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SUMMER MANIA attracted hundreds of area residents to downtown Cass City last weekend, August 6 to 8. The annual celebration featured various free activities for children, with health and safety a main focus. With a \$2,000 donation from the Pinney Foundation, 200 bike helmets were purchased from St. Mary's and given away free of charge. Shown here, (left) Emma Hennessey, 4, and Zackary Burnette, 3, receive a free helmet, as workers from St. Mary's helped fit and distribute them.

Sun sizzling fun Crowds enjoy Summer Mania

by Patricia Emepour
Staff Writer

With picture-perfect weather, Mother Nature was in a good mood with plenty of sunshine and heat for this year's Summer Mania as hundreds of area residents attended the celebration in downtown Cass City.

From the popular Curtis Chrysler Classic Car Show this past Friday evening to a special concert featuring Gary Brandt and members of the New Christie Minstrels Folk Group Saturday evening, Cass City's annual event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce was a success.

"I just hoped we had a great event like we always do from year to year," said Dee Mulligan, chamber administrator. "When we first started Summer Mania, we tried to make a nice and free fun day for the community. I really hope people enjoyed themselves."

At Summer Mania there were plenty of free activities set up for kids, like the bubble and art station, inflatable attractions, a free Cass City Girl Scouts craft section and face painting. Cotton candy and snow cones were also served to please the kiddie's appetites.

Altogether, the Chamber - despite a minor sugar problem the night before - will be able to add this year's celebration as another victory. Among the favorites was the free kids' health fair and bike helmets.

"I had some parents really happy that their child was going to get a free helmet," said Rebecca Bird from Rebecca's Day Care on Seeger St. in Cass City.

Bird said she looks forward to bringing the kids out to Summer Mania for a field trip every year.

"We always bring the kids out here from year to year. We walk and make it a field trip day and the kids just love it. I think it is very nice for the Chamber to sponsor this, it definitely is one event geared for kids," she said.

She didn't have to consider for more than a moment whether she would bring the kids from the day care to Summer Mania next year.

"Oh, I will definitely come back next year. The kids loved bouncing on the inflatables and the snow cones. It was a good time," she said.

Similarly, Blanca Bank, of Orlando, Fla., said she was impressed with all the kids' activities at Summer Mania.

"We came to Cass City for a family

members' 60th wedding anniversary and we decided to come see what Summer Mania is about and we are having so much fun, it's great," she said.

Bank, who was with her 2 kids and her sister's 2 kids, said the free stuff was a nice bonus.

"There is so much free and educational stuff for these kids, especially the free bike helmets. I think that is really nice," she said. "I would definitely come again and every year if I could."

Along with the events at Rotary Park, there were also townwide garage sales and Rawson Memorial District Library held its annual book sale. Chemical Bank also had a bake sale, with the proceeds going to Revive Ministries, Cass City.

According to Mulligan, planning for the event started soon after last year's event.

"By a month after last year's Sum-

mer Mania, we already had the contracts signed for the inflatables. Sometimes it is hard to pick what activities we are going to have, but our goal is to make as much of it free as possible, especially with how the economy is now. The more money we have, the more we try to give away and items like cotton candy and snow cones are not expensive, but kids love them," she said.

Mulligan also explained how donations are down this year, which has put a damper on how much the Chamber could do.

"Next year, we may add and subtract things. Our goal is just to make it bigger and better," she said.

"We've already had to reduce our advertising because donations are down, but we are trying the best we can. We want to continue bringing a wonderful event to the community, we just have to do it with whatever we have."

USDA grant benefits Cass City business

by Patricia Emepour
Staff Writer

Cass City's Plain & Fancy Decorating is in line to receive a \$5,000 federal grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Business Enterprise for a one gallon and five gallon paint shaker.

The business, located at 6455 Main St., offers a variety of services including window treatments, custom framing, flooring, flooring repair and carpet binding.

Although Owner Nancy Braun was "told" she was in line to receive the grant a few months ago, it wasn't until last week when the grant received final approval.

For over 20 years, Braun has offered stylish home and office decoration through her in-home decorating and design service, Fancy Nancy's. Braun explained how she has always wanted to open her own business, but it wasn't until this summer when her dream finally came true.

"I worked at a decoration place in Bad Axe for six years, and I thought it was time to do my own thing. Now that I have my own business, receiving this grant will really help keep my customers from having to wait as we tint the paint," she said.

According to Jim Lloyd, an employee and long time friend of Braun's, it would take them 20 minutes to mix a couple five gallon tubs of paint.

"With a five gallon shaker, we could get the same tubs of paint done in maybe five minutes," the Plain & Fancy Decorating employee said.

While the economy is at a low point, Braun is thankful for the grant. "Kevin Mackey and Jim McLoskey have been very helpful. I wouldn't have applied for the grant if it wasn't for them and now we will really benefit from that money," she said.

McLoskey, director of the Tuscola County EDC, said he helps people start and expand businesses.

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Elkland, Elmwood, Novesta townships

Voters renew Rawson Memorial Library millage

by Patricia Emepour
Staff Writer

Nearly 90 percent of area residents voted "yes" in the millage renewal election for Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City.

By passing the millage, the library renewed the previously approved increase in the tax limitation that expires this year. The same .35 of a mill will be levied. That is, for each \$1,000 of taxable value, \$.35 will be assessed.

The tax, which annually raises about \$62,000 for library operations, costs the owner of a home with a market value of \$100,000 roughly \$17.50 a year.

However, residents in Elkland, Elmwood and Novesta townships overwhelmingly approved the renewal at the August 4 election and it will remain in effect for 5 years (2010 to 2014).

The breakdown of the votes is as follows: 44 total votes for Novesta Township with 36 voting yes, 8 no; 40 total votes for Elmwood Township with 33 voting yes, 7 no; and for both precincts in Elkland Township there was a total of 187 votes with 176 voting yes, 11 no.

With a combined 271 votes, 245 to 26 voted in favor of the renewal and library director Kate VanAuken said she was pleased.

"We were, of course, expecting and hoping for the renewal to be passed, but I didn't expect it to be so overwhelming. The library is really one place where people have a say about their money and taxes," she said.

Rawson Memorial also depends on another millage levy, including a .75 of a mill tax now in effect through 2012. Combined with the renewed millage, they generate about \$180,000 in revenue.

Property taxes and penal fines make up 75 percent of

their budget. But penal fines are now an unstable source of funding as they make up only 14 percent of the budget, and have decreased by 45 percent. However, the library needs these funds for day-to-day operations, VanAuken explained.

"I was really amazed by how much support the library got. I know a lot of people support the library now, but whether or not they can afford it is a different issue," she said. "Our state aid money isn't really a huge part of our annual budget, so we really needed this millage."

As previously reported in the Chronicle 2 weeks ago, the library may have to reduce services they provide. Due to a loss of state aid, the future of MeLCat, Michigan's

eLibrary, which allows for statewide lending and sharing of library resources for all Michigan residents, is still unknown.

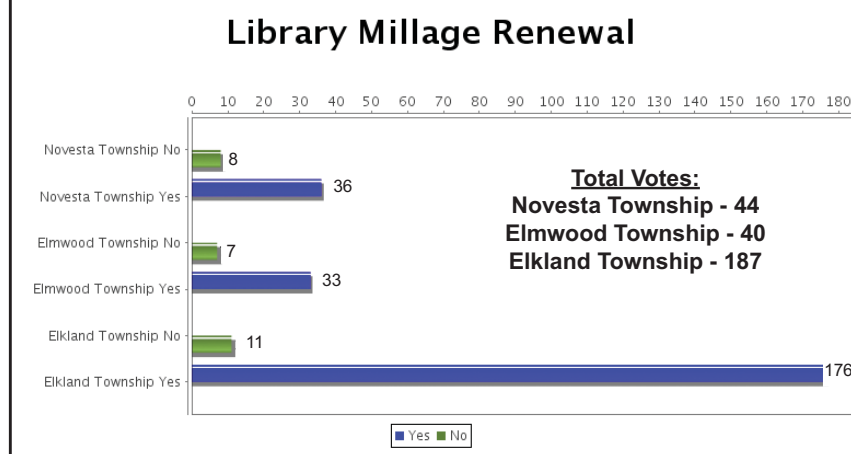
"Mel databases are a huge resource among all libraries, especially (for those patrons) in the academic and medical fields. K-12 schools also rely on these databases," VanAuken said.

She also acknowledged how the Cass City library may also have to put an end to providing state and federal tax forms.

"Libraries do more than just have forms available at the door for patrons...the staff spends lots of hours helping patrons find the right forms, finding the directions and how to fill them out," she said.

Open 60 hours a week, Rawson Memorial District Library boasts a collection of more than 30,000 materials. It also provides services like computer classes, senior citizen movies, genealogy and local history resources, on-line cemetery databases and more.

In 2008 alone, patrons checked out an astounding 58,141 items and borrowed nearly 2,500 items from other libraries, while 11 public computers were used 14,228 times to access the Internet or for word-processing.



Benkelman fulfills late grandfather's dream, restores 100-year-old windmill

by Patricia Emepour
Staff Writer

The late William "Bill" Donald Benkelman purchased a windmill about 20 to 30 years ago, but never had the chance to put it together before he died in 2002.

The nearly 100-year-old windmill sat in pieces in an old barn on the Benkelman farm on Schwegler Road, until this summer, when his grandson Jeffrey W. Benkelman took it upon himself to restore the windmill and build it.

After 3 weeks of work, the 60-foot operating windmill is nearly finished and just in time before the 22-year-old and his family had to leave on August 6 from their summer home in Cass City and move back to North Palm Beach, Fla.

"I've been wanting to put together the windmill for years. I was standing around one day thinking and decided I needed a summer project, and this was the perfect project. It has always been a dream of my grandfather's and a dream of mine, too," Jeffrey said. "It has sat in the barn for a long time, covered in dirt and hay."

To begin the assembling process, Jeffrey's father, Jeffrey R. Benkelman Sr. said they took the serial numbers off the windmill to find instructions on the Internet.

With good luck in their favor, Benkelman Sr. said they were able to trace the windmill back to Aero Motor Company based in Chicago and obtain instructions.

"We were surprised to actually find instructions for a windmill this old, but we did. According to the information we found, the windmill dates anywhere from 96 to 110 years old," he said.

Benkelman Sr. explained how the

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JEFREY W. BENKELMAN (right) and friend, Chris Landrith work on a 60-foot windmill once belonging to the late William "Bill" Benkelman. The nearly 100-year-old windmill set in a barn on the Benkelman property in Cass City for many decades until this summer, when the 22-year-old decided to fulfill his late grandfather's dream and restore it during his summer home from school at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Fla.

Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, August 13

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.

Friday, August 14

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

Sunday, August 16

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

Monday, August 17

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

Book Signing with Jerry Davis, 4 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Cass City Historical Society and Genealogy Society Program, "Author Jerry Davis," 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Tuesday, August 18

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

Blood Drive, 1-6:45 p.m., VFW Hall in Cass City. For more information, contact Kerry Brown at (989) 912-6319 or Joann Smithson at (989) 872-2031. Sponsored by the Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary.

Wednesday, August 19

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

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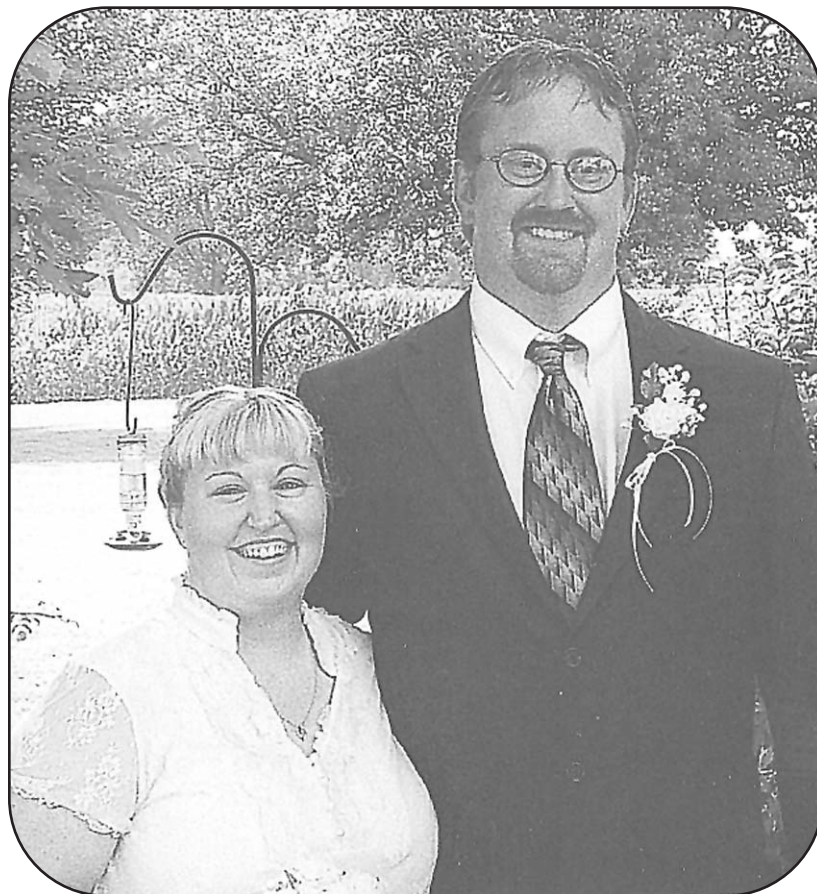
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Angela and Jamie Kreger

Hill, Kreger wed in Snover

Edward and Martha Hill of Cass City, and James and Sheryl Kreger of Snover announce the marriage of their children Angela Hill and Jamie Kreger July 25, 2009.

A small outside wedding took place

at the home of the groom's parents.

The best man was Chris Schuster of Sandusky. The maid of honor was Heather Campbell of Marlette.

The couple currently resides in Snover.

Kirsch named Bean Queen

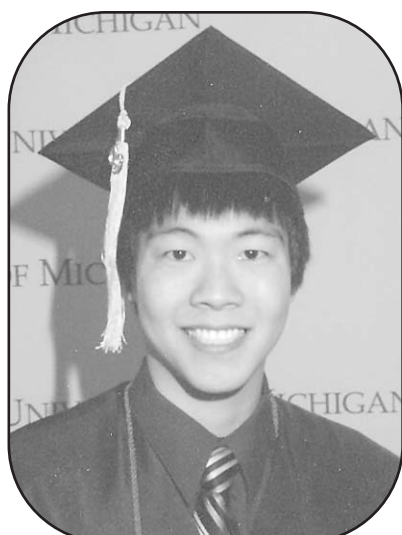
Jacqueline Elizabeth Kirsch, 19, daughter of Michael and Kathy Kirsch, Harbor Beach, was crowned the 2009 Huron County Bean Queen at the Huron Community Fair July 27.

During the year, she will represent Huron County Bean Growers at various activities in Huron County and around the state.

Named as first runner-up was Teri Marie Gentner, 19, daughter of Craig and Mary Kay Gentner, Minden City. She is a 2008 graduate of Ubly Community Schools and is currently attending Saginaw Valley State University, where she is majoring in business and marketing.

Second runner-up is Katie Lynn Kunding, 19, daughter of Bryce and Connie Kunding, Sebawaing.

A. Schinnerer earns degree from U of M



Andrew Schinnerer

Andrew Schinnerer recently graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science Degree in psychology. He has completed his graduate records exam and plans to attend graduate school for a master's degree in school psychology.

Schinnerer is the son of Lloyd and Laura Schinnerer of Cass City.

Exercise program scheduled in Caro

"Motivating Moves" is an uplifting and enjoyable exercise program for older adults, and includes 24 seated exercises designed to address typical movement challenges that effect balance, flexibility and posture.

"Motivating Moves" classes will be held at the Caro Dining Center (LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro) Aug. 18 and 25 and Sept. 1 and 8. These free classes will run from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Lunch will be available after class for a suggested donation of \$2.50.

The "Motivating Moves" program is sponsored by the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, but is beneficial for all older adults. Classes in this series are provided by Human Development Commission (HDC).

For additional information, call HDC at (989) 673-4121.

Davis to speak at Rawson Library

Author Jerry Davis of Albuquerque, NM, is scheduled to speak at 7 p.m., Aug. 17 at the Cass City Area Historical and Genealogy Society meeting at Rawson Memorial District Library. Davis will also sign copies of his book at 4 p.m. that day.

Davis was born and raised in the Vassar area and one of his books, "Home on the Farm: Essays on a Michigan Childhood" is about his years in Michigan.

The public is welcome to attend both events. For further information, call the library at (989) 872-2856.



Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
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Ira Leppek and Delores of Las Vegas, NV spent two days with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Krug of Ubly.

Ira Leppek and Delores of Las Vegas, NV are spending a few days with Vivian Rumpitz of Ubly.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Sweeney of Ubly visited Bertha Sweeney and Thelma Jackson on Sunday afternoon.

Evans Gibbard is a patient in Bad Axe Hospital following knee surgery. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rumpitz, Jolene, Matt & Katie, Marie Grifka, Mr. and Mrs. David Grifka and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson of Ubly, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Leppek of Parisville and Ira Leppek & Delores of Las Vegas, NV were among several family members and friends who attended a 90th birthday party on Sunday for Vivian Rumpitz of Ubly.

Mrs. Evans Gibbard visited Mrs. Carl Gibbard and Thelma Jackson on Wednesday.

Mrs. Dan Franzel spent a couple of days with June Rutz at Imlay City.

Ted Particka of Madison Heights spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka.

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Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

If the pieces fall together, Cass City students could enjoy new sidewalks both north-south and east-west leading to the middle school and high school.

Amy Cuthrell, Cass City Public Schools, has written a grant totaling more than \$300,000 from the Michigan Department of Transportation in conjunction with the "Safe Routes to School" program.

If successful, village treasurer Nanette Walsh reports matching funds are available in the 2009 budget. Grant recipients are expected to be acknowledged in October.

Didn't get your fill at Friday's 10th Annual Classic Car Show held during Summer Mania in Cass City? Don't fret; The Cass River Pet FriendZ is hosting a car show fundraiser Aug. 23 across from the Moose Lodge, 1136 E. Caro Rd., Caro. The event is slated for 3 to 7 p.m. For more information call (989) 673-6375.

Several area wheat farmers lost over half of their profits this year when the grain sprouted before it could be harvested and reduced its selling price per bushel. If that isn't enough, Cass City farmer Chris Peters says some of the crops now have weevils and are being burned instead of harvested, another financial setback for the Thumb economy.

Fatal accident claims Vassar student

A fatal traffic crash last week still has a Tuscola County community reeling from the death of a 16-year-old Vassar High School student and athlete.

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Office Thursday responded to a 2 vehicle crash on M-15 just south of Miller Road in Vassar Township. Witnesses at the scene advised that a northbound moped, operated by Wayne Szagesh, 16, of Vassar, swerved into the path of a southbound Jeep operated by Elnora Mercer, 50, of Otisville.

Szagesh, who played football and basketball for the Vulcans in 2008, was pronounced dead at the scene. Mercer was treated at the scene for minor injuries and released. Speed and alcohol do not appear to be a factor in the crash, which is still under investigation by the Tuscola County Sheriff's Office.

Assisting at the scene were the Vassar Police Department, Mobile Medical Response, Vassar Fire Department and Fabbro's Towing Service.

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T.C. Airport Authority releases annual report

The Tuscola Area Airport Authority Board of Directors recently released its annual report for 2008-09, showing an increase in the number of businesses that use and benefit from the airport near Caro.

According to airport authority board chairman Gary Parsell, records show more than 47 businesses, suppliers and customers of those businesses have used the airport over the past few years.

Parsell said many people do not realize the wide variety of businesses that benefit from the airport. "These would include agricultural processing firms like Poet Biorefining and the LaBuddy Group, manufacturing companies like Walbro Engine Management, retail stores like Peebles Department Store and Farm Depot, and service companies like Covenant Hospital, United Parcel Service in Cass City and agricultural spraying," he noted.

"There are also local, state and federal units of government that are connected to the Tuscola Area Airport," Parsell added. "These include the village of Cass City, the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation, the Michigan State Police and the National Guard. We also have a number of residents living in the area who receive medical treatment via the airport and the volunteer, non-profit program called The Wings of Mercy."

The Tuscola Area Airport Authority has done a great deal of work to increase the tax base of Indianfields Township - where the airport is physically located on M-81, Parsell pointed out. "All of the excess property at the airport has been sold to businesses and private property owners who now pay property taxes to the township and other units of government. The newest business to locate at the airport is Rasmussen Trucking, which put up a nice building last year," he said.

The airport authority also paid for a passing lane on the north side of the intersection of M-81 and Chambers Road - one of the busiest intersections in Indianfields Township - a few years ago. This infrastructure improvement was done at no cost to Indianfields Township. The airport authority also paid for the design and construction of the entrance road to the airport.

