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Fritz waives exam in district court

Cory Douglas Fritz, the former Owen-Gage softball coach charged with several counts of criminal sexual conduct, waived his preliminary examination this week in Tuscola County District Court.

Fritz appeared before Tuscola County District Judge Kim D. Glaspie

Monday afternoon and confirmed his agreement to the waiver.

Glaspie bound him over to Tuscola County Circuit Court for arraignment, which is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 31. Bond in the case was continued.

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

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

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

According to testimony entered into the record during a pre-preliminary examination, Fritz has admitted to having sex with the teen on multiple occasions. At the time, he was 22 years old.

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reese said Fritz made statements that he was present during the birth and death of the baby he fathered with the teen, and that a witness stated that Fritz said he needed to locate the remains and dispose of them, claims Fritz' council, Bay City attorney Kevin Rieman, denied.

As part of his bond/pre-trial release order, Fritz was ordered not to enter the village of Gageton and/or Elmwood Township, where Reese believes the infant was buried.

Fritz is free on bond, which has been set at \$50,000 (10 percent cash).

Fritz was bound over to T.C. Circuit Court, where he will face formal arraignment on the charges Monday, Aug. 31, at 8:30 a.m.



FRTZ (LEFT) waived his preliminary exam on criminal sexual conduct charges Monday afternoon in Tuscola County District Court.



MARTY (FROM LEFT) and David Osentoski of Osentoski Realty Co. and Auctioneering, Cass City, returned once again to volunteer their services during the annual Bluewater Thumb Youth For Christ (YFC) Auction in Cass City Saturday. YFC officials reported gross sales of roughly \$26,000 during this year's sale, which provides a big chunk of the budget that pays for a variety of Christ-centered programs targeting area junior high and high school students.

YFC auction in Cass City raises \$26,000

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The proceeds from Saturday's annual Bluewater Thumb Youth For Christ (YFC) Auction in Cass City were down about 10 percent from the average year, but YFC officials weren't complaining.

Instead, they were singing the praises of faithful bidders, area businesses and individuals that have continued to donate merchandise, and the folks at Osentoski Realty Co. and Auctioneering in Cass City, whose willingness to donate their services over the years have helped to keep expenses down.

"It's (support) phenomenal. God has really blessed us," commented Heather Jensen, YFC Campus Life director in Caro and Reese, which along with the Cass City-Caseville region benefits from the auction. "The businesses in the community have been unbelievably supportive, in spite of the economy. And they (Marty and David Osentoski) are the greatest guys I know. They're just amazing."

Jensen indicated she was pleased with Saturday's auction.

"It went really well. The weather was beautiful — kind of warm under the tent," she said. "We ended up with about \$26,000 gross, so that was pretty good. We were down a little bit from last year, but we had a really

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Sanilac murder suspect asks for competency examination

The 47-year-old Crosswell man charged in the July 22 murder of 2 men and the attempted murder of 2 women, including his mother and stepfather, has delayed his next appearance in court.

Sanilac County Prosecutor James V. Young recently announced the preliminary examination scheduled for Gary Lee Gould has been rescheduled for Thursday, Sept. 24, in Sanilac County District Court.

"The reason for the date change was due to Mr. Gould requesting to be sent to the Center for Forensic Psychiatry to be evaluated for competency and criminal responsibility," Young explained.

Gould was formally arraigned in Sanilac County last month on 2 counts of open murder, which is punishable by up to life in prison, and 2 counts of assault with intent to commit murder, which carries a sentence of life or any term of years.

The charges stem from the fatal stabbings of Jacob P. Wurmlinger, 70, of Crosswell - Gould's stepfather — and Harry Reynolds, 68, of Lexington. The attempted murder counts stem

from the stabbings of Gould's mother,

Doreen Wurmlinger, 64, and Reynolds' wife, Cynthia Reynolds, 67.

Gould, who is being held without bond,

allegedly attacked the couples in the Fremont Township (Sanilac County) home he had shared with the Wurmlingers since being released from prison last fall after serving a 12-year term on a conviction for assault with intent to commit great bodily harm less than murder.

The bizarre investigation began

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Gary Gould

Economic development

Poultry processing plant back on track

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A medical issue sidelined a Marlette area couple's plans to build a new poultry processing plant in Cass City earlier this year, but the project is now back on track.

"That's happening. They have put money down — \$10,000 — and

they're pretty well committed," Cass City Village manager Peter Cristiano said of the couple's plans to purchase up to 12 acres in the village's industrial park to locate L & L Poultry.

"They're going to build an 8,000-square-foot building. They'll hire 8 to 10 employees initially," added Cristiano, who said the Cass City Village Council will consider a proposed

Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) Exemption for the owners. If approved, they would receive a tax abatement of 50 percent on the value of the building and equipment for the next 12 years.

The council will consider the request during a public hearing that will be held at the beginning of its next regularly scheduled meeting, Monday, Aug. 31, at 7 p.m. at the municipal building.

Under the terms of the agreement between the owners and village, the purchase price for the industrial park property is set at \$80,000. However, the land will be the village's gift provided the couple meets all of their commitments to the project, including constructing a plant to process birds.

"It's a 5-year program. The first phase is this, and the second phase is (a plant to process) soybean products," Cristiano explained. "They're talking 2 buildings, possibly 3 by the time they're through." At that point, the owners project they will be employing up to 50 people.

"They're talking about processing 100,000 birds a year," said Cass City Community Development Director Kevin Mackey, who noted the owners are investing \$200,000 of their own funds towards start-up costs.

The couple, who previously owned and operated a Chinese restaurant in Marlette, plan to process primarily geese in Cass City, but also ducks, chickens and squab (pigeons) for a specialty market targeting Chinese restaurants through a major distributor in New York City. The couple already has their own geese breeding facility and are looking to expand with a second operation totaling some 20 acres in the Thumb area, he added.

As for the second phase, the owners

will be processing noodles from soybeans as well as a tofu-like product and a specialty soft noodle that is canned, according to Mackey. The third phase, he said, is a mystery, as the couple isn't discussing details of their plans yet.

The plant marks another feather in Cristiano's economic development cap since taking over the reins as village manager in Cass City a little over 4 years ago.

In recent years, he has played a key role in encouraging a host of business owners to invest cash in buildings in the village, including Ceramic Systems Inc. (now located in the former Nestles building), the Excell Group, which recently opened a new "call center" in the former Millennium building on Main Street, and Burkhard Plumbing and Heating and Plain & Fancy Decorating, both also located along Main Street.

For Cristiano, approaching business owners that might consider Cass City as the ideal place to relocate or expand is partly a matter of convincing them that, in spite of popular opinion, local government can represent a helping hand, rather than be a thorn in their sides. The other key, he says, is doing much more than extending an invitation.

"What we've learned is this: we, in a sense, have to go way beyond saying just, 'Do you want to open up a business here?' We assist them in every way we can, and we steer them to local contractors" to help meet their needs, he said.

"That's my belief. You've got to go the extra step," Cristiano added. "Our goal is to make things happen."

Former Hardee's building to house new restaurant

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

You might be tempted to ask why a seasoned businessman would want to open a restaurant in Cass City when he already has 4 successful eateries in downstate Michigan, not to mention a painting business.

But Gjon (pronounced John) Camaj doesn't mind the question.

He'll tell you he loves hunting for rabbit and deer in the Thumb, that he was looking to return to his roots, having been born and raised in a country setting, and that Cass City Village officials and the community as a whole have bent over backwards to welcome his investment in the former Hardee's building along Cass City's Main Street.

Welcome to Nick's Country Oven, a full-menu, family-style restaurant that Camaj hopes to have up and running early next month.

"Everybody — people from the city, from everywhere — (have been) extremely good, extremely helpful. Anything I need, they just jump," commented Camaj, who was born and raised in Montenegro, located in the former Yugoslavia in southeastern Europe. "I always wanted a country (setting) to settle down," he said Friday. "I was just looking. I was looking for empty places."

The former Hardee's building unexpectedly closed without notice last winter after operating under new ownership and the name, The Cass City Diner. Previously, veteran restaurant owner Carol Gaffney (who owned and operated the former Pizza Villa restaurant in Cass City for 17 years before selling the business in 2000) and her husband, Dick, renovated the building and opened their Gaffney's Hometown Kitchen in 2006. Before that, the building sat vacant for nearly a decade after the Hardee's franchise closed the local restaurant.

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WORKERS WITH J. Slagter & Son Construction, Wayland, replaced about 2 inches of concrete - roughly 30 yards in all — on the deck of the Cass River bridge east of Cass City Thursday morning. The \$180,000 maintenance project, slated to be completed by early September, includes replacing the guardrails, and replacing the concrete and asphalt approaches to the bridge in order to provide motorists with a smoother ride, according to Michigan Department of Transportation officials.

Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, August 27
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. Senior Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Friday, August 28
Al-anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 872-4042.

Saturday, August 29
Free Contemp. Christian Music by Jared Camp, 5 p.m., North Pavillion in Vassar (rain or shine). For more information, call (989) 823-3270 or (989) 746-0525. Sponsored by Calvary Chapel Fellowship, Vassar.
Dance with Denny Ewald Band, 7-11 p.m., VFW Hall, 4533 Veterans Dr., Cass City. \$8 per person. Lunch served.

Sunday, August 30
Gagetown AA meeting, 8-9 p.m., Gagetown fire hall. For more information, call (989) 665-2361.

Monday, August 31
Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Uby. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Tuesday, September 1
Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.



Clark Walsh

C. Walsh accepted into U.S. Air Force Academy

Cadet Fourth Class Clark P. Walsh was accepted into the 10th AB Cadet Wing of the United States Air Force Academy on August 5, 2009 upon completion of Basic Cadet Training I and II, Jack's Valley, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Brigadier General Samuel D. Cox, commandant, administered the "Oath of Honor" to the USAFA Class of 2013. Ceremonial pinning of Fourth Class shoulder boards were done by C1C and C2C Cadre. Newly accepted fourth degree cadets were transitioned into their academic squadrons, with classes beginning Aug. 6.

The mission of the U.S. Air Force Academy is to educate, train and inspire men and women to become officers of character, motivated to lead the United States Air Force in service to our nation. Forbes magazine ranked the U.S. Air Force Academy No. 7 in the nation of U.S. 4-year colleges and universities in 2009.

Walsh is a 2009 graduate of Cass City High School.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 989-269-6994

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Tschirhart, Hannah, Emily and Ben of Ann Arbor, David and Michelle Tschirhart, Madeline, Dick and Beatrice Tschirhart of Berkley, Susan Kelly, Madison and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sweeney visited Francis Tschirhart at Courtney Manor last week.

Born to Kate and Wayne Sweeney on August 5, 2009 a 9 lb 14 oz, 20 1/2 inches long son at Henry Ford Hospital in West Bloomfield. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sweeney and Timo and the late Thomas Toma and Great Grandmother Francis Tschirhart.

Bill Spencer of Caro and Bob Spencer of Cass City visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland and Mr. Mrs. Jerry Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Decker visited Thelma Jackson at Courtney Manor on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mrs. Allen Depcinski spent 3 days with Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Smigelski at their cottage at Glennie last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Loeffler and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski attended the funeral of Floyd Booms at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Wednesday. Mrs. Ray Depcinski was among a group of 22 members of the Over 50 Club who met at The Franklin for dinner on Tuesday. Later they went to Oswald Hall for the Rosary and meeting where they elected officers and played bingo.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski visited Mrs. Joe Wolschlager at the Bad Axe Health Center and Thelma Jackson at Courtney Manor on Wednesday.

Obituary

George King

George W. King, 76, of Cass City, died following a short illness Monday, Aug. 10, 2009 in his home.

He was born May 2, 1933 in Huron County, the son of George L. and Elsie M. (Jackson) King.

He married Phyllis Little March 12, 1960 in Cass City.

George served in the U.S. Army. He farmed and also worked for Anrod and General Cable in Cass City, and retired from Saginaw Steering Gear after many years. He enjoyed camping, hunting, woodworking and gardening but fishing was his passion.

