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He was a friend, a father



John Haire

by **Clarke Haire**
Publisher

Thursday my best friend died. He was 87-years-old. He was my dad.

Surprisingly on that day, maybe more than any before it, I realized at age 49 that I'm one of the most blessed people in our community...certainly more fortunate than good friends Paul Brown and Steve Ballard, who both lost their dads many years ago. Much luckier then my fellow classmate Dean Alexander who lost his younger brother Faron in a freak motorcycle accident last year.

And when I allow myself to wallow in self-pity, I just turn my thoughts to Don Doerr. He lost his dad at age 15; his mother after battling the effects of an aneurysm for 3 tough years; his younger brother Joey, taken at age 16, and has an older brother handicapped after a mishap on the family hunting grounds.

For the record, John Haire fell last Tuesday while enjoying one his favorite activities - walking - and suffered a head injury that eventually lead to his passing.

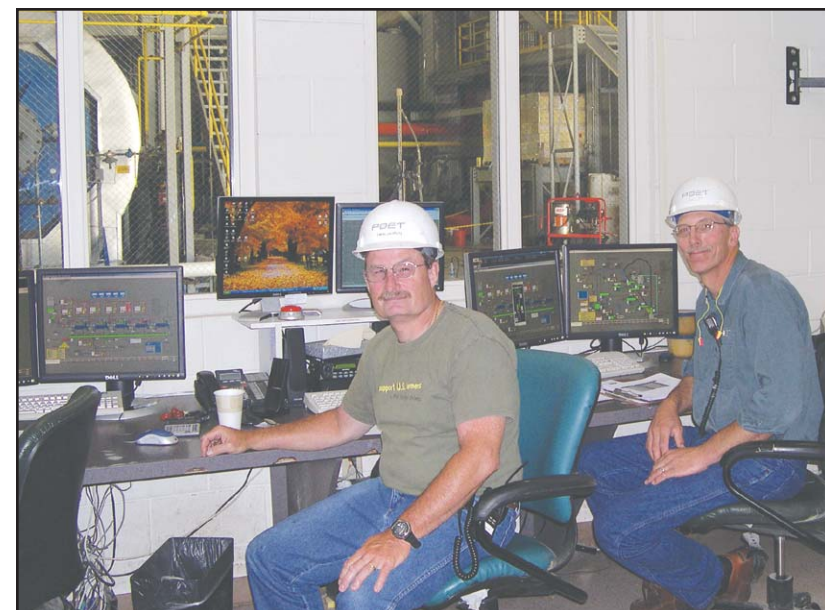
Anyone acquainted with my father knew he loved to keep active, continuing to go in to work on a regular basis, traveling, dining out, engaging in lively conversation, but mostly he loved spending time with his family.

However, there's much you may not have known about the man that was a third generation journalist. His grandfather was the publisher of the Boyne Citizen, his dad and later his mother were publishers of the Pinconning Journal before he became the youngest publisher in the Thumb at age 29, when he purchased the Cass City Chronicle with the financial help of a silent partner, Ernie LaPorte.

At age 9 he started to smoke and eventually worked his way up to a 2-pack a day habit until he turned 41, when the surgeon general revealed that smoking was hazardous to your health. He quit the same day and never smoked again. It was a typical example of his will power and determination.

When my dad was the same age as my 11-year-old son Parker, his own father died. It couldn't have been easy for him to accept, as he was swimming with my grandfather when he suffered a heart attack and drowned in Lake Charlevoix. Compounding that tragedy, it was John who had to pull his own dad to the shore.

Still, he went on to become a 4-year varsity basketball star for Pinconning High School, before marrying his high school sweetheart, my mother Dorothy (Miller) Please turn to back page.



OPERATING 24 HOURS A DAY, the POET Biorefining plant has 4 different shifts for its operators. Tim Klinesmith (left) and Phil List, operators, watch over and control the plant to make sure production is going smoothly. With over 16,000 different instruments to monitor each shift, the operators play a vital role in the ethanol creation process.

POET pushing for increased use of ethanol

by **Patricia Emenpour**
Staff Writer

Area farmers may have an opportunity to sell more corn to Tuscola County's POET Biorefining, as the company is taking the steps toward increasing their ethanol production.

POET Biorefining Caro General Manager David Gloer said he is asking for public support as Growth Energy is in the process of making a request for the Environmental Protection Agency to allow gasoline to be blended with a minimum of 15 percent ethanol (E15).

The Green Jobs Waiver was submitted to the EPA on March 6, 2009. Now there will be another 9 months before the EPA reviews all comments and comes to a decision as July 20 marked the end of the public comment period. Currently, according to the Renewable Fuel Standard, companies can only mix up to 10 percent ethanol with their gasoline.

However, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 signed into law by President George W. Bush ruled that each year, the ethanol percentage was to increase every year until 2022, where up to E36 would be allowed to be mixed in with gasoline nationwide.

With the 2 conflicting laws, POET Biorefining, the biggest ethanol producer in the world, has found itself at a standstill.

"The antiquated law is preventing the ethanol industry from increasing the amount of ethanol every year, despite the mandate signed by President Bush. Without the increase, we are stuck at a limit of nowhere to put the ethanol...we are basically stuck on a plateau," said Gloer.

He explained how POET Biorefining has asked car companies to increase the number of Flexible Fuel Vehicles (FFVs) they produce. FFVs are specially designed to run on gasoline or any blend of up to 85 percent ethanol.

"Even old non-flexible fueled vehicles can properly run with up to 30 percent ethanol," Gloer said. "If we had at least a 15 percent mix, we would have never seen the price at the pump reach \$4.00 a gallon last year."

He said increasing the ethanol mix decreases the cost of gasoline and is also more environmental friendly.

"Biorefining is the conversion of biomass, such as corn, grasses, wood chips, agricultural waste and other renewables into products including carbon-based fuel. Biorefining is beneficial because it reduces the dependence on fossil fuels and reduces greenhouse gases," he said.

According to Gloer, increasing the blend of ethanol will also allow the industry to grow and reduce foreign imported oil.

"Increasing the blend up to E15 would create 136,000 new jobs nationwide and inject \$24.4 billion into

the American economy annually," he said. "If we don't increase up to E15, that money would be used to for oil from foreign countries. All we are trying to do is shift the money into our own country...there is no reason not to cut the pipeline from the Middle East."

Aside from creating jobs and injecting billions into the economy, Gloer also explained the benefits E15 would have for local businesses and farmers. The plant in Caro is the only one in Michigan, but one of 26 plants in 7 states.

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Investigation continuing into torture of pet dog

by **Tom Montgomery**
Editor

Cass City police are continuing their investigation into an incident involving cruelty to a dog in a local neighborhood.

Police Chief Craig Haynes said the incident took place earlier this month and was reported by Elaine Howard of Cass City, who told officers that someone had hung an 8-month-old female American boxer in the backyard of a neighbor's residence at 4368 Seeger St.

The dog, valued at \$450, survived the torture, but its rear legs were paralyzed, according to Haynes, who said the rope had been placed in front of the dog's rear legs, and its front legs were not touching the ground. Its muzzle was wrapped with silver duct tape.

The animal was taken to All Pets Veterinary Clinic. Doctors there were not certain if the dog would survive. However, Haynes reported Friday that the dog has since made a remarkable recovery.

He identified the owner as Sarina Wheaton, Third Street, Cass City, who told police that her boyfriend and daughter had dropped her dog off at the home of another Cass City resident, Maurice Welton, Seeger Street, Cass City. She explained that Welton sometimes watches the dog for them.

Welton was not home when the dog was dropped off, but the animal was hooked to a cable/pulley run, reports state.

Haynes said his department is continuing to actively investigate the incident. Anyone with information related to those responsible is asked to contact the Cass City Police Department at 872-2911.

Koehler, DeLong gear up for the fair

by **Patricia Emenpour**
Staff Writer

Most 12 year olds spend their time glued to the television or playing super hero games, but not Jared Koehler.

Instead, he is gearing up for this year's 128th Annual Tuscola County Fair 4-H Market Livestock Show where he hopes to win Grand Champion again.

Koehler, son of Jason and Melissa Koehler, and other area children will show their animals on Wednesday, July 29 and sell on Thursday, July 30.

Last year, Koehler, a member of Kingston's 5 Star Livestock Club, won first place for his 434-pound market feeder, purchased by his Aunt Roxanne Croft for \$2.75 per pound.

His market feeder named Trace, after the famous country star, Trace Adkins will make another appearance this year, but as a 1250-pound steer, as Koehler hopes to win first place again. He will also sell another market feeder at this year's fair, along

with his 10-year-old brother, Grant, who will sell a feeder and steer also.

"I got started in the 4-H Club 3 years ago when our neighbors talked us into it," Koehler said. "I like it because I get to work with the animals and hang out with my friends. Since school got out I haven't been able to see my

friends much, so we get to show our cattle and hang out."

According to Jason Koehler, his father, getting ready for the fair takes a lot of time and commitment. From grooming to feeding to bathing, taking care of the animal teaches his son responsibility, he said.

\$10 still covers a fun day at the T.C. Fair

Times are tough, but area residents can still take advantage of a fun-filled week close to home by planning to attend the 128th annual Tuscola County Fair, Sunday, July 26, through Saturday, Aug. 1.

Fair officials have considered an increase in the price of admission to keep up with climbing expenses in recent years, but opted instead to hold the line for another year.

"We needed the money, that's for

sure, but we thought we'd try to struggle through one more year," said Jerry Vandemark, fair board member. "People are hurting, and we don't want to add to their woes."

The admission price remains at \$10 a day, Tuesday through Saturday, which includes parking, grandstand events and rides. Youngsters who don't meet the ride height requirements will be admitted free.