The annual report includes a list of improvements that have been made at the airport over the past several years. According to Parsell, many of these projects are funded up to 97 1/2 percent with federal and state grant money, which allows the local match to be stretched more than most operations.

The chair of the airport authority board also addressed what he called inaccurate information that has been circulated dealing with the role of Linn Smith-the airspace and airport zoning specialist with the Michigan Aeronautics Commission-Michigan Department of Transportation.

Parsell said, "Linn Smith is not paid by the local airport authority or by Tuscola County. As part of the airport zoning development process, which began in January of this year, Mr. Smith has met several times with the county board of commissioners, the planning commission and many local elected officials. It is our goal that the airport zoning ordinance to be approved will pave the way for many jobs to be created by both all the businesses that use the airport and by wind energy developers throughout Tuscola County."

The Tuscola Area Airport Authority purchased the former Caro Municipal Airport from the village of Caro for \$1 in 1993. All meetings of the authority board of directors are open to the general public. All members of the board serve as volunteers of the airport and are not paid by the airport authority.

Letters to the Editor

Bridge maintenance necessary, overkill

RE: Replacement of Bridge - Reed Road

To the Editor:

I became very concerned when I learned that this bridge was going to be replaced. Reed Road goes to the west from the bridge 1 3/4 miles and ends - it goes a quarter mile west (Tuscola County). It then enters Sanilac County and becomes Seeger Road for one mile to M-53. In Tuscola County only 4 permanent residents reside along the road.

I am not against repairing the existing bridge, but a proposed suspension bridge, the widening road, blacktopping approaches, long guard-rails and removal of all the trees seems to me a bit of overkill.

It only proves to me again that the road commission has a lot of money to spend (taxpayer money by the way). I will have to think very hard before I will vote for any future millages.

could be something that your company could be proud of and pleasing to us living here.

This is one of the last beautiful spots left in the Thumb. We have to live here, so please do the least amount of damage possible.

Thank you for your consideration." Before it is too late, take a ride down Reed Road and you will understand my concern.

Sincerely yours,
John Ryba
Cass City

Good use of taxpayers' money

Dear Editor,

I do not know whom to recognize - maybe the Michigan Department of Transportation or the Tuscola County Road Commission.

I am referring to the yellow and white lines recently painted on the roads in our area. They are great! That is a good use of taxpayer's money.

I call it "my tax dollars at work." I'm sure they have helped prevent accidents and even saved lives.

Sincerely,

Dagmar M. Brown
Cass City

Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

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

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

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The back forty

by Roger Pond

Sometimes it's hard to entertain a pig. We can take them to town — or to the fair, but it's difficult for us to know what they want. We could ask some animal rights groups about that.

I just read that People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) received permission to take three pigs to Columbus, Ohio during July. Nobody knows if the pigs wanted to go, or what they planned to accomplish; but PETA had some items for display and recordings they wanted to play.

The Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board granted permission for the pigs to visit the Statehouse. They balked, however, at PETA's request for permission to bring several gallons of urine, a load of manure, and a fan to blow odors around. That's an unusual request from a group that has only three pigs!

I suppose the pigs went, and everyone had a good time, but I'd hate to be in a group hauling three pigs around. I've done that myself, and it's surely no picnic. People tend to forget that pigs need protection.

That's why the state veterinarian in Oregon recommends people stay at least 6 feet away from pigs during fairs this year. Not to protect people, but to assure the pigs won't get H1N1 from the spectators. That's called swine flu for some reason, and constitutes something pigs really don't need.

Fairs around the country have done their best to protect pigs from this disease while connecting people with the animals. Some people worry that fairgoers will be offended by signs suggesting they stay back.

One fellow recalls an exhibit in San Francisco a few years ago where people waited 40 minutes in line so they could pet a pig. These folks got a sticker that said, "I petted a pig on the pier." I can't speak for others, but I've never wanted a sticker like that.

A good example is the fellow who found a pig along the side of the road, and determined he was going to return the animal to its rightful owner. Unfortunately this was in an urban area, and the pig wasn't very helpful.

So the driver put the pig in his car and started toward the police station. He soon saw a police officer and told him about discovering the pig.

The cop said, "We don't have any farms around here, but I'd take that pig to the zoo if I were you."

"O.K.," the good Samaritan said. "I can't leave this pig out here by herself."

The policeman drove through the same area the next day, and saw this man with the pig in his car.

"What are you doing?" he asked. "I

thought you were taking that pig to the zoo!"

"Oh, I did," the fellow said. "And we had so much fun — today we're going to a movie."

Unionville woman sustains serious injuries after early morning accident

A personal injury crash Tuesday, Aug. 4, resulted in a Unionville woman sustaining serious head injuries and being taken to St. Mary's Hospital by Flight Care Helicopter.

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Office responded to the apparent one-vehicle accident at M-81 and Colwood Road, Ellington Township, and found that Odile Jeanee Karle, 55, Unionville, lost control of her vehicle and entered the ditch. The deputies' report indicated her JMC Jimmy had been going west bound on M-81 at the time she lost control, around 12:46 a.m.

Sheriff Deputies believe a seat belt was not used and no alcohol was involved.

The Caro Fire Department assisted at the scene.

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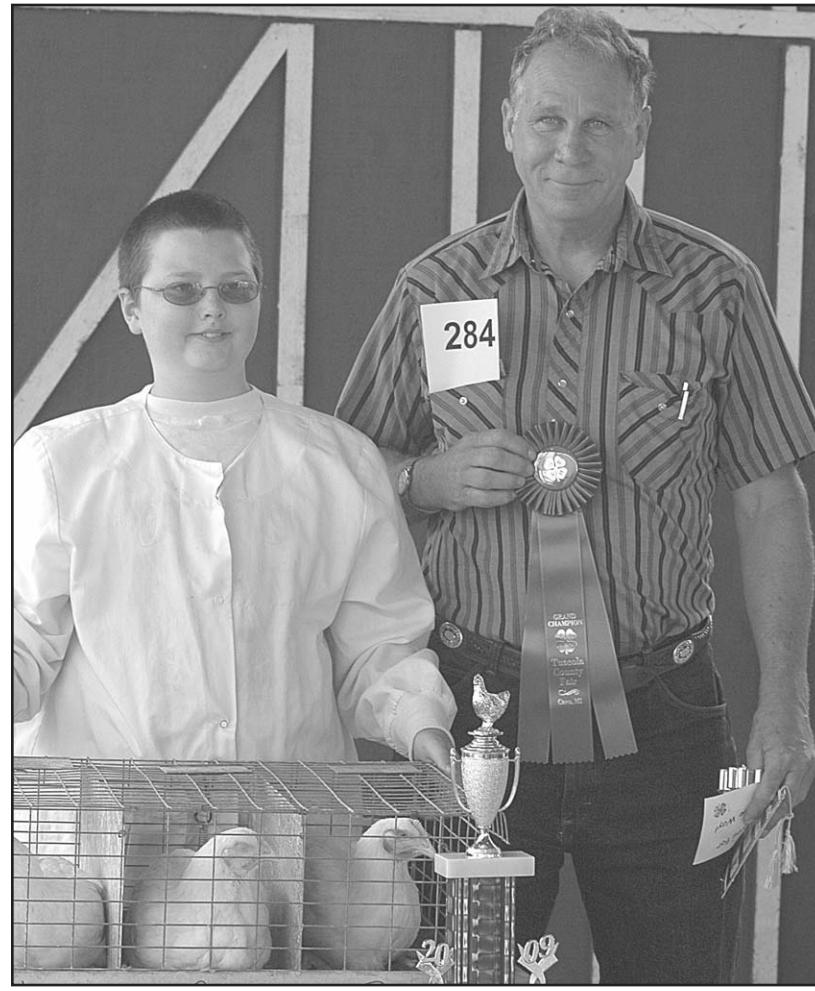
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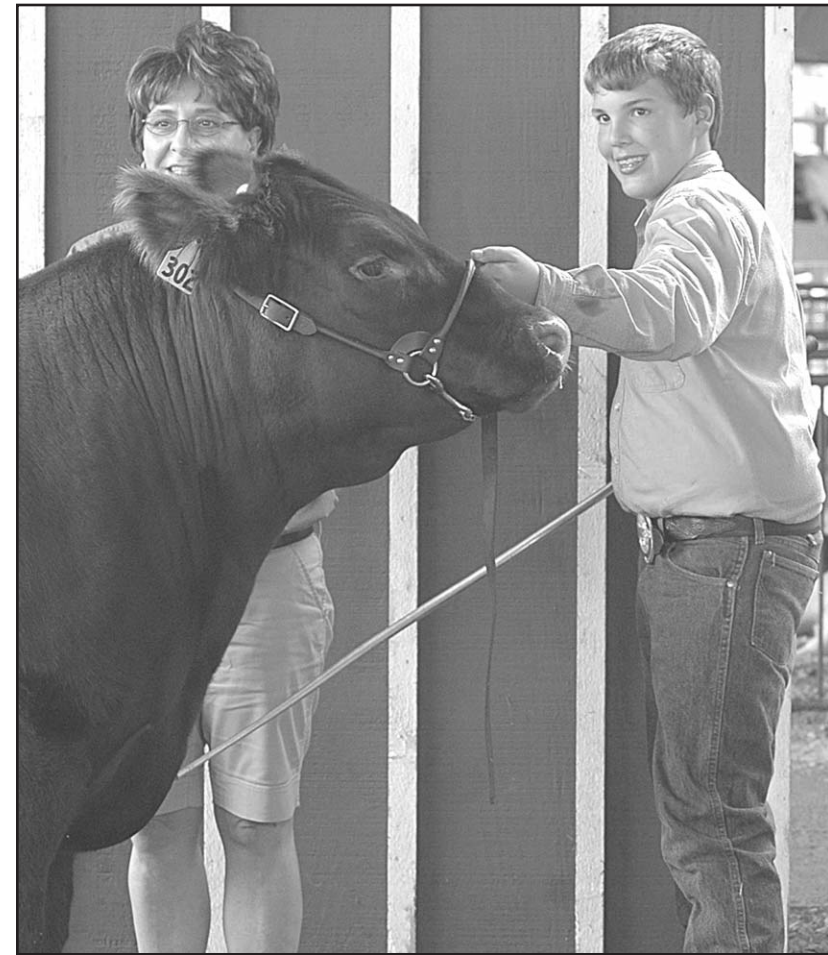
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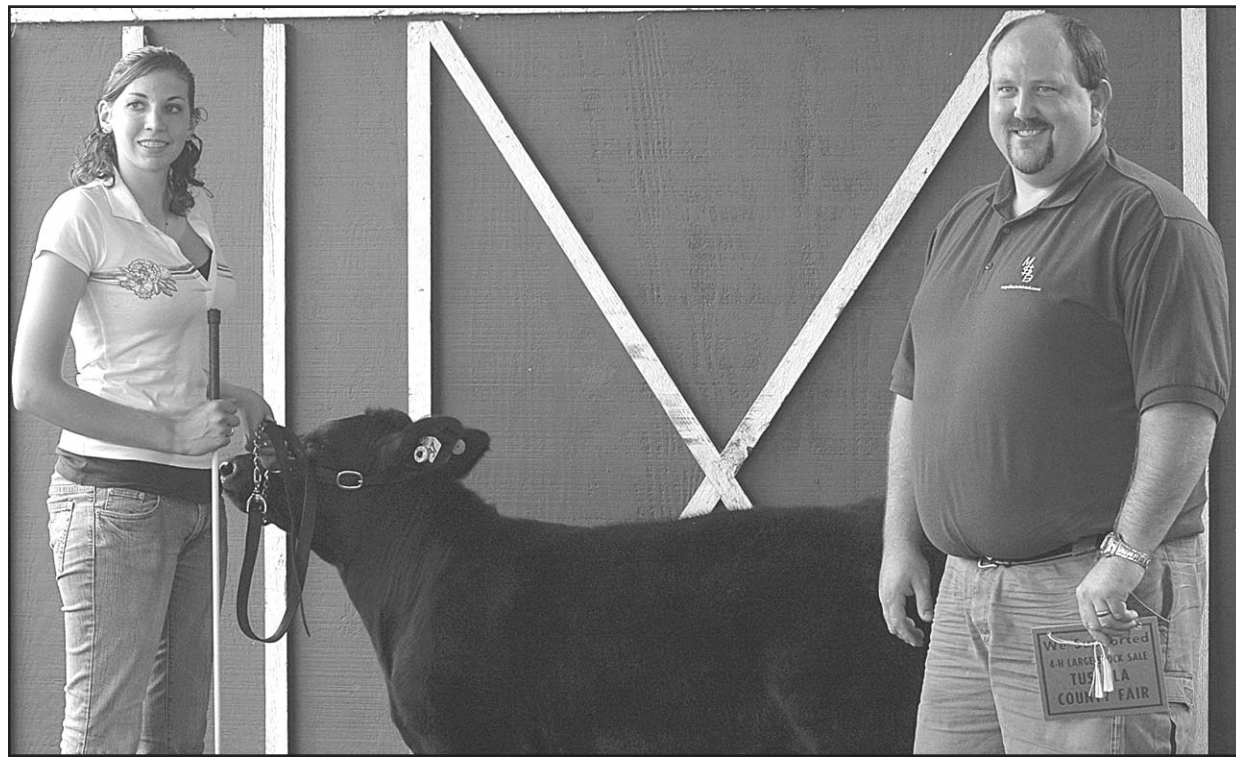
SHAWN PRATT won Junior Showman honors for his market fryer chicken pen. Independent Bank of Caro purchased his chickens for \$110. Pratt is the son of Paul and Rebekah Pratt. He is in the Silverwood Road Runners 4-H Club.



