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Woman files suit against area bar

A Kingston area woman has filed a lawsuit against the Colwood Bar, its owner and 3 Deford area residents in connection with a traffic crash that left her seriously injured in November.

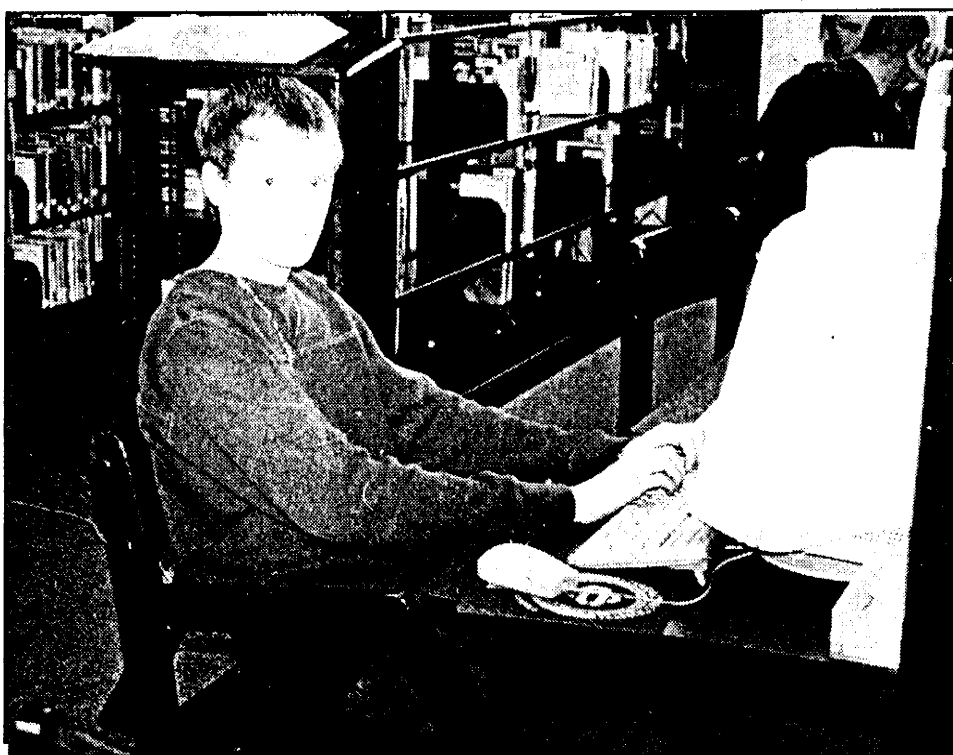
Davon L. DeLong filed the suit in Tuscola County Circuit Court, naming the Colwood Bar, bar owner Steven Orban, and Larry, Deborah and Brent Barrons as defendants. DeLong is seeking damages in excess of \$50,000.

According to the suit, Brent Barrons was the driver of a 1997 Chevrolet Blazer involved in a Nov. 22 crash at M-81 (East Caro Road) and McGregory Road that resulted in serious and permanent injuries to herself. Among the injuries, the suit states, were a closed-head injury, lacerated kidney, spleen and pancreas, a fractured jaw and teeth, and nerve damage extending down both of her legs.

The suit claims Barrons drove the Blazer with the permission of the vehicle's owners, Deborah and Larry Barrons of Deford.

The suit also claims that Brent Barrons was at the bar on the night of the accident and, although he was under the age of 21 at the time, was served alcohol and was not asked to show any identification.

The Chronicle could not reach Steven Orban or the Barrons for comment.



CASS CITY HIGH School Senior Dustin McKrow could earn his associate's degree by the end of the summer thanks to the dual enrollment program, which enables high school juniors and seniors to take free college classes. McKrow plans to pursue a career in computers after earning his bachelor's degree at SVSU.



SENIORS (FROM left) Lyndi Trischler, Ashley Ouvry and Guthry Laurie will each take 6 to 9 college credits with them when they graduate from Cass City High School this year.

Dual success

Cass City students racking up free college credit

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

With the school year nearly over, many high school seniors are shifting their attention to plans for college and future careers.

Dustin McKrow is among them, but the Cass City High School senior has a big leg up on most of this year's graduates. In fact, by the end of the summer, McKrow, 18, will have already earned an associate's degree.

McKrow is among more than 7,500 high school students in Michigan who are taking advantage of a little-known program known as "dual enrollment," which allows bright students to advance academically and earn college credits paid for by their own school district.

