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Shining stars

Cass City area residents recognized for their contributions to community

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

This is a celebration of belonging, being part of something beyond ourselves - family, friends, our neighbors, and the larger community. Shared values and faith bolster the feeling of belonging, and reinforce the solid relationships that define our lives. Community makes us part of something that was there before us, and will outlast us. Let us celebrate the blessing of community.

Members of the Tuscola County community gathered to do just that Thursday morning at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro, where they honored several residents whose efforts to give something back have made the area a better place to live.

In all, more than 30 nominees were recognized during the seventh annual Celebrating Tuscola's Stars Awards Breakfast.

And this year, the spotlight shone brightly on the Cass City area, home of the winners of 3 out of the 4 awards presented in the categories of Individual, Group, Business and Above and Beyond.

Cass City's Bob Hirn was presented with the 2009 Individual Award.

Stars Committee Co-Chairman Gene Pierce noted Hirn started out as a biology teacher, but later purchased a lumber business and assisted others in developing Tuscola and the surrounding counties. "His commonsense approach to business and his ability to read people made him popular with local contractors, and his business flourished," Pierce said, adding Hirn

took on more responsibility by providing leadership on the Cass City School Board in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

"There was (also) a need for leadership on the board of the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility. (Hirn's) construction expertise and leadership ability proved invaluable as the chairman of the board when a sorely needed bond issue was passed to renovate the medical care facility and provide our senior citizens with a modern facility," Pierce said.

Hirn, who has remained active at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, continued to expand his contributions to the community as a Pinney Foundation Board trustee and as a member of the Rawson Memorial District Library and Tuscola Intermediate School District boards.

Hirn also was among those who spearheaded efforts to purchase and restore the Thumb Octagon Barn and the nearby Purdy farmhouse, which now draw thousands of tourists to the area during the annual Fall Family Days.

"I am not sure how much more can be fit on (his) plate, but I think he would be willing to pick up a second plate if there is a need," Pierce said.

Also nominated for the award were area residents Connie Brink, Amy Cuthrell and Sloane Stimpfel, along with Bill Atkins, Pam Champlin, Joseph Greene, Marie Kish, Jan Penn, Arlene Hess, the Rev. Chris Hooton, Ryan Martus and Mark Ransford.

In the Group category, Pierce sang the praises of this year's winner, Curtis Chrysler Dodge Jeep.

"In our communities, we often overlook the contributions made by business. Things like sponsoring an ad in the local football program, sponsoring a little league team, sponsoring a hole in a golf tournament fundraiser, financially supporting a parade or assisting with untold civic events," Pierce said.

"This business and the owners are terrific representatives of the business community at large," added Pierce, who noted Pat and Dan Curtis are also active members and contributors to the Rotary and Gavel clubs and of the many activities both clubs take on to benefit the community. They are also quick to help sponsor local festivals.

At the same time, Pierce pointed out Curtis Chrysler has a reputation for maintaining and improving its facilities and service, improving the overall local business climate.

Also nominated in the Group category was Parker's Orchard.

Area resident Sloane Stimpfel, who was previously nominated in the Individual category, was named the

winner of the 2009 Above and Beyond award.

Pierce described Stimpfel as not only a successful business owner, but also a mom who is actively involved in the local schools as a volunteer. She also played a key role in forming the Cass City PTO, which is dedicated to working with the administration, teachers and community to keep students as the central focus. Over the past 2 years, the organization has raised more than \$14,000 through various functions to support school activities.

But Stimpfel isn't done yet. She's also one of 3 area residents taking aim at a seat on the board of education in next month's annual school election.

Also nominated for the award were Shirley Giacomelli, Ann Hepfer, Jan Penn, Janice Smith, Kathy Hare, Bill Pouliot, and Dan Manwell and Mark Stover.

Finally, the Second Chance Shop of Thumb Area Big Brothers-Big Sisters was named this year's Group category winner.

"It takes a special group of people to constantly watch out for those less fortunate...then do it for 32 years," Pierce said. "The original purpose of this organization was to raise funds to

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THE 2009 TUSCOLA Stars winners honored Thursday are (seated, from left) Margie Sylvester and Sadie Doerr, representing the Second Chance Shop - Thumb Area Big Brothers-Big Sisters (Group Award); Sloane Stimpfel of Cass City (Above and Beyond Award); Bob Hirn of Cass City (Individual Award); and Katie Jackson, Cass City, who accepted the Business Award on behalf of winners Pat and Dan Curtis of Curtis Chrysler, Dodge, Plymouth and Jeep. Also pictured are Tuscola Stars Committee members (standing, from left) Susan Walker, Gene Pierce, Serena Long, Sandy Gaudreau, Jim McLoskey and Rose Putnam.

Trio vying for Ubly board seat

allenges as a board member. Do you have concerns you feel have not been addressed adequately? Please explain.

The following are each of the candidate's responses:

Renee Krueger

My name is Renee Krueger. I am 37 and have been a resident of Ubly for the past 18 years. My husband and I have a son who is 9 and daughter who is 6 that attend Ubly Community School. I was a stay at home mom for 9 years until my youngest started kindergarten this school year. I now work full-time in the Huron County Circuit Court/Family Division as the court clerk and attend Baker College.

My background and experience that I possess are as follows: I served on Ubly School's Strategic Planning Communications and Public Relations committee back in 2006, completed a one-year term as secretary on the Ubly PTO Board during the 2007-2008 school year and helped on the

PTO's Teacher Appreciation committee. I presently volunteer my skills as web designer for the PTO to help maintain their web page. I have also stayed active by volunteering my time in the classrooms and attending field trips. In addition I am serving a 6-year term on the Sleeper Public Library Board, which I have held since 2007. My strength is I work very well with all kinds of people, and my weakness would be I am headstrong. I believe this shows my dedication, hard work and honesty, which are quality assets that I can contribute to the board.

The greatest challenge for any school district is how to move forward in this down economy. The decisions the board makes will directly affect our students and community. I would like to be an advocate for the students and build public understanding, support and participation. We need to strive to make our school stand out as an educational leader among the rest.

If I am elected I would like to work with the rest of the board on educational opportunities with a long-term

vision, mapping a course that provides the necessary skills students need to reach their full potential.

William Lackowski

My name is William J. Lackowski, I am 24 and am a fully licensed financial advisor for Ameriprise Financial with the practice of Lyn Mossett Regentin. I have an office in Deckerville, but my goal is to work with and improve the financial situations of the people in my community. My business background and professional background of working with people to achieve financial goals will be a great asset if I am elected to serve on the school board.

Education: graduated from Ubly High School in 2003; graduated Cum Laude from Ferris State University in 2006 (I earned my Bachelor's in business with a major in marketing in 3 years, I also received my certification in direct marketing from Ferris State, and I was on the dean's list every semester); I have also acquired my SEP. Please turn to page 9.

Woodruff gets 15-30 years behind bars

As expected, former Cass City area resident Brian Woodruff's clash with local law enforcement officers more than a year ago will cost him at least another 15 years behind bars.

Woodruff was sentenced Thursday in Tuscola County Circuit Court to 15 to 30 years in prison for his pleas of no contest to carjacking - a felony punishable by up to life in prison - fleeing and eluding a police officer and assaulting a police officer.

Woodruff, who was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions), was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$240.

Woodruff entered the pleas in February just as his trial on a myriad of charges was scheduled to begin, stemming from a Dec. 20, 2007, incident in which he repeatedly threatened a Cass City police officer and then stole the officer's patrol car and attempted to run another Cass City officer off an Elmwood Township roadway.

At the time, the officers along with a Tuscola County Sheriff's Department deputy were attempting to apprehend Woodruff on charges of parole violation.

Prior to his sentencing last week, Woodruff was already serving a term of 3 to 15 years at Jackson State Prison for his conviction on 4 counts of second degree home invasion March 3, 2000, in Tuscola County. He was also convicted on an identical charge in January 2004 in Sanilac County and sentenced to a concurrent term of 13 months to 15 years.

Woodruff was scheduled to be discharged from prison sometime in 2012. However, his latest brush with the law will keep the 30-year-old in prison for several more years.

"He's receiving no credit for the time he's serving now," Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reene said following Woodruff's decision to accept a plea agreement in February. "He'll have to do at least the 15 years as the law stands now, but given his behavior...he will probably do more time."



BEFORE JANUARY 2009, every day after work my son, Aaron, 7, and I would get on my 4-wheeler and go to the woods to see the deer," said Cass City resident Emily Darr, who has spent the past several years battling Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome, a chronic neurological disorder characterized by severe pain and sensitivity.

Darr enjoying relief after years of living with pain

By Tom Montgomery
Editor

Emily Darr never saw it coming. For years, the longtime Cass City area resident, wife and mom of 3 enjoyed a normal and active life; working a full-time job and indulging in her favorite activities - hunting, camping, fishing, dancing, riding 4-wheelers, building, shooting her bow and spending quality time with her family.

But Darr's life took a sobering, painful turn in 1992, when she was diagnosed with Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome (RSDS), a chronic neurological syndrome characterized by severe burning pain, pathological changes in bone and skin, excessive sweating, tissue swelling and extreme sensitivity to touch.

The disorder forced Darr into a wheelchair last January, but the Cass City High School graduate says she now has hope, thanks to a specialized

treatment. It's hope that, Darr says, she wants to share with other victims of RSDS.

Darr spent 5 years and saw several physicians to receive her diagnosis. "RSDS first started in my right leg and foot. My symptoms are burning, tenderness, extreme sensitivity to cold, touch, breeze (and) temperature, muscle spasms, constant pain, weakness...constant tingling and paralysis," she explained.

"About 8 years ago, RSDS had spread throughout both my legs, arms and face," she said. "I have seen one doctor after another, trying to find relief. I have received sympathetic nerve blocks, lidocaine drip, lidocaine patches, pain medicines, CT scans, MRIs, EMG tests, physical therapy. I have been on a lot of different medicines, and trying to deal with all the side effects was very difficult."

TRYING TO COPE

At the same time, Darr has tried to

cope with the disorder's effect on her life.

"Little things like playing with my kids, walking, shopping, cold weather, swimming, going to my kids' games, traveling, sitting, hunting caused me pain," she said. "Pain controlled every aspect of my life, from my social life and finances to emotions and health."

"I had to learn to live with RSDS. I tried not to let anyone see me in pain," Darr added. "I wasn't the type of person who wanted to discuss my medical problems. There are only a handful of my closest friends that really know what I am going through."

In time, Darr was forced to leave her full-time job as a human resources assistant at Huron Medical Center.

"I started feeling increased muscle spasms in both my legs, weakness, and my pain was unbearable to the point where I couldn't walk," she

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Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, April 22

Ravenous Readers Book Club, noon, Rawson Memorial District Library.

Thursday, April 23

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

Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., at the hospital.

Senior Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church. Sanilac County Democratic Party meeting, 7 p.m., Liberty Lanes, 100 Kristian St., Sandusky.

Friday, April 24

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

Saturday, April 25

Shabbona United Methodist Church Annual Auction & Fish Dinner, corner of Severance and Decker roads. Dinner: 4:30-6 p.m., auction starts at 6:30 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken for the dinner. All proceeds to benefit the building fund. Auctioneering services provided by: Osentoski Realty & Auctioneering.

Sunday, April 26

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

Monday, April 27

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.

Preschool Story Time, 10-11 a.m., ages 3-5 years old, Rawson Memorial District Library.

Young Adult Book Club, 6-7 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Cass City School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Tuesday, April 28

Toddler Story Time, 10-10:30 a.m., 18-36 months old, Rawson Memorial District Library.

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Students on honors list at Baker

Officials at Baker College, Cass City, recently announced the school's president's and dean's lists for the spring 2009 quarter.

Area students named to the president's list, for achieving a perfect 4.0 grade point average while earning 12 or more credit hours, included Tammy Woodward of Cass City, Jessica Albrecht of Gagetown, Jill Geister and Melissa Sears, both of Kingston, Serena Nytko of Snover, and Vicky Sharp of Ubly.

