



MAKING THE PITCH - Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Jim McLoskey (standing, left) addresses state economic development officials Jim Tobin and John Czarnecki during Monday's Thumb Area **Renaissance Zone application presentation in Cass City.**

Union protests staffing at Tendercare facilities

Members of the largest healthcare union in Michigan staged informational pickets at 7 Tendercare facilities in the state Friday.

Adrian, Manistee, Saginaw, Southgate and Wayne. The healthcare workers are protesting what they claim are perpetual short-staffing prob-

"They're so short staffed, they don't have enough people to carry a sign. It is a crisis situation at this point."

The picket sites did not in- lems at Tendercare nursing clude Tendercare, Cass City, out union officials said their

homes. Tendercare owns some dents facilities throughout Michi-

gan, and SEIU represents

Caregivers say that on any

given shift they could be as-

signed to attend to the needs

of 20 to 30 patients. The state

sets minimum staffing re-

quirements at nursing homes

that require at least one

caregiver for every 8, 12 and

14 patients on day, afternoon

and night shifts, respectively.

SEIU workers say they have

had numerous grievances

with Tendercare manage-

ment over short staffing, to

no avail. Many times, they

claim, the grievances were

dismissed out of hand, denied

without explanation or other-

Some 600 SEIU healthcare

workers statewide are in con-

tract negotiations with

Tendercare, with the key is-

wise ignored.

workers at 9 of the homes.

sues focusing on staffing levels, the establishment of patient care committees that would involve hands-on caregivers in monitoring patient care, and health insur-

ance coverage. Woods said the union wants to ensure staffing shortages become a thing of the past. Towards that end, she added, the union is proposing that nurses be taken out of the equation that determines minimum staffing requirements for hands-on care provided to nursing home resi-

of so many residents per caregiver.

Herron indicated health insurance - not staffing - is a bigger sticking point in negotiations. Tendercare currently pays 75 percent of insurance, he said, and union wants the percentage upped to 100 percent.

Bargainers have met 8 times since March. Both sides are scheduled to return to the table Nov. 10.

Monday in Cass City **Thumb officials pitch Renaissance application**

by Tom Montgomery Editor

Their proposals ranged from development of an assisted living senior citizen complex to attracting industry and business to vacant industrial park property.

But officials representing a host of Thumb communities offered a common message to state economic development officials during a special Michigan Renaissance

Cass City.

tion can bring.

Owendale teen killed in crash

An Owendale teen was killed in a one-vehicle accident Thursday in Huron County's Brookfield Township.

The accident occurred at about 6 p.m. on Brown Road north of Canboro Road, according to troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Bad Axe, who identified the victim as Matthew David Soper, 16.

Troopers said Soper was driving north on Brown Road when he lost control of his vehicle and it overturned into a drainage ditch. Soper was trapped in the vehicle, and his passenger, Dennis G. Bricker, 15, Owendale, escaped from the vehicle and unsuccessfully attempted to free Soper.

Bricker then ran down the

Zone application presentation Monday morning: the Thumb and its residents are primed and prepared for the sort of economic growth a Renaissance Zone designa-Some 50 people, most of

them representatives of ignated state Renaissance county and local govern-Zones. ment, attended Monday's 70-At stake is the ability to ofminute session, held at fer prospective business and Rawson Memorial Library in industry virtually tax-free locations to do business over

ment.

Their goal was to convince the next several years.

Michigan Economic Development Corporation officials John Czarnecki, director of policy, and Jim Tobin, senior vice president in charge of public affairs, that the joint Thumb application deserves to be among the newly des-

noted. In addition, he said, the application has also been expanded from 2 counties to 3, and from 3 communities to a total of 8.

recreational development, he

The need for economic development in the Thumb is very real, according to Althaver, who said the region lacks the business opportunities enjoyed by officials in other areas of the state. He also cited higher unemployment rates in the Thumb compared to state averages, with Sanilac County posting tablished 2 years ago to spur one of the highest jobless

new jobs and investment in rates in Michigan. areas of Michigan that are in need of a helping hand. The At the same time, Althaver said, Thumb communities program is a partnership in which both the state and loboast a work ethic as strong as anywhere in the Midwest, cal units of government waive most taxes over a set the infrastructure needed for new developments is in place number of years in an effort to encourage new developin many area communities, and there is broad commu-

plication is the result of a cooperative effort of Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties, with 8 villages and cities, including Cass City and Caro, proposing economic development plans suited to their communities.

The state program was es-

Cass City Village President L.E. Althaver opened the meeting with a general overview of the application, which he pointed out is an expanded version of an application that was passed over by the state 2 years ago.

This application involves more zone acreage - 260 acres in all that would be utilized for industrial, commercial, service, residential and

Measure defeated by 36 votes

road to call for help when a passing pickup truck stopped and the driver assisted in freeing Soper from his ve-

hicle. Troopers said Patrick King of Pigeon used his pickup to pull Soper's vehicle onto its wheels.

Soper, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was pronounced dead at the scene. Bricker was wearing a seatbelt, according to reports, which state he was transported to Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon. He was treated and then released.

The crash remains under investigation by troopers. They were assisted at the scene by the Sebewaing Police Department, Fairhaven Township police, Huron County Sheriff's deputies and the Owendale Fire Department.

The combined Thumb apnity support. Quality of life is another factor, one that has contributed to a growing population of senior citizens moving to the Thumb after retirement in urban areas, he said. Cass City Village Manager Jane Downing added that

Thumb communities have a strong record of cooperation. The area's hospitals, for example, worked together to bring the Thumb MRI Center and a regional dialysis center to the Cass City area, she said.

"Even though we have a spirit of competition, we have no problem working together on projects that ben-

cials said a proposed 28,000-

square-foot addition would

have eased overcrowding at

the facility. Also planned

were specially designed units

for a growing number of

Alzheimer's and dementia

patients, and a number of re-

pairs and replacement of ag-

ing equipment.

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biggest complaint - staffing shortages - are a very real problem at the local nursing home as well, so much so that no employees could be spared to picket.

"They're so short staffed, they don't have enough people to carry a sign. It is a crisis situation at this point," said Marianne Woods, business representative for Tendercare nursing home workers who are members of Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 79.

The union represents 66 workers at Tendercare, Cass City, including certified nursing aides and housekeeping and dietary staff.

Local 79 employees coordinated simultaneous demonstrations Friday afternoon at Tendercare facilities in

Sanilac man victim of apparent heart attack

Sanilac County authorities say an apparent heart attack claimed the life of an elderly man whose body was discovered after fire broke out in his home about 2 1/2 miles southeast of Shabbona last Wednesday.

Sanilac Central Dispatch received a call at about 11:30 a.m. reporting a structure fire at 4192 Deckerville Rd.

Fire fighters from the Moore and Argyle Township fire departments responded and discovered the body of Grant B. Meredith, 92.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies, who investigated along with a Michigan State Police fire marshal, reported Meredith had been attempting to burn a large quantity of cardboard in a wood burning stove located in the basement of the residence.

Investigators said it appears Meredith suffered a heart attack and that the burning cardboard ignited his clothing. The flames spread throughout the basement and melted a plastic water pipe that burst, extinguishing the fire.

Deputies said Meredith's daughter-in-law discovered the fire when she arrived at the home to help Meredith with his chores. She heard a smoke detector sounding as she entered the residence and attempted to locate Meredith. When she was unable to find him, she contacted her husband, who called 911.

Investigators said the Sanilac County Medical Examiners Office will determine the cause of death.

The state fire marshal determined that the fire was accidental.

Woods explained that nurses' many duties often prevent them from providing hands-on care. In reality, she said, certified nurses aides provide 85 percent of direct care to residents. "We want language on staffing (in the contract) that guarantees we have more caregivers caring for residents.'

Willie Hampton, acting president of SEIU Local 79, said nursing home workers have tried to resolve staffing problems through established channels, "but talking hasn't helped, grievances are ignored, and members who have challenged Tendercare on staffing policies have been disciplined and even fired.

"At the bargaining table Tendercare won't consider improving staffing levels," he added. "We are taking our message public because the issue affects our entire community and affects the quality of care we provide for our elderly. Caregivers need the support of the community to start putting solutions in place.'

George Herron, vice-president of human resources for Tendercare, said the union's claims regarding inadequate staffing are not valid. Staffing levels, he added, "are controlled by the state and we're always within state regulations.

Herron said management has proposed setting up Total Quality Management committees that would involve employee input on staffing, but that the union has rejected the proposal.

"They want ratios of residents to nurses aides, and we've said 'no'," he said. "We'll staff to resident needs, but we can't agree to some arbitrary number."

Herron added management has made it very clear that it is willing to work something out in terms of staffing, but it will not agree to a set ratio

Voters reject MCF proposal

It's back to the drawing board for Tuscola County officials who had hoped to expand and renovate the county's medical care facility with funds generated by a special tax levy.

Voters narrowly defeated the proposed \$7.7 million renovation/expansion project during a special election held Tuesday, Oct. 26. The vote was 1,460 to 1,424, with a total of 2,284 votes cast for a turnout of about 5.7 percent of the county's registered voters.

The vote was close among most townships in the Cass City area. The exception was Novesta Township, where voters overwhelmingly defeated the measure, 66-28.

A chart showing a breakdown of the vote by township and city accompanies this story "I was certainly disap-

pointed," said Steve Corl, administrator of the medical care facility. "I thought for sure it would pass, especially with the (labor) contract done and signed with the

union."

Corl noted officials' options at this point are to do nothing, seek a recount of the vote, or request a second election. But no decisions have been made yet.

Without the extra funding, he said, a lack of space and aging equipment will continue to be a problem at the facility. "We're not going to be able to correct any of the major problems."

The Tuscola County Family Independence Agency Board, which oversees op-

erations at the facility, had hoped voters would approve a tax levy of .68 of a mill for 20 years. The millage would have raised an estimated \$644,000 the first year.

Total cost of the project, including interest, was estimated at \$13 million over the 20-year period.

The Tuscola County Board Corl acknowledged the improvements would not add of Commissioners earlier this year voted to place the additional beds, which now total 123. However, he request before voters, alpointed out that space is the though the decision was not unanimous. major, primary concern. He also noted the need for ma-

Medical care facility offi-

Veteran fire fighters retire



ELKLAND TOWNSHIP Fire Chief Ron Pawloski recently presented plaques to retiring fire fighters Carol and Richard Gaffney, and Don Finkbeiner (not pictured). (See story page 7)

old facility. The expansion would have added another first and second floor; expand the lobby and dining areas; completely renovate all bathrooms, in part to meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards, and replace the boiler system.

jor upgrades to the 41-year-

The project would also have allowed officials to move the activities and therapy areas from the basement to the second floor, where most of the patients are. Existing 4-bed wards, meanwhile, would have been transformed into semi-private rooms, and a portion of the facility would have been specially designed to care for individuals suffering from Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

Prior to last week's vote medical care facility officials acknowledged a financial crunch brought on, in part, by drastic cuts in Medicaid reimbursements - cuts that resulted in a funding shortfall of some \$250,000 in the final quarter of 1998.

However, they insisted the reimbursements along with inflation, staffing needs, operational expenses and other

Into fatal shooting **Investigation continuing**

Huron County authorities are continuing their investigation into the death of a Bad Axe man who died following an early morning shooting Oct. 25 in Sheridan Township.

Huron County Prosecutor Mark Gaertner said Monday that no determination has been made yet as to whether or not the shooting was accidental.

"We visited with the crime lab personnel and the pathologist on Thursday," he said, adding authorities are continuing to follow up on the case and will probably meet again this week at the Michigan State Police Crime Lab in Bridgeport.

Gaertner said a final determination will not be made until authorities receive additional test results from the crime lab.

The shooting claimed the

life of 22-year-old Nathan Wilde, who suffered a gunshot wound to the abdomen. Huron Central Dispatch received a call reporting an accidental shooting at about 1:45 a.m. at a residence located at 3876 McMillan Rd., about 6 miles west of Ubly.

Huron County Sheriff's Department detectives were called in to investigate, along

and Huron County Medical Examiner Richard E. Lockard.

Police, who remained at the scene throughout the day, later executed 3 search warrants, including one at the McMillan Road residence. Also searched were another residence and a vehicle.

Police questioned and later released another white male. No arrests have been made in with the state police crime lab the case.

First aid class set

Huron Memorial Hospital, rent CPR certification card Bad Axe, will offer a Red prior to taking the class. Cross Certified First Aid class Wednesday, Nov. 10,

hospital's north conference room. The instructors prefer that

from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the

To register, please call the Huron Memorial Hospital Community Relations Department at (517) 269-9521

before Tuesday, Nov. 9. Class size is limited. the participants have a cur-

KINGSTON'S NEW Postmaster, Michael R. Godard Sr., was officially sworn to duty by Jackie Vican, post office operations manager - Saginaw, during ceremonies held Thursday.

Saginaw native new postmaster

sworn in as the Kingston Postmaster Oct. 28. Acting Post Office Operations Manager Jackie Vican presided over the activities.

