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# Work underway this week **Chemical winner in** district's bond sale

#### by Tom Montgomery Editor

Taxpayers in the Cass City School District, who approved a \$6.9 million bond issue last spring to fund a variety of major capital improvements, will be able to see their tax dollars at work starting this week.

The Cass City Board of Education approved the sale of bonds that will generate the cash during a special meeting last week. And board members didn't waste time getting the ball rolling on the work, awarding some \$855,000 in contracts for paving, roof replacement and other improvements. In all, 3 financial institutions bid on Cass City's construction bonds, and the winning, low bidder was Chemical Bank, which offered an interest rate of 4.2708 percent. The rate translates into roughly \$2.24 million in interest over the 12-year life of the bonds.

The other bidders were Comerica Securities (4.4477 percent interest) and Morgan Keegan & Company Inc.

(5.1505 percent interest).

School officials indicated they were pleased with the interest rate, which was made possible, in part, to a recent bond rating of A3 assigned to the district by Moody's Investors Service, a leading provider of independent credit ratings, research and financial information to the capital markets.

Following approval of the bond sale, board members heard a brief presentation from Chip Hendrick of R.C. Hendrick & Son Inc., Saginaw, the general contractor for the combined \$6.9 million in capital improvement work.

Hendrick submitted contracts for several projects, noting all of them were the low bids and all came in under budget. He also indicated his firm is confident in the quality of work each firm will provide the district.

The board approved the following contracts:

•Saginaw Asphalt Paving, asphalt and concrete replacement at the high

school, \$438,500.

•Kenco Energy Service, air barrier and insulation at the middle school (in preparation for roof replacement), \$70,000.

•Marlette Roofing, membrane roof at Campbell Elementary School, \$65,851

•Valley Roofing, single ply membrane roofing at the high school, \$258,668

•Malachino Floor Co., high school gym floor repairs and refinishing, \$18,550.

•Jeff Hosky, artist, painting of the center court Red Hawk logo, not to exceed \$3,500.

Hendrick, who said some of the work would be underway this week, also provided the board with a tentative construction timeline for the first 3 phases of improvements funded by the bonds.

The first phase, scheduled for July through September, includes replacement of concrete to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act at the early childhood education center. Projects at the high school are asphalt, sidewalk and curb and gutter replacement, gym floor work and roof replacement. Sections of the

Campbell Elementary roof are also to be replaced, as is the bus garage parking lot.

Phase II is slated to begin Aug. 15 and be completed by Dec. 31, and includes replacement of exterior doors at the early childhood educa-

tion center, and window replacement,

sealing off pipe tunnels, replacing

doors and frames, adding security

locks, and new cafeteria and court-

yard doors at Campbell Elementary.

At the middle school, the list includes

security locks and new exterior doors,

and at the high school, new exterior

doors, new chairs for the cafeteria,

re-keying the entire building, and new

classroom furniture. Finally, the track

is scheduled to be resurfaced, and

the bus garage floor will be replaced

and improvements made to the wash

Phase III projects, slated for May 1,

2009, through Aug. 31, 2009, include

new lockers at Campbell Elementary

along with installation of a new heat-

ing system, and replacement of sinks

and clocks. In addition, the new roof

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**FIFTY CENTS** 

CASS CITY'S ADAM Osentoski poses with his 1,575-pound Champion Dairy cow at the Tuscola County livestock auction. Osentoski's parents are David and Teresa Osentoski and he is a member of the 5 Star Livestock 4-H Club. He sold his cow for \$2,200 to Cooperative Elevator Co. of Pigeon.

(See more 4-H livestock photos in next week's Chronicle)

# Primary races set in Thumb

School ups ticket and lunch prices Cass City students will be paying more for lunch and to attend sporting

events in the coming school year. The board of education approved price increases for both during a special

meeting last week. New Athletic Director Don Markel recommended increasing season athletic passes by \$10, from \$100 to \$110 for families and from \$70 to \$80 for individuals. He also asked the board to set all high school gate admission tickets at

\$4 (students currently pay \$3); to increase middle school tickets from \$2 to \$3; and to up the minimum age for senior sports passes from 62 to 65. Markel said the increases stem from increased costs for transportation and

officials, and he noted the new prices reflect what most other area districts now charge. Rising costs also prompted Shari Bock, food service director for the district.

to recommend increasing hot lunch prices by a quarter, from \$1.50 to \$1.75 at the elementary school, and from \$1.75 to \$2 at the middle and high schools. The latest projections have food costs going up by about 5 percent, accord-

ing to Bock, who noted school officials may also be facing a fuel surcharge in the near future.

Forning to personnel matters, the board welcomed some new members to the district's staff, including Stacey Bliss, who will serve as the new middle school social worker. The addition will allow Beth Howard to continue her job as social worker at the elementary school full-time instead of splitting her time between the 2 buildings.

Please turn to page 3. **Funding hike** for schools

# gets state House nod

The Michigan House of Representatives last week voted to increase state funding for the state's schools, including those in the Thumb.

State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) said the additional money -- \$56 to \$112 per student — will help to ensure that students receive the education they need to compete for good paying jobs in today's global workforce.

The plan, passed by the House on a 68-39 vote and now headed to the governor to be signed into law, also includes \$75,000 each for Tuscola and Huron school districts to help students prepare for jobs in the rapidly expanding renewable energy in-

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**MICHIGAN NATIVE and Author Mike Deeb was in Cass** City last week, signing copies of his book, "Duty and Honor", at Rawson Memorial District Library. The fictional book, available via Rawson's online book store at rawson.librarybookshop.net, is about the Civil War and a young Michigan boy who longs to join the cause. Above, Deeb signs a copy for Cass City Police Chief Craig Haynes.

Tuscola County residents will decide a handful of races in the Tuesday, Aug. 5, primary election, which will usher in new leadership in Tuscola County, including the commissioner who represents the Cass City area. Tom Kern, the longest serving sheriff in Tuscola County history, meanwhile, is stepping down and will challenge incumbent District 3 Commissioner Donald P. McLane, although that race won't be decided until the general election in November.

District One Commissioner David J. Milligan, a Cass City Republican now wrapping up his second 2-year term in office, filed to seek reelection by the May 13 deadline, but formally withdrew his candidacy 2 days later. Barring a successful write-in campaign, Cass City attorney Amanda Roggenbuck, also a Cass City Republican, will be elected to the seat,

Candidates share views, backgrounds pages 6,7

Elkland, Elmwood, Fairgrove, Gilford and Wisner townships.

Prior to his election to the board of commissioners, Milligan served 8 years on the Tuscola County Planning Commission. He has also served on the Tuscola County Farm Bureau Board and the Michigan Bean Commission.

Roggenbuck, a Port Hope native, has been practicing law in Cass City since 2003. She specializes in estate planning, family law and abuse and neglect cases. Currently the chairwoman of the Tuscola County Enterprise Facilitation Board, Roggenbuck and her husband, Brian Ritchey, have 3 children

In District 3, Kern, a Democrat, will challenge incumbent Republican McLane in the Tuesday, Nov. 4, general election, for the right to represent Dayton, Fremont, Novesta, Kingston, Koylton and Wells townships. Kern's tenure with the sheriff's department spanned 38 years, including 20 years as sheriff.

In other commission races, incumbent Commissioner Thomas Bardwell, Republican, is being challenged by Democrat Warren Taylor in District

which represents Akron, Columbia, 2, which is comprised of Almer, Ellington, Indianfields and Juniata townships.

A race is also set in District 4 -Millington, Watertown and Vassar

townships where incumbent Republican Roy Petzold will square off

against Marcus Jensen, also a Republican, next week.

In District 5, which represents Arbela, Denmark and Tuscola townships and the city of Vassar, incumbent Republican and board Chairman Gerald C. Peterson is running unopposed.

### **OTHER RACES**

Kern's retirement from the sheriff's department has set the stage for a battle for his seat between sheriff's department veteran Leland Teschendorf, Republican, and Tim-, Adams, Democrat. Teschendorf has, served as jail administrator for many years, while Adams is currently the Tuscola County District Court bailiff.

Incumbent Drain Commissioner Sa-

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# Ubly voters to decide bond issue

#### by Tom Montgomery Editor

The first day of school is still weeks away, but officials in the Ubly Community Schools have spent the past several weeks focusing on the new school year, and encouraging district residents to approve a financial boost at the polls next month.

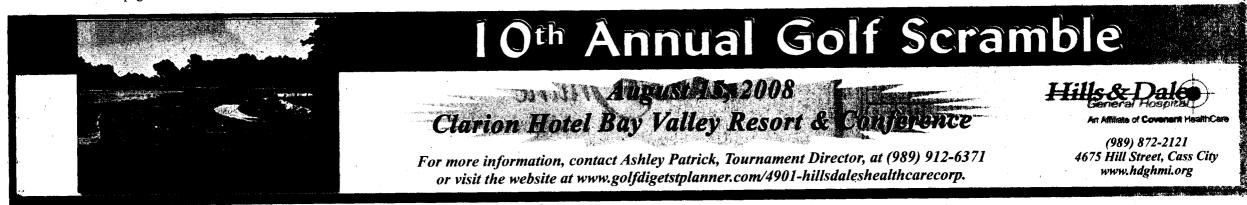
Voters will be asked to approve a bond issue in the Tuesday, Aug. 5, primary election that, officials say, would make the 2008-09 school year and many more to come - more efficient and productive for students and staff alike.

The Ubly Board of Education last spring approved taking the bond issue to voters in an effort to raise \$2,020,000 to maintain and update the district's buildings. If approved, all of the money generated by the proposal would be used for that purpose - by law, the funds cannot be used for salaries or other operating expenses.

The price tag is 1.17 mills for the next 15 years. For the owner of a home with a market value of \$100,000, the cost would be roughly \$60 annually The proposal stems from months of discussions among members of a subcommittee of the Ubly Community Schools' Strategic Planning Commit tee, which was formed in August 2006: and is composed of 20 to 30 school officials, parents and other members. of the community.

A year ago, officials were looking at possibly building some new class

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# Several from area named on FSU list

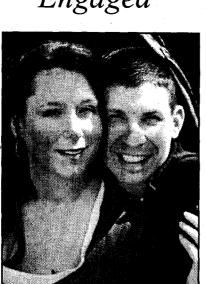
Several area residents were recently named to the academic honors list at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design, Big Rapids, for the semester that ended in May.

They are: Ashley Barrigar, Craig Bellew, Angela Lounsbury and Nicholas Swanson, all of Cass City; Christina Adamczyk and Brittni Hill, both of Kingston; and Jade Kaufman, Gary Laming, Keith Lewinski, Heather Ludwig and Jessica Maurer, all of Ubly.

To be named to the academic honors list, a student must have earned a mum grade point average of 3.5 no fewer than 12 credit hours of coursework.

# Bushong on dean's list,

Donna L. Bushong of Cass City was recently named to the dean's list at Gfand Valley State University, Allendale, for achieving a grade point average of at least 3.5 while completing 12 credit hours of coursework, She is the daughter of George and Rosemary Bushong.



# **Kevin Klee**

Rodney and Lynn Talaski of Decker, and Robert and Marilyn Klee of Minden City announce the engagement of their children, Tracy Lynn Talaski to Kevin Robert Klee.

Tracy is currently a registered nurse at Port Huron Hospital. Kevin is a taxidermist and the owner of Nature's Finest Taxidermy in Minden City.

An Oct. 4, 2008 wedding is being planned at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

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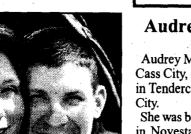
Why do you look forward to the Tuscola County Fair? People come to the Tuscola County Fair for a wide variety of reasons.

There are games, rides, food, 4-H shows, music, animals and more. The fair also provides a chance to meet new people. Those attending come from a variety of areas to see what the fair has to offer. This year, everything was very popular on Thursday, the day of the livestock sales. Many people of all ages enjoyed the rides and games. Both the small and large livestock auctions drew large crowds as well.

For Sandusky resident Scott Wadsworth, the fair Scott Wadsworth is a tradition. "I've been coming for about 6 years," he said. Wadsworth was one of over 100 people in attendance at the large livestock sale. He said he enjoys the fair because of all of the different things available to do. "It's something different than the everyday," he said.

Wadsworth spent a good amount of time at the livestock sale, but there are other parts of the fair he also looks forward to. "The games, rides and auctions are my favorite parts," he said. The Tuscola County Fair can be entertaining for people because it is always a bit different. Different people, different animals-these things draw people in. For Wadsworth, this is a big reason to attend. "The main reason I come is just to see the animals and the people."

# Engaged





# **Tracy Talaski and**

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## Audrey Katzenberger

Audrey Marie Katzenberger, 88, of Cass City, died Friday, July 25, 2008 in Tendercare Nursing Facility, Cass

She was born Aug. 23, 1919 at home in Novesta Township, the daughter of Homer and Eva (Brown) Hower. She married Charles R. Katzenberger April 14, 1962 in Saginaw. He died March 13, 1972.

Audrey worked as a bookkeeper for many years at different tool and die businesses in the Saginaw area. She and her husband lived in Hale for several years. Audrey moved to Tawas City after his death and then in 1985 she returned to make Cass City her home. She did a great deal of work on plotting and creating the Elkland Township Cemetery map. Audrey was a member of the former Salem United Methodist Church and now the Cass City United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary and the Cass City Art Club.

Audrey is survived by her nieces and nephews: Sherryl Seeley of Cass City, Janis Seeley of Cass City, Mick (Barbara) Kirn of Cass City, Melinda Kirn of Grand Rapids, Kathy (Paul) Smith of Deckerville; great nephews: Chris (Carrie) Seeley of Hudsonville, Jeff (Nikki) Seeley of North Branch, Brian Seeley of Cass City, Ben Smith of Deckerville; great nieces: Kim (Jake) Thompson of North Branch, Whitney Kirn of Cass City, Meredith Kirn of Cass City, Kally Smith of Deckerville; several great great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by 3 sisters: Helen Hower, Hazel Seeley, Betty Kirn; an infant sister, Ruthie Hower; an infant brother, Alvah Hower; a niece, Kathleen Seeley; and a nephew, Charles Seeley.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 29, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Darlene Kuenzli, Heartland Hospice Chaplain, officiating.

Auditions set Aug. 10 and 11 for production

The Thumb Area Center for the Arts (TACA) will host open auditions for the fall musical production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat", which will be held Sunday and Monday, Aug. 10 and 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. at TACA, 2 Joy St., Caro. Parts are available for at least 17 men and 13 women of varying ages in addition to a large children's chorus, ages 5-13. No prepared song or dance is necessary; all those auditioning will learn and sing pieces from the show at auditions. Directed by Christie Rahn with musical direction by Tammy Kosters, the production will be held at the Caro Knights of Columbus Hall, Nov. 6-9. For more information, call Rahn at (989) 673-4085.

Interment was in the Evergreen Cemetery, Hale.

Memorials may be made to Rawson Memorial Library, Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary or Cass City United Methodist Church. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

### **James Martin**

James P. Martin, II, 71, of Caro, passed away Wednesday, July 23, 2008 at Covenant Health Care - Cooper, Saginaw.

He was born March 21, 1937 in Brooklyn, NY.

He married Ruth Curry Oct. 11, 1958 in Kingston.

Jim served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was as an electrician for Marlette Homes and Walbro, and also owned his own electrical business, J.P.M. Electric. Jim was an active member of Deford Community Church, serving as a Deacon, treasurer, Sunday school teacher and board member. He enjoyed hunting, photography and golf.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of nearly 50 years, Ruth; sons: Stephen of Arizona, and Christopher (Michelle) of Port Huron; grandchildren: Melissa (Tim) McFarland, Nathaniel (Samantha) Martin, Kevin Martin, Amanda Martin, Carl Martin, Marzette Martin and Julienne Martin; a great-grandson, James McFarland; and a brother, Robert (Betty) Martin of North Carolina. He was preceded in death by a son, Scott Martin.

Funeral services were held at Tuesday, July 29, at Deford Community Church, Deford, with Pastor David Cooper officiating.

Burial was in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City. Honor service was provided by the

U.S. Navy Memorials may be made to Deford Community Church.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.