GRAND CHAMPION PEN went to Zachary Pratt from the Silverwood Road Runners 4-H Club. Dave Turner from Dave Turner & Horses in Mayville purchased his chickens for \$100. Pratt is the son of Paul and Rebekah Pratt.



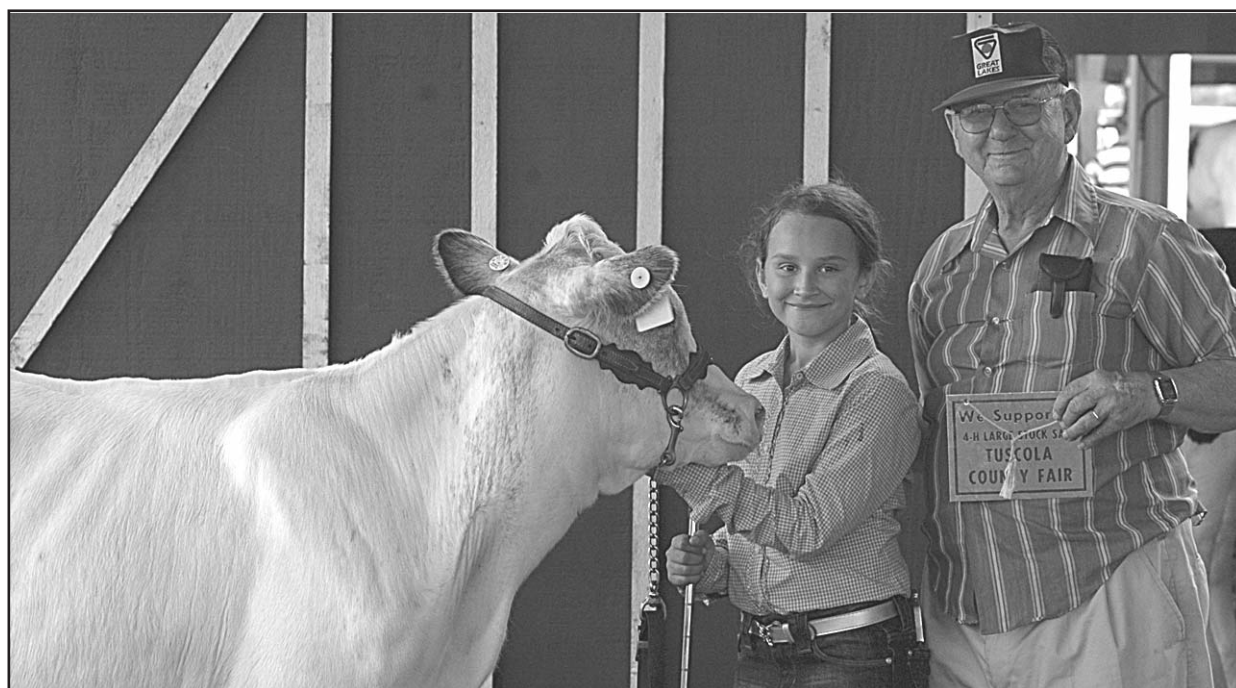
THUMB CELLULAR purchased Clay Daily's 1,295-pound steer for \$2,000. Daily won Reserve Champion Beef and Champion Intermediate Showman honors. He is the son of Greg and Linette Daily. Daily participates in the 5 Star Livestock 4-H Club of Kingston.



RACHEL BUCKMASTER from May-King 4-H Club won Reserve Senior Showman honors for her 349-pound market feeder. Mayville State Bank purchased her feeder for \$1.60 per pound. She is the daughter of Bruce and Kim Buckmaster.



QUINNIN DAILY won Champion Homebred honors for her 1,310-pound steer. Poet Biorefining in Caro purchased the steer for \$1,500. Daily is the daughter of Greg and Linette Daily. She is part of Kingston's 5 Star Livestock 4-H Club.



LEFT: WILBUR HECHT, of Reese, purchased Danielle Wood-Seddon's 473-pound market feeder for \$1.40 per pound. She won Reserve Junior Showman honors. Wood-Seddon is the daughter of Wendy Bodeis and Daniel Seddon and she participates with the 5 Star Livestock 4-H Club in Kingston.



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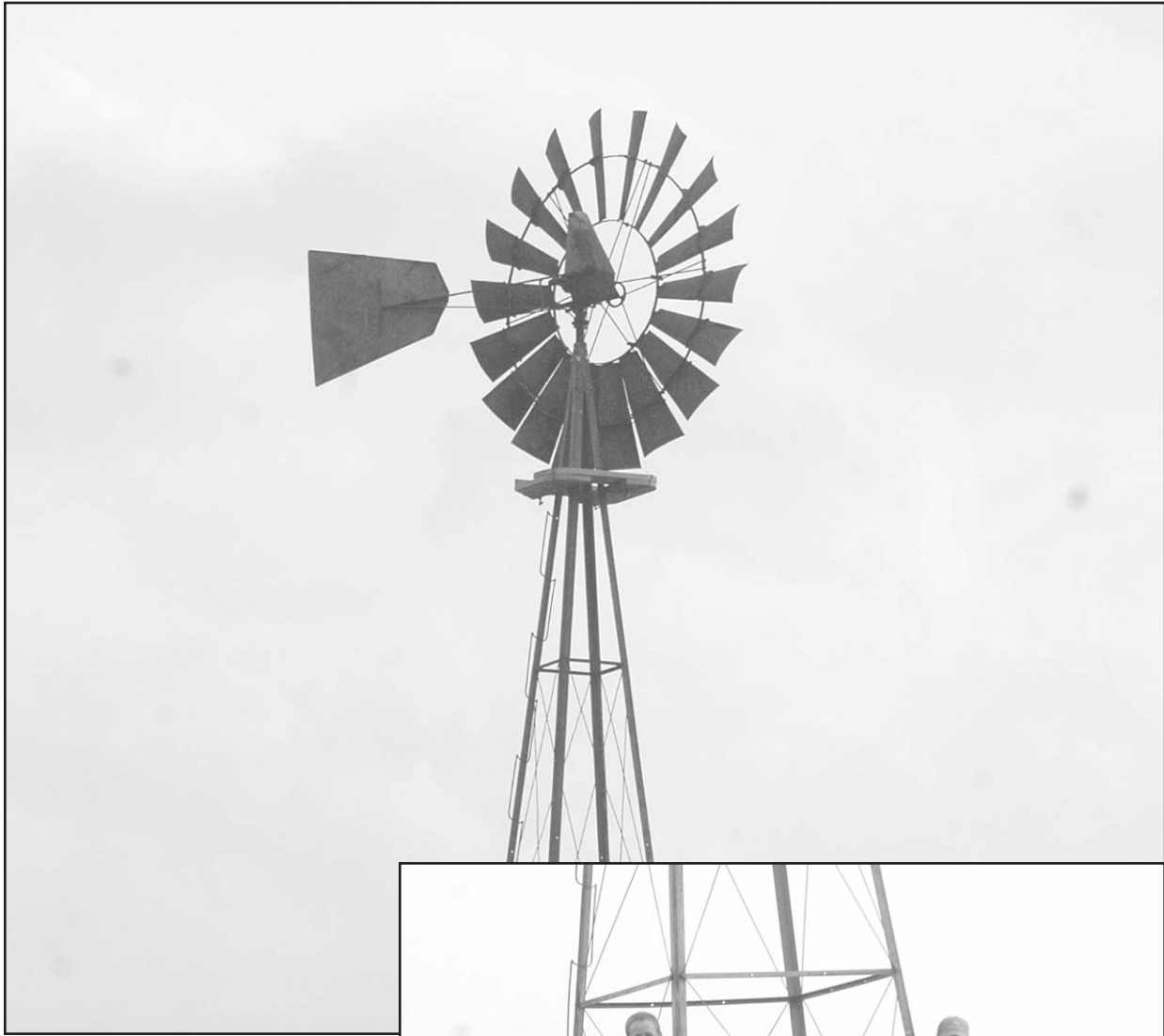
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AFTER 3 WEEKS of hard work, Jeffrey W. Benkelman (top right) restored his late grandfather's nearly 100-year-old windmill. His only help came from friends; Chris Landrith (top left), Kevin Ouvry (bottom right), his brother Cody Benkelman (bottom left), Andrew Martin and R.C. Paschke (the last 2 not pictured). William "Bill" Benkelman purchased the windmill between 20 and 30 years ago, but never had the chance to put it up before he died in 2002. Now the windmill is nearly completed and stands 60-feet tall on the Benkelman property in Cass City.