McKrow plans to earn his bachelor's degree at Saginaw Valley State University, where he'll major in information systems and business management. He began taking college courses at the beginning of his junior year and is currently enrolled in 4 college classes - digital design, operating systems, micro processing and blue prints and schematics - along with government and English, both requirements to complete his high school education.

"After this semester I'll have 37 (college) credits. By the end of the summer, I should have my associate's degree as long as I'm able to take all the classes I want to take," said McKrow, who has earned some of his college credit by taking summer courses.

McKrow said the dual en-

rollment program offers students several advantages.

"Obviously, the money I've saved, and it's nice to be able to sleep in till one on some days," he said of his schedule. "Also, I think it's been a really good transition. It's made a big difference - I'm more used to the college setting."

Cass City High School seniors Ashley Ouvry, Lyndi Trischler and Guthry Laurie, who are also earning college credit through the dual enrollment program, agreed.

"It's a good experience. It's a chance to get ahead," said Ouvry, who plans to attend Cornerstone College or Rochester College to earn a degree in social work or occupational therapy.

"It's a lot different than high school," she added. "There's no exceptions and they don't baby you through the steps."

Laurie, who plans to study business or agribusiness at Michigan State University, said he enjoys the challenge of tackling college-level work. "I like to apply myself. In high school you can get away with doing half the work and still get good

grades, but you've got to take notes and pay attention" in the college classes, he said. "It's easing us into college," added Trischler, who plans to study pre-med at Central Michigan University. "It's challenging. It's helped us even in our high school English classes."

"And it's nice to get more one-on-one help when we're just starting out," Ouvry said of the small class sizes.

Students' participation in dual enrollment is based on their performance on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests. In order for a student to be eligible, he or she has to have taken all 5 sections of the MEAP.

If the student is taking a core subject at the college level - English, math, science or social studies - they need to have scored well on the MEAP in that area. Also, any class taken at a college must be one that is not offered at the student's high school.

"It's your motivated kid who takes them (college classes). They see the value in this," said Cass City High School Counselor Wayne Dillon.

Growers celebrate sweet deal

Several Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) members who are shareholders in the new farmer-owned Michigan Sugar cooperative celebrated their "newfound freedom" when the co-op closed on its \$63.5 million purchase of 4 Michigan Sugar Co. processing plants during a ceremony held Tuesday in Carrollton.

The acquisition was scheduled to be commemorated at 2 p.m. at the Carrollton factory's warehouse in Saginaw County.

"The great thing about it is we're no longer at the whim of a private company that can decide to close up shop and move out of the country or just close up shop and not

have sugar beets in this part of the world anymore," said Saginaw farmer Don Sutto, a district director on the MFB board of directors.

"We're masters of our own destinies so to speak," he added. "We own the company and grow the product

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For Cass City Schools

Proposal would restore \$320,000 in state funds

School officials say they are pleased with a proposal that would restore a \$200 increase in per pupil funding next year.

But the plan also has its critics, including Senate Democrats and the state's school superintendent, who called the proposal "a short-term fix for a long-term problem" in a news release issued last week.

The state built in the \$200 increase for the 2002-2003 school year - from \$6,500 to \$6,700 per pupil - as part of a 3-year budget plan approved back in 2000. However, state budgeting woes have since put that increase in jeopardy.

Gov. John Engler and legislative leaders last week announced an agreement that would streamline collection of Michigan's 6-mill education tax, resulting in enough savings to deliver the promised school funding increase for 2003.

"The concerns school administrators and parents had on funding for the 2002-03 year are put to rest with this plan," said state Rep. Tom Meyer, R-Bad Axe. "We came up with a relatively simple solution that provides the necessary funding to meet the \$6,700 per pupil goal, plus give taxpayers a one-time break on the state levy for education."

Engler's proposal would

raise some \$500 million by moving up collection of the state's 6-mill portion of the education tax from December 2003 to July 2003, making the funding available in the 2003 fiscal year. In effect, the plan involves collecting 18 months worth of revenue to fund schools for one year.

Currently, about 24 percent of the state's local governments collect the entire 6-mill education tax in the summer, while 26 percent collect it in the winter and the remaining units collect half in the summer and half in the winter.

Under the agreement, foundation grants would increase to \$6,700 per student; at-risk program funding would remain intact; and teen health clinic funding would be restored by providing \$1.7 million in 2002 and allowing schools to use up to \$3.7 million of at-risk funding in 2003.