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"When the calf is first born, it stays with its mother for the first month. But then we have to get it tagged, and then from there Jared has to bathe it daily, put it under a fan to help hair growth, and feed it," he explained. "Then they have to be broken in, so the animal gets used to you...you see, most kids buy their steers and feeders, but ours were born and raised on our farm."

Koehler will compete in the showmanship and homegrown classes.

Samantha DeLong, 13, also of Kingston's 5 Star Livestock Club, will show her approximately 1300-pound steer, which was purchased versus raising it from birth. However, she still puts countless hours of work into taking care of her steer, just as Koehler does, as she continues preparation for the fair.

According to DeLong, nurturing her steer, that she named Dude, includes daily walks, feeding and cleaning.

"I have to work with him a lot. I have to bathe him every day, rinse

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SAMANTHA DELONG, 13, of Kingston will show a 1300-pound steer and 2 sheep at this year's Tuscola County Fair 4-H Market Livestock Show. DeLong, daughter of Dennis and Melissa DeLong, has spent the last few months nurturing her steer in preparation for the show. She hopes to win this year with her steer that she named Dude. Last year, DeLong sold a 123-pound sheep to Bob and Mary Ann Hirn, of Cass City, for \$2.25 per pound. She is a member of the 5 Star Livestock 4-H Club in Kingston.



JARED KOEHLER, 12, of Kingston will show his home born and raised 1250-pound steer at this year's Tuscola County Fair 4-H Market Livestock Show. Koehler, son of Jason and Melissa Koehler, won Grand Champion last year for his market feeder, which he sold to his Aunt Roxanne Croft for \$2.75 per pound. This year, he will bring back last year's market feeder, now a full grown steer, in hopes of taking home the title of Grand Champion again. Koehler is a member of Kingston's 5 Star Livestock 4-H Club.

Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, July 23
AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 872-4816.
Music in the Park, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Rotary Park, Cass City.
Summer Reading Program Story Time, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.
Senior Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Friday, July 24
Al-anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 872-4042.
Last day to turn in Summer Reading Program reading logs!

Saturday, July 25
3rd Annual Gospel Jubilee, 10 a.m., Evergreen Park, 4731 N. Van Dyke Rd., Cass City. Free-will offering. For more information, contact Victoria Urban at (810) 404-5586.

Sunday, July 26
Gagetown AA meeting, 8-9 p.m., Gagetown fire hall. For more information, call (989) 665-2361.

Monday, July 27
Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
Tuscola County Right to Life monthly meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.
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.
Summer Reading Program Movie, "Beverly Hills Chihuahua," 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.



Dr. Brent and Krysta Goslin

Brent Goslin receives doctor of medicine degree

Michigan State University, College of Human Medicine, recently conferred upon Brent Goslin the degree of Doctor of Medicine (M.D.). The hooding and commencement ceremony took place May 16 at the Wharton Center, East Lansing.

Goslin is a 2001 graduate of Cass City High School, and a 2005 graduate of Aquinas College. He has accepted a residency position in surgery in the Grand Rapids area. Goslin and his wife, Krysta, reside in Grand Rapids, where she is also a medical student at MSU's College of Human Medicine.

Goslin is the son of Brad and Ann Goslin of Gagetown.

Hoyt named to dean's list

Senior Jessup W. Hoyt of Snover has been named to the dean's list at Northwood University, Midland.

To achieve dean's list recognition, a student must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale.

It's a girl!



Sadie Witt

Douglas and Magdeline Gray of Gagetown announce the birth of their granddaughter, Sadie Alyvia Witt.

Sadie is the daughter of Amy Jo Gray and Kenneth Wayne Witt of Flint. She was born May 4, 2009 at Hurley Medical Center in Flint. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Sadie was welcomed home by her step-brothers, Andrew, Ethan and Zachary Witt.

Her paternal grandparents are Patricia Witt and the late Walter "Wayne" Witt of Bay City. Great-grandmother is Helen Pyrek of Gagetown.

Sadie will be baptised Sunday, July 26 at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown.

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Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
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Mrs. Dan Franzel and daughters Sharon of Atlanta, Georgia, Mary Katherine of Mt. Pleasant, June Rutz of Sterling Heights and Allen Farrelly attended a birthday party for 80-year-old Jack Somerville at Troy on Saturday.

Allen Farrelly spent several days with June Rutz and family at Sterling Heights.

6 members of The Extended Homemakers Club met at Gilligan's in Cass City Thursday. The next meeting will be in August.

Those who visited Thelma Jackson last week were Mrs. Bob Deachin of Clarkston, Dennis Yaroch of Kinde, Mrs. Harold Ballagh of Cass City, Virginia Sweeney and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson.

Fifteen members of The Breakfast Club met at the Coffee Cup Plus. They will meet at the Big Boy next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka spent couple days in Houston, Texas with son Mark and family. While there, they attended the graduation of Ashley Particka and a party for her.

Thelma Jackson received word of the death of her cousin, Marian Walker McQueen. The funeral was Monday.

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Fashion won't change much in the future

What do you think we'll be wearing 20 years from now?

Susan B. Kaiser, in her book, "The Social Psychology of Clothing: Symbolic Appearances in Context" said clothing choices reflect the state of the economy.

In the times of past economic recession, she said, men's suits had less fabric and cheaper buttons and women dressed with less fluff and frill.

During the Great Depression, for example; Kaiser said women wore dresses with less material in duller colors.

Similarly, World War II shortages led to restrictions on the number of new clothes people bought and the amount of fabric that clothing manufacturers could use. Women working on war service adopted trousers as a practical necessity.

And when the economy did better, high fashion couture dresses were back in, along with pastels and other bright colors.

But what about now? During another economic "recession" and with the slump of the economy, will the fashion fads change? Does the economy even have an affect on fashion anymore?

In 20 years from now, will men wear dresses? Will flappers from the 1920s make a comeback? What do you think we'll be wearing 20 years from now?

Dawn Witchee, of Cass City, said she predicts fashions won't change too much.

"Everyone will probably wear what they do now and old styles will probably come back," she said.

Witchee said she has her own style and wouldn't mind what the future had in store for fashion, besides a few minor details...that is, that people were at least clothed.

"As long as people are covered, I don't care what they wear in 20 years from now," she joked. "Oh, what the boys are wearing now, with their underwear hanging out...that is something I would not like to see in the future."

Similarly, Dencee Smith, who lives in Caro, said she believes styles from the "olden days" will come back in the future.

"I just know that what we saw in the past we will see in the future," she said.

Misty Lalonde agreed with Smith and said she is sure the past fashions will come back, but she also said she predicts the styles will continue to change too.

"In 20 years from now, I think the style will be something bold and funky," she said. "Kind of like the '80s, which was my favorite. I loved the short skirts, leggings and fluffy hair."

Dawn Witchee

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Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Living in a small community has certain advantages, none more important than the people who live and work in Cass City.

Take Elaine Thies, for example. Last Tuesday morning she saw an older man being helped into an ambulance near the corner of Leach and Seventh streets. Unable to see his face, she rushed to the Chronicle office and asked me if my dad used walking sticks.

When I said he did, she told me that he had fallen.

Her thoughtfulness allowed me to get to the site and provide information to the emergency response team - medication that my dad was on, etc, - that could have saved his life.

Ruth Whittaker is another example. An RN at Hills and Dales Hospital, she helped prepare my dad to be air lifted to Saginaw's St. Mary's Hospital. A few days later she called the Chronicle, concerned about how he was doing. Police Chief Craig Haynes also took the time to stop in to the Chronicle to check on John's status after assisting at the scene of the accident.

Don't believe you would see that level of caring from many places other than Cass City.

St. Mary's Hospital officials said John's treatment prior to arriving there couldn't have been any better, lauding the decisions made by Hills and Dales Hospital ER Director, Dr. Scott Greib.

Cass Cityans should count their blessings that quality care is readily available.

Fritz exam pushed back

The preliminary exam for a former Owen-Gage softball coach charged with several counts of criminal sexual conduct has been rescheduled again.

The exam was to have been held Monday, but is now slated for Monday, Aug. 17, at 1:30 p.m. in Tuscola County District Court.

The charges stem from allegations that Cory Douglas Fritz, 26, of Sebewaing, had multiple sexual encounters with a 14-year-old Owen-Gage sophomore in 2005/2006.

Michigan State Police detectives are

investigating the sex crimes along with a possible missing infant allegedly fathered by the suspect with the victim. Prosecutors allege the victim buried the remains of the baby, but they and Fritz' attorney disagree on whether the child was born alive or not.

Fritz, 2001 Owen-Gage High School graduate, was arrested and arraigned on 20 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct, a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

He is currently free on a \$50,000 bond (10 percent cash).

Mosquito battle a war in Tuscola Co.

Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement is continuing its war against an exploding mosquito population, but officials say this year's battle is unlike any they have encountered before.

A big part of the problem, according to mosquito abatement Director Jenifer Robb, is that the county has received 200 percent more rainfall in 2009 compared to an average year, which has led to standing water in normally dry areas.

"Unfortunately, standing water provides ideal conditions for mosquito breeding to take place and results in many more mosquitoes, (and) because of excessive rainfall, creating an abundance of breeding grounds, the mosquito population is extremely high this year," Robb said.

"This may turn out to be the most difficult year to combat mosquitoes since the (abatement) program began in Tuscola County," she added. "It is simply impossible...to be as effective at combating the unusually large number of mosquitoes compared to a normal year. Saginaw, Bay and Midland mosquito abatement programs are reporting they are also having difficulties keeping up."

Robb said there are 2 basic types of mosquito treatment. The first is conducted during daylight hours and is known as larviciding, which targets mosquitoes in their immature stages while living in standing water.