Godard has been with the Post Office since 1986. The 45-year-old Saginaw native started his postal career as a part-time flexible city letter carrier in Bay City. Godard transferred to Saginaw in 1988 as a part-time carrier. Since his arrival in Saginaw, Godard served as acting su-

Michael R. Godard Sr., was pervisor in Central Forwarding, Mail Processing and Customer Services. Godard was promoted to supervisor, Customer Services in 1993 and has participated in the Greater Michigan District city route inspection programs and was acting postmaster in Richville from August 1998 to April of this vear.

Godard is the son of Joseph and Marguerite Godard of Saginaw and married Linda Kennedy in 1974. They have 4 boys and one girl.











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Hampton sentencing adjourned

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prosecutor, said his office

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Prosecutors were previtime in prison - up to 11 years ously aware of 5 previous more than the maximum senconvictions for Hampton, tence he faced following his however, due to legal techjury conviction on 2 counts nicalities, only 2 of those of negligent homicide.

convictions could be used to Hampton, who was convicted in the deaths of 2 enhance his sentence. Even with the negligent homicide Kingston area teens last Noconvictions, he faced a maxivember, had been scheduled mum of just 4 years in prison for sentencing Friday. Howas a habitual offender, third ever, the proceeding was adoffense. journed to give prosecutors

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But now, he could be sentime to complete the papertenced to up to 15 years prowork necessary to request vided the court agrees that Hampton be sentenced Hampton is a habitual ofas a habitual offender, fourth fender, fourth offense. Mark Reene, Tuscola

A new sentencing date has County's chief assistant not been scheduled yet. Hampton was originally charged with second degree recently learned of 2 previmurder in the deaths of ously unknown felony con-Joshua Earl Kratz, 15, and victions for Hampton, including one on a federal Jeffery Allen Randall II, 13. However, the jury instead charge of being a felon in convicted him on the lesser possession of a firearm. The charge of negligent homiother count was a burglary

The charges stem from a turned around and headed Nov. 14 accident on Phillips Road, one-half mile north of

west, where investigators said Hampton rammed the

Hampton could be sentenced to up to 15 years provided the court agrees he is a habitual offender, fourth offense.

Township.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies said Hampton chased a vehicle occupied by the teens after a family member witnessed the youths smashing his mailbox.

Hampton chased the car, driven by Kratz, on Phillips Road north to Mushroom Road, then east for a short time before both vehicles

Deckerville Road in Novesta car with his van, causing Kratz to lose control. The car left the roadway in a broadside skid and struck a tree. Police reports state both

> vehicles were traveling at an estimated 80 miles per hour just prior to the crash. Kratz and Randall, both stu-

dents in the Kingston Community School District, were pronounced dead at the scene. A backseat passenger in the car, Keven Smith, 15, Kingston, survived the crash.



No tricks...

CASS CITY preschoolers were treated without the tricks during a visit to Tendercare, Cass City, Thursday morning. The residents seemed to enjoy themselves as much as the youngsters.



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Cub Scouts busy

The Cass City Cub Scouts are in full swing for the fall season

At the October pack meeting the theme was "Bike Safety!" The Webelos Wolverines opened the meeting with the flag ceremony. Cubmaster Lora Kulinski led a ceremony for the new boys in the pack who received their Bobcat badge. Amy Foco from the state police talked about bike safety.

The pack's next meeting is Nov. 18.

The Cub Scouts' annual fund raiser is scheduled for Oct. 30 through Nov. 25. Selections of popcorn and caramel corn will be sold to raise funds for 1999-2000 Cub Scouting activities and special events.

More information is available by contacting Deb Ross at 872-2318.

Stan and Ruth Morell were

surprised Friday evening by

their families in honor of

their birthdays. Attending

were Jack and Betty Laurie

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A surprise birthday party was held at Charmont to honor Yvonne Burleson on her 75th birthday. Twentyseven family members and friends attended.

Heather Bradley from Enford, England, was a guest of Les and Donna Auten for a week. She really enjoyed Frankenmuth.

Sandy Welter of West Carrollton, Ohio, spent from Wednesday until Sunday with her parents, Stan and Melva Guinther.



of Cass City, Jim and Marilyn Dennis, Kerry Steinman and baby Mason, Amber Steinman, Heather Fader, Travis Fader of Caro,

Dave and Stephanie Laurie, Maegan Laurie and friend Mallory Powell, Whitney Laurie, Dana Bennett and Lauren Jean Bennett of Cass City. Cake and ice cream were enjoyed and gifts were presented to the Morells.



program set

Dakota Marie Cook

Mr. and Mrs. Scott M. Cook

of Cass City announce the

birth of their daughter, Da-

kota Marie, Oct. 2, 1999, at

Dakota weighed 6 pounds,

14 ounces and was 20 1/2

inches long at birth. She was

welcomed home by big

Lapeer Regional Hospital.

The Great Lakes Lore Maritime Museum will host its annual program, "Remembering the Crew of the Edmund Fitzgerald", Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m., at the Sugar Creek Restaurant in downtown Sebewaing. The reading of the crews'

names followed by a tolling of a bell will begin the program and will be followed by the video, "Deep Six," which features 6 major ship disasters. A panel of ship builders and sailors will discuss these disasters, as to prevention, future safety and their thoughts concerning these events.

Dinner is set for 5:30 p.m. off the menu and is optional. There will be a three dollar donation at the door? ??? It is suggested that you

come early, as seating is limited.



There are animal lovers and then there is Cousin Maude. This is a true account of just one of her many encounters with wild furry creatures told, as Tom Brokaw would say, in her own words:

Last winter, for the first time, we had mice.

My husband, Henry, was disturbed to find a little pile of birdseed in his car's engine compartment one day. And he was downright irate to find a hole chewed through some hose under the hood. Convinced that the little vermin was trying to kill him, he waged war.

He assured me that we didn't need to use poison. "We're well-paid professionals," he said. "Surely we can outwit a hapless rodent."

The trap was a 5-gallon pail with birdseed in the bottom, tilted ever so slightly. The mouse would scurry into the pail from above to get the seed, and be unable to get back up the nearly vertical smooth sides. It worked. Two days later we had captured the enemy. And the enemy was the cutest little thing you ever saw. Big eyes, big ears, cute little twitchy nose...adorable!

We relocated him in a large open field away from buildings, poured some birdseed on the ground so he wouldn't have to forage right away, and worried a little about his safety. Well okay, I worried. The slightly cocky swagger of victory Henry had picked up abated a few days later when he again found a little pile of birdseed under the hood. He reset the trap, but this time we discovered the bait gone but no mouse.

We reset the trap with the bucket straight up and down so that the walls were perpendicular to the floor. But again, the seed was gone and no mouse

Henry took the lid off the pail, cut a hole in the middle. of it, and reset the trap again - seed in the bottom of the pail, but this time he put the lid on. "Let's see them get back out of THAT!", he said. Henry is a rock climber and knows that climbing overhangs, or "roofs", is the hardest kind of climbing. So you can imagine his reaction when he again found the seed gone and no trapped mouse. "Little guy pulled the roof!" he said, with a combination of respect, jealousy and bewilderment. (I personally envisioned a line of mice, tails intertwined, lowering each other into the pail to retrieve the seed and pulling each other back out.) Now we were getting serious, but still determined to use humane traps. The first was a "Tin Cat", a small metal cage with a spring loaded door. You put a treat inside, the mouse squeezes into the trap to get it but can't get back out. Naturally, this was no challenge for our mouse or mice. Had we left pencil and paper, perhaps they would have left a thank you note. A friend observed that rather than ridding ourselves of a mouse problem, we seemed instead to be creating a race of super-mice. 'You're providing them shelter, feeding them, and teaching them new tricks!" he remarked. The next trap, a little green plastic house, was successful. When the mouse walked in to get the goodies the door slammed shut behind him.

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Once again, we found ourselves looking at the cutest little rodent. It was cold then and I just

couldn't bring myself to take him out and dump him in that frozen field. I convinced Henry that we should keep him for a while, just until it warmed up. We kept him in

the garage in an old fish tank. Then it got too cold in the garage and I brought him in to the kitchen. We fed "George" daily, long.

cleaned out his tank periodically, and provided something for him to hide under so he wouldn't be too scared. Then I decided the fish tank was not ideal, and bought a large "critter keeper" glass rectangle with a screened in roof.

It crossed my mind that perhaps I should take George outside to transfer him to his new home. Nah. Right there on the kitchen table, I set the containers side by side and put on some gloves, intending to gently pick George up and place him in the other container.

George didn't want to stay in my glove. After chasing him around the inside of the fish tank several times unsuccessfully, I thought if I trapped him between the glass wall and the glove, I could slide him up to the top of the fish tank, and place the other glove on top of him. After all, I'm a well-paid professional and he's just a hapless little rodent.

When he got near the top of the fish tank, George made a leap, ran across my sweatshirt, down the other arm, hopped to the floor, ran past the cats, down the basement stairs, and under the dryer.

This was the first the cats became aware of George's presence. They looked at each other and at me like they could not believe their eyes

I did a number of things at this point. I cried. I called my mother. I did some soul searching.

I'd gone to great lengths to save the little guy from the harshness of winter. But was I willing to let him have the



Benjamin Sanders

David and Mary Kay Sanders of Cass City announce the birth of a son, Benjamin David-Luke Sanders. He was born at 11:01 a.m. Aug. 16, and weighed 6 pounds, one ounce, and was 20 inches

Benjamin has 3 sisters, Kayla, Leah, and Elizabeth, and one brother, Corey. Grandparents are Keith and Anna May Mead of Mayville, and Dave and Sue Sanders. Great-grandmother is Elsie Sanders of Millington.

Conferences scheduled at O-G

Parents/guardians of Owen-Gage students are invited to attend parent/teacher conferences in the Owen-Gage Junior/Senior High School cafeteria and Gagetown Elementary gymnasium Thursday, Nov. 4, from 1 to 7 p.m. There will be opportunities to talk to the teaching staff, obtain school information and collect junior/senior high report cards.

Writers to meet

The Thumb Area Writer's Club meets the second Tuesday of each month in the Sandusky High School, 191 Pine Tree, in Room 259. This month the meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 9.

Meetings commence at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. You do not have to be a member to attend the meetings

Owen-Gage Senior

Citizens gather

Owen-Gage Senior Citizens met at the St. Agatha's Parish Hall for their potluck dinner. The table prayer was given by Francis Harbec. President Doerr opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests were Nat and Florence Tuttle and Virginia Phillip. Get well cards were signed for Mary Guza and Irma Ouvry. Happy Birthday was sung for Homer Kretzschmer, David Ashmore, Irma Ouvry, and Audrey Frankowski. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given and ap-

proved. Members were able to sign up for the Oct. 21 dinner at the Methodist church. The door prizes were won

by Audrey Frankowski and Harold Blehm. The meeting adjourned and

Thirty-two members at-

of sight.



Oct. 7, 24 members of the tended the dinner at the Methodist church Oct. 21. The table prayer was given by Rev. Alice. After dinner the members

thanked the ladies for the dinner President Doerr and members said the Lord's Prayer

and the pledge. All voted to have turkey at the Nov. 18 dinner. The November committee includes Phil and Mary Guza

and Francis Harbec. The door prizes were won by Francis Harbec and Phil Guza.

Winners of Euchre were: men's high, Phil Guza; men's low, Amasa Anthes and Stuart Merchant. Women's high, Berenice Sowden; women's low, Johanna Miklovic. Traveling prize



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bingo and cards were played. *****

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run of my house? To make himself at home in my pantries? I was sure I was not. But the only way I could think of to recapture him was to sic the cats on him, and that was bound not to turn out very well at all for George.

I did what I had to do. I knew where George was. I took my best hunting cat and shut him in the laundry room with George. Then I took a long stick and moved it around under the dryer. Out ran George. It took the cat a split second to register what was happening, and then it was all over.

For the cat it was like Christmas. He had DREAMED of having a little critter run across his path right there in the comfort of the house

For George...well, I'm sorry, George. I meant well, really I did.

If we see evidence of mice in the garage this year, I think we will just put the cat in the garage and save all the intermediate steps!



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The Bonfire Bistro & Brewery, 39550 7-Mile Road, Northville, is another of those rapidly mushrooming restaurants that brew their own beers. It's a cross between businesses that operate as a bar with restaurant and one that operates as a restaurant with bar.

It was noisy on a busy Saturday night, but a surprising number of patrons were families with small children.

My selection was salmon with a honey glaze, garlic mashed potatoes and a draft beer. Esther's was a small sirloin, sweet potatoes and coffee. Both included fresh veggies and multigrain warm bread. Portions were ample. The cost for salmon, \$18.95, and for steak, \$16.45, the quality somewhere between acceptable and good.

Give it a 6 1/2 on the 1-10 scale.

Another Halloween has passed without a major incidence of damage in the community. It's been several years now that spook night has come and gone without trouble. Kudos are in order for the kids and the police department. The lack of trouble indicates a good relationship with the youth of the community.

