



ELKLAND TOWNSHIP Fire Chief Ron Pawloski has plenty of bodies to fill the protective gear stored at the fire hall. Unfortunately, he's chronically short handed when it comes to daytime fires.

Few firefighters available

Thumb area fire departments struggling with daytime staffing

If you're dedicated, dependable and enjoy helping others, Ron Pawloski might just have a job for you. If you can be available days, he definitely wants to talk to you.

But be warned, the pay isn't great, the hours range from early morning to the middle of the night, and there are some very real risks involved.

Pawloski is always on the lookout for potential fire fighters to join his department, but over the past several years the need for individuals to cover daytime fires has increased dramatically.

"I've got 22 firemen right now - that's a good number of firemen. At one time I was up to 25," Pawloski said. "But the problem is there are probably only 4 I can rely on for daytime fires. Ideally, I would like to see at least

10. "I've been at fires where I had to drive the pumper out, operate it and be officer in charge. I had one regular (fire fighter) and one auxiliary putting the fire out. It makes it a little scary to say the least.

"It's that way all throughout the county and surrounding counties. It's all fire departments; Gagetown, Akron-Fairgrove, Caro, Reese, Richville," Pawloski said.

Caro Fire Chief Dave Mattlin, a 27-year veteran of the department, agreed.

"My situation is pretty much the same," he said. "I've got 23 fire fighters and if I've got a fire incident during the day, I'm lucky if I've got a half-dozen people."

Mattlin said his biggest concern is attracting and re-

taining quality people, and he's been able to do just that. "I've just tried to keep my board full and let the chips fall where they will. I'm full now and I've got a couple on the waiting list," he added.

"I don't think it's a risk because there's enough people to answer a call for a first response," he continued, noting another department will be called in if he is short-handed. "We have mutual aid agreements with all the departments in the county."

Pawloski said Elkland Township officials have set limits with respect to the number of fire fighters he can employ, "but they said they wouldn't have a problem adding more firemen if they could be available in the daytime."

However, attracting potential volunteers is easier said than done.

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For example, potential firemen must reside within 6 miles of the fire hall. "We have to maintain a certain response time," Pawloski explained.

In addition, he said, individuals interested in joining the department must be willing to complete the 120-hour Fire Fighter I training

within 2 years of joining the department. The pay isn't great - volunteers receive \$7

per hour while fighting fires and another \$8 for each meeting they attend (2 per month).

They also have to be willing to put up with a very unpredictable schedule that will frequently interrupt their family life; force them to leave the dinner table early or miss their child's ballgame.

"They have to have the willingness to lay their lives on the line," Pawloski said. "If you're going to join for the money, you're in the wrong area."

That's not to say there aren't some wonderful rewards, he added. "There's self-gratification that you can do something to help somebody else out.

"Until very recently, it was a very thankless job," Pawloski continued, referring to outpouring of praise and respect for fire fighters and police officers and their efforts during and following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C. "Why did it take something like this (to receive recognition) for something we do every day of the year?"

Waves and comments of appreciation for firemen have replaced derogatory phrases such as "basement savers," Pawloski added. "A lot of people don't understand that although we get paid, we're volunteers. We've got to leave our wives and put out lives at risk."

Whether that new appreciation will have an impact on daytime staffing for volunteer fire departments remains to be seen.

Mattlin said there was no problem getting enough fire fighters to respond during

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Communities again face arsenic treatment costs

Federal regulations governing minimum levels of arsenic in public water supplies returned to the headlines Thursday when Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Christie Whitman announced tougher rules that will go into effect by 2006.

The news could prove costly to many rural communities, including Cass City, which will be required to lower arsenic levels to no more than 10 parts per billion.

According to Cass City's 2000 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, released last February, the village's testing results revealed an arsenic level of 16 parts per billion.

Currently, the minimum allowed arsenic level is 50 parts per billion - a standard set back in 1942. To put the levels into perspective, one

part per billion is the equivalent of one drop of water in a 10,000-gallon swimming pool.

The new rule was initially by former President Bill Clinton during the final days of his administration. The Bush administration then suspended the order until next February, citing at least \$200 million in new costs to local communities and questioning the scientific basis for the tougher standard.

However, a National Academy of Sciences report issued last month stated the EPA had greatly underestimated the cancer risks associated with arsenic in drinking water.

An Associated Press report quoted the report as saying that even at 3 parts per billion, the risk of bladder and lung cancer from arsenic exposure is between 4 and 10 deaths per 10,000 people. The EPA's maximum acceptable level of risk for the past 2 decades for all drinking water contaminants has been one death in 10,000.

The new standard will apply to all 54,000 community water systems in the United States. A community water system is defined as a system that serves 15 locations or 25 residents year-round, including most cities, towns, apartments and mobile home parks with their own water

supplies.

The EPA estimates that roughly 5 percent, or 3,000 community water systems serving 11 million people will have to take corrective action to lower current levels of arsenic in their drinking water.

The new standard will also

apply to 20,000 water systems that serve at least 25 of the same people more than 6 months of the year, such as schools, churches, nursing homes and factories.

Of all the affected systems, Please turn to back page.

Bill takes aim at water testing

Free testing of drinking water will be available to area residents under a bill approved recently by the state Legislature.

House Bill 4626 establishes a program to test private drinking water wells for arsenic in regions of the state with high levels of the toxin or where increased levels are suspected, according to Rep. Tom Meyer.

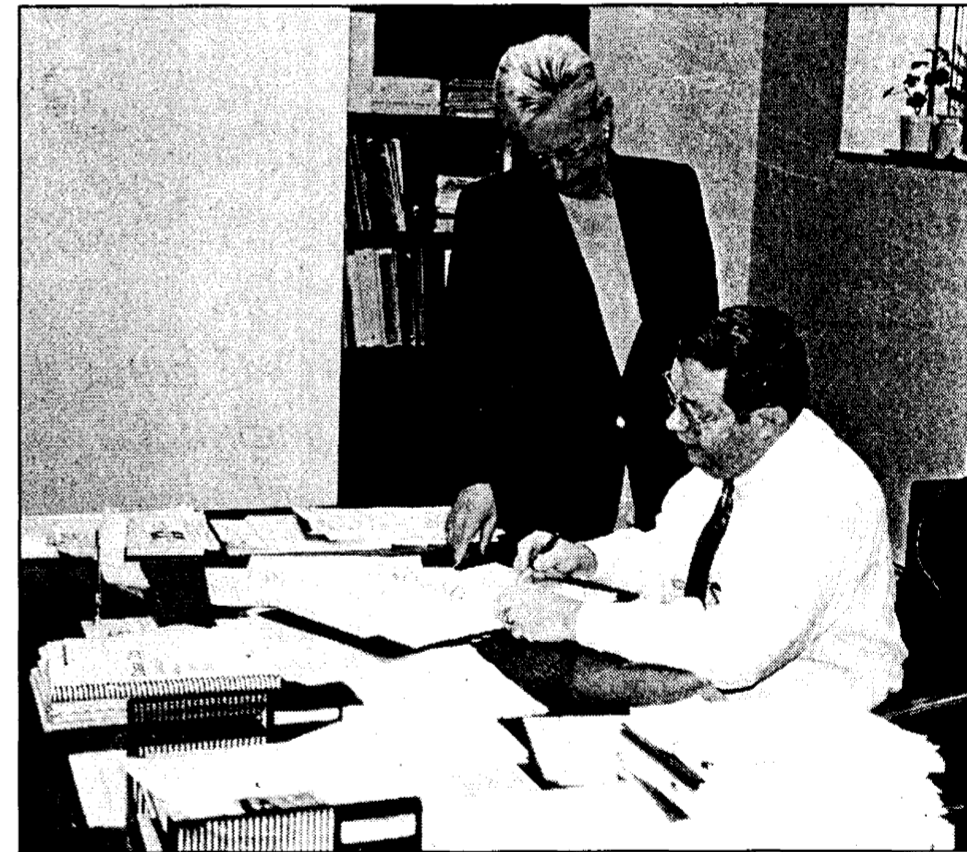
"This program greatly benefits residents in the Thumb area, where many communities have historically detected levels of arsenic in local drinking water sources," said Meyer, R-Bad Axe. "Arsenic is linked to health risks such as cancer, heart disease, diabetes and other health problems, so it makes sense for the state to do all it can to help reduce this health threat.

"Removing arsenic from well water is fairly simple once a homeowner discovers it is present."

Municipal water wells must comply with the new standard by 2006. Residential water wells are the responsibility of the homeowner.

HB 4626 directs the state Department of Environmental Quality to administer the drinking water testing program and provide educational materials about groundwater contamination. Following a test, the department must notify the homeowner of the arsenic level present in their well and suggest methods for reduction.

The bill now awaits the governor's approval.



NEW CASS CITY Village Manager Frank Sheridan, pictured above in his office with Village Clerk-Treasurer Joyce Bemus, is getting settled into his new role. Sheridan began his duties last week.

Settling in Sheridan comfortable here

Francis "Frank" Sheridan figures he's spent the past 4 years preparing for his new role as Cass City's village manager.

During those 4 years, Sheridan served as assistant city manager in Wixom, where he took advantage of his boss' willingness to share his expertise in municipal government.

"He's been in the business for 25 years. My goal when I came in from Oregon, in 2 or 3 years, was to move into a small city or village," Sheridan said of his job in Wixom, where he said he made it clear from the beginning that didn't plan to succeed his boss as city manager. "I used it as 4 years of training. It was very amicable."

Sheridan talked about his experience Friday morning, just a few days after starting his new job in Cass City. It's been a busy first few days as officials are in the midst of preparing a new spending plan for the village.

"I feel pretty comfortable," he said. "I did a lot of the internal work with the staff, the budget (in Wixom). My only regret in my first week is I've been so tied to my office I haven't been able to get out to meet more people."

Before taking the job in Wixom, Sheridan, 53, held the title of vice president of operations for Sorensen Associates Inc., a market research firm in Troutdale, Ore. Before that, he served in the U.S. Army, retiring in 1992 as a lieutenant colonel.

He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Widener University, Chester, Penn., and a master's degree in public administration from Portland State University, Portland, Ore.

He and his wife, Rhoda, have 2 grown sons and one grandson. Sheridan said his wife still has a couple months worth of work to wrap up in Wixom, but that the couple has started looking for a home in Cass City.

In the meantime, he's getting to know the community and exploring his new role.

"It's more hands on. I can get to know the people better," he said of the difference between his job as a village manager and his position as

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Caro man struck, killed

A Caro man died Thursday night after being struck by a car in the village of Caro.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies identified the victim as Robert Maynard Joseph, 48.

According to Undersheriff Jim Jashinske, Joseph was walking southwest bound on East Caro Road (M-81) in the eastbound lane of traffic when the 6 p.m. accident occurred. "The driver, Samuel M. Sinchak, age 80, had just started up from the traffic light at M-24 and M-81," Jashinske said, adding Sinchak, a Pigeon resident, told officers he was unable to avoid impact with the victim.

Joseph was transported by MMR ambulance to Caro Community Hospital, where he died from his injuries.

Investigators noted Joseph was wearing a dark colored coat and tan pants and that the accident occurred between dusk and dark in medium traffic.

Caro police assisted deputies at the scene. The crash remains under investigation.



YUKIKO "KIKO" Ohtsubo enjoys some quiet time on the front porch swing at the home of her host family, Michelle and Jeff Hanby. Ohtsubo is spending a year in Cass City through the local Rotary Exchange Program.

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Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
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Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Bouck were Monica Bouck of Howell, Jennifer Vida of Lansing and Madeline Bouck of Howell.

Ray and Rita Depcinski were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Holdwick and later attended the ham and sausage dinner at St. Anthony's Church at Helena.

Mrs. Russ Schneeberger and Penny Pletcher visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland Wednesday forenoon.

Allen Farrelly took Grant, Heath and Lee Farrelly to Uby Heights for breakfast Sunday morning.

Mrs. Ken Osentoski was a Sunday and Tuesday evening guest of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Alice Depcinski visited Thelma Jackson Wednesday afternoon.

TRIP

Merlin and Lois Kain of Bad Axe, Penny and Arthur Guigar and Melvin and Charlotte Particka went on a 9-day trip to Ireland with Shrine Tours from Grand Rapids.

While there, they traveled over 1,200 miles and saw the Cliffs of Moher, Ring of Kerry Connemara, and Rock of Cashel. While in Dublin they visited St. Patrick's Catholic Cathedral and Trinity College, The Bo of Kells and climbed on the Blarney Stone. They arrived home Friday, Oct. 25.

Eight members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at McDonald's Food and Family Deli in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at Stephano's next week.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Lois Wolschlagier, Mabel Fisher and Mrs. Polega at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Bouck were Sunday afternoon guests of Thelma Jackson.

Nancy Carpenter and Jessica of Caro and Betty Meyers of Gladwin were Saturday afternoon guests of Ray and Rita Depcinski.

Monday overnight guests of Ray and Rita Depcinski.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Reva Silver and Thelma Jackson were Tuesday dinner and afternoon guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Al Peruski, Tom Smithers, Roger Kincaid, Paul Knoblock and Allen Farrelly met at the Uby Mini Market for coffee Wednesday afternoon.

Betty Meyers of Gladwin, Nancy Carpenter of Caro, Therese Depcinski and Nicole and Rita Depcinski attended a birthday party for Samantha Krozek's 6th birthday at the Best Western in Bad Axe given by Samantha's parents, Greg and Susan Krozek, Saturday afternoon. Pizza, ice cream and cake were served.

Cheryl Sweeney of Brown City and Kay Sweeney had lunch at the Cracker Barrel in Port Huron for Cheryl's birthday Friday.

Wayne and Jack Kennedy, Pete Hebert, Allen Farrelly and Ron Wolschlagier had breakfast at McDonald's in Bad Axe Friday morning.

ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Nineteen members of the Cieslinski family met at Uby Heights Country Club Saturday for supper where they celebrated Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cieslinski's 60th wedding anniversary. Guests attended from Lansie in the Upper Peninsula, Pontiac and Uby.

Helping Mrs. Mary Beardsley celebrate her 80th birthday Oct. 27 were her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mrs. Rose Wills of Cass City, Mr. and Mrs. David Beardsley Sr. and daughter Trinity of Dryden, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wills Sr. and Joe Jr. of Cadillac, Mrs. Debra Wilson and daughter Chrystal and son Nicholas of Fruit Port, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Price and children Paul Samantha and Silas of Spring Lake, Mrs. Michelle Beardsley of Racine, Wis., Connie Beardsley of Sturtevant, Wis., David Beardsley Jr. and Julia Andrea of Metamora, John Cochran of Sturtevant, Wis., and Janice Shotwell of Dryden.

Dinner and ice cream were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Price and children took their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother out to breakfast in Bad Axe Saturday morning, Oct. 27.



Ryan and Rebecca Cumper

Cumpers wed in Snover area

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Cumper were married Sept. 1, 2001, at the Wedding Chapel in Snover.