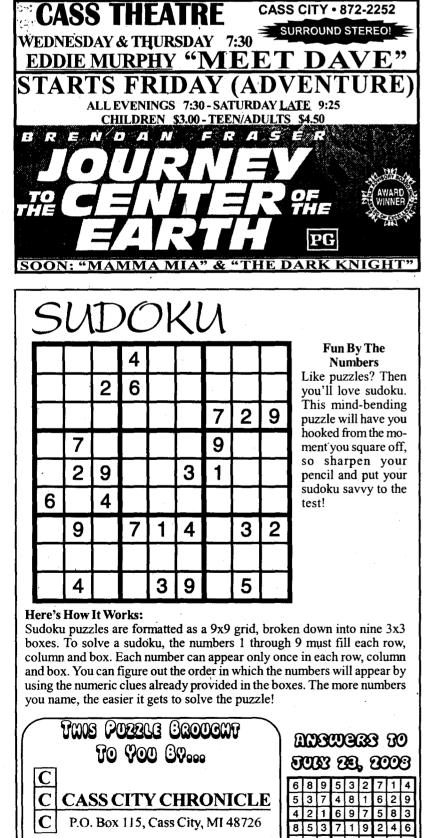
# 5 generations....

FIVE GENERATIONS of the same family are represented above by Pauline Hulburt of Cass City with her daughter, Ruth Ann, and granddaughter, Rochelle, of Bay City, great-granddaughter, Rachel, and great-great-granddaughter Oceana, visiting from Fresno, Calif.





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# **Rabbit Tracks** by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The "Original Pancake House" in Solon, Ohio was selected for our breakfast meeting by members of the family that live in Solon. I can't give you an address.

Local knowledge proved to be invaluable, as the restaurant provided an array of foods and different breakfast dishes. The 10 of us each picked a favorite and due to the varied menu there was no duplication.

I ordered an Irish Omelet. It included corned beef hash, onions and other flavoring items. To my surprise, it also came with 3 pancakes. The omelet was wrapped around 6 eggs, 3 more eggs than expected. Esther ordered a Strawberry Crepe and it covered a dinner-size plate.

Each order was decorated with 4 or 5 fresh raspberries and I quickly gobbled up any that the crew shared with me

There are no half orders (I asked) and if you don't possess a gargantuan appetite a normal serving provides more food than you can eat. I shared a few bites, but still left more than half of the order. I can't quote exact prices, but none was over \$10.

\_For real big eaters give it an 8.5 on the 1-10 scale. For others it deserves a 7.

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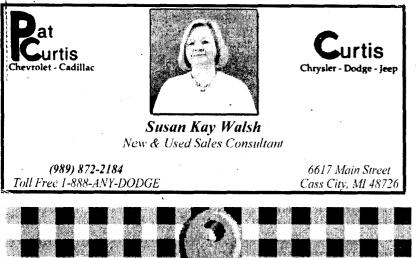
Best in the area? Last weekend a station in Caseville was selling gas at \$3.79 per gallon. That's the lowest seen anywhere. Maybe that trip up north is not out of the question after all. Or maybe it is. Gas at \$4.409 which we paid at Gaylord when prices were near the peak and gas last weekend in Caseville at \$3.79 saves about \$12 in the 400-mile round trip from Cass City to Boyne City. It's heartening to see the price fall, until you remember what it cost at this time a year ago.

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I wasn't surprised that a commencement speech written and delivered by Mitch Albom was released, but could only be viewed with a Kindle

A what? A Kindle. As a computer illiterate, I was not surprised that I hadn't the foggiest about what it was. After looking it up in a dictionary I still didn't now and the entire crew at the Chronicle didn't either.

Together we figured it must be a machine that will present a work on E-mail. nyway, the 4,000-word Albom address, according to a story in the Bay City imes, can only be read on an Amazon Kindle.





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# **EDC annual report:** county has more jobs

Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation officials last week released their annual report for 2007-08, which shows the agency was involved in the creation and retention of 270 jobs over the past year. The report includes 24 major projects throughout the county, where 117 new jobs were created and 153 existing jobs were retained. It's estimated that the total employment figure translates into an annual payroll of

nearly \$7.7 million. Among the projects close to Cass City were assisting in the tax abatement process for Ceramic Systems, Cass City (10 jobs retained, 3 new jobs created), Walbro Engine Management, Cass City (10 new jobs created), and Vita Plus, Gagetown (30 jobs retained)

Tuscola County EDC Executive Director Jim McLoskey said that, even though many segments of the economy down, there have been some bright spots in the county over the past several months

"There were 7 manufacturing and agricultural processing firms that received tax abatement over the past year. Tuscola County municipalities have a strong track record of providing tax abatement to help companies locate and expand, and to hire more employees," he added.

Several businesses benefited from the free and confidential small business counseling services offered by the EDC, as well as from the EDC Revolving Loan Fund, which provides gap financing to local businesses, according to McLoskey. Thanks to an allocation from the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, he noted, more businesses

# Cass City increases prices

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Also hired was Tana Larkin-Shrader to teach special education.

The board also accepted "with regret" the resignations of teachers Michelle Anscomb, Sally Milholin and Lee Pavlichek.

#### **IN OTHER BUSINESS**

In other business during the special session, the board:

•Approved a resolution to eliminate the middle school exploratory posion and at the same time cr additional first grade position. School Supt. Ron Wilson said the hiring is expected to reduce first grade class sizes from 29 students to 22 or 23 students: •Approved a new academic integrity policy first reviewed last month. The policy outlines what constitutes cheating and plagiarism, and details penalties for infractions. ·Approved Wilson's recommendation to request bids for the purchase of tractor. The equipment will be purchased with monies from the district's 2008 construction bonds. •Approved the purchase of a used, 2007 pickup truck for \$19,200 from Curtis Chrysler, Cass City. The truck will replace a 1993 model that the district will now offer for sale. •Authorized Wilson to sell unused and/or antiquated school equipment such as old desks, light fixtures and projector screens.

will be able to benefit from the revolving loan fund in the future.

'The EDC also provides assistance to retail, service and commercial businesses - both existing firms and startups," said McLoskey, who added the county appears to be consistent with a trend of more shopping being done locally.

"I have heard of a number of local merchants who say that the high prices of gasoline is causing shoppers to buy things locally, with not as many trips being made to Lapeer, Saginaw or Bay City. This 'shop local' campaign has been a long-term goal of the EDC and all chambers of commerce.'

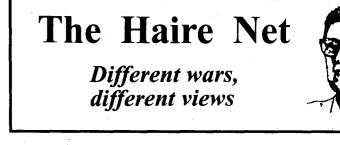
The EDC's annual report also notes benefits provided through the EDC receiving grants and by providing grant administration for local units of government. Grants totaling just under \$1 million were approved for the villages of Millington and Mayville, and for the Tuscola County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Serving as EDC board officers for the upcoming year are Dr. Doug Link as chair, Don Beavers as vice chair, and Curt Strickland as treasurer. Other board members are: Tom Bardwell, Bill Bushaw, Dave Gloer, Kent Graff, Joe Hembling, Colleen Langenburg, McLoskey, Myron Ortner, Kate VanAuken, Margie White-Cormier and Christine Young. Business owners and entrepreneurs who would like to learn more about the services offered by the Tuscola County EDC are invited to call (989) 673-2849. Board meetings are held monthly in different locations in the county and are open to the public.

•Met in executive session to discuss on-going teacher contract negotiations.

•Approved an annual resolution continuing membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA).

•Held its annual reorganizational meeting/general business meeting. Doug Lautner, current board vice president, was elected board president; Trustee Craig Bellew was named vice president; and Treasurer Danny Haag and Secretary Randy Severance were reelected to their re-



The trouble that comes from advancing years is that "new" programs invite comparisons with similar programs used to remove us from tight financial and, yes, sexual situations.

There are other issues that plague us and are certainly filled with enough uncertainty to justify a whole series of columns. Like most of you, I have an opinion about all of them, but not enough facts to tell you why, so it's just an opinion without weight.

I can look back at the strikingly different attitude during the wars with Iraq and the war between Germany, Japan and Italy and the United States.

What called attention to it was the recent brouhaha over the change in status of West Point graduate Lieut. Caleb Campbell who was slated to join the Lions football practices until a last minute change in the rules required him to report for at least 2 years of service.

Most of the talk about his abrupt change centered on the effect it had on the Lions and the fairness of the last minute change for the lieutenant. There was little talk in the newspapers or unbiased newscasts on the loss of an officer in time of war. The general public now and then had an inaccurate appraisal of the strength of the opposition. I know that I felt that Japan was just a nuisance and Germany and its allies were the major enemies. History repeated itself when the vast majority, including army and political brass, felt the Iraq invasion would be wrapped up in quick order.

Now back to the return to duty of Campbell. One newspaper reported that the change in regulations was helped by the Navy and Air Force that complained that giving a star West Point athlete a way out immediately placed them at a recruiting disadvantage.

During World War II the conflict was the top priority in the services and the country. There was never a thought of a postponement of duty for any person deemed eligible for service.

The stars of the time - Ted Williams, Hank Greenberg, Hank Aaron, etc.were expected to serve and did so with gusto and verve.

After that war the support for wars in Korea, Vietnam and Iraq never beoth came the focus point above all ers that it was in World War II. One reason, indisputably, is that the number directly involved in the Iraq war is dwarfed by the number involved during World War II. Whatever the reason, soldiers were lauded then and those that were left

behind were unreasonably disparaged.

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MOC For the Cass City Schools, which will receive the maximum \$112 per stadent, the increase translates into roughly \$143,000 more in funding for the 2008-09 school year. However, that figure is dwarfed by the district's projected loss of another 64 students for the coming school year. If the prediction proves true, Cass City Schools loses \$470,000 in state fund<sub>T</sub>

Cass City School Supt. Ron Wilson noted the district's per-pupil fundy ing will be \$7,316 with the additional funding announced last week.

"I budgeted \$100 (more) a kid in 3 crease, so it's \$12 more, but it's still just a drop in the bucket," he said. adding the hike - about 1.3 percent won't offset the 3 1/2 or 4 percent rise in inflationary costs the district faces. "Certainly it's better than nothing," he said, "and I applaud the state, in tough economic times, for trying to give us something."

Brown was one of 68 House lawmakers to support the funding plan (39 members voted "no").

"We have to make sure that our children receive the high quality education they need to prepare them for the complex demands of working in today's global economy," said Brown, who worked in Thumb area schools for more than 2 decades before becoming a legislator and is a member of the House Education: Committee.

Under the plan, all Tuscola County schools will receive an increase of \$112 per pupil in the coming school year. About two-thirds of Huron County schools, including the Ubly, Community Schools, will also get a \$112 increase. All other Huron schools will receive an increase of at least \$56 per student. In addition, the plan calls for \$75,000 each to be awarded to the Tuscola and Huron intermediate school districts to provide engineering and science programs conducted, in partnership with renewable energy facilities such as wind farms and bigmass or ethanol plants.

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#### Cass City Chronicle July 30, 2008 5-Day Local Forecast In-Depth Local Forecast **Upcoming Moon Phases** Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with Wednesday \*\*\*\*\*\*\* Ð 动 a 50% chance of showers and thunder-Scat'd T-storms storms, high temperature of 85°, humidity New Full High: 85 Low: 60 First Last of 69% and an overnight low of 60°. The 8/18/8 8/16 8/23 Thursday record high temperature for today is 92° set Sunrise/Sunset Times Mostly Sunny in 1951. The record low temperature is 43° High: 81 Low: 59 set in 1965. Thursday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 81°. Friday Mostly Sunny Last Week's Local Almanac High: 80 Low: 57 High Low Normals Precip <u>Day</u> Monday -79 63 81/59 Saturday 0.00" Tuesday 75 63 81/59 0.00" Sunny Wednesday 73 55 81/59 0.00" High: 84 Low: 64 Thursday 79 54 81/59 0.00" Sunday Friday 81 57 80/59 0.00" Departure from normal .....-1.6° 57 Mostly Sunny Saturday 81 80/59 0.00" Data as reported from Bad Axe, Michigan 55 Sunday 81 80/58 0.00" High: 84 Low: 65 © 2008 Accessweather.com, Inc

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spective positions.

In addition, Wilson administered the oath of office to Lautner and newlyelected Trustee Jim Veneziano, and the board voted to continue with its regular schedule of meeting on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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# **Calendar of Events**

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

# Thursday, July 31

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 872-4816. Book Sale, 9-5:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

# Friday, August 1

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

Book Sale, 9-9 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library. Music in the Park, 7 p.m., Rotary Park, Cass City.

# Saturday, August 2

Book Sale, 9-3 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

# Sunday, August 3

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, August 4

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

"Arts Council meeting, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m. Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

# Tuesday, August 5

Heartland Hospice Grief Group meeting, 6:30 p.m., Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City. For more information, contact Laura Johannes at 1-877-486-6671.

# on ballot

Tuscola County officials are asking residents to approve 4 millage questions during the Tuesday, Aug. 5, primary election. All of the proposals are renewals that generate funding for various services in the county.

The requests include .25 of a mill to continue funding operational costs and equipment at the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility in Caro. The request, if approved, would remain in effect from 2009 through 2018 and generate an estimated \$349,000 in the first year.

Voters will also be asked to renew .9657 of a mill for the years 2008 through 2015 for use by the Tuscola County Road Commission along with villages and cities for construction, repair and maintenance of primary county roads and major streets. The tax would raise \$1,347,621 in the first year.

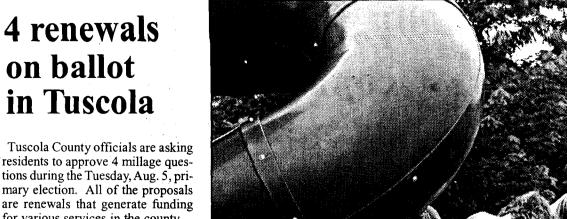
Another .4807 of a mill is being requested for renewal for county bridge and street improvements. If approved, the millage would be in effect from 2008 through 2015 and raise roughly \$671,000 in the first year. Finally, county officials are requesting renewal of .15 of a mill from 2009 through 2016 for recycling services. The tax would generate about \$209,000 in the first year.



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by Campbell Elementary Monday, July 21. Rob Van Auken (left), Tyler Perry (back) and Tommy Brinkman rake mulch onto the ground of the Playscape area. **5 vying for sheriff Ballot loaded in Sanilac** 

NINE YOUNG PEOPLE from Cass City came out to help clean up the Playscape

### by Emily Davis Staff Writer

The August 5 Sanilac County primary election will include a 5-way Republican race for sheriff. Current sheriff, Virgil Strickler, will not be running for re-election. This year's candidates, who would serve a four-year term if elected, include William Judkins of Carsonville, Gregory Ferriby of Applegate, Troy Mata, Michael Redman and Garry Biniecki, all of Sandusky.

Strickler is one of 3 incumbents in Sanilac County who is not running for re-election. James Bowerman, current Drain Commissioner for Sanilac County and Brian Sweeney, one of 2 Greenleaf Township trustees are also not running for re-election. Bowerman, however, is one of 3 running for District 4 Commissioner of Sanilac County.

### The Sanilac County Drain Commissioner race is between 3 Republicans and one Democrat. Republican candidates are: Gregory Alexander of Carsonville, Brian Williams of Palms and Scott Western of Applegate. The Democratic candidate is Cheryl Collins of Marlette. The Sanilac County race for Road Commissioner is between Republicans Harold Donaghy of Sandusky, Lee Sweet of Deckerville, Carl Trigger of Carsonville and Terry Dwyer of Lexington. Donaghy is the incumbent. The elected road commissioner will serve a 6-year term.

For Sanilac County, District Commissioners will be elected to 2-year terms for all 7 districts. Incumbent John Merriman of Deckerville and Dean Berden of Snover are running on the Republican ticket for District One Commissioner. Joyce Wiley of Minden City is running Democratic. The District 2 Commissioner race is between incumbent Gary Russell and Michael Reisner, both Republican and both of Deckerville. Incumbent James Ruby and Charles Zampich, both from Marlette, are running as Republicans for District 3 Commissioner. The race for

District 4 Commissioner is between 2 Republicans and incumbent Democrat Norton Schramm of Sandusky. The Republicans are: Alvin Kukuk of Sandusky and James Bowerman of Carsonville. Incumbent William Walters and Jamie Daws will be running for District 5 Commissioner. Both are Republicans and from Brown City. District 6 Commissioner incumbent Republican Donald Hunt of Croswell is running against Democratic candidate Richard Partlo of Yale. The District 7 Commissioner race is between incumbent Republican Judy Vincent and Democrat Dorothy Jackson, both of Lexington. The breakdown for districts is as follows: District One-Lamotte, Custer, Argyle, Austin, Greenleaf, Evergreen, Minden and Wheatland townships. District 2-Delaware, Marion, Sanilac and Forester townships. District 3-Marlette, Elmer and Moore townships. District 4-Bridgehampton, Washington and Watertown townships. District 5-Flynn, Elk, Speaker and Maple Valley townships. District 6-Buel, Fremont and Worth townships. District 7-Lexington Township.