Full-time dean's list students, who have earned a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.99 while completing at least 12 credit hours of coursework, include:

Kimbra Burdge, Mark Fibranz, Joseph Homrocky, Perry Moore, James Rose, Bailey Titus and Jennifer Zmierski, all of Cass City; Jennifer Papart and Shawn Sherman, both of Decker; Dawna Kozlowski, Michael Lawrence and Amanda Warner, all of Deford; Sarah Waun, Kingston; Janice Brown, Snover; and Joseph Mack, Kendra Mouton, Danetta Snow, Peggy Stacer and Paula Sweeney, all of Ubly.

Part-time dean's list students, who have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0 while completing 4 to 11 credit hours of coursework, include:

Chad Gilkey, Rita Hanby, Ashley Little, Melissa Mathewson and Melanie Smerdon, all of Cass City; Darla Ferguson, Sheri Sherman, Jessica Smith and Jennie Thorp, all of Decker; David Boots and Kassandra Sontag, both of Deford; Jennifer Carlisle, Nickie Dzielinski and Eric Pinkoski, all of Gagetown; Martin Miller, Kingston; Danielle Renn, Michael Tkacz and Joshua Williams, all of Owendale; Julie Harrington, Crystal Northrop and Kristin Thorley, all of Snover; and Jacob Soper, Ubly.

Area students named to list at CMU

Seven area residents were among the students recently named to the fall semester honors list at Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant.

They are: sophomore Allyn E. Richards and junior Jeffrey A. Stoutenburg, both of Cass City; freshman Scarlett R. Helland, Deford; senior Nicole R. Schmidt, Gagetown; junior Kayla E. Diegel, Kingston; and junior Kelly L. Marston and senior Amanda L. Walsh, both of Snover.

To be named to the honors list, a student must earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

Engaged



Cynthia Anderson and Kurt Romstad

Jim Anderson and the late Rose Anderson of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Rose Anderson, to Kurt Adam Romstad, son of Bruce and Ronna Romstad of Bowling Green, Ohio.

A June 13, 2009 wedding is being planned.

Not Ashamed concert set this month

The gospel group Not Ashamed is inviting area residents to be a part of its annual benefit concert, "A Taste of Heaven".

This year's concert will be held Saturday, April 25, at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Caro. There is no admission charge, but a free will offering will be taken for the ministry of Chaplin Hazen and Forgotten Man Ministries, whose mission is to reach forgotten men and women in the jails and prisons with the message of Jesus Christ.

This year's concert will be hosted by Not Ashamed with special guests, The Master's Touch Quartet and His Strength.

For more information, call (989) 872-1813.

HHW collection slated in Sanilac

Sanilac County provides its residents with 2 household hazardous waste (HHW) collections each year and all residents are encouraged to take part in these collections, which are free to county residents.

Sanilac County MSU Extension is sponsoring a spring HHW collection Saturday, May 16 in the Lexington area. An appointment is required to attend and there is no fee for county residents.

To schedule an appointment or to get more information on any Sanilac County recycling program, call Shelly Warczynsky at the Sanilac County MSU Extension at (810) 648-2515.



Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 989-269-6994

Charlie Depcinski took Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski to Detroit so they could fly to Gilbert, Arizona to spend some time with their daughter Janet Cumings and family. Charlie met them in Detroit on their way home on April 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stirrett, Bertha Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson last Thursday.

June Rutz of Sterling Heights and son Dennis and Allen Farrelly were Easter Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rutz at Lake Orion.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski and Ervin, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Rutkowski and Julie Rutkowski and friend, Brian Rutkowski and friend, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Laming, Tracy and Lisa Laming, Kevin Laming and friend were Easter Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Henley.

Violet Cleland of Florida, former resident of Holbrook area, passed away last week in Florida.

George Jackson and Mrs. Ray Depcinski visited Thelma Jackson last week.

Mrs. Harold Ballagh and Mrs. Gerald Wills visited Thelma Jackson and Bertha Sweeney Thursday.

10 members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill Thursday. They will meet at McDonald's in Bad Axe next week.

Bucholtz finishes training

Army National Guard Pvt. Kevin A. Bucholtz has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During his 9 weeks of training, Bucholtz studied the Army mission and received instruction and training in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military

courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics.

Bucholtz is the son of Ellen Johnson of Owendale. He is a 2008 graduate of Owendale-Gagetown High School.

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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The rebuilding of the crossing over the Cass River at the end of the rail trail started last week. The initial part of the work is building the flooring before the all-metal super structure is installed.

Evidently, the village leaders are determined to get the job off on the right foot. Supervising the construction at the start were Carl Palmateer, village president, and Peter Cristiano, village manager.

If present plans are followed, the convenient parking area just south of the bridge will be eliminated.

There have been complaints from area residents about parties with excessive noise that are held there. Trash has been left on a regular basis.

Posts will be installed in front of the area that will eliminate cars from entering.

Last week's picture of a group with Charles Sanders has been partially identified. That's Fred Zawilinski with glasses, Rickey Pobanz next to him and Scott Geiger, back right.

The board of the Pinney Foundation will be considering requests for grants that must be received before the May 9 deadline. The grants to be considered are usually ones that are matched by money from other sources and are for the general improvement of the Cass City area.

Send applications to: Mike Weaver, 7972 Bay Drive, Pigeon, MI 48755.

It's hard, if not impossible, to think of a major public project that the Pinney Foundation has not helped with much needed grants. Just thinking about it, the library, the hospital, Northwood Meadows, athletic facilities, the corner sign on the Municipal Building and the Octagon Barn come quickly to mind.

There are dozens of other smaller grants that collectively are just as important to the area as these community boosters.

Cass City Teachers Want You To Know:

"America's future walks through the doors of our school each day."

—Mary Jean Letendre

Every day parents and teachers make plans, make decisions, and make changes that impact our children's learning environment. In past articles, I have suggested that the community should ask questions and get involved with the issues and the decisions that are being made by our school board that impact our community and our children.

School board decisions impact:

- The quality of your child's learning environment
- The student – teacher ratio
- Who will or will not be available to teach your child
- The availability of instructional materials and resources

One way for you to be informed is to attend the next school board meeting, April 27, 2009 in the high school cafeteria at 7:30.

Cass City Teachers:
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Kris Milligan, CCEA President
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Weather “spotter” training scheduled

Spring is just around the corner and now is the time to prepare for severe weather and tornado season.

Which is why the Tuscola County Office of Emergency Management and the National Weather Service are working together to provide training and preparation for a “Severe Weather and Tornado Skywarn Spotter’s Workshop”.

The workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, from 7 to 9 p.m.

at the Tuscola Technology Center (commons room), 1401 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

Area residents who complete the program will become certified weather spotters with the National Weather Service and Tuscola County Office of Emergency Management.

The public is welcome to participate at no charge. Call (989) 673-5181 to register.

The Haire Net

Recession may make law a tough sell



A new law takes affect next year in New Jersey that requires new drivers under 21 to attach a sticker to license plates so that police and other drivers know that a young driver is at the wheel.

The intent is to help police enforce laws that restrict teens, including probationary drivers and driving curfews. The identifying stickers on the license plates may be of Velcro so they can be removed when teens are not driving.

New Jersey is the first and only state to require the decal, but Connecticut and Delaware are discussing similar action.

If it proves to reduce highway injuries and deaths, a similar plan probably will spread across the country. I suspect that Michigan would need ironclad evidence to take action. Understandably, politicians are wary of any change that could increase costs to drivers.

After all these decals have to be paid for and for many families in this recession leading state that have trouble just getting by, forget it.

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The Michigan Department of Education and the Michigan Education Association, the union that represents teachers are in sharp disagreement about the results of a study that indicates charter schools are performing as well on state tests as traditional public schools.

The 20 districts used in the study include many that are below the average districts using the MEAP tests as the guide.

2009 Michigan Wine Country mag available

The 2009 Michigan Wine Country magazine will be released this month.

It provides maps, touring information and other indispensable information on Michigan wine and wineries.

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The back forty

by Roger Pond

Easter has passed and the critters are everywhere. Folks are generally cautious about getting pets for the kids, but there's something about the Easter holiday that attracts small animals — for a little while.

They're cute to begin with, but then they grow bigger and hungrier. Pretty soon we've got a house full of critters, and the dog is wondering how he ever got mixed-up with this outfit.

I remember the days when rural kids generally had some rabbits around the place. The bunnies made good pets, and most families knew how to eat them if they needed to.

A little 4-H member once had the quandary of eating a rabbit he had raised for his project. His dad was strict about the matter and said, “It's O.K. to keep these rabbits, but we need to slaughter and eat them when they get big. You just need to prepare yourself for that.”

The little boy was strong about it. He took care of the bunnies for weeks — until finally the father had one slaughtered and baked for dinner.

Both parents and the older kids were somber when the food was passed around. They knew eating a rabbit might be difficult, but they were stalwart about it.

Before long everything but the rabbit meat had been passed around the table, but no one picked up the serving plate of hasenpfeffer. Finally the little boy raised his fork and said, “Please pass the bunny.”

Most folks get along fine with a few critters (such as rabbits) around, but people who raise pigs need some strong pens and a few facilities. A woman from Oregon proclaimed that with her lawsuit a few years ago.

This lady claims she fell over the neighbor's pig because the absence of a proper pen allowed the pig to trespass on the plaintiff's property. This caused ongoing medical expenses in addition to “pain, suffering, humiliation, and impairment of her day-to-day activities.”

The lawsuit asked for \$8,000 to compensate for medical expenses and another \$50,000 for pain and suffering.

I have no problem with the claims for pain and suffering, but “humiliation” is a new one on me. If I could sue for all the times I've been humiliated by a pig, I'd be a rich man.

Anyone who thinks falling over a hog is demeaning should try building a secure pen for one. That's about the most embarrassing thing I've ever been involved with.

Our pigs never went to the neighbors or tried to trip anybody, but they did get in the way once in awhile. We're getting into a whole new area of law here.

The defendant's lawyer should have an easy time proving the plaintiff was not tripped by the alleged pig. And a pig chart would show the unfortunate porker was just as humiliated as anybody else.

Baker enrollment up 16.69%

Baker College Online officials recently announced a 16.69 percent increase in 2009 winter quarter online enrollment compared to the same period in 2008.

A total of 5,063 undergraduate students attended online classes exclusively during winter quarter 2009.

“In a recent study conducted among Baker Online alumni, students and prospective students, respondents gave highly favorable ratings to the coursework, customer service and student support services that we offer,” said Dr. Julia Teahen, president, Baker College Online. “These results, along with our continual double-digit enrollment increases, are a strong indication that individuals appreciate all the positive features of a Baker College Online education.”

A total of 33,438 students throughout the Baker College system took Baker Online classes this winter quarter. The total includes:

* 6,004 students who took 100 percent of their classes online, including 5,063 undergraduate students and 941 graduate students

* 8,016 students who took a combination of online classes and campus-based classes

* 19,418 students who took campus-based classes that also included online coursework, a 25.88 percent increase

over winter 2008

A total of 941 students were enrolled at Baker Center for Graduate Studies this winter, with all earning their graduate degree completely online.

Federal dollars earmarked for law enforcement

A Tuscola County Board of Commissioners was scheduled to accept public comment Tuesday morning on the planned use for a \$16,614 federal grant.

The money was awarded in the form of an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant through the U.S. Department of Justice Recovery Act.

“Some of the allocated money is slated to be used to assist the local drug unit, the Thumb Narcotics Unit, with personnel,” explained Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent. “The remaining money would be spent on new handguns for the sheriff's road patrol deputies.

“The amount will not be enough to cover the full (expense) for the purchase, but Sheriff (Lee) Teschendorf is seeking other funding to help cover the cost without using local taxpayer money,” Skrent added.

FRIENDS ARE IMPORTANT



No matter who you are or what you do, friends and family are important to happiness and success. They cheer us on, help us through the tough times and even overlook our imperfections.