A dinner reception followed at Uby Heights Country Club in Uby with about 300 guests attending.

The couple went on a honeymoon to Petoskey and

Traverse City. They are making their home in Cass City. Rebecca is a mother and housewife and Ryan works construction for CA Hall and has his own masonry business.

Rebecca is the daughter of Ray Smutek and Kim Smutek and Ryan is the son of Bud and Vi Cumper.

Deford church to celebrate 30 years

Deford Community Church will be celebrating 30 years of serving the Lord in the Deford area Sunday.

A special celebration is being planned for the occasion, with former pastors, assistant pastors, youth and academy workers being part of the 10 a.m. service.

Pastor Gerald Rodgers, pastor of the church from 1977 to 1989, will be speaking. Special music will be presented by the church choir, Rev. and Mrs. Greg Reynolds, Rev. and Mrs. Dale Sherry, Mrs. Ada Kilbourn and Mrs. Lynnae Thomas, among others.

A dinner and time of fellowship will be held in the newly dedicated Family Life Center immediately following the morning service.

Anyone who has attended

the church since its founding in 1971 or is looking for a church to call "home" is invited to the special anniversary festivities. Please RSVP to the church at (989) 872-4055 or e-mail to dcedca@casscity.net by Nov. 7.

It's a boy



Devin Scott Gohsman was born to Corey & Vicky Gohsman on October 2, 2001 at Lapeer Regional Hospital. Devin weighed 5 lbs. 12 oz. and was 19" long.

Paternal grandparents are Melvin & Carolyn Klein of Cass City and the late Scott Gohsman. Maternal grandparents are Kevin & Rita VanDamm of Harbor Beach.

O-G band members selected

Six Owen-Gage Junior High Band members will participate Sunday in the 2001 Huron Area Junior High Honors Band being held at the Caseville Schools.

The concert will be at 3 p.m. in the auditorium.

Owen-Gage students who will be participating are Michelle Brown - flute, Grant Champagne - clarinet, Mindy Error - French horn, Josh McLaren - trumpet, Alec Powell, alto sax, and Jason Seibel - trumpet.



by Melva E. Guinther

Doing our small part in spurring the nation's economy, we share a few items from the hundreds of catalogs that come to our house in the course of a month. (Frankly, a person would have to be really dedicated to spurring the economy to order some of these things.)

*The Panto Mimo is a breathable, hypo allergenic suit for kids that is transparent from the inside so budding actors can see out. But since they are disguised, "their inhibitions fade away and make believe takes center stage." It's blue with Velcro fasteners and costs only \$89.95.

*All you need is an extension cord, a hammer, a fan, and \$1999.95 and you can set up the 14' inflatable snowman. It's 7 feet wide and has an internal light system for nighttime display. Wouldn't that look great in your yard?

*How about some Edwardian Shoes for your Christmas tree? They're 3 1/2 inches long, hand-painted in dazzling colors and adorned with sparkling "jewels." You can get a set of 4 for \$11.50.

*Love your pet? You'll definitely want the "Bedtime Stories for Dogs (or Cats)." Tales include "Katpuzel," "The Three Little Pugs," "Snow White and the Seven Chihuahuas", etc. \$9.95 each.

*If you're interested in the pet storybook, you might also want to consider the Pet Ramp. Approved by ASPCA, it will make it easy for your pet to get into your SUV, truck, boat, minivan or on the grooming table. It opens up to 70 inches and costs \$179.95.

*You can also get Bark 'N' Boots to keep Fido's feet warm this winter. Set of 4 (naturally) for \$44.95.

*S'mores ornaments seem to be prolific this year. They're not edible, which seems a shame, but they look like the classic s'mores made

of marshmallows, chocolate and graham crackers. Prices vary from \$5-10.

*This seems like a useful item for people who have to take a lot of pills. It's the Sharper Image Design's Automatic Vitamin and Pill Organizer. It delivers the proper dosage at the push of a button - programs up to a week's worth of 4 doses per day or 28 days of single doses.

Of course, you'd probably need to get a kid to help you program the thing. Plus, if you're paying for all those prescriptions, can you really afford \$69.95 for a container, even one that beeps, blinks and flashes a message when a dose is to be taken?

*Rocks, which we used to pay people to pick up and haul away, have become sought-after lawn ornaments. Now you can get a fake rock to hide whatever is unsightly in your yard. You can cover up pipes, meters or other landscaping problems with the Mock Rock. It's 36x26x21" and comes with ground stakes, for \$84.95.

*Possibly the most outlandish bit of merchandise, in my opinion, are the Ceiling Decoys. You attach the bottom half of ducks so they "appear to be swimming across your ceiling."

"Why?" you ask. Me too. The good news is they're on sale for \$34 each, originally \$49.50.

*I may have been hasty in labeling the preceding entry, because there's also the Miniature Bicycle. Previously "miniature bicycles like this were available exclusively to professional circus clowns", but now you can have your very own in red or blue for \$99.95. It will accommodate riders up to 300 pounds.

I can picture certain people on the little bike and it's pretty funny, but I'm not sure we could get them to ride it or that it would be worth \$100.

Sr. Citizens' Menu

Senior Citizens are asked to make reservations before 8:30 a.m. on the day of the meal, by calling Lois Remsing, 989-872-5089. The dining center is located at 6106 Beechwood St. (K of C Hall), Cass City.

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Monday - Baked ham, sweet potatoes, pineapple tidbits, fruit.

Wednesday - Roast pork and gravy, herb whipped potatoes, Italian blend veggies, applesauce.

Friday - Sloppy joe on bun, German potato salad, baked beans, fruit.



Sue Ann and Jerry Emil Nast

Soper, Nast exchange vows

Sue Ann Soper and Jerry Emil Nast were married July 7, 2001, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Bach with the Rev. Ernest C. Wendt officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Harold and Velda Pettinger of Uby.

The groom is the son of Dorothy Nast of Unionville and the late Herman Nast.

Matron of honor was Kristin Booms of Harbor Beach, sister of the bride.

Flower girls were Courtney Einhardt of Sebewaing, niece of the groom, and Jolysea Soper of Uby, daughter of the bride.

Best man was Patrick Nast of Essexville, brother of the groom.

Ring bearers were Jacob Soper and Jordan Soper of Uby, sons of the bride.

Ushers were George Pettinger of Snover, brother of the bride, and Roger Nast

of Gagetown, brother of the groom.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the VFW Sportsman Hall in Sebewaing for 250 of the couple's friends and family.

For their honeymoon they spent a week at a Pocono's Resort in Pennsylvania, and a week up north near Oscoda.

The couple now resides near Uby.

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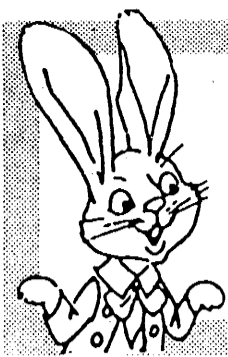
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

There has been relatively little damage in the community because of vandalism on Halloween night. But good as it has been, it was even better this year.

There were no soaped windows at the office and far fewer trick-or-treaters at our house compared to previous years.

Was it because of the impact on our psyche caused by the terrorist attacks? Certainly given the gorgeous weather it's hard to figure out any other cause for the quiet night.

Whatever the reason, we'll take it.

Although football titles have eluded Cass City, the school has its share of titles. In fall sports the Hawks this year have won conference titles in basketball, girls' cross-country and golf.

Every year since 1969, a holiday tree for the nation's capital is provided from a different national forest with help from the state from which it is taken. This year a tree from the Ottawa National Forest in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan will grace the western lawn of the U.S. Capitol.

The 74-foot white spruce will be transported in a special cradle to protect the tree's branches and shape. It has been named the Tree of Hope.

Time flies. It seems like only yesterday that Mike Eliason, former editor, worked at the Chronicle. But it's now 17 years ago that he left to take a job at the Herald-Palladium in Benton Harbor. He has been back twice since leaving. Despite that, when he was in town Monday he ran into several folks that he knew from his 7 years at the paper.

There are still many around town who wouldn't recall Mike's name, but when reminded that he was the editor who ran around town pedaling his bike fully costumed with a safety helmet, recognition immediately dawns.

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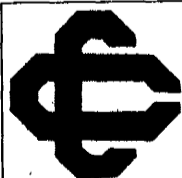
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Cass City Public Schools PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

HOW TIME FLIES

It was 14 years ago, at this time of the year in 1987, when I was named superintendent of the Cass City Public Schools. My how time has flown by. It truly does not seem like that amount of years have come and gone. When I took this position, I did so because Cass City was highly respected by its neighboring communities and this, in large part, because of its excellent schools. I believe our community and school district is even more highly rated today than it was 14 years ago.

We have a stable and sound educational school district. One which is operated efficiently. One which meets the educational needs of our community and, one which we can certainly all be proud of. Our facilities are well maintained and comparatively speaking, we have little debt. Students leave Cass City schools prepared to meet the challenges of our ever-changing world. This, in part, because of our unified Board of Education and our caring and dedicated staff, who truly want to see ALL students succeed.

My primary goal is to work to maintain, as well as continually improve, educational opportunities for members of our community, both young and old. This goal cannot be achieved without your help. It is my hope that area residents continue to be strong supporters of our community. But I especially hope that our school district continues to receive your needed support, as we move forward to meet the challenges of this new century.

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

Huron Memorial now Huron Medical Center

As part of their long-term strategy to focus on major secondary acute care, officials at Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe recently announced that the name of the organization has been changed to Huron Medical Center (HMC).

Larry Davis, president and chief executive officer, said some area hospitals have had to limit their license under the Critical Access designation in order to get enhanced payments for their services, which also limits the number of beds they have and the length of stay they can handle.

He added that Huron Medical Center intends to advance its full license capability to move into more advanced acute care by adding new specialists, a new wing to house a Women's and Children's Center and a new emergency room.

This move is a clear indication that Huron Medical Center will continue to grow

and serve the needs of not only Huron County but also of the northern tiers of Sanilac and Tuscola counties as well, Davis said.

William Mayes, incoming chairman of the board of directors, said the move presents an unquestionable positive outcome from the difficult decisions made by the board last year to stabilize the hospital's financial situation, thereby giving the organization a very bright future. HMC will transition from a medium intensity healthcare organization to one that pursues advanced medical care that is associated with its capability, as well as preventative care for the larger market it serves, he added.

Mayes emphasized that community members must understand Huron Medical Center is not just a hospital

focused on Bad Axe; it serves a much larger geographic area and will continue to forge ahead with this broad vision of healthcare.

Over the next several months, the organization will change its signs, stationary and other corporate identity symbols to complete the visible components of the new focus taken by the board, medical staff and administration. Already the hospital has expanded its number of physicians specializing in orthopedics, obstetrics/gynecology, pediatrics, general surgery, family practice and internal medicine.

HMC will also take over full responsibility for the operations of the Port Austin Clinic, which will be called Huron Medical Center, Port Austin Campus starting near the end of November.

Police probing Oct. 29 burglary

Cass City police are investigating a burglary at Thumb Auto Wash, 4385 Doerr Rd.

According to reports, the culprit(s) forced their way into the front door of the business sometime during the evening hours of Oct. 29. They pried off a protective shield and forced open a locking bolt by prying the doorframe.

Once inside, the thieves pried open moneychangers, stealing \$500 in cash and

another \$250 to \$500 in quarters.

"The thieves were very neat or clean at how they worked," Police Chief Gene Wilson said. "They tipped over 2 boxes and spilled the contents on the floor, (but) this was the only thing that was out of order. They removed the coin boxes, placed them on a counter and never spilled any coins."

Police are continuing their investigation.

The Haire Net



A little of this and that from the corner of Main and Oak Streets.

A motorist attempted to park on Main Street in a space with more than ample room for parking. There must have been 5 feet of space front and back after the car was finally parked after 3 false starts.

I confess that chauvinistically I just assumed that it was a little old lady that must have been parking. When the driver emerged, it was a man and not a little old man either, but a husky guy probably in his 30s.

When those stories appear about reducing traditional liberties we enjoy in America, I get the shivers, afraid that we may be throwing out the baby with the bath water.

There is a mentality that occurs with every official body I have observed that tends to adopt a closed rank to public disclosure of the public's business.

It's active on all levels. Remember the difficulty that Vassar officials had because they defied the open meeting laws?

There's complete agreement here with a statement from 125 organizations across the American political spectrum. It said, "Laws adopted without sufficient

deliberation could erode cherished freedoms that are at the core of our country's values." The coalition added that, "we should take only considered action with issues that affect free speech and racial stigma."



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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This is my day for cutting venison. That may not sound like much to some folks, but those people haven't seen me cut venison.

It's a project the way I do it. It takes me half a day to get ready and 2 days to clean up. (Don't try this at home. Your season might be different from ours).

First I clear off some tables in the office. Then I sharpen all of the knives I can find. Next I collect some pans, meat paper, towels, buckets of water, etc., etc.

Finally, I dig out my extension service booklet on how to bone-out a deer. I've never actually read the booklet, of course, but I keep it handy in case I ever want to.

I never took a class in meat cutting, either. I've watched the butchers a number of times, though. That's how I learned "groin" isn't a recognized cut of meat and that "slashing" and "stabbing" aren't accepted meat cutting terms.

My friend, Bud, came over to watch me cut venison one time, and I'm sure he learned everything he wanted to know. He hasn't been back, anyway.

I took one look at my extension service bulletin, picked up a knife, and just went berserk.

"If I cut around the leg bone here, I can separate this meat from the pelvic bone, or whatever that is," I said. "Then I can cut and pull these muscles apart."

"I cut most of this into round steaks. We like our steaks thick, but not as thick as this one."

Bud learned things he probably didn't want to know — like how many bones there are in a deer. I don't know why they need so many. They sure get in the way when you cut the venison.

I've learned the front leg of a deer has several round bones, a flat one, and a couple of diagonals. I just call them leg bones and cut the meat for hamburger.

The rear legs have another bunch of bones and some large muscles that make nice steaks, or maybe a roast. Anything that doesn't make steaks and roasts goes into hamburger.

The back includes the loineye muscle, or "backstrap" as the hunters

call it. I butterfly this and call it chops. Everything that doesn't make chops goes into hamburger.

The part of the deer that holds up the head is called the "neck". All of the neck goes into hamburger. Any part of the deer that doesn't look good goes to the dog.

I learned that from a butcher many years ago. The butcher said a fellow brought in a deer a few days earlier, and the neck was really

messed-up. The hunter admitted his deer was hanging a little too low in the barn, and the dog had been chewing on the neck.

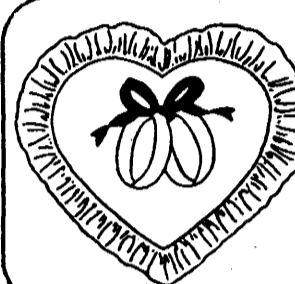
"That's O.K.," the hunter said. "I'll give that to my mother-in-law. She likes to make mincemeat."

That pretty well summarizes my meat cutting philosophy: I make lots of hamburger, and my cuts are hard to identify; but I know exactly what goes in the mincemeat.