Not to mention that results like this are one of the big plusses for living in the community.

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In fatal crash Sanilac driver charged

(10 percent) and a prelimi-

nary examination was sched-

uled for Friday, Nov. 19, at 9

Under a new state law,

Bemis could face up to 15

years in prison and/or a fine

of \$2,500 to \$10,000 if she

Bemis was the driver of a

pickup truck that crashed

through a bridge guardrail

and plunged into the Cass

A Sanilac County motorist was charged last week in connection with a fatal traffic accident that claimed the life of an Ubly woman last month.

Becky Jean Bemis, 27, Sandusky, was arraigned in Tuscola County District Court on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - causing death, in the Oct. 17 accident.

p.m. with dinner being

served (buffet style) from 5

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Tuscola County's Faith-In-Lucille Sayers at 517-673-Action Volunteer Caregiver's 4650.

Program, along with Hills All proceeds will go to the and Dales General Hospital, Faith-In-Action Volunteer Caregiver's Program to conwill be sponsoring its annual Winter Wonderland Dinner/ tinue much needed services Dance Friday, Dec. 5, at the to the elderly, disabled and VFW Hall (located on economically disadvantaged Weaver Street) in Cass City. in Tuscola County and sur-Doors will open at 4:30 rounding areas.



La Nina is the periodic cooling of a large area of the tropical Pacific Ocean. It is expected to produce more snow this winter in the Great Lakes

Will this be the year that we get a good old-fashioned snowstorm? Not the kind that closed schools for so many days last year that schedules in the spring needed to be extended to get in the staterequired number of days of instruction.

I mean the blizzards that bring activities to a screeching halt. We haven't had one of those in what now must be approaching 20 years. Janet Severance, who is an 11-year veteran at the Chronicle, says that she has never missed a day of work because she was weather-locked in her farm home.

There have been times, sure, when most of us would have stayed home and toasted our feet in front of the fireplace when she made it to work. But then most of us don't have access to tractors and other vehicles capable of going cross country. We remained mired in the mistaken belief that fields are for plows and roads for cars. Still if we get a REAL storm, the kind that we've had at least 2 times in the last 49 years that the passing scene has been observed from the corner of Main and Oak, Severance wouldn't make it in and there would be no reason to do so if she could. The Chronicle was shut down with the rest of the town, the rest of the Upper Thumb. When the first of these blockbusters hit, there was concern for many of the home-bound and it took a concentrated effort by volunteers to see that medical personnel were transported and those with acute care needs were cared for. The second big blast came after snowmobiles became popular so emergency transportation was no longer the hassle it was previously. In fact, the storm created a festive air. Just sit back and let the world flow by. A vacation from the job, from business woes, from school.

River just south of Cass City Bond was set at \$15,000 during the early morning hours of Oct. 17. Pronounced dead at the scene was Bemis' passenger, Michelle Ilene Gobie, 37, of Ubly.

Deputies said the pickup truck was eastbound on Elmwood Road, about a halfmile east of Cemetery Road, when the vehicle crossed the road centerline and collided with the guardrail. The truck then left the roadway and overturned, landing in 2 to 3 feet of water in the river.

According to police reports, Bemis told officers she had picked up Gobie in Ubly earlier in the evening and the pair traveled to a bar in Cass City, where they met several other people for a celebration. Bemis stated she and Gobie left the bar between 2 and 2:30 a.m., and they became lost on their way home. She told police she was traveling at a speed of 35 to 40 miles per hour when the accident occurred.



swimming out of the current

The storeowner and I were

talking about various types

of books (humor, travel,

cookbooks, etc.) when the

book man said, "Humor

doesn't appeal to everyone,

but cookbooks do." I agreed

with him verbally, but my

Humor doesn't appeal to

everyone?! How can that be?

Where I grew up humor was

I grew up in a farming com-

mind was churning.

a way of life.

They have to.

most of the time.

The back forty by Roger Pond o 1999 Roger Pond

A conversation with a book-Most of these young teachstore owner reminded me ers didn't last very long. that some folks don't think They found a nice, bachelor the way I do. It's a good farmer, got married, and had thing, I suppose, but it's quite to quit teaching. a shock to learn I've been

But the school board knew they had a deal with Miss Barker. Everybody could see she was in this thing for the long haul.

The thing I remember most about Miss Barker was her penchant for denying the humor around her. We did our best to cheer her up, but it never seemed to help. One of the students would

pull something we thought especially amusing, and she

thought that was funny, but I certainly didn't." "Don't worry Miss Barker," we'd tell her. "You just hang

would say, "You may have

in there, and you'll probably catch-on right away next time.'

I often think of Miss Barker when I'm browsing around a bookstore and notice their skimpy, little humor section. I know it's kind of silly, but I can't help looking over my shoulder -- expecting to hear Miss Barker saying, 'Humor doesn't appeal to everyone. Maybe you'd like one of these nice cookbooks

over here under the cat." Call Us - 872-2010



to spend most of his life crying, so farmers try to find some humor in everything they can. I remember going to school when I was a kid and seeking out the funniest kids to sit next to. The worst thing that could happen to a farm kid was to get stuck next to

In at least a couple of stores card games started. Others whiled away the time debating on where the drifts were such a disaster. the highest.

The National Weather Service says that it can predict the average amount of snowfall we will receive with 80 percent accuracy. It's likely that we will contend with more than average snow.

That doesn't mean that we will be plagued with a storm that stalls everybody and everything. But we are overdue. This might well be the year

If it is, let's do like we did in the past. Relax and enjoy it.

Miss Barker began teaching in the days when schools wouldn't hire a woman teacher if she was married. Then, when she got married, she had to quit teaching.

schoolteacher.

her real name.)



PAGE FIVE



The Thumb Octagon Barn

from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

Michigan Education Assessment Program (M.E.A.P.)

M.E.A.P. is becoming a very familiar acronym. This testing program has changed considerably in recent years, but has existed in Michigan for the past few decades. As we all know, Cass City students have and still do receive quality educational services from our dedicated staff. Our students continue to graduate with an excellent educational foundation. Approximately 70% of our graduates go on to advance their education at colleges, universities or technical schools and are very successful doing so. They continue to excel in all walks of life after they leave our school.

During the last cycle of M.E.A.P. assessments, our results were not at the levels we expected them to be. Because of this, our entire teaching staff is becoming involved in a three (3) phase program to improve our overall results.

First, all of our building staffs are focusing on the issue of teacher to student "Time on task." We want our teaching time with students to be quality time. All of our schools are looking at ways to reduce, as much as possible, all types of interruptions which disrupt teacher instruction time.

Next we are working on the issue of improved student M.E.A.P. preparation in the days immediately preceding the testing period. Our students need to be prepared for the style of questioning which is used on the test. They also need to understand the type of vocabulary and concepts that will be presented. Additionally, the general tone and seriousness of the assessment needs to be understood.

Lastly, our staff will be reviewing the various academic areas that are tested to be sure that our curriculum aligns with the testing program. This process will involve reviewing the subject areas of reading, mathematics, science, writing and social studies on a regular basis, so each grade level teacher knows what concepts they are to teach, as well as understands what will be taught by teachers in grades below and above theirs.

Strengthening our scores will be an interesting and exciting challenge, but one we accept without hesitancy.

Questions can be sent to be at 4868 N. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726. Thank you!

9,000 taste buds!

It's hard to imagine, but you have 9,000 taste buds! Not all 9,000 are on your tongue, though. Some taste buds are located in other areas of your mouth. For example, lips (usually very salt-sensitive), inner cheeks, the underside of the tongue. the back of the throat, and the roof of the mouth are some of the areas of your mouth that are "flavor-sensitive." And they replace themselves about every 10 days.



Cass City sports are up and moving with the help of the newly formed Athletic Boosters. The Athletic Boosters Club's main goal is to assist and support Cass City's athletic teams, players and coaches with special needs and support.

The club consists of 15-25 members. They meet the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the high school. New members are always welcome. Officers elected for the Booster Club are President Jeff Hartel, Vice-President Scott Richards, Secretary Kathy Milligan and

Treasurer Kelli Hendrick. So far they have had a bottle drive which raised \$1,200. With that money they rented a charter bus to take the football team to their game in Morenci. Morenci is located in Michigan, on the Indiana border.

NICE RIDE

Cass City senior Nick Anthony said, "It was really nice of them to raise the money for the charter bus. It would have been a long, tiring ride down to Morenci in a school bus.'

Currently they are working on a raffle. They are hoping to raise \$5,000 to \$10,000. They will be giving away 36 prizes, 3 prizes a month for 3 years. The cost of raffle tickets is \$10 per ticket or \$25 for 3 tickets. They will be giving back around \$700 dollars a month in prizes. If interested in purchasing a ticket, you can see any Booster Club member or they will be around town selling them.

They also sell maroon and white apparel at the athletic events. They use this money to purchase whatever is needed at this time. So if you get a chance, purchase clothes at the athletic event to support the Cass City Red Hawks.

NEW VAULT

The main thing they are currently purchasing is a new vault for the gymnastics team. The gymnastic team has needed a new vault for several years, but haven't been able to afford it. They are also sending members of the team to Gym Jester in Saginaw for a camp. In return, Gym Jesters will come to Cass City to help choreograph routines for the girls. Many of the other schools have had professionals choreographing their routines for years. This will really improve the performance of the gymnastics team.

MONEY SAVED

Michelle Kropewnicki Recently all the members donated their time to lay sod for the new baseball field. This saved a lot of money. The Cass City High School will be hosting the Class B girls' basketball districts Nov. 15, 17 and 19. Schools participating will be Cass City, Frankenmuth, Bad Axe, Vassar, Caro and Millington. The Athletic CARL OSENTOSKI, executive director of the Huron County Boosters have been working very hard to make Cass Economic Development Corporation, describes plans for eco-City's athletics look nice. nomic development in the village of Owendale during They have been going around to the towns in dis-Monday's presentation to state economic development offitricts and getting ads to make programs for the event. cials. They so far have raised \$2,700 dollars for the programs. The Chronicle is going to print the programs at cost to help save the Boosters some money. There will be a concession stand at the game put on by the Boosters.

Anther project that they are looking into is a peewee football program for the 5th and 6th graders. They are looking at costs, practices and coaches. This would help kids when they get to the varsity level to have more years' experience. It would

also be a lot of fun for the kids. Other fund raising activities that they are looking into are doing a concession stand at the Detroit Pistons Games

CEREMONIES

for profit.

The next big thing that they are working on is fall, winter and spring Sports Award Ceremonies. The Fall Sports Award Ceremony will take place Nov. 18 at 7:00 p.m. Varsity players will be getting invitations. There will be desserts, coffee and punch all at a sit down ceremony. Players will be awarded their varsity letters and other achievements earned. Parents and grandparents will

also be invited. Jeff Hartel said, "We need more members. If anyone is interested, you are encouraged to come to meetings. It's a nice thing for the kids. Also if any kids are inter**Officials pitch application** cials, meanwhile, indicated 225 full-time employees

they hope to lure companies

with the rail transportation

available in their community.

Monday include:

Other proposals outlined

•Development of a \$5 to \$6

million assisted living senior

retirement community in the

Development of industrial

parks in Brown City and

Sandusky to attract diversi-

•Finding a company or

companies willing to utilize

the now empty, 217,000-

square-foot Dean Pickle

plant in the city of Croswell.

The expansive facility closed

earlier this year, a devastat-

ing economic blow that left

village of Deckerville.

fied industrial firms.

CASS CITY CHRONICLE - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1999

efit the entire Thumb area," Althaver said.

Applications chosen for Renaissance Zone status will be announced in early December based on recommendations made by review teams to the State Administrative Board.

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If the Thumb application is among them, both Cass City and Caro would concentrate on attracting new businesses to locate in their respective industrial parks.

Cass City officials have already held discussions with an Indiana company that has expressed an interest in relocating to the village, according to Downing. Caro offi-

Holidays to close branch offices

All 178 Michigan Secretary should renew early. Customers can expect fastest service of State branch offices will midmorning, midafternoon, be closed in observance of midweek and midmonth. state holidays during No-Branch offices are open vember and December.

The branch offices will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays the majority of offices are open 11 a.m. to 7 * Veterans' Day, Thursday, p.m. with those in city cen-

ters open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TUSCOLA COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FACILITY SPECIAL ELECTION

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Arbela Township	P1	22
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Columbia Township		47
Dayton Township		41
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Elkland Township	P1	32
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Ellington Township		50
Elmwood Township		30
Fairgrove Township		82
Fremont Township		47
Gilford Township		18
Indianfields Township	P1	112
	P2	61
	P3	99
Juniata Township		47
Kingston Township		53
Koylton Township		31
Millington Township	P1	49
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CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

Voters defeat **MCF** millage Continued from page one

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factors were taken into consideration when the renovation/expansion project was proposed, and they expressed confidence that the medical care facility will have adequate funding to support the upgraded facility.