People with mental illnesses such as, depression, anxiety, ADHD and Bipolar are no different. In fact, the experts think they do even better when they have friends and families supporting them.

You may never know which one of your friends has one of these illnesses. You can't tell by looking at someone, or even by behaviors. Many people are getting treatment, and any symptoms they might have are effectively managed.

But what if the treatment isn't working? Behaviors may change, and you might not know why. Your friend or family member might be making some bad choices. But sometimes people with these illnesses can't tell when the treatment isn't working for them. When you gently say something, it could be all they need to make any changes that will help them feel better...and act like your old friend or family member again.



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During the flushing of the hydrants Wednesday and Thursday, April 22 & 23, starting at 4 a.m. there may be an abundance of crystallized iron (rust) in the water supplied to your area of the village.

This condition does not render the water unfit or harmful for consumption; however, clothing washed in this water will probably become discolored.

Check the color of your water before placing your clothing into it.

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VILLAGE OF CASS CITY



Everyday Stories

*Cass City Public Schools
"Assignment America"
By Emily Martin*

In the city of Athens, Greece, with just 250 athletes competing, the first Olympic Games of the modern times were held. Taking place in the year 1896, tensions were running high for this first multi-national event. The 9 sporting categories that were the basis of competition included athletics, cycling, fencing, gymnastics, shooting, swimming, tennis, weightlifting, wrestling and rowing.

Athletes wanted one thing and one thing only: to win. Through blood, sweat and tears the achievement of glory overshadowed them all. Competition was fierce, cutthroat and ferocious. This global event was the highest level one could perform at.

Little did we know, the Olympic Games are just a prelude for the real games, the games of true champions: Academic Games.

Each year, the real athletes of their trade, high school students, join together for a multi-town academic throw down. The Tuscola County Academic Games are held on the campus of Saginaw Valley State University, the location students equate with Athens.

The 2009 Academic Games will be held on Friday, April 24, 2009. The competition consists of 5 events - science, mathematics, technology, English and social studies. Each school in Tuscola County sends a team of students geared toward each subject area. Teams are asked to answer 25 questions, with each question being timed. At the conclusion of the question portion of competition, each team is given a higher level thinking prompt which they are required to answer and complete in a time slot of approximately one hour.

On the contrary to all of the other subject areas that take part in the answering of these questions, the technology team is just simply given a project to complete in a designated time frame.

This is the time in a student's academic career when earning an A is not a goal, when there are no resources to reference besides those in their brain, and when a lecturing teacher is nowhere to be found. The highest level of competition for high school academics is the annual Academic Games. Brains are taxed, fingers undergo extreme cramping and knots form in the stomach signifying the longing to prevail on top.

The 5 Olympic rings symbolize the link of knowledge at Academic Games, a link that English coach Mr. Dennis Meck has confidence in.

"We are really looking forward to this year's Games. There is a lot of preliminary reading that English members are responsible for, so when we get to SVSU a lot of work is already done," he explained.

The English team's reading curriculum is composed of titles such as Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men", Shakespeare's "Hamlet", Poe's "The Raven", and Thoreau's "Civil Disobedience". "We try to prepare as best we can and hope for a good performance on the 24th," Meck said.

Holding numerous update meetings to track his members' reading habits, Mr. Meck is a veteran when it comes to Academic Games. When asked how long he has been involved with the competition, he quickly replied with a smile, "Since 1984. That was my first year, and I remember it because we won." Orwell's 1984 also happens to be on the English team's reading list. No coincidence here.

The games are soon to begin. So, on April 24 the trumpets will sound and the drums will beat. The 2009 Tuscola County Academic Games will get underway for another year. Competition will be at its finest in academics. Good luck to the Science Squad, the Mathletes, the Technicians of Technology, the English Enthusiasts, and the Social Studies Smarties. Let the Games begin!



CASS CITY/Thumb Branch of AAUW member Connie Iwankovitch (right) presents Rita Hanby with her scholarship during the group's annual Flamingo Fling Scholarship Benefit Dinner and Auction Thursday. Also winning scholarships, but unable to attend the event, were Kate VanAuken and Tracy Major.

AAUW announces 2009 scholarships

The Cass City/Thumb Area Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) held its 12th annual Flamingo Fling Scholarship Benefit Dinner and Auction Thursday. "One hundred and thirty women enjoyed an evening of appetizers, dinner, raffle, silent and live auctions and door prizes," said AAUW President Diana Williams.

"Money raised from the auctions and raffle goes to scholarships for women returning to college," Williams explained. "In the past, \$500 scholarships were awarded, but after having a succession of very successful Flamingo Flings, 3, \$1,000 scholarships were awarded in 2008 and this year."

This year's winners and the colleges they are attending are: Rita Hanby,

Baker College; Kate VanAuken, Wayne State University; and Tracy Major, Saginaw Valley State University.

The Cass City/Thumb Branch of AAUW was established nearly 45 years ago, according to Williams.

"The purpose of this branch is to promote equity, education, intellectual growth, individual growth, individual worth, and the development of opportunities for women and girls," she said.

The organization's activities include sponsoring an annual Halloween carnival at Cass City Middle School, selling Christmas wreaths, the Cass City Freedom Festival paint-in, and RIF (Reading is Fundamental) book distributions at Campbell Elementary School.

Health fair at hospital draws 200

A record number of participants were recently welcomed to the Spring Health Fair held at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Nearly 200 individuals took advantage of the free and low-cost health screenings offered during the event, including bone density and carotid artery screens, blood tests, blood pressure and more.

"The purpose of offering an event like the health fair is to help individuals identify potential areas where their health may be at risk," explained Kathy Dropeski, RN, director of education at Hills and Dales General Hospital. "We want participants to take the results of their screenings and discuss them with their doctor so they can know more about what they can do to care for their health."

Northwood Meadows, Hills and Dales Home Care and Tuscola County Health Department officials were also on hand to discuss resources that their agencies offer to the community.

Students can see, experience local government

National County Government Week is May 3-9, and Tuscola County is inviting government students to shadow an elected official for part of a day.

Students will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. The dates that shadowing will occur are May 5 and May 7. Students should plan on spending their time exploring county government and the many activities and responsibilities surrounding it.

"It is imperative that young adults take an active role in leadership at every level. What better way to learn (than by) getting involved. This is a great opportunity for our youth, and I look forward to working with some of our future leaders," said Tuscola County Commissioner Amanda Roggenbuck, who represents the Cass City area.

Teachers are asked to contact Angie Daniels at (989) 672-3700 by Tuesday, April 28, if they have a student that would enjoy the opportunity to have one-on-one time with an elected official and see government working from the inside out.

Letters to the Editor

Not naive, but I'm not paranoid, either

I guess I will have to clarify what I wrote about global warming, because some didn't understand it, so I urge you to read this a little slower this time.

I was not talking about scientists that are not funded by or receive grants by the government to study global warming. There are many scientists that are studying global warming and are not connected in any way whatsoever with the government, as well as many scientists in other countries studying the climate changes and global warming that are not affiliated with any government institutions.

I respect that you have been around 64 years and you have made observations and done your research and have come to the conclusion that global warming is a scam that the government is using to make money. The problem I have is that you seem to think that everyone has to agree with you and if not, they are ignorant, brain dead or lacking common sense.

Let's just say, for example, that another person the same age of your 64 years has observed, watched, listened to and read as much as they could on global warming just as you have and have reached the conclusion that global warming exists and is not a government scam. Would you then consider this person to be brain dead, ignorant, lacking of common sense because they came up with the opposite conclusion that you did?

You would think that someone that is so confident in their beliefs about global warming would not have to resort to name calling; it kind of shows a lack of maturity and is quite childish.

As far as this "cap and trade tax" bill you say if passed will cost the average household \$3,000 per year in extra energy costs, John Reilly, the M.I.T. scientist who did the actual study on the cap and trade, said that the average cost per year/per household would be \$340 a year, and the cost for the program would be completely offset by returning allowance revenue to these households. He has also written to Sen. Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and to House Minority Leader John Boehner to tell their party to stop using his name as a resource for their claim it would cost \$3,000 per year/per household, when they know it's not true.

I really don't care about the flatulence tax in Europe, but there was a

bi-partisan bill introduced by Sen. John Thune and Sen. Chuck Schumer that would ban a flatulence tax in this country and it has a lot of support and will probably pass, so I hope that helps you out.

As far as Dixie Lee Ray being an expert on global warming and the environment, I have my doubts. I do know this about her - she was a one-term governor of Washington state, she was a marine biologist and she was appointed to the Atomic Energy Commission by the Nixon Administration. This may have given her expertise as far as government scams go since the Nixon Administration did its best to try and scam the American people in one of the biggest of all scams.

She was not an expert on climate, the atmosphere or on global warming, and at least 2 of her chapters (3 and 4) in the book "Environmental Overkill" have been called into question by Professor of Chemistry and Bio-Chemistry Robert Parson of the University of Colorado. I don't have the space to write out his results, but if you Google his name and her name you will find a detailed analysis of his results.

In closing, I'm not so naive to believe everything the government says is true, but I'm also not so paranoid that the government is out to scam the American people every time they get the chance to.

Mark Gohsman
Cass City

Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

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

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

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

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

Several charged last week

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

•Kristopher S. Nimeth, 34, Saginaw, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail for his plea of guilty to failure to pay child support from May 2003 through August 2008 in Caro.

He was also placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$2,628.

•Patrick S. Hoisington, 32, Fowlerville, pleaded guilty to one count of assaulting a police officer Aug. 3, 2007, in Akron Township.

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

•Tommy E. Harper Jr., 26, Vassar, was sentenced to 6 to 20 years in prison for his plea of guilty to unarmed robbery June 21 in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

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

•Angela M. Culver, 24, Ypsilanti, was sentenced to 18 months to 7 1/2 years in prison for her pleas of guilty to charges of identity theft, stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without consent of the device holder, and illegal use of a financial transaction device between January and November 2007 in Novesta Township. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to prison time, Culver was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$3,264 plus restitution of \$3,377.85.

•David F. Champagne, 41, Vassar, pleaded guilty to one count of fourth degree criminal sexual conduct involving the use of force Sept. 23, 2007, in Fremont Township.

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

•Billy J. Hall, 36, Kingston, stood mute to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and driving while his license was suspended or revoked, subsequent offense, March 15

in Dayton Township.

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

•Shawn P. Jefferson, 47, Millington, was sentenced to 2 to 15 years in prison for his plea of guilty to delivery/manufacture of marijuana in April/May in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay \$128 in costs and fines plus attorneys fees totaling \$361.

•Starr O. Bilicki, 30, Kingston, pleaded guilty to attempted larceny in a building Sept. 21 in Elmwood Township.

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

•Andrew C. Paseshnik, 35, Deford, pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer Aug. 18 in Kingston Township.

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

•Thomas A. McIngvale, 36, Akron, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of no contest to second degree child abuse and assault or assault and battery Sept. 9 in Akron Township.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,151.



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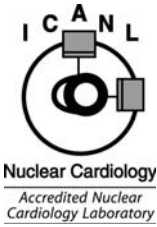
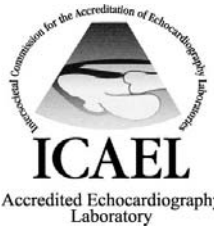
Michigan CardioVascular Institute (MCVI) is pleased to announce that Luigi Maresca, M.D., will begin seeing surgical patients in Caro at the MCVI clinic.

Dr. Maresca is a thoracic and vascular surgeon and is board certified by the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Thoracic Surgery. He specializes in hearts, vascular and pulmonary medicine.

MCVI is committed to providing the Caro area convenient access to a wide range of services, treatments and patient oriented, compassionate healthcare you should expect. "I am very proud to be part of a large team of professionals that stand behind me to guarantee that we meet all of your healthcare needs," said Dr. Maresca. "I look forward to treating the Caro area with the most recent advances in medicine, the highest standards of care, and in a compassionate and caring manner."