"The second type of treatment is what most people associate with mosquito abatement, nighttime spraying," Robb explained. "This type of treatment is known as adulticide, (which is) conducted in the evening...because this time of day is most effective and efficient at getting the pesticide to the targeted adult mosquitoes. Beneficial insects, most notably the honey bees, have returned to the hive and are not present when adulticide control measures are applied and generally do not suffer the fatal effects of the spray."

"In response to the explosion of the mosquito population this year, the number of trucks on the road completing nighttime adulticide treatment has been increased substantially compared to recent years," Robb continued. "We are also extending the hours of the nighttime spray shift."

Robb noted that abatement technicians conduct a set number of yard treatments each evening and then treat from the roads with truck-mounted sprayers.

"Most townships have had this type of road treatment conducted 4 times so far this season, with more treatments planned," she said. "This type of treatment is the most effective and beneficial to the largest areas of the county and will continue to be the primary emphasis of the program."

Robb said her department has received thousands of requests for treatment, but officials can only complete so many each night.

"This type of treatment only kills the mosquitoes that are in the yard at the time of treatment. It does not continue to kill mosquitoes after the truck has left, or prevent them from coming in from neighboring properties."

The Haire Net

Rest in peace, John



Reporter's notebook Thanks, John, for the chance to share legacy

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

I interviewed for this job nearly 23 years ago, in the third or fourth day of what would become known as the Great Flood of 1986. After talking with John Haire for, perhaps, 15 minutes, I was hired.

A few days later I wrote the best story of my young career as a reporter. And the worst.

The story focused on a handful of individual farmers who were counting hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of losses due to the flood. John was impressed. So was I, until a nagging in my head made me realize I had attributed a few quotes to the wrong farmer. The paper was already at the printers when I went to John to admit my mistake.

To say the least, he wasn't happy, especially since the front page had to be transported back to Cass City, fixed, and then taken back to the printer. However, to my surprise, I still had a job the next day. John never mentioned it again, but I will never forget that mistake. Or John's foresight and understanding that I had learned a painful but important lesson on my own.

That's not to say John didn't get after me when he was unhappy with my work — believe me, he didn't mince words, especially back in those days. And, frankly, we came from vastly different "schools" of journalism — he was old school and I was new(er) school.

But John taught me many valuable lessons over the years.

I learned that being a reporter, or editor, or publisher isn't a popularity contest. What's important is that you do your best to be objective while doing your utmost to inform the community.

I learned that, in spite of our best efforts, we often fall short and need to own up to our foul-ups — in print.

I learned that letters to the editor critical of the paper — no matter how hostile, rude or infantile — should be welcomed, because they proved folks were reading the paper.

I learned that accuracy is a responsibility, not an option, and that carelessness can ruin a life in an instant. No retraction in the world is going to fix that.

I learned that having your work (the good, bad and the ugly) on public display every week can be a real pain, but that there's nothing more rewarding than nailing a good story before the competition.

I learned that we have a responsibility to publish a newspaper EVERY week, no matter what the weather, circumstances, etc.

I learned there's absolutely no excuse for not adapting to new technology, when you can, to better the newspaper.

That's been a big part of John's longevity as a newspaper publisher. Over the course of his tenure at the corner of Oak and Main, he saw printing methods evolve from hot lead type to digital page layout on computers. He learned to live with computers, although I always sensed he yearned for the years when his trusty manual typewriter was at his side.

As a reporter, longtime area residents will tell you that John was a force to be reckoned with, especially while attending meetings. Lord help the public body that even appeared to be conducting business in secret.

I've seen John go head-to-head with a host of angry readers over the years. He wasn't one to back down if he had handled a story the way he believed it should be handled. I didn't always agree with him, but I admired that. I also admired his integrity as an employer — there's a reason why John managed to keep employees on for 20, 30, 40 years or more.

Agree or disagree with his editorial policies or his approach to reporting the news, there's no arguing that John was a solid fixture on Main Street for many years, and that he put his heart and soul into this community's independent newspaper for more than 5 decades. That legacy — providing a local forum for local residents along with printing everything from the latest births, engagements and honor rolls to school board and village council meeting stories, court news and features — is still alive and well, in spite of offers by chains to buy him out over the years.

I believe John kept the paper not just as a source of income for his family, but also because he felt strongly about the role the Chronicle has played in Cass City since his arrival here from Pinconning. It's a mission we hope to continue to fulfill for many years to come. John would have expected nothing less from us.

Still, it's going to be difficult, not seeing John stroll down Oak Street every week on his way to the office to write his column or Rabbit Tracks, and catch up on what the daily papers out of Detroit were up to. Or to just chat about the latest news and how we should cover this story or that.

I'm going to miss listening to John and Charlie Carpenter trade barbs, stories of their gloryday antics and a laugh or 2 in the office, and John's occasional but very entertaining debates, in writing, with Bob Papovich over various issues of the day.

Thank-you, John, for the lessons in (old school) journalism, and thank-you for the opportunity to help carry on your legacy in Cass City.

Rest in peace.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

Now we have proof: Housework can be hazardous to one's health.

A sociologist's study suggests that women (and presumably men) who work at home are more prone to illness than those employed outside the home.

This research involved a random sample of 1497 women and showed the health of housewives deteriorated slightly over one year, while the health of women who work outside the home did not.

The study concluded it is better to be employed in a safe workplace than a risky one. They found much greater risk to women's health from home-making than from the average full-time job.

I can relate to that. I've been working at home for more than 20 years, and I don't see anything safe about it.

Nothing is more frightening than a load of dishwasher soap in the clothes washer or the image of your kids unhooking the smoke detectors every time you cook a roast.

The study doesn't say why men were excluded from this research. My guess is men were left out because they avoid sociologists better than women do.

Several theories have come forth to explain results from the homemaker study. One school of thought says housewives are under more stress and have less control over their lives than women who work outside the home. Another suggests housework makes people crazy, and that makes them sick.

they used to.

Now that the majority of homemakers have been liberated, the stigma of working at home has largely disappeared. The onus of having one's wife work outside the home has faded, too.

I'm reminded of a fellow whose wife teaches school, as mine does. This man and his wife were married only a short time when his new bride asked, "Does it bother you that I make more money than you do?"

"Heavens no!" he said. "I don't mind. You can get a second job if you want to."

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Several appear on charges last week

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

•Jesse L. Germain, 28, Sault Sainte Marie, pleaded no contest to charges of first degree home invasion and unlawfully driving away an automobile Jan. 11 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$500,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled. Germain remains lodged in the Tuscola County Jail.

•Christine J. Halsne, 47, Otter Lake, received a one-year delayed sentence following her plea of no contest to 2 counts of assaulting a police officer Jan. 11 in Watertown Township.

She was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,496. Attorneys fees are to be determined.

•James D. Graham, 17, Oak Park, pleaded no contest to carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent June 14 in Vassar.

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

•Nathanael I. McTaggart, 24, Caro, stood mute to one count each of first degree and second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years in February 2008 in Juniata Township, and to 10 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct, also involving a victim under the age of 13 years in the summer of 2004 in Reese. He is also charged with being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case.

•Kenneth J. McCown, 48, Owendale, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 10 in Elmwood Township.

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

•Kenneth W. Maynard, 57, Caro, pleaded guilty to 3 counts of fourth degree criminal sexual conduct involving force or coercion Jan. 3 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

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

•Kenneth C. Westendorf, 46, Vassar, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to operating a

motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, March 31. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to complete 360 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$2,128. Attorneys fees are to be determined.

•Darrell C. Howard, 55, Millington, was sentenced to 180 days in jail (deferred) and 12 months probation for his pleas of guilty to delivery/manufacture of 5 to 45 kilograms of marijuana, and delivery/manufacture of marijuana Aug. 19 in Millington Township.

He was ordered to pay \$2,196 in costs and fines.

•Randy L. Bussure, 51, Clifford, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 11, 2007, in Mayville.

He was also placed on 60 months probation, ordered to complete 360 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$3,628 plus restitution of \$95.

•John K. Ashbreck, 30, Caro, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Feb. 26 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$7,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Michael J. McKenney, 49, Deford, pleaded no contest to charges of carrying a concealed weapon and trespassing Feb. 26 in Novesta Township.

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

•John D. Mansueto, 26, Vassar, pleaded guilty to possession of a loaded firearm in or upon a vehicle April 3 in Juniata Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,500. Sentencing is to be set.

•Alice L. Martin, 30, Vassar, received a one-year delayed sentence following her plea of guilty to assault or assault and battery, and no contest to second degree home invasion Jan. 11 in Millington.

She was ordered to pay \$381 in costs and fines. Restitution is to be determined.

•James A. Howse, 28, Millington, was sentenced to 180 days in jail (150 days deferred) and 18 months probation for his plea of guilty to attempted delivery/manufacture of marijuana May 8, 2008, in Millington Township. He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,528. Attorneys fees are to be determined.

•Vonda L. Andrews, 46, Unionville, received a one-year delayed sentence following her pleas of guilty to 2 counts of falsely reporting a felony (larceny in a building) March 18 in Columbia Township.

She was ordered to pay \$981 in costs and fines. Attorneys fees are to be determined.

•William T. McLachlan, 26, Fairgrove, was sentenced to 180 days in jail (90 days deferred), with work release, for his pleas of guilty to 2 counts of possession of a firearm by a felon Nov. 29 in Dayton Township.

He was also placed on 24 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$3,428.



AS A ROLE MODEL, last year's Grand Champion Jared Koehler (right) helps his younger brother Grant Koehler, 10, as he also prepares for this year's Market Livestock Sale on July 30. According to their father, the livestock sale is a family affair for them. He said Grant looks up to Jared and as a guide to how he should handle his animals. Both of the Koehler boys will each sell a market feeder and steer and they both are members of the 5 Star Livestock 4-H Club in Kingston. They are the sons of Jason and Melissa Koehler, of Kingston.