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# **30-plus seeking** office in Huron

Huron County voters will be busy at the polls during the Tuesday, Aug. 5, primary election, as more than 30 candidates are seeking county offices.

The races include a whopping 5 newcomers vying for the office of register of deeds following incumbent Frances L. Holdwick's decision to retire this year. Seeking the 4-year term are Republicans Margaret S. Callender, Andrew R. Lockard, Jean L. Norton, Sheri L. Stanton and Vicki Sue A. Williams.

Huron County Prosecutor Mark Gaertner faces a repeat challenge from Timothy J. Rutkowski of Ubly in the August Republican primary election. Rutkowski, who most recently has served as assistant prosecutor in Tuscola County, unsuccessfully challenged Gaertner in the 2000 election.

A total of 14 candidates are seeking 2-year terms on the Huron County Board of Commissioners.

# **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the zoning board of appeals and planning commission of the township of Elkland will hold a public hearing on the 20th day of August, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall located at 6691 Church Street, Cass City, MI 48726.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider the application by Homer Bailey for a setback variance and special land use permit for the purpose of installing a 10K wind turbine to be located at 4167 Crane Road on the property identified as tax parcel number property ID # 007-031-000-1000-04.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing to ask questions or to make comments as to the application. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk at 4693 Seeger Street, Cass City, MI 48726 at any time prior to the public hearing.

Site map for review available at: Rawson Memorial Library 6495 Pine Street Cass City, MI 48726

Norma Wallace Clerk

The candidates include 3 in District One, which represents Brookfield, Fairhaven and Sebewaing townships. Vying for the seat are Democrat challengers John A. Horny and Theodore D. Maule, and incumbent Republican Timothy Rujan.

In District 2 - Bingham, Grant, Paris, Sheridan and Sherman townships -Democrat William Lackowski is challenging Republican incumbent David G. Peruski in November.

There is also a pair of non-partisan races for judge in the county.

Huron County Circuit Court Judge M. Richard Knoblock is seeking reelection to a 6-year term and will face challenger Walter J. Salens, a Bad Axe attorney.

District court Judge David B. Herrington, appointed to the seat earlier this year by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, is also seeking election to his first 6-year term. He faces a challenge from Michael D. Otto.

For Evergreen Township, all 5 running are Republican incumbents and unopposed. Arthur Severance is running for Clerk, Audrey Leslie for Supervisor, Wayne Whittaker for Treasurer and Charles Hendrick and James Brown for Trustee.

For Greenleaf Township, the Trustee race is between incumbent Mark Battel, Melvin Hoppe and Vera Nicol, all Republicans. Running unopposed are Republican incumbents Judy Doerr, Clerk, Alfred Kosowski, Constable, Kirk Winter, Supervisor and Louis Laming, Treasurer.

Ballot questions for the August 5 primary will include 3 millage renewals and one bond proposal. The county jail improvements bond proposal will fund the cost of building a new jail for the county. The renewal of the county library millage will be one of the 3 millage renewals. If passed, the library millage will run for 4 years, starting in 2008 and going to 2011. It will be a 0.2 mill millage, meaning \$0.20 per \$1,000 of taxable value. The next millage renewal request is the senior citizen services millage, which will also run for 4 years, 2008 to 2011, and will be 0.2 mill. The final millage renewal request is a medical control emergency services millage. If passed, the millage will run for 3 years starting in 2009 and will go until 2011. Like the others, the millage will be 0.2 mill.

There will be multiple millage renewals and proposals for individual townships in Sanilac County as well. There will be a proposition for a road millage renewal and fire protection millage renewal in Argyle Township. A road gravel millage proposal will be on the ballot of Austin Township. In Evergreen Township there will be a millage renewal for road maintenance, a fire protection millage renewal for Greenleaf Township and a township road millage proposal for Lamotte Township.

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# **Council awards sidewalk contract**

In session for a second time this onth, the Cass City Village Council londay awarded the 2008 Sidewalk mprovement Project to the local firm f CSS Contracting, Inc., during its gular scheduled meeting.

Three bids for the sidewalk repairs were received and opened on July 24. The bids ranged from a low of \$19,964 to a high of \$25,650. Phillips Engineering, which reviewed all 3 bids, recommended that the village accept CSS Contracting's bid in the amount of 9,964, which was approved by a nanimous vote. Also submitting ds were Cass City vendors Rexander Concrete and Complete Concrete at \$20,900 and \$25,650, repectively. The bids were based on moving and replacing 1,200 linear et of 4" concrete sidewalk and 100 Bear feet of 6" concrete sidewalk at driveway locations.

Fillage manager Peter Cristiano said that the majority of the village's sidevalk improvements for 2008 will be along Third Street, but he encouraged other residents willing to foot 50 percent of the cost to contact the village Office for consideration.

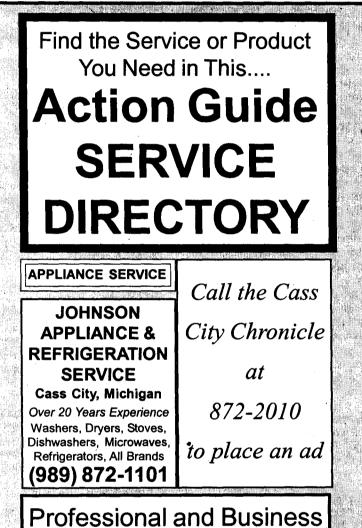
While much of the council's regular business was conducted during a Fire special meeting held July 16 that endorsed tax breaks by approving resolutions to a 15-year extension of the Renaissance Zone and establishing an Industrial Development District on Church Street, Cristiano was able to inform the handful of people in attendance on the progress being made along Main Street.

Cristiano said village officials have met with the owners of the Roe building, 6535 Main St., and they have promised to compete their building and landscape the property by Sept.

Cristiano also said he has met with the owners of Coach Light Pharmacy and reviewed reasons to expand into the former connecting Old Wood Pharmacy building. Cristiano noted that parking concerns were alleviated with the new, proposed parking lot behind 6450 Main St. to 6480 Main St.

In other business during the 35minute gathering, the council also: •Presented Certificates of Appreciation to Eagle Scout candidates Tommy Brinkman and Thomas LeValley, who recently completed their Eagle Scout projects, and to the Cass City Rotary Club.

•Heard, during the citizen forum portion of the meeting, from Tuscola County sheriff candidate Leland Teschendorf, and Tuscola County



Road Commission representatives Jack Laurie and Jay Tuckey, who encouraged residents to vote during the primary election, Tuesday, Aug. 5 for or against - the renewal of 2 existing millages - one for primary road improvements and the other for bridge improvements. •Received and filed the June minutes

•Received and filed the June minutes from the downtown development authority, economic development corporation and the planning commission.

•Accepted the financial statements ending June 30, 2008, which showed a cash balance of \$1,301,203.

Mediation available for farmers

Farmers who are in dispute with the USDA or private agricultural creditors have recourse to a free mediation service through the Michigan Agricultural Mediation Program (MAMP).

The USDA sends out hundreds of adverse determination letters to Michigan farmers each year. Complex regulations make it difficult for farmers to understand why they received the letter, and how to address the issue so that they are in compliance. With the enormous sums of money at risk during every growing season, it is imperative for farmers to resolve the situation quickly or face huge financial losses.

The MAMP is designed to help farmers who have received an adverse determination letter related to loans, wetlands, conservation programs, crop insurance and more.

Farmers who call the MAMP are connected to one of 2 mediation centers in Michigan: the Dispute Resolution Center of West Michigan in Grand Rapids, which handles the west side of the state; or the HDC Center for Dispute Resolution in Caro, which handles Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

The mediator schedules time with both the farmer and a representative of the USDA. During mediation, a trained volunteer leads both parties through a process of discussion so that they can resolve their differences. It is entirely confidential, while being much faster and more cost-effective for the farmer than other forms of appeal.

"We are very fortunate that the Michigan representatives of the USDA are extremely cooperative and forthcoming in mediation," says Jon Wilmot, executive director of the Dispute Resolution Center of West Michigan. "The representatives seek to help farmers understand the regulations and work towards a solution that meets the farmer's requirements as well as the regulatory requirements. We have an excellent success rate, with approximately 75 percent of disputes that come through mediation being resolved." **Down Memory Lane** 

### By Tina Pallas

5 YEARSAGO

Dan Curtis was recently named general manager of Curtis Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep in Cass City. The announcement was made by Curtis' father, Pat Curtis, who owns the local dealership with his brother, Matt, as well as Pat Curtis Chevrolet-Olds-Cadillac in Caro. Curtis is a recent graduate of Northwood University, where he earned a Bachelor of Business Degree in banking and finance, and management. In his new position, the 1999 Caro High School graduate will oversee day-to-day operations along with management staff Mike Wagner, service and parts manager, and Mark Kerr, sales manager. In all, the dealership employs 9 people.

Cass City Rotary member Tom Proctor recently retired from his position as a Rotary Youth Exchange Program Correspondent after 31 years of involvement with the program. Along with 20 years as a correspondent, Proctor also put in 20 years as district chairman.

The winning team of Friday's 5th annual Hills & Dales Hospital Charity Golf Benefit included: Nick Chappel, Chris Maharg, Matt Ender and Derrick Bellew.

### **10 YEARSAGO**

Area resident Pete Martin keeps himself busy with his hobby of crafting bird houses, bird, deer and squirrel feeders, tulips and decorative dogs and babies for people to put in their yard. Martin, who lives on Rescue Road north of Cass City, has been making his creations for about 5 months now. "I used to make tables and swings, all big stuff. But, I can't handle that now, so I do little stuff." Martin began making his crafts because he felt the need to become involved with something after losing his leg nearly one year ago. "I had to get into something." He knows a lot of townspeople, he said, after living in Cass City all of his life and Martin sells his crafts from his home and garage sales.

Nancy Puvalowski, 18, daughter of Ray and Joyce Puvalowski of Ruth, was crowned the 1998 Huron County Bean Queen at the Huron Community Fair Monday.

Harold and Joyce Polega have seen their share of accidents at M-53 and Bay City-Forestville Road since they

by Saturday morning to ask what road she should take to find Gagetown. But moments later, Harold Polega heard the crash of metal, and he knew there had been another bad accident. Joyce said her husband immediately called for help and woke her up. She didn't hesitate, leaving to see if she could lend a hand. Polega wasn't alone. Deford area resident Rhonda Powell, a former neighbor of the Polegas, was on her way to work in Bad Axe when she also stopped to help. Michigan State Police troopers lauded both women for their assistance at the scene of the 2vehicle traffic accident that sent Compton and one of her children to the hospital. Troopers from the Sandusky post said Polega and Powell helped out with 3 young children who had been passengers in the Compton vehicle. "The 2 citizens remained with the children and even went with them to the hospital in Cass City - taking several hours out of their day to help the kids," said Trooper Kathy Nunn.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Brewster Shaw Jr.'s long-time goal of flying in space is getting closer. The Cass City native will be one of a crew of six on the Columbia space shuttle scheduled to be launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., Oct. 28. A large contingent of Cass Cityans and ex-Cass Cityans is planning to go to Florida to see the Columbia take off from Cape Canaveral Oct. 28 with Brewster Shaw Jr. on board. Among them will be his parents, Brewster (Bruce) and Leone Shaw. The elder Shaw said their three daughters, spouses and children are also planning on going, a total of 11 persons. The astronaut's sisters are Mary Moore, of Birmingham, Margaret Maycock, Grosse Pointe, and Susan McGrath, Northville. Also planning to see the launch, according to Shaw, are Mr. and Mrs. Stu Merchant, Dale McIntosh, a close friend of his son from high school days, and Dale's brother, Bob, all of Cass City, and another close friend from Brewster's high school days, Jerry Ross of Walled Lake. Shaw Sr. said his son's wife, Kathleen, and their three children, Brewster III, Jessica, and Brandon, will also be at Cape Canaveral. The astronaut has asked Cass City village and school officials for some souvenirs from here to possible take

taken by Art Randall. Persons with long memories will probably not be surprised. Before he got smart and became a banker, Art worked at the. Chronicle. He did just about everything. Started in the back shop and then went on the street selling advertising. (From Rabbit Tracks)

### 35 YEARS AGO

Beef eaters in Cass City may have: to change their tastes for awhile as: the shortage in meat begins to make itself felt in the area. Markets report shortages of red meat, wholesalers: cannot meet demand and cattle being sold continue to bring the highest prices in recent memory. Dick Erla of Erla's Food Center and Packing, Inc., described beef prices as "higher than hell," adding that the days of: cheap beef are gone forever. "We've lived 50 years with cheap food: prices," Erla said. "Now we have to start paying a higher price in order to give the farmer a fair return on his: investment."

In a meeting that lasted only one : hour Tuesday evening, Cass City Village Council voted to approve the purchase and erection of traffic signals at three intersections within the village. The signals, to be installed at the intersections of Rose and-Seeger, Main and Seeger and Ale and Main, will cost approximately \$2,500 and will be installed hopefully before the beginning of school, although no firm date could be fixed for final installation.

If you happen to be looking for an authority on scones, bonnets, boots and swats, look no further than Clara Prieskorn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Prieskorn, 4645 Kennebec Dr. She returned this week from a year of study in Rhodesia on the African continent as a Rotary exchange student, having lived with four separate families and attending high school in Salisbury, capital of the white-ruled nation. And, according to Cara, the English spoken in America differs greatly from the Rhodesian variety.



# ACCOUNTANTS PHYSICIANS



moved near the corner more than 25 years ago. Having operated a produce stand at the same location for about as many years, they've also offered to help dozens of lost motorists who stop to ask for directions. So it didn't surprise them when Redford Township resident Joyce Compton and her 3 children stopped Dale McIntosh. Reportedly, the school items have been sent (high school Principal Russ Richards, who knows what they were, was out of town). Village officials are still deciding what to send.

with him, on the flight, according to

Close sports observers probably noticed that the picture of the Little League team in the last issue was

# **Cass City Area Church Directory**

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

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

### Cass City Church of the Nazarene

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

### **Cass City Missionary Church**

4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 989-872-2729 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m. Pastor - Bob Sweeney www.casscitymc.org Cass City United Methodist Church 5100 N. Cemetery Rd., P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726 872-3422 Worship: 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.) Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m. Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon) Pastor: Rev. Paul G. Donelson

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

### First Baptist Church

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

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

Visitors always welcomed ..... Please join us today

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 PAGE SIX

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# Candidates share their backgrounds, views)

With the primary election just days away, the Chronicle's editorial staff asked the candidates seeking office in Tuscola County as well as those vying for the 84th District Michigan House of Representatives seat to discuss their backgrounds and views. The following are their responses:

# **DISTRICT 3** COMMISSIONER



**Tom Kern** Democrat

I'm Thomas T. Kern, Deford, age 64, and I've lived in Tuscola County all my life. I've been married to Junanne for 43 years. I have 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

I have served in law enforcement for 38 years, 20 as sheriff. During that time I have worked in one capacity or another with every agency in the county as well as many of the township officials.

Now, I am retiring as sheriff and I feel I can contribute in a positive way. I would like to see better communication between the board and the elected officials in the county. Although money is a big problem for everyone these days, something has to be done to address jail and courthouse space problems.

The board also needs to take a strong look at all the money going out to the attorneys for some opinions that could be made by our prosecutor's office.

If elected I would advocate that the board communicate with the public as much as possible. People cannot always attend board meetings, so we

need the information out as best as

we can.

**Donald McLane** Republican

I am Donald P. McLane, 68, hometown of Mayville, and have lived in the community for 68 years.