George is survived by his wife, Phyllis; a son, Donald (Mary Lou) King of Cass City; step-daughters: Kathy (Jim) Daley of Kingston, and Karen (Ron) Turner of Cass City; grandchildren: Shannon (Tim) Stafford, Courtney (Greg) Sturtevant, Aaron Daley, Wade (Whitney) Daley, Drew King and Larissa King; great-grandchildren: Caydence, Aidan, Gavon, and Owen; brothers: Glen (Janet) King of Auburn, and Jim King of Cass City; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Jerry King; and a sister, Bette Lou Hunt.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Aug. 13, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Brad Gniwek of Novesta Church of Christ officiating. Interment was in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to United Hospice of Marlette.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Donnelly on duty at U.S. Embassy, Kyrgyzstan

Army Lt. Col. Michael E. Donnelly has arrived for duty at the U.S. Embassy, Kyrgyzstan, as the chief of the Office of Military Cooperation, and has received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

The medal is awarded to individuals for non-combat meritorious achievement or service that is incontestably exceptional and of a magnitude that clearly places them above their peers.

Recipients are assigned to or have served with numerous joint activities in the Department of Defense, joint chiefs of staff, joint, specified and allied commands, military agencies, and other joint activities as designated by the secretary of defense.

Donnelly was previously a Russian foreign area officer with the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, George C. Marshall Center in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, and has served in the military for 20 years.

Donnelly is a 1985 graduate of Father Ryan High School, Nashville, Tenn. He received his bachelor's degree in 1989 from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, and earned his master's degree in 2001 from Yale University, New Haven, Conn. He is the son of Michael F. and Anna M. Donnelly of Westchester, Pa. His wife, Jennifer, is the daughter of Evelyn Recore of Decker.

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Answers to Aug. 12, 2009

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In Our OPINION...

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Editor

Administration, staff must bury the hatchet

Cass City students still have time to enjoy the remainder of their summer vacation, but the administration and teaching staff in the school district have no time to waste as they prepare for another school year.

And their work is cut out for them. The task at hand promises to be difficult — finding a way to put aside hard feelings over months of terse contract negotiations, concentrating on teaching students in the wake of wave after wave of difficult cuts in personnel and other expenses, and facing what is certain to be even more difficult financial times ahead, largely courtesy of Lansing.

In other words, if you think Michigan’s schools have suffered enough already, you haven’t seen anything yet.

The state’s latest projections indicate school districts across Michigan can count on a minimum pro-ration (funding cut) of \$110 per student in revenue in the coming year. Do the math. For the Cass City Schools, which has lost nearly 300 students over the past 5 years, that adds up to more than \$140,000. In 2010, the estimate is much more grim; \$500 to \$800 per child (translated...anywhere from \$638,000 to more than \$1 million for Cass City).

Just for the record, the school currently has about \$740,000 in the bank.

The numbers have added up to plenty of hurt and frustration all around. That was probably no more evident than during the Cass City Board of Education’s last 2 regular monthly meetings, which, at times, have resembled a melee, with a host of residents literally interrupting during the sessions. Several residents shouted their displeasure at board members in June as they walked out following a narrow vote in favor of privatizing custodial services.

It’s understandable why; some of the district’s custodians have been known in this small community for going way above and beyond the call of duty, and the loss of their jobs seemed inherently unfair (it was), even random.

Again, do the math, folks. Get a copy of the Cass City Public Schools’ budget and go through it, line by line. What you’ll find is this: The bulk of the district’s \$10-\$11 million budget — 85 percent — goes to personnel-related expenses. So, where else are school officials to look to save money?

There have been suggestions that the board should chop administrative salaries. Fair enough. However, we would submit 2 facts here — first, of the 85 percent of Cass City’s annual school budget, 68 percent goes to the pay and benefits for the district’s 65 or so teachers, whose salaries have remained intact as well. We wonder how much the school could save by trying to cut administrative salaries alone.

Secondly, Cass City’s principals and superintendent (like their counterparts elsewhere) earn what they do because of their credentials and experience. Keep in mind, none of those salaries were approved without an okay from your board of education.

More importantly, the hard feelings floating around the district are trickling down to the kids themselves. At least according to a few families, who will tell you (confidentially) that they pulled their children from the district in favor of home schooling, in part, because they were tired of hearing their youngsters come home with stories about one adult’s disparaging comments about another adult — one authority figure to another — within the school system.

Now, there are 2 sides to every story. But, if true, that sort of nonsense needs to end.

It’s time to stop the finger pointing and get back to the business of educating students in Cass City.

If we don’t, a divided Cass City Public Schools may end up just like countless business ventures on Main Street over the years — only a memory.

Reporter’s notebook This year’s Chronicle intern was a real gem

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

I’ve had summer interns for years — most of them from Central Michigan University — and the good ones always stand out in my memory, such as it is these days.

This year’s intern, Patricia Emenpour, will definitely stand out among that elite company.

Patricia has been a gem, proving my confidence in her as a journalist from the moment I met and interviewed her last October, in spite of the fact that she’s probably the youngest intern we’ve ever considered for this job.

She’s an honor student and on a full-ride at CMU, but that doesn’t always mean a journalism major is prepared to tackle a real life situation in their chosen career. In this case, however, Patricia’s abilities matched her resume. Plus, she has a personality that fit in perfectly with a small town in the Thumb.

Patricia is originally from Saginaw, but if she’s a “city kid”, it didn’t come through in her attitude, unlike some past interns who just could never get past the “small town” mentality that turned their noses up and closed their minds. That’s been a huge roadblock for some of the kids who have chosen to spend a summer with the Chronicle to further their educations. In fact, a few of them have been almighty trials, and my co-workers will gladly attest to that fact.

Not Patricia, though.

She adapted to this community, and her ever-present smile was been a welcome addition to the Chronicle from the start. As has been her enthusiasm and willingness to take on any challenge as a fledgling journalist. Even reporting on topics she isn’t familiar with — farming, for instance — didn’t curb her interest in exploring new areas of journalism.

I’m not surprised. After all, in just her first day here, Patricia was out looking for “her neighbor”, a job that most interns (and myself) have despised, but one that she has really enjoyed. More than that, she created a

new version of the column — her own version — which has proven popular in the community. Yup, she’s definitely a people person.

She’s also ambitious, taking on all the responsibility of compiling the copy and photos for this year’s Freedom Festival section, attending her first county fair, etc., etc.

That’s a big part of what has made Patricia a successful intern; not being afraid, tackling every day with a smile and a great attitude. She defined the word “professional”. And, she was quick to get her face out into the community, meeting people and letting them know that she was here to be a PART of the community during her internship.

Now, that doesn’t mean there hasn’t been a down side. Patricia is definitely not a morning person (which hasn’t affected her performance). And, she had a rather harrowing experience early in the summer at Thumb National Bank, where she attempted to take a photo for a news/feature story while standing on a chair (with rollers) and took a hard fall. Had us all pretty worried for a bit, but she pulled through and will leave Cass City with something to laugh about in a few years. She also got lost on her way to cover a school board meeting in Owendale (2 turns, 14 miles...um...snicker...).

Patricia came to us with outstanding reporting skills, and I’ve seen a strong improvement in her writing ability, something that comes only with practice and a little constructive criticism here and there (which, by the way, she has always accepted like a professional). That has impressed me every step of the way.

Bottom line?

She’s a great kid. Actually, she’s a great young lady with a very promising future, and I look forward to reading her work as a professional journalist in the future.

I wish her the very best of luck.

Editor Tom Montgomery can be reached by calling (989) 872-2010 or by email: tom@ccchronicle.net.

Letters to the Editor Upset with hospital

To the editor:

As a loyal patient of Dr. Liberata Pantig, I am extremely upset about the reaction of the Hills and Dales Hospital Administration regarding her departure. The consequence could be Dr. Pantig would no longer be able to practice in the Thumb.

As a senior citizen with disabilities and a long time patient of the doctor’s, it is imperative that she personally be available for my regular and emergency needs. In my opinion,

there are a limited number of highly qualified physicians in the Thumb area. It is essential that Dr. Pantig continues to be able to serve patients in the Thumb area.

The loss of Dr. Pantig in our area would greatly jeopardize the health care of the people who go to her for their primary care needs.

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To My Fellow Americans:
Each of us “We the People” or “The Governed” who obey the law and respect the Constitution should start to demand that our country, the United States of America, be returned from the unlawful takeover under which we are losing our freedom, our liberty, and our privacy. If we would set aside our political affiliations and group together we could demand that our elected representatives listen to us and do what we “the governed” want done. “We the People” had a government with an existing Constitution constructed by the Framers more than 200 years ago. We are now under a system, which is profoundly un-American. We the people with a government have allowed a change to take place to a government with people. Many of you have a subject about Please turn to page 9.

The back for

What ever happened to the game of chess? I can remember when chess was a big sport for kids as well as adults. The newspapers and television reported the matches and everyone knew who the best player was.

That’s the way it was when I was a kid. If we won, we’d say, “That proves boys are smarter than girls, country kids are better than town kids, and I’m a lot smarter than you.”

If we lost, we said, “Chess is such a stupid game. Let’s go play some basketball.”

My little brother, Merlin, was the chess expert in our family. He was about eight years old when we got the chess set — and wasted no time proving this was something he could do.

Merlin was the youngest and smallest in the family, and he learned early on that getting your brains beat out in a sport like basketball is no way to spend a childhood.

He was good at reading and thinking, and was the fiercest chess competitor I ever saw. Merlin would have beaten a chess-playing computer and ripped out its motherboard as a souvenir.

My little brother was so good at chess that the rest of us never even bothered to read the rules. We just counted on him to tell us how the game was played.

I lost several matches before I realized he wasn’t telling us everything. Merlin never explained you are sup-

posed to say “checkmate” when your opponent’s king is in jeopardy. He just took your king out — like jumping a piece in checkers! One moment you had a king, and the next you didn’t.

I tried to learn what was going on, but it wasn’t easy. “Can I move my horse over there?” I would ask.

“Nope,” he’d say. “That piece can only move to its left when the queen is in her castle. Besides, they call it a knight.”

“How about these peons? How far can they move?” I would ask.

“Those are pawns, and I’ll tell you when to move them,” he said.

It took awhile, but I finally learned enough to beat him fair-and-square. Then, I rubbed it in real good.

Maybe I was a little rough, considering he’s so much younger; but he’d been beating me for a long time. At any rate, Merlin decided he would tell Dad how nasty I had been to him.

Many years later, I learned he told Dad I was always pushing him around, and somebody needed to do something about it. Dad played along, thinking the eight-year-old would cool down over time.

“What can I do?” Dad asked. “I can’t spank him. He’s too big for that: Roger’s almost as big as I am.”

My little brother thought about that for a second and said, “Well, you should have beat him up when he was a baby!”



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Cass City varsity football coaches Scott Cuthrell and Josh Stern hope the caper that occurred at the Red Hawk practice field wasn’t an inside job.

When the pair arrived for practice early last week, missing was a set of huge and heavy tractor tires that help strengthen and condition the players.


The responsible parties (pretty sure it would take more than one person to haul them away) couldn’t possibly be disheartened members of the football program, could they?

The Car Allowance Rebate System, better known as “cash for clunkers” has certainly boosted the sale of new cars for many Thumb dealers. But while dealerships were originally promised their payments from the government in 7-10 days after processing the required paperwork, most have yet to see any cash come their way due to the overwhelming response from customers.

When the Croswell-Lexington 11- and 12-year-old Little League softball team took the field last week to compete in the Little League World Series in Portland, Oregon, paying close attention was Cass City resident Agnes Zawilinski.

Her great niece Rachel Schadd is a member of the Pioneer squad who opened play Friday with a 10-0 decision over the Lombardia Little League team from Milano, Italy.

The 2009 Delta College softball team has been named to the Athletes of Distinction “All Academic Teams” list by the National Junior College Athletic Association, a feat only 2 other Michigan community colleges have achieved. Helping the Lady Pioneers post a 3.21 grade point average this past spring was freshman Hannah Dillion of Caro.