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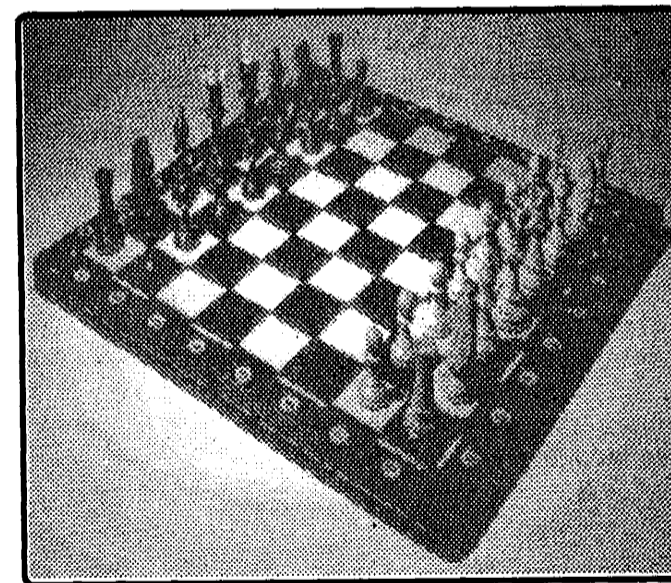
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Several appear in circuit court

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

- Kevin W. Urban, 31, Caro, pleaded guilty to attempted larceny from a motor vehicle Feb. 14 in Caro.
- Bond in the case was continued at \$5,000 and a pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Sheri M. Brown, 32, Flint, pleaded no contest to absconding or forfeiting bond June 1 in Caro.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be set.
- Christopher A. Roskey, 17, Imlay City, pleaded guilty to attempted home invasion, first degree, Jan. 21 in Mayville.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond

Thuemmel scheduled to speak

Karl Thuemmel, who recently returned from working in Uzbekistan, will be speaking at the Elkton Prayer Fellowship Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 9:30 a.m.

He and his wife, Jeanne, were involved with humanitarian aid projects in this former Soviet Union country, north of Afghanistan.

The Elkton Prayer Fellowship is nondenominational, meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Elkton Civic Center in Elkton, and is followed by a covered dish dinner. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call Charlotte, 989-738-8772.

was continued at \$20,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

- David D. Roskey, 18, Imlay City, pleaded no contest to attempted home invasion, first degree, Jan. 21 in Mayville.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$15,000. Sentencing is to be set.
- Mark L. Raymond, 42, Millington, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail, with worksite privileges, for his plea of no contest to second degree criminal sexual conduct involving force or coercion and resulting in personal injury to the victim March 29 in Arbella Township.
- Richard L. McLaren Jr. 25, Vassar, was sentenced to 18 months probation and 180 days in jail (120 days deferred), with work release, for his pleas of guilty to fleeing and eluding a police officer, fourth degree, and resisting and obstructing a police officer Dec. 26 in Vassar Township.
- He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,600 plus \$500 in attorneys fees.
- Jeffrey S. Phillips, 42, Fostoria, was sentenced to 2 to 5 years in prison for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, April 23, 1998, in Watertown Township.
- He was also ordered to pay \$560 in costs and fines and \$500 in restitution.
- Thomas H. Walker, 50, Corunna, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 6 in Millington Township.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Letters to the editor

Vote "no" on QDM proposal

Dear Editor:

After reading last week's publication, I got to see how many of the area's hunters looked at the QDM Proposal. This has inspired me to let people know what I think, as a young hunter, about this proposal.

I am against it and fully agree with all the hunters who showed their disapproval of the plan. I was especially moved by Mr. Robert Walker's story about how he smiles more about his son's first buck rather than his own 14 point. Mr. Ronald Spaulding also had many valid points about hunting is not just about being able to shoot the biggest deer you can find.

Many hunters are just as happy with a spike horn as they are with a great trophy

Letters to the Editor
The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor. Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper. Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason. The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity. We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.

deer. After all, hunting is more about getting into the woods and just enjoying yourself, right?

I personally have not taken a deer yet in the few but wonderful years that I have been hunting, but that does not stop me from returning to the woods year after year. My uncle has graciously allowed my father and I to hunt on his property many times over the years.

I have seen only one buck while hunting and my greatest moment was with my father as he successfully harvested that deer. It was a 5-point, 3 on one side, 2 on the other. That buck was the last one that I have seen while hunting in 3 or 4 years. So if I have the chance at a beautiful 6-point, is it fair that I would have to turn it down for that big buck that I may never see?

I also strongly believe that the QDMA is really overlooking the possibility that some herds may have deer with bad genes that cause them not to have many antler points. How could we remedy this problem? We could harvest those deer so that they will not be able to continue to produce other deer with these genetic defects. How can we do that if they never grow to have 4 or more points on one side? Anyone feel free to correct me if I am wrong but couldn't this also help produce more "quality" deer?

I also believe that it should be the right of the land owner to decide what is really good for the deer that live on his or her land, not the QDMA. They really seem to be more interested with the rack of a few bucks rather than the

whole herd which produces them.

In closing, I would like everyone to know that since I am only 17 and cannot legally vote, I cannot take the matter into my hands by voting on the proposal. The best that I can do is hope that ev-

eryone who reads this gets a good look at this issue through the eyes of a young hunter. After all, it is us who will be keeping this great tradition alive for future generations.

Maybe you will all think about how it may affect us

young hunters who don't all have quite the experience or know how to bag a big trophy buck. Sure, some of us are young and make mistakes in the field such as making a bad judgement on a deer that at first seemed legal. It happens sometimes. You might think most im-

portantly about the deer we rely on for meat or viewing pleasure and vote NO on the QDMA proposal.

Sincerely,
Stephen A. Yax
Young Hunter and Aspiring Outdoorsman

QDM plan good for all hunters

I would like to share some important information relevant to the Quality Deer Management proposal for Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola Counties.

In 1999, Deer Management Unit 107 in Clare County started a minimum 3-points-on-a-side for one buck and a minimum 4-points-on-a-side for the other buck. Year 2000 would have been the first year of seeing the effects of these restrictions.

According to DNR statistics, in 2000, 47 percent of the total buck harvest was 1 1/2-year-old bucks and 53 percent were 2 1/2 years old or older. In the past the 1 1/2-year-old buck harvest averaged 78 percent of the total harvest, much like the harvest in the Thumb.

In DMU 107, the 2 1/2-year-old harvest is expected to continue to increase in the next few years.

Even though no laws pertaining to button bucks were changed, another interesting statistic involved a decrease in the harvest of button bucks. Before implementation of QDM in DMU 107, button bucks averaged 19 percent of the antlerless harvest. In 1999 that figure

dropped to 10 percent and in 2000 it was 11 percent.

What does this mean? Before QDM, about 2 in 10 antlerless deer harvested were button bucks and after implementation of QDM that dropped to 1 in 10. Why did this happen? You can draw your own conclusion, but I believe it is because the implementation of Quality Deer Management is causing hunters to think before they shoot. They can now see that what animal they decide to harvest or not to harvest will effect their hunting in the future.

By the way, button bucks average about 20 percent of the antlerless harvest in the Thumb area as well.

I also found some interesting information after speak-

ing with Richard Shellenbarger, the DNR wildlife biologist who covers DMU 107. Mr. Shellenbarger said that although they still want to reduce the deer herd slightly, the herd appears to be about the same size as it was before QDM took effect. He added that he has noticed no change in the amount of hunters in the area as well.

Mr. Shellenbarger also mentioned that originally QDM was controversial but went on to say that the negative flack has disappeared in the last 2 years. He even described this year as being "stone quiet."

Some critics of the proposal claim that sublegal bucks shot by mistake will be left to waste in the field. I asked Mr. Shellenbarger specifi-

Some don't care about tines

To all those concerned with Q.D.M.

You must be so selfish just so you can have your trophy bucks.

Deer hunting is not based on size - but declaring that it's a buck. Yes, I simply don't care! Remember we kill to eat!

It's my right, but to steal the thrill of a hunt from a young beginner, or myself, is not what deer hunting is about.

So please don't contaminate me with another hunter's ways or the way you want to hunt.

Some of us just don't care

about tines.

Signed,
Care less about tines

Don Dohn

P.S. Remember letting them pass is what we learn!

Time to challenge past practices

There are many misconceptions about the current Quality Deer Management initiative which will be voted on in December.

The intention of QDM is not to eliminate all the does or the deer herd but rather to improve the buck to doe ratio and maintain a healthy herd structure. In some areas doe reduction is needed, and in others it is not.

Currently, many hunters harvest does because the permits are available. QDM encourages hunters to use doe permits because the herd in their area is overpopulated or needs to be maintained. This is one of the main points of QDM which differs from current hunting practices.

Hunters are ultimately responsible for managing the herd numbers in the areas they hunt. They make the final decision to harvest or not. QDM wants hunters to make the harvest decision

based on the information relative to their hunting area not on the fact that they may have a doe permit available. QDM supports the idea that some areas may not require the harvest of does based on current herd size in certain areas.

QDM essentially asks hunters to become managers instead of just consumers of the resource. What is our alternative? The current practices have led to unhealthy buck to doe ratios, unlimited doe permits, and immature buck/doe harvesting.

It's time for hunters to take the initiative to improve the current hunting situation and challenge past ideas. The QDM proposal seems like a positive step in the right direction.

Thank you,
Tim Klee
Ubly/Minden City Area

Time running out on pool

Dear John,

Time is running out and the fate of the community indoor pool is in the hands of the good citizens of Cass City.

We have been blessed with very generous donations and pledges. An anonymous donor started the ball rolling with a \$500,000 pledge. The Pinney Foundation quickly followed with an additional \$250,000. Our community service groups, some businesses, and many individuals have combined to add another \$325,000 to the total.

The fund raising committee had hoped to find another foundation that would donate another large amount, but none have accepted our applications.

With just a few weeks left to go, it looks like only the

residents of Cass City have the power to make the community indoor pool dream come true.

Another 3 to 4 hundred thousand dollars is a lot of money. However, if people who have not yet pledged step forward, then this large sum can be successfully raised.


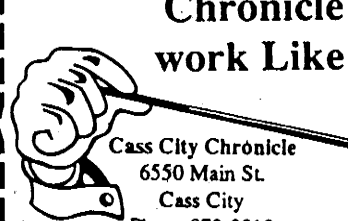
For example, if we received 30 pledges for \$100 per year and 30 pledges for \$250 per year and 25 pledges for \$500 per year, then these 85 people making 5 year pledges would be all it takes to reach our goal.

We are so close. Help us build an indoor community pool in Cass City. Please make your pledge today.

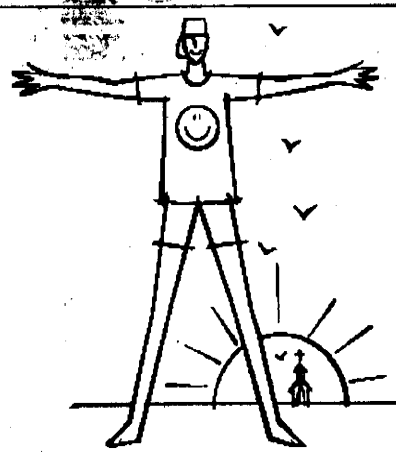
Sincerely,
Dave Knight

Publisher's Note: This letter arrived after last week's edition was put to bed. At the end of the season we (with the coaches' help) try to cap the season for middle school teams as we did last week and print their story whether the record is 6-0 or 0-6.

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Having a Good Day

Everyone enjoys having a good day, and when we feel good both physically and mentally, it is beneficial for our overall well-being. When a person feels good, they seem to have more self-confidence and things just seem to go better for them. When we include God in our everyday activities and recognize that He is our source of strength, our lives become even more complete. God wants us to be happy people and to have pleasurable days with total trust in His everlasting love for us. And, although life bears many daily challenges, the way we handle these various situations can often determine the kind of day we will have. An active prayer life, a good attitude and a positive outlook are ingredients that will help us to have good days. Each day we should resolve that we will not let other people's negative actions or words hinder us, and we will put our trust in the Lord who gives us strength and confidence.

But, you are a shield around me, O Lord; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head. N.I.V. Psalm 3:3

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2770
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Evening Prayer for our Nation Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Pastor - Gerald Meyer

Living Word Worship Center
(Where the Word is Life)
6536 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-4637
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wed. (Family Training hour) 7:00 p.m.
Senior Pastors - Michael & Carla Arp

Novesta Church of Christ
2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-3658 or 872-1195
Bible School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Minister - Chuck Emmert
Youth Minister - Brad Speirs
Visit our website at: www.novestachurch.org

Potter's House Christian Fellowship Church
Corner of 6th and Leach, Cass City, MI 48726
872-5186
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor - F. Robert Tucker

St. Pancratius Catholic Church
4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-3336
Saturday Liturgy 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Pastor - Father Steve Fillion

Shabbona United Methodist Church
4045 Decker Rd., Decker, MI 48426
810-672-9929 or 810-672-9992
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
UMW Monthly 1st Wed., 7:30 p.m.
Youth Program
Pastor - Ellen Burns

Cass City Church of Christ
6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
Building phone 872-5440
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136
Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Cass City Church of the Nazarene
6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2604 or 872-5201
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study & Children Activities 7:00 p.m.
Pastor - Rev. Darold Ward

Cass City United Methodist Church
5100 N. Cemetery Rd., P.O. Box 125
Cass City, MI 48726
872-3422
Worship Service 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
Pastor - Dr. Philip Rice

First Presbyterian Church
6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-5400
Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Pastor - Dave Blackburn

Girl power

Area Girl Scout ranks swelling with the addition of 6 new troops, 50 girls

The coming year will be a banner one for area Girl Scouts, judging by the organization's annual Investiture/Rededication and Cookie Kick-Off, held Friday in the Campbell Elementary School cafeteria.

The ceremony involves investing (welcoming) and pinning new leaders and girls into Girl Scouts and

welcoming back the leaders and girls from last year.

"This is Gerri Simpson's and mine first year as service unit managers. We can't believe the turnout. We were worried our numbers were down - we lost some troops last year," said Kathy Sweeney.

In Service Unit 609, which includes Cass City, Deford and Kingston, there are 6 new troops and more than 50 new Girl Scouts. To-date there are 14 troops and just over 100 girls registered, Sweeney noted.

"This is my seventh year as a Girl Scout leader and this is the biggest turnout I have ever seen since being involved," she added. "We are excited to see so much interest in Girl Scouting. We have new leaders with new ideas and lots to offer."

New troops and leaders this year include Daisy Troop 498 - Nancy Mason and Christine Hoppe, Brownie Troop 528 - Stacey Winchester and Sandy Wilson, Brownie Troop - 512 - Julie Kolacz and Lisa Lawrence, Brownie Troop 523 - Sue Wynn, Brownie Troop 558 - Pam Weidman and Sonya Carbeno, and Junior Troop 608 - Janice Finley.

"We have an exciting year planned," Sweeney said.