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WINNING CASS River Pet FriendZ ticket holder Dr. Susan Hoppe, DVM, of Cass City, is pictured above (far right) with Pet FriendZ member Patricia Trisch (far left) and Sammi Auten, daughter of Les and Donna Auten III of Cass City.

Fundraiser nets \$489 for pet rescue group

Judy Wright of Caro was the lucky winner of the huge, chocolate filled Easter basket that was raffled off to help raise money for the animal rescue group known as the Cass River Pet FriendZ.

According to Patricia Trisch, spokesperson for the organization, the idea of putting together the basket was the idea of one of the group's volunteers, Donna Auten of Cass City. She took it upon herself to gather all the items to fill the basket with a variety of fine chocolates valued at over

\$80. The basket was then moved around to different area locations to give citizens an opportunity to view the contents and to purchase an opportunity to win. Some of the area locations included Angel's Hair Salon, Special Scents and All Pets Veterinary Clinic, all located in Cass City.

The drawing was held at All Pets Veterinary Clinic, where the winning ticket was drawn by Dr. Susan Hoppe, DVM. The fundraiser generated \$489 to help support the group's efforts in caring for orphaned animals until new homes are found.

Sexual assault focus of April observance

The Tuscola County Prosecutor's Victim Services and Tuscola County Sheriff's Department Victim Services offices are joining communities across Michigan and the nation in commemorating April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

"We are all too familiar with the devastating impact sexual assault has on our community. There are an average of 5 sexual assaults a month reported to Tuscola County Central Dispatch. It is estimated there are at least that many again reported in other ways such as through Child Protective Services and various agencies," said Diane Santhany, Tuscola County Sheriff's Department Victim Services.

"This is a time when we come together to recognize those victims who have survived the trauma of sexual assault," she added. "We come together to give voice to those who have never told anyone about the abuse. And most importantly, we come together to help prevent even one more person from being victimized by sexual violence."

- According to Santhany, ten ways residents can make a difference are:
1. Be supportive of a person in your life who has experienced sexual violence by believing him or her and by listening without blaming or judging.
 2. Start dialogues with your children, your partners and your friends about the importance of mutual respect and meaningful consent in healthy sexual relationships.
 3. Don't buy it! Refuse to financially support companies which promote sexual exploitation...such as movies and video games which depict sexualized violence. Be sure to tell the companies why you are boycotting them.
 4. Talk to someone who makes sexist, racist or otherwise bigoted remarks. Explain why that behavior is not ok.
 5. Propose curriculum changes at your child's school to include more time on sexual violence prevention and healthy relationships.
 6. Write a letter to the editor responding to coverage of sexual assault in the news
 7. Invite an educator to speak to your class, workplace, church or organization about sexual violence.
 8. Urge your political leaders to take a stand against sexual violence
 9. Educate yourself. Read books, do online research, speak with victim advocates or seek out the diverse voice of survivors.
 10. Consider ways your class, workplace, church or organization can raise community awareness.

More information is available by contacting Santhany, Tuscola Co. Sheriff's Victim Services at (989) 673-8161 (tcvs@tuscolacounty.org), or Amy Gregor, Tuscola Co. Prosecutor's Victim Services at (989) 672-3900 (agregor@tuscolacounty.org).



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Traffic crash deaths down in Michigan last year

Traffic crashes, deaths and injuries all fell in Michigan in 2008, fueled in part by decreases in miles driven during summer months when fatal crashes tend to be highest.

Traffic deaths dropped to 980 from 1,084 in 2007. 1925 was the last year Michigan had fewer than 980 fatalities.

Declines were also noted in alcohol, pedestrian and commercial motor vehicle crashes and fatalities. Increases occurred among drug-involved fatal crashes and motorcycle crashes and fatalities.

Traffic crashes fell 3 percent from 324,174 in 2007 to 316,057 in 2008. Injuries dropped 7 percent from 80,576 in 2007 to 74,568 in 2008. Alcohol-involved fatal crashes also declined from 313 in 2007 to 297 in 2008.

"It will be difficult to discern what drove this large decrease in traffic deaths last year," said Michael L. Prince, director of the Office of Highway Safety Planning. "One factor is the state's extremely high safety belt use rate. Advancements in roadway and automotive engineering and in emergency medicine also played a major role. However, we can't ignore that motorists curtailed their driving when gas prices were extremely high. Further study may allow us to determine what impact each had on traffic deaths last year."

While drug-involved fatal crashes increased substantially, from 90 in 2007 to 130 in 2008, analysts attribute this to better follow-up and reporting by police agencies.

- The crash data also shows:
- Motorcycle fatalities increased from 124 in 2007 to 127 in 2008.
 - Teen fatalities (age 13-19) dropped from 277 in 2007 to 207 in 2008.
 - Deer-vehicle crashes stayed nearly the same, dropping slightly from 61,907 in 2007 to 61,010 in 2008. There were 12 people killed in deer-vehicle crashes in 2008.
 - Commercial motor vehicle fatalities fell from 136 in 2007 to 106 in 2008.
 - Pedestrian fatalities dropped from 136 in 2007 to 115 in 2008.
 - Bicycle fatalities rose from 18 in 2007 to 25 in 2008.


Farms were smaller

Farms that began operation between 2003 and 2007 tended to be smaller and have lower sales than all farms nationwide. New farms, on average, had 201 acres of land and \$71,000 in sales. By comparison, the average for all farms in the United States was 418 acres and \$135,000 in sales.

Operators of new farms were more likely to be engaged in occupations other than farming and to derive income from non-farm sources.

Down Memory Lane

By Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO

Doug Brownrigg and his wife, Marilyn, are currently on a year-long mission trip in Fairbanks, Alaska, where he serves as pastor of a small church. Over the years, the Cass City couple has also taken part in mission work in China, the Ukraine and Russia.

The Cass City Red Hawks won 2 out of 3 games last week and coach Ryan Pritchett has to be happy with the results. The loss came in a game against Bay City Central, rated number 7 in Division 1, 11-1 Wednesday. Mike Havens pitched well through 5 innings, giving up only 4 hits, but was hurt by sloppy defensive play by the Hawks. Cass City's only spark on offense in the 7-inning game was provided by Craig Holmgren, who doubled and scored. As Pritchett said before the game with Central, it was a win-win proposition for Cass City. The loss didn't diminish the team and playing against a top team provides valuable experience.

Kingston High School officials have announced the honor graduates for the class of 2004. The valedictorian for the class is Andrew Filipek, who has achieved a grade point average of 3.97. He is the son of Richard and Amy Filipek of Kingston. The salutatorian for the class is Julie Bishop, who has achieved a grade point average of 3.94. She is the daughter of Bernie and Beth Bishop of Kingston. Scores recently received from the College Board indicate that Sanilac County eighth grade "Talent Search" students from 7 districts scored extremely well on the nationally-standardized ACT test. While nationally, high school juniors average 21-22, the 91 Sanilac eighth graders averaged 19.

10 YEARS AGO

Kevin A. Shaw has been named associate director of public relations and director of marketing and creative services at Michigan State University. Shaw left his position as associate director of Wharton Center for Performing Arts to assume his new position March 15. Shaw, a 1987 graduate of Cedarville College in Cedarville, Ohio, resides with his wife and 4 children in Lansing. He is a 1983 graduate of Cass City High School and the son of Richard and Shirley Shaw of Cass City.

A Deford area Boy Scout recently completed the requirement to earn scouting's highest rank - Eagle Scout - and at the same time did his part to improve Cass City Recreational Park. Kevin Kulinski, 14, the son of Lora and Richard Kulinski, organized construction and installation of 8 benches throughout the park in conjunction with his Eagle Scout project. A seventh grade student at Cass City Mid-

dle School, Kulinski said he began planning the project in mid-February. "We (built) them in March," he added, noting he put in about 16 hours on the project.

New Coach Chad Daniels said that a pair of wins over Ubly last week for his Cass City High School baseball team was a needed boost for the team. The coach is also probably thankful that the Hawks will not have to face the Caro Tigers again this season. Cass City learned why the Tigers are one of the state's top rated teams this season and why a pair of major league scouts were on hand, presumably to check on the performance of Grice, ace Tiger hurler. The Hawks were mercied twice in the doubleheader, losing the first game 16-1.

25 YEARS AGO

More persons were married in 1983 in Tuscola County than in the year before and more were divorced. More died, but fewer were born, according to the annual report presented April 10 by County Clerk Elsie Hicks to the county Board of Commissioners. Her office issued 497 marriage licenses last year, 10 more than in 1982, and recorded 259 divorces, an increase of 36. It recorded 279 deaths, an increase of five. There was a sharp drop in the number of births recorded, from 339 in 1982 to 288 last year.

Lisa Britt, an eighth grader at Cass City Intermediate School, finished 10th of 29 competitors in the annual Michigan Spelling Bee last Wednesday on the Lawrence Institute of Technology campus in Southfield. Lisa, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Britt of Greenland Road, qualified for the event by winning the district spelling bee March 22 at West Branch.

For the first time, Cass City High School has written policy governing exchange students. The school board approved the policy April 9, which was revised from the original proposal presented to the board by High School Principal Russell Richards in February. Implementation of the policy means visiting exchange students who are seniors will no longer receive a diploma. Instead, "A letter certifying attendance will be presented when the student completes the exchange experience. A transcript of grades will be given to the student and-or sent to the student's home school. The student's home school will have the responsibility for issuing the high school diploma."

35 YEARS AGO

For the first time since the days of the Great Depression, Michigan's Eighth Congressional District will be represented by a Democrat, following the special election victory of J.

Robert Traxler Tuesday. Traxler, a state representative from Bay City, defeated Republican James Sparling by a district-wide total of 58,153 to Sparling's 55,018, according to unofficial tabulations.

Miss Karen Eskilsen was the recipient this year of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen's award. The award is based on such qualities as dependability, leadership, service and patriotism. The annual award is made to senior high school girls. Recommendation for the award is made by classmates and faculty. Karen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theron Eskilsen of Maple St.

Winning trophies in the recent Tuscola County Cancer Bowl-Down are Cass Cityans Maynard Helwig and Margie Schwartz. Helwig copped first placed in the men's division with a total score of 754, and also took second place in Tuscola County, winning a prize of \$100. Ms. Schwartz won the women's division first place trophy with a 642 tally. Cass City bowlers raised \$294 for a donation to the cancer fun with Bruce Thompson getting into the tournament six times.



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6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136
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6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2604 or (989) 912-2077
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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study & Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.
Rev. Judy A. Eskilsen

Cass City Missionary Church
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
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Pastor - Bob Sweeney
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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
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Worship 11:00 a.m.
Midweek Bible Studies
Biblical Counseling
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould

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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
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Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

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Pastor: Steve Totten

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Lady Red Hawks trade twin bill sweeps

After a dismal start last week when the Hawk softball team was edged in a couple of close, well-played games, the girls bounced back to sweep a doubleheader from visiting Harbor Beach.

Both wins over the Pirates were merited. In the opener the Hawks closed out Harbor Beach, 11-1, in 6 innings and powered past the visitors, 20-3, in the nightcap.

Although the final score was not close, softball fans were treated to extra fine defense by Cass City that supported starter and winner McKensie Parrish on the mound.

When the game was still in doubt, Megan VanVliet made a running catch of a fly ball in right center to stop a Pirate rally with 2 runners on base.

Another outstanding play was on a hard hit ground ball to third that Lindsay Jamison handled with ease. There was only one error committed by Cass City in the game.

Parrish had trouble warming up and Harbor Beach staged its best offensive surge in the first inning. The Pirates scored their only run of the game and left the bases loaded as Parrish struck out Talaski to end the inning.

After that it was smooth sailing. Parrish allowed 6 hits, struck out 8 and walked 3.

Leading the 10-hit attack for Cass City was Amanda Langenburg with 2 hits and 3 runs batted in, and Jamison with a pair of doubles. Cass City scored at least one run in 5 of the 6 innings played.