My professional experience includes: worked in management 40 years, 7 years as plant manager; commissioner for 15 1/2 years and worked to balance budget, even through tough times; served on the Mayville village council for 6 years in the 1960s; served on the Mayville Fire Department for 16 years; a member of the Mayville United Methodist-Church; a member of the Mayville Lions Club; and a member of the Mayville Museum.

I served on the following boards: Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems, Michigan Works Thumb Area Consortium, Human Development Commission, HDC Senior Services Advisory Council, Region VII Area Agency Advisory Council, MAC Transportation Committee, health board, and the Mayville DDA.

I am seeking office because I am qualified and dedicated to continue working for the taxpayers of Tuscola County through experience, leadership, honesty and integrity.

My goals are to continue to balance the county budget and to assist the townships and villages on issues they may have, and to help the citizens of the county with their issues, and serve all the citizens for the betterment of Tuscola County.

# **DRAIN** COMMISSIONER

Larry Farnum Republican (no response)



### **Bob Mantey** Republican

I was born and raised in Tuscola County, am 51 and currently reside in Reese with my wife, Mary, and our 2 teenage children, Taylor and Makenzi. I am a graduate of Akron-Fairgrove High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering, specializing in soil and water problems from Michigan State University.

spent 4 years working in the Department of Natural Resources, Water Management Division, as a hydrologic engineer. This work involved: Work on flood estimates for dams, bridges and culverts.

• Review of engineering work from road commissions and drain commissions

· Conducted stream flow measurethese measurements.

cultural drainage problems.

ability of Single Event-Steady State Hydrologic Models for Michigan Watersheds" and presented it at the 1982 American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

involved teaching drain commission-

# REGISTER **OF DEEDS**



**Dan Grimshaw** Republican

Education:

• Graduate of Vassar High School "72"

• Graduate of University of Michigan - Flint "79" • Attended Saginaw Valley State

University and Cooley Law School • Numerous seminars by Michigan Land Title Association

Civic Vassar School Board member 1995-2000 • Vassar Rotary Club member

 Vassar Area Chamber of Commerce president

 Tuscola County Holiness Association trustee

• Holiness Missionary Church trustee

• Current lead singer of "The Grimshaws" Southern gospel music singer since

1972 Cass River Camp of Gideons Inter-

national member

Professional:

• Land record searcher/examiner since 1985

• President and owner of Mid-State

Title Services, Inc. since 1996

• Member of Michigan Land Title Association

 Licensed title insurance agent for Stewart Title Guaranty, Lawyers Title

Insurance, and United General Title The duties of the register of deeds are very clear: maintain the integrity of the land records of Tuscola County and record the documents presented. My 23 years of work in the title insur-

the Year for Michigan and am a nominee for 2008. My years of working in the office have provided me with extensive knowledge of county history and records. I am dedicated to protecting the records and making the office as user-friendly as possible. I have been successful in computerizing the office and am now working on converting the old deteriorating books and microfilm into digital images so they can be viewed on the computers.

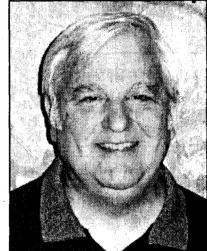
In the last several years, the Tuscola County Register of Deeds Office has been sued twice by title companies to obtain special, or free, services and copies. In both the state and federal suits, the courts ruled in the countv's favor, prohibiting the title companies from profiting at the taxpayer's expense. I feel my knowledge of the laws governing the office and my commitment to the residents of Tuscola County played a large part in being able look out for and protect the taxpayer's best interests.

I'm seeking office because I really love my job! I want to continue to update and digitize the records while preserving the old historical books. Because the office maintains all the recorded land records in the county (forever), it's necessary to have continual maintenance and to upgrade the technology as necessary so that the records will not be lost. I think one of the most important

issues with public records is how to provide access without exposing them to identity theft. I have worked to establish a website where the general public can view the record indexes without coming into the office but have refused to sell digital records in bulk to title companies and data miners for distribution around the world. I also want to continue working to provide more information to the taxpayers about government services. I recently updated our office website with recording requirements, exemption charts, measurement charts, frequently asked questions and much more.

One of the services we will be providing in the near future is deed and transfer information to local governments by means of the Internet. I hope to continue serving the residents of Tuscola County by protecting their records and their rights.

# SHERIFF



be fully involved with your comm nity. I believe that community policing and education is the key to developing an effective law enforcement approach to the problems that we now face. As one example, Internet crime is a way that a predator can invade your home and victimize our children and our seniors. It's a type of crime where the advancing technology forces us as concerned mergbers of society to stay one step ahead of these cyber criminals.

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The state of Michigan is in despeate economic shape and it extends to our county. Criminal activity always increases during these times. This is my community and I know with my knowledge, training and experience I can bring a new spirit of cooperation between the Sheriff's Department and the people. Together we can with



## Lee Teschendorf Republican

I have served the citizens of Tuscola County for 35 years as a deputy sheriff, patrol sergeant and for the past 22 years as jail administrator. During that time, I have maintained all the requirements needed to be a certified patrol officer and I am also a certified correction officer.

I graduated from Vassar High School and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in criminal justice from Michigan State University. I have attended numerous specialized training courses in both the patrol and corrections fields. I also participated in and contribute to several public service organizations and am a past president and current treasurer of the Greater Thumb Area Fraternal Order of Police Lodge.

I have been married for 33 years to Christine and we have one daughter Kristen.

My position as jail administrator has provided valuable experience in the operation of the facility, managing a annual jail budget of approximately 2 million dollars, staff scheduling and training, reducing liability, commu nity relations and being in compliance with the jails standards set by the Michigan Department of Corrections. Over the years, I have developed an excellent working relationship with the courts, prosecutor's office and the County Board of Commissioners. This will enable me to be a know edgeable and capable contributor in helping solve the problems we are facing. When Sheriff Kern told me he would be retiring at the end of his term, Imade the decision to run for this very. important office. During my 35-year career at the sheriff's office, I have advanced through the ranks, earned the trust of peers, and maintained an honest work ethic and a high level of integrity. My experience and ability, to deal with all aspects of the criminal justice system will make me successful in maintaining the very competent office that serves you. There are problems that must be overcome with the most immediate being the jail overcrowding situation. In 2007, it cost the taxpayers approximately \$120,000 to board inmates in other county jails. This year has been worse and the daily count has been? running between 110 and 120 inmates while the jail can only hold 80. We have been sending between 30 and 40 inmates to other counties since February, and I anticipate the annual expense will be in the area of 200,000. My goal is to work with the courts and commissioners to develop a cost effective solution to this problem. Another issue that is very important  $\frac{1}{4}$ to public safety is doing our best to maintain the current level of road pa trol coverage. Since 1988, the citizens of the county have seen the need for patrols and voted a special millage to support it. At the current time, we are providing 24-hour patrol protection but often only have one unit avail able in the entire county. My goal will be to maintain our current patrols and,, make every effort to improve our effi-ciency and availability to the public M Our victim services program is also under a constant threat of funding reduction or elimination. It is funded by money collected from criminal of  $\frac{10}{100}$  fenders and has no cost to the tax  $\frac{10}{100}$ payers but increased costs and a

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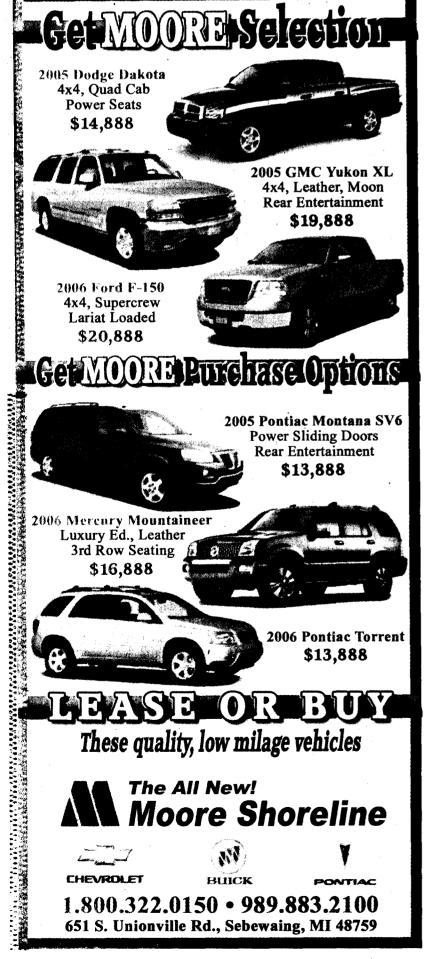
ments during normal and flooding situations. Worked with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) on

· Special projects that involved agri-

• Co-authored a paper titled, "Suit-

• Traveled the Thumb area for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), after a flooding event, to estimate the need for federal assistance.

Assisted in training seminars that



ers the basics of hydrology and hydraulics.

I am currently president of the family seed corn business of Ed Mantey and Sons Inc. and have managed this operation with my brother, Don, for over 20 years. The family seed business has been in Tuscola County since 1921. During this time, I was also on the Tuscola County Planning Commission (10 years), Reese Village Council (4 years) and Tuscola County Farm Bureau Policy Committee for several years.

My professional background and past experience offers Tuscola County something that very few counties get a chance to have; a drain commissioner with an engineering degree, technical experience in water management, practical hands-on experience and a farm business background. This along with my involvement in local government and organizations show my dedication to the area I was born and raised in.

I support an excellent work ethic and efficiency. I have also learned that honesty, integrity and common sense are qualities that are essential to a public office.

I am seeking the office of drain commissioner because I have a passion to tackle drainage problems. I have thought about running for this office since I moved back to this area. The time is right in my personal life and business life to pursue this office. I feel a need to offer my past knowledge and experience to Tuscola County. This should allow me to continue to keep our intricate drainage system operating properly, while also using my background and knowledge to keep the costs to the taxpayers down. I also want to stress the importance of our drainage system and how significant it is to the agricultural economic base of this county.



ing deeds and mortgages, certainly qualify me to oversee the land records.

ance industry searching and examin-

In the current fiscal climate of our county, I also believe the cost of operating every department must be contained and reduced. My goal would be to decrease the expense of the Register of Deeds office by at least 5 percent and develop ways to increase revenue. Technology has made great strides in record keeping, but can we afford the cost long term? Finally, I want to bring true service back to the term "Public Service". The citizens of this county deserve superior service from the people they elect and I assure you the Register of

Deeds office will provide it.



## **Ginny McLaren** Republican

I am currently the Tuscola County register of deeds. I have 27 years experience in the register's office including being employed as an account clerk and as the deputy register. Prior to my employment with the county, I also worked in accounting at ITT and for a local newspaper.

I'm 54 years old, am married with 3 children and 3 grandchildren. I live in Millington and I knew as a child that I always wanted to live there! I've been a resident of Tuscola County for most all my life. I've been active in many different community projects and I coached high school cheerleading for 10 years and also was a 4-H leader and board member. I received a Master Certified County Officer Award for more than 400 hours of county government education and training and was the 1997 Register of

## **Tim Adams** Democrat

My name is Tim Adams and I'm running on the Democratic ticket for sheriff. I'm 59 years old and live in the city of Vassar and have for the past 5 years. I'm married to Judy Adams and have been for 35 years. I have 3 grown sons and one beautiful granddaughter.

I am currently a court officer for the 71-B District Court of Tuscola County. I retired from the Dearborn Heights Police Department as a Lieutenant with 25 years of service. I served in the U.S. Navy during Vietnam from 1968-1974. I earned my Bachelor of Science Degree in Police Administration/Criminal Justice from Madonna College in 1978.

My last assignment with the Dearborn Heights Police was administrative services director. As such, I was directly responsible for the Records and Communications Division, Traffic Bureau and Vehicle Maintenance. I assisted the chief of police in the planning and implementation of our annual budget.

During my police career, I have attended various seminars and management classes that assisted me in my development as an effective police manager. I believe that an integral part of being an effective police administrator is community involvement.

I have been active in the past with the Boy Scouts of America, coached Little League Baseball, served on the PTA board and was a DeMolay youth advisor. In the last couple of years, I've volunteered in fundraising and other activities with the Richville American Legion Post #400, White Cane and Easter Egg Hunt with the Vassar Lions, assisted in youth events at the Vassar Library and helped with many other civic duties. To be an effective sheriff you must

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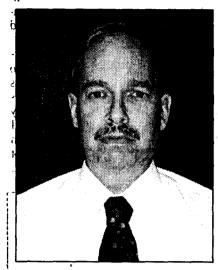
change in the funding formula has put it at risk. My goal is to do whatever I can to ensure this important program continues.

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Daniel Baugher Republican

I am Daniel Mark Baugher. I reside in Kingston, and have lived in Tuscola County since 1985.

I've been a small business owner for the past 25 years, involved in the remodeling and construction trade. Prior to that I worked in various machine and fabricating shops in the Detroit area working my way up through a variety of jobs from machinist to quality assurance manager to cost estimator. For a brief time I also worked as a welder at the Ford Rouge Plant in Dearborn Michigan where I am also proud to say I was born 50 years ago.

<sup>21</sup> I am a 1976 graduate of Fordson High School, Dearborn, a 1995 graduate of Detroit College of Business (now Davenport University) with a bachelor's degree in business administration, with a concentration in law. In 1993 I also graduated from Great Eakes College with a dual associate's degree in paralegal and business administration.

<sup>-1</sup>I served as Kingston Village clerk/ Weasurer (appointed and elected 2007, resigned 2007).

As an ordinary citizen of the great State of Michigan, having been born and raised here all my life I have witnessed the myriad of changes that have both been a benefit and a detriment to the economy of this state and our nation as well. Once, this state was the greatest producer of goods and services in the nation. We spawned the greatest inventors such as Thomas Edison and Henry Ford who forever with their ideas changed the landscape of this great nation. I carry this vision of greatness and Have the life skills to hopefully change the landscape of Huron and Tuscola County to once again be an economic center of the Thumb of Michigan, placing it back on the map as a productive region of the state rather than the unemployment capitol and decimated area which we will soon become if men of greater vision do not take charge. I am extremely concerned that this state is well on its way to a major decline similar to the one we experienced in the late 20s and early 30s. Without some drastic changes and improvements, there will not be anything to save in the way of jobs and or educational benefits for our children and their children to look forward to. Without businesses, taxpayers, and working residents this state cannot survive and with that decline also will be a decline in the social programs that make up our fabric and keep some people afloat in the boat of life. Contrary to a previous newspaper article written by an overzealous reporter, I am not in this for the money this job pays. I have children of my own and their future well being in this state is important to me as is the well being of every resident that chooses to hang their hat here. I would like to add that if you feel that the current situation of either this area of the state or the state as a whole is in wonderful condition, then continue with the present people we have in place making decisions that affect your future and present well being. If you think that there is now, more than ever, a need for greater change and forward momentum into the future, you must vote for someone who is going to fight for what it is that will propel us to a level of greatness this state once knew or, at the least, someone who is going to try beyond politics as usual. The top issues I wish to address while in office are: reducing the almost 9 percent unemployment rate Michigan presently faces and moving our residents toward better than minimum wage employment. Secondly, recapturing our position as one of the top producing states in this country and last, but not least, increasing the opportunities that our residents have in which to succeed in both the workplace and in the forward movement to prosperity that all deserve.

If elected I would strive to accomplish reducing unemployment, which may be the most difficult task we face in Michigan. With the loss of the automobile industry jobs that have fueled this state's economy, the key is finding a different work sector to replace this decline in opportunities. Educating workers is the specific answer for new job growth, in addition to business tax incentives for the lure of new employers to locate here in Michigan. We have lost too many jobs to outsourcing and relocated factories in the far reaches of the globe where workers are paid pennies for their sweat. Educated employees are companies' greatest assets.

Reducing taxes for the average wage earner, tax breaks for companies that relocate here creating jobs for our residents, and incentives for companies already doing business here that keep jobs intact and not outsource their work is one method. More jobs means a bigger tax base and more cash flow into the economy for goods and services.

We need to do away with wasteful and foolish spending that our state seems bent on continuing well into the 22nd century, and one opportunity is to decrease excessive spending. Common sense must dictate every fiscal move made and every dollar spent.