Upcoming events include Christmas caroling and a carnival Dec. 7; a Teddy Bear Picnic Jan. 26; a celebrating the Girl Scouts' 90th anniversary with a birthday dinner March 10 at the VFW hall; and a Bridging Ceremony May 10, where Girl Scouts are recognized as they cross over to a new level of Girl Scouting.

Local Girl Scouts are currently gearing up for their annual cookie sale, which is scheduled for Thursday through Nov. 12. Cookies will be delivered after Nov. 29. Additional information is available by calling cookie managers Gerri Simpson at 872-2128 or Maureen Kawecky at 872-4068.

Any girls interested in joining the Girl Scouts are encouraged to contact Sweeney at 872-4898 or Simpson at 872-2128.

Faye Adam reappointed to council

Faye Adam of Snover has been reappointed to a 2-year term on the Michigan State University Extension and Experiment Station Council.

Adam is president of the Michigan 4-H Foundation and a long-time Sanilac County 4-H volunteer and supporter. She is also a past member of the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors. She will represent Michigan's east central region on the council.

The Extension and Experiment Station Council links Michigan residents and MSU Extension (MSUE) and the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station (MAES). Council members offer both organizations insight into issues facing Michigan residents and share MSUE's educational programming and MAES research priorities with Michigan families, youths, communities, business and industry, and non-formal education and agricultural audiences.

Council members are chosen from each region of the state and represent a wide range of backgrounds and audiences. They collectively serve as a liaison between county MSU Extension councils and state-level programming.



THIS YEAR'S turnout was the biggest in recent memory, with 6 new troops and more than 50 new Girl Scouts. Pictured above are (from left) Assistant Service Unit manager Gerri Simpson, Service Unit Manager Kathy Sweeney and flag presenter Becca Perry.



CADET TROOP 1081 Leader Veronica Fenningsdorf (from left) presents Lauren Brzuchowski and Jerica Fenningsdorf with the Silver Award, the highest award a Cadette Girl Scout can earn, during the annual Investiture/Rededication and Cookie Kick-off, held Friday at Campbell Elementary School. Missing is Klyn Puterbaugh.



SERVICE Unit Manager Kathy Sweeney welcomes Brownie Girl Scout Casey Armstrong. Also pictured is new Brownie Leader Sonya Carbeno of Troop 558, Kingston.



LEADERS (FROM left) Christine Hoppe and Nancy Mason pose with Kimberly McCormick, Chelsea Hoppe, Emily Mason, Alex Clapper, Lauren Bukoski, Rachel Bartnik and Victoria Davis, all members of Daisy Troop 498.

Hanby completes master's degree

Dee McKrow, president/CEO of Hills and Dales General Hospital recently offered congratulations to Gregory J. Hanby. Hanby is an August 2001 graduate of Central Michigan University's off-campus degree program and has earned a Master of Science in Administration degree.

He also has a Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Medicine completed in 1992.

Marcia Bankirer, Ph.D., Vice Provost and Dean of the College of Extended Learning at Central Michigan University commented, "The fact that he earned a degree while also maintaining a job is commendable, and we are proud to count Mr. Hanby among our alumni."

Hanby is a 1988 graduate of Cass City High School. He lives in Caro with his wife Kristi and daughter Kendal.

Hanby is supervisor of the Cass City Michigan Athletic and Rehabilitation Center, a department of Hills and Dales General Hospital. As supervisor, he is responsible for continuous quality improvement monitoring; supervision and performance evaluation of non-clinical staff; ensuring that the department operates within budget; implementing policies and procedures; assessing and maintaining supply, equipment and facility needs; and solving personnel issues.

Hanby has been employed at Michigan Athletic and Rehabilitation Center since 1994.

Historical society to meet

The Watrousville/Caro Area Historical Society will meet Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Juniata Township Hall, 1971 S. Ringle Rd., Watrousville.

The program will be presented by Guy and Cara Caswell who will present an oral history on video given by local Watrousville persons for the Watrousville Sesquicentennial.

The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

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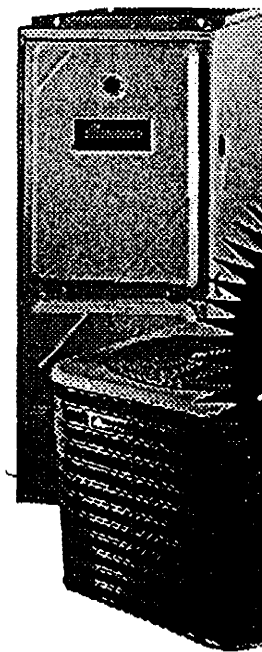
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Hawks grab title

GTW championship comes with road win Thursday over Reese

The Cass City Red Hawk basketball season is ending just the way that Coach John Maharg and the team envisioned it when they took to the hardwood at the end of August. It ends this week with Greater Thumb West championship.

The girls clinched at least a share of the title Thursday with a victory at Reese, 48-40. The team was to have entertained Bay City All Saints Tuesday and are prohibitive favorites to win, and with a victory eliminate any mathematical chance for other teams to share the title.

Cass City took control of the game in the first half and then repelled the Rocket drive to get back in the game in the second half.

Reese jumped off to its only lead of the game, 4-2, in the early moments before the Hawks went on a 15-2 run to lead by 11 points.

The second quarter was disastrous for Reese. Cass City continually got the ball in to Lindsey Hendrick and the Rockets defended by fouling. It proved to be a poor choice. Hendrick has been a machine at the foul line, she cashed both ends of 3 one and ones to go with a field goal for 8 points in the period.

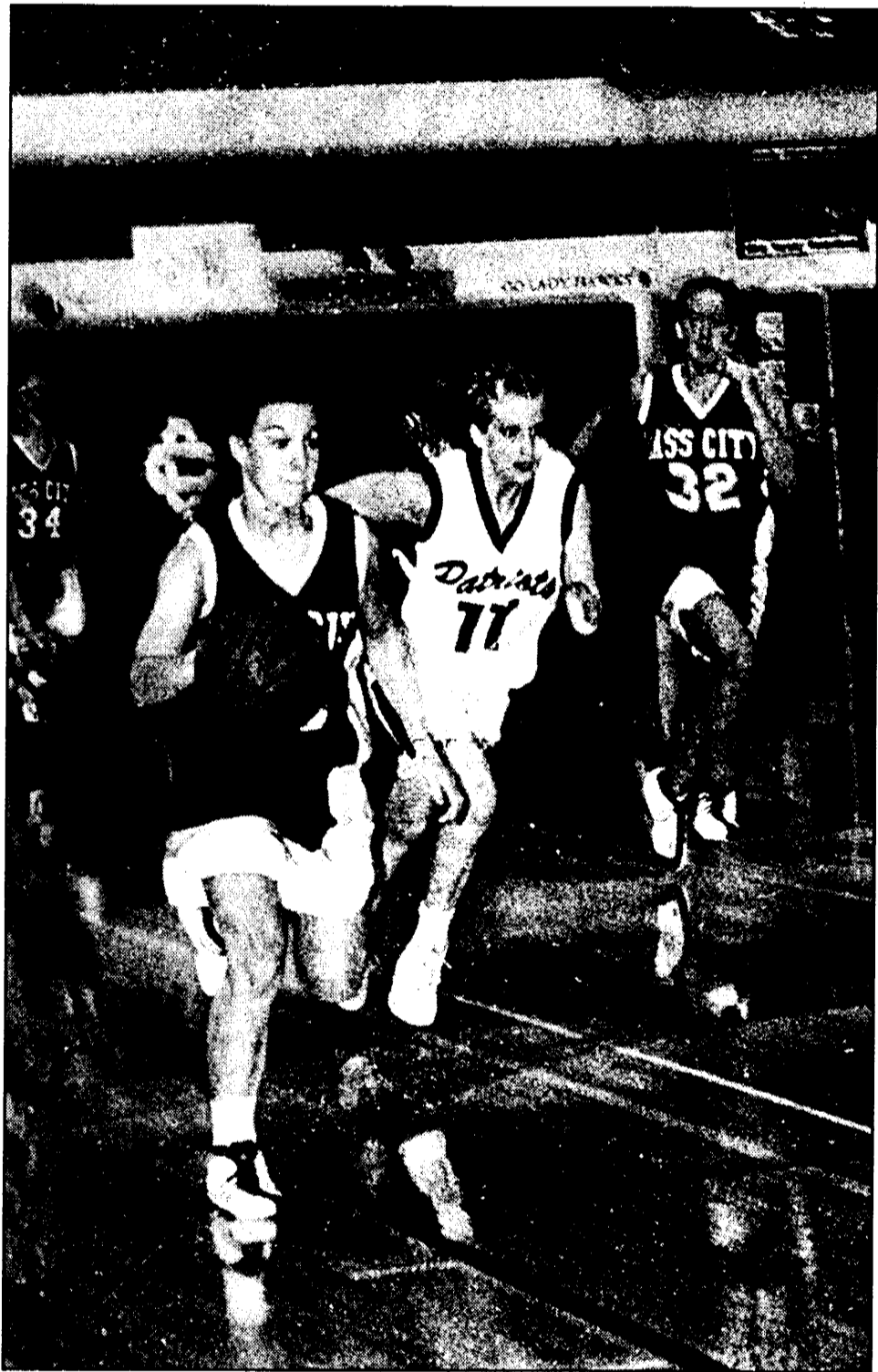
That was over twice as many as the Rockets scored as the team when stone cold from the field and the Hawks added pressure defense. Reese failed to score in the first 6 minutes of the quarter and was behind 27-11 before Michelle Burgess broke the ice with a field goal. At the half Cass City had forged in front, 27-14.

It appeared as if the Hawks had the game well under control entering the final period with a 35-23 lead, but before it was over the Rockets had moved to within 6 points as Rachelle Heinlein netted 3 hoops and a free throw.

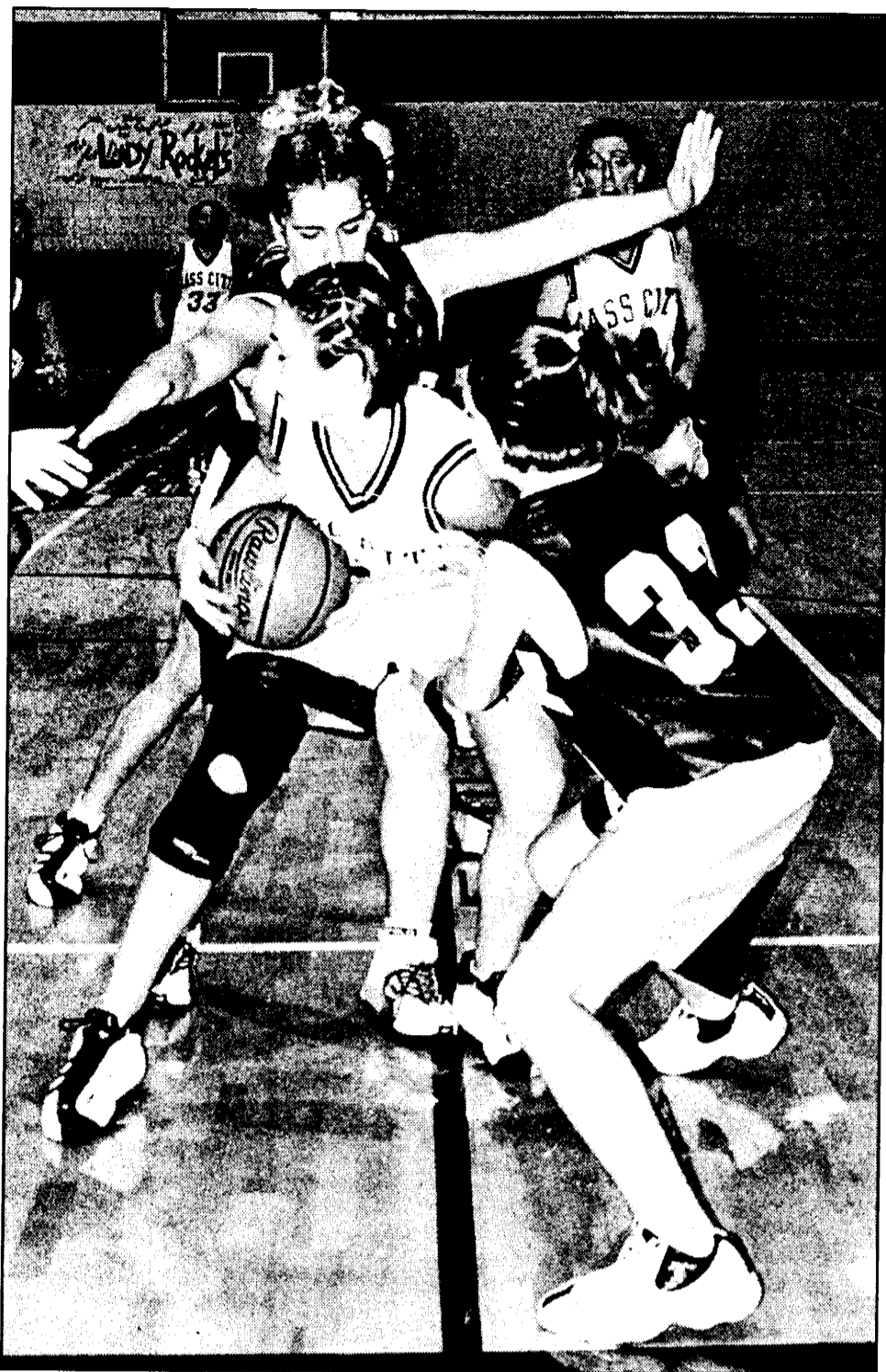
In addition, Deering suffered an injury and was lost for the remainder of the game. Cass City countered the Reese rally by forcing the Rockets from their packed in zone defense and then finding Hendrick around the hoop.

The lanky center, who has come on strong in the last 2 games, responded with 3 hoops and one of 2 free throws. It was the only charity toss missed in 11 tries. In the last 2 games she has converted 19 out of 23 free throws.

Hendrick ended with 20 points for the night and Deering added 11. Sara Homakie led the rebounders with 11. Amy Howard contributed 9 rebounds and 4 blocked shots. Heinlein led Reese with 16 points despite playing about half the game with an ankle injury.



RED HAWK Elise Pasant beats Patriot defender Erica Kuhl to the basket in Tuesday's victory over USA. Trailing the play is Cass City's Lindsey Hendrick.



SARA HOMAKIE, surrounded by Reese defenders, protects the ball after snapping off a rebound. Watching the play are Becky Hartel (33) and Tessia Zawilinski.

Hendrick leads Hawks past Unionville-Sebewaing, 67-54

The Cass City Red Hawks took a giant step last Tuesday in the drive towards the Greater Thumb West Conference basketball title. They defeated the surging USA Patriots 67-54 to maintain a 2-game lead over the rest of the field with 3 games remaining.

The teams traded baskets for the first quarter and a half. The Hawks jumped out of the starting gate with 5 quick points in the first minute and after USA scored, went in front 8-2 on a 3-pointer by Elise Pasant.