The nightcap game was virtually decided in the first inning when the Hawks jumped all over the slants of

Wehner for 5 hits and 5 walks to score 10 runs.

Dana Woodward was the winning pitcher. She allowed 3 runs, 3 hits and struck out 5, while walking 6. Every Hawk in the lineup collected at least one hit. Langenburg and Parrish used 2 hits each and were credited with 4 RBIs each. The Hawks smashed 14 hits in the 5-inning game.

BROWN CITY GAMES

Cass City was edged in both ends of a well-played doubleheader that featured great pitching by both teams. The Hawks lost the opener, 4-2, when Ashleigh Blovsky cracked a 2-run homer in the sixth inning to notch the win.

Both hurlers pitched well enough to win most games. Brown City's Kristen Greene allowed 5 hits, struck out 5 and walked 8. Langenburg allowed just 2 hits, walked 3 and struck out 4. All but one of Brown City's 4 runs were unearned.

While Greene was outstanding in the second game, she was even more effective in the opener.

She allowed a single in the first inning by VanVliet and one of her 2 walks to provide the Hawks with what proved to be their best chance to score. Brown City posted a 2-0 decision. Green struck out 13.

Carly Rabideau went the distance for the Hawks. She allowed just 4 hits, struck out 3 and walked 3.

The winners posted a run on 2 hits in the second and another in the fourth on a hit and 2 walks.



SENIOR Amanda Faist signals for time out during play Thursday with Port Hope. She belted a single and triple to help Owen-Gage record its first win on the season during the nightcap of the NCTL meeting.

CC soccer round-up

After a 10-day layoff for spring break, Cass City came back and played 2 away games, losing to Harbor Beach 2-0, and beating Brown City 1-0.

The Red Hawks played a solid, physical game against Harbor Beach Wednesday, holding them to just 7 shots, but still came up short, 2-0.

Becca Leslie had a strong game in net, making several tough saves including one that resulted in a bloody nose and 2 black yes for the keeper after she was run over by a Pirate attacker, Coach Chuck Reed reported.

Defensive errors again resulted in the 2 goals that the Hawks gave up.

The offense generated over twice as many shots as in the previous 2 games, with Caitlin Reed and Nicole Kelley doing most of the shooting, but good keeper play kept the ball out of the net. Jessica Bootz and Maria Diaz had strong games at midfield, as did Angela Braun and Brooke Hartwick. Taryn Vatter anchored the defense and Amanda Clifton continued to improve at pressuring the ball in the defensive zone. All in all a good game for the Hawks except for the final score.

Against Brown City, the Hawks dominated from the start, kept the ball in the attacking zone almost the entire game, and held Brown City to 4 shots, only one of which had a serious chance.

Reed and Kelley again led the offense with 7 and 5 shots apiece, with Kelley getting the goal on an assist from Reed. Kelli Lautner picked up the slack after Kelley left the game with an ankle injury and had 4 shots in the second half.

Defensive pressure from Clifton, Tessa Kus and Kristen Kaweck made Leslie's job in net fairly routine as she recorded her first career shutout. Vanessa Scasny got significant playing time and did well and Chelsea Paladi got her first chance of the season and just missed scoring twice.

The Hawks had 22 total shots, but only one goal, a situation that needs to improve as the season progresses.

After the long Easter break, the Hawks came out playing well. The defense is fast improving and needs to cut out the errors that are resulting in goals. The offense seems to be starting to click, but the loss of Kelley for awhile will be a big setback.



TALKIN' TURKEY. Cass City 11-year-old Alex Naegele bagged this tom Monday morning in Tuscola County. It had a 9 3/4" beard.

Bulldogs' early season struggles continue

Much to the dismay of Coach Doug Hyatt, the Owen-Gage softball team hasn't lived up to its preseason hype during the early season.

With 16 returning letter winners, 8 that were in the starting line-up in 2008, the Bulldogs seemed destined to repeat as the North Central Thumb League-North champions and add the school's 4th conference title in 5 years.

But after struggling against Ubly in their season opener last Tuesday, the Bulldogs showed little improvement Thursday in their home opener split against Port Hope.

"Our entire defense was terrible against Ubly and the outfield didn't play much better against Port Hope," lamented Hyatt.

In game one against the Bluestars, the visitors broke open a 2-2 deadlock with 7 runs in the 5th inning en route to an 11-4 decision.

Bulldog Mariah Francis started on the hill and suffered the loss. She was replaced during the 5th inning outburst by Lauren Mandich, who collected 4 strike outs and walked 2 in relief.

Kayla Gust tossed a complete game to collect the win for the Bluestars.

At the plate, Amanda Faist had a single and double, 2 RBIs and 3 stolen bases to lead Owen-Gage, while Mandich slapped a pair of singles.

In game 2, Owen-Gage scored 3 runs in the first and then added 7 more runs before the 4th to secure their maiden victory.

Mandich worked 3 1/3 innings to earn the 13-4 victory, while Francis fanned 4 and walked one in relief. Gust was tagged with the loss.

Leading the Owen-Gage hit parade was 8th grader Kayla Montreuil. She recorded 3 singles, a double and had one stolen base. Even though Montreuil's offensive contributions were noted, Hyatt was pleased with her overall performance.

"Kayla had a good game defensively at third base. She started a couple of plays that should have been turned into double plays. I think maybe I've

found my third basemen," Hyatt said. Lacie Prich, Faist, Samantha Radabaugh and Christy Schmidt all added 2 safeties in the Bulldog victory.

UBLY

Owen-Gage opened its season on a sour note, dropping both ends of a non-conference twin bill in Ubly.

The Bearcats trailed 7-6 in the opener, before scoring the game's final 4 runs to post a 10-7 win. In the nightcap, Ubly scored 7 runs in the second inning and added 6 more runs in the 4th to win easily, 16-6.

Danielle Mazure was a double winner on the mound for Ubly, while Mandich was the pitcher of record in both Bulldog defeats.

Radabaugh had 2 hits for the Bulldogs in game one, while Montreuil had 2 hits in game 2.



UBLY hurler Danielle Mazure recorded both wins on the hill against Owen-Gage.



RED HAWK Alex Zaleski eyes an inside pitch during Thursday's non-conference twin bill against Harbor Beach.

Red Hawks eyeing GTW baseball start

The preliminaries are over and the Cass City baseball team is eager to swing into Greater Thumb West action Thursday at Reese.

The Red Hawks wrapped up their per-conference schedule Thursday against visiting Harbor Beach and Coach Nathan Haag elected to use a couple of junior varsity pitchers to trade decisions on the day.

Besides facing the Rockets, Cass City will travel to Vassar Saturday for the County Tournament and then continue with GTW play Monday at Bad Axe.

With the brunt of the GTW conference approaching, Haag was impressed with the help he received from the underclassmen hurlers.

On the hill in the opener was freshman Morgan Erla. He blanked the Pirates for 2 1/3 innings, scattering 3 hits to collect the 10-3 decision.

The hosts scored 4 runs in both the second and third frames to help build a 10-0 advantage entering the 5th.

Offensively for Cass City, Trevor Phillips, Zack Abel and Steven Rychlewski recorded 2 hits each, while Varney and Morgan added solo safeties.

In the nightcap, Harbor Beach scored 6 runs in the second inning that proved more than enough to register

the split as the hosts' bats went cold in the contest that ended 8-3.

Sophomore Austin Deering suffered the loss, lasting 1 1/3 innings and yielding 3 hits.

Varney, Steven Schotter and Alex Zaleski each recorded solo knocks for Cass City.

BROWN CITY

Cass City rode the arm of Brent Doerr to victory Wednesday at Brown City in game one, but the Red Hawks came up short in the nightcap as the Green Devils rallied to avoid the sweep.

"This was the best defense we've played all year, let alone a 2-game outing. We played with tremendous effort," Haag said.

Doerr was nearly untouchable in the opener, allowing just one hit and fanning 5 en route to a 3-0 victory.

At the plate, a Phillips' home run highlighted Cass City's attack.

Game 2 saw Brown City plate 2 runs in the 5th inning that resulted in a 4-3 victory.

Phillips worked 5 innings and allowed 6 hits as the pitcher of record for Cass City.

Kyle Pine punched a 2-run RBI single for the visitors.



ROUNDING THIRD and heading home is Cass City's Carly Rabideau during Thursday's doubleheader with visiting Harbor Beach.

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CASS CITY'S Alex Varney earned first place finishes in both hurdle events Friday at the Brown City Invitational.



GOOD EXCHANGE. Red Hawks Ashley Stilson (left) and Ashley Weiss work towards a third place finish in the 400-meter relay at Brown City. Joined by Haley Wynn and Megan Schoel, they were clocked at 57.46.

Cass City falls for first time at Brown City Invitational

Lukas Varney enjoyed a record-breaking day Friday at the Brown City Invitational, but it wasn't enough to keep Cass City's perfect season alive.

Marlette delivered coaches Scott and Amy Cuthrell's thinclads their first defeat of the season at the 6-school invite, when the Red Raiders squeezed out a 143-139 decision. Rounding out the standings were hosts Brown City with 117 points, Bad Axe, 109, Harbor Beach, 14, and Sandusky 1.

Varney established 2 new standards at the meet, winning the 1600-meter run in 4:28 and the 800-meter run in 2:01. He also was a member of the Red Hawks' winning 3200-meter and 1600-meter relay teams.

Still, he wasn't the only Varney to enjoy a banner day.

Sophomore Alex Varney joined his older sibling on both winning relay teams and added individual titles in the 110-meter hurdles (16.84) and the 300-meter hurdles (42.83).

Cass City's only other individual winner on the day was Chris Summersett, who captured the 400-meter dash in 52.96, after winning the high jump with a leap of 6'.

Joining the Varney brothers on the 3200-meter relay team (8:41) were Ty Burk and Dewey Made, while Summersett and Luke Newton helped the 1600-meter relay team record the best time on the day at 3:40.

"We were without (Austin) Babich," Amy Cuthrell said Monday. "He was nursing a groin injury and felt it was better to rest it. I'd like to think that he was the difference in a 4-point loss, but we'll know Tuesday because we face them again."

LADY RED HAWKS

Harbor Beach ran away from the girls' field with 161 points and was followed by Bad Axe with 114 points, Cass City, 88, Marlette, 64, Sandusky, 53, and Brown City, 40.

As usual, the Lady Red Hawks were led by senior Jennica Richards. She registered a time of 50.43 to win the 300-meter hurdles and a time of 16.72 to claim the 100-meter hurdles.

The Red Hawks' only other champion on the day was freshman Stephanie Leeson who finished on top in the pole vault competition with a height of 7' 6".

Recording runner-up points for Cass City were Jessica Prieskorn, with a time of 13:03 in the 3200-meter run and Ashley Potts who was clocked in 1:10 in the 400-meter dash.

UBLY INVITE

Behind a trio of individual double winners, Cass City remained unbeaten Tuesday in Ubly where the Red Hawks cruised to top honors at the 5-school invite.

Cass City also won 3 of 4 relay events en route to 129 points, easily turning back Unionville-Sebewaing and Ubly, who each finished with 80 points, while Deckerville registered 34 points and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, 9.

Austin Babich dominated the short sprints, winning both the 100-meter (11.27) and 200-meter dash (22.64).

Summersett captured the high jump (5' 10") and 400-meter dash (53.27) and Lukas Varney showed the way in the distance runs, claiming both the 800-meter (2:06) and 1600-meter (4:44) to pace the winners.

The 3 Red Hawk seniors also had a hand in the team's 3 relay wins. Varney teamed with Ty Burk, Dewey Mabe and Alex Varney to record a time of 8:55 in the 3200-meter relay, Babich was joined by Luke Newton, Tyler Tomlinson and Cody Nye to top

the 800-meter relay in 1:38, while Summersett, Babich, and both Varney brothers recorded a winning time of 3:40 to the 3200-meter relay.