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Several appear on charges

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

•Amanda M. Plain, 28, Caro, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance, subsequent offense, April 25 in Caro, and to possession of a stolen, false or counterfeit registration plate April 15 in Caro, and no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon May 13 in Caro. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at a combined \$12,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Shawn P. Jefferson, 47, Vassar, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of delivery/manufacture of marijuana, subsequent offense, and possession of

marijuana, subsequent offense, March 31. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

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

•Joseph L. Moralez III, 36, Kingston, pleaded no contest to second degree child abuse and attempted third degree child abuse last March-April in Wells Township.

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

•Jeremie E. Hecht, 21, Vassar, pleaded guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon Dec. 16 in Juniata Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Aleasha R. Edwards, 24, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence following her plea of guilty to falsely reporting a felony (larceny from a motor vehicle) Oct. 31 in Caro.

She was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$728.

•Melinda M. Newsome, 26, Akron, was sentenced to 270 days in the county jail (deferred) and 18 months probation for her pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - causing serious injury, and assaulting a police officer Dec. 25 in the village of Akron. She was also ordered to pay \$2,681 in costs and fines.

•Clinton M. Peck, 20, Vassar, pleaded guilty to uttering and publishing and forgery involving a \$900 check drawn on the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company last January-February in Tuscola Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$1,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Kenneth D. Schultz, 47, Vassar, was sentenced to 2 to 15 years in prison for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor May 22 in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more

prior felony convictions).

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,128 plus restitution of \$95.

•James D. Graham, 17, Oak Park, was sentenced to 90 days in jail (33 days deferred) and 24 months probation for his plea of no contest to carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent June 14 in Vassar.

He was also ordered to complete 150 hours of community service and pay \$428 in costs and fines.

•Jason J. Periso, 24, Cass City, was sentenced to 6 months to 6 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to larceny in a building May 5 in Caro, and assaulting a police officer May 5 in Novesta Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$256.

•David B. Simpson, 48, Mayville, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of no contest to interfering with electronic communications and domestic violence June 3 in Fremont Township.

He was ordered to pay \$2,031 in costs and fines.

•Tanya L. Keiter, 37, West Bloomfield, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of identity theft between April 1 and June 30, 2006, in Watertown Township. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$10,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Rita K. Stevens, 56, Kingston, stood mute to a charge of bribing, intimidating/interfering with a witness Feb. 27-28 in Dayton Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case and bond was continued at \$2,000.

•Michael J. Stevens Jr., 37, Cass City, stood mute to a charge of bribing/intimidating/interfering with a witness Feb. 27-28 in Dayton Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$2,000.

Homeless coalition planning pig roast

The Tuscola Homeless Coalition will host its second annual pig roast dinner Sunday, Aug. 30, from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Caro, located at 903 Ryan Rd.

The menu will feature a roast pig dinner with assorted salads (\$7.50 per person) as well as a spaghetti dinner with assorted salads (\$5 per person), along with a family combination of roast pig and spaghetti with salads (\$25 for a group of 4 or more persons).

Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling (989) 670-7888.



SATURDAY'S ANNUAL YFC auction at Cass City Recreation Park drew some 140 bidders in all. (Related photo, page one)

MABA responds to wheat crisis area farmers facing

The Michigan Agri-Business Association recently took quick action, working with growers, agri-businesses and others, to help understand the problems in the wheat crop in Michigan's Thumb after a bout of heavy rainstorms.

"Michigan's wheat sector faces serious challenges right now and everyone across the agriculture industry is working quickly to find a way forward," MABA President Jim Byrum said.

"The best way to contain the damage is to take quick, immediate action - and hope we don't get anymore rain. Growers are worried about what to do with their crop, the involvement of crop insurance and how to address contract issues. All of us are keeping a close eye on conditions and working to get the best information to everyone," he added.

Roughly the crop west of I-75 and south of M-46 in the Thumb and Saginaw Valley is generally in good condition. It's a different story east of

I-75 and north of M-46. Grain quality is falling rapidly in terms of the percentage of sprouts increasing, kernel damage increasing and falling number levels decreasing. The grain may not be totally ripe, with high moisture levels, exceeding 25 percent, and a rapidly increasing percentage of sprout, exceeding 70 percent in some cases.

The high moisture level of the grain is preventing harvest because it is virtually impossible to thrash grain through a combine at those levels. Heavy rain in some areas is also preventing heavy equipment - combines - from getting into the fields.

Byrum recommended that farmers consider the following:

- Contact your crop insurance agent immediately if crop conditions are dire.
- Work closely with your local grain handler to make sure you do whatever you need to do to either maximize the value of your crop, or meet the requirements of crop insurance.

• There are limited if any markets for wheat with sprout counts above 40 percent, especially with high moisture that would require drying and shrink associated with that drying activity.

• Crop insurance only covers grain, not straw. Crop insurance adjusters will attempt to determine a "value" for the wheat, if any. If a field is determined to have no value, farmers must not try to sell the grain from the field, but must dispose of it.

• It is important that farmers have a good sample of their wheat, from each field, that represents the true picture of the grain in those fields.

• Farmers should ask their elevator for a written assessment of their sample and keep the sample of the grain themselves (and the elevator keep a sample of the written analysis) for each field, unless the conditions for all fields are virtually identical - same variety, previous cropping history, etc.

• Contract issues must be resolved individually between the farmer and the elevator they have contracted with.

Delay expected in Philip Strong's CSC trial in T.C. Circuit Court

When it comes to the criminal justice system and criminal investigations depicted on popular television shows such as "Law and Order", art rarely imitates life.

Just ask Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reese, who will tell you that, in the real world, the process of completing testing of evidence simply doesn't happen inside the span of an hour-long TV show.

Which is why Reese predicts the trial for a Cass City man charged in the sexual assault of a girl early this year will be postponed.

"It appears there's going to be another adjournment on that case...because laboratory analysis (of evidence) is still to be completed," Reese said of the Philip Jordan Strong case, which stems from an alleged assault last February in Cass City. The case was scheduled to go to trial Tuesday, Aug. 25, in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

"We wish it could be like CSI (the television show "Crime Scene Investigation)," Reese added. "Unfortunately, much of this type of analysis now falls in the window of 6 to 9 months...to get the results. It's not uncommon."

Reese declined to elaborate on the type of evidence being analyzed. Authorities have released few details since the investigation began, saying only that an 11-year-old was assaulted at a Cass City residence and that Strong, 20, had been arrested in the case and formally charged with one count each of first- and second-degree criminal sexual conduct.

First-degree criminal sexual conduct is a felony punishable by up to life in prison or any term of years, while the second charge, also a felony, carries a maximum penalty of up to 15 years in prison.

Bond in the case was set at \$50,000 (10 percent cash). Strong, a 2007 Cass City High School graduate, is currently free on bond.

The incident allegedly took place

Feb. 21 during a party at a home on Hospital Drive, where the victim was a house guest, according to Cass City

Police Chief Craig Haynes, who said the assault was not reported to police until 3 days later.



Philip Strong

Northwood fundraiser scheduled for Aug. 23

Northwood Meadows' 4th annual Gypsy Ride is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 23.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. Motorcycle Riders leave Northwood at 11 a.m. Registration is \$15 per rider, \$25 per couple. All types of motorcycles are welcome.

Riders travel the Lake Huron Circle Tour and arrive back to Northwood Meadows at 3 to 3:30 p.m. Dinner is served when riders return. Also planned are raffle prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Raffle prizes were donated by local businesses.

"This year's goal is \$2000. The proceeds will go towards items which would directly benefit our residents, specifically a Wii gaming system, a lift chair and emergency response pendants. Past items purchased with funds include a clothes dryer, blinds for the Great Room windows, and an industrial food processor for the kitchen," said Kelly Richmond, director of Northwood Meadows.

"The original idea came from Kevin and Jean Anthony, who still map out our route and lead the way," she said. "The residents gather in the front of the building to watch all the motorcycles leave around the bend of Beechwood Road. It is quite a site to see."

Parks commission set to host a corn roast

The Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission is hosting a corn roast at Vanderbilt County Park and Campground in Quiancassee today (Wednesday) from 5 p.m. to dusk. The cost is \$5 per person (children 5 years and younger are free). Come enjoy corn on the cob, hot dogs and cookies in Tuscola County's only county park. Table service will be provided, but families are asked to bring their own beverages. All proceeds benefit Vanderbilt Park, and will be used for future park improvements.

Recent park improvements include the addition of several new picnic tables as well as 2 toddler swings. A Friends of Vanderbilt Park group is being debuted at the corn roast event. The idea is to fundraise for future park improvements, possibly including a wooden playscape that can be expanded in sections over several years.

Recently, new members were appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission, including Larry Nichols of Akron, Christina Martens of Unionville, District One Commissioner Amanda Roggenbuck, and Mosquito Abatement Director Jenifer Robb.

Tuscola County Parks and Recreation officials welcome comments, suggestions and involvement from the community. You are invited to engage with them online at www.tuscolacounty.org and on a newly implemented Facebook fan page.

Michigan wines

Michigan wines have become so popular and nationally recognized that the 2007 A Capella Riesling White Ice Wine from Black Star Farms in Suttons Bay was served this year at the White House during a Governors dinner.



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CASS CITY High School 1949 alumni gathered recently to celebrate its 60th class reunion. Among the attendees were Dale Reed, Joanne (Schmeck) Jacques, Dolores (Sangster) Howell, Hazen Kritzman, Cleo (Fulcher) Kritzman, Mary Ellen (Field) Connelly, Bob Howell, Charles Tuckey, Duane Warner, Eileen (Beardsley) Beach, Jeanette (Frederick) Neu, Don Loomis, Irv Kritzman, Erma (Nagy) Moeller, Kathryn (Woolner) McTaggart, Stanley Anker, Dorothy (Demo) Faust, Donna (Mitchell) Dorland, Mary (Novak) Egan, Irv Parsch, Bill Arnott, Art Caister, Jim Wallace, Harold Little, Joann (Atkins) Little, Elwyn Helwig, Rose (Rusnak) Osentoski and Pat (Brown) Hester.

Thumb area Gospel music convention set Aug. 27-30

The old wooden Tabernacle at Bay Shore Camp will again be ringing with harmony in traditional quartet style during the 12th Annual Lloyd Severance Thumb Gospel Music Convention, set for Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 27-30 at the Sebewaing campground.

Admission is free. A freewill offering will be collected to benefit the camp. Bay Shore Camp is located on the northeast edge of Saginaw Bay, one-half mile west of Michigan Sugar Company's Sebewaing plant.

It was the late Lloyd "Chic" Severance who pursued his dream of holding a major gospel music event in Michigan's Thumb. After his passing in 2000, convention officials renamed the event to honor Severance's many contributions to gospel singing in the Thumb and greater Michigan.

The 2009 Convention begins Thursday, Aug. 27, at 6:30 p.m. with nationally known Christian comedian Aaron Wilburn, along with The Gospelmen and Mark and Andrea Forester. The Friday singing will also begin at 6:30 p.m. with (in order of appearance): The Northmen, Master's Voice, Forgiven Quartet, Master's Touch Quartet and The Toney Brothers.

Singing resumes at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 29 and will run all day, with

a one-hour intermission at 4 p.m., until all 15 groups have completed their concerts. The Saturday concert will conclude with a grand finale featuring participating groups.

Gospel groups committed to the Saturday concert are (in order of appearance): Forgiven Quartet, Stronghold, The Northmen, Not Ashamed, Master's Touch Quartet, The Gospelmen, Mark and Andrea Forester, The Commonwealth Quartet, Master's Voice, Dennis Gwizdala, Joyful Sounds, The Thurstons, The Royalheirs, The Grimshaws and The Calvarymen Quartet.

The singing groups will not be paid for their concert appearance, but each group will be making its recordings and product available for purchase.