\$10 still buys fun day at the fair

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One aspect of this year's fair that has been impacted by the economy is harness racing, a Tuscola County Fair tradition that dates back to 1884, making it the second oldest racing fair in the state.

"With state funding being cut this year, the usual 3 days of harness racing looks to be a thing of the past here in Caro," said fair board member Jackie Diedrich. "What we were able to take advantage of is the Colt Stakes, which gets its premium funding from a different source, such as pari-mutuel betting at tracks, and breeding fees."

Diedrich said Tuscola County will be awarding purses totaling \$4,000 to racers from across the state when it hosts one day of harness racing this year - Thursday, starting at 5 p.m., at the fairgrounds (grandstand) in Caro. Admission will be \$4, with those 17 and under getting in free.

"New this year, we will be giving \$1,000 in door prize money away, thanks to a grant that we received to promote racing at fairs in Michigan," Diedrich noted. "This \$500 grant is being matched by the Tuscola County Fair Board."

This year's fair officially gets underway Sunday. There will be no midway rides and limited vendors, but a Gospel concert is planned from 4 to 5 p.m. along with the annual 4-H and open talent show and crowning of the 4-H king and queen from 6 to 8 p.m.

The week will also feature a chainsaw artist, with a silent auction to win the artist's creations.

Midway rides won't begin until Tuesday at noon, which prompted fair officials to offer a reduced admission charge of \$3 for Monday, which is also Senior Citizens Day (seniors ages 62 and those with special needs get in free until 6 p.m.).

Monday's slate of activities include a 4-H horse show (8 a.m.), 4-H rabbit and cavy show (9 a.m.), 4-H and open horticulture and floriculture judging (9 a.m. to noon), 4-

H foods check-in and judging (9 a.m. to noon), a 4-H and open dairy cattle show (10 a.m.), 4-H goat show (2 p.m.), a performance by the "Fiddlers Restrung" (2 p.m.), 4-H food auction (7 p.m.), and M-T Pocket Pullers action, also at 7 p.m.

Tuesday is Kids' Day (kids ages 14 and under receive a \$2 discount until 6 p.m.) and will feature 4-H horse, swine and poultry shows, starting at 8 a.m., and there will be a Kids' Day Activity Tent open from noon to 6 p.m., with free T-shirts given away to the first 800 children in line with paid admission. Also slated for 4-H poultry showmanship (1 p.m.) and a 4-H open sheep show (3 p.m.). A demolition derby/scramble will get underway at 7:30 p.m.

Open goat and 4-H and open beef shows kick off Wednesday's events at 9 a.m., followed by a 4-H horse fun show at 10 a.m., a 4-H feeder beef show at 1 p.m. and the 4-H small livestock sweepstakes showmanship contest at 6 p.m. Also scheduled are pickup and tractor pulls, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday will feature the annual 4-H and FFA Small Livestock Sale at 9:30 a.m., followed by the large livestock sale at 11 a.m. All the kids are invited to participate in a pedal pull near the Merchants Building at 4 p.m., there will be motorcycle racing at 7 p.m. (time trials at 5 p.m.), and a Re/Max New Image hot air balloon launch in front of the grandstand at 7 p.m.

Friday's slate of activities include a 4-H Cloverbud Learning Experience from 9 to 11 a.m. at the rabbit barn, and a 4-H livestock judging contest from 9 a.m. to noon. Also planned are a light horse pull (10 a.m.), open speed horse show (1 p.m.), heavy horse pull (1:30 p.m.) and 4-H large livestock sweepstakes contest at the livestock pavilion (6 p.m.).

Championship rodeo action also returns to the fair Friday, starting at 7:30 p.m., and a second day of rodeo action is scheduled for Saturday, also at 7:30 p.m.

New car seat requirements in effect

Parents and caregivers should be aware of 2 changes to Michigan's car seat law. The new requirements include a rear seating requirement and elimination of a previous car seat exemption for babies being nursed.

Under the newly-revised law, children younger than 4 must ride in a car seat in the rear seat of the vehicle if the vehicle has a back seat. If all available rear seats are occupied by children under 4, then a child under 4 may ride in the front seat if properly

restrained in a car seat. If the child is in a rear-facing car seat, they may be placed in the front seat only if the front passenger air bag is turned off and all rear seats are occupied by children under 4.

The legislation also now prohibits removing a child from a car seat to nurse while the vehicle is in motion. Babies should only be nursed once the vehicle has been stopped in a safe place. With this change, Michigan is

now eligible for additional federal traffic safety funds.

Car seat legislation was expanded last year to require children to ride in a car seat or booster seat until they reach 8 years old or a height of 4'9", whichever comes first.

The safest place for all children 12 and under is in the back seat, and children up to age 16 must be restrained in all seating positions. Michigan law requires all drivers and front seat passengers to buckle up.

4-Hers gear up for fair livestock sale next week

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him off and put him under the fan," said the daughter of Dennis and Melissa DeLong. "I also take him on walks twice a day for exercise."

Last year, DeLong sold a 23-pound sheep to Bob and Mary Ann Hirn, of Cass City, for \$2.25 per pound. This year, she will also sell 2 sheep, which she said is somewhat easier than a steer.

"Showing the sheep...well, it's a little easier because they are smaller and don't hurt as much when they step on your feet," DeLong joked.

Like Koehler, she said she also likes being in 4-H because she gets to be around her friends.

"I get to meet a lot of new people and make new friendships," she said.

Melissa DeLong, originally from Cass City, said she likes that her daughter is able to "work" at her own age level summer job.

"Not only is she [Samantha] able work hard for her money that will be put away for college or another big purchase, like a car, but she is able to learn how to be independent. I believe 4-H helps build confidence, and what kid doesn't need that these days," she said. "The time it takes getting ready for the fair is really like an age level summer job for Samantha, just one that gets done before the summer is over."

Similarly, Jason Koehler said having his children in 4-H is a rewarding experience.

"This is really like a 10 to 11 month commitment for them, and as a reward they get to show all their hard work. Whether they win or not, it's still beneficial for them...the kids are learning how to make a long term commitment and gain a good work ethic," he said.

Before the fair, according to Koehler, preparation will include clipping, trimming the steer's hair, and other grooming.

"We have to make it look pretty," he said. "We use different oils and sprays to make the hair shine and stand up."

Jason Koehler said the day of the fair, the kids do most of the work, but receive outside help from family members.

"This is a family affair. His [Jared] brother looks up to him. The whole 4-H Club is set up like a big brother, big sister tutورشip. Although they are competing against each other, they still help each other out," he said. "The day of the fair we'll have our toolbox ready, with our 'animal makeup'...I think steers take the most work. But it really is the kids' ordeal and it will be hectic for them."

Koehler said he agrees with his father. He said he has learned a lot from the children near his age.

"There isn't too many adults who teach us, we mostly learn from the other kids. We teach each other a lot," he said.

Similarly, Melissa DeLong said her 2 younger daughters and son look up to Samantha as a role model as she prepares for the fair. The second eldest, Allison, 10, is also preparing to show sheep at the fair.

"Their dad grew up as a dairy farmer, so they all always went to the fair. Now, selling the livestock is like a family tradition," she said. "Sammie is definitely a role model toward her younger siblings. How her attitude is affects the younger ones."

This year marks DeLong's fourth year showing livestock, and sixth as a 4-H member. She plans on showing next year. Over the year's she has won various awards, but never first place.

"I think this is our lucky year. But whether she wins or not, I just want her to go out and do her best. I want her to do what she can do," Melissa DeLong said.

Aside from preparing for the fair, DeLong said she enjoys hanging out with her friends and hunting black bear.

"I love to see the animals when we go hunting, it is my favorite part," she said.

Koehler said in his spare time, he loves to go outside and play baseball and basketball, and ride his four-wheeler.

"I like to go camping, too," he said.

Both Koehler and DeLong attend Kingston Schools and will begin junior high this fall.

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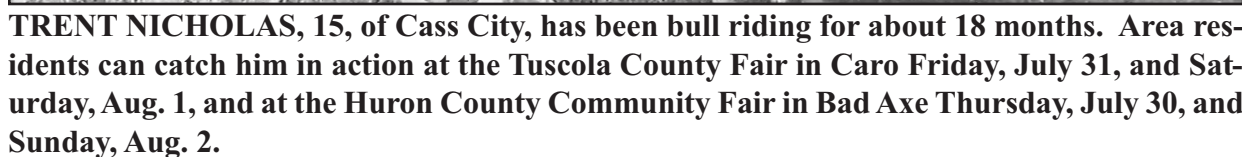
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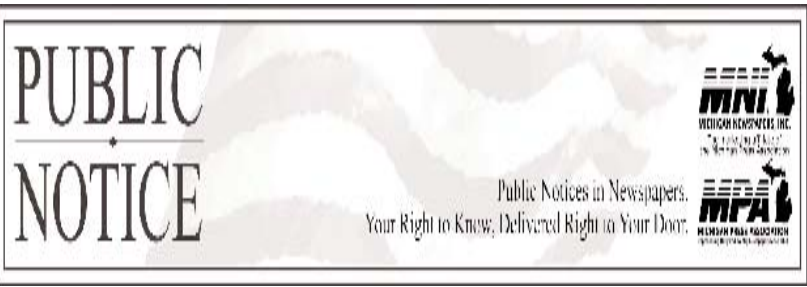
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Mallory Benefit

We would like to send Special Thanks out to the following people:

• Mike Spencer and Matt Little for preparing and donating all of the meat ~ Mona Cilk & Doreen Williams, silent auction coordinators ~ Tina Rabideau, food coordinator ~ Scott McLachlan, beverage coordinator ~ Dustin Mallory, music coordinator.

• All-Around Helpers: Rhonda Kreuger, Don & Bridget Childs, and Jim & Stephanie Baker

This would not have been a success without all of you. Thank you!