Benkelman fulfills late grandfather's dream, restores 100-year-old windmill

Continued from page one.

project, which included restoring the pump head and re-greasing it, straightening and tuning every blade, and building the tower, took longer than building a new windmill because some of the components were rusted. "The original instructions said building the windmill, which was brand new at the time, would take 2 people anywhere from 3 to 7 days. But because the windmill is really old, it took my son and his buddies 3 weeks," he said. According to Jeffrey, he and his close friends, Chris Landrith, Andrew Martin, Kevin Ouvry, and R.C. Paschke began the project on July 14 and didn't finish until August 4. "The sun was going down and we were up there working as people drove by and honked. It was a late night...we were working under the light of the moon, placing in that last bolt," Jeffrey said. "We had to get it done because we only rented the lift truck for so long." In order to reach mid-way up the tower, Jeffrey said Ken Martin Electric allowed them to borrow their bucket truck, but the truck didn't stretch high enough, so they also rented a lift truck. "We are so thankful for the help we received from Ken Martin Electric. They were busy with the Tuscola

County Fair, but they still let us use the truck in between whenever they didn't need it. If it wasn't for their help, I don't know how we would have been able to finish the windmill in time before we had to go back to Florida," he said. His father agreed, but confided he was a little nervous to see his son working 60 feet in the air. "From a father's perspective, I was nervous to see them working way up there. When they were putting on the blades, it took them 3 tries and they were just swinging and moving around in the wind like they were on a pendulum," he said. "But I am really proud of Jef, he is always thinking of doing things that he knows would please his grandfather." Now with it standing up and tall, area residents can view the windmill if they drive east on Milligan Road toward Schwegler Road. Landrith said he was proud to help out in the endeavor and will look back on the experience of building it for years to come. Similarly, Ouvry said he would tell his children he helped build the windmill on the Benkelman property. "You just really don't see mills around here anymore," he said. Although Jeffrey is gearing up to go back to college as a senior at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Fla., the windmill is not completely

finished. It will have to be oiled next year and the tail has to be released, Jeffrey explained. "Every year I'll have something else to work on with the windmill, it will be a never ending project," he said. "I am happy to be part of this, my grandfather always wanted it to be built on the property. It was his dream."

Down Memory Lane

By Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO

A beautiful summer day welcomed golfers Saturday at Mulligan's Irish Links for the 4th annual Ross Kraft Painting Invitational golf tourney. Top billing on the day went to teammates Cris Kraft and Alex Termini. Finishing runner-up was the team of Jim Peyerck and Steve Osentoski, while Don Smith and Andy Magnuson finished third. The team of Tom Kelly and Morris Powell placed fourth. Special congratulations were extended to teammates Bob and Shirley McIntosh who finished as high scorer. The George Reiha Friends of the Arts Scholarship program recently announced 2 recipients for this year. The first place scholarship recipient is Jason Parker of Caro. Parker is a 2004 graduate of Caro High School. He has been published in anthologies, poetry books and newspapers. He has contributed to the Caro yearbook writing and photography. Parker graduated summa cum laude from Caro High School and will be attending Bard College in New York, majoring in writing and theatre. He is the son of Mike and Cindy Parker of Caro. Eric Hanby of Cass City is the second place scholarship recipient. Hanby is a 2004 graduate of Cass City High School. He has been active with the forensics team and theatre. Hanby will be attending Eastern Michigan University this fall, majoring in secondary education history with a minor in theatre and communication arts. He is the son of Jim and Rita Hanby of Cass City. The Corradi Construction team finished runner-up in league and tournament play of the Western Thumb Women's Softball League. The members are: Kathy Moore, Jenn Corradi, Jaime Anthes, Melissa Halabis, Vicki Ricker, Molly Sholten, Michelle Pretzer, Marci LeValley, Kelly Richmond, Robin Diaz, Linda Geiger and Char Kiss. Jenn Corradi received the 2004 Western Thumb Women's Softball league "Best Defensive Player" award in the league tourney, which was held in Cass City.

The plastic bag tightly secured in Dick's hand quickly becomes filled with garbage about 3 times during his 45-minute walk. "It takes a darn nice citizen to walk around and pick up like that," Haselhuhn said. "It's too bad more people don't do that. They're a nice couple." When she was 15 years old, Niki Soubliere of Howell, the great-granddaughter of Orval and Ada Hutchinson of Cass City, had already won a host of water skiing titles. Now, at 16, she has become one of the best barefoot jumpers in the country regardless of age. The accomplishment is even more amazing because Soubliere, who started skiing at 4 years old, never jumped until 3 years ago. Roger Rockafellow, husband of 1968 Cass City graduate Gloria Marshall, will join 450 U.S. police officers for a year-long peace keeping term in the beleaguered Yugoslav province, Kosovo. A retirement ceremony was held June 18 in honor of Col. Victor D. Jaroch for his 27 years of service in the United States Air Force. The ceremony was held in the Secretary of the Air Force conference room and attended by Jaroch's wife Linda and son Brandon, his mother, Lillian Jaroch of Ubly, brother David Jaroch of Ubly, with his daughter Marjo, and his sisters Deborah Szczepanski, Grand Rapids, Pamela Jaroch, Akron, Ohio.

Crowned 4-H king and queen at last week's Sanilac County 4-H Fair were Jeff Eager, son of Charles and Aileen Eager, Brown City, and Linda Adam, daughter of Faye and Wayne Adam, Snover.

35 YEARS AGO

Idle note: You want to know what frustration is? It's having a one-armed golfer like Phil Retherford outdrive you from the tee and then rack up a birdie on the hole. *** More frustration: Attending the Rotary party at the Dick Erla home and having to settle for silly old steak instead of some of that famous Chris Erla kielbasa. (From Rabbit Tracks) Fae Hampshire, 16, a graduate of Cass City High School, will be featured in the Eighth Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1973-74, the largest student award publication in the nation. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hampshire of Deford and has been involved in the marching and symphonic band, National Honor Society, ski club and church activities. Miss Hampshire has also received the Zonta Club Scholarship, a music grant, an A.C.T. Scholarship and was 13th in her class of 135. She plans to attend Bethel College in Mishawaka, Ind., this fall and will major in professional music.

Army Specialist Four Carl T. Crow, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Crow, Houghton St., is assigned to the 2nd armored cavalry regiment in Germany. Spec. Crow is a generator mechanic in Headquarters Troop, 3rd Squadron of the regiment in Amberg, Germany. His wife, Sharla, lives at 1575 Crawford Rd., Deford.

An empty lot at the corner of State and Lincoln Streets in Gagetown is all that remains of what was once a thriving business and social center of the village years ago. The lot is the site of what was known as the Fischer Building, which served as grocery, millinery and general store from before the turn of the century until the 1950s. In fact, a history of the building is in part, a history of Gagetown as well. The building, which was torn down this spring, at one time housed a dry goods store, a grocery, meat lockers and a dance hall through its history. The original building was constructed sometime between 1869 and 1887, according to Mrs. Mabel Hendershot, Chronicle correspondent from Gagetown. At the time of its construction, there were eight other store-buildings in the village, all prospering.

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10 YEARS AGO

Bob Haselhuhn said to his neighbors, Dick and Nita Carlson, "Some day, people are going to thank you for this." It's time. For the past 6 years, the Carlsons have helped make Cass City clean and beautiful. Some people do notice the couples' efforts, but just as many have not. Haselhuhn said it's about time everyone does. Dick, while taking a 3-mile walk from his home in the Northwood Condominiums through Cass City, picks up the litter he finds on the sides of streets.

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MHSAA provides hot-weather practice information

With the beginning of another high school sports season approaching, there are always concerns about physical activity in hot and humid conditions. The Michigan High School Athletic Association continues its role in providing its member schools with educational information to assist them in minimizing the possibility of heat-related catastrophic injuries to student-athletes.

The topic of heat-related injuries receives a lot of attention at this time of year, especially when deaths at the professional, collegiate and inter-scholastic levels of sport occur, and especially since they are all preventable with the proper precautions. In football, data from the National Federation of State High School Associations shows that 29 high school players have died from heat stroke since 1995 - 4 occurring last year.

Each spring, the MHSAA has provided information to its member schools to help them prepare for hot weather practice and game conditions in the late summer and early fall. Football practice can begin at MHSAA member schools on August 10, followed by all other fall sports on August 12.

"Heat Stress & Athletic Participation" is information from the National Federation of State High School Associations, which the MHSAA makes available on its website for use by all fall sports teams. The information points out that student-athletes are subject to a variety of maladies from heat cramps to heat strokes at this time of year. Preventative steps are

outlined, including hydration guidelines about what to drink and what not to drink. There are links to the Fall Sports Coaches Preseason Alerts, as well as additional information about hydration and heat illness on the Health & Safety page of the MHSAA Website. A copy of the information is available on the MHSAA Web site-<http://www.mhsaa.com/Schools/HealthSafetyResources.aspx>.

"Our coaches are so much more aware of hydration and heat issues now, but you can never let your guard down. We cannot emphasize enough that water be available in unlimited quantities at all times during prac-

tices," said John R. Johnson, communications director for the MHSAA. "Additionally, coaching staffs need to be tuned in to their student-athletes and be sure they are partaking of water. There is no excuse for any number of heat stroke deaths since they are all preventable. If schools and their student-athletes follow these guidelines, then we minimize the risk for heat-related problems."

Johnson added that as student-athletes work out on their own individually or with a group of teammates in informal settings during the summer, they also need to be aware of their hydration.