Commissioner Roy Petzold, who represents Millington and Vassar townships, voted against putting the proposal before voters. Petzold said he's in favor of upgrading the air conditioning and electrical systems at the facility, however, he also feels that \$13 million is a lot of money to spend when no new beds will be added.

Other commissioners, including Ed Scollon, who represents the Cass City area, disagreed, saying the facility is badly in need of additional space as well as renovation.

Cass City honor roll

The Cass City High School first marking period honor roll has been announced.

12TH GRADE

All A's - Stacy Atkin, Anthony Brinkman, Erin Creason, Adam Dorland, Amber Dunn, Grant Gould, Chang Hang, Melissa Homakie, Jalal Khoury, Michelle Kropewnicki, Jus-Miller, Leann tin Otulakowski, Stephanie Pierce, Brad Roche, David

Sutter, Katie Wood. B or Better - Nick Anthony, Emily Bennett, Justin Caraballo, Jason Damm, Chris Dubay, Lindsey Gaszczynski, Andrea Gohsman, Christina Kababik, Trent Milligan, Kim Morrish, Melissa Myers, Melanie Nizzola, Cari O'Hara, Brooke Ouvry, Jenny Parsell, Matt Perry, Megan Romstad, Travis Schneeberger, Tracy Talaski, Bryce VanVliet, Aaron Volz.

11TH GRADE

Anand Raythatha, Manisha Raythatha, Brad Ypma. B or Better - Branden Albrecht, Mike Bashur, Amy DuQuesnay, Brent Goslin, Kandie Hansen, Johanna Hoelzle, Heather James, Jason Johnson, Jeremy Klinkman, Andrew Nahernak, Megan Powell, Sara Sabo, Josh Sherman, Adina Speirs, Andy Stoeckle, Michelle Yax.

10TH GRADE

All A's - Melissa Doerr, Danielle Guilds, Cason Harris, Autumn Helland, Sara Homakie, Tim Khoury, Guthry Laurie, Jamie Leiterman, Robin Messing. Jessica Metzger, Chris Mills, Julie Roche, Kerry Shagene, Stephanie Stevens, Jennifer Tenbusch, Jessica Tenbusch, Venema, Tessia Erin Zawilinski.

B or Better - Raymond Abasso, Tom Armstead, Joe Biskner, Tara Bryant, Nicholas Chappel, Rochelle Dohn, Nicole Drinkard, Zeke Field, Ryan Forrest, Jason Ganley,

Rockwell, Crystal Chenelle Sattelberg, Smentek, Nicole Smith, Jeff Storm, Lyndi Trischler. Brandon Vargo, Tosha Vatter, Kayla Wentworth, Emma Witkovsky, Amanda Wright, Stephen Yax.

9TH GRADE

All A's - Amanda Frederick. Ashley Froede, Dara Iwankovitsch, Jessica Nicol, Noal Powell, Rajen Raythatha.

B or Better - Laura Barnes, Jason Barrigar, Heidi Cheng, Brandy Cooper, Robert Dale, Deidre Deering, Matt Dzielinski, Paula Fluegge, Tiffany Francis, Jordan Glaza, Courtnay Green, Becky Hartel, Cyndi Henn, Kurtis Hessler, Elizabeth Hoyt, Jessica Kamrad, Chris Maharg, Brooke Marks, Alissa Pasant, Renee Puterbaugh, Samantha Sabo, Brandon Speirs, Matt Stoutenburg, Talisa Talaski, Nicholas Turner, Andrew Veneziano, Kristen Wiles, Joshua Windsor, Melissa

•Development of a light industrial park in the village of Owendale. Economic development leaders from all 3 counties vowed to work together to

without work. The loss in-

cluded another 275 seasonal

market the Thumb zone as a region, rather than as individual counties. Althaver acknowledged the proposition of waiving local taxes raised more than a few eyebrows among government officials when the subject first came up. However, he pointed out, those officials are looking at Renaissance Zone status as a long-term investment that will benefit the entire region as well as their individual communi-

ties. Czarnecki told the group that the state review committees will have their hands full in making a final selection of this year's Renaissance Zone applications. In all, the state has received 4 urban and 8 rural applications, all of which are very good applications, he said.

He lauded the Thumb appli-Motorists renewing license cation and the local and plates can avoid a trip to the county governments involved for their willingness to join in a partnership with the state and forego tax revenues in exchange for longterm economic growth.

and part-time jobs. •Expansion of an existing marina and development of commercial retail business on waterfront property in the village of Port Hope.

"I think it is so nice that the Athletic Boosters are helping the gymnastics program. Our old vault is a safety hazard. It's nice that we will be getting a new one", said

ested in joining, they are also welcome."

Bob Tuckey, CPA for Anderson Tuckey Bernhardt and Doran, has also helped out tremendously with all the legal work.

As you can see, the Athletic Boosters Club has had a great start. They donate all of this time to help improve Cass City's athletics. If you get a chance, help support the Boosters by attending the meetings, purchasing Red Hawk apparel, or by buying

candy at the girls' districts concession. Good luck to the Boosters and the Hawks. If you have any questions, you can reach Jeff Hartel at 872-4397.

day, Nov. 25, and Friday, Nov. 26; * Christmas, Thursday, Dec. 23, and Friday, Dec. 24;

roll announced

* New Years, Thursday, Dec. 30, and Friday, Dec. 31. Motorists whose driver licenses or license plates expire over a holiday weekend

The Campbell Elementary

School 4th grade honor roll

* Thanksgiving Day, Thurs-

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branch office by renewing by mail, by fax and, if eligible, by touch-tone telephone or Internet. Easy to follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. License plate tabs will arrive by mail within 7 business days.

has been announced.

All A's - Kaylee Bell, Holli Cooper, Andy Dale, Michelle Derfiny, Randy Diebel, Josh Dillon, Craig Emmert, Jaime Fluegge, Zach Glaspie, Katie Hacker, Laura Laming, Emily Rayl,

Noah Gould, Rob Havens, Eli Healy, Jason Hill, Janice Hoppe, Tim Karr, Charles Keiser, James Kilbourn, Richard Klaus, Kari Lowe, Ashley Ouvry, Elise Pasant, Stephanie Ramsey, Rebecca

Woodward, Melissa Zmierski.

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Veteran 'smoke eaters' retire

Trio share combined 71 years of service

A trio of Cass City fire fighters have hung up their helmets for the last time, taking a combined 71 years of experience and a deep sense of satisfaction with them.

"It gets in your blood. They call us smoke eaters, and once you've been a smoke eater, it's something you don't give up easily," retiring fire fighter Carol Gaffney recently commented.

Gaffney, one of only 3 women on the Elkland Township Fire Department, put in 7 years as a fire fighter. She decided to call it quits in part because of health problems, but also because her husband, Richard Gaffney, a 26-year veteran of the department, retired. Also leaving the department is Don Finkbeiner, a fireman for 38 years.

"I liked it. It's interesting and it's something I could do in my spare time and give back to the public," Richard said. "I'd still be there myself if I could handle it."

"Richard decided to call it a day because of knee trouble, which was aggravated by a broken leg last spring. As the department's long-time police officer - responsible for traffic control on all fire runs - he found that standing for long periods of time was just too much on his knees.

Richard said his duties were challenging, especially when a fire run involved traffic control on a main highway. Motorists who ignored his directions also made the job frustrating on occasion, but all in all, most drivers tried to cooperate, he added.

"They don't understand the responsibility," Carol said. "We're not only protecting the accident scene or fire scene, we're protecting the firemen, too.'

Carol, who battled cancer 5 years ago, noted arthritis convinced her that she could no longer continue as a fire fighter. "It takes a lot of strength to handle those hoses, and I just don't have Jaws of Life to extricate accident victims. "It didn't the strength anymore," she bother me until I got home."

said. The couple agreed fire fighting can be stressful, although they indicated the danger involved was never

uppermost in their minds. 'You don't think about it," Carol said. "People are depending on you for their life or their house or their car. As soon as that beeper goes, the adrenaline kicks in.'

"I think some of the jaws few runs would stick out in my Finkbeiner's home. It was snowing at the time, and the mind more than anything trailer was fully engulfed in else," Richard said, referring flames, he said. to the department's use of the

"I ran and got there before the fire trucks, and there were 3 children trapped inside," he recalled. "It was a helpless feeling."

Later, fire fighters recovered the bodies of the youngsters, 2 of whom had pushed a chair up to a door in an attempt to reach a hook that held the door closed. "They crawled under a kitchen sink to get away from the fire," Finkbeiner added. "That one, I think, touched everybody."

Finkbeiner recalled his own brush with death earlier in the 1970s during a run to a



MEMORIES

Memories of horrific acci-

dents and other difficult res-

cue scenes remain vivid for

the fire fighters, including

Finkbeiner, who recalled re-

sponding to a fatal trailer fire

in Cass City in the late 1970s.

blocks

The blaze broke out just a

from

New officers...

THE CASS CITY GAVEL Club's newly elected officers heading into the new millennium are: (l-r) Jim Mastie - president; Jack Hool - vice-president; Bill Klinkman - treasurer; Jason McCallum - secretary.



house fire just east of Cass City. He and fellow fireman Jack

McDaniels had just entered the home from inside the garage when the fire caused the garage door opener to short out and the door to close. "We were shorthanded, as we are a lot of times," he said. "We got in and started down

the hallway. We hadn't been in there 5 minutes and Jack's air tank went empty." Finkbeiner said McDaniels began to make his way back to the garage. "By this time

it was coal black in there (from the smoke), and the next think I know, he's clawing at the door." The pair shared the air in

Finkbeiner's tank. "We kept pounding on the door, hoping someone would hear us." he continued, noting another fire fighter broke a small window in the house and shouted to the trapped firemen, who asked for another air tank.

Finkbeiner said he knew they were in serious trouble when the alarm on his air tank went off. Within minutes, the tank was empty. "Just then, Roy Tuckey

kicked in a door at the rear of the garage and yelled for us," he said. "It was like hearing an angel. It was a pretty scary situation."

Finkbeiner, who suffered a serious leg injury while fighting a fire at the old county road commission garage in 1997, said his time with the department "had its good times and its sad times, too. I enjoyed it, although there were times when it took you away from the family.

"It's no job for an old man," he quipped. "I couldn't do

the department justice anymore. I couldn't fulfill all of my duties.

"I miss it. I've served with a lot of good people," he added. "But like I said, it's time. It's a young man's job."

SATISFACTION

In spite of the risks and low pay that go along with being a volunteer fire fighter, the Gaffneys said they would still be "eating smoke" if their health permitted it. "One of the biggest things

that I got out of it was the satisfaction of helping somebody," Richard said.

Carol agreed. "I know that us, and just about everyone else on the department, would do it for nothing," she

said. "Life isn't all take - it's giving, too."

The retirements have left Fire Chief Ron Pawloski with some big shoes to fill, including those of Carol Gaffney, who was often counted on to drive the tanker.

"As far as fire fighting, they (women) pull their weight. Out at a fire scene, every helping hand we get is much appreciated," he said. "They definitely will be missed.

"Anytime we lose somebody on the fire department, it affects the staffing, especially in the daytime," Pawloski noted. "It seems like nobody wants to volunteer."

The fire chief said the department now has a staff of about 20 fire fighters. "I'd like to have 25 people; half for daytime and half at night," he said. Pawloski welcomes calls

from anyone interested in joining the local department. More information is available by contacting him at 872-5005.



VETERAN Elkland Township fireman Don Finkbeiner recently retired after nearly 40 years of service.



NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to the resolution of the Village Council date July 26, 1999, notice is hereby given that a petition from the Village Council for the enlargement of the Village of Cass City Village limits will be presented to Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting on Tuesday, November 9, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the Commissioners Room in the Tuscola County Courthouse Annex, in Caro, Michigan. Any person interested in said petition, or who wishes to object thereto, may appear before the Board of Commissioners at that time. The descriptions of the properties proposed to be annexed are as follows:

PARCEL "A"

Commencing at the West 1/4 Corner of Section 34, T14N-R11E, Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence N88°18'35"E 709.50 feet along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 34 to the Point of Beginning; RUNNING THENCE N88°18'35"E 132.00 feet along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 34; thence S02°00'W 74.25 feet; thence S88°18'35"W 132.0 feet; thence N02°00'E 74.25 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, T14N-R11E, Elkland Township Tuscola County, Michigan. Subject to easements and right of ways of record.

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PARCEL "C"

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PARCEL "D"

Commencing at the West 1/4 Corner of Section 34, T14N-R11E, Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence N88°18'35"E 841.50 feet along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 34; thence S02°00'W 74.25 feet to the Point of Beginning; RUNNING THENCE N88°18'35"E 132.0 feet; thence S88°18'35"W 132.0 feet; thence N02°00'E 74.25 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, T14N-R11E, Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan. Subject to easements and right of ways of record.