Ellington church to host VBS

Area youth can experience a "time warp" at Ellington Church of the Nazarene's vacation Bible school.

The program is open to children ages 4 through the sixth grade. It will take place 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Aug. 10-12 at the church, which is located at the corner of Lazell Road and M-81, between Caro and Cass City.

The program will introduce children to characters visiting from Biblical times and teach the message that God never changes.

For more information or to pre-register, call (989) 977-4062.

Correction

In last week's paper, a photo caption on page 8 said exchange student Maria Diaz stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Matt Prieskorn for a year.

This is incorrect. Diaz stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Barnes for 4 months, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Marker for 4 months and then Mr. and Mrs. Matt Prieskorn for 4 months.

The Chronicle apologizes and regrets this error.

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Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land reminds customers that all branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed Friday, July 24, and SUPER!Centers will close Saturday, July 25, due to a mandatory state employee furlough day.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty. To expedite their visit, customers are encouraged to renew in ad-

vance as the branches will be busier before and after the scheduled closing.

Motorists renewing license plates can "skip the trip" to the branch office and do business by mail, or if eligible, by Internet or touch-tone telephone. Easy to follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. License plate tabs will arrive by mail within seven business days.

License plate tabs can also be renewed at Self-Service Stations, many of which are available 24/7. Visit the Branch Office Locator at www.Michigan.gov/sos to find a Self-

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With the exception of holidays, branch offices are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Smaller branch offices may close for the lunch hour. On Wednesday most offices are open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., with those in city centers open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PLUS offices and SUPER!Centers are open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday. SUPER!Centers also provide Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to noon.

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Cass City native

Santhany earns NACP's top victim advocate certification

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

It's a wonder Diane Santhany can sleep at night.

By day, the Cass City native deals with Tuscola County's saddest examples of mankind — those who abuse others emotionally, sexually, physically. Her clients are girlfriends, wives, teens, the elderly, children. They come from different backgrounds and range from the very young to the very old.

She's the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department's victim advocate, she's on-call 24/7, and she's the best friend countless victims of sexual assault and domestic violence could possibly find.

Santhany is also considered to be one of the best victim advocates in her field, according to officials with the National Advocate Credentialing Program (NACP), who recently presented their highest certification — the Advanced Advocate Credential — to her along with designating her as a certified domestic violence and sexual assault intervention specialist.

That comes as no surprise to a host of county officials who recommended Santhany for the recognition, including former long-time Tuscola County Sheriff and now county Commissioner Tom Kern, who established the victim advocate program in 1995.

"She is tireless in her efforts to assist those who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault," Kern said of Santhany. "She is truly an advocate for the victims, and I have told her many times that many victims would have fallen through the cracks if it were not for her tenacity and diligence to provide help for the victims."

Lt. Jim Giroux, lieutenant of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department Road Patrol and Santhany's supervisor, agreed.

"This agency relies on (her) in every aspect involving victims in a wide range of various criminal complaints. She is extremely knowledgeable and well respected by the staff and officers of the sheriff's office, as well as all of the other law enforcement agencies throughout Tuscola County."

"Diane always maintains a professional attitude and demeanor. She keeps the staff and officers apprised of current issues, legal status and law changes relating to all types of victims."

Added Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene, "Ms. Santhany is extremely dedicated to her work and absolutely essential to the criminal justice system in Tuscola County."

"Through her years of service (she) has established a rapport with countless victims. As a result of the trust she has established, many individuals seek assistance by contacting her directly. Absent this relationship, certain victims would simply remain in an environment that threatens them-

selves as well as their children," Reene said.

"She gives victims a powerful voice in a criminal justice system that is often challenged to hear and perceive the magnitude of victims' suffering."

To earn the advanced certification, a victim advocate must have a minimum 8 years of service in (Santhany has headed up the sheriff's department program for 14 years), have 80 hours of specialized training (she has more than 500 hours logged), and continue to complete training each year.

"I've been working with the sheriff's department for 14 years. Prior to that I was at the domestic violence shelter (the Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center in Caro) for almost 4 years," Santhany said, noting the sheriff's department program was first created when she and then-Undersheriff Jim Fyvie wrote a domestic violence intervention grant to fund her work for one year. Today, her salary is paid for through the Victim of Crime Act (VOCA), which provides state and federal funds and also monitors the program.

"What's nice is, part of that comes from defendants," she explained, adding individuals who are convicted of crimes are assessed a fee that is funneled to victim advocate program budgets.

Santhany said she entered the field by first volunteering at the Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center. "I just kind of fell into it," she added.

As the county's victim advocate, she is charged with assisting victims of all ages, suffering from any type of abuse. "I'm on call to all the police agencies in the county. I also have a group of (trained) volunteers that I coordinate," Santhany said of individuals who are dispatched to assist in situations involving death notifications, fatal accidents and suicides.

"What brings me out in the middle of the night is, typically, a sexual assault," she continued. For Santhany, that means accompanying a victim to the hospital and staying with them while they undergo a rape exam and/or treatment of injuries. She also advocates for victims through the prosecutor's office and handles all of the paperwork for victims who seek a personal protection order (PPO) in cases involving domestic violence or stalking, and she processes violations of PPOs.

Santhany says the county's greatest abuse epidemic is domestic violence. "It's rampant (along with) dating violence, teen violence," she said. "We (also) have a lot of child sexual abuse, a lot of incest. People don't realize what goes on."

The numbers — and Santhany's workload — are startling.

Over the course of the past fiscal year, Oct. 1, 2007, through Sept. 31, 2008, she dealt with 512 victims; 310 victims of domestic violence, 38 who were sexually assaulted and the re-

maining with complaints related to abuse of the elderly and children. She also processed 170 personal protection orders.

Santhany acknowledged her work takes an emotional toll, but indicated she has found ways to cope. "You learn to create your boundaries and keep yourself healthy and balanced," she said.

"One of the most disheartening things is that I've been doing this so long, I've started to run into a second generation (of abusers/abuse victims)...and realizing we haven't been able to break the cycle. It's a learned behavior," she said.

However, she added, "I have women come back to me several years later, and they thank me for being a rational view — showing them that this is no way to live. I know I've made a difference in a couple people's lives."

Editor's note: Area residents can contact Santhany and learn more about her work by logging onto the Tuscola County government website at www.tuscolacounty.org and clicking on the "victim services" tab.

ServSafe training scheduled

MSU Extension is offering a 16 hour ServSafe Food Safety Training on Tuesdays, Aug. 11 and 18, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

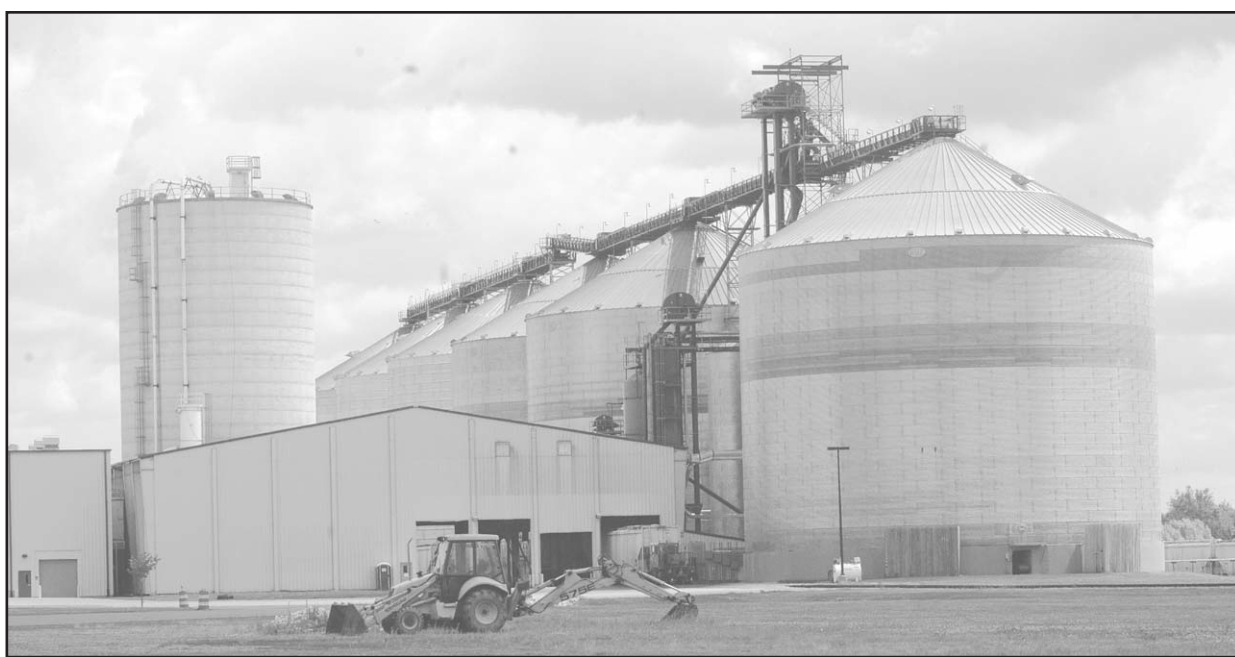
The training is being held at the Huron Expo Center, 170 West Soper Rd., Bad Axe. There is a fee for the training, which includes the educational program, ServSafe course book as well as the certification exam.

Educational information included in the training includes: time and temperature control when handling food, ensuring proper personal hygiene, preventing cross contamination, proper cleaning and sanitizing as well as many other topics. The training is designed for managers and a certificate will be issued upon the passing of the exam.

Other 2009 upcoming training dates include: Sept. 17 and 24 at Tuscola MSU Extension, Caro; and Nov. 10 and 17 at Sanilac MSU Extension, Sandusky.