For those staying in camp, or close enough to drive in, there will be a 10 a.m. worship service featuring the Allen Family Sunday, Aug. 30. Concluding the weekend will be an \$8 catered lunch at noon.

Food services are available Thursday afternoon, Friday afternoon, all day Saturday and Sunday lunch. A gigantic breakfast buffet begins at 7:30 a.m., Saturday in the camp dining hall, serving until 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$7 for adults, and \$4 for children 5-11 (children 4 and under are free).

An outdoor barbecue chicken or barbecue rib dinner will be available throughout the weekend. A catered buffet lunch will be available from 4 to 5:30 p.m., Saturday afternoon. Cost is \$8 for everyone. Concessions, sponsored by Thumb Youth for Christ, will also be available all weekend. An ice cream social will be available Thursday through Saturday nights following the concerts.

Based upon the overwhelming success of the first 11 Gospel Conventions, camp officials are preparing for an estimated 3,000 people to be on hand for this event. The Tabernacle seats about 800 people. A large tent with a projection system and a 14-foot screen will accommodate overflow crowds. Those planning to sit outside should bring portable lawn chairs.

The Biblically-based miniature golf course will be open all day. A Bible Study, craft time and trip to Leiprandt Orchards are also planned. Supervised activities for the children are scheduled throughout the weekend.

For more information on the 12th Annual Lloyd Severance Thumb Gospel Music Convention, call the Bay Shore Camp and Family Ministries' office at (989) 883-2501, or log on to the website, www.thumbgospelmusic.org.

Down Memory Lane

By Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO

Cass City finished 5th at its own invite Thursday at Rolling Hills Golf Course. The Red Hawk team consisted of Ryan Biddinger, Evan Laurie, Ryan Ross, Kurt Hanby, Cameron Lautner and Brent Kucharczyk.

Ashley Messing, 17, of Bad Axe, daughter of Greg and Shelly Messing, was crowned the 2004 Huron County Bean Queen at the Huron Community Fair Aug. 9. Messing is currently attending Ubly High School and plans to attend Michigan State University next year to major in animal science. She is sponsored by Young Ideas Farm Bureau Group. During the year, she will represent Huron County Bean Growers at various events in Huron County and around the state.

Air Force Master Sgt. Jeffery R. Papp is currently deployed overseas at a forward operating location in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The sergeant, a KC-135 flight line production supervisor with 19 years of military service, is normally assigned at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D. He is the son of Stephen Andrew and Lois Evelyn Papp of Cass City. His wife, Paula, is the daughter of Floyd and Linda McIntosh of Cass City and John and Janice Mika of Decker. Papp graduated in 1983 from Cass City High School and received an associate degree in 2004 from Community College of the Air Force. He also earned his bachelor's degree in 2004 from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Tampa, Fla.

10 YEARS AGO

Barbara Schneeberger is learning to read. Nancy Jickling is her teacher. They didn't know each other 2 years ago. They probably didn't even know of the other's existence. Now however, they are best friends. No one can keep them apart. They are roommates, friends, confidantes, pupil and teacher. Barbara and Nancy, residents at Cass City Tendercare, met before Christmas. These remarkable ladies hit it off right away. "We like country music," Nancy said. "We turn it on every night after Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune."

James Dale, of Cass City, is among the prospective freshmen who have been selected to receive a share of \$2 million in academic scholarships from Western Michigan University this fall. The awards are part of WMU's Medallion Scholarship Program. The recipients were among the 787 leading high school seniors from 10 states who competed for the scholarships during events this past winter on campus. The competition included essay writing and group problem solving activities for students and information sessions for parents. Dale received a WMU Academic Scholarship of \$4,800 over 4 years. He is the

son of Michael and Helen Dale.

A team of young farmers from Tuscola County Farm Bureau competed in the Eighth Annual Michigan Farm Bureau Young Farmer Softball Tournament, Aug. 7-8, at Ithaca's Reed Park. Representing Tuscola County were Matt Sergeant, Barb Enos, Doug Enos, Doug Daenzer, Leslie Daenzer, Chris Rupprecht, Matt Bennett, Mark Palmreuter, Dave Wiacek, George Black, Sarah Black, Jeffery Hecht, Lori Hecht, Aaron Mar and Connie Daenzer. The statewide competition attracted 14 teams and about 170 players, ages 18-35, for the double-elimination tournament.

25 YEARS AGO

Way back in 1953 a junior student at Michigan State interned for a summer at the Chronicle. It was Patricia Yarocho, now Patricia Bario. Since those days Bario, now 51, has had a long and varied journalism career. Stints with both Detroit dailies and big jobs in public relations in Washington, including assistant press secretary to President Carter, highlight her professional activities. The Kinde native is back in the limelight again. She's been named press secretary for Geraldine Ferraro's campaign for vice-president. (From Rabbit Tracks)

For the second year in a row Lisa Hagen showed the Grand Champion steer at the Huron Community Fair. She also earned Reserve Champion honors in Showmanship. Lisa, 19, daughter of Wally and Sonia Hagen, Ubly, showed "Big Snookies," a 1,290-pound Chi-Angus crossbreed steer.

John F. Kulinski, son of Chester and Alice Kulinski, Cass City, graduated from boot camp at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif. He is now in the reserves and is enrolled at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, for this fall.

Rev. Ben Haynes of Alba has become the new pastor of the Mizpah Missionary Church, 4619 N. Van Dyke Road. Rev. Haynes, 28, officially became pastor July 1, replacing

Rev. Edward Francis. He met Loreen Mireault of Windsor while at college. They were married in Windsor Sept. 16, 1978. They have three daughters, Monica, 4, Jenilee, 2 1/2 and Holly, 10 months.

35 YEARS AGO

"It's been a momentous week, I guess," Sanilac County Clerk Walter Behn intoned Friday, "Not only in Washington but here as well." Behn, a secretary and the two Republicans who tied for the Evergreen Township Supervisor's nomination in last week's primary election, were about to make history. The two men, Supervisor Laurance Hyatt and challenger Larry Puterbaugh, who each garnered 52 votes for the GOP nomination, would decide by drawing lots who won the election. "This drawing will decide the name which will go on the November ballot for the Republican nomination only," Behn said. Following his explanation, Puterbaugh reached gingerly into the wooden box containing two capsules, one reading "Elected" and the other reading "no elected." Then Hyatt reached in for the remaining capsule. Both were opened and Puterbaugh smiled. "Well, this one says elected so I guess I am," he said. Both men smiled and shook hands. It was all over. Behn explained that, after the election is certified by state officials, Hyatt could request a recount. Hyatt said later he has not made up his mind if he will request one or not. If he does not, then Puterbaugh's name will appear on the November ballot. Presently, he has no Democratic opposition.

Champions of the Cass City Church League for 1974 are the Methodists who finished 11-1 for the season. The team started strong in the play-offs with an easy victory over Church of Christ Tuesday. Members are Ed Stoutenburg, Ricky Damm, Don Galbraith, Henry Cooklin, Mike Murphy, watergirl Frances Kozan, Randy Kozan, Dave Doerr, Eldon Stoutenburg, Doug O'Dell, Jerry Toner and Mike Lowe.

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Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City, will show the following Senior Citizen Movies Friday, Aug. 21 at 1:30 p.m.

Great Lakes Shipwrecks: Thunder Bay, located in Lake Huron, is home to more than 100 shipwrecks, some in waters as shallow as fifteen feet. The wrecks, which include everything from wooden schooners to side-wheel steamers and modern freighters, shed light on 200 years of Great Lakes' history. Scientists are puzzled as to why this body of water, nicknamed "shipwreck alley," is so dangerous. This one-hour special follows a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association deepwater expedition to reveal the forces in Thunder Bay that are the catalysts for the wrecks. (60 minutes)

Hidden Hawaii: This video takes you on a journey to the most remote locations on the Hawaiian Islands. Fiery volcanic eruptions and rivers of molten lava bring the formation of the islands to life. Descend 4,000 feet beneath the surface to witness the birth of Loih, Hawaii's newest island. Journey with a Hawaiian naturalist in a kayak expedition along the breathtaking Molokai coast to save the rare Alula plant clinging to the 10,000 foot-high Haleakala Crater where the spectacular Silversword plant blooms once in a decade, then dies. You will experience the beauty and wonder of Hawaii as never before in this captivating presentation. (35 minutes)

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Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 7:00 p.m.

Pastor - Chuck Carr

Transportation available

Cass City Church of Christ

6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726

Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136

Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Cass City Church of the Nazarene

6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726

872-2604 or (989) 912-2077

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Prayer & Bible Study

& Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.

Rev. Judy A. Esckilsen

Cass City Missionary Church

4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726

989-872-2729

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.

Pastor - Bob Sweeney

www.casscitymc.org

Cass City United Methodist Church

5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,

P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726

872-3422

Worship: 11:00 a.m.

(Summer 9:30 a.m.)

Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.

Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)

Pastor: Rev. Paul G. Donelson

Evangelical Free Church of Cass City

6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726

Phone: 872-5060

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Midweek Bible Studies

Biblical Counseling

Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould



First Baptist Church

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Barrier Free

6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726

989-872-3155

Sunday School All Ages 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

AWANA Clubs 6:45 p.m. During School Year

Thursday Teen Club 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Pastor: David G. Hill

Website: www.fbccc.us

First Presbyterian Church

Barrier Free

6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726

872-5400

Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:45 a.m.

Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Dave Blackburn

Fraser Presbyterian Church

3006 Huron Line Rd., Cass City, MI 48726

872-5400

Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Dave Blackburn

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726

872-2770

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Gerald Meyer

Living Word Worship Center

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872-4637

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.

Wed. (Family Training Hour) 7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Steve Totten



Novesta Church of Christ

2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726

872-3658 or 872-1195

Bible School 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Worship Service 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Youth Group & Sunday Evening

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Youth Minister: Brad Speirs

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872-5186

Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

Pastor: F. Robert Tucker

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Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

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CONDITIONING CONTINUES this week for the Cass City football team, including sophomore Alex Zaleski (above). You can catch the Red Hawks in action this Friday before their season opener Aug. 28th, as the team travels to Ubyly for a scrimmage against the Bearcats, Peck and Imlay City. Action is slated to begin at 6 p.m. If you can’t make Friday’s outing, no need to worry. Read all about the Red Hawk gridiron team and Cass City’s other fall sports teams in the Chronicle’s next 2 editions.

Hair-Cut-A-Thon scheduled

Area residents can make a difference in the life of a cancer patient by donating some of their hair during the Pantene Beautiful Lengths “Hair-Cut-A-Thon” next month in Tuscola County.

The event will be held Saturday, Sept. 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in conjunction with the Relay for Life event in Tuscola County, Sept. 12-13 at the county fairgrounds in Caro.

Residents who have at least 8 inches of hair to donate are invited to participate, according to Jill Fessler, team development chairman for Tuscola County Relay for Life.

“Once Pantene Beautiful Lengths receives a donation, it is sent to the leading global producer of real-hair wigs and extensions, HairUWear,” Fessler explained. “Donations are then transformed into high quality,

hand-tied, real-hair wigs — it takes 6 to 8 ponytails to make just one wig. The free wigs are then distributed through the American Cancer Society’s extensive network of wig banks across the country.”

Fessler said anyone willing to donate their hair, as well as licensed beauticians interested in donating their cutting skills, can learn more by contacting Beverly Schember at (989) 674-2439.

More information about Pantene Beautiful Lengths is available at the website, www.beautifullengths.com, and additional information on the Relay for Life in Tuscola County is available by logging onto the website, www.relayforlife.org/tuscolacounty or by contacting Fessler at (989) 670-3327.

Free trees available

Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation during August 2009 will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees.

The free trees are part of the non-profit foundation’s “Trees for America” campaign, a program dedicated to environmental stewardship through the planting of trees.

“Colorado blue spruce trees can be used in many beneficial ways,” said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Homeowners can use them an ornamental trees, as an energy-saving windbreak, for privacy and as living Christmas trees.”

The trees will be shipped postpaid between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10, at the right time for planting. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Planting instructions are enclosed with each shipment of trees.