Dated: October 13, 1999

Joyce A. Bemus Village Clerk

CASS CITY CHRONICLE - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1999

CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

Bulldogs suffer defeats in pair of North Central **Thumb League meetings**

Akron-Fairgrove jetted out to an early lead Thursday against the visiting Owen-Gage Bulldogs and then coasted to an easy 63-48 North Central Thumb League cage victory.

Coach Dave Fritz's Bulldogs fell behind 20-8 to open the contest and would never recover.

A poor start will have to be avoided this Thursday if the Bulldogs hope to add to their win column when North Huron invades Owendale. Tuesday, the Bulldogs were to have traveled to face Caseville.

Viking Kelleigh Tanton and Bulldog Erin Salcido traded hoops for much of the open-

OWEN-GAGE - M. Ziehm 1-0 (2-7) 4; Fritz 2-0 (3-8) 7; Adams 0-0 (1-2) 1; Salcido 4-0 (0-0) 8; Lemanski 0-0 (3-4) 3. TOTALS - 7-0 (9-21) 23.

KINGSTON - Jobson 1-0 (0-1) 2; Kaniszewski 2-0 (1-2) 5; Montei 7-0 (0-3) 14; Hill 2-0 (2-2) 6; Jones 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hunter 2-1 (0-0) 7; Brzezinski 0-0 (4-6) 4; J. King 2-0 (0-0) 4; Collins 1-0 (1-2) 3. TOTALS - 18-1 (8-16) 47.

OWEN-GAGE - M. Ziehm 3-0 (0-0) 6; A. Ziehm 0-0 (1-2) 1; Fritz 1-0 (5-10) 7; Enderle 3-0 (0-0) 6; Groulx 1-0 (0-0) 2; Salcido 6-0 (1-6) 13; Lemanski 5-0 (1-3) 11; Tomich 1-0 (0-0) 2. TOTALS - 20-0 (8-21) 48.

AKRON-FAIR. - Tanton 8-0 (9-13) 25; Carolan 2-0 (2-4) 6; Orlik 2-0 (0-2) 4; Hernandez 2-0 (2-4) 6; Spencer 7-0 (3-5) 17; Dudek 2-0 (1-6) 5. TOTALS - 23-0 (17-24) 63. ing frame in Akron, where the hosts built a double digit edge.

Tanton tossed in 11 of her game high 25 markers in the initial period, but also received plenty of help from teammates Casey Orlin and Shawn Hernandez, who combined for 7 tallies.

Meanwhile, the Bulldog offense was limited to junior Erin Salcido's 8 markers. Salcido paced the visitors with 13 points on the night.

The Vikings maintained their advantage throughout the middle 2 periods as Tanton and Sarah Spencer combined for 20 points. Spencer notched 7 of her 17 points during the period before the half.

The Vikings then sealed the win with a 13-10 scoring margin over the contest's final 8 minutes. Spencer turned back any Bulldog comeback hopes with 8 points in the final period.

Bulldog Melanie Lemanski posted 11 points as the game's only other double digit performer.

KINGSTON

Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, the league co-leading Kingston Cardinals held the Bulldogs to just 23 points during a 47-23 NCTL whipping.

Mandi Montei paced the visitors in the early going, registering 10 of her game high 14 points before the break.

Leading 23-10, the Cardinals held the Bulldogs to just 13 tallies following the intermission. Salcido topped all Bulldog

WE DO DEER

scorers with 8 points. Danielle Fritz added 7.



SARA HOMAKIE ended the first half scoring with this inside move Thursday against visiting USA, helping to extend the Hawks' half-time margin to 7 points. However, despite Homakie's 10 points, the Patriots rallied to record a 43-37 GTW win.

Letter to the editor

Pheasant hunting special time

I just read the first article in Rabbit Tracks about pheasant season.

I have many fond memories of that time of year. My father, Glen Stewart, now gone, used to love to pheasant hunt. He'd take off with his dog, Mickie, and come back with his limit. But as years went by he stopped going as he came back empty handed. Several years ago the DNR released alot of pheasants, but at the same time were not smart enough to ban hunting them for a few years. Just enough time for them to multiply. For a couple of years after the release, every once in a while I'd see a nice rooster along the road edge. It was a good sight.

Next time DNR think

ahead, you managed to bring back the Bald Eagle.

Sincerely, Barbara Shagena Sebewaing, MI

Hawk cagers topped by Hatchets, Patriots

It would be great for the Cass City Red Hawks if the last home game before the district tournament would produce a badly needed victory for the team. That game has been switched to Friday from Thursday and is parents' night.

Pending the results of Tuesday night's game with Reese, the Hawks were in the midst of a 4-game losing streak after bowing to Bad Axe, 41-29, and USA, 43-37, last

week. The loss to USA was frus-

trating because the team bowed to the Patriots' last quarter rally after staving off numerous USA threats and staying in front until a minute was gone in the last quarter. The Hawks raced off to an early lead behind an offensive thrust led by Diedre Deering, who connected with a trey and a pair of 2pointers in the first quarter,

of the quarter, 15-10. The Patriots closed the gap to 2 points midway through the second period, trailing 21-19. But the Hawks outscored the visitors 7-2, paced by Sara Homakie, who scored 4 of her 10 points for the night in the splurge, to enable Cass City to lead 28-21 at the half.

One of the reasons for Cass City's first half success was that the defense held USA star Jamie Stahl in check. She was held to just 3 points

in the first 2 quarters. It was a different story in the second half. She kept her team on the heels of the Hawks in the third quarter with 7 of her team's 9 points that reduced the Cass City lead to 33-30 and set the stage for the winning Patriot rally.

Stahl continued to pace USA in the last quarter with a basket and 3 of 4 free throws in the dying seconds to ice the victory. Meanwhile Cass City went stone cold from the floor. Its entire offensive output was 4 points by Deering on a trey and a free throw.

Cass City trailed by just 3 points with 1:13 left, 40-37, but failed to score in the time remaining.

Deering scored 16 points to

Sara Homakie with 10 and Ashley Ouvry with 7 led the Hawk rebounders.

JV WINS

The Hawk junior varsity continued to roll with a 48-28 decision over the USA junior varsity.

BAD AXE GAME

It was one of those nights that occur during a long season. Unfortunately for Hawk fans, it came during Cass City's loss to the Bad Axe Hatchets. The visitors took charge early and added to their lead as the game progressed.

In the first period, Bad Axe used balanced scoring to go in front, 10-5. At the half, the lead had extended to 18-13. Cass City's offense jelled a trifle in the third quarter, sparked by a trey by Brooke and Cass City led at the end Ouvry and a pair of hoops by Deering to chalk up 13 points. But this brief flurry was more than matched by Bad Axe, which scored 16, highlighted by 3 quick hoops by Jame Johnson.

Trailing 34-26 going into the final 8 minutes, whatever chance Cass City had of pulling the game out of the fire fizzled as Cass City was unable to find the basket, scoring only 3 points.

The statistics tell the story.





Cass City had no player close to double figures. Deering was tops with 5 points. Amy Southerland scored 11 for the Hatchets.

Sara Homakie with 10, Cooper with 5 and Ouvry with 6 led the Hawk rebounders.

CASS CITY - K. Hacker 1-0 (0-2) 2; M. Homakie 0-0 (2-4) 2; S. Homakie 5-0 (0-0) 10; D. Deering 3-3 (1-2) 16; A. Ouvry 0-0 (3-4) 3; H. Cooper 1-0 (2-2) 4.

TOTALS - 10-3 (8-14) 37.

USA - S. Mihasci 1-0 (0-0) 2; J. Stahl 2-1 (6-8) 13; A. Hoppe 2-0 (2-4) 6; M. Eisengruber 0-1 (1-2) 4; S. Gaeth 3-0 (2-6) 8; A. Sting 3-0 (4-6) 10.

TOTALS - 11-2 (15-28) 43.

CASS CITY - L. Gaszcynski 1-0 (0-0) 2; J. Fluegge 1-0 (0-0) 2; K. Hacker 1-0 (0-0) 2; M. Homakie 2-0 (0-0) 4; S. Homakie 2-0 (0-0) 4; B. Ouvry 0-1 (0-0) 3; D. Deering 2-0 (1-2) 5; A. Ouvry 1-0 (0-0) 2; H. Cooper 2-0 (1-2) 5.

TOTALS - 12-1 (2-4) 29.

BAD AXE - E. Mooney 4-0 (0-0) 8; M. Young 1-0 (0-0) 2; T. Walker 4-0 (0-0) 8; S. Ney 2-0 (0-0) 4; A. Sutherland 4-0 (3-4) 11; J. Johnson 4-0 (0-0) 8.

TOTALS - 19-0 (3-4) 41.



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lead all scorers. Stahl had for USA

NOTICE OF HEARING

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PARCEL "A"

Commencing at the NE corner of Section 28, T14N-R11E, Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence S00°25'10"E along the East line of said Section 28, 216.85 feet to the Point of Beginning of this description; thence S89°34'50"W along the centerline of a 66.0 feet wide easement 50.0 feet; thence S61°24'50"W along said centerline, 895.61 feet thence S00°05'40"E along said centerline, 321.65 feet; thence N80°40'30"W along said centerline, 200.95 feet to the point of ending of said easement at a point along the Easterly line of property in the Village of Cass City.

PARCEL "B"

A parcel of land commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 27, T14N-R11E, Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence South 280 feet, thence East 99 feet, thence North 280 feet, thence West 99 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "C"

A parcel of land commencing 40 feet East of where the road right-of-way begins at the Southwest corner of Section 22, T14N-R11E, Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence East 66 feet, thence North 816 feet, thence West 66 feet, thence South 816 feet to the Point of Beginning.

PARCEL "D"

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 22, T14N-R11E, Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence N 00°E along the West Line of said Section 22, 816.0 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence N 00°E along the West line of said Section 22, 542.0 feet; thence N 90°E, 482.0 feet; thence S 00°W 542.0 feet; thence S 90°W 482.0 feet to the point of beginning. Being in and a part of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 22, T14N-R11E.

Dated: October 13, 1999

Joyce A. Bemus Village Clerk

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Emmert, Mills headed for state cross country finals

Cass City will send a pair of harriers to this weekend's cross country state finals in Brooklyn following their efforts at Saturday's Class B regional run in Bad Axe. The Red Hawks will be represented against the state's top runners by one athlete in each the girls' and boys' divisions this Saturday at the Michigan International

Speedway. Junior Craig Emmert, who finished 14th with a time of 17:38, earned that privilege with his medal performance Saturday at the Bad Axe regional.

The Lady Hawks will have senior Lindsay Mills competing over the weekend at Brooklyn, as her time of 20:55 resulted in a 12th place showing.

bested the girls' field with a time of 19:33. However, Flint captured the team honor with 4 runners placing among the top 8 female runners.

St. Clair's Amber Mareski Also running for the Hawks at Bad Axe, and their times, were: Don Spencer (19:41 a personal best), Candi Benjamin (27:18), Amanda Sullins (27:34), and Rebecca Kruse (31:09).

Cass City soccer team bows from district play

The Cass City soccer team Hawks earned the right to bowed from the state playoff move on and face Cros-Lex picture Wednesday after-Pioneers at home in the secnoon, suffering an 11-1 setond round. back to visiting Cros-Lex.

during district action, ac-

cording to Coach Matt

Tunstall.

Against Cros-Lex, the Pio-The season ending defeat, neers proved to be too much however, took nothing away for an inexperienced Cass from the young Red Hawk City Red Hawk team. soccer team's performance

"I think we were a little too pumped up for this game. The kids came out flying and after having the first few

scoring opportunities, we got

a little frustrated and Cros-

Kurasawa scored the lone

goal for the Red Hawks on a

Lex took advantage of it."

"This year was a fantastic learning experience for the entire team. We have an extremely young, inexperienced squad and have a lot to build on for next year when we officially enter the conference."

Playing in their first ever district game, the Hawks opened their district play earlier in the week, last Monday, pulling off an inspiring 5-4 victory against host Caro. Cass City scorched to a 3-0 lead with a goal from Stan Woodruff and 2 goals from

The Tigers reduced their deficit to 3-1 before Red Hawk Greg Festian added two goals for a 5-2 half-time lead. The visitors then held on in the second half with strong defensive outings from Ross Sherman, Christina Kababik, Danielle Guilds, Tracy Talaski and Crystal Sattelberg for the victory. Cory Rickett, Johanna Hoelzle, Rebecca Rockwell and Kenichi Kurasawa were all credited for an assist.

"The team really stepped up today. This was a tremendous victory for the kids and the program. We overcame a lot this season and to win a game of this magnitude is absolutely tremendous," said Coach Tunstall. With the victory, the Red

High Series: B. Watson High Games: B. Kilbourn

High Individual Games: J. Krol 204, N. Wallace 201, K. Peruski 199, D. Potrykus 193

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CHARMONT LADIES As of Oct. 26

High Team Game: Live Wires 1061. High Team Series: Dee's

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THURSDAY NITE TRIO As of Oct. 28

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High Team Series & Game: BICCGeneral 1872 (727).