The Patriots countered the opening Hawk surge with a 12-2 run with Kristen Stahl leading the charge with 3 baskets. Helping the rally was a pair of fast break baskets after USA broke the Hawk full-court press.

The game was tied at 22-all 3 minutes into the second quarter when Cass City outscored the Patriots, 12-4, to take the lead and never lost it.

The rally featured 4 quick baskets and a pair of free throws by Lindsey Hendrick, all hoops scored from the low post. The Hawk guards were able to consistently get the ball inside to Hendrick in good scoring position.

The Patriots made a mini-run in the third quarter when they chipped away at Cass City's 36-26 half-time lead to close within 6 points, the closest they were to get in the rest of the game. The spurt was led by Kristy Sting's 2 hoops and 2 free throws.

Sara Homakie scored a hoop and 2 free throws, Deirdre Deering added a trey and a 2-pointer, Ashley Ouvry connected for 2 free throws and a 2-pointer and the Hawks were comfortably in front, 53-37 going into the final period.

Hendrick took over the scoring lead in the final quarter with 3 baskets and 2 free throws to complete her career scoring night with 23 points. Deering ended with 23 points including 3 trifectas. Homakie and Becky Hartel each contributed 5 assists. Stahl led USA with 18 points. Also in double figures for the Patriots was Sting with 10.

Owen-Gage nips Tigers in NCTL overtime battle

Owen-Gage bounced back into the win column Thursday with an overtime victory over CPS after losing at home Tuesday to North Huron.

The Bulldogs outscored the Tigers in overtime, 6-5, to register the 51-50 decision. Stephanie Dorsch scored 3 of her 5 points in the overtime. Kelly Zaleski added another hoop and Heidi Scott a crucial charity toss for the win. Liz Aebel hit a 3-pointer in the overtime on her way to 15 points for the night.

The Tigers jumped off to an early lead, 16-11, in the first quarter, paced by Courtney Willis' trifecta and 2 other hoops. Kelly Zaleski netted 3 hoops in the quarter and was the team's game high scorer with 15.

Both offenses stalled in the second period and at the half the Tigers were in front, 20-15. A big third quarter paced by Kayla Zaleski's 4 baskets shot the Bulldogs ahead going into the final 8 minutes, 34-30.

In double figures for O-G, in addition to Kelly Zaleski, were Kayla Zaleski, 11, and Scott, 10.

A last half collapse by the Bulldogs enabled North Huron to post a 42-22 decision. In the final 2 periods the Bulldogs scored just 6 points.

The last half lid on the basket was a surprise as Owen-Gage scored 11 points in the second quarter, breaking out from a 5-all tie after the first 8 minutes. At the end of the half the Bulldogs were in front, 16-13.

Although Owen-Gage scored just 4 points in the third quarter the team was still in contention, trailing 24-20 going into the last quarter.

An 18-2 advantage in the last quarter turned a close game into a decisive victory for the Warriors.

HOOP STANDINGS

| GREATER THUMB WEST | | | |
|------------------------------------|----|----|------|
| Team | W | L | W/L |
| Cass City | 11 | 1 | 14/1 |
| Mayville | 9 | 3 | 14/4 |
| Reese | 7 | 5 | 9/8 |
| Laker | 7 | 5 | 11/7 |
| USA | 6 | 6 | 9/9 |
| Bad Axe | 6 | 6 | 7/11 |
| Valley Lutheran | 1 | 11 | 1/15 |
| BCAS | 1 | 11 | 1/18 |
| * Clinched at least share of title | | | |

| GREATER THUMB EAST | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|------|
| Team | W | L | W/L |
| Marlette | 10 | 2 | 14/4 |
| Harbor Beach | 9 | 3 | 12/6 |
| Udby | 9 | 3 | 12/5 |
| Deckerville | 7 | 5 | 12/6 |
| Sandusky | 6 | 6 | 9/9 |
| Cros-Lex | 4 | 8 | 7/9 |
| Brown City | 3 | 9 | 3/15 |
| Yale | 0 | 12 | 3/15 |

| NORTH CENTRAL THUMB | | | |
|---------------------|----|----|-------|
| Team | W | L | W/L |
| Peck | 14 | 0 | 14/4 |
| Kingston | 10 | 3 | 12/6 |
| North Huron | 9 | 4 | 11/6 |
| Cassville | 7 | 7 | 9/9 |
| CPS | 6 | 6 | 6/9 |
| Owen-Gage | 6 | 6 | 11/11 |
| Port Hope | 3 | 11 | 5/14 |
| A-Fairgrove | 0 | 14 | 0/18 |
| * Clinched title | | | |

OWEN-GAGE - Kayla Zaleski 5-0 (1-2) 11; Scott 1-0 (8-16) 10; Adams 1-0 (4-6) 6; Pawelski 1-0 (0-1) 2; Kelly Zaleski 7-0 (1-3) 15; Enderle 1-0 (0-0) 2; Dorsch 2-0 (1-10) 5.
TOTALS - 18-0 (15-40) 51.

CPS - Willis 4-1 (1-2) 12; Christy 3-0 (0-0) 6; Basler 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kolascz 2-0 (0-0) 4; Watson 1-0 (3-12) 5; L. Aebel 3-2 (3-5) 15; S. Aebel 1-0 (0-2) 2; Ostrander 1-0 (0-0) 2; Christenbery 0-0 (2-4) 2.
TOTALS - 16-3 (9-25) 50.

OWEN-GAGE - Kayla Zaleski 1-0 (0-0) 2; Rievort 1-0 (0-0) 2; Scott 0-0 (3-4) 3; Adams 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kelly Zaleski 3-0 (1-2) 7; Dorsch 2-0 (2-2) 6.
TOTALS - 8-0 (6-8) 22.

NORTH HURON - Baron 0-0 (2-2) 2; Clark 1-0 (0-0) 2; DePrekel 1-1 (3-11) 8; Miller 1-0 (0-0) 2; Glasser 1-0 (3-6) 5; Rice 1-0 (2-2) 4; Schumacker 1-0 (0-0) 2; Yaroch 0-1 (0-0) 3; Baranski 2-0 (0-0) 4; Inda 4-0 (2-6) 10.
TOTALS - 12-2 (12-20) 42.

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| Team High Game: Cablettes 1030. | |
| High Series: R. Finkbeiner 515, R. Linzner 472, B. Ware 468, C. Slaughter 464. | |
| High Games: R. Finkbeiner 194, R. Linzner 183, T. Avery 172, M. Haley 174, D. Mathewson 176, L. McCarthy 172, F. Witherspoon 174, E. Romain 179, A. Skrent 172. | |

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High Team Game: R & H Body Shop 1048.

High Team Series: Hair-n-More 2948.

CHARMONT As of Nov. 2

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| Osentoski Farm Equip. | 21 |
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High Team Series: Thumb Auto Wash 1770.

High Team Game: Riverbend 642.

MERCHANETTE LEAGUE As of Nov. 1

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| The Chiropractors | 46 |
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Women's High Series: M. Gettel 540, P. Bauer 538, C. Smith 518.

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High Team Game: J.B.'s Crew 874.

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THE CASS CITY Middle School cross-country team members for 2001 included: (front l-r) Tyler Burk, Cassie Wilson, Kim Proctor, Travis Mabe (middle l-r) Aaron Bardwell, Joe Homrocky, Lukas Varney, Austin Babich, Cole Miller, Jeremy Farr (back l-r) Shawn Thornton, Brent Cooper and Kyle Reif.

At Brooklyn Saturday

Hawk runners complete fine season

The Red Hawks concluded an excellent running season Saturday. The entire girls' team and Brandon Vargo ran at the State Cross-Country Finals at Brooklyn, Mich.

It was a fun race. There were over 1,800 runners in all classes. It was a great experience for the runners. Coach

Ernie Stec said most of the Red Hawks had personal best times or were very close to their best times.

The runners that participated were Brandon Vargo, Annjea Tanton, Liz Hoyt, Ashley Ouyry, Carrie Hillaker, Tara Whittaker, Sarah Zawilinski and

Samantha Schmidt.

Brandon Vargo and Ashley Ouyry were the only seniors, so this was their final cross-country race. They worked very hard and were a pleasure to coach, Stec reported. They will be missed next year. The rest of the runners that participated at the meet will be back next year.

Greater Thumb West releases soccer All Conference squads

Valley Lutheran dominated the Greater Thumb West All Conference Teams with 5 members on the first team and 3 on the second team. Cass City placed Josh Windsor on the first team and Caleb Hanby and Stan Woodruff on the second team.

FIRST TEAM

Adam Wuerfel, Kevin Altevogt, Chris Matzke, Nick Weiss, John Hamling, all of Valley Lutheran. Josh Windsor, Cass City. Dan Weidman, Jeremy Kreh, Chad Gardner, all of

Lakers.

Greg De Courval, Nick Mausolf, Brett Backman, Matt Storey, all of Bad Axe. Mike Kuhl, USA

SECOND TEAM

Anthony Lopez, Bryan Borenitsch, Aaron Wohlfeil, all of Valley Lutheran. Caleb Hanby, Stan Woodruff, both of Cass City. Kyle Gascho, Matt Tyfair, both of Lakers. Kelly Wagner, Nick Brown, Jimmy Baird, all of Bad Axe. Chris Loeffler, Adam Dehmelt, Kevin Strieter, all of

USA.

HONORABLE MENTION

Brad Kloha, Josh Krueger, Josh Meckes, all of Valley Lutheran. Sean McFarland, Cory Rickett, Jarred Glaza, Jordan Glaza, all of Cass City. Bryan Anderson, Mike Yoder, Jason Dietzel, all of Lakers.

Adam Luedke, Matt Thoms, Colin Weaver-Johnson, all of Bad Axe. Denver Ashman, Jeff Neuman, Tyler Southgate, Brian Packard, all of USA.

Hawk JV gridiron team finishes with 5-4 mark

The Cass City junior varsity football team ended its 2001 season with a 5-4 mark, suffering 3 of those losses in the final minute of the game.

The Hawks started the season with 16 returning players from last year's squad and 14 freshman. The strength of the team, according to the coaching staff, was that they played hard the entire game and did not give up. Adding, "With this group of sopho-

mores taking their talent to the varsity level next year and an undefeated 8th grade class coming up to join the junior varsity, the future of Hawk football looks promising."

The Hawks season results were:

| | |
|-------|--------------------|
| Hawks | Opp. |
| 34 | Caro 6 |
| 40 | B.C.A.S. 0 |
| 26 | Lakers 34 |
| 28 | Bad Axe 6 |
| 14 | Reese 18 |
| 14 | USA 22 |
| 34 | Valley Lutheran 18 |
| 74 | Mayville 6 |
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Cass City's Laming named to GTW league dream team

The Greater Thumb West league champions Reese and second place USA dominated the all conference team as selected by coaches. Both Reese and USA placed 5 players on the first team, offense. On the defensive squad Rockets had 3 members and the Patriots, one.

Cass City placed Nathan Laming on the first team defense. Cason Harris earned honorable mention.

The complete squads:

FIRST TEAM Offensive

TACKLES - Josh Engelhardt, USA; Ryan Browne, Reese.

GUARDS - Tyler Colling, USA; Josh Deacons, Bad Axe; Kevin Bourassa, BCAS.

CENTERS - Kyle Ryan, Reese; Matt Shearich, USA.

KICKER - Matt Dubs, Reese.

ENDS - Charlie Saliard, Bad Axe; Scott Travis, USA.

QUARTERBACK - Brad Ruhanen, Reese.

BACKS - Justin Hopp, Reese; Rob Eisinger, Bad Axe; Brian Erndt, BCAS.

SECOND TEAM Offensive

TACKLES - Tom Ahearn, Bad Axe; Zach Ostrander, BCAS.

GUARDS - Matt Brzezinski, BCAS; Ben Haag, Lakers.

KICKER - Greg DeCourval, Bad Axe.

ENDS - Ben Kolhagen, Reese; Eric Bender, Valley Lutheran; Adam Gainforth, USA.

QUARTERBACK - Brad Gebauer, Bad Axe.

BACKS - Bob Saenz, USA; Jason Shaw, Lakers; Darrell Andrus, Reese; Mark Monto, BCAS.

HONORABLE MENTION Offensive

TACKLE - Dave Bismack, Lakers.

GUARD - Jeff Haiderer, Valley Lutheran.

END - Brett Perlberg, Valley Lutheran.

QUARTERBACK - Josh Hoppe, USA.

BACKS - Jack Wegner, Mayville; Jim Bauer, Reese.

FIRST TEAM Defensive

DEF. LINE - Scott Travis, USA; Jon Beythan and Max Seekely, both of Reese; Tom Ahearn and Sam Randell, both of Bad Axe.

PUNTER - Josh Craven, Bad Axe.

LINEBACKERS - Brad Langley, Bad Axe; Seth Bierlein, Reese; Nathan Laming, Cass City; Josh LePage, Lakers.

DEF. BACKS - Casey Bierlein, Reese; Tyler Smith, USA; Jon LePage, Lakers; Brian Erndt, BCAS; Brad Ruhanen, Reese.

SECOND TEAM Defensive

DEF. LINE - Bill Coma,

Lakers; Rick Ackerman, Mayville; Kevin Bourassa, BCAS; Adam Gainforth, USA.

PUNTERS - Matt Dubs, Reese; Blake Felsing, Valley Lutheran.

LINEBACKERS - Mike Voss, Lakers; Mike Leddy, Valley Lutheran; Jason Hahn, USA; Matt Dubs, Reese.

DEF. BACKS - Tim Bruce, Lakers; Kevin Thompson, Valley Lutheran; Charlie Saliard, Bad Axe.

HONORABLE MENTION Defensive

DEF. LINE - Matt Sattelberg, Valley Lutheran; Cason Harris, Cass City; Dave Popp, USA.

PUNTER - Jason Hahn, USA.

LINEBACKERS - Tyler Colling, USA; Zach Ostrander and Ryan Lukowski, both of BCAS; Roger Bolzman, Bad Axe; Rich Cross, Mayville.

Free MAEAP workshops slated

Tuscola County Farm Bureau members involved with the livestock and dairy industries are encouraged to attend a series of free educational workshops regarding the Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP).

Producers can attend the upcoming meeting Nov. 13 at the Huron County Farm Bureau at 6:30 p.m., or Nov. 14 at the Sanilac County Farm Bureau at 9 a.m.

The meetings, which are scheduled as a way to help dairy and livestock producers reduce legal and environmental risks, will be held statewide throughout the winter.

The Livestock System Phase I educational sessions are part of the 3-phase MAEAP program. Participants will receive help evaluating their current farm practices and learn the impacts certain practices have on the environment.

Attendees also will learn MAEAP's interaction with the Right-to-Farm Generally

Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices. As well, information will be provided on the steps necessary for MAEAP involvement, including information on the heart of MAEAP, which is the development of a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan.