Rule changes announced

Formal preparations for the 2009-10 fall sports season begin next week for over 110,000 students in 8 sports at member schools of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Practice sessions began August 10 for football and golf, followed by all other sports on August 12. All sports now have a required number of practice days before they engage in competition, to provide a framework that promotes conditioning and a legitimate window for team tryouts to be conducted in.

Football practice must begin on August 10 for all schools wishing to begin regular season games the weekend of August 27-30. Schools must have 12 days of preseason practice at all levels before their first game, which may not occur before 16 calendar days. All football schools must also conduct at least 3 conditioning days of practice before beginning contact, and the conditioning sessions may not include any pads.

For golf and tennis, competition may commence no earlier than after 3 separate days of team practice, and not before 7 calendar days. The first day competition may take place for golf and tennis is August 19. In all other fall sports, contests can take place after 7 days of practice for the team and not before 14 calendar days. The first day competition may take place in cross country, tennis soccer, swimming and diving, and volleyball in the fall is August 21.

This year, 2 football dates precede Labor Day, and Thursday varsity games will take place both weeks. In Week 1, 41 of the 11-player games will be played on Thursday, 250 contests will be played on Friday, and 15 games will be played on Saturday. The following weekend, 216 games will be played on Thursday, 86 games will be played on Friday, and 7 games will be played on Saturday.

For 2009, the horse-collar tackle has been added to the list of illegal personal fouls according to the National Federation of State High School. Effective this season, it will be illegal to grab the inside back or side collar of the runner's shoulder pads or jersey and subsequently pull the runner to the ground. The penalty will be 15 yards from the succeeding spot.

There are also 2 other risk-minimization changes in 2009. One change will make it illegal to grasp an opponent's chin strap, in addition to the opponent's face mask or edge of a helmet opening. The national rules committee also made a significant change in an effort to reduce the risk of injury along the sidelines. A maximum of 3 coaches may be in the restricted area between the sideline and the restraining line to communicate with players during dead-ball situations. Before the ball becomes live, however, the coaches must retreat into the team box. This is to keep the 6-foot zone between the sideline and the restraining line open for officials the length of the field. The restraining line is also in place outside the team bench area to keep other sideline personnel - chain gangs, trainers, media, and others - back from the field during play.

The most visible rule change for girls' volleyball will permit head coaches to stand during play with limitations. The head coach may stand in the libero replacement zone during play, and shall not be closer than 6 feet to the sideline. If the team bench is carded by the official at any point during the match, the head coach will lose the privilege to stand for the remainder of the match. Additionally, a change was made to allow the ball to contact any part of the body legally. Previously, the ball was only allowed to hit a player from the waist up for the contact to be legal.



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KENNA NYE, 9, recently participated in her first horse show at the Michigan Draft Horse Breeders Association Show from July 20 to 22 in Mason, Mich. Nye and her horse, Chance, placed first in the Junior Showmanship Class and placed third in the Junior Cart Class. She is the daughter of Gary and Christie Nye, of Cass City.

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THE 2009 Rolling Hills Golf Course Members Championships were captured by Ray Fox and Dan Caister. The top 3 finishers, and their 36-hole totals, are: from the left, Scott Richards, 158, Mike Ware, 157, and Fox, 155. The top flight #2 scores were handed in by (l-r) Jim Young, 173, and Caister, 167.



DTE Energy Electric Softball Team won the 2009 Western Thumb Women's Softball League. The team consists of: (front) Connor Herford - Bat Boy, (middle) Sal Brandenburg, Lisa McCain, Tammy Millerwise, Jamie Brandenburg, Jenny Gremel, (back) Barbara Hellebuyck, Tamara Duke, Cathy Dayak, Melissa Hemmerline, Nikki Padden, Christy Sting, Angie Herford and Leann Holland. Missing is Melanie Sobczak.

Chip Shots

Monday Night Golf League as of Aug. 3			
Division 1			
Richard Tate	135	Don Ouvry	109
Scott Richards	131	Jon Zdrojewski	105
Daryl Iwankovitch	129	Low gross score for the week: Jon Zdrojewski 36	
Mike Lowe	125	Low net score for week: Jon Zdrojewski 30	
Craig Helwig	119	Division 2	
Dieter Roth	115	Ray Fox	143

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Terry Hendrick	165
Dan Caister	150
Thad Phelps	140
Larry Robinson	107
Dan Curtis	106
Bruce LaValley	102
Harold MacAlpine	98
Dick Wallace	87
Low gross score for the week: Dan Caister 42	
Low net score for week: Dan Caister 35	
Division 4	
Josh Stern	138*
Steve Palmer	135
Paul Regnerus	131
Steve Osentoski	130
Bob Stickle	116
David House	105
Tom Lis	103
Keith Pobanz	88*
Low gross score for the week: Josh Stern 44	
Low net score for week: Josh Stern 33	
*Needs to make up matches	

Chip Shots

Wednesday Night
2-Man Golf League
as of Aug. 5

Division 1 - Early		Division 2 - Late	
Burns/Kritzman	100	deBeaubien/Lowe	99
Hendrick/Kelly	92	Hillaker/Murphy	97
Davis/Tate	91	Langle/Tamlyn	93
Young/Veggian	90	Bliss/Krol	89
Berwick/Greenlee	86	Martin/Robinson	87
Hobbs/Meck	81	Hool/Toner	79
Henn/Herron	81	Individual Medallist: M. Lowe 37	
Burns/Caister	80	Team Medallists: Langle/Tamlyn 77.	
Iwankovitch/Stickle	78		
Warner/Wallace	78		
Craig/Knight	77		
Alexander/Spencer	73		
Zdrojewski/Peters	71		
Daniels/Wilson	70		
Jones/Marshall	69		
Bliss/Irrer	63		
Pobanz/Smithson	60		
Dillon/Tonti	46		

Blood drive slated in Cass City

The need for blood increases yearly for many reasons. Chemotherapy treatments for cancer patients have greatly increased long-term survival rates. However, toxic effects from the drugs require many patients to have blood component transfusions. To help support the yearly increase in demand for blood, the Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary and Veterans of Foreign War encourage eligible persons to donate blood on Tuesday, Aug. 18, from 1:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. at the Cass City VFW hall. If you are uncertain if you are eligible to donate, please do not hesitate to call Kerry Brown at 989-912-6319 or Joann Smithson at 989-872-2031.

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YFC Auction scheduled in Cass City

by Patricia Emenpour
Staff Writer

Organizers for the annual Bluewater Thumb Youth For Christ Auction are gearing up for this year's event set to take place August 15 at Cass City's park near the pavilion.

Serving as one of their biggest fundraisers of the year, the auction supports nearly one third of their annual budget. Beginning at 9 a.m., proceeds from the auction will support YFC Campus Life programs in Cass City and Kingston, as well as Caro and Reese.

According to Shawn Orlik, YFC Campus Life director for Cass City and Caseville areas, YFC is a non-profit organization created to reach young people everywhere to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus Christ.

"We like to build relationships with the kids and our goal is to get them plugged into a church," he said.

Orlik explained how YFC employs 7 staff members to reach out to kids at before and after school programs and during lunch time at different area schools throughout northern Tuscola and Huron counties.

The auction will benefit programs like their different breakfast clubs, a program designed to be a place kids can hangout before school and share devotions while volunteers make them food. Currently, YFC has around 3,500 students involved in one of their Campus Life programs, Orlik noted.

At the core of the Youth For Christ, volunteers also provide Bible studies, lock-ins and trips to Cedar Point and Florida, where kids stay at a camp, attend events and listen to speakers.

"Without the funds from the auction, we wouldn't be able to run our pro-

grams," he said. "Although this is my first year doing the auction, we have been doing this for 13 years and it is a very important fundraiser."

The combined Thumb Region Campus Life budgets total roughly \$400,000, according to Orlik. He said YFC also holds other auctions in Pigeon and Bad Axe, but Cass City highly depends on this auction to support the staff and fund its programs. Without the auction, Orlik said funds would drastically decrease and they would not have enough money to support him or Heather Jensen, Campus Life director for Reese and Caro.

"I know with the way the economy is right now people don't have a lot of money, so we'd be happy if we can raise at least \$25,000," he said.

Last year, YFC grossed a record breaking amount of \$43,500, with their net profit just under \$30,000 according to Orlik.

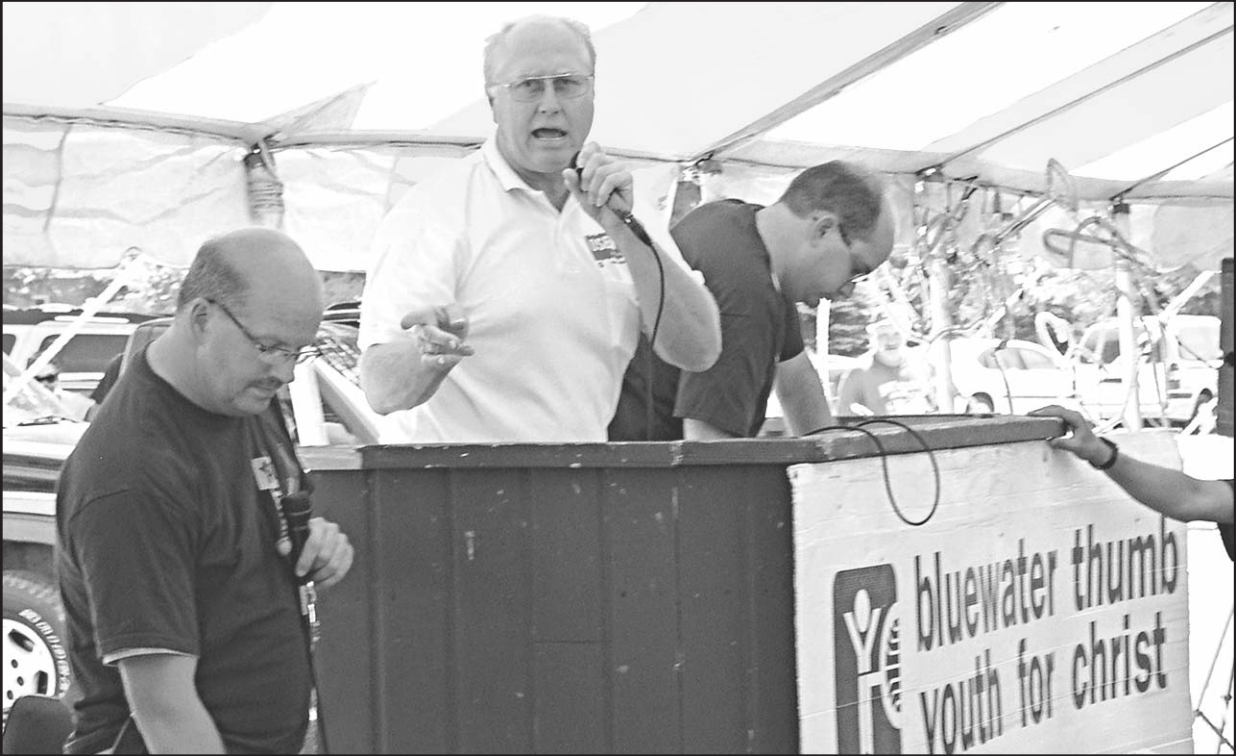
"This year, we just want to make as much money as possible. We have some great stuff to auction donated by area businesses and some stuff we purchased during sales like the day after Thanksgiving and the day after Christmas," he said.