Completing the list of winners for Cass City on the day was Mabe, who added the 3200-meter run toga with a time of 10:32.

LADY RED HAWKS

In the ladies' competition, host Ubly

finished with 102 points, Unionville-Sebewaing 72 points, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port 56, Cass City, 53, and Deckerville, 47.

The Lady Red Hawks finished in the top spot in 2 events, led by hurdler Jennica Richards' individual win in the 100-meter hurdles (16.68).

Cass City also captured the 3200-meter in 11:08. Exchanging the baton were Potts, Prieskorn, Richards and Brittany Loomis.

Hallwood shines at jamboree

Much is expected from senior Matt Hallwood this season and so far the Red Hawk standout golfer has delivered.

Hallwood shared medalist honors with his 40 Friday at the Bay County Golf Course helping the Red Hawks claim the Greater Thumb West jamboree with 171 points. Rounding out the standings were Vassar, 181, Elk-

ton-Pigeon-Bay Port, 182, Bad Axe, 191, Bay City All Saints, 197, and Unionville-Sebewaing, 223.

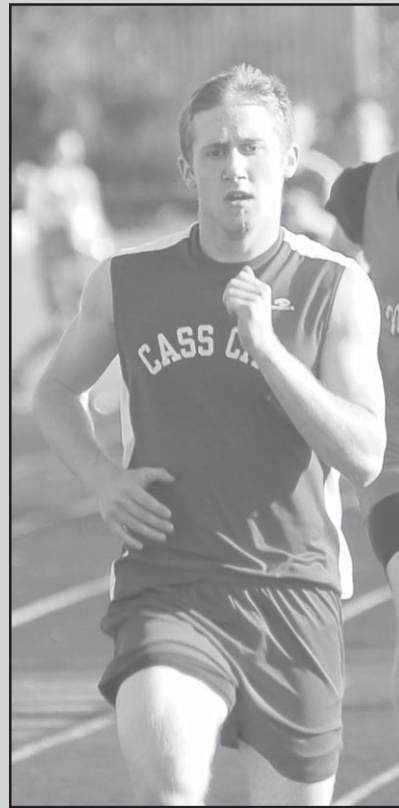
SEASON OPENER

The Red Hawks opened the season on a positive note Thursday downing Ubly 172-189 at Rolling Hills Golf Course.

Hallwood posted a 3-over par 38 to record medalist honors, while Aaron Bader carded a 43, Brandon Weaver, 45, and Paul Rubey, 46.

"There were many promising scores shot by the JV golfers as well and I have high hopes for the next several years of Cass City golf," Zdrojewski said.

Schneeberger's ATHLETES of the WEEK



This week's Schneeberger's Athletes of the Week honor is shared by Cass City track stars Lukas Varney and Jennica Richards.

The senior Red Hawks put on quite a show Friday at the 6-school Brown City Invitational.

Varney won both the 1600-meter and 800-meter runs in record breaking times. He established the meet's new 800-meter standard with a time of 2:01 and did the same with his winning time of 4:28 in the 1600-meter run. Varney also ran legs on the Red Hawks' winning 3200-meter and 1600-meter relay teams.

As usual, Richards proved to be one of the best Thumb hurdlers, taking the 100-meter hurdles in 16.72 and the 300-meter hurdles in 50.43.

RUNNING TO victories at the Brown City Invite are Lukas Varney and Jennica Richards.

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On Mondays and Fridays the all-day rate is only \$12, while other days and holidays the rate is only \$16. Carts for

9-holes are \$7/person and \$11/per person all-day.

Marlette Golf Club's 2007 slope rating of 120/121, as measured by the Golf Association of Michigan, ranks the course as above average for difficulty. The course's overall condition and, specifically the greens, were major factors cited by the U.S.G.A. for the increased rating.

The par 36 course has league openings for men, women and couples. They also offer a Young Golfer's Program featuring low cost group lessons.

Their Mentor Program, another unique feature to Marlette, is designed to help adult "mentors" teach youngsters how to golf for as low as \$1.

"We introduced the Mentor Program in 2008 and had a number of parents and grandparents take children with them onto the course and golf for \$1," said Bill Kmet, owner and Marlette High School golf coach. "The mentor is required to teach basic golf and cart etiquette and be mindful of slow play," he added.

"My husband is always willing to give out a few pointers," said Sandy Kmet. "It's not unusual for him to see someone struggling and hop off his tractor while cutting grass to help them out. We believe that children should learn to golf at an early age and our Young Golfer's Program and Mentor Program do just that."

The course has a driving range and is an excellent facility for fundraisers. The Coach House Tavern complements the course by offering patrons a great place to relax. The tavern offers good food choices and friendly

service. They have Keno and Pull Tabs, and feature Karaoke and DJ Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights starting at 8 p.m.

The Coach House will feature an expanded menu starting in Mid-April 2009, and be open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday. A smaller tavern menu is always available for the other times.

Banquet facilities and catering are available for any event such as business luncheons/mixers, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, reunions, etc.

For more information, or to arrange an outing, contact the golf course at (989) 635-3009 or the tavern at (989) 635-3478.

Rolling Hills Golf Course

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Several of the course's most popular activities are set for another year. Topping the list is the 10th annual Kally Maharg Memorial Tournament. Over the years, \$95,000 has been raised. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, July 18. All proceeds are used to benefit the community, including the Cass City Boosters Club, local student scholarships, and the yearly 8th grade Washington, D.C. trip.

Additional tournaments planned for over the summer include the annual Gavel Club Tournament, May 9, the Little League Tournament, May 16, the Firemen's Tournament, May 30, and the July Fourth Tournament, July 2.

Also back this season is the popular 2-for-1 golf special every Friday. It's the perfect opportunity for family and friends to gather and split the cost of green fees.

The clubhouse offers a wide variety of dining choices from its restaurant & sports lounge. Offering splendid views with an ideal location, it is the ideal meeting spot for business, family and group outings. The clubhouse can also be rented for banquets, class reunions and similar activities.

Several leagues are now forming. For the ladies, there is a Tuesday morning league at 9 a.m., a Tuesday afternoon league at 4:30 p.m., and a Tuesday night Ladies Fun League starts at 6 p.m. The league follows tra-

ditional scramble format rules and all are welcome to join.

Starting June 4, a new Couple's League is scheduled to start on Thursday afternoons. Those interested should sign up at the golf course.

For more information, or to set up a tee time, call (989) 872-3569.

Scenic Golf & Country Club

For many years Scenic has been part of the social and sports scene of the area.

The organization of a local golf club was the idea of several Pigeon area men, including Floyd Richmond, Ernest Clabuesch, Harry Leslie and Fr. A.P. Hafner. When their plans were made known, they were joined by interested persons from Sebewaing, Elkton, Caseville, Sand Point and Bay Port. Support came from the entire western half of Huron County to form the Corporation, which held its first meeting in November of 1945.

The original 9-hole course was fashioned from 80 acres of pastureland, much of it heavily wooded. This was opened for play May 15, 1948.

Additional land was purchased and in the early 70s another 9 holes were added, making Scenic a truly outstanding golf course.

In 1997 Ron Farris, golf course architect, was contracted to redesign the golf course, with the work being done by Tim Furness.

PGA Professional Michael Guza is employed to give instructions to both beginners and veterans of the game. He runs a well-stocked pro shop, providing clothing, golf balls, club repair and many additional items. Rental equipment is also available. The golf course is open for play from mid April through late October. If weather permits, these dates could be extended.

Scenic Golf and Country Club features a beautiful clubhouse, which was remodeled in 1997 and has been an important part of the social life of the area since its opening in 1949.

The clubhouse provides a feeling of relaxation and friendliness, putting one at ease to enjoy the natural surroundings. Fine food and drink are topics of conversation anywhere because they speak a universal language. At Scenic Golf and Country they are a reality. Clubs, businesses and social groups gather here to make use of the first class banquet room. The dining room is open from mid-April through mid-October.

Scenic Golf and Country Club presents an opportunity for members, guests and the general public to enjoy the benefits of a healthy, relaxing

sport along with a fine dining experience.

The club is located on Filion Road, between N. Caseville Road and M-25. For golf outings, tee times and party reservations, call PGA Professional Michael Guza at (989) 453-3350.

Ubyly Heights Golf & Country Club

Ubyly Heights Golf and Country Club is looking forward to the 2009 golf season. The course is now open and welcoming golfers.

"Ubyly Heights had a successful season last year and we're looking forward to continued growth," said Brian Natzel, PGA Head Professional. "We have a full schedule of events for the 2009 season and encourage local golfers to take part."

A calendar of events is available online at www.ublyheights.com, as well as an option to join Ubyly Heights' mailing list to receive periodic emails regarding exciting promotions, specials and tips from the pro. Visitors can also submit questions and comments or offer feedback regarding their experiences or opinions of the facility, its operation, and customer service.

"We really want to know more about our customers in order to give them better service and provide them with opportunities to use our facilities in a way that best meets their needs," said Natzel.

In addition to expanding communication through technology, Ubyly Heights is now offering one of the best deals around for membership, the Buddy Membership Package. New

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I have been a resident of the Ubly School District my entire life. I owe a lot to this area, this community, and this school in terms of where I am today. I believe everyone should play an active role in their community.

Some people may remember that I ran for County Commissioner last fall. For the same reasons I ran then I am running now. I plan to spend my life in this community that I grew up in and I would like to have a say and help out where I can.

This is the best part of me running for school board. I have no special agendas or pet projects going in. I am completely objective on any and all matters handled by the board. I have no children in school and no ulterior reason to do this job. My only reason for being on this board would be to better the school system that gave so much to me in any way that I can.

My name is Michelle White and I am 44 years old. I have lived in the Ubly School district for 42 years. My husband, Alan, and I have been married for 20 years and have 5 children attending Ubly Community Schools: Lyndsay (senior), Jennifer (junior), Bryan (freshman), Kari (seventh grade) and Janelle (third grade). I am self-employed, sewing Lucky's hunting blinds from home.

Having children at different levels of education in the Ubly School makes me a good candidate for the board. I see the areas that need improvement from books to buildings. I have worked in a factory and in retail and know what hard work is and how to get along with people to get a job done. I have volunteered at the school for many different activities. I was also part of the strategic planning committee and help start the current PTO.

Our greatest challenges of being a school board member will be getting through this economic time. We will have to budget our money wisely as not to take away from our children's education. There are some problems I see with not having enough books or out of date books that I want to address. My feeling is, how can one succeed if you don't have the proper tools to achieve?



Michelle White

Caregiver Quick Tips series slated in May

Are you providing care for a loved one? Caregiving is tough work, but it can be so much easier if you are armed with all the right information.

The Human Development Commission (HDC), in cooperation with Hills and Dales Hospital in Cass City, is hosting a series of educational sessions for caregivers entitled "Caregiver Quick Tips." The series will run every Tuesday evening in May beginning at 6 p.m. and will be held at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro.

The scheduled sessions include:

- Tuesday, May 5 - "Alzheimer's, Dementia, and Parkinson's - The Facts vs. the Myths"
 - Tuesday, May 12 - "Caregiving 101 - "Everything You Wanted to Know About Caregiving but Were Afraid to Ask" Develop a plan and know the resources.
 - Tuesday, May 19 - "The Anti-Aging Diet" Antioxidants, anti-inflammatory, and aerobics - What are they and do they really work?
 - May 26 - "Drug Savvy" Taking medications wisely, avoiding the pitfalls.
- All sessions are free of charge, but registration is required. Contact HDC for more information and reservations at (989) 673-4121.

Boys "scouting for food"

The Cass City Cub Scouts and the Cass City Boy Scout troop recently went door to door hanging out yellow bags on Cass City doorknobs, for the annual "Scouting for Food" campaign.

The scouts will hit the streets again Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m., to pick up the bags with the donations. This can include non-perishable food items, dry mixes, diapers, detergents, toiletries and hygiene items. Residents are asked to leave the bags on

the doorknobs or in clear view so they are not missed.