Members of the Arbor Day Foundation will also receive The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care, and Arbor Day, the foundation’s bi-monthly publication.

To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to 10 Blue Spruces, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb. 68410, by Aug. 31, or join online at www.arborday.org.



CHEMICAL BANK, Cass City, donated \$680 to benefit the Revive Ministries food pantry, from an employee bake sale held during Summer Mania. Accepting the donation on behalf of Revive Ministries is Jamie Fritz, left, from bank branch manager Janet Thane. Fritz says each dollar will buy \$14 of supplies from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

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CASS CITY HIGH SCHOOL FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

CROSS COUNTRY • FOOTBALL • SOCCER • TENNIS • VOLLEYBALL

2009 VARSITY FOOTBALL			
Aug. 28	Sandusky	7:00	p.m.
Sept. 3	EPB Lakers	7:00	p.m.
Sept. 11	Harbor Beach	7:00	p.m.
Sept. 18	Bad Axe	7:00	p.m.
Sept. 25	USA	7:00	p.m.
Oct. 2	Reese	7:00	p.m.
Oct. 9	BCAS(HC)	7:00	p.m.
Oct. 16	Vassar	7:00	p.m.
Oct. 23	Caro	7:00	p.m.

2009 JV FOOTBALL			
Aug. 27	Sandusky	7:00	p.m.
Sept. 2	EPB Lakers	7:00	p.m.
Sept. 10	Harbor Beach	7:00	p.m.
Sept. 17	Bad Axe	7:00	p.m.
Sept. 24	USA	7:00	p.m.
Oct. 1	Reese	7:00	p.m.
Oct. 8	BCAS	7:00	p.m.
Oct. 15	Vassar	7:00	p.m.
Oct. 22	Caro	7:00	p.m.

2009 BOYS' SOCCER			
Aug. 22	USA Invite	8:30	a.m.
Aug. 25	Brown City	5:00	p.m.
Aug. 27	Marlette	5:00	p.m.
Sept. 1	Caseville	5:00	p.m.
Sept. 3	Harbor Beach	5:00	p.m.
Sept. 10	Sandusky	5:00	p.m.
Sept. 12	Bad Axe Invite	10:00	a.m.
Sept. 15	USA	5:00	p.m.
Sept. 22	EPB Lakers	5:00	p.m.
Sept. 29	Bad Axe	5:00	p.m.
Oct. 1	Caro	4:30	p.m.
Oct. 6	USA	4:30	p.m.
Oct. 8	EPB Lakers	4:30	p.m.
Oct. 13	Bad Axe	4:30	p.m.
Oct. 16	Almont	5:00	p.m.
Oct. 19-24	Districts		

2009 VOLLEYBALL			
Aug. 28	Bad Axe (F/JV)	9:00	a.m.
Aug. 29	Bad Axe (V)	9:00	a.m.
Sept. 12	Birch Run Invite (V)	8:30	a.m.
Sept. 15	USA	6:00	p.m.
Sept. 19	Caro Invite (V)	8:30	a.m.
Sept. 22	BCAS	6:00	p.m.
Sept. 24	Laker/Reese	5:30	p.m.
Sept. 26	Birch Run Invite (JV)	8:30	a.m.
Sept. 26	Northwood Invite (V)	8:00	a.m.
Sept. 29	Vassar	6:00	p.m.
Oct. 1	Bad Axe	6:00	p.m.
Oct. 3	Freeland Invite (V)	9:00	a.m.
Oct. 8	USA	6:00	p.m.
Oct. 10	Garber Invite (V)	T B A	
Oct. 15	BCAS	6:00	p.m.
Oct. 20	Laker/Reese	5:30	p.m.
Oct. 22	Vassar	6:00	p.m.
Oct. 24	Caro Invite (F & JV)	T B A	
Oct. 27	Caro	6:00	p.m.
Oct. 29	Bad Axe	6:00	p.m.
Oct. 31	Laker Invite (V)	9:00	a.m.
Nov. 2-7	Districts		

2009 CROSS COUNTRY			
Aug. 25	Capac Invite	3:45	p.m.
Sept. 2	USA Invite	3:45	p.m.
Sept. 9	Ubyly Invite	3:45	p.m.
Sept. 12	Bad Axe Invite	10:00	a.m.
Sept. 15	GTC@Brown City	4:30	p.m.
Sept. 19	Holly Invite		
Sept. 24	Frankenmuth	4:30	p.m.
Sept. 29	GTC@Vassar	4:30	p.m.
Oct. 3	Harbor Beach		
Oct. 10	Cass City Invite	9:00	a.m.
Oct. 13	GTC@Ubyly	4:30	p.m.
Oct. 17	Reese Invite	8:30	a.m.
Oct. 20	GTC League Meet	4:30	p.m.
Oct. 24	Caro Invite	10:00	a.m.
Oct. 31	Regionals		

2009 TENNIS			
Aug. 20	Cros-Lex	9:00	a.m.
Aug. 26	Imlay City	1:00	p.m.
Aug. 31	Sandusky	4:00	p.m.
Sept. 2	BC John Glenn	4:00	p.m.
Sept. 9	BCAS	4:00	p.m.
Sept. 14	Harbor Beach	4:00	p.m.
Sept. 16	Sandusky	4:00	p.m.
Sept. 19	Yale Invite	9:00	a.m.
Sept. 21	BCAS	4:00	p.m.
Sept. 23	Harbor Beach	4:00	p.m.
Sept. 28	Caro	4:15	p.m.
Sept. 30	BC John Glenn@Delta	4:00	p.m.
Oct. 3	League Tour		

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Chip Shots			
Wednesday Night 2-Man Golf League as of Aug. 12			
Division 1 - Early			
Burns/Kritzman	115	Bruce LaValley	121
Davis/Tate	107	Dan Curtis	120
Hendrick/Kelly	106	Larry Robinson	116
Young/Veggian	105	Harold MacAlpine	111
Berwick/Greenlee	100	Dick Wallace	90
Hobbs/Meck	96		
Henn/Herron	96	Low gross score for the week: Dan Caister 42	
Burns/Caister	91	Low net score for week: Bruce LaValley 32	
Warner/Wallace	91		
Iwankovitch/Stickle	85	Division 4	
Craig/Knight	85	Steve Palmer	147
Alexander/Spencer	81	Paul Regnerus	141
Zdrojewski/Peters	78		
Daniels/Wilson	76		
Bliss/Irrer	74		
Jones/Marshall	69*		
Pobanz/Smithson	69		
Dillon/Tonti	53		

Individual Medallists: B. Kritzman 39, J. Smithson 39.
Team Medallists: Wallace/Warner 81.

Division 2 - Late	
deBeaubien/Lowe	114
Hillaker/Murphy	107
Bliss/Krol	103
Martin/Robinson	103
Langley/Tamlyn	99
Doerr/Haire	96
Hool/Toner	87
Prieskorn/Repshinska	82
Osentoski/D. Wallace	79
Biddinger/Smith	76
Corey/Paul - Ulfig	75
Laurie/Lautner	70*
Hartel/Brown	67
LeValley/Morgan	67

Individual Medallist: J. Toner 39.
Team Medallists: Hillaker/Murphy 85.

*Denotes matches to be made up.

Monday Night Golf League as of Aug. 10	
Division 1	
Richard Tate	149
Daryl Iwankovitch	136
Craig Helwig	131
Scott Richards	131*
Mike Lowe	125*
Dieter Roth	123
Jon Zdrojewski	120
Don Ouvry	119

Low gross score for the week: Craig Helwig 34
Low net score for week: Jon Zdrojewski 32

Division 2	
Ray Fox	156
Tom Kelly	149
Dan Mosher	141
Dave Allen	139
Jack Hool	121
Jim Peyerk	115*
Jim Smithson	114
Jim Hobbs	99*

Low gross score for the week: Ray Fox 36
Low net score for week: Dan Moser 31

Division 3	
Terry Hendrick	172
Dan Caister	165
Thad Phelps	148

**PUBLIC NOTICE
HEARING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
IN THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY**

Notice is hereby given that on August 31, 2009, at 7:10 p.m. in the Village of Cass City Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan, a hearing will be held before the Cass City Village Council pursuant to Section 4 (3) of Act 198 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended, on the request by the Village of Cass City for the establishment of an Industrial Development District containing the following described property located within the Village of Cass City Renaissance Zone:

Commencing at the Center of Section 33, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, of the Village of Cass City, Tuscola County Michigan, thence S.01°53'22"W. 66.00', thence N.88°23'51"W. 330.00' to the point of beginning of this description. Thence S.01°53'22"W. 1253.62', thence N88°37'11"W. 268.82', Thence N.01°57'47"E. 987.41', Thence N.88°23'51"W. 469.32' to the point of beginning. Containing 12.36 acres more or less and subject to all recorded easements and rights of way.

The owners of all real property within the proposed Industrial Development District together with any other residents or taxpayers of the Village of Cass City shall have the right to appear and be heard.

**AND
HEARING ON THE APPROVAL OF AN
INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE
IN THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY**

Notice is hereby given that on August 31, 2009, at 7:20 p.m. in the Village of Cass City Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan, a hearing will be held before the Cass City Village Council pursuant to Section 4 (3) of Act 198 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended, on the petition of Liang's Farm and Poultry Processing for the approval of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate on new facilities proposed to be built upon the following described property located within the Village of Cass City Renaissance Zone:

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The Public is invited to attend.

Nanette S. Walsh
Clerk Treasurer
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SUPER!Centers close Saturday
SOS offices to close Friday

All Secretary of State branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed Friday, Aug. 21, and SUPER!Centers will close Saturday, Aug. 22, due to a mandatory state employee furlough day.