This year's auction will also feature

various items from area donors. Some items include a his and hers kayak, a 1996 Chevy Conversion Van, car tools, hand tools, outdoor furniture, vacation packages and more.

The auction, according to Orlik, will go to about 4 p.m. or until all the items are sold. He said they will continue to accept donations up until the auction, but are trying to get their sale bill out by Friday, August 14.

For information, please visit their office at 7484 W. Michigan Ave. in Pigeon or call the office at 989-453-3239. Other information is available at www.yfc.org.



DAVE OSENTOSKI OF Osentoski Realty and Auctioneering, Cass City, auctions off another item during last year's Bluewater Thumb Youth For Christ Auction in Cass City. The Osentoski family has donated its services again for this year's auction.

Youth for Christ Summer Benefit Auction

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- Pink & Red Pelican Ultimate 100 DLX Kayaks** donated by Don and Margie Wessels > Pelican Kayak Car Carrier Kits > Carlisle Day Tripper Oars
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- Posters > Rifle Cases > Daisy Air Strike Shotgun
- Quilts, Soft Goods, Crafts and Hand-crafted Items**
- Day of Decorating donated by LaDonna Bilis
- Twin-sized Tied and Pieced Multi - Color Comforter handmade by the St. Paul Lutheran Women
- Queen-Sized Hand-Quilted Pattern Quilt handmade by Arthur Severance
- Authentic Coach Purse
- Baby Crib Comforter > Fleece Blankets > Pillows
- Embroidered Shirts donated by Gold Star Embroidery
- Garden Supplies and Outdoor Furniture**
- Weber Gas Grill with Meat Package donated by Thumb National Bank
- Hand-Crafted Planter Bench donated by Jerry and Maria Jensen
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- Picnic Table/Bench sponsored by Hair Benders Styling Salon
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- Cedar Adirondack Chair > Settee with Hearts
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- Campfire Round Grill with Stake and Tripod Grills
- Harmonica Wind Chimes sponsored by Copeland Insurance
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- Variety of Birdhouses & Baths > Suet Bird Feeders
- Amish-made Birdhouse and Chair Planters
- BBQ Tool Sets donated by Art Van Furniture
- 36" Statue of Mary & Joseph with Baby Jesus donated by Special Scents
- Garden Signs > Sky Lanterns
- Lighted Lawn Motifs donated by Holiday Lighting, Inc.

- Tools**
- DeWalt 18 V. Compact Drill/Driver Kit** sponsored by Lighthouse Outpatient Therapy Center
- 26cc Cub Cadet 4 Cycle Trimmer donated by Walbro
- Central Pneumatic 3 Gal. Air Compressor sponsored by Kim Electric
- 14 Gal. 4.5 hp ShopVac & 16 Gal. ShopVac
- 8 Drawer Tool Chest Combo > Cordless Drills
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- 5' Fiberglass Step Ladder sponsored by Lighthouse Outpatient Therapy > Snap-On Flashlight
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- 4 Pc. Ryobi 18V. Combo Power Tool Kit sponsored by Ken Martin Electric, Inc.
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- Small & Large Heart Shelves > Apple Basket
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- Christmas Figures, Ornaments and Decorations
- Decorative Boxes > Rolled Prints for Framing
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- Kitchen Appliances and Dinnerware**
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- Logitech QuickCam Pro 5000 Web Cam
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Like a rock"

From the song, "Like a Rock" by Bob Seger

If someone asked me if I knew who Bob Seger was 3 months ago, I would have given them the same "deer in the headlights" type of look I gave Chronicle editor Tom Montgomery and proof reader Deb Severance.

Although I'm not as old (haha) as Tom is, I was told I should really know who Bob Seger was, especially because he is a Michigan native.

Aside from learning all about Mr. Seger, I've learned a lot since I started my summer internship at the Cass City Chronicle and could not imagine a better 3 months well spent.

From improving my photography skills to reporting about farming and crops (which was definitely a first) to writing all the copy for the Fourth of July Freedom Festival Tab, I can't believe it has come to an end.

I learned about this internship from a listserv email sent out to journalism majors at Central Michigan University and remember thinking how awesome of an opportunity it would be to work at the Chronicle. But I knew I was younger than the typical newspaper intern and hesitated on contacting Tom. It wasn't until I saw the flyer about the internship on a bulletin board in the journalism department that I decided I wanted to spend my summer in Cass City—and that I'd do whatever was necessary to prove how much I wanted the internship.

To prove exactly how much I wanted this opportunity, I drove from Mt. Pleasant to Cass City (which to me at the time was in the middle of nowhere) for the interview. It was my first time driving for more than an hour by myself and I didn't exactly know where I was going.

However, I made it to Cass City without getting lost.

(Side story: I'm not terrible with directions, despite what Tom might think because I got lost on my way to Owendale, which includes all of 2 turns...hmm...I blame it on the rain.)

Now the reason I'm telling this story is because after the interview, I drove back to Mt. Pleasant and briefly fell asleep at the wheel right before I had to turn onto US-127. I completely ruined one of the tires on my car and my rearview mirror went flying. It was one of the worst days of my life and I'm quite blessed nothing worse happened.

On a brighter side, I got the internship and told myself I would make every moment of my time here count. Not only was I lucky to be alive, but this was a chance for me to really grow up and be a role model for my entire family. I always want to be a positive example to my cousins and younger siblings to show how success and education is a possibility, even for a low income minority family like mine. But I knew it would be a difficult transition, as I moved to a place where I didn't know anyone and into an apartment all by myself.

However, the residents of Cass City have helped me adjust in numerous ways. I remember during the first week of my internship, I was having a rough day. I missed spending time with my boyfriend and due to terrible phone reception (sarcastically...thank you Sprint), I couldn't talk to him much. I was, simply put, not happy. However, to my good fortune, the Chronicle's Office Manager Harmony Doerr, invited me to come along with her to Bad Axe on some errands. It was so incredibly nice to get out and do something and be able to engage in conversation with her. Immediately, everything felt okay.

Since that day, I have enjoyed every moment here in Cass City. I loved being able to walk out of the office with a notebook, pen and camera in hand, it gives me a feeling like none other. My favorite place to do interviews was at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City, where I would find my next neighbor for the "Ask Your Neighbor" column (my favorite story to write every week). I immediately became acquainted with the library staff and I'm going to miss seeing their smiling faces all the time.

Earlier this morning, Tom said he's going to have troopers watch as I leave Cass City. He said I'll be either cheering or in tears, and I honestly think I'll be doing both. I'll be cheering, not because I'll be happy to leave small town life, but because I had one of the greatest summers of my life. And I'll also be in tears because I'm going to miss everyone in the office.

I'm going to miss Deb's stories and Tina Pallas' witty and funny side comments she would say just loud enough for only a couple of us to hear. I'm going to miss hearing the phone ring nonstop as Harmony's frustration would build, while she managed 10 different things at once. I'm going to miss reading Rabbit Tracks by both John and Clarke Haire. And I'm really going to miss Tom's humor and jokes. Tom has a true desire to really help young aspiring journalists like myself, he is a great journalist. He has wisdom that comes with experience and age (chuckles...using Facebook won't make you any younger Tom...haha, just kidding, you aren't old). And speaking of Tom and Facebook...I didn't know his full name is Thomas H. Montgomery II...a.ka. junior?...

Although I wasn't a big fan of the early mornings, I still can't ask for a better internship. I don't think I'll be able to intern anywhere else and see all my stories on the front page after only one week. I wasn't the "fetch me some coffee intern" but I was a true part of the staff.

Before I continue to ramble any further, I would like to give a final Thank You to some special people:

To Tom and Deb Montgomery, for the welcoming gift "trash can" basket. I've never used a gift so much.

To Clarke Haire, living in the apartment was awesome. Thank you for adding in that little bonus to an already amazing internship.

To Lysa Knight and family, for helping me out when my car decided to die.

To Kevin Mulligan and Emily Phillips, for being so incredibly helpful as I worked on the Fourth of July Freedom Festival Tab.

To everyone else I interviewed and am now blanking out on, your willingness and helpfulness made my job so much easier.

Bottom line to all this jumble and mumble?

I had the time of my life this summer, or as Bob Seger would sing, "Felt like a million/ Felt like number one/The Height of summer/I'd never felt that strong/Like a Rock."

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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 Gary L. Martindale and Jennifer A. Martindale, husband and wife, tenants by the entirety, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 4, 2007 and recorded on May 8, 2007 in Liber 1118 on Page 1428 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Two and 89/100 Dollars (\$91,532.89), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 3, 2009.

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

Lot 2, Block 9 of North's Addition to the City of Vassar, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 20.

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

Dated: August 5, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC L (248) 593-1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #276471F01

8-5-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph P. Singles and Michelle R. Singles, His Wife, original mortgagors, to National City Mortgage Services Co, Mortgagee, dated January 29, 2004 and recorded on February 13, 2004 in Liber 979 on Page 603 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Ninety and 70/100 Dollars (\$38,390.70), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 3, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Fremont, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: That part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of section 29, Town 1 North, Range 9 East, Lying North of Public Highway and South of Railroad Right of Way.

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: August 5, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #276251F01

8-5-4

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Aaron W. Begley and Jessica L. Gutierrez, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 7475 Frankenth Rd., Vassar, MI 48768-9418.

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) 593-1312.

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/msbda 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 August 6, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after August 6, 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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Date: August 12, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC L (248) 593-1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525
File # 277950F01

8-12-1

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Michelle Horton and Edward J. Horton, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 9302 Bray Rd, Millington, MI 48746-9559.

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) 593-1302.

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/msbda 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 August 6, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after August 6, 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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Date: August 12, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC X (248) 593-1302
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31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525
File # 277533F01

8-12-1

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Wendy A. Macdonald and Glenn G. McCrorey, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 4874 Worth St, Millington, MI 48746-9504.

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) 593-1302.