To register, visit the MSU Extension ServSafe website at: <http://web2.canr.msu.edu/servsafe>. The ServSafe program was developed by the National Restaurant Association and is being implemented statewide by MSU Extension.

Call Laurie at (989) 269-9949 (ext. 611) or Kris at (989) 672-3870 for registration information or with any questions concerning the training.



POET BIOREFINING, the world's largest ethanol producer, has 26 plants in 7 states across the country, one of which is in Tuscola County. Area farmers may have a chance to sell more corn to the plant, as the company is taking the steps toward increasing their ethanol production. POET Biorefining is in the process of asking the Environmental Protection Agency to allow gasoline to be blended with a minimum of 15 percent ethanol (E15). The Green Jobs Waiver was submitted to the EPA on March 6, 2009. Now there will be another 9 months before the EPA reviews all comments and comes to a decision as July 20 marked the end of the public comment period. Currently, according to the Renewable Fuel Standard, companies can only mix up to 10 percent ethanol (E10) with their gasoline.

POET pushes ethanol increase

Continued from page one.

"Our Caro branch buys all of its corn from the Thumb area. Right now, our plant has 45 full time employees and spends 100 million a year and all of that money goes to local businesses,



POET Biorefining Caro General Manager, David Gloer

farmers, vendors...it helps the people in Tuscola County," he said.

Gloer explained how the oil industry may not agree with their request because they will lose revenue.

"I can understand how the oil industry may not support us because they will lose money, but at least our money will stay in the U.S.," he said.

"There are a lot of myths out there that aren't true about ethanol, I just want to stress that we are 100 percent clean and safe for the environment."

As POET Biorefining is pushing for the new change, each branch, according to Gloer is trying to inform the

public.

"We are actively pushing to bring the media in to share our story. We're not evil, we're not bad for vehicles," he said. "And through the entire process, we do our best to use all the materials...we recycle our water and don't put pollutants back in the air."

According to Gloer, the process of making the ethanol begins when farmers come and load their corn. From there it gets weighed, and a small sample gets tested to make sure it is "good quality corn." Then the corn heads over to the hammer mills where it gets turned into flour. After the ethanol is extracted, the remains are turned into a high quality animal feed.

"Our animal feed, called Dakota Gold, is sold around the world. So our plant really has 2 revenue streams. We sell the feed for more than we paid for the corn because what remains is high in protein and high in fat...which makes for a very desirable animal feed," he said.

The flour is then transported to the other side of the plant and is mixed with water, enzymes, yeast and other ingredients, Gloer explained. From

there, it goes through a fermentation process, then a distillation process where the ethanol is separated. What is left is the liquid with the corn, it goes through the centrifuge where the water is removed and the remaining corn flour goes through a dryer and comes out as their high quality animal feed.

"Our Caro plant produces 54 million gallons of ethanol a year and we don't waste the water, it goes right back into the plant," he said.

According to Gloer, increasing the ethanol mix to 15 percent will allow for an extended maintenance crew, office staff, more accounts, and numerous other job openings for the 24-hour-a-day plant that is open year around.

"If we don't increase to E15, there will be no demand for the ethanol and the plant won't increase," he said. "There is a really good corn crop base in this area and we would like to see this industry grow. I can't think of anyone who would oppose the ethanol increase, and if they do, they are probably from places like New York or New Jersey...people who have never been on a farm or know the benefits of ethanol use."



WHILE CREATING millions of gallons of ethanol, Poet Biorefining in Caro uses its left over corn as a high quality animal feed, called Dakota Gold. The feed is sold around the world as a second revenue stream for the plant. The plant's General Manager David Gloer said the feed is highly desired because it is high in protein and fat.

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Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Gregory S. Frick and Kimberly Frank, husband and wife, of 4193 Seeger Street, Cass City, MI 48726, as Mortgagors, to Northstar Bank, f/k/a Community Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, whose principal office is in Bad Axe, Michigan, as Mortgagee, dated February 15, 1999 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on February 16, 1999 in Liber 763, Page 269, et. seq, and a Modification of Mortgage dated May 2, 2008 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on May 19, 2008 in Liber 1149, Page 1158, et. seq, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Sixty One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Six and 61/100 (\$61,826.61) Dollars and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

NOW THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the main entrance of the Tuscola County Building in the Village of Caro, and County of Tuscola, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Thursday, July 23, 2009 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., local time, in the forenoon of said day, and the premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest, legal costs, attorney's fees and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Land situated in the Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan

Lot 16, Block 3 of Garden Center Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats Page 92, as re-plated in Liber 1 of Plats Page 42 B. Commonly known as: 4189 S. Sherman Street Cass City, MI 48726.

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

Dated: June 19, 2009

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cut court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on July 30, 2009. Said premises are situated in Village of Unionville, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing 93 rods East of the Northwest corner of section 7, Town 14 North, Range 9 East, Village of Unionville, Township of Colombia, County of Tuscola, Michigan; thence South 10 Rods; thence East 10 Rods; thence North 16 Rods; thence West 10 Rods to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: July 1, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC R (248) 593-1305
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on July 30, 2009.

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

The North 95 Feet of: Commencing 40 RODS North of the Southwest corner of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, thence North 20 RODS, thence East 25 RODS, thence South 20 RODS, thence West 25 RODS to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: July 1, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC L (248) 593-1312
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File #271998F01

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Barton M. Long, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 364 Margery Ct, Vassar, MI 48768-1507.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1310.

The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Authority at http://www.michigan.gov/mshda or at (866) 946-7432.

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If the Borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

The Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

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Obituaries

Edward DuRussell

Edward Rhean DuRussell, 65, of Caro, passed away Saturday, July 11, 2009 at his home.

He was born Sept. 3, 1943, the son of the late Edward and Gertrude (Pike) DuRussell.

He married Shirley Giddings July 23, 1966 in Ellington Township. She passed away May 28, 2005.

Edward worked for Caro Products and delivered the Saginaw News. He was a member of F.O.E. Caro. He enjoyed fishing and was a huge Detroit Tigers fan.

Edward is survived by a son, Keven (Kenni) DuRussell of Calhoun, Ga.; siblings: Kaye (Dale) Lincoln of Standish, Carol (Brian) Nelson of DeWitt, Nanci DuRussell, Judith Kreger, and Randall DuRussell, all of Caro, and Kathy Teddy of Davison; grandchildren: Nicole, Rachell, Keven, Jr., Elizabeth, Christopher, Caraleah, Katelyn, Joshua, Ashlyn and Brett Talley; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by 3 brothers, Gary, Kim and Gerald DuRussell. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 18, at Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor Arnold Burger officiating.

Burial was in the East Dayton Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Brian Mallory

Brian Eric Mallory, 51, of Gagetown, died peacefully Sunday, July 12, 2009 in his home with his family and friends by his side.

He was born May 13, 1958 in Cass City, the son of James and Beverly (Gilmore) Mallory.

He married Renee Marie Kuhl Oct. 15, 1983 in Sebewaing.

Brian was a self-employed carpenter and stone mason. Previously, he worked for General Cable, Marlette Homes, Kuhl Building Products in Sebewaing, and Dave Nicol Woodworking. Brian was an active Boy Scout Leader and a very talented musician.

In the early 90s, he owned and operated Mallory Music in Cass City. Brian played with several bands over the years including Windfall and Whiskey Jack. He gave music lessons for years. Brian was a great influence in the lives of many young people through his music and scouting.

He was a talented woodworker making beautiful rustic furniture. Brian was the former Hand Bell Choir director at Cass City United Methodist Church and an advocate for the Cass City High School Band. Brian loved and appreciated the beauty and calm of nature. He loved gardening, camping, deer hunting and small game hunting, and working outside.

Brian is survived by his wife, Renee; sons: Dustin (Jessie Tuckey) Mallory of Gagetown, and Derrick Mallory of Ypsilanti; parents, Jim and Bev Mallory of Kingston; special canine companion, Mike; siblings: Gary (Mary) Mallory of Kingston, Trasi (Garrison) Goforth of Vassar, and Jeff (Tara) Mallory of Kingston; brothers-in-law: Dan (Brenda) Kuhl of Bay Port, and Larry (Faye) Kuhl of Coryton, Tenn.; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Jem and Eva Mallory, Elmer and Neva Gilmore; and his father and mother-in-law: Walton and Dolores Kuhl.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 16, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor Len Wyatt of Kingston Wesleyan Church officiating.

Interment was in the Grant Township Cemetery, Gagetown.

Memorials may be made to Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

William McCoy

Dr. William J. McCoy, D.V.M., 92, of Bad Axe, formerly of Minden City, passed away Sunday, July 12, 2009 at his daughter's residence near Lakeport.

He was born May 7, 1917 in Minden City, the son of the late Dr. John and Alma (Brodbeck) McCoy.

He married Oliver Schock Dec. 30, 1939 at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Saginaw. She preceded him in death Aug. 25, 2002.

William attended school in Minden City until the end of his sophomore year. He transferred to Harbor Beach High School and graduated with the class of 1935. In 1942, he graduated from Michigan State College's School of Veterinary Medicine. After receiving his D.V.M. degree, Bill joined his father's large animal veterinary practice in the Minden City area. He practiced there until he joined the Michigan Department of Agriculture in 1959. Bill retired from the Michigan Department of Agriculture after 28 years. Throughout his lifetime, William had a profound appreciation of nature's beauty and She richly rewarded him for his interest. For many years, he was a parishioner at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church of Ruth before becoming a parishioner at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe.