Read Meg's Peg Page 2



RED HAWK CRAIG EMMERT heads to the finish line Saturday at the Class B cross country regional in Bad Axe. Emmert's time of 17:38 was good for 14th place, sending the Cass City junior to next weekend's state finals in Brooklyn.

among the top 11 spots.



Bugs seek winter home

Suppose you are a bug. Wouldn't you rather spend the next 5 or 6 months rummaging around in a nice, warm house rather than being miserable under a rock or squeezed under a bark flap of some tree?

Not that bugs can think ---but their instinct for survival is acute enough to steer them to the same place you'd like to be when Old Man Winter huffs his worst across the land, and that's any place but

More information on man-Bugging You?" It costs \$7.95. The bulletin can be purchased through the county MSU Extension of-





Cass City ends its season with a 4-12 mark. "This year was a fantastic

learning experience for the entire team. We have an extremely young, inexperienced squad and have a lot to build on for next year when we officially enter the conference. As coaches, we couldn't have asked for anything more from these kids. They gave their best effort and put everything they had into this season. We had a lot of ups and downs, but overall we had an excellent season for a first year program," said Tunstall.

aging household insects is contained in MSU Extension bulletin E-2649, "What's

prepaid.



LINDSAY MILLS

Flint Powers Catholic's Justin Perez won the boys' division easily with an astounding time of 15:45. Flint also took the team championship as 5 team members finished

STATE LAND BRUTE - Marty Brown of Caro bagged this 17 1/2" spread, 8-point buck Sunday morning hunting near Camp Tuscola off Chambers Road. His first buck with a bow field dressed at 172 lbs.



'out there.'

"Add to that the excellent survival last winter of insects that overwinter as adults, and we can speculate with some confidence that it could be a standing-room-only crowd lining up to share your homestead this winter," says Tom Ellis, Michigan State University Extension entomologist.

The bug line-up might range from wasps to spiders to flies to lady beetles to sowbugs to pantry pests. (Indian meal moth, confused flour beetle or saw-toothed grain beetle).

Leading the line-up will probably be the boxelder bug, which has had a banner year. Boxelder bugs are about 1/2 inch long and have red triangle markings on the abdomen, which make them easy to distinguish from other bugs crawling around the (usually south) side of your house this month.

None of the unwanted house guests should be considered dangerous, Ellis notes -- meaning don't overreact when you see them -but they can be bothersome, and sometimes messy. The influx of pests during the recent cold snap may be the herald of things to come.

Ellis says there is no such thing as a bug-proof house, but sealing as many cracks, crevices and holes as you can find and practicing good sanitation within and outside of the house can help reduce the potential bug nuisance.

Crack, crevice and hole sealing begins with a thorough inspection of the house foundation, siding, roof (look for loose shingles and rotted wood) and chimney flashing (make sure there is a screen covering the opening to discourage raccoons, birds and squirrels from entering). Also check vent pipes, outside electrical and water outlets, and window caulk and seals.

Very Special People!



Pictured clockwise, beginning with those standing in the back, are: Tim Huff, Kimberly Hodges, Cindy Opanasenko, Harriet Porrett, Tim Goltry, Jim Wilson, Joan Bassett, and Charlotte Slaughter.

We're very proud of the athletes who competed in this summer's Special Olympics at Mt. Pleasant. As you can see, they won many medals and they are very happy about that. Like all successful competitors, they tried hard to do their best, and they made many new friends along the way. Like all the Consumers with whom we work, they are real "Winners" with us!



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Free comprehensive eye exams offered

Low-income workers and their families can begin applying for free eye exams through a program called VISION USA, now celebrating its 10th anniversary.

VISION USA is a national non-profit program that matches low-income children and adults with optometrists in their communities who provide free comprehensive eye exams in their offices. About 7,400 optometrists volunteer their services through the program, which has helped 262,000 people receive vision care across the nation to date.

Although this service helps people of all ages, VISION USA 2000 will mark the start of the program's emphasis on aiding children.

To qualify for free eye care under VISION USA, persons must have a job or live in a household where there is at least one working member, have no health insurance that covers eye examinations, have income below an established level based on household size and have had no eye examination within 2 years.

Although the VISION USA eye exams are not given until March 2000, the American Optometric Association, which administers the program, is accepting applications for program participation now.

Application forms are available from VISION USA, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141, and, starting in November, forms will be available on the American Optometric Association Web site (http://www.aoanet.org.) in the "Meet the AOA" section. Internet access is often available through public libraries and social service agencies. Completed forms must be postmarked by Jan. 21, 2000.

Nearly 9 out of 10 people served by the VISION USA program have had one or more eye health or vision problems. Optometrists have also diagnosed potentially blinding eye diseases in VI-SION USA patients, including glaucoma, as well as uncovered general health problems affecting vision, such as diabetes and brain tumors.

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Cardinal Tim Eschtruth (25) during the initial half of Friday's Division 8 gridiron playoff game. Edinton rushed for 236 yards and 4 touchdowns to lead the Orioles past host Kingston.



Cardinals blanked by Morrice in gridiron playoff tilt, 39-0

The Kingston Cardinals' dream season ended in nightmare fashion Friday with a 39-0 pounding by visiting Morrice during Division 8 gridiron playoff action.

Coach Mike Rea's squad, who ran through the regular season with an unblemished 9-0 mark, couldn't contain Oriole running back James Edinton, who accounted for 4 scores and accumulated 236 rushing yards.

Edinton spotted the visitors a 13-0 lead at the intermission with markers in each of the first 2 periods.

The senior running back capped the visitors' opening drive with an 8 yard run. Jacob Pung added the first of 3 point after kicks, staking Morrice to a 7-0 edge.

Edinton struck again in the period prior to the intermission when he plunged in from the one-yard line. Edinton's score was set up by teammate Jeremy Freed's interception of a Josh Presnell pass.

The final half was all Morrice. The Orioles used a pair of long distance scores to secure the win.

Chris Charter, who gained 120 yards on 14 totes, found pay dirt on an 83 yard burst, while Freed recorded the visitors' final tally on a 70 yard gallop.

The powerful Cardinal offense was held in check by the Orioles. who entered the contest with a 5-4 record.

Kingston finished with just over 50 yards of total offense.

career with 40 yards on added 6 yards via the 11 totes. Classmate Presnell

air, on a 3-7 passing effort.



Second Wind by Dick Francis: TV meteorologist Perry Stuart has excellent weather knowledge, but little opportunity to use it. His time is spent predicting the rainy English weather which is sometimes broken by a little sunshine. He longs to get involved with some real weather forecasting and is fascinated by hurricanes. His time of excitement comes when a fellow forecaster offers him a Caribbean hurricanechasing ride in a small plane during his vacation. Things don't turn out exactly as planned when the storm turns deadly and Stuart is caught in its furious web. Back home in En gland he faces threats and danger as deadly as the hurricane itself.

"O" is for Outlaw by Sue Grafton: Kinsey Millhone is surprised on a Monday morning when a guy who scavenges defaulted storage units calls to tell her he bought a box containing things with her name all over them. Kinsey is curious to find out what is in the box, so she pays him \$20 to get it. In the box she finds, among other things, an old undelivered letter that makes her wonder about the breakup of her first marriage, the honor of her first husband and about an old unsolved mystery. It will put her life in grave danger.

Ahab's Wife or, The Star-Gazer by Sena Jeter Naslund: Inspired by a brief passage in Moby Dick the author builds a story about a wife for Captain Ahab, Una Spenser. This book tells the story of Una's childhood. She was sent to live in a lighthouse by her mother to protect her from her religious fanatic father. Una finds passion with a sailor and runs away to sea disguised as a cabin boy. She experiences disasters, murders and romances while at sea. Finally she finds a happy marriage with Ahab before the whale takes off his leg and h becomes embittered, angry and finally insane. After Ahab's death she makes a new life for herself among the upperclass people of her era.



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GOING, GOING, GONE - The Friends of the Octagon Barn Committee will auction off the original prints from their 2000 calendar and much more Wednesday, Nov. 10, to help raise money for the Richie Road structure's restoration effort. Displaying 2 of the many pieces set for the auction block is cochairman Judi Haas.

Thumb Octagon Barn Auction slated Nov. 10

gets \$150, and the 3rd prize

winner will receive \$50. Or-

ganizers will also offer 3

honorable mention prizes of

\$10 each.

Organizers of the Thumb chairman Judi Haas. Octagon Barn Art Auction

are hoping the talents of sevwork published in the Octaeral area artists will translate gon Barn's annual calendars, into over \$2,000 for the the winners will receive cash Richie Road structure's resprizes. The first prize winner toration effort. will receive \$300, runner-up

The auction is slated for Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Best Western Hotel in Bad Axe, starting with a 7:30 p.m. previewing, followed by an 8:30 sale. Tickets are \$7.00 each and are available at The Paint Store and Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City, and at Ace Hardware in Bad Axe.

Set for the auction block are the original art works used in the popular Octagon Barn calendars for the year 2,000. Auctioneer Don Moore of Osentoski Auctioneering, who donates his services, will also offer several donated pieces for bid, including 20 limited prints by nationally acclaimed artist P. Buckley Moss entitled "Michigan Days."

The auction will also serve as a contest for area artists, with the winners' art pieces going into the Octagon Barn's year 2001 calendars. "We have about 25 entries so far and more are coming in daily," says auction co-

"We're looking for water color, pen and ink, and pencil drawings," says Haas. Besides having their art-

To ensure impartiality, a 5 panel judging team has been formed. It includes Co-chairman Judi Haas of Cass City and Shelley Cirsini from Bad Axe. Also included on the judging panel are Tom Crause, Caro; Pam Stemp, Harbor Beach, and Barb Kube of Bad Axe.

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Pamela S. Leiterman, an unmarried woman (original mortgagors) to MG Investments, Inc., an Indiana Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 25, 1999, and recorded on April 5, 1999 in Liber 767, on Page 1198, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the First National Bank of Chicago, as Trustee, Assignee by an assignment dated March 25, 1999, which was recorded on September 2, 1999, in Liber 781, on Page 17, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND **THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY AND 93/** 100 dollars (\$51,380.93), including interest at 10.250% per annum

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on December 3, 1999.

Said premises are situated in VILLAGE OF CASS CITY, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as

The West Half of Lots 3 and 4, Block 3 of the Plat of Pinney's Addition to the Village of Cass City, Elkland Township, Tuscola County, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 60 now being Page 6B, Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) 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: October 20, 1999

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1305 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors 30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100 Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 990809000 Panthers

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph Schmidt and April Schmidt husband & wife (original mortgagors) to Commercial Credit Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 2, 1995, and recorded on June 7, 1995 in Liber 674, on Page 732, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT AND 02/ 100 dollars (\$9,868.02), including interest at 15.750% per annum

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

less 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: October 13, 1999 FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1303 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors 30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100

Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File # 990910546 Ravens 10-13-5 THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT

ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Craig Evans, a married man and Lisa M. Evans, his wife, in Bar of Dower (original mortgagors) to Community Mortgage Services, Inc. /DBA Home Mortgage Co., Mortgagee, dated December 30, 1998, and recorded on January 4, 1999 in Liber 759, on Page 1033, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which

mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR AND 30/100 dollars (\$45,924.30), including interest at 8.500% 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 to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on December 10, 1999.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF JUNIATA, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1: Land commencing at a point 10 Rods West of the Southeast corner of section 9, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, running thence North 12 Rods, thence West 44 feet, thence South 12 Rods, thence East 44 feet to place of beginning, being part of Lot 8, Block 1 of the Village of Watrousville according to the plat recorded in Liber 6 of deeds, Page 4 of Tuscola County Records. Parcel 2: the 10-20-5 West 12 feet of the East 22 feet of Lot 8. Block 1 of the Village of Watrousville, according to the plat recorded in Liber 6 of deeds, Page 4 of Tuscola County

> The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948C 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 17, 1999

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1306 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors 30150 Telegraph Road Suite 100 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File # 990910726 Mustangs

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions o (248) 353-4400 a certain mortgage made by Douglas A. Davis of Tuscola County, Michigan Mortgagor to North American Company Mortgagee dated the 3rd day of June, A.D. 1998, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 5th NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE day of June, A.D. 1998, in Liber 741 of Tuscola Records, on page 880, which said PURSUANT TO SECTION 1692 OF mortgage was thereafter on, which mort-TITLE 15 OF THE UNITED STATES gage there is claimed to be due, at the CODE, YOU ARE HEREBY INdate of this notice, for principal and in-FORMED THAT THIS IS AN AT terest, the sum of \$93,973.53. TEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION THAT And no suit or proceedings at law or in-YOU PROVIDE MAY BE USED FOR

The redemption period shall be six 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: October 27, 1999 WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., By: Daniel E. Best (P58501)

Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee 755 W. Big Beaver, Suite 10 Troy, MI 48084 (248) 362-6100 10-27-5