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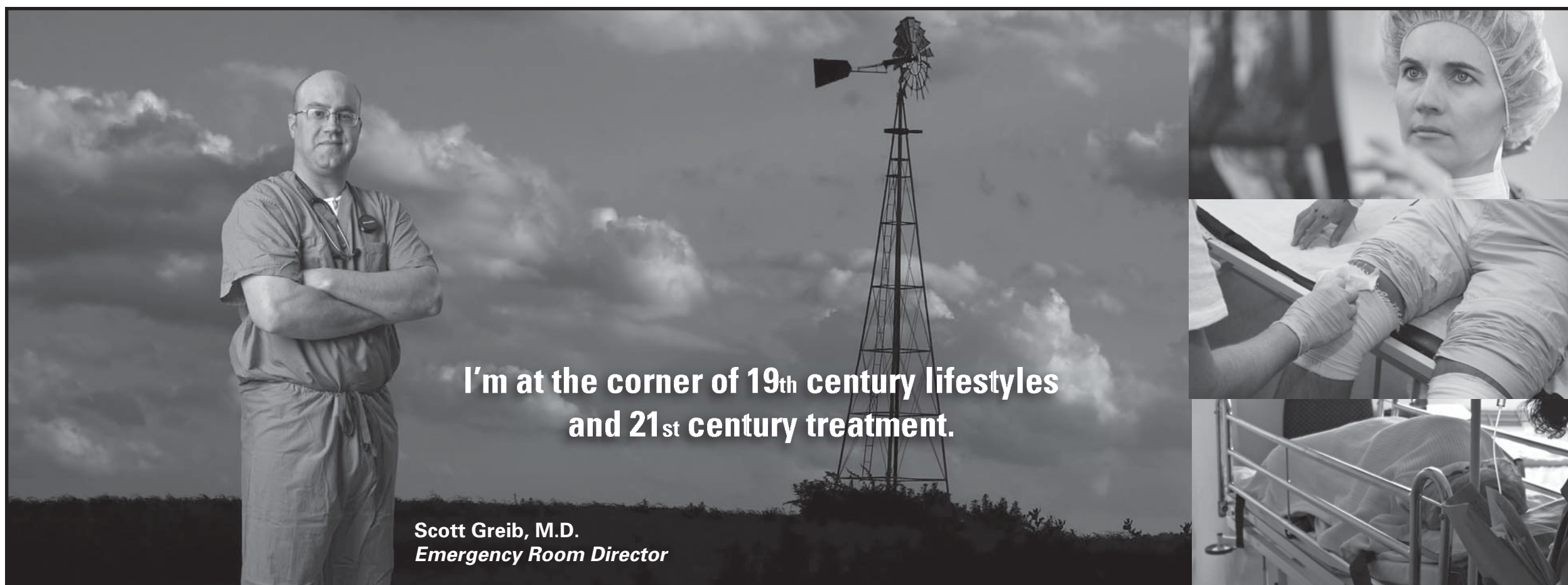
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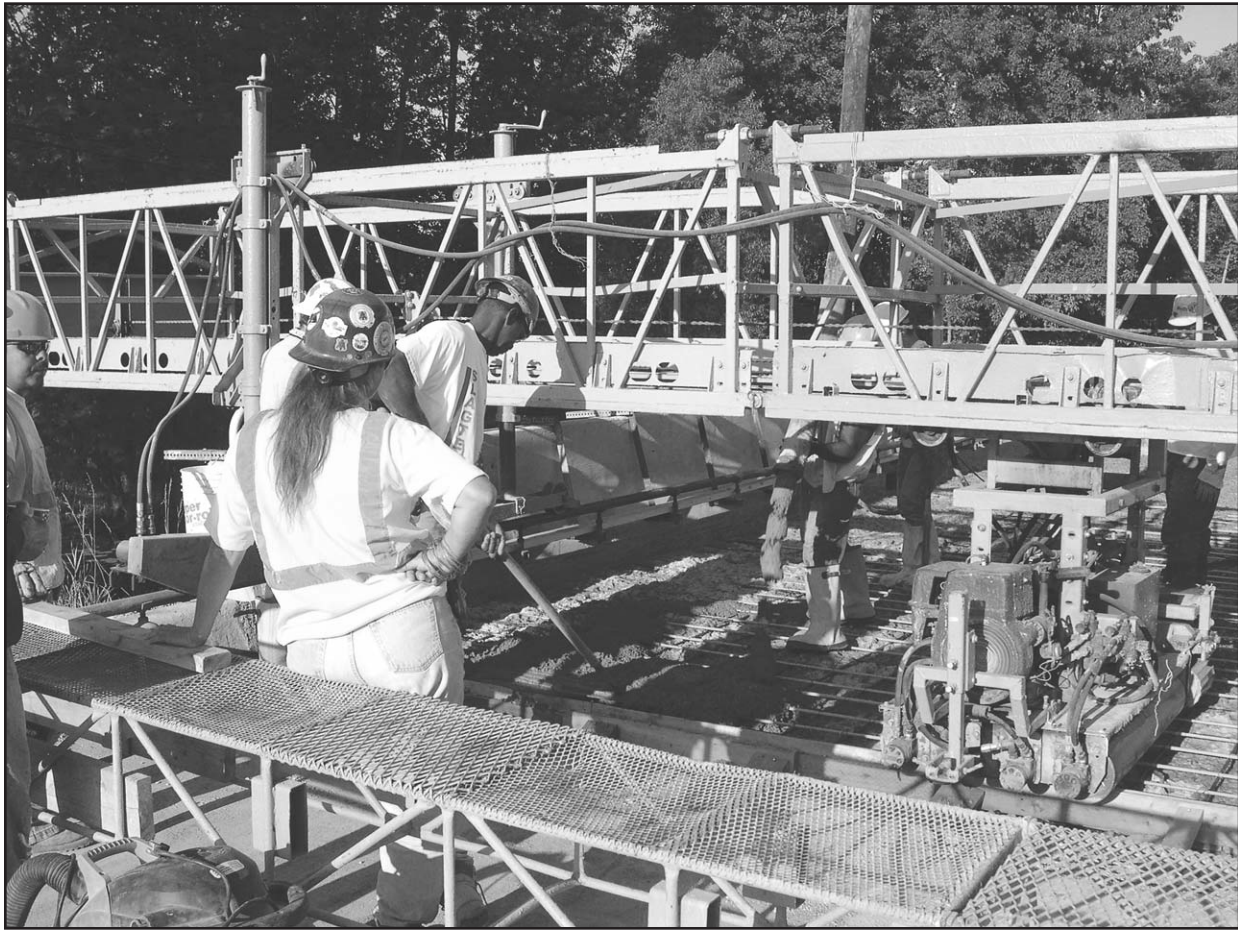
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Former Hardee’s building to house new restaurant

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Camaj, who came to the United States 23 years ago, has earned success as a restaurateur over the years. He and a partner own and operate 4 other Nick’s Country Oven locations in Shelby Township, Clarkston and Sterling Heights. Camaj also owns his own commercial, residential and industrial painting company, Annabella’s.

Camaj said he has 19 years of experience in the restaurant business and his partner boasts 27 years.

Camaj indicated that when he got his first look inside the former Hardee’s building, he was less than impressed with the condition of the interior, particularly the filth he encountered. He also found that 70 percent of the restaurant’s water pipes had burst last winter after the previous owner closed up shop. But he and his partner didn’t let the conditions make them decide against investing literally thousands of dollars into the building, from installing a new kitchen and furniture to applying a fresh coat of paint, paving the parking lot and putting in new landscaping.

“(We’re not) just serious,” he said. “If we’re going to get into this, we’re going to get into it and do it right. It’s either I’m going to do it right or I’m not going to get into it at all, but when it’s done it will be done right.”

That approach to business includes

full-time hours, starting at 6 a.m. and continuing through 9 p.m., he noted.

Asked if operating a family-style restaurant in a rural setting will be any different than running a restaurant in the city, Camaj didn’t hesitate to answer.

“A great environment, family atmosphere, great food — everything made from scratch — very reasonable prices, clean, treating every customer

like a family member. When you do these things, I’m pretty sure you’re successful everywhere,” he said.

Camaj hopes to be making good on those promises soon, but acknowledged it may take a bit more time to prepare for his grand opening than he would like.

“We still have a lot of work to do,” he said. “We’re shooting for the first or second (week) of September.”



THE FORMER Hardee’s building in Cass City will soon house the fifth location of Nick’s Country Oven. Owner Gjon Camaj and his partner currently operate their other family-style restaurants downstate in Shelby Township, Clarkston and Sterling Heights. (See story, page one)

Letters to the Editor

Let’s try to save our country

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which you are very interested and would really like to see changes enacted. Your elected representatives in both the House and the Senate will be on recess during most of August, which would be a good opportunity to offer your thinking about your special topic or possibly some thoughts on some of the following: health care in general, Medicare, taxes, national defense, terrorists, illegal immigrants, Supreme Court nominees, etc. One of my own topics is health information distribution to the people of all ages but for certain to those of us on Medicare. Prevention, to me, is very cost effective.

Let’s try to save our country for the next generations.

Just let these physicians be

Dr. Oxholm was my doctor in Cass City. Several months ago Hills and Dales sent me a letter informing me that to cut expenses, they had to let Dr. Oxholm go.

Dr. Oxholm worked with Dr. Omran, and within a month, he had resigned and was gone, yet the hospital did not recall Dr. Oxholm.

I have only been in Cass City a few years and I was thoroughly pleased when I found her. She is very thorough and searches for the problem and, in one instance, she referred me to Covenant Hospital in Saginaw, and my problem was resolved. In my opinion, she is an excellent doctor.

I realize that to cut expenses they let Dr. Oxholm go. They did not call her back when Dr. Omran left. What I do not understand is why Hills and Dales has a problem with Dr. Oxholm working in Bad Axe. If you ask me, when Hills and Dales released Dr. Oxholm, it was Huron Medical Hospital’s gain. Many, many small towns have difficulty getting doctors in their town. We have 2 excellent doctors just 20 miles away. We seniors do not want to search again for a good doctor. Dr. Pantig also resigned. I believe both doctors are an asset to the Thumb area.

To the management at Hills and Dales, I respectfully request, for the good of our people, just let them be. Thank you,

Richard Gentner
Cass City

Hospital has problem with doctors

It certainly makes a person wonder what is going on at Hills and Dales Hospital. They seem to have a problem keeping doctors and physician’s assistants.

We moved to Cass City 5 years ago from Royal Oak. There are many adjustments when one relocates. I did not find a doctor for almost a year. My doctor’s physician assistant (PA) moved to Colorado. I got sick, ended up in urgent care. The PA treated me and then referred me to follow up with Dr. Pantig. He also said she was a good doctor - no, she is an excellent doctor.

I need to interject. I have no problem with the treatment, blood tests, etc. at Hills and Dales. I have never been an in-patient, but have been in the emergency room twice, CAT scan, X-rays, etc. Presently, I am in physical therapy for a shoulder problem with favorable results and nearing completion.

I saw Dr. Pantig in her Bad Axe office a couple of weeks ago. The first thing I asked her was, “Can I still have blood tests, etc. done at Hills and Dales?” She had no problem with that. I believe “if” patients elect to follow an excellent doctor to Bad Axe, Hills and Dales would still get business from those of us who live in the area.

This is our problem, for whatever reason Dr. Pantig and Dr. Oxholm are no longer in Cass City - the hospital should think of people in our community and leave those 2 doctors alone in Huron County. Many small towns have problems keeping good doctors.

Also, the physician assistant I saw at urgent care is no longer there. We are fortunate they come to our area. Let’s keep them here and not chase them away.

Hills and Dales, please do what you can to resolve this problem. Thank you,

GINNA GENTNER
Cass City

YFC auction raises \$26,000

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amazing auction last year.”

Jensen said a number of other events conflicted with the timing of this year’s auction, which probably led to sales totaling some 10 percent less than the average year. “But still, we felt like God showed up and did a really big thing.”

The auction provides a significant amount of operating revenue for YFC programs in Cass City, as well as in Caro, Reese and Caseville, according to Jensen. “Of our budgets, it will probably add up to one-third for each of us,” she explained. “So, it’s pretty huge for us.”

The money is used for a variety of programs for area teens in northern Tuscola and Huron counties, from school breakfast clubs to cooperative church youth programs to “lock-in” events and trips to Cedar Point and Florida each year. YFC Campus Life directors get to know students — especially those who have no affiliation with a church — by making their presence known in area school districts, attending games and other activities.

Currently, YFC has around 3,500 students involved in one of the Campus Life programs, according to Shawn Orlik, YFC Campus Life director for the Cass City and Caseville areas. “Without the funds from the auction, we wouldn’t be able to run our programs,” he said. “Although this is my first year doing the auction, we have been doing this for 13 years and it’s a very important fundraiser.

And while this year’s auction didn’t match last year’s record — \$43,000 gross and a net profit of just under \$30,000 — YFC officials say they are grateful for area residents’ generosity, which will enable them to continue meeting their goal of reaching youths in the Thumb.

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

“We just sort of ‘do life’ with the kids. We meet with them on their turf and try to help make the right choices,” Jensen added. “We also want to be with the kids who are struggling and encourage them.”

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Gould asking for competency exam

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when one of the injured women sought help after the attacks, and ended with Gould’s arrest less than 3 hours later, several miles to the north in Huron County’s Meade Township.

After responding to the scene at 3107 Mortimer Line Rd., Sanilac County Sheriff’s deputies broadcast a description of the suspect and a 2008 Jeep Compass that was missing from the residence.

Later that morning, Huron County deputies were dispatched to investigate a reported suspicious, highly intoxicated subject who had approached a homeowner for assistance, saying he had been involved in a car accident. Deputies arrived at the scene and spotted Gould, who fled. Assisted by other police agencies, officers found Gould hiding under a large bush and arrested him without incident.

A short time later, deputies learned that Gould, who had no driver’s license and was wanted in Florida on a probation violation charge, was also wanted in connection with the homicides earlier the same day in Sanilac County.

Gould was subsequently arraigned in Huron County District Court on charges of home invasion, assaulting/resisting a police officer and operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. However, Huron County Prosecutor Timothy J. Rutkowski later dropped the charges.