Meyer said the proposal also calls for a one-time reduction in the education tax from 6 mills to 5 mills to soften the blow to taxpayers, who would have to get used to paying all of the education tax in the summer. The one-time savings amounts to \$40 for the owner of a home with a market value of \$80,000.

Meyer noted the one-mill reduction would translate into a savings of some \$266 million to Michigan taxpayers.

"It will be a change for some people to pay the education tax in the summer, but after making the adjustment for one year I think everyone will see the benefits," said Meyer, who serves as vice

chair of the House Education Committee. "Taxpayers will get a little bit of help to ease the transition and Michigan schools can remain focused on continued excellence and improvement for students."

Last week's announcement was welcomed by Cass City School Supt. Ken Micklash, who estimated the restored \$200 per pupil will offset the lion's share of a projected \$440,000 deficit next year.

"Obviously we're pleasantly surprised and pleased," he said. "If you look at approximately 1,600 kids, that's about \$320,000."

Micklash explained the projected deficit was the result of a freeze in state funding and a projected 4-percent increase in costs for the district, which has an \$11 million budget. In addition, he

said, school officials negotiated a multi-year teachers contract last spring that includes salary increases of 3 percent in each of the next 2 years, and those negotiations were based, in part, on the anticipation of the promised increase in per-pupil funding.

Micklash said school officials have been looking at ways to make up the funding loss. "In our case we would, with some cutbacks and dipping into fund equity, have been able to maintain programs next year," he added.

Assuming the Legislature approves Engler's plan, school officials will still have to do some trimming, but to a much lesser extent, Micklash said. "And we're very pleased about that."

Hospital board taps Althaver

The Hills and Dales Healthcare Corporation Board Monday appointed L.E. Althaver to serve as interim president and chief executive officer of the corporation.

"Per the request of Dee McKrow, CEO and president of Hills and Dales Healthcare Corporation, the board of trustees has approved a provisional plan in the event that medical leave is necessary while Dee undergoes chemotherapy and radiation therapy for cancer during this next year," said Susan Lautner, director of public relations.

Althaver has been a member of the Hills and Dales Board of Trustees for the last 4 years and has served on the corporation's executive committee. He is a former longtime chairman, president and CEO of Walbro Corporation and a former longtime Cass City Village president.

Lautner noted that the board of trustees offered McKrow their support and prayers for a speedy recovery.

In other business Monday, the board noted the success of this year's Millionaire Party to benefit Northwood Meadows, the recently-completed senior living community. The Feb. 9 event raised more than \$16,000.



CROWNED SNOWCOMING king and queen at Cass City High School were Nick Chappel, son of Paul and Suzie Chappel, and Ashley Ouvry, daughter of Ron and Karen Ouvry. She is involved in basketball, cross-country, gymnastics and track. She is senior class vice-president and a member of National Honors Society. Her future plans are to attend Cornerstone University or Rochester College to study social work or occupational therapy. Chappel was a member of the golf team and is a member of the basketball team. His future plans are to go to Albion and study law or medicine.

Owen-Gage crowns royalty, too. See page 10.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 658-2347



Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Henley and Alice Depcinski visited Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Learman at Rochester Hills on Saturday.

Margaret Cook, Tom Smithers, Lyle Rochefort and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe on Wednesday.

Mrs. Bill Goretzki of St. Clair Shores spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pelton.

Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Knapp and Bill Cleland of Walled Lake were dinner guests of Bob Cleland Jr., A.J., and Andy for Andy's third birthday.

Jim Foster, Doris Western, Mrs. Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly had dinner at the Peppermill in Bad Axe on Wednesday and later visited Dan Franzel at the Huron Medical Care Facility.

Betty Hagen spent Wednesday with Ben and Donelda Meske at Port Hope.

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

Allen Farrelly visited Dan Franzel at Huron Medical Care Facility on Friday.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr this week were Sharon Sturgil of Bad Axe and Ron and Peggy Pitcher, Sarah and David.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Agnes Milligan, Lois Wolschlagier, Mrs. Polega, Belva Pratt, Jim Sweeney and Gertrude Quinn at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe Sunday.

Midge Clemens, Mrs. Lee Horton, Thelma Jackson and Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland on Wednesday. Arlene Reich was an afternoon guest.

Jim Lewis, Jack Kennedy, Bob Kerr and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's Food and Family Deli in Bad Axe Monday afternoon.

Louie Moore, Bill Erien, Jack and Wayne Kennedy, and Allen Farrelly met at Burger King in Bad Axe on Wednesday.