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/msbda 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 August 6, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after August 6, 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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Date: August 12, 2009

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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525
File # 162964F04

8-12-1

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Patrick Obrien, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 3418 Sheridan Rd., Akron, MI 48701-9525.

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/msbda 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 August 6, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after August 6, 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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Date: August 12, 2009

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FC C (248) 593-1301
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Attorneys for Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525
File # 278354F01

8-12-1

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Karen Helen Pyscher, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 4501 Murphy Lake Rd, Millington, MI 48746-9629.

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/msbda 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 August 6, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after August 6, 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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Date: August 12, 2009

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31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525
File # 278022F01

8-12-1

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Scott Sayles and Christine A. Sayles, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 7415 Hess Rd, Millington, MI 48746-9129.

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) 593-1300.

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/msbda 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 August 6, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after August 6, 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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Date: August 12, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC H (248) 593-1300
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Attorneys for Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525
File # 277771F01

8-12-1

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Mark Browder and Valerie Browder, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 7125 Sanilac Rd, Kingston, MI 48741-8729.

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) 593-1312.

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/msbda 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 August 6, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after August 6, 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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Date: August 12, 2009

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Attorneys for Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525
File # 278554F01

8-12-1

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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 Joseph Paquette, a single person, original mortgagor, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 25, 2002 and recorded on March 7, 2002 in Liber 869 on Page 85 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Bank of America, N.A. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Fifteen and 86/100 Dollars (\$73,015.86), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

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

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

That part of Lot 12, Block 17 of the Plat of the Village of Millington according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 41, now being Page 42A, described as: beginning at a point that is East 4 rods from the Northwest corner of Lot 12, Block 17 of the Plat of the Village of Millington, thence South 20 Rods; thence East to the East line of said Lot 12, Block 17; thence North along said East line to the Northeast corner of Lot 12, Block 17; thence West along the North line of Lot 12 to the point of beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: August 12, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC G (248) 593-1310
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #035792F03

8-12-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffery M. Berlin and Carrie M. Berlin, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Chase Bank USA, NA, Mortgagee, dated December 21, 2007 and recorded on February 15, 2008 in Liber 1141 on Page 837, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Thirty-Three and 74/100 Dollars (\$167,033.74), including interest at 8.325% 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 September 10, 2009.

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

Commencing at a point on the South Section line, 2043.548 feet East of the Southwest corner of the South half of the Southeast quarter of Section 30, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, thence East 98 feet; thence North 800 feet; thence West 550 feet; thence South 285 feet; thence East 150 feet; thence South 98 feet; thence East 302 feet; thence South 417 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: August 12, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #273229F01

8-12-4

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Randolph C. Kotles, an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 7, 2006 and recorded on April 24, 2006 in Liber 1078 on Page 814 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Seven and 68/100 Dollars (\$87,287.68), including interest at 10.95% per annum.

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

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

Lot 73 and 108 of North Lake Assessor's Plat No. 3, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, Page 40 of Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: August 12, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC L (248) 593-1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #278784F01

8-12-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gregory A. Kralik and wife, Jill E. Kralik, to GMAC Mortgage Corporation of PA, Mortgagee, dated March 15, 199

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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 a 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

7-22-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by CHRIS MOORE, AKA/CHRISTOPHER MOORE, and BRANDY L. MOORE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORP., SUBSIDIARY OF NATIONAL CITY BANK OF INDIANA, Mortgagee, dated June 1, 2004 and recorded on October 26, 2004 in Liber 1013 on Page 963, and assigned by said mortgagee to WELLS FARGO BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION. AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2004-FFH3, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars and Thirty-One Cents (\$129,796.31), including interest at 11.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on September 03, 2009.

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

COMMENCING 2472.12 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST; THENCE SOUTH 200 FEET; THENCE EAST 221 FEET; THENCE

NORTH 200 FEET; THENCE WEST 221 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT AN UNDIVIDED 1/2 INTEREST IN AND TO PART OF THE OIL, MINERALS, GAS IN, ON, OR UNDER SUBJECT PREMISES TO ALBERT H. COBB AND LILLIAN E. COBB AND TO THE SURVIVOR OF THEM, AS SET FORTH IN THE WARRANTY DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 371 OF DEEDS, PAGE 319.

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: August 3, 2009

WELLS FARGO BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2004-FFH3 Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075
ASAP #3211611

8-5-4

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205(a)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Sandra Galonska, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 1703 Meridian St, Reese, MI 48757-9455.

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) 593-1311.

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/msbda> 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 August 10, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after August 10, 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.

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Attorneys for Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder
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File # 278957F01

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INITIAL FORECLOSURE NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY MICHIGAN PUBLIC ACT 30 OF 2009.

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC hereby provides notice to Karl A. Gardner and Rhonda G. Gardner, 9601 Belsay Road, MILLINGTON, MI. 48746 ("Mortgagors"), that Karl A. Gardner and Rhonda G. Gardner's mortgage ("Mortgage") is in default and you have the right to request a meeting with GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC through their designated agent, Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. ("Designated Agent"), 23100 Providence Dr., Suite 450, Southfield, MI 48075, 248-539-7400 (Tel), 248-539-7401 (Fax), email: designatedagent@sspellegal.com.

Karl A. Gardner and Rhonda G. Gardner also have the right to contact the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") at their website www.michigan.gov/msbda or by calling MSHDA at (517) 373-8370 (Tel).

If Mortgagors requests a meeting, no foreclosure proceeding will be commenced until the expiration of 90 days from the date Notice was mailed to the Mortgagors pursuant to Section 3205(a) of HB 4454, Public Act 30 of 2009.

If Designated Agent and Mortgagors

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by DAWN GLEASON, A SINGLE WOMAN and JEFFREY RAYMOND, A SINGLE MAN, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 29, 2008, and recorded on May 5, 2008, in Liber 1148, on Page 716, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$84,418.12), including interest at 6.125% per annum.

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

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Dated: August 12, 2009

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Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land recently announced customers now can choose from 119 offices statewide, including the Secretary of State Office in Bad Axe, that offer Michigan's enhanced driver's license and state ID card. Initially, 16 offices offered the enhanced license as Land's office gauged customer interest. More than 55,000 Michigan residents have applied since April.

"Already tens of thousands of Michigan residents enjoy the convenience of the enhanced license when they visit Canada, Mexico or the Caribbean," Land said. "Now enhanced licenses are even more easily available at most offices throughout Michigan. The public response to the enhanced license has been fantastic with many customers saying they love its cost and convenience."

Customers are encouraged to check the Branch Office Locator at www.Michigan.gov/sos to see the most up-to-date listing of which of-

fices offer enhanced licenses.

Enhanced licenses and ID cards let people re-enter the United States from Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean at land or sea crossings in compliance with federal regulations that took effect June 1.

Applicants must be a U.S. citizen and a Michigan resident. They also must have a driving record that does not prevent them from legally operating a motor vehicle. Customers receive their new enhanced license or ID in the mail within 2 to 3 weeks.

The Secretary of State's Office offers the enhanced driver's license and ID as an alternative to the standard license and ID. To apply, a person must present documentation of:

- A valid Social Security number,

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- U.S. citizenship, such as an original or certified birth certificate
- Identity, such as a Michigan license or state ID card
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An applicant's full name and date of birth should match on identity and citizenship documents. If an applicant's legal name is different from what is shown on his or her citizenship document, he or she must present proof of the name change, such as an original marriage license, divorce decree or court order.

The enhanced license costs \$45 and the ID card is available for \$30. Residents who are blind, or age 65 or older pay a reduced fee of \$20 for the ID card.

Roundtables slated in Akron

District One County Commissioner Amanda Roggenbuck will be hosting "Roundtables with Roggenbuck" Thursday, Aug. 20, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Akron Village Hall, 4380 Beach St. The Roundtable is open to everyone and all are encouraged to attend.

"The Roundtables have been popular with local units of government and the residents of District One, even if someone cannot attend the Roundtable, they feel much more comfortable approaching me to talk about concerns and suggestions they have," Roggenbuck said.

In an effort to make addressing concerns, questions and comments more convenient for residents, Roggenbuck has worked with the local units of government in District One to hold Roundtable meetings prior to the regularly scheduled local municipalities meetings. This approach allows residents to have direct contact with 2 units of the government that represents them in one location and time.

"Local units of government have been overwhelmingly supportive of the idea, bringing county government closer to the residents and working together to inform the residents of the happenings in Tuscola County and District One," said Roggenbuck.

"Getting to know more residents and local officials at each Roundtable has been an extra bonus," Roggenbuck said. "I love staying active in District One, and I'm fortunate to represent a district that wants to be involved in the government process."

Roggenbuck can be reached via email at aroggenbuck@tuscolacounty.org, or by calling (989) 872-8881.



PLAIN & FANCY Decorating in Cass City will receive a \$5,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Business Enterprise for a one-gallon and 5 gallon paint shaker. The business, located at 6455 Main St., recently opened this summer. From left to right: Jim Lloyd, Director of the Tuscola County EDC Jim McLoskey, Cass City Village Community Development Director Kevin Mackey, and Nancy Braun, owner of Plain & Fancy Decorating.

Grant benefits Cass City business

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"As I work with people in the village, I really want to help people fit together all the pieces of the puzzle as they start to open their own businesses," he said.

Mackey, Cass City Village Community Development Director, said the village will receive the grant and own

the equipment for 5 years, as they lease it to Braun.

"The shakers could really improve the cash flow of the business," he said.

Lloyd said he is proud of Braun because she has not rushed into any quick decisions.

"Nancy really deserves all this. We've worked with each other for

years and for her to go from working for someone and then buying a place and making it your business and making proper decisions- I'm impressed with her," Lloyd said.

For Braun, the whole experience has been surreal.

"We've started this whole process almost eight months ago and it really has been an interesting ride," she said.

Miller announces federal grant to produce electric car batteries

U.S. Rep. Candice Miller (MI-10) recently made the following statement upon news that Michigan will receive \$1.36 billion in federal grant money to produce batteries for electric cars:

"The announcement of \$1.36 billion in grants to help fund advanced battery research is great news for Michigan. The auto industry in Michigan has always been about innovation. The incredible scientists and engineers employed in our auto industry are working on the cutting edge of innovation once again.

This funding will help ensure that the next great leap forward in technology will be developed by Americans and built by American workers.

Cass City Village Council PUBLIC NOTICE

The Cass City Village Council will be holding a Public Hearing at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan,

Monday, August 31, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

The Village of Cass City is applying for a Michigan Community Development Block Grant/Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement grant in the amount of \$90,000 to repair the damage done to Church Street due to the collapse and subsequent repair of the storm sewer drain.

The application will be available at the hearing for examination.

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