More than 700 producers attended last year's MAEAP educational workshops, according to Michigan Farm Bureau's Scott Piggott, co-chair of the MAEAP Steering Committee. "MAEAP is the best way for producers to position their farm for protecting the environment, regardless of future requirements in the state," Piggott said.

While there is no fee for the seminars, reservations should be made by calling Tuscola County Farm Bureau at (989) 673-4155. Producers needing additional information should contact their local Farm Bureau or MSU Extension office or call the MAEAP office at (517) 353-1758.

STDI assistance projects available

Small communities that need assistance in planning downtowns, designing walking or biking paths or industrial parks, or dealing with land use planning and agricultural land preservation can get it from Michigan State University.

The Small Town Design Initiative (STDI), a joint project of the MSU College of Social Science, the Landscape Architecture Program, MSU Outreach and Michigan State University Extension, brings specialists together with leaders of communities with populations from 500 to 15,000 people to address local issues.

Six STDI pilot projects have already been initiated. One is developing a park, another is aimed at improving a fairgrounds, and several are focused on using consensus building and imagery to define community character.

Each project is coordinated with the local MSU county Extension office and brings together a team of MSU faculty members, specialists and students to work with residents to define and address local needs.

Townships, charter townships, municipalities, non-profit organizations and local citizen groups may apply for STDI assistance.

Completed applications for the current cycle are due Nov. 15. Applications for the next cycle will be due March 15, 2002. For an application or more information, contact STDI director Warren Rauhe at 517-353-7880, e-mail rauhe@msu.edu or visit www.ssc.msu.edu/~sla/smalltowns.

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5 YEARSAGO

Sanilac police have uncovered what county drug enforcement officials are calling the largest, most professional marijuana processing operation they've seen. The discovery was made Halloween night, on a 75-acre farm in Evergreen Township. The operation is estimated to be capable of producing more than 20,000 pounds of processed marijuana worth several million dollars each year.

Edward G. Schwartz Jr., son of Margie Schwartz of Cass City and the late Edward G. Schwartz Sr., recently retired from the U.S. Navy after 20 years of service.

The Cass City Rotary Club donated \$1,500 to the Red Hawk basketball team recently with money earned during its annual 4th of July Festival basketball tournament.

The United Methodist Women met Nov. 4 for a dinner meeting served by group #5. Shirley Wolfe and Iris Tuckey were co-chairpersons. Janet Bryant showed slides of her experiences as an exchange nurse to the British Isles.

Cass City fifth graders narrowly elected Bob Dole over Bill Clinton, 50-48, in a mock election held last week at the village municipal building.

10 YEARSAGO

For many years the price of gasoline in Cass City was higher than in many neighboring communities. But last week it was lower than offered in the Thumb and nearly, if not all stations in Michigan. The dip in prices ended Monday when cost for no-lead was increased from 99 cents to \$1.069, still good but not below everyone else in the Thumb.

Cass City High School junior Jude McNaughton was recently chosen to join the

Blue Lake International Jazz Band, which is planning a 21-day European tour next summer.

A pair of United Parcel Service drivers from Cass City were recently honored for safe driving records. They are Francis Withey and Al Wallace, both of whom work out of the UPS facility in Cass City. Withey, was recognized by the company for completing 25 years of driving without an accident. Wallace, was honored for completing 15 years of driving without an accident.

The Cass City junior varsity and 8th grade football teams have posted a perfect football record this year. Both are undefeated. Several players were cited for effort during the year. The team selected Jason Walthers, Ed Nizzola, John Philips and Jason Morgan as honorary co-captains.

The Cass City Red Hawks are champions of the Blue Bay League and need only the victory in the final 2 league games to take the undisputed crown. It will be only the third league championship won by the girls. The last titles came in the Thumb B Association in 1979 and 1980.

25 YEARSAGO

Martin Stapleton, 72, Gagetown, helped make medical history last week at Hills and Dales General Hospital when he underwent the first pace-maker implant operation ever performed at the facility. Surgeon was Dr. Saib Isterbadi of Marlette, who was recently appointed to the medical staff of Hills and Dales.

According to a ruling by the State Department of Public Instructions Cass City Schools can no longer use vans for transporting small groups of students to various extra-curricular functions. Station wagons can be used. Also required will be a state

approved bus driver for each trip.

Clarke Haire, junior back for Cass City, was named first team all Thumb B Conference on defense Monday night by league coaches. He led the team in interceptions. Tom Dorland, senior linebacker, was named to the first team defensive team. He led Cass City every week in tackles made. Ron O'Dell was named 2nd team offensive tackle; Dan Erla, 2nd team offensive guard, Rick Hollis, 2nd team defensive end, and Walt Laming, 2nd team defensive - I.L.

Bernard Pilarski of Cass City, is one of 20 winners in the Michigan's Lottery's new 50-cent game who will gather in Lansing Nov. 15 for a semi-final elimination drawing. He's assured of at least \$2,000 and if he's one of 5 finalists that total could reach well into 6 figures.

The Lions Auxiliary held its monthly dinner meeting Monday night at Veronica's Restaurant. A program was presented by "Buds and Blossoms", with Charlene Bensinger and Becky Link as demonstrators.

35 YEARSAGO

Elkland township voters authorized the take over of the housing of the Elkland Township Fire Department by a resounding 751-231 majority in Tuesday's election. The authorization came after 2 previous votes to have the village provide new housing for the department was defeated by voters in the village.

Drive Chairman Willis Campbell announced this week that the Elkland-Novesta Townships Community Chest has again reached its quota. To date \$7,542.74 has been collected. This year's quota of \$7,500 was the highest in the history of the drive in the area.

Favorable interest rates on money invested have resulted in substantial returns for the Cass City School District, William Ruhl announced this week. The money was invested until needed to pay contractors as the work proceeds. By Nov. 17, Ruhl reported, the school will have realized \$62,000 in interest.

The congregation of the Novesta Church of Christ voted to call David Altman, 23, as pastor of the church, in a special meeting held Monday evening. He will replace George Getchel who resigned.

Schools were closed for the day Wednesday when an early snowstorm hit the area.

BASKETBALL - FOOTBALL - SOCCER - CROSS COUNTRY - GOLF

SCHEDULES

Catch the Hawks in their Final Home Game

November 6 Bay City All Saints

GIRL'S BASKETBALL

| | | |
|---------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Aug. 28 | Caro 18, Cass City 57 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 4 | Brown City 43, Cass City 64 | 6:00 p.m. |
| 5 | North Branch (Fresh) | 6:00 p.m. |
| 6 | Harbor Beach 41, Cass City 44 | 5:00 p.m. |
| 12 | Cros-Lex (Fresh) | 6:00 p.m. |
| 13 | Valley Lutheran 26, Cass City 62 | 5:00 p.m. |
| 18 | Marlette 45, Cass City 59 | 5:00 p.m. |
| 20 | Lakers 45, Cass City 37 | 5:00 p.m. |
| 25 | Sandusky 49, Cass City 50 | 5:00 p.m. |
| 27 | Bad Axe 59, Cass City 84 | 6:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 2 | Deckerville 33, Cass City 40 | 5:00 p.m. |
| 4 | USA 37, Cass City 57 | 6:00 p.m. |
| 9 | Reese 59, Cass City 62 | 5:00 p.m. |
| 11 | Bay City A.S. 24, Cass City 56 | 5:00 p.m. |
| 16 | Mayville 40, Cass City 49 | 6:30 p.m. |
| 18 | Valley Lutheran 45, Cass City 69 | 5:00 p.m. |
| 23 | Lakers 57, Cass City 69 | 5:00 p.m. |
| 25 | Bad Axe 44, Cass City 56 | 6:00 p.m. |
| 30 | USA 54, Cass City 67 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 1 | Reese 40, Cass City 48 | 5:00 p.m. |
| 6 | Bay City A.S. | 5:00 p.m. |
| 8 | Mayville (V/JV) | 6:00 p.m. |

Home games in bold

FOOTBALL

| | | |
|---------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Aug. 24 | Caro 40, Cass City 0 | 7:30 p.m. |
| 30 | Bay City All Saints 38, CC 18 | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 7 | Lakers 34, Cass City 20 | 7:30 p.m. |
| 14 | Bad Axe 43, Cass City 18 | 7:30 p.m. |
| 21 | Reese 34, Cass City 0 | 7:30 p.m. |
| 28 | USA 36, Cass City 0 | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 5 | Valley Lutheran 7, Cass City 6 | 7:30 p.m. |
| 12 | Mayville 13, Cass City 42 | 7:30 p.m. |
| 19 | Deckerville 44, Cass City 8 | 7:30 p.m. |

Home games in bold

CROSS COUNTRY

| | | |
|---------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Aug. 29 | Akron-Fairgrove Invite (HS) | 4:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 5 | USA Invite (HS/MS) | 4:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 8 | Bad Axe Invite | ?? |
| 15 | Holly Invite (HS/MS) | 8:00 a.m. |
| 20 | Frankenmuth Invite (HS) | 4:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 6 | Cass City Invite (HS/MS) | 9:00 a.m. |
| 10 | C'ville-Pt. Sanilac (HS/MS) | 4:00 p.m. |
| 13 | Reese Invite (HS/MS) | 8:00 a.m. |
| 16 | League Invite | 4:30 p.m. |
| 20 | Caro Invite (HS/MS) | 11:00 a.m. |

Home meets in bold

GOLF

| | | |
|---------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Aug. 16 | Cass City Invite | 9:00 a.m. |
| 21 | Frankenmuth | 4:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 5 | 9 Hole League Invite | 4:30 p.m. |
| 7 | Brown City Invite | 8:30 a.m. |
| 10 | Mayville | 4:15 p.m. |
| 12 | Deckerville | 4:15 p.m. |
| 14 | Essexville Garber Invite | 9:00 a.m. |
| 17 | Ubyly | 4:15 p.m. |
| 19 | Valley Lutheran | 4:15 p.m. |
| 24 | Harbor Beach | 4:15 p.m. |
| 26 | Lakers | 4:15 p.m. |
| 27 | Vassar | 4:15 p.m. |
| Oct. 1 | Bay City A.S. | 4:15 p.m. |
| 5 | Vassar Invite | 8:30 a.m. |
| 8 | Bad Axe | 4:15 a.m. |

Home matches in bold

SOCCER

| | | |
|---------|-----------------------------|--------|
| Aug. 25 | USA Invite | TBA |
| 28 | Caseville | 5 p.m. |
| 30 | Harbor Beach 9, Cass City 2 | 5 p.m. |
| Sept. 4 | Cros-Lex | 5 p.m. |
| 7 | Caro | 5 p.m. |
| 8 | Bad Axe Invite | 9 a.m. |
| 11 | Sandusky | 5 p.m. |
| 13 | Marlette | 5 p.m. |
| 18 | Valley Lutheran | 5 p.m. |
| 20 | Harbor Beach | 5 p.m. |
| 25 | USA | 5 p.m. |
| 27 | Bad Axe | 5 p.m. |
| Oct. 2 | Lakers | 5 p.m. |
| 4 | Valley Lutheran | 5 p.m. |
| 9 | Sandusky | 5 p.m. |
| 11 | USA | 5 p.m. |
| 16 | Bad Axe | 5 p.m. |
| 18 | Lakers | 5 p.m. |
| 22-27 | Districts | 5 p.m. |

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Obituaries

Clara Ebel

Clara Ebel, 94, of Owendale, died Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2001, in Satchell's Adult Foster Care Home, Caro.

She was born June 8, 1907, at home in Sandusky to Richard J. and Nellie (Coon) Loree. She married Art Ricker in 1928. He died in 1931. She married Alva Ricker in 1938. He died in 1962. Clara married Fred Ebel in 1978. He died in 1996.

She attended Michigan State Normal College (now EMU) in Ypsilanti. She moved to Owendale in 1927. She taught school there for 4 years, then for 6 years in Sandusky after the death of her first husband. She was a former member of Faith Lutheran Church in Florida. She was a member of the Owendale United Methodist Church. She was a life member of the Eastern Star, a former member of the Woman's Study Club and the Methodist Woman's Club.

She is survived by her sisters-in-law, Beryl Osborn Otto of Cass City and Adelaide Loree of Flint; friends and neighbors, Ken and Sue Error; Fred's brothers, sisters, 5 children, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her 2 brothers, Richard J. Loree and John H. Loree.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 3, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor John Heim of Owendale United Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in Grant

Township Cemetery, Gagetown.

Memorials may be made to the Owendale United Methodist Church or Rawson Memorial Library.

Grace Herriman

Grace Emma Eskilsen Warren Herriman, 88, of Caro Senior Commons, died Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2001, at Caro Community Hospital.

She was born Jan. 8, 1913, in Wisner, and lived most of her life in Tuscola County. She is survived by 8 children and their spouses, Carol (Leon) Butler of Caro, Dorothy (Harry) Toms of Tawas City, James (Sue) Warren of Fenton, Kelly (Debra) Warren of Vassar, Richard (Vicki) Warren of Vassar, Kay Asher of Cass City, Janet (Gene) Leisure of Conway, S.C., and Ruth Ann (Rudy) Wrathell of Conway, S.C., and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by 7 children, Erwin Warren, Jack Warren, Betty Hayes, Butch Warren, Lee Warren, Bob Warren, Gary Warren, 3 brothers, and 4 sisters.

A memorial service was held at Collon Funeral Home Saturday, Nov. 3, with Pastor Phil Whipple, of Colwood United Brethren in Christ Church, officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Herriman Family Discretionary Fund.

Leonard Sparks

Leonard A. Sparks (Sparky), 88, died Oct. 13, 2001.

He was born in Grahn, Ky., and raised in Maranescos, Mich.

After surviving the Great War of the Depression, Sparks served in the U.S. Navy through both WWII and Korea. A machinist by trade, he retired from Hewlett-Packard.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Meadie; his daughter, Daryl Sparks of Petaluma, Calif., and half-sister, Norma Huff of Louisville, Ky.

Funeral services were held at El Camino/Benbough Chapel Thursday, Oct. 18.

In lieu of flowers, family requests donations be made in Spark's name to American Red Cross or other charity supporting survivors of the Sept. 11 attack on our country.

Mary Umbreit

Mary. Umbreit, 79, of Forestville, died Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2001, at St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw.

She was born May 9, 1922, in Lohair, Ky., to Henry and Nerva Jane (Collins) Stacy. She married Robert Umbreit May 7, 1943, in Harrisburg, Pa.

She was a graduate of a country school in Kentucky. She was a waitress in Kentucky and Michigan. She worked as a riveter for Briggs Manufacturing of Detroit. After returning to Port Hu-

ron, Mary worked for many years as a dietician at Marwood Manor and Port Huron General Hospital. She retired after 10 years at Dett Manufacturing of Deckerville.

She was a member of the Unity United Church of Christ of Forestville. She was also a member of the Harbor Beach Elementary School Grandparent Program for 15 years.