Mrs. Alfred Wallace, Thelma and Bob Jackson visited Beva Wallace Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roe were Monday evening visitors of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Rick Stuart, Jim Lewis, Jack and Wayne Kennedy and Allen Farrelly met at Burger King in Bad Axe Monday morning for breakfast.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul VanAllen of Caro were Sunday afternoon guests of Thelma Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Depcinski were Thursday evening guests of Ray and Rita Depcinski.

Eugene and Molly Depcinski and Ray and Rita Depcinski attended the fish fry at the St. Peter and Paul Catholic School in Ruth.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney and Brian visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Powers at Millington Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Ken Osentoski spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Allen Farrelly was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Farrelly at Armada.

Mrs. Kevin Robinson visited Thelma Jackson Monday afternoon.

Rita Depcinski and Alice Depcinski visited their Aunt Margaret Maurer at Harbor Beach Friday.

Jim Lewis, Ron Wolschlagier, Jack and Wayne Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Mychek, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bukowski, Mr. and Mrs. John Smigielski, and Allen Farrelly attended the Pancake Breakfast at the Masonic Hall in Bad Axe Sunday morning.

The Traveling Breakfast Club will meet at the Peppermill in Bad Axe next week.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland came home Sunday after a few days in St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw following Lumbar Laminectomy. Visitors at the hospital were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland, Sharon Sturgil and David of Bad Axe, Karen Friebe, Megan, Matthew and Alexander, Wendy Rickett and Caitlyn, Courtney Doerr, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland and Lana Puterbaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Depcinski spent a week at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota where Clarence underwent surgery and came home on Saturday.

Mrs. John Mika visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland Tuesday evening.

Ed Schember, Rick Stuart, Ron Wolschlagier, Wayne and Jack Kennedy, and Allen Farrelly had breakfast at McDonald's in Bad Axe on Friday.

ter going for a ride they stopped at a Dairy Queen for ice cream for Eugene's birthday.

Arlene Reich was a Wednesday visitor at the home of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Jack and Wayne Kennedy, Jim Lewis, Rick Stuart, Ron Wolschlagier, Ed Schember and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Saturday morning.

Ellen and Mike Moorman were Wednesday evening guests of Bryce and Betty Hagen.

Allen Farrelly was a Wednesday evening guest of Irene and Marie Bezemek.

Savanah Doerr spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr.

8 members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at the Peppermill again next week.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney had supper with Thelma Jackson on Thursday.

DELAYED NEWS

Eugene and Molly Depcinski and Ray and Rita Depcinski attended the dance at the Bad Axe K of C Hall Saturday evening.

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Senior movies set for Friday

Rawson Memorial Library Senior Citizen Movies are scheduled for Friday, Feb. 15 at 1:30 p.m.

Portraits of the Great Far East: Step aboard the gleaming new Hong Kong subway and ride to a snake shop to purchase a reptilian dinner! Turn your eyes from the glare of Tokyo's Ginza district by night to the peaceful Kamakura Buddha by day. Visit Kyongju in Korea, try your luck at Pachinko in Japan, visit Tiger Balm Gardens in Singapore, the royal Palace in Bangkok, the Batu caves of Kuala Lumpur, Madras, Agra and the incomparable Taj Mahal. Journey through the canals of Thailand, see the Temple of the Tooth at Kandy, watch elephants at work in Sri Lanka, see snake charmers, Thai boxing, silk spinning, a Japanese tea ceremony, the volcano of Sakurajima, and much, much, more! (81 minutes)

"Aquea Sulis" The City of Bath: This video looks at many of the fascinating sights in and around the ancient Roman town of Aquea Sulis, bath enjoys the title of "World Heritage City," making it unique in this country. Camay Chapman talks about the architecture of the city, as well as bygone times when bloody duels and riots were only to be expected. We look in some detail at the Roman Baths and their famous hot springs. We visit Sally Lunn's, the oldest house in Bath and take you to the Museum of Costume. The famous Bath Abbey interiors and exteriors are here to remind you of your visit to this world famous city. The American Museum takes you back in time to cowboys and Indians - and very much more. (29 minutes)

Refreshments will be served. This Older Adult Program is offered free of charge.



Meg's Peg
Guy phrases
by Melva E. Guinther

Okay, it's Valentine's Day and love is in the air. We know of at least one couple getting married Feb. 14.

For them, and anybody else considering matrimony, we recommend learning the art of interpretation. It isn't simply a matter of listening or making conversation, you have to recognize what's *not* being said when your mate makes a statement.