Bill will be very much missed by those who love him. He is survived by his children: Nancy (Dr. Alister) MacKenzie of Lakeport, Karen (Gerry) Resmer of Midland, Donald (Michele) McCoy, Richard (Patricia) McCoy; 9 special grandchildren: Matthew, Sarajane, Emily Ann, Donald, Kimberly, Justin, Dr. S. James, Kathryn, William; 2 sisters: Helen Bennett of Applegate, and Mary Sweigert of Detroit; 4 brothers: Joseph (Gloria) McCoy of Minden City, Patrick (Sarah) McCoy of Port Huron, Frank (Lorraine) McCoy of Marlette, and Richard (Bertha) McCoy of Detroit.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. John and Alma; 2 sons: William J. McCoy Jr. and James P. McCoy; 2 sisters: Olive Higgins and Alma Kosal; 4 brothers: John, James, Robert and Thomas McCoy; one infant twin; and many special dear in-laws and friends.

Funeral mass was held Thursday, July 16, at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Ruth, with the Rev. Peter Nwokoye, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Smigielski Funeral Home, Minden City.

Nancy Smith

Nancy Jean Smith, 63, of Lapeer, passed away Friday, July 17, 2009 at Lapeer Regional Hospital.

She was born Feb. 11, 1946 in Caro, the daughter of the late Martin and Freida (Scharich) Kelly.

She married Frederick Smith Oct. 26, 1968 in Linkville.

Nancy lived in Tuscola County for much of her young life, graduating as salutatorian from Gagetown High School. She was a mother, wife and homemaker and a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Lapeer. She enjoyed politics, bird watching and gardening.

Nancy is survived her husband, Frederick; 2 children: David Smith of Keego Harbor and Kelly Smith of Lapeer; siblings: Peggy Kelly of Cass City, Barbara (John) Koepf of Deford, Elaine (Rich) Renn of Elkton, Patricia Baker of Essexville and Jim (Trisha) Kelly of Cass City; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 21, at the Collon Funeral Home, Caro, with Pastor Cameron Steele officiating.

Burial was in the Almer Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were made by Collon Funeral Home, Caro.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KIMBERLY BURNETT, AKA/KIMBERLY S. BURNETT, A SINGLE WOMAN, and RONALD MCDONALD III, A SINGLE MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 13, 2005 and recorded on September 26, 2005 in Liber 1055 on Page 327, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$91,847.75), including interest at 6.250% 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 Court-house Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on July 30, 2009.

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

COMMENCING AT THE EAST QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 33, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST, KOYLTON TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES, 30 MINUTES EAST, 643.50 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 33; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES, 55 MINUTES WEST, 200.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. RUNNING THENCE SOUTH 61 DEGREES, 34 MINUTES, 52 SECONDS WEST, 136.21 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES, 55 MINUTES EAST, 246.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES, 55 MINUTES WEST, 53.52 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES, 30 MINUTES WEST, 246.00 FEET THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES, 55 MINUTES EAST, 200 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES, 30 MINUTES EAST, 246.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES, 55 MINUTES WEST, 53.52 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES, 30 MINUTES WEST, 136.21 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES, 55 MINUTES WEST, 73.12 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES, 30 MINUTES EAST, 30.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES, 55 MINUTES WEST, 73.12 FEET; THENCE NORTH 61 DEGREES, 33 MINUTES, 55 SECONDS EAST, 136.22 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES, 55 MINUTES EAST, 200.50 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES, 30 MINUTES WEST, 30.0 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 33 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

More correctly described as: COMMENCING AT THE EAST QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 33, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST, KOYLTON TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES, 30 MINUTES EAST, 643.50 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 33; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES, 55 MINUTES WEST, 200.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. RUNNING THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES, 55 MINUTES WEST, 200.50 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 61 DEGREES, 34 MINUTES, 52 SECONDS WEST, 136.21 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES, 55 MINUTES EAST, 246.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES, 55 MINUTES WEST, 53.52 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES, 30 MINUTES WEST, 246.00 FEET THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES, 55 MINUTES EAST, 200 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES, 30 MINUTES EAST, 246.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES, 55 MINUTES WEST, 53.52 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES, 30 MINUTES WEST, 136.21 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES, 55 MINUTES WEST, 73.12 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES, 30 MINUTES EAST, 30.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES, 55 MINUTES WEST, 73.12 FEET; THENCE NORTH 61 DEGREES, 33 MINUTES, 55 SECONDS EAST, 136.22 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES, 55 MINUTES EAST, 200.50 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES, 30 MINUTES WEST, 30.0 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 33 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

Dated: June 26, 2009

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

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

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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 Cabel Sentell, a single man, and Tina M. Watkins, a single woman, as joint tenants, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 27, 2003 and recorded on January 31, 2003 in Liber 913 on Page 647 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Six and 45/100 Dollars (\$116,236.45), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

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

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

The South 7 rods of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 28, Township 11 North, Range 8 East.

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

Dated: July 1, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC D (248) 593-1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #272187F01

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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 Pamela L. Poulton-Zaremba, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 23, 2002 and recorded on May 16, 2002 in Liber 878 on Page 474 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Eight and 69/100 Dollars (\$124,558.69), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on August 13, 2009.

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

The South 10 Acres of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 31, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, excepting the Easterly the easterly 2 Acres and also Except the West 2.99 Acres more or less.

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

Dated: July 15, 2009
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC D (248) 593-1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #273679F01

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6-24-25

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by James D. Denton and Nancy K. Denton, Husband and Wife, to Bank of America, N.A., Mortgagee, dated December 22, 2005 and recorded December 29, 2005 in Liber 1066, Page 958 and re-recorded on October 20, 2006 in Liber 1099, Page 1184, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$87,175.70), including interest 6.25% per annum.

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

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

A Parcel of Land located in the northwest quarter of fractional section 31, town 11 north, range 10 east described as commencing at the north quarter corner of said section 31, thence along the north line of said section 31, south 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west, 900.00 feet to the point of beginning, thence south 01 degrees 56 minutes 30 seconds west 400.00 feet, thence parallel with said north line of section 31, thence south 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west, 95.00 feet thence north 01 degree 56 minutes 30 seconds east, 400.00 feet to said north line of section 31, thence along said north line of section 31, north 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds east, 95.00 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 2162 Ohmer Rd., Mayville MI 48744.

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: 7/01/2009

Bank of America, N.A.
Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd., Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 09-11401

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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 Connie Lemmon, a single woman, original mortgagor, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as purchaser of the loans and other assets of Washington Mutual Bank, formerly known as Washington Mutual Bank, FA (the "Savings Bank") from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, acting as receiver for the Savings Bank and pursuant to its authority under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1821(d) via affidavit, Mortgagee, dated July 13, 2007 and recorded on July 24, 2007 in Liber 1125 on Page 1160 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty and 76/100 Dollars (\$96,250.76), including interest at 10.6% 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 August 13, 2009.

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To: Gary A. Brown and Tammy Brown
10056 South Sheridan Road, Millington, MI 48746

State law requires that you receive the following notice: You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer.

The person to contact and that has the authority to make agreements for a loan modification with you is: Orland Associates, P.C. Loss Mitigation Department, P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041, (248) 502-1331. You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") website or by calling MSHDA. The website address and telephone number of MSHDA is: (www.mshda.info/counseling_search/), telephone (517) 373-8370, TTY# 1-800-382-4568.

If you request a meeting with the servicer's designee, foreclosure will not start until 90 days after the date the Notice was mailed to you. If you and the servicer's Designate reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if you abide by the terms of the agreement. You have the right to contact an attorney. You may contact attorney of your choice. If you do not have an attorney, the telephone number for the Michigan State Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service is 1-800-968-0738.

Dated: July 22, 2009

Orland Associates P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File Number: 285-9849
ASAP #3191905

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To: Kevin T. Rushlo, 6706 3rd Street, Cass City, MI 48726

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If you request a meeting with the servicer's designee, foreclosure will not start until 90 days after the date the Notice was mailed to you. If you and the servicer's Designate reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if you abide by the terms of the agreement. You have the right to contact an attorney. You may contact attorney of your choice. If you do not have an attorney, the telephone number for the Michigan State Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service is 1-800-968-0738.

Dated: July 22, 2009
Orland Associates P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File Number: 209-6650
ASAP #3191902

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Greg L. Ashmore and Karen M. Ashmore, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Oxford Bank Mortgage Services, LLC, Mortgagee, dated March 21, 2003, and recorded on April 28, 2003 in Liber 928 on Page 255, and assigned by said Mortgagee to National City Mortgage Co. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Fifteen and 36/100 Dollars (\$256,015.36), 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 August 20, 2009.

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

Part of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the North line of Section 35 which is North 89 degrees 46 minutes 42 seconds East 300.00 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 35; thence continuing along said North line North 89 degrees 46 minutes 42 seconds East 347.75 feet to a 1/16 line; thence along said 1/16 line South 00 degrees 09 minutes 46 seconds East 1329.36 feet to the North, East and West 1/8 line; thence along said 1/8 line South 89 degrees 45 minutes 23 seconds West 649.41 feet to the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 35; thence along said 1/4 line North 00 degrees 06 minutes 28 seconds West 966.61 feet to point which is South 00 degrees 05 minutes 28 seconds East 363.00 feet from said North 1/4 corner of Section 35; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 42 seconds East 300.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 28 seconds West 363.00 feet to said North line of Section 35 and the place of beginning.

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

Dated: July 22, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC F (248) 593-1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #275136F01

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NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Jay Pierce, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 6430 3rd St, Cass City, MI 48726-1433.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1301.

The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State

Housing Development Authority at http://www.michigan.gov/mshda or at (866) 946-7432.

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from July 20, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after July 20, 2009.