# Terry Brown Democrat

I was born in Pigeon and am a lifelong resident of the Thumb, now raising my own family in Pigeon. My wife, Carol, and I have been married 25 years and have 3 children: Teresa, Bryan and Christopher. I'm 49 years old and an ordained minister, serving as associate pastor at Bay Port Commuof Christ My life's work before becoming our area's state representative centered on helping children and families. I worked for the Huron Intermediate School District in various roles from 1983, when I started as a school social worker, to after I was elected in 2006, when I was principal of the Huron Learning Center, a school for students with disabilities. I was blessed to work with such wonderful young people and families, and to work with my colleagues to help them reach their fullest potential. This work drew on my experience as a state-licensed social worker, with a master's degree in social work from Michigan State University. I also hold a master's in educational administration, with a supervisor of special education endorsement from Grand Valley University. My educational background has helped me understand how essential it is to invest in our schools and give our children the education they need to prepare for today's good-paying jobs. I am proud of successfully fighting for a plan that increased funding for local schools both years; for both years, Cass City schools and all Tuscola schools received the maximum increase. I strongly believe that our students deserve the same resources that those in richer districts get. I also secured \$75,000 for our schools to help prepare students for jobs in the renewable energy indus-I am a charter member of the Huron County Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (CA/N) and the Huron Homeless Coalition and worked to establish www.thumbresources.org, a nonprofit Web site linking residents with social service organizations. The best preparation for representing Huron and Tuscola county residents well has been knowing our communities and living here my whole life. I care deeply about the future of our area, and I want to leave a better world for my children and yours. I'm proud to have grown up here and be raising my family here. I want our kids to feel that staying here is a good option for them, too. My faith and hope in the community I care so deeply about inspire me to work hard every day to improve our quality of life. I understand the challenges our families, workers, farmers, seniors and others face, especially during these tough times. I understand the

urgent need to achieve priorities such as creating and protecting good-paying jobs, training our workers in new fields so they can support their families, and protecting the Great Lakes. I am committed to using my knowledge of our communities' values and needs to achieve positive change for us.

I have also made it a priority to seek out the opinions and ideas of others and to make myself available to all the residents of the 84th District. I have held coffee hours all around our area so I can listen to people's concerns, suggestions and questions. I have held town halls on topics including preventing foreclosures, identity theft, saving for your child's education, renewable energy and more. I also send out an e-newsletter to keep folks informed of what is going on at the Capitol, and everyone is welcome to call, write or visit my office with any questions or concerns they have. I strive to keep the lines of communication open.

When I ran for office in 2006, which was the first time I ever ran for elected office, I was endorsed by hardly any organizations. This time around, I am pleased to say that organizations I respect and care about have endorsed me because they recognize the work I am doing on behalf of my communities.

As I said last time, though, and I mean it just as much this time - the most important endorsement is yours. I never forget that representing the interests of Huron and Tuscola residents is my sole purpose for being at the state Capitol.

My primary goal remains the same each and every day: to create and protect good-paying jobs for Thumbarea residents. Many job-creation plans that I have supported, such as tax incentives for renewable energy providers, farmers and companies that hire Michigan workers, are not yet finalized, and I want to see those put into action.

Just as I have voted to cut state spending and sponsored the plan that took away judges' state cars, I am still working to cut lawmakers' salaries and benefits - including my own. We need a leaner, more efficient state government and we need to find and eliminate wasteful spending. I am pleased by the approval of the Great Lakes compact and other laws my colleagues and I enacted to protect our waters, and now we need to stop the trash haulers from Canada and other states that are flooding Michigan with garbage. A lot of work remains to be done to improve the quality of life in the Thumb and turn Michigan around.

I am doing everything I can to bring

Sulanowski, has been living on the property. He makes his living as a dentist in Elkton where he employs a staff of four.

Seven years ago I moved to Deford just down the road from my brother and shortly after I got involved with the community by joining the Caro Rotary Club and the Cass City branch of the AAUW. Later I joined the Tuscola County Republican Party and served as their chairman for 2 years.

My career in the field of advertising and marketing prepared me to serve in the Michigan House of Representatives in several ways.

First of all, the advertising business is tough and highly competitive. It required a great deal of strength, creativity and perseverance to succeed as does the office of state representative. In my 30 plus years in advertising I worked on more than 150 different accounts. That takes an ability to learn about businesses as varied as Chevy Trucks, Henry Ford Health Care, Borden Foods and Crain Communications just to name a few. As state representative, I will need to become familiar with issues that affect a variety of industries, organizations and people. As an executive, I had to inspire and manage a staff, manage budgets and meet with clients. As a state representative I will be charged with similar tasks. My clients will be primarily the citizens, workers and job providers of Tuscola and Huron counties.

In advertising I often had to work with very small budgets. The smaller your budget the more you need big ideas. Solving Michigan's economic problems and attracting job providers to our state will take big ideas.

I decided to seek the office of state representative because of our current state representative's propensity for raising taxes. Within a year and a half of taking office he voted to raise taxes three times. He voted for the highest tax increase in Michigan's history, he voted for a service tax, which caused a temporary government shut down before it was taken off the table, and he voted for the Michigan Business Tax with a 22 percent surcharge.

This kind of taxation would be bad enough during good economic times, but when Michigan is in a single state recession and leading the charts with the highest unemployment rate in the nation, it's inexcusable. Businesses are cutting back, shutting down or leaving Michigan followed by workers in search of gainful employment. Schools are losing students and consequently many dollars in federal

funding. This kind of tax and spend approach only drives the economy down even further.

As your state representative I would vote to reverse some of these taxes, rid the MBT of the 22 percent surcharge and require transparency in spending. Taxpayers need to know how their money is being spent. Posting the state budget on a web site that anyone can access will encourage caution in spending.

My goal is to help create a business friendly climate for all job provider. We should be looking for ways to increase the tax base., I'm also in f vor of cutting legislators' salaries, nr 5 percent, a number our current state representative favors, but 50 percent Over 40 states in the U.S. have parttime legislatures. Our full-time legis lature is the second highest paid legislature in the nation. I don't believe the results warrant such extrava gance.

In addition, I am pro-life, pro-see ond amendment, and pro-limited government, and I will be voting accordingly.

Kasie M. White Republican (no response)

# Several appear on charges

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

•David M. Clampitt, 33, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail and 60 months probation for his pleas of guilty to 2 counts of assaulting a police officer May 8, 2007, in Indianfields Township, possession of a dangerous weapon (metallic knuckles) March 23, 2007, in Reese, and assaulting a police officer Jan. 27 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convic-

tions). In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$3,120.

•James L. Ward II, 38, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in jail (54 days deferred) and 24 months probation for his pleas of guilty to writing a no account check for \$61.65 June 16, 2007, in Indianfields Township, writing a no account check for \$47.73 May 30, 2007, in Indianfields Township, and writing 3 non-sufficient fund checks for \$47.89, \$40.13 and \$38.84 within 10 days.

He was also ordered to pay \$4,360

continued at \$6,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Shawn P. Jefferson, 46, Millington, stood mute to charges of delivery/ manufacture of marijuana, subsequent offense, and possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, between April 8 and May 21 in Vassar Township. He is also charged with being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$10,000.

•Matthew J. McDonnell, 23, Davison, pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to charges of fleeing a police officer, assaulting a police officer, possession of marijuana and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Nov. 27 in Vassar, Tuscola and Denmark townships, and Bay City.

The court ordered the defendant committed to the department of mental health for a psychiatric evaluation. •Tony W. Welch, 46, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to assaulting a police officer April 17 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,920.

•Virginia S. Scott, 25, Kingston, was sentenced to 30 days in jail and 12 months probation for her plea ôf guilty to kidnapping - custodial interference July 20 in Kingston. She was also ordered to pay \$520 in costs and fines.



good-paying jobs and economic development to our area. Our working families are hurting due to the loss of jobs from outsourcing and Michigan's changing economy. I believe we must use tax incentives to support business growth and attract major employers in emerging industries like renewable energy. We should be making wind turbines and all the components here in Michigan, which will create jobs at our struggling or closed auto parts plants.

As a member of 5 House committees, I have built bipartisan relationships that I want to continue to raise the profile of Huron and Tuscola counties and bring attention to our needs.

I will continue to work hard, stand up for working families and fight for our communities. I strive to overcome the partisan bickering that gets in the way of getting things done. I want to continue to use my work at the Capitol to show the rest of the state that the Thumb is an innovative, relevant place - a wonderful place with much to offer the rest of the state.



Anna Kabot Republican

I am a retired advertising executive and former business owner. I have 2 grown children, Sarah Elizabeth Kabot and Bartholomew John Kabot. My family established roots in the Thumb area during the 1960s when my father purchased 80 acres in Deford. Nearly every weekend we drove up to tend the land and prepare a place for his retirement. We planted thousands of evergreen seedlings and bulldozed one of the first ponds in the area. Although he didn't survive to realize his dreams, his family did. My brother, Leszek in costs and fines plus restitution of \$881.81.

•David G. Williams, 18, Millington, was sentenced to 60 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to delivery/manufacture of marijuana March 6 in Millington.

He was also placed on 24 months probation and ordered to complete 150 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$1,020.

•Gary L. Swackhamer, 42, Millington, was sentenced to 365 days in jail (65 days deferred) and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 10 in Millington Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay \$1,020 in costs and fines. •David A. Whittaker, 45, Cass City, was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 21 in Indianfields Township. He was also placed on 36 months

probation and ordered to complete 60 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$3,620.

•Adam E. King, 19, Caro, pleaded no contest to interfering with electronic communications and domestic violence, second offense, April 3 in Reese.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was

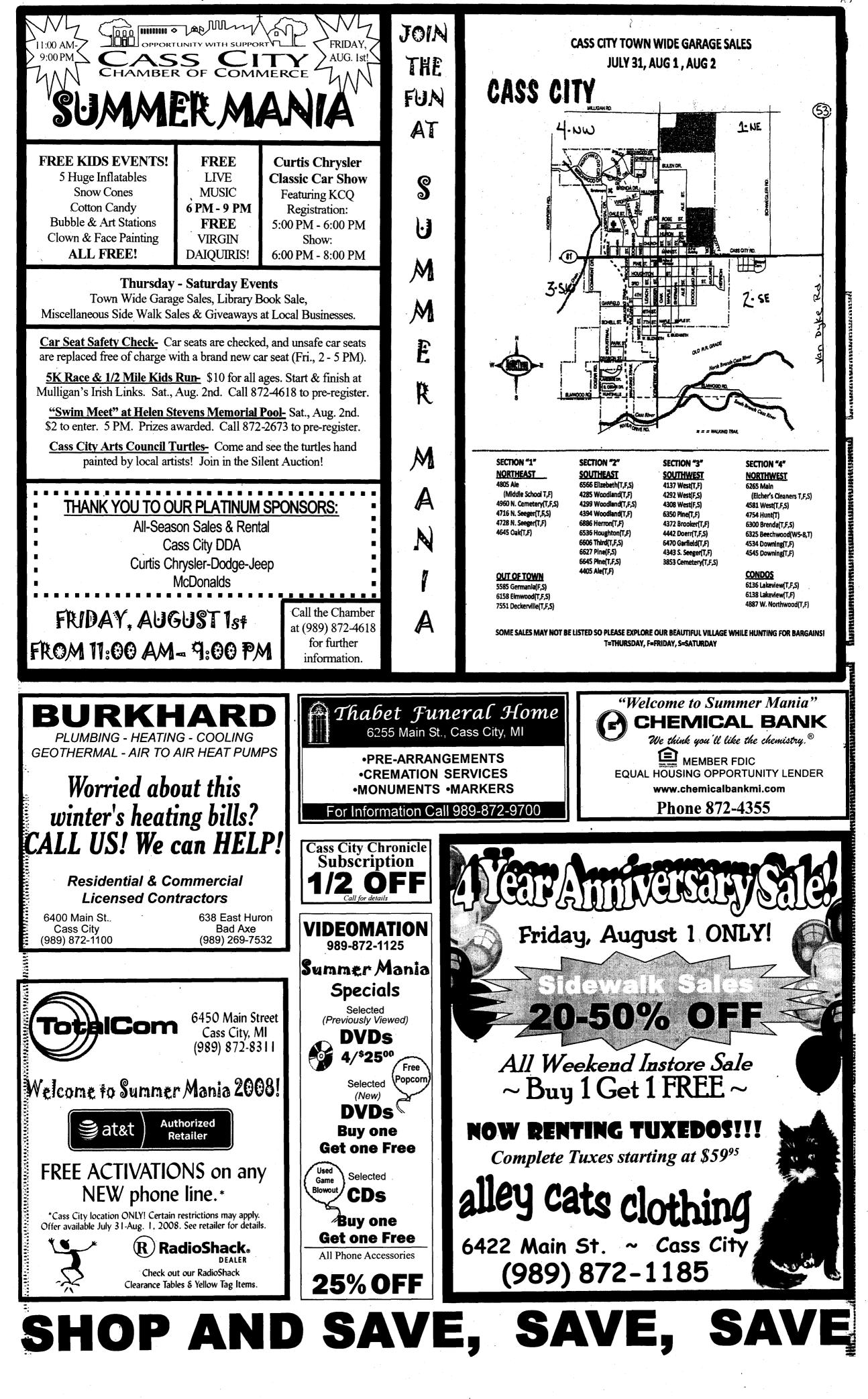
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# **Primary races set**

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rah Pistro, who has served in her position since 1992, opted not to seek moins apother term. Running for the post mare Republican Robert Mantey and todar Democrat Larry Farnum.

Dan Grimshaw, meanwhile, is chalsurvillenging incumbent Ginny McLaren at or for the office of register of deeds. Both candidates are Republicans. basis County Clerk Margie WhitehomeGormier, Republican, Treasurer Pat Donovan-Gray, Democrat, and Prosrecutor Mark E. Reene, Republican, are basis all running for reelection unopposed. c Pass-

there is **84TH DISTRICT** ուզյու

bonhuit hree Republicans are challenging na farst-term State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) for his 84th District House

seat, which represents Tuscola and Huron counties. orol of The newcomers are Daniel M.

<sup>5010</sup> Baugher of Kingston, Anna Kabot of Deford and Kasie M. White of Clio.

#### Tuscola **AREA TOWNSHIPS**

M non-There will be no shortage of candiorth suchates and issues at the township to anifevel come election time in Tuscola 00 mounty. All of the seats are for 4 off ovears.

bise and the following is a list of candidates -v^ planning to run for township offices in the Cass City area:

Elkland Township - Daniel J. Erla, oit noise Republican, supervisor; Ed LaBelle, Republican, clerk; Dale J. McIntosh, Republican, treasurer; Cynthia Kruse

and Terry Muntz, both Republicans, trustee •Ellington Township - Duane D.

Lockwood, Republican, supervisor; -3. Frederick J. Bardwell, Republican, elerk; Diane K. Wilder, Republican, treasurer; Larry A. Finkbeiner, Republican, Mark R. McGarry, Republican, Patrick Price, Democrat, and Brent Robinson, Democrat, trustee.

In addition, Ellington Township officials have placed a pair of millage questions on the ballot, including 3 mills for 10 years for road improvements. If approved, the tax would generate about \$102,800 in the first year. The second proposal is for up .50 of a mill for fire protection for 5 years, which would raise \$17,200 the

first vear. Elmwood Township - Chris Graff, Republican, supervisor; Amy Lowman, Republican, clerk; Nicho-

las Bliss, Republican, treasurer; ort: Tracey Moore, Republican, and Joan A. Sattelberg, Republican, trustee.

Fritz, Democrat, and Richard E. Witkovsky, Democrat, trustee.

# Letters to the editor

# Novesta needs road millage

### Dear editor,

The Novesta Township Board members ask for your support in approving a road millage renewal of one mill (\$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of 4 years, 2009 to 2012. This request will be on the primary ballot Aug. 5.

No other tax returns more to you than money used to maintain and improve local township roads that you drive on every day. Township taxpayers are responsible for over 57 miles of secondary roads in Novesta Township, including side streets in the Village of Deford. Primary roads are the responsibility of the Tuscola County Road Commission and include in our township, one mile of Kingston Road, 6 miles of Deckerville Road, and 5 miles of Cemetery Road. All the remaining roads are supported by the township property taxpayers with the road commission performing regular maintenance.

In the last 3 years, the township board, through your support, has spent over \$223,776.14 in paving, major road upgrades, dust control, regular maintenance and roadside mowing. Some of this money comes from the general fund with the remainder coming from the township road millage tax.