THIS FIRM IS ACTING AS A COLLEC-TOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OB TAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Kevin T. Hughes and Valeria J. Hughes, his wife of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagors, to Simpson Mortgage Co., Mortgagee, dated January 8, 1996, and recorded on January 12, 1996 in Liber 684, on page 915, Tuscola County Records, Michigan and assigned by said Mortgagee to Sharon Ann Bernhardt, by an assignment dated January 22, 1996, and recorded on February 5, 1996, in Liber 685, on page 862, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date

hereof the sum of \$38,104.01 plus \$15.84 interest per day after 9/17/99. 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 with the interest thereon at sixteen and 00/100 (16.00%)

per cent per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses including the attorneys fees allowed by law, 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

> Local Time, on December 3, 1999 Said premises are situated in the Township of Koylton, County of Tuscola, Michigan, and are described as:

County, Michigan, at 10 o'clock AM

The Southerly 600 feet of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 section of 28, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, excepting 5 acres in the Southeast corner thereof, 36 rods 6 feet North and South and 22 rods East and West

C/K/A 6411 Mayville Road, Clifford, MI Sidwell Nos. 016-028-000-3760-00 and 016-028-000-3750-00

> During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated October 13, 1999

Sharon Ann Bernhardt, Mortgagee

Michael A. Nedelman (P35433) 10-27-4 Attorney for Mortgagee Nedelman Romzek Smith & Wolf

3000 Town Center, Suite 2700 Southfield, Michigan 48075 File No. 1104.371

10-27-5

are abandoned, in which event the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days

DATED: October 4, 1999

NATIONSCREDIT HOME EQUITY SERVICES CORPORATION MARTIN H. NEUMANN Attorney for Mortgagee 6810 S. Cedar Street, Suite 16 Lansing, MI 48911 (517) 694-3300 10-13-4

MORTGAGE SALE RUSSELL AND BATCHELOR IS AT-TEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OB-TAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT

PURPOSE. Default has occurred in the condition of a mortgage made by WOODROW W. FINLEY AND MITZI FINELY, to release r dower rights a/k/a Mitzi L. Finley to EXPRESS FUNDING, INC., DBA EPI FUNDING, A Nevada Corporation. 16802 Aston St., Irvine, CA 92714, dated January 16, 1996, and recorded with the Tuscola County Register of Deeds on February 5, 1996, in Liber 685 at Page 843. Said mortgage was assigned to BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee, 16802 Aston St., Irvine, CA 92606, by mesne assignments and recorded with the Tuscola County Register of Deeds on June 24, 1997 in Liber 716 at Page 259. By reason of such default the undersigned elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of said mortgage

due and payable forthwith. At the date of this notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest, at the rate of 13.990% per annum on said mort-gage the sum of SEVENTEEN THOU-SAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTEEN and 54/100 DOLLARS (\$17.316.54). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided and to pay said amount with interest as provided in said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including attorney's fees allowed by law said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at the Courthouse in Village of Caro, the place of holding the Circuit Court within the County of Tuscola, City of Village of Caro on Friday, December 3, 1999, at 10:00 a.m., local time.

Pursuant to Public Act No. 104, Public Acts of 1971 (MSA 27A3240(3)) the redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of the foreclosure 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.

The premises covered by said mortgage is situated in the Township of Dayton County of Tuscola, State of Michigan and more fully described as:

BEGINNING AT THE SE CORNER OF THE S 1/2 OF THE S 1/2 OF THE NE 1/ 4 OF SEC 12, T11N, R10E, THENCE N 320 FT: THENCE W 550 FT; THENCE S 320 FT; THENCE E 550 FT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, RIGHT OF WAY FOR ENGLISH ROAD OVER THE ESTERLY SIDE THEREOF. ITEM NO. 79-005-012-000-0400-02

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee Assignee of Mortgagee. Dated: October 20, 1999

James W. Batchelor (P25500) **RUSSELL & BATCHELOR** Suite 411-S Waters Building

Bay Shore Tabernacle addition progressing

There's something going on at Bay Shore Camp of Sebewaing that old-timers and even new-timers thought they would never see: a maior change in the camp's long-cherished Tabernacle. The very first building to be erected, the nearly 90-year-Sutton, 2 months. old structure was built in 1912 using materials from a demolished horse racing grandstand. (High in the rafters is the remains of a

poster.) Interior furnishings have changed over the years, and lights and sound systems have been added, the basic Tabernacle structure has remained unchanged. Four years ago, when lead-

ership sat down with a professional site planner to "map out" the camp's future development, the planner was told "Don't touch the Tabernacle. It's the heart of the camp and should remain unchanged."

Yet, there's now a big perpendicular addition attached to the center of the building. After this year's Family Assembly, a few things were more than obvious. One was that Bay Shore had just hosted the largest family camp in its 89-year-old history. Another was that the Tabernacle was much too small for this annual 9-day event and other events that are growing in attendance also. Example: the second Annual Thumb Gospel Music Convention last August saw nearly 2,000 people on the grounds in one day.

An anonymous donor approached camp leaders with the suggestion of expanding the Tabernacle — and offered to fund the project if approved. Camp leaders considered the prospect and decided it could be done if the addition were designed in the style of the original architecture. Sketches were made and Bay Shore's Board of Directors gave the go-ahead at the September meeting. By the first week of Octo-

ber, the foundation was in and building began in earnest. Forty-two foot rafters were lifted into place Friday, Oct. 15, and the top of the

Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

More than 20 Hills and nation, went Democratic

5 YEARS AGO The Elkland Township Fire Department was dispatched

to a house trailer fire, near the corner of Deckerville and Plain Roads in Ellington Township early Tuesday morning which claimed the lives of Robert William Sutton, 24, Amanda Lynn Gere, 6, and Sara Marie

Former Cass City Village Council Trustee Joanne Hopper received a plaque from Village President L.E. Althaver at a meeting Monday night, in appreciation for her 10 years of service to the village.

an ordinance. A freak swimming accident 26 years ago left Ken Kennedy paralyzed from the neck down, but the 43-yearold Evergreen Township man went on record Tuesday hasn't let that get in the way of his love for deer hunting. Only a couple years after the abandon its rail line serving accident, Kennedy returned to the woods for the firearm season with the help of his lifelong hunting companion and father, Emerson. Today, thanks to a little mechanical ingenuity and a lot of desire, Kennedy is also enjoying his fourth year of bow hunting. Walbro Corporation held its third annual Halloween party in Bay City. The incident is Monday. Food collected in under investigation. the plants in Cass City and Caro will be turned over to the Human Development Commission for distribution. Dr. and Mrs. E.C. Fritz, Mr. Total amount collected is not and Mrs. Dick Wallace, Mr. yet tabulated, but a spokesand Mrs. Curtis Hunt, Mr. woman says it will be at least as much as the 3,400 pounds and Mrs. Dick Hunt and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Wright of donated last year.

10 YEARS AGO

Vicky Wilcox of Kingston was the top prize winner of \$50,000 on Saturday's telecast of the Michigan Lottery's weekly game show, "Fame and Fortune." Members of the Cass City

made 20 points, including 6 **Business and Professional** straight free throws in the Women's Club last week sefourth quarter. Marci Miller, lected Agnes "Awnie" Nancy Koepfgen and Lisa Milligan, Cass City, as the Zimba each added 6 points group's "Woman of the to cap the win. The Hawks Year." Milligan worked for are tied in the league with some 54 years in Cass City Frankenmuth, 4-1. before retiring. She was employed at Kenney's Grocery and Creamery for 7 years. Townsend's Dime Store for

The majority of Tuscola County voters, like the ma-30 years and Erla's for 17 jority of voters across the

Dales General Hospital employees were honored at the hospital's annual tea Wednesday. Among those feted were 4 retiring workers, Dolly Tracy (27 years), Betty Hurst (19 years), Annie Sticken (17 years) and Florence Sweeney (20 years). Village council members again met with a handful of Leach Street-Garfield Avenue area residents regarding problems they're having with neighborhood cats. Village President L.D. Althaver

the United States. It was the first time in anyone's memory that Tuscola County has gone Democratic. After a decade of battering at the strong citadel of nobeer-in-bars-on-Sunday held by the drys, the wets finally

Tuesday in electing Lyndon

B. Johnson as president of

won their battle. With 6 precincts still to report, voting was running 6,920 for opening bars on Sunday to 6,401 for keeping bars closed. R.M. Hunter of Third Street said the council hasn't ruled was overwhelmingly elected out a cat ordinance, but he as Elkland Township clerk in said it would just about be

impossible to enforce such

25 YEARS AGO

Cass City village council

night against Grand Trunk

Western Railroad's plan to

Rep. J. Bob Traxler was in

Cass City campaigning

Tuesday at the Cultural Cen-

Cass City Police reported

this week that a car reported

stolen by Charlene Corl of

Garfield Avenue Thursday

was recovered later that night

Attending the Michigan-

Minnesota football game at

Ann Arbor Saturday were

The Cass City High School

girl's basketball team tuned

up for its showdown game

with Frankenmuth next week

by taking a 40-38 non-con-

ference win from Owen-

Gage at Owendale Monday

night. Elaine Stoutenburg

35 YEARS AGO

Cass City.

Marlette.

ter.

the only contested township election Tuesday with an unofficial count of 555 write in votes. His only announced competition for the office, Willis Campbell, received 148 write in votes.

The 86 day strike of members of Teamsters Union Local 339 against the Southeastern Michigan Gas Company ended Monday as field men and field engineers returned to work. Under the terms of the new contract, the employees will get a 28 cent per hour raise over the next 3 years.

Advance tickets to see "A Hard Days Night", featuring the Beatles, at the Cass Theatre Dec. 4-5-6 are now on sale at Franks Music Store.

Sr. Citizens' Menu

Senior Citizens are asked to make reservations before 9:00 a.m., on the day of the meal, by calling Clara Gaffney, 872-2875.

NOV. 8-10-12

Monday - Pepper steak with rice, oriental vegetables, citrus fruit salad, hot roll, tapioca pudding.

Wednesday - Chicken Tahitian, baked potato, spinach, blueberry muffin, grapefruit sections.

Friday - Spanish rice, Italian veggies, glazed carrots, Italian bread, chocolate pudding.

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

Said premises are situated in VILLAGE

OF UNIONVILLE, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: All that Certain parcel of land in village

of Unionville, Tuscola County, State of Michigan as more fully described in Liber 566 Page 1487 being known and designated as Lots 1, 2 and south 26 feet of Lot 6. Block 15

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) 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: October 13, 1999

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1305 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors 30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File # 990809738 Panthers 10-13-5

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PUR-POSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dale M. Romain, a married man and Diane J. Romain, his wife (original mortgagors) to American Financial Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated October 11, 1995, and recorded on October 17, 1995, in Liber 680, on Page 837, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Standard Federal Bank, Assignee by an assignment dated October 11, 1995, which was recorded on October 17, 1995, in Liber 680, on Page 843, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY THOUSAND FOUR HUN-DRED NINETY AND 11/100 dollars (\$80,490.11), including interest at 7.875% per annu

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on December 3, 1999.

Said premises are situated in VILLAGE OF CARO, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 1 and 2, Block 5 of the original plat of the Village of Caro, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 56, Now Being Page 59A.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, un-

equity having been instituted to recover THAT PURPOSE the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of WHEREAS, default has been made in the power of sale contained in said mortthe terms and conditions of a certain gage, and pursuant to the statute of the Promissory Note and Mortgage made by State of Michigan in such case made and Delbert D. Pillen and Beverly A. Pillen provided, notice is hereby given that on husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Friday, the 3rd day of December, A.D., NationsCredit Home Equity Services 1999, at 10:00 a.m. o'clock said mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, on the 20th day will be foreclosed by a sale at public aucof August, 1997 and recorded in the Oftion, to the highest bidder, at the front enfice of the Register of Deeds for the trance of the Courthouse in village of County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, on Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the the 5th day of September, 1997 in Liber premises described in said mortgage, or 719 of Mortgages, Page 531, and, so much thereof as may be necessary to WHEREAS, the amount claimed to be pay the amount due, as aforesaid. on said due on said Mortgage as of the date of mortgage, with the interest thereon at this Notice is the sum of One Hundred seven point five zero per cent (7.50%) per Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Sevannum and all legal costs, charges and enty-Five Dollars and Zero Cents expenses, including the attorney fees al-(\$111,775.00), for principal, interest and lowed by law, and also any sum or sum insurances, and, which may be paid by the undersigned, WHEREAS, no suit or proceeding at law necessary to protect its interest in the preor equity has been instituted to recover mises. Which said premises are described the debt secured by said Mortgage or any as follows: All that certain piece or parpart thereof, and default having been cel of land situate in the Township of made whereby the power of sale con-Fostoria, in the County of Tuscola and tained in said Mortgage has become op-