“Given the nature of the evidence that exists in Sanilac County and due to the mandatory punishment associated with first degree murder upon conviction (being) life in prison without the possibility of parole, Huron County is dismissing the charges (against Gould) without prejudice to allow the matter to be heard in Sanilac County, where more serious charges exist,” Rutkowski said in a news release issued earlier this month.

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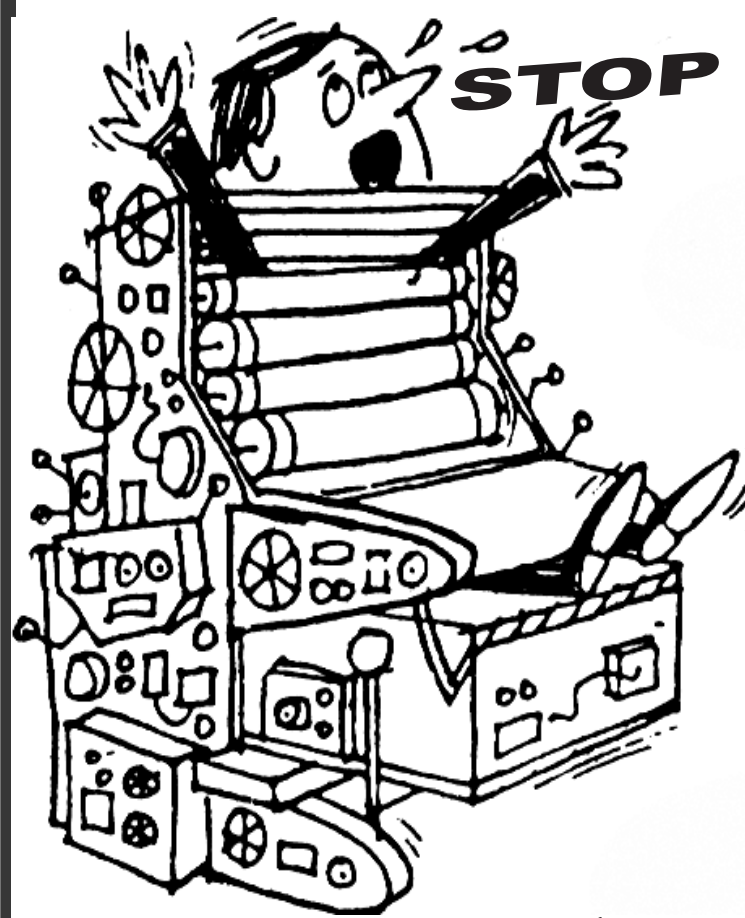
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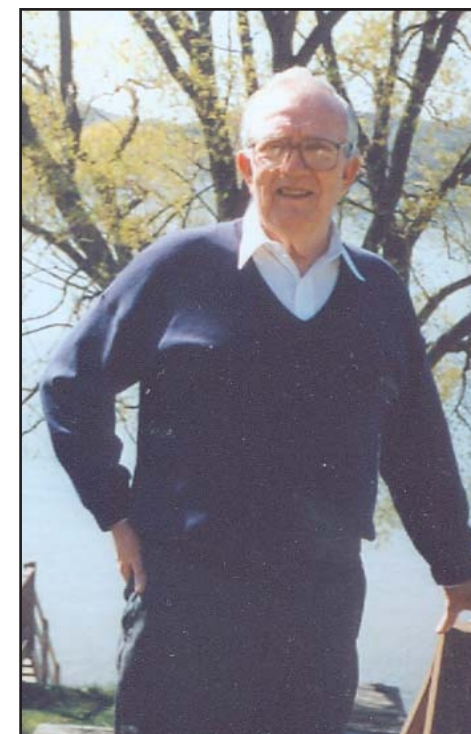
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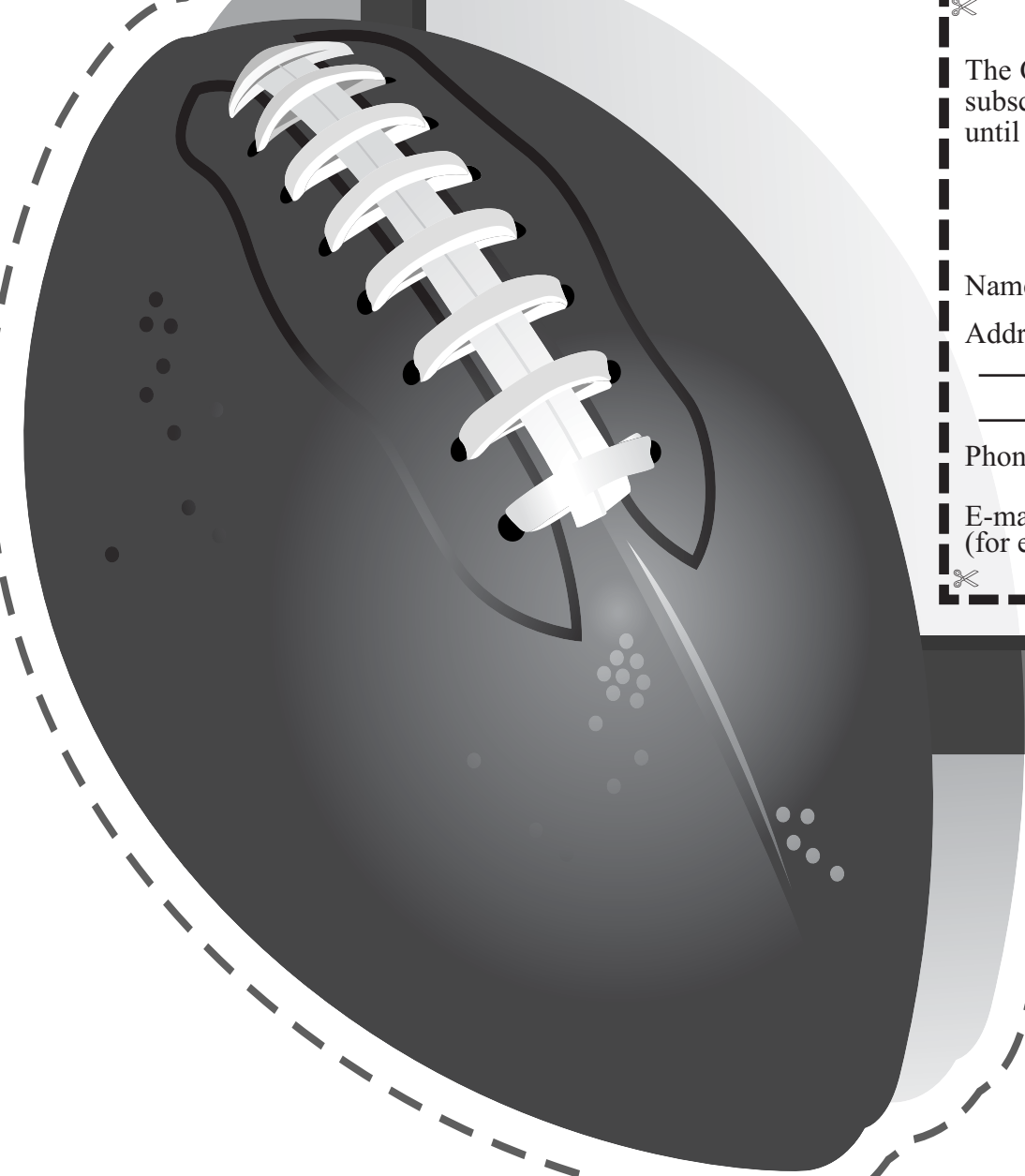
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on August 27, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Block 10 of the North's Addition to the City of Vassar. According to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 20, now being page 21A

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Dated: July 29, 2009

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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.

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Dated: August 5, 2009

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on 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 MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: August 12, 2009

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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 Koynton, 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 MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Randolph C. Koteles, 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 MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: August 12, 2009

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

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

Lot 11 of Thomas Fisheries Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 84, now being Page 34B.

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

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee

can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: August 12, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by GREG ASHMORE and KAREN M. ASHMORE, husband and wife, 5343 Brown Road, Millington, Michigan, Mortgagors, to OXFORD BANK MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, now held by Oxford Bank, successor by merger with Oxford Bank Mortgage Services, LLC, 60 South Washington, Oxford, Michigan 48371, Mortgagee, dated the 15th day of August 2007, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 21st day of August 2007, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, as of the date of this notice, the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN AND 49/100 DOLLARS (\$136,947.49). Interest continues to accrue at the rate of 7.875% percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the courthouse or place of holding of the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola at 10:00 a.m. on September 10, 2009.

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

Land situated in the Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the North quarter corner of section 32, thence North 87 degrees 17 minutes 23 seconds West along the North line of Section 32 a distance of 1373.26 feet to its intersection with the centerline of State (M-15) Highway; thence South 29 degrees 46 minutes 18 seconds East along said centerline 287.66 feet to the Point of Beginning of this description; thence South 87 degrees 17 minutes 23 seconds East parallel with said North line of Section 32 a distance of 380.00 feet; thence South 29 degrees 46 minutes 18 seconds East parallel with said centerline of State (M-15) Highway a distance of 287.65 feet; thence North 87 degrees 17 minutes 23 seconds West 380.00 feet to a point of said centerline of State (M-15) Highway; thence North 29 degrees 46 minutes 18 seconds West along said centerline a distance of 287.66 feet to the Point of Beginning. Commonly known as: 7035 State Road, Millington, Michigan 48746.

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

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The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or the time to provide the notice required under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires.

Dated: August 12, 2009

OXFORD BANK, Mortgagee
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Michael G. Cruse
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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 Barton M. Long, a married man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 12, 2007 and recorded on April 27, 2007 in Liber 1117 on Page 1360, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. Bank, National Association, as successor trustee to Bank of America, N.A. as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank N.A., as Trustee for Merrill Lynch First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-3 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 Ninety-Four Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Six and 73/100 Dollars (\$94,556.73), including interest at 12.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 17, 2009.

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

Lot 50 of Swanson's Acres No. 2, as recorded in Liber 4 Page 21 and 22 of Plats, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: August 19, 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 #274222F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Matthews, a/k/a David A. Matthews, married and Maryrose Matthews, husband and wife as tenants in the entireties, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 5, 2003 and recorded on September 29, 2003 in Liber 957 on Page 167 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to OneWest Bank FSB as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Four and 94/100 Dollars (\$72,194.94), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 17, 2009.

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

A parcel of land in the Southwest quarter of Section 10, Town 13 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North and South quarter line of said Section which is 156.06 feet; thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 32 seconds West of the South quarter corner of said Section; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, parallel with the South line of said Section, 258.82 feet; thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 32 seconds West, parallel with the North and South quarter line of said Section, 263.00 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel with said South Section line, 258.82 feet to said North and South quarter line; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 32 seconds East, on said North and South quarter line, 263.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: August 19, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michale J. Rioux, a married woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 27, 2007 and recorded on May 4, 2007 in Liber 1118 on Page 780 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Thirty-Seven and 18/100 Dollars (\$150,037.18), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 17, 2009.

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

Lots 42, Knollwood Acres No. 2, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 30, 31, and 32 of Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: August 19, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jonathon W. Walker, a single man, and Sarah L. Fox, a single woman, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 11, 2007 and recorded on July 18, 2007 in Liber 1125 on Page 478 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Seventy-Five and 60/100 Dollars (\$96,075.60), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 17, 2009.

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

Commencing at a point 32.25 feet West of the Northeast corner of section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, thence continuing West 150 feet; thence South 600 feet; thence East 150 feet; thence North 600 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: August 19, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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File #275068F01

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NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Harvey Roles and Laura Roles, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 3261 Bradford Rd, Fairgrove, MI 48733-9732.

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/mshta 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 13, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after August 13, 2009.