Some of the major road projects in the last 3 years: Kelly Road between Englehart and Crawford; Dodge Road between Shabbona and Severance; and Crawford Road between Deckerville and Shabbona. Many more of our roads are in need of major improvement and repair. It is the goal of the township board to improve all township roads where needed and wanted. We have all seen our muddy roads in the early spring, dusty and wash board roads in the summer and potholes in the winter. We will not be able to meet the challenge without your continued support.

#### CASS CITY CHRONICLE - WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2008

# **Sweets donate** heifer towards **Paul DeLong** scholarship

Lee and Bonnie Sweet of Deckerville, Michigan, recently held a dispersal sale of their entire herd of Angus cattle. They donated lot number one, a yearling, registered Angus heifer, Sweet Design Frontier 703, to the Paul DeLong Memorial Scholarship of the Thumb Jackpot Educational Program and the Michigan Angus Auxiliary Junior Scholarship Program.

The auction was called by Bill Sheridan, Sheridan Realty & Auction Co., at the Marlette Livestock Pavilion in Marlette. Sheridan sold the donated heifer with no charge of commission

A syndicate group of breeders and business from the Thumb area, the Sweet Heifer Project Founders, purchased the heifer for \$2,650.

The proceeds from the sale of the heifer will be divided among the 2 scholarship programs. The heifer, now owned by the Sweet Heifer Project Founders will be awarded to a 4-H or FFA beef project member from Huron, Lapeer, Macomb, Oakland, Sanilac, St. Clair, or Tuscola counties. The purpose of the Sweet Heifer Project is for educational purposes. The educational process will start with the application process and progress through the different stages of the heifer development. The committee and project founders want this to be a rewarding experience for youth, help promote future beef industry leaders, and anticipate more heifer projects to be awarded to youth in the Thumb area.

The Sweet Heifer Project is a new addition to the 4-H & FFA Thumb Jackpot Beef Education programs which include the Thumb Jackpot Beef Show, Beef Blast, and the Paul DeLong Memorial Scholarship Program. All programs are available to 4-H & FFA beef project members from Huron, Lapeer, Macomb, Oakland, Sanilac, St. Clair, and Tuscola counties. Support for all education programs is provided by businesses and individuals interested in furthering education in the beef industry.

Interest and need are the criteria for obtaining this heifer. Youth should have one or more years experience in a beef project. Consideration will be ven to a youth who has adequate facilities and interest in a registered heifer project. Those individuals meeting criteria for consideration but lack the resources to purchase a heifer will be given consideration first. Applications are available from Jeannine Grobbel, District Livestock Extension Educator, (989) 269-9949 (ext. 612) or grobbelj@msu.edu. Applications must be postmarked or emailed by July 21. Additional heifer projects are expected to be awarded this fall, including a commercial heifer project as well as heifers representing additional breeds. Sweet Heifer Project Founders include the following breeders and businesses in the Thumb area: United Producers, Inc. of Cass City, Groveland Hills Farm of Ortonville, Meiburg Angus of North Branch, Ruggles Beef Farm of Kingston, Scott Farms of Clio, Elizabeth Bush of Snover, Cherry Creek Cattle Co. -Goheen Family of Deckerville, Thumb Cattlemen's Association, Blue Water Angus - Dr. Schroeder of Deckerville, and Bob Blumerich Family of Allenton.

# **Legal Notices**

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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 Greg Sinkel, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 14, 2007 and recorded on December 26, 2007 in Liber 1137 on Page 1177 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Nine and 01/100 Dollars (\$90,449.01), 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 August 28, 2008.

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

Commencing at a point that is South 400 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 15, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence South 436 feet; thence West 200 feet; thence North 436 feet; thence East 200 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 redeniption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 30, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC R (248) 593-1305 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys for Service 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #213424F01

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS AT-TEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFOR-MATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILI-TARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by DONALD J. JACOT and DEANNAS. JACOT, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns,, Mortgagee, dated July 12, 2006 and recorded on August 1, 2006 in Liber 1089 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 Thirty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Seventeen Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$138,817.80), including interest at 9.140% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgag and the statue 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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on August 28, 2008

WEST, 447.50 FEET FROM THE NORTH ONE-QUARTER (1/4) CORNER OF SECTION FIVE (5); THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, NORTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST 205.00 FEET; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES TO SAID NORTH LINE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 27 SECONDS WEST, 233.00 FEET; THENCE PARALLEL TO SAID NORTH LINE OF SECTION FIVE (5), SOUTH 89 **DEGREES 30 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST** 205.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 27 SECONDS EAST 233.00 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION FIVE (5) AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING

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

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

Southfield, MI 48075

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Krystyna Rollo, a single woman, to Argent Mortgage Com-pany LLC, Mortgagee, dated November 17, 2006 and recorded December 15, 2006 in Liber 1105 Page 1033 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to US Bank National Association, as Trustee, in trust for the registered certificate holders of Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-AMC2, Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-AMC2, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars and Forty-Nine Cents (\$91,892.49), including interest 10.95% 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, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on August 28, 2008.

#### Said premises are situated in Village of Millington. Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the East onehalf of the Southeast one-quarter on Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East; thence running North 10 rods; thence East 4 rods; thence South 10 rods; thence West 4 rods to the place of beginning. Also com-mencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 2, Block 4 of the Village of Millington; thence North 8 rods; thence East 4 rods; thence South 8 rods; thence West 4 rods to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 4630 Main Street, Millington MI 48746.

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

date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Two and 83/100 Dollars (\$53,232.83), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

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 August 28, 2008.

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

Southeast corner of the East half of the Southwest quarter thence; North 26 rods West 169 feet, South 26 rods, East 169 feet to the point of beginning, Sec-

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 30, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attomeys for Services 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #213288F01 . 7-30-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas F. Stark and Ruby A Stark, Husband and Wife, to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated September 24, 2004 and recorded October 27, 2004 in Liber 1014, Page 77, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Soundview Home Loan Trust 2005-1 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-1 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand One Hundred Ten and 80/100 Dollars (\$121,110.80), including interest at 9.1% per annun

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 AUGUST 28, 2008.

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

Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Block 24, and Lots 1, 2, 9 and 10 of Block 31, the plat of the Village of Fostoria. Section 5 Town 10 North Range 9 East Watertown Township, Tuscola County Records and Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 10 of W.W. Crapo's Addition, to the Village of Fostoria, thence West 170 feet thence South 125 feet, thence East 170 feet, thence North 175 feet to the point of beginning, according to the plat recorded In Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11 now being Page 7B, Watertown Township, Tuscola County Records.

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Dated: July 25, 2008

# Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450

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Commencing at a point 23 rods, 7 feet West of the

# tion 29, Town 13 North, Range 10 East. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the

•Kingston Township - William "Jesse" Zimba, Democrat, supervisor; al v@arrie Gilley, Democrat, clerk; Mary du Lou Wolak, Democrat, treasurer; Gary SKing, Republican, and Frances J. Julis, Democrat, trustee.

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

"" "Township officials are requesting a tax of 2 mills for 4 years for road mainantenance. The levy would raise roughly \$84,000 in the first year.

Peri (Novesta Township - Dale M. Churchill, supervisor; Joann M. musical fauber, Democrat, clerk; Antoinette Stachura, Republican, and Ralph A. ""Zinnecker, Democrat, treasurer; "Konald Patera, Democrat, and Marlene A. Sieradzki, Democrat, o monstee

In addition, Novesta Township votstiers will decide proposed renewal of one mill for 4 years for road mainte-"mance. If approved, the tax would generate about \$33,536 in the first year.

Wells Township - Melvin L. tkovsky, Democrat, supervisor; Karen Varney, Democrat, clerk; Ronda K. Benjamin, Republican, treasurer; James Kratz, Republican, Rex

Contact any township board official with questions you might have or please attend the monthly township board meetings held on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

The Novesta Township Board: Ronold Palmer, supervisor; Karen Mozden, clerk; Ralph Zinnecker, treasurer; Ron Patera, trustee: and Dale Churchill, trustee

### 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 newspa-

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

The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clar-

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

To obtain an application form for the Sweet Heifer Project, contact Jeannine Grobbel, district livestock educator, at (989) 269-9949 (ext. 612), grobbelj@msu.edu or Doug Meiburg at (810) 688-2222.

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

PART OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER (1/ 4) OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION FIVE (5), TOWNSHIP TEN (10) NORTH, RANGE SEVEN (7) EAST, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION FIVE (5) WHICH IS NORTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 33 SECONDS

Check us out on the web!



Dated: JULY 28, 2008

US Bank National Association, as Trustee, in trust for the registered certificate holders of Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-AMC2, Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-AMC2 Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 08-96229

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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Douglas Halsne, a single man, and Jenna Johnson, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., A California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 28, 2006 and recorded on August 16, 2006 in Liber 1091, Page 1018, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety Two Thousand One Hundred Seven Dollars and 07/100 (\$92,107.07), including interest at the rate of 10.699% 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 August 21, 2008.

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

Lot 1, Block 22, Map of the Village of Fostoria, Village of Fostoria, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Pages 44 to 45, now being pages 45A-46A. 555 SAGINAW ST.

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: July 23, 2008

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Mortgagee 43252 Woodward Ave., Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 (248) 335-9200 Our File No. 182.00044

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John P. Bender II, a single man, original mortgagor, to DMR Financial Services, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 1, 1999 and recorded on February 2, 1999 in Liber 761 on Page 1456, and rerecorded on March 24, 1999 in Liber 767 on Page 068, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the

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 30, 2008

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Orlans Associates, P.C Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 231.6790 7-30-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donald J. Laframboise, a married man, and Rachel Laframboise. a married woman, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Mortgagee, dated May 19, 2004 and recorded on June 4 2004 in Liber 995 on Page 367 in instrument 200400851466, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Nine and 50/100 Dollars (\$159,509.50), including interest at 6.75% per an-

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 August 21, 2008.

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

Part of the Northeast quarter of Section 36, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as commencing at the North quarter corner of said Section 36; thence along the North line of said Section 36, North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 247.01 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said North line of Section 36, North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 581.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 11 minutes 38 seconds West, 900.00 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 581.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 38 seconds East. 900.00 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.

Dated: July 23, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC D (248) 593-1309 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attomevs for Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #161149F03 7-23-4

Michael Spagnuolo D.O.

Dr. Spagnuolo Joins The Knee and Orthopaedic Center in Lapeer

Dr. Spagnuolo is now providing care for patients at The Knee and Orthopaedic Center. Dr. Spagnuolo is a skillful and well-trained orthopaedic surgeon and has been in private practice since 2006. He attended medical school at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his internship and residency in orthopaedic surgery at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington, Michigan.



As of August 1, 2008, John G. DeSantis, D.O. will be taking an extended leave of absence from Lapeer Regional Medical Center and The Knee and Orthopaedic Center and relocating to Southern California to begin practicing with a total joint replacement. practice. Dr. DeSantis is thankful for all of the patients who have given him the honor of caring for them, and for the many wonderful people he has come to know personally.

John G. DeSantis D.O.



The Knee and Orthopaedic Center 1245 North Main St. Lapeer, MI 48446 (810) 664-3721

CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

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#### CASS CITY CHRONICLE - WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2008

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# Legal Notices

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPT-ING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFOR-MATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT GI PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BE-LOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

gon MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in  $M_{M}$  the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Geraldine A. Dibble, a single woman, Mortgagors, to Conseco Finance Servicing Corp., f/k/a Green  $_{\rm HO^{+}}$  Tree Servicing Corp., Mortgagee, dated the 20th day of September. 2000 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and oil, State of Michigan, on the 4th day of October, 2000 129. in Liber 812 of Tuscola County Records, page 509, ritur son which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the by date of this notice, the sum of (\$55,489.98), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortmig gage or any part thereof.

 $_{\rm Self}$  Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale constal tained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of August, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 11.5900% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the under-

signed, necessary to protect its interest in the pre--14) mises TAI Which said premises are described as follows: All

that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and

all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Wells. County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described official as follows, to wit:

mor The North 485 feet of the East 620 feet of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 5, Town 12

North, Range 10 East, except the East 208 feet of the тэсіі South 340 feet of said North 485 feet thereof, Wells

Township. Tuscola County, Michigan. -62

1-d During the twelve (12) months immediately follow ing the sale, the property may be redeemed, except tour that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the prop-

- erty may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.
- ogen Dated: 7/16/2008
- Green Tree Servicing Corp Mortgagee 90.04
- to Mitte FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
- Attorney for Green Tree Servicing Corp. ao. 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470 Troy, MI 48084

tri · 248-362-2600 de

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www Default having been made in the terms and condi--563, tions of a certain mortgage made by FRANK L.

- UV i 48464, Mortgagor: to FENTURA MORTGAGE,
- 199 INC., POBox 725, 101 N. Leroy, Fenton, MI 48430,

DE Mortgagee, dated January 25, 2007 and recorded in

the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County.

slo. Michigan, on February 22, 2007, in Liber No. 1111 at Pages 822-839, Instrument No. 200700892527,

on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice. for principal the sum of Two Hunm 1 dred Thirty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eighty e and 07/100 Dollars (\$239

gan. on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy one thousand one hundred forty and 80/100 dollars (\$71,140.80), including interest at 8,750% 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, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Thursday, August 28, 2008.

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

Part of the South 1/2 of the Northwest fractional 1/4 of Section 31, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, Juniata Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 31, thence along the West Section line, North 00 degrees 37 minutes 35 seconds West 150.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds East 250.00 feet; ence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 35 seconds East 150.00 feet; thence along the East-West Quarter line, South 89 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds West 250.00 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL ID: 014-031-000-0750-00

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

#### Dated: June 27, 2008

The Bank of New York as Trustee for Equity One, Inc. Mortgage Pass Through Certificate Series 2005-

### assignee of Mortgagee

Richard A. Green, Attorneys, 30150 N. Telegraph Rd., Ste 444 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 (248) 540-7665

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jalaine Schneeberger, an unmarried woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 29, 2006 and recorded Deember 15, 2006 in Liber 1105, Page 1006, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage, LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Seven and 11/100 Dollars (\$211,877.11). including interest at 7.75% per annun

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 AUGUST 21, 2008.

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

that is North 89 degrees 23 minutes 16 seconds East 1329.48 feet along said North line from the Northwest corner of Section 36, said point also being South 89 degrees 23 minutes 16 seconds West 1329.48 feet along said North line from the North quarter corner of Section 36, thence South 00 degrees 30 minutes 58 seconds East 2645.28 feet along the West, North and South 1/8 line to the East and West quarter line of said section 36 and the terminus of said center line.

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 23, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC F (248) 593-1313 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attomeys for Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #212247F01 7-23-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Destry Payne, a married man, and Ramona Payne, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systenis, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 4, 2005 and recorded on November 27, 2006 in Liber 1103 on Page 711, and assigned by said Mortgagee to HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as Trustee for Friedman, Billings, Ramsey Group, INC (FBR) First NLC Trust 2005-4 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 Forty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Seventeen and 44/ 100 Dollars (\$147,817.44), including interest at 69% 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 August 7, 2008.

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

The North 91 feet of the East 226 feet of the South 691 feet of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 31, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbela Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, subject to all easements, restrictions and governmental regulations, if any, of record, or that would apply to the premises, 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.

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael W. Cervantes, a married man, and Debra J. Cervantes his wife, original mortgagors, to Fentura Mortgage Company, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 4, 2001 and recorded on December 4, 2001 in Liber 851 on Page 29, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Princi-pal Residential Mortgage Inc. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Seventy and 16/100 Dollars (\$139,570.16), including interest at 6.875% per annum

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, 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 circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on August 21, 2008.

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

The East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 20, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbela Township,

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

#### Dated: July 23, 2008

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by 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 portgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Seven and 59/100 Dollars (\$103,377.59), including interest at 8.3% per annum.