State of Michigan and described as fol-

lows, to wit:

erative.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the wer of sale contained in said Mortgage All that certain tract or parcel of Land and pursuant to the statute of the State of situate in the Township of Watertown, Michigan in such case made and pro-County of Tuscola, and State of Michivided gan, known and described as being: Par-NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 19th day of November, 1999, at 10:00 cel a part of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 in the forenoon, local time, said Mortgage of Section 25, Town 10 North, Range 9 shall be foreclosed at sale at public auc-East, Described as: Beginning at a point tion to the highest bidder at the front enthat is S 98 Deg. 8 Min. 0 Sec. West trance of the Courthouse, Village of Caro, 1201.82 feet along the South Section Line County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and N 0 Deg. 30 Min. 35 Sec. West, (that being one of the places of holding 500.00 Feet from the Southeast corner of Circuit Court in said County), of the presaid Section 25; thence S 89 Deg. 8 Min. mises described in said Mortgage or so 0 Sec. West, 127.38 feet; thence along the much thereof as may be necessary to pay West Line of said Southeast 1/4 of the the amount due as aforesaid, on said Southeast 1/4, N 0 Deg. 31 Min. 5 Sec. Mortgage with the interest thereon at the West, 824.06 feet; thence along the North applicable note rate and all legal costs, Line of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southcharges and expenses, including the ateast 1/4, N 89 Deg. 13 Min. 7 Sec. East, torney fee allowed by law, and also any 332.43 feet, thence along the East Line of said West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the sums which may be paid by the under signed, necessary to protect its interest Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, S 0 in the premises Deg. 30 Min. 42 Sec. East, 823.56 feet: The premises described in said Mort thence S 89 Deg. 8 Min. 0 Sec. West, gage is located in the Township of 204.96 feet to the point of beginning, to-Millington, County of Tuscola, State of gether with and easement for ingress and Michigan and legally described as: utilities being part of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section The West 129 feet, 7 inches of the South 25, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, De-258.44 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of Secscribed as Beginning at a point on the tion 33, Township 10 North, Range 8 south Section Line that is S 89 Deg. 8 East, Township of Millington, Tuscola Min. 0 Sec. West 1121.82 feet from the County, Michigan. Subject to the Rightof-Way for Willard Road over the South Southeast corner of said Section 25; thence continuing S 89 Deg. 8 Min. 0 Sec. erly side thereof. West 80.00 feet; thence N 0 Deg. 30 Min. 35 Sec. West 500.00 feet; thence N 89 9273 Willard Road Deg. 8 Min. 0 Sec. East 66.00 feet: thence S 0 Deg. 30 Min. 35 Sec. East 175.00 Tax Identification No. 79-017-033-000feet; thence N 89 Deg. 8 Min. 0 Sec. East 3800-00 14.00 feet; thence South 0 Deg. 10 Min 35 Sec. East 325.00 feet to the Point of TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the pe riod of redemption, pursuant to MCL

Beginning

600.3240, shall be six (6) months from Tax ID #021-025-000-3700-03 the date of the sale; unless said premises

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Wilson and Penny Wilson, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Bay Creek Mortgage, A Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 8, 1996, and recorded on November 18, 1996 in Liber 701, on Page 547, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Assignce by an assignment dated July 21, 1997, which was recorded on August 6, 1997, in Liber 717, on Page 233, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE AND 41/100 dollars (\$72,621.41), including interest at 8.375% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 4/1 once every year.

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 to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on December 3, 1999

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF VASSAR, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the thwest 1/4 of Section 28, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, thence East 12.5 rods, thence South 12.5 rods, thence West 12.5 rods, thence North 12.5 rods to place of beginning

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) 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: October 20, 1999

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addition took shape, looking years. exactly like the original building.

The Tabernacle addition will provide another 200 seats and, like the main section, will be furnished with used church pews. There will be better handicap, wheelchair and Amigo access, and all of the doors and window coverings will be custombuilt to match the old building.

The project is headed by Bay Shore Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Walter Latimer, and much of the labor is donated by volunteers. Camp Director Lew Tibbits expects the addition to be ready by the time Family Camp opens July 29, 2000.

O-G NHS fundraiser nets \$290

The Owendale-Gagetown chapter of the National Honor Society sponsored a "Pennies for Patients" fundraiser from Oct. 11-22. Students in grades 1-12 participated with donations totaling \$290. The money raised will benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. This activity has become an annual project for the NHS.



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Duplicate Bridge, 7:00 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome.

Meijer Luncheon, Caro United Methodist Church, 670 Gilford Rd., Caro, 12 noon. \$5 tickets will be available at Thumb Area Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Thursday, November 4

Friends of the Library, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Friday, November 5

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.

Bazaar and Lunch, Cass City United Methodist Church, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday, November 6

Kingston Lions 2nd Annual Craft Show, Kingston Elementary School, 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. Soup lunch available. Bazaar and Lunch, Cass City United Methodist Church, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Monday, November 8

Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, November 9

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.





DISPLAYING THE CERTIFICATES and ribbons earned as selections for the Red Hawk Award of Excellence from Cass City Schools are, from left: Travis Mabe, Corey Gilliam, Leslie Hacker and David Janssen Jr.

In circuit court **Owendale** man charged

An Owendale man stood mute Friday to charges of release/worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to pro-



30 days in jail, with work tion was ordered, bond was continued at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to

Red Hawk Excellence Awards presented

Four times a year, a student from each of the 4 buildings of Cass City Schools is honored as recipient of the Red Hawk Award of Excellence. The first awards for this school year were presented Monday, Oct. 25, by Supt. Ken Micklash and the Cass City School Board.

The awards are based on leadership at the school or in the community. The principals of the various schools select students.

Selected from Deford Elementary School was Travis Mabe, third grade. He is the son of Trisha and J.T. Mabe, 4619 Van Dyke Road.

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David Janssen Jr., son of

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UB-057 - Newer 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch home on 1 acre. 2 car detached garage.





CCT-200 -Northwood Lake Condo in the hills. Located near a 9 hole golf course. Spacious, neutral decor, tiled floors, cathedral ceilings, recessed lighting. Oak cabinetry, gourmet kitchen w/center island. 12'x14' deck off dining room, main floor laundry. double closets in bedrooms. Lower level finished w/ Berber carpet. Family room, office, workshop area in lower level. Walk-out basement to a patio. Vinyl & stone exterior. Landscaping very tastefully done.



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Leonard Karr

Leonard John Karr, 80, of Gagetown, died Thursday, Oct. 28, 1999, in Huron County Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe.

He was born Sept. 26, 1919, in Gagetown to Moses and May (MacKichan) Karr. He married Marjorie A. Milligan Nov. 29, 1947, in Cass City.

He was a dairy and crop farmer on the family farm until he retired in 1995. He was past master of the Tyler Lodge #317 in Cass City, and a life member of Lebanon Chapter of Free Masons in Bad Axe. He was also past patron of Echo Chapter Order of Eastern Star.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; children, Arnold (Janet) Karr of Akron, Dale (Mary) Karr of Milan, and Curtis (Cynthia) of Ann Arbor; 6 grandchildren; sister, Meadie (Leonard) Sparks of San Diego, Calif, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Ada Salgat and Iva Clague.

Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 1, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Alice Sheffield of United Methodist Church of Gagetown officiating.

A Masonic service was held Sunday by Tyler Lodge #317.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to United Methodist Church of Gagetown or a Charity of the Donor's Choice.

Grant Meredith

Grant B. Meredith, 92, of Snover, died Wednesday, Oct. 27, 1999.

He was born Jan. 7, 1907. in Snover, the son of Arthur and Anna K. (Brown) Meredith. He married Pearl Rockwell Sept. 22, 1934, in Peck. She died June 21, 1993

He was a farmer.

He is survived by 2 sons, Alvin (Jane) Meredith, and Dale (Marcia) Meredith, of Snover. Three daughters, Ann Powell of Troy; Loraine Hill of Sandusky, and Ruth (Frank) Klee of Minden City; 19 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Charles Peters

Charles E. Peters, 91, of Decker, died Sunday, Oct. 24, 1999, in his home. He was born Dec. 22, 1907. in Argyle to Jacob and Mary (Behr) Peters.

Nursing Facility, Cass City.

1963, in Cass City.

byterian Church.

Young of Garden City and

Jane Grieger of Ft. Lauder-

dale, Fla.; 3 granddaughters;

2 sisters, Grace Devault of

Plymouth and Edith Marsh

of Charleston, S.C., and

many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by

a daughter, Joyce Rohlfs; a

son, Glen Rohlfs, and broth-

ers, Harry, Edward, Kenneth,

Maurice and Clarence

Funeral services were

scheduled for Tuesday, Nov.

2, at Cass City First Presby-

terian Church with the Rev.

Mark Mourningstar of

Sandusky Presbyterian

Church officiating.

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Cass City.

Rohlfs.

He served in the Merchant Marines and took part in World War II. He was a member of the Maritime Union. He spent most of his life sailing, for over 40 years he served as the ship's engineer. After retirement, he enjoyed rebuilding tractors.

He is survived by his daughter, Gloria (Edward) Johnson of Clarkston; 5 grandchildren; 12 greatgrandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Emerson, Bill, Tony, Emmett, Freeman and Murell Peters, and a sister, Maude Palmer. Funeral services were held

Thursday in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. George Harmon of Calvary Bible Church, Caro, officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Charity of the Donor's Choice.

Rollo Pickens

Rollo E. Pickens, 80, of Mayville, died Thursday, Oct. 28, 1999, in Marlette Extended Care Facility, Marlette.

He was born April 4, 1919 in Lipsick, Ohio, to Clyde and Ora (Carver) Pickens.

He was a prew machine operator for C Spark Plug Division of GMC in Flint and retired after 21 years. He also was a dairy and crop farmer from 1955 to 1978. He was the first life member of Mayville VFW Post #10884, Lapeer American Legion Post #0016, and Lapeer UAW Retired Member Union #651. He is survived by his chil-

dren, Sylvia (Bob) LaRose of Levering, Rollo G. Pickens of Silverwood, Georgiana (Bob) Garner of Silverwood, Donald (Robin) Pickens of Otisville, and Jeffrey Pickens of Columbiaville; 9 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Doris Pickens of Dundee; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Gerald Pickens; great-grandson, Evan Pickens; sister, Florence Pickens; brothers, Jim, Ernie, Murray, Richard, Raymond and Vernon Pickens.

Cops confiscate 1,361 license plates

Cass City, died Friday, Oct. Secretary of State Candice 29, 1999, at Tendercare S. Miller reported that as of Wednesday, Oct. 27, 1,361 He was born July 10, 1906, license plates have been conin Akron to Edward A. and fiscated since Michigan's Anna (Lane) Rohlfs. He martough new repeat offender ried Marion Bell, who died laws went into effect Oct. 1. in October 1962. He married "It's staggering to think that Olive MacLachlan Dec. 28, in the routine course of patrolling our roadways, law enforcement officers are con-Rohlfs was a farmer all of fiscating, on average, 52 lihis life and won many cense plates every day," awards at the Michigan State Miller said. "In each instance Fair for high quality seed. He the driver was either arrested was a member of the Presfor a second alcohol offense or for driving while license Surviving are his wife, Olsuspended at least a third ive; 2 stepdaughters, Sue time.

"This substantiates our concern that repeat offenders pose a clear and present danger and that these tough new laws were needed to keep repeat offenders off our roadwavs.'

Miller noted that just one to 2 percent of Michigan's nearly 7 million licensed drivers have a driving history that could make them subject to these new laws.

The greatest number of license plate confiscations occurred in Wayne County with 234 confiscations, while Oakland County had 177 and in Macomb County, 174 license plates have been confiscated.

Interment was to be in Other counties with sub-Demorest Cemetery, Akron. stantial license plate confis-Memorials may be made to cations included Ingham Cass City First Presbyterian County with 68, Genesee Church or a charity of the County with 58, Kent with 40, Saginaw with 39. Arrangements were made While the drivers were

by Kranz Funeral Home, given paper license plates so

vehicles can be driven by

sober, valid licensed drivers while cases are pending, courts will order the vehicles immobilized for 3 months to 3 years, depending on the conviction the driver ulti-

mately receives and the his-

tory on the driver's record.

Miller noted that under the repeat offender laws, her department has ordered Ignition Interlock devices for 135 revoked drivers who have been approved for

relicensing. Ignition Interlock requires a driver to be alcohol free to start a vehicle and requires continued monitoring while the vehicle is in use.

Repeat offenders are driv-



CHORES OF THE SEASON - Thumb residents Treasa and Richard Adams took time out last week to enjoy the welcome pleasant temperatures and rake their Kingston home's yard. "Nothing compared to the pile of leaves we had last week," says Richard.



He was preceded in death by one brother, Clark Meredith, and one sister, Marie Meredith.

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 29, at Hacker Funeral Parlors, Sandusky. Pastor Basel Curtiss of Sandusky officiated.

Burial was in the Elkland Cemetery, Cass City. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.



Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 30, in Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston, with the Rev. Keith Mead of Peoples Baptist Church, Columbiaville, officiating. Military services were under the direction of Mayville VFW Post #10844 and

American Legion Post #0016. Interment was in West Dayton Cemetery, Mayville. Memorials may be made to Mayville VFW Post #10884, Marlette Extended Care Facility, or Pagets Disease Foundation.

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