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

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

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Dated: August 19, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys for Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by CHRIS MOORE, A/K/A 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-FHF3, 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 a.m. 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-FHF3
Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Ann Arbor, MI 48107
ASAP #3211611

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jana Vandemark and Tad O. Vandemark, wife and husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 24, 2006 and recorded April 28, 2006 in Liber 1079, Page 372, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by US Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-BC2 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Thirty-Three and 97/100 Dollars (\$111,033.97), including interest at 8.52% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on SEPTEMBER 17, 2009.

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

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 8, Town 8, Range 12 North, Range 9 East, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence South 275 feet; thence West 249 feet to the point of beginning; except easements and reservations of record.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined

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

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: August 19, 2009

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48067-5041
248-502-1400
File No. 306.2861
ASAP #3228645

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Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage made Andre Prieur, married, and Karla M. Knapp, married, Mortgagees, to Fifth Third Bank, Mortgagee, dated February 22, 2002 and recorded on April 3, 2002, in Liber 872, Page 830 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, Michigan, on said mortgage there is \$143,349.78 due at the date of this notice. There is no suit proceeding at law or in equity to collect the sums due under the Mortgage described above.

Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the above-described Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 10:00 AM at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder at public venue, in order to satisfy the unpaid portion of said Mortgage, together with interest at a rate of 6.000%, all costs of sale permitted by law, and taxes, the property situated in the Arhela Township, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, described as:

Part of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 12, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, described as beginning at the South quarter corner of said Section 12; thence along the South line of said Section 12, East 324.95 feet; thence North 03 degrees 59 minutes 14 seconds West 1290.86 feet; thence along the North line of the Southwest quarter of said Section 12, South 89 degrees 25 minutes 28 seconds West 325.18 feet; thence along the North and South quarter line of said Section 12, South 04 degrees 00 minutes 25 seconds East 1287.61 feet to the South quarter corner of said Section 12 and the point of beginning.

All rights of redemption shall expire one (1) year from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned as defined by MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Dated: Wednesday, August 19, 2009

Likens & Blomquist, P.L.L.C.
By: Jeffrey T. Goudie (P-66254)
Attorneys for Servicer
3290 W. Big Beaver Rd., Ste 315
Troy, MI 48064
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You are informed as follows:

You have the right to request a meeting with SECURITY CREDIT UNION. The contact person is CHAD MERRIHEW AT 810-235-2322 X1125.

You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan state housing development authority's website, www.michigan.gov/insbda, or by calling the Michigan state housing development authority at 313-456-3540.

If you request a meeting to attempt to work out a loan modification foreclosure proceedings will not commence until 90 days after the date of this letter. If you and the lender enter into a loan modification agreement the mortgage will not be foreclosed upon as long as you abide by the terms of the loan modification.

You have the right to contact an attorney. The state bar of Michigan lawyer referral service phone number is 1-800-968-0738.

DATED: 8-19-09

Butler, Butler & Rowse-Oberle, P.L.L.C.
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Household Sales

GARAGE SALE - Multi-family. Aug. 20-22, 8-6 p.m. Treadmill, mini-fridge, clothing, miscellaneous items. 4423 Koepfing Rd. (just south of M-81). 14-8-19-1

BIG DISCOUNT Wood Craft Sale - Aug. 21, 22, 9-? 6608 Third St., Gagetown (by Sherwood on the Hill). 14-8-19-1

WILTSE ESTATE SALE - 11215 Beech Dr., Sebewaing, Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 20-22, 9-5 p.m. Saturday half price. Go one mile east of sugar factory on Canboro Rd. to Beech Dr. Patio furniture, hutch, dining room table & chairs, sofa bed, bed, dressers, lamps, end tables, old coffee grinder, generator, snow blower, books, glassware, knickknacks, bedding, tools. House & garage are FULL and priced to sell! Wonder Woman Sale. 14-8-19-1

HUGE GARAGE SALE - 4625 S. Elton Rd. (3 miles north of Bay City Forestville & Cemetery). Clothes, household items and more. Aug. 20-22, 9-5 p.m. 14-8-19-1

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Household Sales

GARAGE SALE - Friday, Aug. 21, 9-5 p.m. 6578 Third St., Gagetown. Compressor, hunting clothes, baby & adult clothing, twin stroller, tires & rims, and miscellaneous. 14-8-19-1

GARAGE SALE - Friday & Saturday, Aug. 21 & 22, 8-6 p.m. Women's 18-speed bike, clothes, toys, coats, recliner, TV, couch, sports stuff, back packs, purses, stuffed animals, Tonka trucks, games, jewelry, shoes, throw pillows, TY babies, & much more. 6217 Lakeside Dr. (Huntsville Trailer Park). 14-8-19-1

BARN SALE - Standing cabinet with doors & drawers, \$30; Bose water softener, \$75; water hoses, furniture, dressers, wicker mirror, antique buffet and dressers, antique scale. 2 south, 2 west, 1/2 south of Cass City on Warner Rd. 14-8-19-1

Real Estate For Sale

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Real Estate For Rent

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(“THIS PHOTO) is from back in November, on La Ruta Maya, on some ruins at Mitla, in the state of Oaxaca. I believe that is essentially the whole group that took the trip, and many of their national flags, of course,” Kranz said.

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Back home from Mexico
Kranz: exchange experience unique way to see the world

Editor's note: This is the final installment of a series of articles written in first-person by former Cass City student Adam Kranz, 19, who recently returned home after an 11-month stint as an exchange student in Mexico under the auspices of the Cass City Rotary Club. The son of Debra and Jim Kranz of Cass City, he will be attending Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis., this fall, with plans to major in percussion performance and liberal arts.

by Adam Kranz
Special for the Chronicle

Dear reader,
I have recently returned from an 11-month exchange in Mexico through the Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

This experience is typically described as “the best year of your life.” Though this may not be strictly true in my case, it is nonetheless not an exaggeration in the strength of feeling it conveys. You don’t really realize what is going on on the other side when you see an Exchange Student in Cass City. It is something you really must experience for yourself. You see everything from a completely different angle, and in general, appreciate most things more.

Mexico is a beautiful country with delicious food and gracious people. I could write about the general differences I have observed between Americans and Mexicans, but this would be purely anecdotal, prejudicial, and wouldn’t necessarily do good in any sense. Instead, I would like to make a case for you and your children to go on exchange programs and to travel in general.

After being accepted into the Rotary Youth Exchange Program (don’t worry, it is not difficult to get in), you go through several meetings during the course of the year prior to your exchange. These meetings put you together with the “inbounds” (students here from other countries) here in your district, the “rebounds” (students who have come back from exchange), and the “outbounds” (students who will be on exchange all over the world when you are). The meetings are run by the excellent Rotary volunteer staff, who keep in contact with the outbounds all year when they are on exchange and help with any problems that come up.

The meetings offer training for both students and their parents, providing information and exercises that try to emulate the challenges you may face during your exchange. At one of these meetings, you have to rank the 40-some available host countries from first to last. Sometime later, you will be assigned a host country and a host Rotary Club, where you will live and attend high school.

During your exchange year, you will live with 3 different host families, meet and befriend all the other exchange students from all over the world in your district, and go on Rotary trips, an extremely economical way to see the most beautiful parts of the world, with friends.

Almost every district or region offers a trip; some are more elaborate than others (Brazil’s trip is nearly a month long), but all of them are extremely worthwhile, and they are quite affordable. It would be a shame to go on exchange and not take the trip, and the Host Rotary Club can and will almost always help kids with raising the money if they need it.

Rotary Youth Exchange is run entirely by volunteers, and the Rotarians are very gracious and enthusiastic people who can do incredible things. They take excellent care of their exchange students and do what they do for the most altruistic reasons. They want to share their lives and culture with the students from the bottom of their hearts.

The reasons why you should go on exchange are plentiful and convincing. The unexpected benefits, the surprises (a good friend you keep in contact with the rest of your life, a love of salsa music, or even the discovery of a sense of purpose; one girl, seeing the conditions of refugees from Burma in Thailand, has dedicated herself to working for the UN Refugee Agency and improving conditions for these people), are after all the best part of the exchange.

Testimonials are the most direct evidence of the worth of the exchange year, but they depend on a trust, and an established relationship I unfortunately do not and couldn’t really have with you, my unknown reader. So, I will try to articulate, as best I can, the value of travel and youth exchange in particular.

The first and simplest of these is merely that exchange, through Rotary in particular, is a great opportunity. It is one of the cheapest ways to travel (as little as \$1,500 during the entire year; food and school are paid for by the host families and Rotary Clubs), it provides an indispensable immersion and intimacy with the culture that is impossible to find as a tourist, and

is a fantastic educational deal; the traditional schooling you receive in your host country may not be worth anything at all (it wasn’t in my case) but there are things you gain on exchange that can’t be taught in a classroom. I believe that exchange is an essential component of a truly broad, modern, international education.

An exchange shows you directly that there really is a huge, wide world out there, something that is easy to forget in the complacent nose-to-the-ground routine of daily life. It shows you that other people do really view things in fundamentally different ways, and that, in most cases, there is no “right” or “wrong” to this. It teaches you not to reject or discredit things because they are foreign or seem “backwards.”

You come back from exchange seeing your culture and the world in a more objective light: you have no depth perception seeing with only one eye.

Exchange was an experience that helped me to mature and grow as a person. I am more comfortable talking to people and more outgoing and forward with them. Since I have been back, I have performed a marimba solo in front of 1200 people at the Rotary Central States Youth Exchange Conference, and given a presentation to the local Rotary club, saying most of the same things I am saying here. These are things I would have been nervous and uncomfortable doing before, but felt completely relaxed and normal now.

On exchange, no one knows you. You have the chance to rebuild your character from scratch in a way that is not possible among people who have established preconceptions of you. You constantly have to explain who you are to curious people in your host country, and in answering them, you learn more about yourself. It is wonderful to have strangers genuinely interested in who you are and where you are from, and what things are like there.

Finding people baffled by things you always took for granted in your own culture shows the significance of cultural differences as well as the potential for disparate behaviors and beliefs in human nature.

Now that you know why you should go on exchange, let me preempt your doubts and excuses. First of all, logistical concerns, regarding college admissions, regarding high school credits, regarding missing a year of anything, etc., should be dismissed out of hand. These things are not difficult to work out and are easily worth the trouble.

The only other real objection that comes up is something we all feel, some more than others, and is essentially something we each need to overcome individually: laziness and fear of the unknown. I am pretty bad about this and was much worse as a child. My father made an implacable, titanic effort to destroy this in me, and it is because of him I went to Mexico. This lethargy - the impulse to stay at home where it is familiar and easy - is what keeps us from completing our dreams, from being ambitious, and from seeing the beauty of the world and the people in it.

Most of you, of course, will never have the opportunity to go on exchange. However, there are plenty of other ways to get involved and to become a part of the wonder that it is.

Youth Exchange Officers (YEO) is always looking for host families to host inbounds. Hosting an exchange student brings a new member into your family, and illustrates vividly the existence of the world outside. It provides a unique opportunity to look into another person’s life and history, a history that is typically drastically different from those of the people around you. Each of the exchange students my family has hosted has given as much to us as we have to them. The same principle holds true for high school students: make a point of seeking out the exchange students in your school and talking to them. They are some of the most interesting people in school with you, if only because of their unique perspective and background (though typically not only for those reasons).

If I have piqued your interest about exchange, all you need to do to get started is get in touch with your local Rotary YEO. I would also love to talk to you and give you more information from my experience, and you should feel free to contact me. My email address is a2008174@hotmail.com. In Cass City, my mom, Debra Kranz, is the YEO, and you can reach her either by email at debakranz@yahoo.com or by calling us at home at 872-4215.

Rotary Clubs typically have phone numbers listed in the beginning of the phone book, and if not, asking a few local businesspeople should find someone who can put you in touch with a Rotarian. More information is also available at the Central States Youth Exchange Website: www.csrye.org. If you are interested, the journal I kept of my personal experience on exchange in Mexico is available at adamjameskranz.blogspot.com.

Love,
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KRANZ IS pictured above performing a marimba solo during a variety show at Calvin College, which hosted a regional conference for exchange students in July in Grand Rapids.

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