North 89 degrees 54 minutes 16 seconds West 33.38 feet along the South 1/8 line of said Section 17; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes East 75.29 feet; thence North 75 degrees 05 minutes 00 seconds West 136.43 feet; thence South 88 degrees 55 minutes 52 seconds West 413.23 feet; thence North 0 degrees 00 min-utes East 216.36 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 23 seconds East 255.0 feet; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes East 1007.21 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 17, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

Property includes a permanently affixed 2002 C0SC2860-02 Spring Creek Manufactured Housing Unit, Serial No. 100767TG, which by intention of the parties shall constitute a part of the reality and shall pass with it, as evidenced by Affidavit of Affixture of Manufactured Home to be recorded at time of closing

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 23, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION. PLEASE CALL: FC D (248) 593-1309 Trott & Trott, P.C Attorneys for Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway. Suite 200

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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 Thomas W. Stewart, a married man, and Kimberly Stewart, a/k/a Kim J. Stewart, His Wife, original mortgagors. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 22, 2005 and recorded on March 15, 2005 in Liber 1031 on Page 1, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Six Hun-dred Thirty-Nine and 45/100 Dollars (\$139,639.45), including interest at 5.875% per annu

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 August 28, 2008.

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

Part of the Northwest quarter of Section 28, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: Begin-ning at the West quarter corner of said Section 28: thence North 00 degrees 07 minutes 28 seconds East along the West line of said Section, 243.51 feet; thence South 89 degrees 43 minutes 10 seconds East 787.78 feet to the centerline of ditch; thence South 14 deFORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If yourare in the Military, please contact our office at the, number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Ghris L. Esckelson and Penny S. Esckelson, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as homi-nee for WMC Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated November 19, 2004 and recorded December \$3,2004 in Liber 1020, Page 895, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank N.A., in its capacity as Trustee for the registered holders of MASTR Asset Backed Securities Trust 2005-WMC1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Two Hundred venty-Three Dollars and Sixty-Two<sup>1</sup> Cents (\$176,223.62), including interest 5.875% per an-Pit

Under the power of sale contained in said norigage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on August 14, 2008. JCL

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

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 7. Town 11 North, Range 8 East; thence West along the North Section Line, 550.69 feet; thence South 27 degrees 32 minutes East, 321 feet to the centerline of Cass Ave; thence North 72 degrees 28 minutes 00 seconds East, 400 feet along said centerline to the East line of said Section 7, thence North along said East Section line, 155.92 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 1105 North Cass Avenue, Vassar MI 48768. πi

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.9241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), Whichever is later. 73

#### Dated: JULY 14, 2008

U.S. Bank N.A., in its capacity as Trustee for the registered holders of MASTR Asset Backed Securities Trust 2005-WMC1, Mortgage Pass-Through Cerdi. Assignee of Mortgagee

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"" est, from the date of this notice, until paid, at the rate of eight percent (8%) per year. And no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part ii / thereof.

contained in the mortgage and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such cases made and provided. notice is hereby given that on Thursday, Au-gust 14, 2008, at ten o'clock (10:00) in the forenoon, local time, the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the front steps of the Tuscola County Courthouse, 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for Tuscola County is held), of the - premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on the mortgage, with interest thereor at the rate of eight percent (8%) per year, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are located in Watertown Township Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as folbol lows:

"" Lot 49, North Lake Assessor's Plat #2, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, Page 31-35, Tuscola County Records.

Tax Parcel No. 021-900-460-1800-00

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from " the date of such sale, in accordance with MCL 600.3240(8), unless the property is deemed abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from cit the date of sale or until the time to provide the notice ir required by MCL 3241a(c) expires, whichever is later, " as provided in MCL 600.3240(11).

HIS SALE MAY BE RE-AD SCINDED BY THE FORECLOSING MORT-" GAGEE. IN THAT EVENT, YOUR DAMAGES, IF ANY, SHALL BE LIMITED SOLELY TO THE RETURN OF THE BID AMOUNT TENDERED AT **99 SALE, PLUS INTEREST.** 

27 Dated: June 30, 2008

90 Fentura Mortgage, Inc. 1/ P.O. Box 725

Fenton, MI 48430

In COOLEY MOULTON & SMITH BY: Steven W. Moulton, P-28282 727 S. Grand Traverse Street 11 Flint, MI 48502

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m MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paula Holmen, a Dissingle woman, to "MERS" is Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MERS is a separate corporation that is acting solely as a nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns. MERS is the mortgagee under this Security Instrument. Lender is Michigan Fidelity Acceptance Corp, d/b/a Franklin Mortgage Funding, Mortgagee, dated November 10. 2004 and recorded on November 19, 2004 in Liber 1018, on page 457, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to The Bank of New York as Trustee for Equity One, Inc. Mortgage Pass Through Certificate Series 2005-1, by an assignment recorded in Tuscola County Records, Michi-

A piece of land commencing 625 feet North of the Southwest corner of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 1, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, running; thence, North 495 feet; thence, East 1320 feet; thence, South 495 feet; thence, West 1320 feet to the point of beginning. NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale

> 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 ndered at sale, plus interest.

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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 Gerald R. Walters, a married man, and Marilyn J. Walters, his wife in bar of her dower rights, original mortgagors, to Towne Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated November 10, 2003 and recorded on November 20, 2003 in Liber 965 on Page 203, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fidelity Bank, a Federally Chartered Savings Bank as assignce as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Seven and 70/100 Dollars (\$123,407.70), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on August 21, 2008.

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

Part of the Northwest quarter of Section 36, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, beginning at a point on the North and South quarter line of said Section which is South 00 degrees 27 minutes 30 seconds East, 1100.00 feet from the North quarter of said Section; thence continuing South 00 degrees 27 minutes 30 seconds East 330.00; thence South 89 degrees 08 minutes 00 seconds West 1328.06 feet; thence North 00 degrees 30 minutes 58 seconds West 330.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 08 minutes 00 seconds East, 1328.39 feet to point of beginning subject to and together with an easement for ingress and egress in easement description below: Being a part of the Northeast quarter of Section 36, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, described as lying 33.00 feet either side of a line described as beginning at a point on the North line of Section 36

Dated: July 9, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: S (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott PC Attorneys for Service 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #189549F02

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded 7-23-4 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 Gregory March. a/k/a Gregory J. March, and Sherry March, a/k/a Sherry A. March, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to First of America Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated January 21, 1998 and recorded on January 26, 1998 in Liber 728 on Page 994, and assigned by mesne assignments to Fifth Third Mortgage Company as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Four and 68/100 Dollars (\$26,464.68), including interest at 7.25% 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 August 21, 2008.

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

A Parcel of land in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: Begin-ning at a point of the West line of said Section 15 which is 660.00 feet, South 00 degrees 51 minutes 37 seconds East, from the Northwest corner of said section 15; thence North 88 degrees 59 minutes 53 seconds East, parallel with the North section line, 743.0 feet; thence South 00 degrees 51 minutes 37 seconds East, parallel with the West section line, 897.07 feet; thence North 76 degrees 14 minutes 05 seconds West, on the Northerly right of way line of the C.S.X. Railway being a line which is 33.00 feet, measured at right angles, Northerly from the centerline of said railway, 767.88 feet: thence North 00 degrees 51 minutes 37 seconds West, on the West section line, 701.34 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 23, 2008

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on August 21, 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: July 23, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC X (248) 593-1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attomeys for Service 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #206828F02 7-23-4

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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 Orville D Atwell. Jr., an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as noninee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 21, 2006 and recorded on July 12, 2006 in Liber 1087 on Page 1214, and modified by Affidavit or Order recorded on October 13. 2006 in Liber 1099 on Page 183 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 Twenty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Two and 97/100 Dollars (\$126,362:97), including interest at 6.75% per an-

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 August 21, 2008.

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

Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 17. Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; Thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 23 seconds East 670.0 feet along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 17 to the point of beginning; running thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 23 seconds East 323.32 feet along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 17; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes 09 seconds East 1325.72 feet; thence

grees 05 minutes 51 seconds West along the centerline of ditch, 240.69 feet; thence South 89 degrees 38 minutes 12 seconds West along the East-West quarter line as occupied, 729.70 feet to the point of beginning.

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

#### Dated: July 30, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Brett Southworth, a single man, 4383 Caine Rd., Vassar, MI 48768 to Main Street Bank, 133 W. Main Street, Suite 100, Northville, MI 48167, Mortgagee, dated September 20, 2005 and recorded on September 29, 2005 in Liber 1055 on Page 1083, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Four and 40/100 Dollars (\$191,674.40), including interest at 6.750% 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 vendue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on September 4, 2008.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 3, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, being further described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 836.62 feet along the West Section line to the point of beginning; thence continue along said Section line. North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 339.11 feet; thence North 89 degrees 53 minutes 01 seconds East 1330.25 feet to the West 1/8 line: thence along said 1/8 line. South 00 degrees 04 minutes 07 seconds West 338.94 feet; thence South 89 degrees 52 minutes 35 seconds West 1329.85 feet to the West Section line and the point of beginning Subject to any and all easements and/or right-of-way whether used, implied, or of record.

#### Parcel ID: 020-003-000-0800-06

The redemption period shall be 12 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: July 23, 2008

Main Street Bank, Mortgagee 133 W. Main Street, Suite 100 Northville, MI 48167

Attorneys: Mammina & Ajlouny, P.C. Anthony G. Mammina 370 E. Maple Road, Suite 230 Birmingham, MI 48009

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October 4, 2007 and recorded October 18, 2007 in Liber 1132, Page 1111, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand One Hundred Fifteen and 24/100 Dollars (\$74,115.24), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Cunningham, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic

Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and

lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee', dated

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 ann. on AUGUST 14, 2008. 101

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

Part of Section 32, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, beginning at a point on existing centerline of Wells Road that is 1128.36 feet North along the North-South one-quarter line and North 55 degrees 35 minutes 00 seconds West 724.27 feet along the centerline of Wells Road, thence North 737 feet; thence West 368.47 feet; thence South to a point on Wells Road, which is 451.36 feet East of the West line of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter; thence Southeasterly along the centerline of Wells Road to the point of beginning. 11

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined additional accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date 15g

15V TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mongaged 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. Kа

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Dated: July 16, 2008 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 310.2922



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**Legal Notices** 

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE IF YOU ARE IN THE MILITARY, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER LISTED BELOW.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Thomas V. Purtill and Pamela L. Purtill, Husband and Wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Novastar Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 19, 2006 and recorded January 27. 2006 in Liber 1070, Page 9. Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Nomura Home Equity Loan, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-HE3, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Four Hundred Four Dollars and Eighty-Two Cents (\$73,404.82), includ ing interest 9.7% per annum

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on August 21, 2008.

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

Part of the North half of the Southwest quarter of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as beginning on the centerline of West Congress Street distant South 1004.52 feet along the West Section line and North 89 degrees 07 minutes 53 seconds East 922.08 feet from the West quarter corner of said Section 3; thence from said place of beginning. North 89 degrees 07 minutes 53 seconds East 57.00 feet along said centerline; thence South parallel with said West Section line, 338.87 feet to the South line of the North half of said Southwest guarter thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 31 seconds West 57.00 feet along said South line: thence North parallel with said West Section line, 337.94 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 231 West Congress Street, Caro MI 48723.

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

#### Dated: JULY 18, 2008

HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Nomura Home Equity Loan, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates. Series 2006-HF3 Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates. P.C. 811 South Blvd., Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 Said in (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 08-95833 ASAP# 2828553

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husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 12, 2004 and recorded on September 7, 2004 in Liber 1007 on Page 622 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Household Finance Corporation III as assignee, on which mort-

gage there is claimed to be due at the date

hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy

Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Six and 03/100 Dollars (\$172,256.03), including interest at 10% 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 Au-

Said premises are situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 29 and 30 of Evergreen Acres, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 3, Page 23, Tuscola County Records. Subject to all building restrictions, easements and reservations in the chain of title, or of record, or which would show in examination of the premises.

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 16, 2008

gust 14, 2008.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC H (248) 593-1300 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #211427F01

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Craig L. Proffer and Stacy . Proffer, W.A.T.A. F/K/A Stacy A. Esterline, as Joint tenants to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., olely as nominee for Calusa Investments LLC, Mortgagee, dated November 1. 2005 and recorded December 13, 2005 in Liber 1064 Page 472 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to HSBC Mortgage Services Inc. by assignment dated April 18, 2008 and recorded April 28, 2008 in Liber 1147. Page 1430, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date bereof the

Three Hundred Seven Dollars and Seventy-One Cents (\$120,307.71), including interest 7.99% per annun Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given

CASS CITY CHRONICLE - WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2008

FOR SALE. 1993 Lincoln

Town car, moon roof, 123,000

miles, \$2,500.989-872-2961

1995 XL 250 WORK truck -

Regular cab, long box with

bed liner, 2 wheel drive, 4.9

straight six and automatic

trans. It has a receiver hitch

and cab-high glass topper.

This truck runs and drives

very well, but is getting rusty.

I bought this truck in '02 and

have kept it up well. I've re-

placed both gas tanks, rear

springs, front brakes rotors,

calipers, pads, radiator, bat-

tery and water pump since my

purchase. Asking \$1,500.

FOR SALE - Racing go-kart,

full body, 5 horse raptor, B&S,

**General** Merchandise

FOR SALE. Like new, used

once, battery operated troll-

ing motor, best offer. 989-872-

A TEMPUR PEDIC style

memory foam mattress set -

as seen on, TV, new in origi-

nal wrapper with warranty.

Cost \$1,800, sell \$695. 989-

PORTABLE ICE MAKER -

Almost new, \$150.989-670-

HOT TUB - 6-person with

lounge, backlit waterfall and

Michigan cover, never used,

with warranty. Retails \$5,900;

will sell \$2,975.989-797-7727.

FOR SALE - Barley straw to

control algae in ponds. 989-

FOR SALE - Homegrown

vegetables. Now: zucchini,

green peppers, cucumbers.

Later: sweet corn, green

beans, tomatoes, butternut

and acorn squash, and mel-

ons. Vegetables reasonably

prices. 1 mile west, 2 1/4 miles

north of Cass City. 872-2310.

extra tires. 872-3191.

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**989-683-2655**.

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832-2401.

5795:

872-4076.

after 5 p.m.

1-7-30-1

Household Sales **Motor Vehicles** 

> **3-FAMILY LARGE Moving** & Garage Sale - Many miscellaneous and new items including infant, household, furniture and some antiques. 6796 Main St., Cass City. July 31-Aug. 2, 9-5 p.m. 14-7-30-1

Call 872-2010 to place an ad

HUGE MOVING SALE - July 31-Aug. 2. 1 1/4 north of Deckerville Rd. on M-53 or east of Cass City on M-81 to M-53, south 4 3/4 miles. 4160 Van Dyke. Many pieces of like new and antique furniture, appliances, dishes, pots & pans, 32 gun national security safe, cookbooks, clothes, linens, lamps, fishing equipment, lawn trailer, 14-7-30-1 much more.

**5 FAMILY GARAGE SALE**-4 4728 N. Seeger St. Lots of baby and children's clothes, maternity clothes, Showtime rotisserie oven, Brinkman smoker, printer, scanner, tools, skate boards and lots more. Thursday, July 31, 9-6 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 1, 9-2 p.m. 14-7-30-1

5 FAMILY GARAGE SALE -Something for everyone. From toolboxes to antiques. July 31-Aug. 2, 9-5 p.m. 4581 West St. Sharon Erla. 14-7-30-1

GARAGE SALE - 6048 Delong. 3 miles south of Cass City, 1 mile west. Thursday-Saturday, 8:30-4 p.m.

14-7-30-1

GARAGE SALE - July 31, 8:30-5 & Friday, Aug. 1, 10-4 p.m. Household, decorative items, few antiques, Christmas items, exercise equipment, pull behind small field disk, lots of miscellaneous items. 6886 Herron Dr. 14-7-30-1

MULTI-FAMILY Moving Sale - 4606 Huron St. Name brand kids and teen clothes, select comfort air bed, teacher resources, home furnishings, Precious Moments, Little Tykes, little kid's Gocart, Men's golf Ping Zing. Thursday & Friday, 8-6 p.m. Friday 1/2 off after 1 p.m.