She is survived by her husband, Robert of Forestville; 3 daughters, Janie Clink and her husband, Hugh, of Forestville, Beth Ann Gasczynski and her husband, Michael, of Cass City, and Tammy Cleland and her husband, Ronald, of Saline; 2 sons, Ronnie Umbreit of Harbor Beach, and Robert Umbreit of Saline; 21 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one sister, Merza Stacy of Forestville.

She was preceded in death by one grandson, Hugh Clink; 4 brothers, Merdie, Edgar, James and Hurst Stacy; and one sister, Marie Langolf.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Smigielski Funeral Chapel. The Rev. Robert A. Srock, pastor of Minden City United Methodist Church, officiated.

Cremation has taken place at the Sunset Valley Crematory of Bay City.

Memorials are requested to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Bank employees raise \$200

Employees from Independent Bank East Michigan held a "Casual Because We Care Day" to support the "Kids Against Drugs" (K.A.D.) program in Huron County.

In October, Independent Bank employees and customers worked together to raise money for the K.A.D. program in Huron County. Employees who made a donation to the program were able to dress casually for the day. Their efforts raised over \$200.

Each month, Independent Bank East Michigan holds a "Casual Because We Care Day" to raise awareness, interest, and funds for various national and community causes. This type of effort is a program that originated more than 10 years ago at Independent Bank, and it continues to be a highly regarded employee program.

The K.A.D. program began in February 1991 and continues to be a well-received program by parents and students of Huron County. The program is targeted towards fourth and fifth graders discussing such topics as why do kids do drugs, drugs and the law, peer pressure, and self esteem. The program is sponsored by the Huron County Sheriff's Department and is one of their many

Safety Education Programs. "This is a great program and one we definitely support," said Ron Long, president and CEO of Independent Bank

East Michigan. "I am pleased with the involvement of our staff and their desire to assist local community programs, such as the K.A.D."

Ringers to perform at church Sunday

The Capital City Ringers, a 15-member professional handbell ensemble from the Lansing area will perform in concert at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 Cemetery Rd.

The Capital City Ringers are involved in community service and concert performances within Michigan and the surrounding states and perform 15 to 20 times a year. In addition, they currently have both CD and cassette recordings available.

Their many engagements include appearances at the Holiday Pops Concert with the Lansing Symphony, the Michigan State Capitol, Epcot Center and Disney World.

The Capital City Ringers Concert Program includes many original handbell compositions in addition to sacred, classical and Christmas arrangements which include selections from Messiah and The Nutcracker Suite.

The whole family will enjoy this event. An offering will be taken.

Tax update meeting scheduled

A special Farm Income Tax Update Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 20, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Detroit Edison Service Center in Cass City (located 1/2 mile south of the Shell Gas Station, M-81).

The program will cover a number of tax rule changes that have recently been put in place and how they will affect your 2001 tax year.

Some of the rule changes have a phase in periods, which could have impact on 2002 and beyond tax reports. Understanding the changes and how they may impact your tax situation is an important part of a tax management plan.

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O-G Honor Roll

The first marking period honor roll for Owendale-Gagetown Jr./Sr. High Schools has been announced.

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Julie Howard*, Warren Hunt, Adam Kain, Scott Kunderling, Ashley Pawlak*, Jennifer Sparkes, Bridget Stirett, Christopher Tabar, Shannon Thorp, Katie Wenskay, Kelly Zaleski.

6TH GRADE

Lea Aldrich, Brian Binder, Bethany Kovach, Courtney Lester, Nathan Minkler, April Nowaczky, Joshua Starks, Joshua Volk, Matthew Volk.

7TH GRADE

Kaylee Anderson, Joshua McLaren, Amber Pillsbury, Alec Powell*, Rebecca Schmidt.

8TH GRADE

Michelle Brown, Trace Lopez, Nathan Rogers.

9TH GRADE

Wendy Errer, Mary Ellen McKee*, Tabatha Perdue, Amanda Pillsbury, Nashia Pritch, Nicole Schmidt, Katie Swiastyn*, Kayla Zaleski.

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R. Haag tops in FFA competition

Hours of entrepreneurship, farm labor and agriscience research paid off for 3 Michigan FFA college students who beat out competitors from around the country to win top awards at the 74th National FFA Convention, held Oct. 24-27 in Louisville, Ky.

Among the winners was Robert Haag, 19, of Sebawaing, who was the victor in the Diversified Crop Production-Placement Proficiency Award program.

"The Michigan agricultural industry is proud of these winners, and Michigan Farm Bureau and the Michigan FFA Foundation are thrilled that Farm Bureau and Michigan FFA leadership programs have allowed (them) to succeed," said Molly Avis, executive director of the Michigan FFA Foundation.

"We're confident that (their) accomplishments will provide additional inspiration for Michigan FFA members."

FFA Proficiency awards are designed to recognize students like Haag who excel in their work while getting hands-on experience in an area of interest. The Diversified Crop Production-Placement Award is one of 46 Proficiency Program areas of the National FFA Organization.

Throughout high school, Haag worked on a 1,000-acre cash crop farm that grew sugar beets, beans and corn. He worked nearly 1,500 hours and was responsible for planting, defoliating and recruiting high school students to chop weeds.

Haag was Michigan's sole competitor in the National Proficiency competitions. He became eligible after being named state winner at the Michigan FFA Convention in March. His application was forwarded to the National FFA, where he was selected as one of 4 from a field of 50 applicants.

Haag will board a plane for Costa Rica in June 2002 to learn about international marketing. A crop and soil sciences freshman, he plans to return to his family's farm after graduation.

Friends of Pets forms

A new group has formed for the betterment of companion animals.

The Cass River Pet FriendZ was organized to promote the respect and protection of companion animals in the community.

The organization's initial focus is to educate pet owners concerning the proper care, handling, and considerate treatment of companion animals and to encourage spay/neuter options to control overpopulation. Limited pathways for the placement of community pets into new homes are in the discussion stage. No rescue facilities are available at this time.

For more information or donations, contact us at Cass River Pet FriendZ, P.O. Box 513, Caro, MI 48723.

F.B. to consider several issues

The next farm bill, bovine tuberculosis (TB) eradication, federal permitting of large livestock farms, and fruit and vegetable marketing and bargaining are among the many issues delegates will consider at Michigan Farm Bureau's (MFB) 82nd annual meeting, to be held Nov. 27-30 at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme.

That's according to the 20-member MFB State Policy Development Committee, which had the daunting task this week of narrowing 850 to 900 resolutions adopted by Michigan's 68 county Farm Bureaus to about 130 resolutions for delegates to consider at the state annual meeting.

Resolutions adopted at the state level will become MFB guiding policies for 2002. The State Policy Development Committee is charged with outlining the organization's proposed stands on state and national issues and desired courses of action. Delegates at the state annual meeting can approve

policy as written by the committee or make amendments.

"Michigan Farm Bureau does not have a top-down policy where the state board makes the guiding decisions," said State Policy Development Committee Chairman Alan Garner, a Mason cash crop farmer. "Rather our state board directs staff only after resolutions are first developed by the county membership, reviewed by the State Policy Development Committee and ultimately approved 450 voting delegates to represent the state membership. Michigan Farm Bureau has always believed that the strength of the organization comes from this grassroots process."

County Farm Bureau influence was evident in the committee's consideration of policy regarding a new farm bill, Garner said.

"Clearly at the forefront of everyone's mind is what kind of farm bill we'll be dealing with as we move into the next 5- to 10-year period, depending upon what Congress leg-

islates," Garner said.

"We're taking a hard look at what's been passed out of the House and what the Senate may be proposing. But many of the thoughts and resolutions that came in from the counties follow the House bill closely."

MFB applauded the House passage of The Farm Security Act of 2001, saying the legislation would, among other things, provide farmers with essential market assistance and planting flexibility while still allowing for increased funding and enhancement of conservation programs.

Garner said the committee also considered several TB-related issues, including MFB maintaining its stance for a statewide ban on deer baiting. This fall the state Natural Resources Commission approved limited baiting in parts of northeast Michigan where there is high TB infection in white-tailed deer. MFB opposes baiting because deer are suspected of infecting Michigan's domestic live-

stock with the deadly lung disease, and according to scientific reports, TB can be transmitted through nose-to-nose and saliva contact at bait piles.

Additionally, the committee scrutinized the possibility that large livestock farms might have to obtain a federal permit that would certify them as meeting federal Clean Water Act standards. MFB argues that Michigan now operates under a "zero-discharge" standard, making the permits unnecessary. Garner said county resolutions consolidated by the committee instead favor the Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program, a multi-organization initiative to help farmers voluntarily develop plans for managing manure and other nutrients.

Another top issue considered by the committee, said Garner, was Public Act 344, better known as The Michigan Agricultural Marketing and Bargaining Act. The act outlines provisions for which an accredited entity can negotiate a commodity

sale price between fruit and vegetable growers and processors.

"We are very interested in making sure that the current law that is on the books is

vigorously enforced and that any challenges to P.A. 344 be deterred because we feel the act is of great benefit to the fruit and vegetable growers of Michigan," he said.

Blood drive set in Cass City

Many generous Americans nationwide have been donating blood since the terrorist attacks Sept. 11 to ensure a sustained and secure blood supply for all Americans.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on December 7, 2001.

The premises are located in the Township of Juniata, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

EXHIBIT A

Land situated in the Township of Juniata, County of Tuscola, State of MI, to-wit:

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 29, Township 13 North, Range 8 East, Juniata Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 29, which is South 00 degrees 01 minutes 55 seconds East, 655.28 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 29; thence continuing along said North and South 1/4 line, South 00 degrees 01 minutes 55 seconds East, 327.64 feet; thence North 85 degrees 51 minutes 35 seconds West, 237.90 feet; thence North 01 degrees 39 minutes 19 seconds West, 327.90 feet; thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 36 seconds East, 347.18 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to and including an easement for ingress and egress.

Also

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 29, Township 12 North, Range 8 East, Juniata Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 29, which is South 00 degrees 01 minutes 55 seconds East, 982.92 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said section 29, thence continuing along said North and South 1/4 line, South 00 degrees 01 minutes 55 seconds East, 327.65 feet; thence North 89 degrees 53 minutes 44 seconds West 328.61 feet; thence North 01 degrees 39 minutes 15 seconds West 328.01 feet; thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 36 seconds East, 377.90 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to and including an easement for ingress and egress. Permanent Parcel Number: 014-029-000-0550 (Parcel #1) 014-029-000-0800 (Parcel #2)

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: Oct. 31, 2001

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Old Kent Bank (now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Bank, Indiana).
As Mortgagee
2501 Rochester Court
Troy, MI 48083
(248) 457-1000

File # 200.0108

10-31-5

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: Melissa Lapratt to DNR Financial Services, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 1, 1999, and recorded on November 2, 1999, in Liber 786, on page 736, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgage to MYB Mortgage Corporation, by an assignment dated March 24, 2000, and recorded on July 24, 2000, in Liber 806, on Page 1307, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY AND 36/100 DOLLARS (\$65,603.36), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Friday, November 30, 2001.

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

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

Dated: October 9, 2001

MYB Mortgage Corporation
Mortgagee

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
30300 Northwestern Highway, First Floor
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334

10-17-5

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Krystyna Rollo, a single woman (original mortgagor) to CBSK Financial Group, Inc. DBA American Home Loans, A California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 27, 1999, and recorded on November 19, 1999 in Liber 788, on Page 35, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and rerecorded on May 24, 2000 in Liber 801, Page 987, Tuscola County Records and was assigned by said mortgage to the Chase Manhattan Bank, successor by merger to Chase Bank of Texas, N.A., /a Texas Commerce Bank, N.A., as Custodian, Assignee by an assignment dated April 30, 2001, which was recorded on July 16, 2001, in Liber 838, on Page 013, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTEEN AND 43/100 DOLLARS (\$83,715.43), including interest at 10.950% 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 November 30, 2001.

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

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, thence running North 10 rods; thence East 4 rods; thence South 10 rods; thence West 4 rods to the place of beginning. ALSO commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 2, Block 4 of the plan of Village of Millington recorded in Liber 1, Page 42A; thence North 8 rods; thence East 4 rods; thence South 8 rods; thence West 4 rods to the place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months(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 17, 2001

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200114488

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eddie P. Lusk, a single man and Monica R. Pavlick, a single woman (original mortgagors) to American Financial Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated October 15, 1996, and recorded on October 15, 1996 in Liber 699, on Page 079, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignment to State Street Bank and Trust Company as Trustee for Nomura Asset Acceptance Corporation Mortgage Pass Through Securities Series 2001 R1 without recourse, Assignee by an assignment dated May 22, 2001, which was recorded on June 5, 2001, in Liber 834, on Page 285, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR AND 50/100 dollars (\$74,964.50), including interest at 9.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 4, 2002.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF MILLINGTON, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 2, of Cooper Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 25, excepting all oil, gas and mineral rights reserved in warranty deed recorded in Liber 647, Page 1484, 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: November 7, 2001

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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11-7-5

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Frank E. Page and Andrea M. Page, his wife, to United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, mortgagee, dated September 26, 1985 and recorded September 26, 1985 in Liber 553, Page 1223, and re-recorded on January 9, 1986 in Liber 556, Page 1360 Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Forty-One and 34/100 Dollars (\$65,041.34) including interest at the rate of 10.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on November 23, 2001.

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

Lot 21 of Davidson Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 10, Vassar Township, Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: Oct. 10, 2001

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture.
As Mortgagee
2501 Rochester Court
Troy, MI 48083
(248) 457-1000

File # 202.0048

10-10-5

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by BRAD KAMRAD AKA (BRAD) J. KAMRAD AND LISA A. KAMRAD, HUSBAND AND WIFE TO ICON FINANCIAL GROUP INC., STATE OF MICHIGAN Mortgagee, dated June 15, 2000, and recorded on June 16, 2000, in Liber 803, on page 956 TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgage to ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC., by an assignment dated June 15, 2000, and recorded on June 16, 2000, in Liber 803 on page 964 TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred fifteen thousand eight hundred eighty four and 44/100 Dollars (\$15,884.44), including interest at 9.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI, at 11:00 AM, on December 7, 2001.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF CARO, TUSCOLA County, Michigan, and are described as:

LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 5 OF THE PLAT OF CENTERVILLE, (NOW CARO), ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 11 OF DEEDS, PAGES 362-363, NOW BEING LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 56, NOW BEING PAGE 59A.

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

DATED: October 31, 2001

ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC.
Assignee of Mortgagee

ATTORNEY FOR: Assignee of Mortgagee

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
For Information please call:
(248) 540-7701

10-31-4

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Matthew Reinert a married man and Melissa Reinert his wife (original mortgagors) to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated July 31, 1998, and recorded on August 24, 1998 in Liber 748, on Page 640, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY AND 52/100 dollars (\$78,750.52), including interest at 7.50% per annum, said Mortgage Modified by Loan Modification Agreement dated December 1, 1998 and recorded February 23, 1999 in Liber 764 on Page 177, Tuscola County Records.

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 November 30, 2001.