If the Borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

The Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

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Dated: July 22, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC C (248) 593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525
File # 275679F01

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To: Suzette E. Bennette and John P. Bennette, 40 East High Street, Mayville, MI 48744

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The person to contact and that has the authority to make agreements for a loan modification with you is: Orland Associates, P.C. Loss Mitigation Department, P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041, (248) 502-1331. You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") website or by calling MSHDA. The website address and telephone number of MSHDA is: (www.mshda.info/counseling_search/), telephone (517) 373-8370, TTY# 1-800-382-4568.

If you request a meeting with the servicer's designee, foreclosure will not start until 90 days after the date the Notice was mailed to you. If you and the servicer's Designate reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if you abide by the terms of the agreement. You have the right to contact an attorney. You may contact attorney of your choice. If you do not have an attorney, the telephone number for the Michigan State Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service is 1-800-968-0738.

Dated: July 22, 2009

Orland Associates P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File Number: 280-3897
ASAP #3191904

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To: Jana Vandemark and Tad O. Vandemark, 1050 Purdy Road, Caro, MI 48723

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Dated: July 22, 2009

Orland Associates P.C.
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NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Connie Marie Westover and Katie Bachschmidt, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 5931 White Creek Rd, Marlette, MI 48453-9603.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1313.

The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at http://www.michigan.gov/mshda or at (866) 946-7432.

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from July 20, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after July 20, 2009.

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Happier times...

John Haire purchased the Chronicle at age 29 becoming the Thumb's youngest publisher at the time.

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Haire in 1947.

Later, he instilled in me a love for the round ball. It was an easy task because in part, I could see the pleasure it brought to my dad, the man I sought approval from most. I can remember that after each Friday night game, my dad stayed up until I got home. Part of the reason he waited up was to make sure I made it home, but inevitably the conversation turned to that night's game and I could tell he was proud of me.

He also taught me to appreciate the outdoors, especially stream fishing for trout. We enjoyed many outings together, fishing northern Michigan's Au Sable, Manistee, Jordan, Rifle, and Maple rivers. If that weren't enough to peak my interest, we traveled to fish Blue River trout streams in Montana, Colorado and took float-plane trips into Canada's back country. As in any relationship, ours wasn't always smooth sailing. Editor Tom Montgomery can attest to our shouting matches at the corner of Main and Oak, especially during our early years working together when I thought I knew more than I really did.

My dad could be a strict disciplinarian. On a family vacation to Maine's Bar Harbor, I had just turned 16. Although the speed limit was 55 mph in the states, it was 100 km/hr in Canada. However, dad held me to the slower Michigan speed limit while driving throughout Canada. This caused a huge rift between the 2 of us. After arguing for days while traveling through Canada, dad finally took over at the wheel, only to back the car into a telephone pole, rendering the trunk useless, and making it impossible to get our luggage. After several hours at an auto shop, a locksmith finally removed our back seat, crawled into the trunk, and pried the trunk open. As my dad's temper could flare, we kids knew it was best to keep quiet about

the incident... at least for a while.

Generous to a fault, he gave my 2 sisters, BJ and Lynn, and myself several opportunities to pursue our interests and dreams. For instance, when Lynn wanted to learn to play piano, he found a used piano and with the help of friends Gerald Prieskorn and others pushed it up the stairs to the second floor of the Chronicle, where we lived until 1963. When my sister BJ wanted to show horses, our family acquired Red, a chestnut gelding. Dad extended himself for all of his kids and grandchildren throughout his life.

An emotionally strong man, my dad rarely showed signs of vulnerability. However, when my mom died suddenly in 1991, he confessed to me that he didn't know how he could go on without her. But he did. In 1997, he married Esther, and together they enjoyed life to the fullest. He quickly became an important part of his step-grandchildren's lives.

He touched many besides family members in his lifetime. When I told lifelong friend Jeff Hartel, Cass City's middle school principal, that he had died, his response was, "Your dad was like a second father to me." At the luncheon following John's funeral service Sunday, I spotted Jeff, who has lived next door to my dad for most of his life, with his eyes closed struggling to hold back tears. I knew exactly how he was feeling, but as my dad told my wife Karen when her dad was dying from cancer, "There are worse things than death."

Of course he was right, and everyone who knew and loved John Haire can take comfort that he's in a better place today.

John Haire

John Clarke Haire, 87, of Cass City, died unexpectedly Thursday, July 16, 2009 in St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw.

He was born June 22, 1922 in Pinconning, the son of Clarke and Margaret (Dumond) Haire.

He married Dorothy Helen Miller Sept. 20, 1947 in Pinconning. She died April 23, 1991. He later married Esther Alta Allen Feb. 14, 1995 in Hawaii.

John served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in journalism. John purchased the Cass City Chronicle in 1951. He was a member of Cass City Rotary and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. He enjoyed trout fishing, reading, traveling and eating out. John

loved spending time with his grandchildren, especially watching Parker play ball. He taught his children to be independent and his main focus was on his family.

John is survived by his wife, Esther; children: Clarke (Karen) Haire of Cass City, Lynn (Larry) Sroka of Plymouth, B.J. (Roger) Salo of Plymouth; grandchildren: Susi, Jimmy, Jeffrey, Suzanne, Cindy, Maddy, Grace, Parker and Kacey; great-grandchildren: Lilly and Annabelle; step-children: William (Julia) Allen of Six Lakes, Lee (Susan) Allen of Midland, Linda Allen of Bay City, and Jayne Zito of Rochester; step-grandchildren: Kellie (Donald), Jason, Kris (Jerry), Debbie (Tim), Jeremy, Angela, and Ben; step great-grandchildren: John, Nichole, Megan, Rebecca,

Jessica, and Elizabeth; step great-grandchildren: Emma and Brian; a sister, Jean (Chuck) Rollman of Green Bay, Wis.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Margaret St. John.

Funeral services were held Sunday, July 19, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Michael Boyer officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Pallbearers for Mr. Haire were Jeff Hartel, Ron Crandall, and Chuck Rollman, Jr.

Memorials may be made to the Cass City Athletic Boosters or Trout Unlimited.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.



Hard at work...

John Haire preferred the typewriter over the computer.

**Thanks for
calling 872-2010
with feature story ideas**

Letter to the Editor

Editor should be called a "censor"

Dear Sir:

I am not a resident of Cass City, but work therein, and consider myself a Cass City "step-child," as it were.

I usually do not write to newspapers, but rather carry on a verbose conversation with said paper, wherein I voice my opinion of what I read.

I was horrified to learn that your paper refused to print the letter written by Mr. Dan Manwell. While a tad lengthy, it was a heartfelt letter, that the public deserved to see.

The first excuse was that it was a thank-you letter, and letters to the editor format guidelines do not allow thank-you letters. But on June 24, 2009 (and others I cannot site, because I do get rid of old newspapers occasionally), there was a thank-you letter...hmmmm...addressed to you personally.

The letter by Mr. Manwell did not in any way malign your "fishing buddy," nor any other person, and was not in any way inappropriate. On that thought, it is odd to me that some of the residents who regularly write to the editor have not been heard from since the school board meeting alluded to by Mr. Manwell. My guess is that they were written, received and tossed out, because it is a touchy subject. I have personal knowledge that a couple of your more outspoken and regular writers to the letters to the editor column were at that meeting.

I used to find it annoying and even disrespectful when local citizens referred to your paper as the "Cass City Comical," but now see the reasoning behind that nickname. If you aren't somebody, or are addressing a touchy subject, the letter does not make it past the circular file.

It is a crying shame, when it is known by a number of people that Mr. Manwell even offered to pay to have the letter printed in your paper. This is censorship of the worst sort, and unacceptable for a person in your position. You are to have an unbiased opinion while in work status, regardless of your personal feelings outside the workplace.

And the very worst of it is that the Tuscola County Advertiser printed it in its entirety. I personally hope that you find it difficult to sleep nights, and is Mr. Haire aware of all this???

I read a few years back, all about you leaving the Chronicle to become editor of the Advertiser, and a few short weeks later about your return to the Chronicle because you could not handle a real job...not even a real city, but a village larger than the one you left.

I also read your lengthy column about your alcoholism, abuse and recovery of same. There is some news-worthy reading for you. Were you looking for sympathy or an "atta boy"???

The point is, when it is in your own self-interest, you publish it. When it is not, it is ignored.

I have personal experience in that vein. A few years ago, the local (being Cass City) post office sponsored a drive to provide packages for our enlisted men and women, serving overseas. I came to you with one of the fliers, and while you took it, you did nothing with it. Not, at least, until after I took it to Mary Drier of the Advertiser, who printed it. Then, and only then, did you get on the bandwagon.

You really deserve the title of "editor." Should more appropriately be "censor."

Sara Brandmair

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Most of your comments are directed at the wrong person. As publisher, I set the policies of this newspaper that Mr. Montgomery, as my employee, is expected to follow.

You are correct that Mr. Manwell was told he could have his letter printed as a paid advertisement on our classified page. The cost, adhering to our price structure of \$4 for the first 10 words and 10 cents for each additional word, would have cost him \$150.00. He offered to pay \$50, which, again, doesn't meet the guidelines that I have established.

While you may find it odd that some of the residents who regularly write to the editor have not been heard from - the Chronicle hasn't received any other letters relating to this matter.

Finally, I find your "atta boy" comment about Mr. Montgomery's battle with alcoholism out of line. It is an illness, like cancer, that can kill. As far as newsworthy, the Michigan Press Association awarded his story "Dying for a drink" as the best feature story of 2006 in their Better Newspaper Contest, which included entries from all over the state. Perhaps his courage might save the life of someone else battling the disease.

Often, when things affect us personally, we put on our blinders and I wonder if you are upset with our letter to the editor policy, which has remained the same for over 50 years, or upset with the school board's decision to privatize its janitorial services. I can assure you that Mr. Montgomery and myself both feel badly that Mr. Manwell and the other Cass City custodians lost their employment with the Cass City School District. We know they have families to worry about, as do we.

Clarke Haire

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.

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