The items will be donated to local food pantries. If you did not get a yellow bag and would like to donate, contact the Lake Huron Area Boy Scouts of America at (989) 662-4464 or (989) 695-5593 and leave a message. If you would like to make a financial contribution to the scouting program, you can also call or go on line to www.give2bsa.org.



KINGSTON SENIORS were dressed to the "nines" and very excited about their recent opportunities on Senior Interview Day. In all, 19 employers/professionals donated their afternoon to help the students understand the importance of job interviews. Teachers Amy Kotsch and Shelley Terbush prepared the students for the "real life" interview situation, and interviews were assigned based on the students' interests, with each student bringing a comprehensive portfolio focusing on their accomplishments. Above, Jake German (left) interviews with Special Lt. Gary Megge of the Michigan State Police.



KINGSTON High School student Ryan Loney (right) interviews with Ryle Kiser, who represented careers in education.

Darr enjoying relief

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said.

"My life was turned upside down without any warning. I had to go off on a medical leave. I had to learn to maneuver a wheelchair. I couldn't stand in the shower, so we had to purchase a shower chair. I had to stop cooking because I couldn't stand and I couldn't get up to play with my 7-year-old son," continued Darr, who along with husband, Greg, has 3 other children.

"My hardest challenge was trying to open doors and going to the grocery store. I didn't realize how hard it was being in a wheelchair until I had to be in one. I want to thank everyone that opened a door for me or helped me in a store."

FINDING HELP

Darr turned to the Internet for help, searching for a physician that specializes in treatment of RSDS.

"I met this specialist in Cleveland," she said. He told me that my RSDS is attacking my leg muscles, causing me extreme pain in my legs. "(He) told me that since I have tried everything and nothing has worked, that the next step would be a spinal cord stimulator (SCS). He told me that patients can receive 50 to 70 percent reduction in pain...and most patients can reduce their pain medicines or even eliminate them."

The SCS has been in use for more than 30 years and has helped thousands of people find pain relief, according to Darr, who said the procedure is reversible and has proved effective for a number of disorders.

"The system electrically stimulates the spinal cord to alter the perception of pain signals that move along the nerve pathways on either side of the spine," she explained.

Before receiving a SCS surgically, patients have the opportunity to test the therapy to decide if it will work for them.

"The SCS trial unit is inserted in your spinal cord for about 7 days. The battery pack is not implanted in your back during the trial unit," she said. "They tape the battery pack to your back (and give you) a remote control to control your stimulation.

"After 7 days the SCS trial unit was removed from my spinal cord. I was surprised when the doctor told me he was going to remove it in his office. It only took a few minutes," Darr continued. "As soon as he removed the SCS, I was back in the wheelchair with chronic pain."

LESS PAIN

Darr, who estimates the treatment has reduced her pain by 50 percent, was then scheduled for SCS implant surgery, which involves making 2 incisions - one along the spinal cord to suture the leads in place and the other to insert the battery pack.

"The greatest part of the stimulator is that I don't have to go to the doctor all the time. I can charge my battery on my own at my home. And, if I need my stimulations to be adjusted, I can call my representative for the SCS unit and they plug my unit into a computer (to) re-program me. There is 24-hour support if I have any questions," she said.

Darr has since been working to strengthen her legs by walking a little each day. "My doctor told me it will take time to get back strength in muscles that haven't been used much for a long time. I wear a neck brace to keep me from moving my neck, so that the leads can set in place," she said. "I plan on returning back to my position at Huron Medical Center after recovery."

Friday marked the first time in years that Darr was able to sit on her deck and take off her socks without unbearable discomfort.

"Coping with RSDS - a little breeze on my feet would cause me extreme pain," she said. "It is exciting that each day that goes by, I am getting stronger and doing things that I could not do before."

"Living in chronic pain is very difficult, so about 2 years ago I decided that I needed to see a pain psychologist," Darr noted. "She has helped me turn my life around. She taught me so many things on how to cope with RSDS," she said.

"I never gave up hope and my faith, that some day I (would) find relief. The SCS unit will help me enjoy sitting, walking, being with family and friends," Darr added.

"I feel like I was given a new life."

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The Human Development Commission (HDC) would like to help interested homebuyers understand and finance their home purchase.

HDC's Homebuyer Purchase/Rehab program (HPR) is helping individuals and families achieve the dream of safe, affordable homeownership. HPR assists with down payment and closing costs to make the home more affordable. HPR also assists with needed rehab measures to create a safe, healthy living environment. Some of the more common rehab measures include energy-related repairs or improvements (e.g., windows, insulation), preventive repairs to avoid major systems' failures (e.g., heating, electrical), and improvements necessary for persons with disabilities (e.g., ramps, entrances).

"HPR is a great option for first-time homebuyers and those that do not currently own a home," explained Cari Hunt, HDC community development specialist. "HPR is available to eligible homebuyers in seven target communities throughout HDC's service area, including the cities of Bad Axe, Crosswell, Imlay City, Marlette, Sandusky and Vassar plus the Village of Caro," Hunt continued.

HPR applications are reviewed on a first come, first served basis. Homebuyers must be able to contribute at least 1 percent of the purchase price toward the home purchase. Homebuyers must also have annual incomes between 40 percent and 80 percent of area median income, based on family size and county of residence.

For example, a family of 4 in Huron or Sanilac County would have an annual income between \$21,080 and \$42,150, while the same family of 4 in Tuscola County would have an annual income between \$21,920 and \$43,850.

Homebuyers will select the contractors for their needed rehab measures; however, all contractors must be approved by HDC, be licensed, and carry appropriate insurances. Homebuyers may occupy the home after all repairs and final inspections are completed. If you or someone you know is considering a home purchase this year, contact Cari Hunt at (989) 672-1791 to learn how HPR can help to achieve the dream of safe, affordable homeownership.

Soybean acres on the rise, corn down

Corn acres are expected to be down in Michigan this year, and soybean acres are expected to rise.

That's the consensus of the Michigan Field Office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service, based on a March survey, which is the first in a series of outlooks for the new crop year.

According to the survey, Michigan corn growers expect to plant 100,000 fewer acres this year compared to last, while soybean growers are expected to plant 50,000 more acres.

Bob Boehm, manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau Commodity and Marketing Department, isn't surprised by the initial findings. Based on current conditions such as weather and production costs, soybeans have a lot in their favor now relative to corn, he said.

First off, corn in Michigan is normally planted in mid- to late-April followed by soybeans. But given the cold, wet weather as of late, corn planting will likely get off to a late start this season. Given this, some farmers may opt to forgo corn and jump immediately into soybeans, said Boehm.

"So far we've had a cold, wet spring that followed a late, wet fall. That, coupled with high fall fertilizer prices, meant that a lot of people didn't apply their fall fertilizers, which gives them a smaller planting window and a lot of work to get done this spring," said Boehm.

It also costs less to grow soybeans versus corn, so it makes sense for soybean planting intentions to be up, said Boehm.

"Fertilizer prices are down from their highs, and crop prices are up a little, so weather and crop rotations may be the biggest determining factor in what people actually plant," he said.

Jim Hilker, an agriculture economist

with Michigan State University, agrees.

"Farmers think about relative returns between what they plant, and that is tempered by rotation needs," said Hilker. "This year, perhaps more than other years, cash flow and financial concerns may be a greater factor."

After waiting longer than usual for fertilizer prices to come down, farmers may want to lock in some prices soon, said Bruce Sutherland, Michigan Agricultural Commodities vice president.

"Growers are trying to lock in now, but not as far in advance as is typical," he said. "Right now they can still buy it, but the problem for the guys who are still shopping around, trying to cut 50 cents or a buck off per ton, is that they may be disappointed. There are still values to be had, but I wouldn't wait much longer."

Highlights from the March 31 planting intentions report follow and include additional commodities.

* Michigan farmers expect to plant 2.3 million acres of corn. Nationally, U.S. farmers intend to plant 85 million acres of corn this year, down a little more than 1 percent from 2008.

* Michigan farmers intend to plant 1.95 million acres of soybeans. U.S. soybean producers intend to plant 76 million acres in 2009, up slightly from last year. If realized, the U.S. planted area would be the largest on record.

* Sugar beet producers in Michigan expect to plant 138,000 acres, up 1 percent from last year.

* The state's dry edible bean planting is estimated at 210,000 acres, up 5 percent from 2008.

* Barley acres in Michigan are expected to total 11,000, down 1,000 acres from last year.

* Michigan all hay harvested acres are expected to total 1.1 million acres, an increase of 80,000 acres from last year.

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

Lot 3 and North 1/2 of Lot 4 of Blackmore and Tubbs Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 7.

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

Lot 20 and the West 1/2 of Lot 19, Eno Subdivision, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Liber 2, Page 39, Tuscola County Records.

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

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Darren Hilborn and Kimberly Hilborn, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to America's Moneyline, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 22, 2005 and recorded on September 2, 2005 in Liber 1052 on Page 1233 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Indenture Trustee for Saxon Asset Securities Trust 2005-3 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Four and 53/100 Dollars (\$129,904.53), including interest at 7.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 30, 2009.

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

Lot 22 and 23, Block 5 of Montague and Wilmot's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the Plat recorded in liber 1 of plats, page 17, now being page 18A of Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: April 1, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC R (248) 593-1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #255097F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Christopher A. Graves, an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to New Century Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 24, 2005 and recorded on March 1, 2005 in Liber 1029 on Page 4, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company on behalf of the Certificate Holders GSAMP Trust 2005-HE3, Mortgage pass through certificates, series 2005-HE3 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 Seventy-Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Nine and 45/100 Dollars (\$174,629.45), including interest at 9.4% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 30, 2009.

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

Beginning at the Southwest corner of West 1/2 of East 1/2 of Southwest Fractional 1/4 of Section 7, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, running thence North 1244.5 feet; thence East 175 feet; thence South 1244.5 feet to the South line of Section 7; thence West 175 feet to the place of beginning, except: part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of Section 7, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point that is South 88 degrees 13 minutes 66 seconds West 1162.58 feet along the South Section line and North 0 degrees 0 minutes 26 seconds West 580.53 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 7; thence South 88 degrees 9 minutes 34 seconds West 50.00 feet; thence North 0 degrees 0 minutes 26 seconds West 300.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 9 minutes 34 seconds East 50.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 0 minutes 26 seconds East 300.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: April 1, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC X (248) 593-1302
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #066841F03

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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 Linda Bernice Fick, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor, to Cendant Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 12, 2004 and recorded on October 11, 2004 in Liber 1011 on Page 1224, and modified by Affidavit or Order executed on March 27, 2009 and received by and recorded, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Citimortgage, Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine and 32/100 Dollars (\$88,999.32), including interest at 6.3% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 30, 2009.

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

Commencing at a point that is South 89 degrees 53 minutes 44 seconds West 33.80 feet and North 89 degrees 55 minutes 58 seconds West 276.35 feet from the Northeast corner of Section; thence continuing North 89 degrees 55 minutes 58 seconds West 244.81 feet; thence South 0 degrees 20 minutes 01 seconds West 803.70 feet; thence North 89 degrees 15 minutes 30 seconds East 339.43 feet; thence North 01 degrees 53 minutes 29 seconds East 630.41 feet; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 46 seconds West 110.89 feet; thence North 00 degrees 03 minutes 30 seconds East 168.77 feet to point of beginning.

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

Dated: April 1, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC C (248) 593-1301
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Attorneys for Servicer
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #254894F01

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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 James A. Wiley and Regina Y. Harris, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 28, 2006 and recorded on September 5, 2006 in Liber 1093 on Page 1038 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Three and 03/100 Dollars (\$60,763.03), 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 April 30, 2009.

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

Lots 71 and 72 of Shay Lake Resorts Subdivision No. 2 as recorded in Liber 4, Page 4 of Plats, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: April 1, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael D. Blossom and Sandra L. Blossom, husband and wife, to JP-Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., successor in interest from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as Receiver for Washington Mutual Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 20, 2004 and recorded January 2, 2005 in Liber 1024, Page 720, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Five and 49/100 Dollars (\$65,735.49), including interest at 5.778% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 30, 2009.