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

Section 30, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, commencing at a point 367.62 feet South of the Northwest corner of said Section, thence South 232.49 feet; thence East 400 feet; thence North 232.49 feet; thence West 400 feet to the point 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 10, 2001

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys and Counselors
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Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200125474

Hawks

10-10-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made by ELAINA M. JONIS, a single woman, MORTGAGOR, to AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCE, INC., of 4179 Highland Road, Waterford, Michigan 48328, MORTGAGEE, dated the 20th day of October, 1999, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan on the 26th day of October, A.D. 1999, in Liber 785 of Tuscola County Records, on Page 1068, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest the sum of Sixty-nine Thousand Eighty-four and 43/100 (\$69,084.43) Dollars.

And no suits or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Friday, the 30th day of November, A.D. 2001, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said Mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due as aforesaid, on said Mortgage, with the interest thereon at eleven and 87/100 (11.87%) percent per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

ALL CERTAIN PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DAYTON IN THE COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS TO-WIT:

The North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 12, Town 11 North, Range 10 East.

Tax I.D. No. 005-012-000-0426-00

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

DATED: OCTOBER 17, 2001

AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCE, Inc., Mortgagee

MITTELSTAEDT and McNEELY, P.C.
BY: Christopher E. McNeely (P-45664)
445 South Livernois, Suite 224
ROCHESTER HILLS, MI 48067
(248) 601-4700

Attorney for Mortgagee

10-17-5

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Glennis R. Griffith an unmarried man and Daniel P. Griffith an unmarried man (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Solutions of Michigan, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 2, 1999, and recorded on February 25, 1999 in Liber 764, on Page 680, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Homeside Lending, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated February 19, 1999, which was recorded on June 8, 2000, in Liber 803, on Page 049, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE AND 82/100 dollars (\$138,561.82), including interest at 6.750% 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 10:00 AM, on November 30, 2001.

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

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 23, Township 11 North, Range 9 East.

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 17, 2001

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
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Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200126348

Jaguars

10-17-5

MORTGAGESALE

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Johnson Potaro Farms, L.L.C., to Michigan National Bank. The Mortgage is dated June 25, 1998 and recorded on September 9, 1998 in Liber 749 on pages 711 through 721 of the Tuscola County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now One Million Eight Hundred Twenty Three Thousand Eighty Three and 35/100 (\$1,823,083.35) Dollars.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on December 14, 2001 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front entrance of the Court House in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan which is the location of the Circuit Court for Tuscola County, Michigan.

The following property to be sold is located in Akron and Dayton Townships, Tuscola County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgage as:

PARCEL 1: Part of the West 1/2 of fractional Section 18, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at point on the West line of said fractional Section 18; said point being along said West line South 01 degree 52'01" West, 280.00 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said fractional Section 18; thence continuing along said West line South 01 degree 52'01" West, 1034.68 feet to the South line of the Northwest 1/4 of the South-west 1/4 of said fractional Section 18; thence along said South line South 88 degrees 40'45" East, 1133.55 feet to the East line of said West 1/2; thence along said East line, North 01 degree 35'36" East, 1623.94 feet; thence North 88 degrees 24'24" West, 50.00 feet; thence North 01 degree 35'16" East, 164.07 feet; thence North 88 degrees 24'24" West, 132.00 feet; thence North 01 degree 35'36" East, 165.00 feet to the centerline of State Highway M-25; thence along said centerline South 62 degrees 14' West, 412.00 feet; thence South 02 degrees 05'22" West, 373.84 feet; thence South 01 degree 52'01" West, 285.84 feet; thence North 88 degrees 07'59" West, 554.00 feet to the point of beginning. EXCEPT an undivided 1/2 interest in and to all oil, gas and other minerals given to Cecil K. Bates as set forth in Liber 232 of Deeds, page 16 and any interest in subsequent instruments pertinent thereto.

PARCEL 2: Part of the West 1/2 of fractional Section 18, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of said fractional Section 18; said point being along said West line South 01 degree 52'01" West, 165.00 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said fractional Section 18; thence continuing along said West line South 01 degree 52'01" West, 115.0 feet; thence South 88 degrees 07'59" East, 554.0 feet; thence North 01 degree 52'01" East, 285.84 feet; thence North 02 degrees 05'22" East, 373.84 feet to the centerline of State Highway M-25; thence along said centerline South 62 degrees 14' West, 83.26 feet; thence South 01 degree 50'40" East, 379.95 feet; thence North 88 degrees 44'15" West, 226.69 feet; thence South 01 degree 52'01" West, 121.97 feet; thence North 88 degrees 07'59" West, 281.00 feet to the point of beginning. EXCEPT an undivided 1/2 interest in and to all oil, gas and other minerals given to Cecil K. Bates as set forth in Liber 232 of Deeds, page 16 and any interest in subsequent instruments pertinent thereto.

PARCEL 3: The West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, EXCEPT commencing 757 feet East of the South 1/4 corner of Section 27; thence East 210 feet; thence North 245 feet; thence West 230 feet; thence South 245 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL 4: The West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, EXCEPT beginning at a point on the South Section line, East 500.00 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 25; thence continuing East 823.22 feet to the East line of said West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4; thence along said line, North 0 degrees 22'08" East, 565.01 feet; thence West 824.82 feet; thence South 0 degrees 12'21" West, 565.00 feet to the point of beginning. Also EXCEPT the East 439.32 feet of said West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 EXCEPT the South 565 feet thereof.

The redemption period will expire One (1) year from the date of the sale.

Dated: November 7, 2001

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jamie T. Chambers And Heather A. Chambers, Husband And Wife, to Bank One, N.A., mortgagee, dated October 7, 1999 and recorded December 3, 1999 in Liber 789, Page 589, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE AND 41/100 Dollars (\$34,385.41) including interest at the rate of 9.74% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on December 7, 2001.

The premises are located in the Village of Fostoria, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

LOT 5 AND THE SOUTH 8 FEET OF LOT 4, BLOCK 16 OF THE PLAT OF THE VILLAGE OF FOSTORIA, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT LIBER 1, PAGES 44 TO 45, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 6

months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

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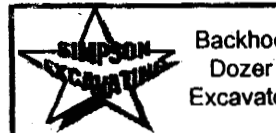
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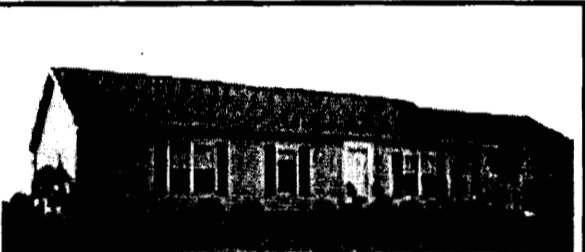
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Wednesday, November 7

The Cass City Bridge Club meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the Charmont Restaurant. Everyone welcome.

Friday, November 9

Alcoholics Anonymous, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.

Saturday, November 10

Cass City United Methodist Church Annual Bazaar & Lunch, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Monday, November 12

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

Wednesday, November 14

Family Story Hour 6:45 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.
Creation Science Classes, grades 2-12, Calvary Bible Fellowship, corner of Pine and Ale Streets, 3:30 p.m. and continuing the second Wednesday of each month. Call 872-4088.

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With Ideas for Feature Stories

It doesn't take much effort to strike up a conversation with Yukiko Ohtsubo.

The 17-year-old has a smile that lights up a room. She's easygoing and quick to share her infectious laugh.

Known as "Kiko" to her friends, Ohtsubo arrived in the United States just 2 1/2 months ago from her native Okinawa through the Cass City Rotary Exchange Program. She's currently staying with the Michelle and Jeff Hanby family and will spend the next year soaking up American culture.

Unlike many exchange students who have lived and attended school in the Cass City area, Ohtsubo has had little problem communicating with her host family and new found friends at school. In fact, English comes as easily to her as speaking Japanese.

Ohtsubo explained she has studied English all her life and has a number of Ameri-

can friends whose parents serve in the military in Okinawa. And she attends an American Baptist school.

Still, attending Cass City High School has offered some interesting contrasts.

"My school - K-12 - there's only about 100 (students), and here, the high school is like 500," she said, adding the classroom format is very different in that instruction at her school in Okinawa comes in the form of lessons presented by a teacher on video. The exception is physical education.

Ohtsubo grinned when asked about her experiences with teachers in the classrooms at Cass City High School. "I can't pause them or fast forward," she said, laughing. "I really like live teachers. I can talk to the person who's actually teaching it."

"My favorite class is physics. I like stressing my brain, but I do get to talk to people a lot," said Ohtsubo, who will graduate with her fellow seniors in Cass City, then return home to finish her senior year there. "I think the level (of difficulty in school here) is about the same. I just have to get used to the sys-

tem."

One school experience she couldn't have anticipated was the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.

"It was right before the third hour. People were talking about it, but nobody knew what was happening," she recalled, noting teachers turned on televisions so students could watch the events unfold on national broadcasts. "It was happening right in front of me, but it seemed unreal. I really respected how the students reacted. I respected how they respect their country."

Michelle Hanby's concern for Ohtsubo prompted her to go to the school to make sure her host daughter was alright. E-mails were quickly sent home to assure her parents. "They knew where I was and that I wasn't in New York," she said.

School has proven to be an enjoyable experience for Ohtsubo, who has had no problems making friends.

Asked about questions she's frequently asked by her fellow students, Ohtsubo said food has been among the topics. "Some people asked me if I eat sushi every day,"

she said, grinning. "It's like me asking if you eat steak every day."

As for her new surroundings, Ohtsubo indicated the rural Thumb is a real contrast to the more urban setting she's used to at home. But she's come to love watching the stars at night and taking walks in the woods.

She experienced her first camping outing just a few days after arriving in Cass City. She accompanied the Hanby family to Sleeper State Park where, she recalled, she had the greatest night of sleep since her 16-hour flight from Okinawa.

In the weeks since, Ohtsubo has adjusted to life with her new family and school. "It's really a comfort to have one of my host brothers in school with me," she said, referring to Caleb Hanby, 14. Ohtsubo, who has one older brother at home, also has another little brother here, Jacob, 12.

"She's adjusted well to our family. She helps out around the house," Michelle Hanby said. "She's a very nice gal. She's adjusted well to quiet country life."

"She's very talented; she's

played the violin for 13 years. She arranges flowers and does nail art," Hanby added. "And she's cooked a couple of Japanese meals for us."

Ohtsubo hopes her exchange experience will help her make some decisions. She's considering a career with an international flair - she's studying Spanish and is also interested in learning French - although she

hasn't narrowed her choices. "I still don't have my future planned - what I want to do - so I wanted to look for that," she said. "I think I want to go to college here."

In the meantime, Ohtsubo is looking forward to her first Michigan winter.

"She heard how seniors don't have to make up snow days, so she thinks that's cool," Hanby said.

Pilot project targets obesity

Cass City Public Schools had the opportunity to participate in a state pilot project through the Tuscola Intermediate School District's Health Education Department.

This project addresses the levels of obesity of youth. The percentage of children and adolescents who are overweight has almost doubled since 1980. About 11 percent are now overweight.

Overweight children are more likely to have high blood pressures, high cholesterol, and high insulin levels. They are more likely to become overweight adults who are at increased risk for heart disease and diabetes.

Because these behaviors are often established in childhood, positive choices need to be promoted early in life.

A fundamental mission of schools is to help young people acquire the knowledge and skills to become healthy and productive adults. By promoting healthy behaviors, schools can increase students' capac-

ity to learn, reduce absences, and improve physical fitness and mental alertness.

Robert Miner, regional health education coordinator, recently worked with a team of school personnel to help them identify important areas that contribute to healthy students.

The group used the School Health Index tool to rank the following areas according to specific criteria: Health Education, Physical Education, Health Services, Nutrition Services, Counseling, Psychological and Social Services, Healthy School Environment, Health Promotion for Staff, and Family/Community Involvement.

The areas of greatest concern will be the focus of future goals to improve the health of Cass City students and positively affect the rate of obesity.

If you would like to learn more about this project, please contact Robert Miner at the Tuscola ISD at 673-2144 ext. 423 or Jeanne Lohela, Cass City Middle School principal at 872-4397.

Arsenic rule will be costly

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97 percent are small systems that serve fewer than 10,000 people each.

In Michigan, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) officials estimate 450 water systems - about 15 percent of the state's total - will have to look at water treatment options.

The average cost for water that meets the new arsenic standard will depend on the size of the water system and the number of people served. Earlier EPA estimates placed the average household cost at between \$38 and \$327 annually for small community water systems (serving fewer than 10,000 people), and 86 cents to \$32 for larger systems.

When the tougher standards were first adopted by the Clinton Administration, then-Cass City Village Manager Jane Downing predicted the village, which has fewer than 3,000 residents and 1,010 public water utility customers, would face an estimated \$4 million bill to start water treatment, with another \$600,000 per year in operation costs.

According to Thursday's Associated Press report, the EPA plans to provide \$20 million for researching the most cost-effective technologies to meet the new arsenic standard.

Cass City's new Village Manager, Francis "Frank" Sheridan, said he would like to see federal officials gradually phase in the new standard in order to give communities enough time to research treatment options and cost estimates.

"I have a feeling we're going to have some consultants come in to talk to us about what of type facility we need, the technology," he said.

ARSENIC

Arsenic occurs naturally in

rocks and soil, water, air and plants and animals. Higher levels of arsenic tend to be found in ground water sources than in surface water sources of drinking water.

Compared to the rest of the United States, western states have more systems with arsenic levels greater than 10 parts per billion, according to the EPA.

However, while many systems in other regions may not have detected arsenic in their drinking water above 10 parts per billion, EPA officials note there may be geographic "hot spots" where arsenic levels are higher than typically seen in those areas.

Such is the case in Michigan's Thumb area, according to Jim Cleland, deputy chief of the DEQ's Drinking Water and Radiological Protection Division.

"We think the arsenic in groundwater is related to the rock formations that underlie that area," Cleland said. "They're quite extensive. They run from the tip of the Thumb down easily into southeastern Michigan."

Cleland said it isn't unusual to see arsenic levels of 25 to 30 parts per billion in the region. "But there have been very few instances where the prior standard of 50 parts per billion was exceeded."

Sheridan settling in

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an assistant city manager.

Wixom is a city of 13,263 residents. The city employs more than 60 people and has a general fund budget of some \$8.6 million. Cass City, meanwhile, has about 2,600 residents. The village employs about 20 people and has a general fund budget of \$1.6 million.

"The structure's about the same (in both municipalities) - instead of 3 wells, we had 14 wells - but the tax base

there is more industrial," Sheridan said. "There's very little commercial in Wixom - almost non-existent - so that will be different for me."

Although he's just getting settled in, Sheridan is looking forward to being a part of Cass City's future.

"The positives are the people that I've met so far - very upbeat, positive about the community," he said. "I'm sure the challenges are going to be economic development."

Firemen

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the day when he joined the department in 1974. However, the problem has grown with a trend of more individuals becoming employed outside the area.

"I strongly believe it will evolve, eventually, where we're going to have to have full-time staff on during the day," Mattlin said. "That's years ahead, (but) it's headed in that direction."

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