14-7-30-1

SUMMER MANIA SALE -Word processor, light fixtures, drapery remnants, winter sports equipment. 6138 Lakeview Lane. 14-7-30-1

Household Sales

GARAGE SALE - July 31-Aug. 2, 9-?. Men's &. women's clothes, 2 vacuum cleaners, power washer and much more. 6158 Elmwood Rd. (Doerr Rd. to west Elmwood Rd., turn right, first house on left side.) Dick Root. 14-7-30-1

GARAGE SALE - Wednesday & Thursday, July 30 & 31, 9-6 p.m. 2 waterbeds - twin and queen, some women's and maternity clothing, Step 2 play gym, Little Tykes & other toys, Sega system & games, baby and boys' clothing, infant car seat and stroller, 3 indoor litter trained kittens. Some perennial flowers. Other miscellaneous. Located 1/2 mile from Main stoplight in Cass City at 4834 Seeger St. (by high school). 14-7-30-1

GARAGE SALE - July 31-Aug. 2, 9-5 p.m. Books, office, clothing, toys, some new stuff, miscellaneous, 4283 Maple St., Cass City. 14-7-30-1

GARAGE SALE - July 31 & Aug. 1, 9-5 p.m. 2777 E. Dickerson Rd. (1 1/4 miles west of Hurds Corner) teen clothing, miscellaneous. 14-7-30-1

HUGE GARAGE SALE - July 31-Aug. 2. Lots of baby clothes (0-5T), mostly boys, baby items and toys, junior clothes and adult women's clothes, NASCAR items, and guys' stuff too. 4 miles west. 2 1/2 north of Marlette to 5300 Cemetery Rd. or one mile east and 3 1/2 south of Kingston.

### **Real Estate For Sale**

14-7-30-1

3-7-9-4

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

FOR RENT - Cass City Mini Storage. Call 872-3917. 4-3-13-tf

**Real Estate For Rent** 

CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

2-BEDROOM APARTMENT

for rent in Cass City. 810-964-2666. 4-12-5-tf

LEASING 600-SQUARE foot professional front office space at 6240 W. Main St., Suite #2. Please stop in at Thumb Insurance Group or call 872-4351 for more information. 4-4-9-tf

FIRST FLOOR APART-MENT - 3-bedroom, refrigerator, stove, washer and dryer hookup, Jacuzzi tub, large shower. \$525/month plus depostt. Water, sewer and garbage included. Call 872-8373, leave message. 4-7-23-3

2-BEDROOM LOWER unit in country - all appliances, heat, electric, water included. No pets! References and security. \$600/month. 665-2616. 4-7-30-3

FOR RENT - 1,350 sq. ft. ranch cottage style home in town. 2-bedrooms up + 2bedrooms in finished basement. Air, lots of windows. Quiet in area of upscale homes. Great for widow or older couple. Rent negotiable for correct person. 810-414-5000. 4-7-30-3

FOR RENT - 2-bedroom, 2 bath with garage in Cass City. Adults only. Call 872-8825. 4-6-25-tf

**HOUSE FOR RENT - Nice** country home  $4 \frac{1}{2}$  miles from Cass City. \$555/month plus security deposit. References required. 872-2864. 4-7-23-3

VFW HALL available for rental occasions. Call 872-4933. 4-4-1-tf



miles. \$8,500.989-658-8625. 1-7-30-tf Legal

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 Au-

gust 21, 2008. Said premises are situated in Village of Reese, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as

Lot 3, Block 2, of the Plat Village of Gates (Now Reese), According to the Plat Recorded in Liber 29 of Deeds, page 115 of sum of One Hundred Fwenty Thousand Tuscola County Records. 1 6

Dated: July 23, 2008

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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE

7-23-4

**Notices** 

'89 MOTORHOME - Ford chassis, 27' Sunseeker. A/C, sleeps 6, generator. 37,000

Transit (nonbusiness) rates,

10 words or less, \$3.95 each insertion; additional words 10

cents each. Three weeks for

the price of 2-cash rate. Save

money by enclosing cash

with mail orders. Rates for

display want ads on applica-

**Motor Vehicles** 

FOR SALE - 2001 S-10

pickup, extended cab, excel-

lent shape, one owner. 77,000

miles. 2.2 liter gas saving en-

gine, air, tilt, cruise, CD player,

box liner, toneau cover. Call

1973 DODGE W200 Power

Wagon Snow Fighter - This

truck is to rusty for road use,

but runs very well and has

good brakes. It has a 360 cu.

in, engine and a NP205 trans-

fer case with new Warn lock-

ing hubs. It has a steel

flatbed, receiver hitch, block

heater, power steering, tire

chains, four speed trans and

mechanical clutch. It has the

original 90" power angle

Meyers plow with engine

mounted hydraulic pump and

dashboard controls. Asking

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tion.

872-3788.

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\$1,500.989-683-2655.

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WE OB-TAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PUR-POSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OF-FICE AT (248) 539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by SHANE FOX. AN UNMARRIED MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated Au-gust 14, 2006 and recorded on August 17, 2006 in Liber 1091 on Page 1392. Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Dollars and Seventy-Seven Cents (\$101,560.77), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statue 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 August 14, 2008.

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

FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION GO EAST 394.5 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE EAST 150 FEET: THENCE SOUTH 290 FEET 6 INCHES; THENCE WEST 150 FEET: THENCE NORTH 290 FEET 6 INCHES TO POINT OF BEGINNING **BEING PART OF SECTION 34, TOWN** 13 NORTH, RANGE 11 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: July 11, 2008

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

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450 Southfield, MI 48075 7-16-4

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

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 Friedhelm Illian and Susan Illian,

that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on August 14, 2008.

South 26 degrees 27 minutes 30 seconds

66.02 feet: thence South 63 degrees 40

line of Athletic Street; thence North 90

degrees West along the South line of

Athletic Street 105 feet, more or less to

the point of beginning. All being in

Block 7 Huston's Addition to the City

of Vassar. Commonly known as 206 North Brady Street, Vassar MI 48768.

Dated: JULY 14, 2008

Assignee of Mortgagee

HSBC Mortgage Services Inc.

811 South Blvd., Suite 100

Rochester Hills, MI 48307

IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

made in the conditions of a mortgage made

by Michael C. Darrow and Elizabeth P.

Darrow, Husband and Wife, original

istration Systems, Inc., as nominee for

lender and lender's successors and/or

and recorded on April 12, 2004 in Liber

987 on Page 841, and assigned by said

Mortgagee to CitiMortgage, Inc. as as-

signee 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 Hun-

dred Twenty-Five Thousand Eight Hun-

dred Sixty-One and 73/100 Dollars

(\$125,861.73), including interest at 7%

per annum

Our File No: 08-95587

(248) 844-5123

ASAP# 2822060

FC C (248) 593-1301 Said premises are situated in City of Trott & Trott, P.C. Attomeys for Servicer Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 Commencing at the Northwesterly cor-ner of Lot 13, Block 7 of B.W. Huston's File #153783F02 addition to the city of Vassar, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats. Page 19, now being Page 20 A; thence THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR

CALL:

ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT West along the Easterly line of Brady ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. minutes 15 seconds East, parallel with PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT Southerly line of said Lot 13, 132 feet: THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE thence North 07 degrees 38 minutes 36 IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. seconds East, 115.36 feet to the South

> 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 The redemption period shall be 6 months by Linda E. Bossert, a single woman from the date of such sale, unless deteroriginal mortgagor, to ABN AMRO mined abandoned in accordance with Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in May 30, 2006 and recorded on Septemwhich case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or ber 6, 2006 in Liber 1094 on Page 91 in instrument 200600886067, in Tuscola upon the expiration of the notice required County Records, Michigan, on which by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Six Thousand Six And 37/100 Dollars (\$46,006.37), including interest at 7.25%

Under the power of sale contained in said Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 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 7-16-4 Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on August 21, 2008

Said premises are situated in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR described as: ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN Parcel 1: Lot 15, Block 25 of the Plat of

WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. the Village of Centerville (n/k/a Village PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT of Caro) except the Northwesterly 6 feet THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE thereof, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats. Page 56 now being Page 59A of Tuscola County ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be Record

rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall Parcel 2: Lot 16, Block 25 of the plat of be limited solely to the return of the bid the Village of Centerville (n/k/a Village amount tendered at sale, plus interest. of Caro) according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 56 now being Page MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been 59A of Tuscola County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless determortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Regmined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600,3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 26, 2004 the date of such sale.

Dated: July 23, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC C (248) 593-1301 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys for Service 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #212115F01 7-23-4 2-7-30-3

DOUBLE BARREL Wood Stove - Used 2 seasons. \$85. 670-5795. 2-7-16-tf

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

SAVE UP TO \$600 - Michigan Great Stove Change Out. Wood, gas, pellet and corn at Dan's Fireplace and Stove LLC. 989-872-3190. 6509 Main St., Cass City, MI 48726. 2-7-9-4

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

AMISH LOG HEADBOARD & queen pillow top mattress set - new in plastic, \$275.989-839-4846. 2-4-23-52

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Sectional or One Piece

1-800-369-8882

Bill Ehrlich, Sr. 665-2568

Bill Ehrlich, Jr. 665-2503

**Household Sales** 

ESTATE OF BUD WHITE

Garage Sale - July 31-Aug. 2,

9-5 p.m. Antique collapsible

wardrobe, furniture, odds &

ends. 2 1/2 miles north of

LARGE GARAGE SALE -

7551 E. Deckerville Rd. (2 1/8

east of Cemetery on the

north). 3-wheeler, 1030 ditch

witch trencher, women's,

teen's and children's cloth-

ing, and much more. July 31-

GARAGE SALE - Aug. 1 & 2,

9-5 p.m. 8 east of Cass City, 1

3/4 south on Germania.

Cass City.

Aug. 2, 8-?

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14-7-30-1

YARD SALE - Thursday, July 31 & Friday, Aug. 1, 9-5 p.m. **Real Estate For Rent** Clothing, household items, tools and go-cart. 6556 Pine (one block east and one block south of light). 14-7-30-1 GARAGE SALE at 4645 cor-

ner of Oak and Seed streets. One block from middle school. Thursday & Friday, 8-7 p.m. Baby girls' clothes 0-2T, teen clothes s-m, generator, lots more so stop by & check us out. 14-7-30-1

GARAGE SALE - 6683 Bay City Forestville (4 miles north of Cass City, 1/4 mile east). Baby-adults, furniture, knickknacks. Marshall-Brown-Alexander. Thursday-Friday, 8-5 p.m. 14-7-30-1

HUGE YARD SALE - Thursday & Friday, 9-5 p.m. 6470 Garfield. Lots of good things and some not so good. Is it trash or treasure? Reva Dillon. 14-7-30-1

7-31-08

Cass City.

Main St., Cass City.

&

FOR RENT-K of CHall, 6106 Beechwood Drive. Parties, dinners, meetings. Call Rick Kerkau, 872-4877. 4-1-2-tf

City Fire Hall, call 872-5005, after 3 p.m. for an appointment. Elkland Township reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Bids will be accepted until August 11th at 7:00 p.m. 5-7-30-

**Household Sales** 

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Huge Kidney **Foundation Garage Sale** & Children's Carnival

Help us, help kids! All proceeds will be donated to The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

4285 & 4299 Woodland Ave., Cass City Thursday-Friday, July 31-Aug. 1, 9-7 p.m. Aug. 2, 9-? (garage sale only) Sorry, No Early Sales!

Over 40 families donating as well as several local businesses. Brand new to slightly used as well as antique items.

Kid's games: Dolphin toss, pick-a-duck, bag races, magnetic dart toss, sucker tree, straw draw & much more.

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Under the power of sale contained in said



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ees read



CRAIG SWIDERSKI OF Kappen Tree Service says climbing is one of his favorite parts of his job. Safety is very important to the owners of the Cass City business and the company has a great safety record.

# A day in the life of.... Safety priority one for Kappen Tree Service

#### 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.

Safety is a clear priority for Kappen Tree Service of Cass City.

Kappen employee of 5 years Craig Swiderski said the owners are always doing their best to insure safety. Swiderski said that Kappen employees get many first aid handouts to read and sign to help keep their great safety record. "They're big on safety," he said. In January, Kappen Tree Service received the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) Consultation Education and Training (CET) Division Gold Award for its impeccable record of safety and health. Kappen Tree Service has also earned accreditation from the Tree Care Industry Association. Swiderski said Kappen Tree Service employs about 121 workers Swiderski said on-the-job dangers can come in many forms. "There's electrical hazards, we use chainsaws, have to be careful when climbing, have to pay attention when other people are cutting," he said there are many dangers to the job. However, using caution and the safety regula-

tions the company sets helps keep employees safe. With so much focus on safety, it makes Kappen Tree Service a good place to work. "It's a great place to work," Swiderski said. "They always look out for us in terms of safety."

Swiderski started working for Kappen Tree Service about 5 years ago. He was in between jobs and his father-in-law suggested he call Kappen and when he did he was hired. on the spot. Training for the job depends on if workers are a part of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Works (IBEW) Union. "If you're in the union, you have to go through , an apprenticeship," he said. "Otherwise you just learn by watching." Swiderski said that it probably takes about a year to become fully trained for the job, but it depends on the person.

Swiderski said he greatly enjoys working for the company. He said his favorite part of the job is when he gets to climb up into trees. His least favorite part is working on lakeshores. Swiderski said having to drag parts of trees up and down cliffs by lakeshores is not a fun part of the job. "You have to haul the wood by hand because the equipment can't get down there," he said. He added that this is probably the most difficult part of his job as well. based on the time of year, but it does pick up when storms hit. Swiderski said that after storms hit, he can put in around 88 hours of work in one week. Kappen employees can get called in to work at any time of the day or night. "I've had to go to work in Kingston for 3 hours at 7 at night," he said. Swiderski said how often he gets called to work in the middle of the night varies. "How often storms are is how often we get that busy." Swiderski said most of the work is done by crews of 2 to 4 people, depending on the job.

While most work is done outdoors, working with bucket trucks and chippers, there is some behind-the-scenes work necessary. "I'm mostly outside working," Swiderski said. "I don't do much paperwork, but there is some. Sometimes I'll go bid for a job if I'm in Cass City to help out, too. We also have to keep tree counts, how many trees we trim or cut down."

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# Ubly voters to decide bond issue

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rooms in an effort to eliminate the need to continue renting the former St. John School for kindergarten classroom space. Other items on the "wish list" were a new media center, gymnasium and library improvements.

However, school Supt. Ken Sweeney said the scope of the project was later revised with a strong emphasis on maintaining a building that was constructed in 1936.

"There (are) no building projects involved with it at all, just renovation and repair and upgrades," Sweeney said. The list of planned improvements includes roof repair/replacement, electrical upgrades, technology upgrades, a barrier-free entrance at the northeast entry of the school, replacement of several boilers in the heating and cooling plant, window and lighting upgrades, parking lot repaving and transportation-related purchases.

Although no time is a good time for another tax, Sweeney pointed out that Ubly has some very positive things going for it in terms of finances, starting with the fact that the district is currently debt-free.

School officials a year ago retired a 1991 debt that started out at 3.4 mills and was less than 3 mills last year. Money from that levy was used for several improvements, including classrooms that replaced portable buildings, a pair of computer labs and a multipurpose room.

"We understand that times are tough now," Sweeney said. "But we think that this project... is pretty minimal (in cost). I don't see any frills in it.

"We've always tried to maintain our building the best we could, and that's pretty much what we're trying to do with this - maintain our facilities and make it another 50 years," he added. Marc Tenbusch, who retired 5 years ago as the district's business manager after more than 40 years on the job, agreed, saying the goal of the proposal is to maintain and upgrade facilities that have been very well taken care of for many years.

These days, Tenbusch serves as treasurer of the Ubly Board of Education. He also has headed up the committee charged with promoting the bond issue, and he says comments made by residents have been largely positive.

"The sentiments that I hear are favorable. Then, of course, you hear the negative, too, especially the economy," he noted, adding that one of the biggest selling points is the district's debt position today.



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Despite being in a business that works outdoors, Swiderski said the winter months do not slow down business. "We stay busy all year round," he said. "We work mostly for Edison and Thumb Electric in the winter and residential in the summer." Swiderski said many Kappen employees that work for Detroit Edison are members of the local 17 IBEW Union out of Detroit.

The job may not vary too much

# low bidder for school bonds

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will be installed at the middle school, and the high school locker rooms will be renovated. Restroom upgrades are also planned at the high school, as are replacement of windows and expansion of the main offices. The agenda also calls for the purchase of 4 new busses and a van for the kitchen.

Hendrick noted the fourth phase focuses on various technology upgrades that will be determined by school officials over the next several months.

