saturday. "The game should be over just about when the fireworks start," said Varney, who is also in charge of the football game.

Al Dadacki suggested the idea of an all-star football game to other football coaches. Participants must be seniors who graduated this year. They will come from Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac counties, as well as from teams in the Greater Thumb Conference or the NCTL conference. A total of 25 schools will be sending students who

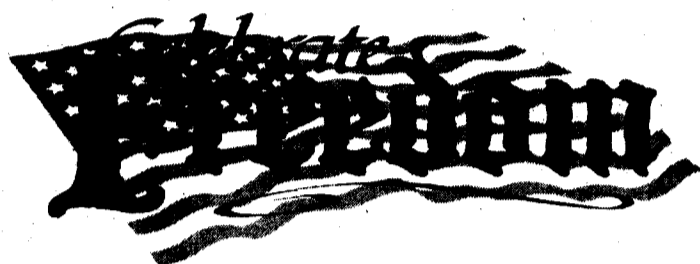
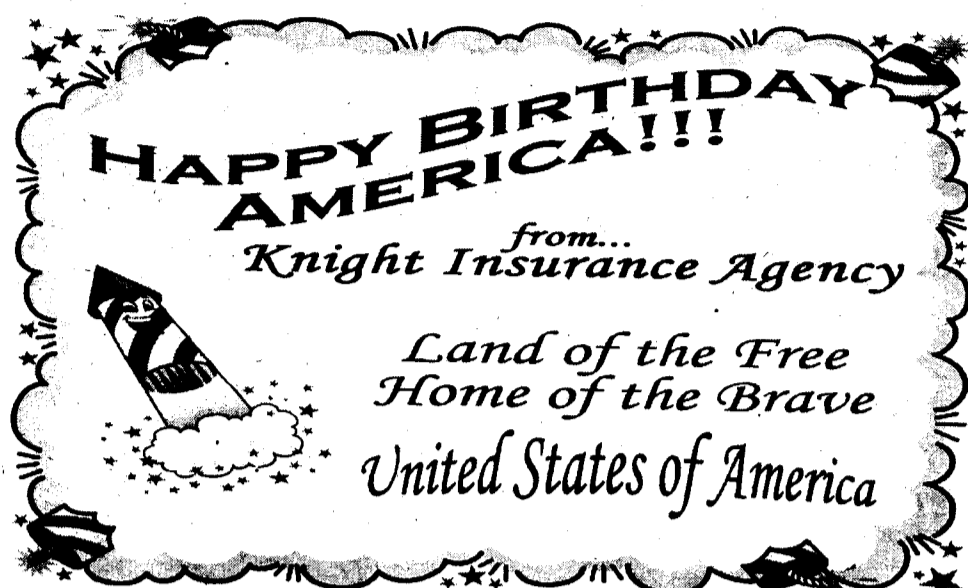
were nominated by their coaches to play in the game. "The Sports Writers Association of the Thumb as well as the committee selected the players and formed the teams," Varney said.

There will be 2 teams playing in one regular, 4-quarter tackle football game. Players will be separated by conference. One team will be made up of the Greater Thumb West Conference and the NCTL North to make the Northwest team. The other team will be the Greater Thumb East Conference and the NCTL South to make the Southeast team. There will be about 30 players on each team. "It's a regular football game, with some minor changes to accommodate a shorter practice schedule," Varney said. "For example, no blitzing will be allowed."

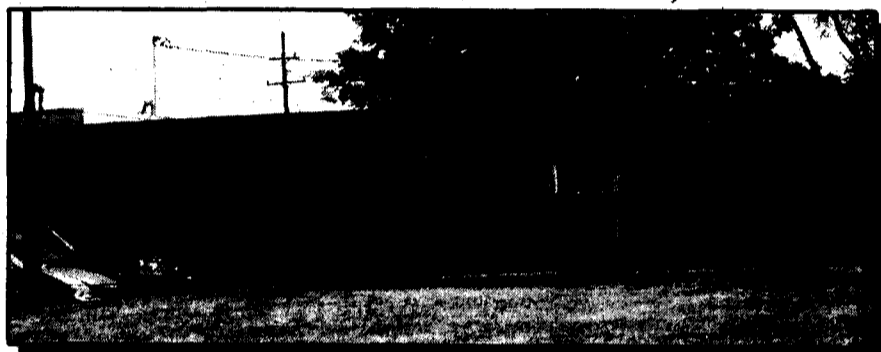
The game will also have a half-time show like a normal high school football game. "The Cass City marching band and dance troupe will be performing at half time," Varney said.

Jerseys, with the individual player's name on it, and pants will be provided for the players, but they will wear helmets from their own schools. "The only thing we ask of the kids is to send us a biography to put in the program guide."

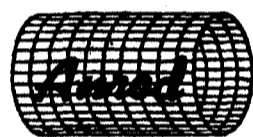
Varney said all players will get to keep their jerseys and the winning team will win bragging rights. There is no cost for the teams to participate.



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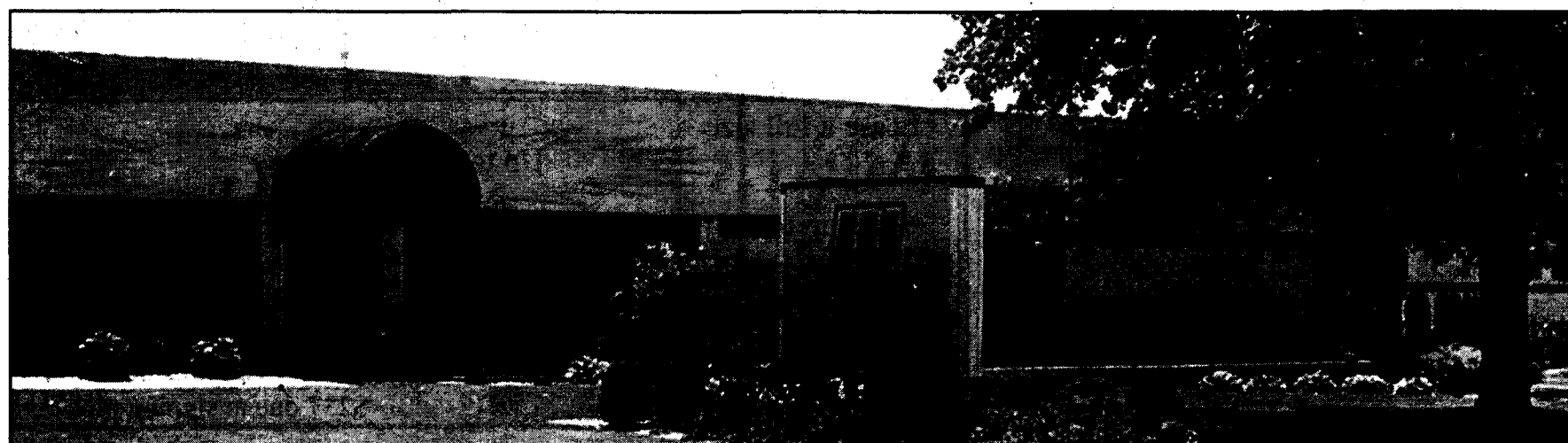
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