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

Lots 5, 6 and the West 1/2 of Lot 7, Block 9, Huston's Addition to the Village (now City) of Vassar, as recorded in Liber 1, Page 52 of Plats, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

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: April 1, 2009

Orlans Associates, P.C.
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P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400
File No. 362.5637
ASAP #3044633

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AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Gerald E. Martindale and Betty L. Martindale, husband and wife of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagee to The Huntington National Bank dated the 5th day of December, A.D. 1998, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 2nd day of February, A.D. 1999, Liber 761, Page 1393 of Tuscola Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$89,797.21 (eighty-nine thousand seven hundred ninety-seven and 21/100), plus accrued interest at 3.25% (three point two five) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of April, A.D., 2009, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Watertown, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Township of Watertown, County of Tuscola, Michigan:

Lot 10, West 1/2 of Lot 1, Block 17, VILLAGE OF POSTORIA, Section 25, Town 10 North, Range 9 East. Commonly known as: 9205 Foster Street PPN: 021-500-117-1000-00.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948C1 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 1, 2009

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938)
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Troy, MI 48064
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ASAP #3040202

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John Clouse and Carrie E. Clouse, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 15, 2008 and recorded on March 11, 2008 in instrument 200800905419, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Four and 72/100 Dollars (\$133,224.72), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on May 7, 2009.

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

Lot 1, Block 2 of Hamilton's Addition to the Village of Mayville, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 34, now being page 35A.

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: April 8, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC J (248) 593-1311
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File #256079F01

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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 W. Langworthy and Linda L. Langworthy, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Wolverine Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated April 17, 1998 and recorded on April 30, 1998 in Liber 736 on Page 1263, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Nationsbank Mortgage Corporation as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand Seventy and 39/100 Dollars (\$79,070.39), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on May 7, 2009.

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

The South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 20, Town 10 North, Range 7 East.

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

Dated: April 8, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC G (248) 593-1310
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File #256297F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Conrad Schmidt, a married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 12, 2004 and recorded January 20, 2004 in Liber 974, Page 1271, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance, LLC, by assignment. There is

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Penny Bastian, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 25, 2003 and recorded on August 1, 2003 in Liber 946 on Page 1384, and is signed by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation as Assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen and 33/100 Dollars (\$51,318.33), including interest at 5.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on May 21, 2009.

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

Part of the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 32, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 7, Block 2 of the Plat of the Village of Newberry (now Kingston), according to the Plat recorded in Liber 24, Page 304; running thence North 4 rods; thence West 8 rods; thence South 4 rods; thence East 8 rods to the place of beginning.

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

Dated: April 22, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #257987F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nicole M. Germain, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 23, 2007 and recorded March 2, 2007 in Liber 1181, Page 427, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by CitiMortgage, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty and 56/100 Dollars (\$123,860.56), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 30, 2009.

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

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

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 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: April 1, 2009

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File No. 241-6729
ASAP #3044853

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Daniel N. Kilmer and Lori R. Kilmer, Husband and Wife, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 10, 2005 and recorded April 11, 2005 in Liber 1034, Page 551, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2005-OPT3, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred

Forty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Dollars and Thirty-One Cents (\$149,990.31), including interest 8.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on April 30, 2009.

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

Lot(s) 8 and 9, Carol Acres, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 33. Commonly known as 4854 Barnes Rd., 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, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: MARCH 30, 2009

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2005-OPT3, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd., Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 09-07917

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Timm E. Ames and Kelly Ames, FKA Kelly Papenfuss, Husband and Wife, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 11, 2004 and recorded December 13, 2004 in Liber 1020, Page 619, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2005-OPT1, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, by assignment dated April 11, 2006 and recorded April 28, 2006 in Liber 1079, Page 541, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Six Dollars and Seventy-One Cents (\$94,806.71), including interest 9.625% 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, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on April 30, 2009.

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

Part of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 22, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, described as beginning at a point on the West line of said section 22 that is South 475.00 feet from the Northwest Corner of said Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter (West quarter corner); thence East 250 feet; thence South 200 feet; thence West 250.0 feet; thence along said West section line North 200 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 9315 Barkley Rd., 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, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: MARCH 30, 2009

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2005-OPT1, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd., Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 09-07853

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made by Martin N. Miller and Amanda D. Miller, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee Oak Street Mortgage LLC, Mortgagee, dated November 6, 2006 and recorded December 1, 2006 in Liber 1104, Page 385, and re-recorded on February 2, 2009 in Liber 1166, Page 659, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee under NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2007-2, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars and Forty-Nine Cents (\$19,862.49), including interest 8.625% 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 circuit court within Tuscola County at 10:00AM on April 30, 2009.

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

Commencing at a point 9 rods South and 11 rods East of the Northwest corner of the Southwest one quarter of Section one quarter of Section 33, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, thence 10 one third rods East thence 6 rods South thence 10 one third rods West, thence 6 rods North to the point of beginning except a piece of land commencing at a point 9 rods South and 11 rods East of the Northwest corner of the Southwest one quarter of the Southwest one quarter of Section 33, thence 10 one third rods East; thence 3 rods South thence 10 one third rods West; thence 3 rods North to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 3382 Pine St., Kingston, MI 48741.

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

Dated: MARCH 26, 2009

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee under NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2007-2, Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd., Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 09-07841

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by ROXANN L. COLBURN, A MARRIED WOMAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 2, 2007, and recorded on January 11, 2007, in Liber 1108, on Page 149, and assigned by said mortgagee to US BANK, NA, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Eight Thousand Eighty-Four Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents (\$98,084.74), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on April 30, 2009.

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

COMMENCING 30 RODS EAST AND 20 RODS SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST; THENCE SOUTH 4 RODS; THENCE EAST 8 RODS; THENCE SOUTH 4 RODS; THENCE EAST TO THE LINE OF THE MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD; THENCE NORTH-WESTERLY ALONG THE LINE OF SAID RAILROAD A DISTANCE OF 8 RODS; THENCE WEST TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

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.

Dated: March 30, 2009

US BANK, NA
Mortgagee/Assignee
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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 Joshua W. Cunningham, a single man, original mortgagor, to Draper and Kramer Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated February 24, 2006 and recorded on March 8, 2006 in Liber 1073 on Page 764 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Five and 52/100 Dollars (\$103,885.52), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on May 21, 2009.

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

Part of the fractional Northwest 1/4 of Section 4 and part of the fractional Northeast 1/4 of Section 5, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point which is East 478.91 feet along the East-West 1/4 line of Section 4 to the intersection of said East-West 1/4 line with the centerline of Ellis Road and North 33 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 125.00 feet; thence at right angles to said centerline North 57 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 435.50 feet, thence parallel with said

centerline South 33 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 125.00 feet; thence at right angles to said centerline South 57 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 435.50 feet to the place of beginning.

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

Dated: April 22, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sandra M. Winnie, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 20, 2007 and recorded on May 7, 2007 in Liber 1118 on Page 1065 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Forty-Seven and 99/100 Dollars (\$93,047.99), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 30, 2009.

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

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 26, Town 14 North, Range 7 East; thence North along the West line of said Section 26, 775.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 05 minutes 40 seconds East, 198.0 feet; thence North parallel with the West Section line, 323.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 05 minutes 40 seconds West, 198.0 feet thence South along the West Section line, 323.0 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: April 1, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Michael W. Daenzer and Julie A. Daenzer, Husband and Wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Quicken Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 17, 2005 and recorded May 9, 2006 in Liber 1080, Page 1067, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to TCIF LLC, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One

Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Seventy-Seven Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$128,077.45), including interest 7.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on May 21, 2009.

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

Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 15, Of the Village of Reese, according to the Plat of Village of Reese, as recorded in Liber 29 on Page 188 of Plats. Commonly known as 9631 Saginaw Street, Reese MI 48757.

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

Dated: APRIL 17, 2009

TCIF LLC
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd., Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 09-08498

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Lisa Kirby, a single woman, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated April 23, 2004 and recorded June 10, 2004 in Liber 996, Page 274, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee in trust for the benefit of the Certificate holders for Ameriquest Mortgage Securities Trust 2004-R5, Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-R5 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars and Twenty-Nine Cents (\$83,663.29), including interest 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, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on May 21, 2009.

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

Beginning at the Southwest Corner of Section 9, Thence North 1490 feet, East 250 feet, North 350 feet, West 250 feet South 350 feet to the point of Beginning. Containing 2 acres more or less all in Section 9, Ellington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan. Commonly known as 3162 Jacob Rd., Caro MI 48723.

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

Dated: APRIL 20, 2009

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support the Thumb Area Big Brothers-Big Sisters, then they took on a host of other activities to support the community."

Those activities have included providing personal items for servicemen and victims of hurricanes and other disasters, food and gifts for families during the holidays, and clothing and supplies for a host of others throughout the year.

The other 2009 Group award nominees were the Trinity Lutheran School Student Council, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Exchange Club of Caro, Millington/Arbela Township Fire Department, Kiwanis Club of Caro, Fairgrove United Methodist Church, and organizers of the Caro 150 Winter Festival and Professional Snowmobile Race.

About 125 people attended Thursday's Celebrating Tuscola's Stars program, which was sponsored by Tuscola 2011, the Tuscola County Community Foundation, the Tuscola County Human Services Coordinating Council and Chemical Bank.



CONNIE BRINK (pictured above, right, with Tuscola Stars Committee Co-chairman Susan Walker) was also nominated for the Stars Individual Award for her volunteer activities as a foster grandparent at Cass City Middle School.

Obituaries

Edna Simcox

Edna Lula Simcox, 91, of Decker, died Saturday, April 18, 2009 at Covenant-Healthcare, Harrison in Saginaw following a brief illness.

She was born Jan. 6, 1918 in Sullivan County, Tenn., the daughter of Henry and Laura (Elsea) Tallman.

She married Irby A. Simcox, Jan. 2, 1936 in Johnson City, Tenn. He died Jan. 2, 1983.

Edna attended the Cass City Church of Christ. She enjoyed gardening, reading, canning and exercising. Edna also enjoyed going on senior citizen trips. She was past co-president of the Cass City Senior Group.

Edna is survived by her children: Curtis (Agnes) Simcox of Huntington Beach, Calif., Kermit (Janie) Simcox of Sterling Heights and Carrie (David) Mitchell of Roseville; grandchildren: Kathy (Tim) Hamilton, Carrie (Joe) Benoit, Curtis Simcox, Christopher Simcox, Clinton Simcox, Kelly (Neal) Wozniak, Brian (Cassie) Simcox, Kimberly (Ted) Piotrowski, Kristine (Edward) Downey and Jason Mitchell; 19 great-grandchildren; 4 great great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by 3 brothers: Roy, Ed and Willard Tallman; and a sister, Ruth Starnes.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., today (Wednesday), at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Lyle Clarke of Cass City Church of Christ officiating.

Interment will be in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Cass City Church of Christ.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.



CASS CITY High School Principal Chad Daniels nominated custodians **Dan Manwell** (left, with Susan Walker) and **Mark Stover** for the Stars Above and Beyond Award based on the countless hours they have donated to implementing a forensic program at Cass City High School, as well as their efforts in developing visual aides for students, helping with the after-prom party and creating a greenhouse to benefit the school and students.



CASS CITY Middle School Principal Jeff Hartel nominated **Shirley Giacopelli**, also known as "Aunt Shirley", for the Stars Above and Beyond Award. Giacopelli has been active in the local school district for the past 9 years, organizing and distributing accelerated reading prizes to promote reading skills, assisting teachers with classroom preparation, and a host of other activities.



CASS CITY'S Amy Cuthrell (right) was nominated for the 2009 Stars Individual Award for her numerous activities in the community, including her work with the Safe Routes to Schools and Imagination Library projects.