Typically, women are accused of being duplicitous and hard to understand. However, it's a wise wife who has mastered the world of "Guyspeak."

Believe it or not, this came from a "guy's" website - You Make Me Laugh. So you have to believe it, right?

This is "What guy phrases really mean":

"I'm going fishing" really means "I'm going to go and stand by a stream with a stick in my hand while the fish swim by in complete safety."

"Woman driver" really means "Someone who doesn't speed, tailgate, swear, make obscene gestures and has a better driving record than I do."

"It's a guy thing" really means "There is no rational thought pattern connected with it, and you have no chance at all of making it logical."

"Have you lost weight?" really means "I've just spent our last \$30 on a cordless drill."

"It would take too long to explain" really means "I have no idea how it works."

"I got a lot done" really means "I found Waldo in almost every picture."

"We're going to be late" really means "Now I have a legitimate excuse to drive like a maniac."

"Honey, we don't need material things to prove our love" really means "I forgot our anniversary again."

"You know how bad my memory is" really means "I

remember the theme song to 'F Troop' and the vehicle identification numbers on every car I ever owned, but I forgot your birthday."

"Hey, I've got my reasons for what I'm doing" really means "And I sure hope I think of some pretty soon."

"I can't find it" really means "It didn't fall into my outstretched hands, so I'm completely clueless."

"What did I do this time?" really means "What did you catch me at?"

"I don't need to read the instructions" really means "I am capable of messing it up without printed help."

"I'm not lost. I know exactly where we are" really means "No one will ever see us alive again."

And my personal favorite: "Take a break, Honey, you're working too hard" really means "I can't hear the game over the vacuum cleaner."



Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Thayer

Thayer, Garety exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew R. Thayer were married October 13, 2001 at the Stone Angel Chapel, followed by a western theme reception at the American Legion Hall in Davison.

The bride is the daughter of Raymond and Delores Garety of Cass City. The groom is the son of Patricia Thayer of Grayling and the late Robert Thayer.

Matron of Honor, Shannon Vollweiler, friend of the bride, and bridesmaid, Jessica Graham, niece of the groom, both of Davison, stood for De'Angela. The best man, Harry Wade of Flint, friend of the groom, and groomsman, Michael Graham of Davison, brother-in-law of the groom, stood for Matthew.

Britton Paige, son of the bride, carried the rings for the ceremony, while Sarah Klecker and Cecillia Cavanaugh, nieces of the

groom, both of Vassar, were flower girls. Jonathan Graham of Davison, nephew of the groom and Chase Klecker of Vassar, nephew of the groom were the ushers for the ceremony.

The couple had a Northern Michigan honeymoon with a belated honeymoon tour of the Southern United States to be taken in March.

De'Angela is a 2nd grade teacher for Davison Community Schools and Matthew owns a general contracting business. The couple resides in Davison.

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Ubly graduate finishes training

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Gregory J. Maikrzek has graduated from the Air Force Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo, Texas.

Training included instruction in advanced military leadership management theories and responsibilities, and the profession of arms; oral, written, and speaking communication skills, and physical fitness training.

Maikrzek is a duty officer assigned to the 2nd Space Launch Squadron at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Lompoc, Calif.

The son of Richard W. and Rose A. Maikrzek of Ubly, he is a 1984 graduate of Ubly High School.

Chapel to host Riley

The Living Waters Chapel will host Gospel singer Gene Riley Sunday, Feb. 17, at 10 a.m. The church is located at 650 S. Hooper St. in Caro.

More information is available by calling (989) 673-2160.



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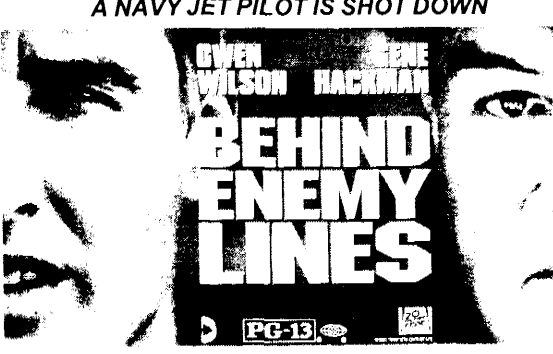
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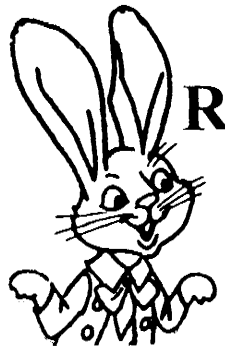
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NEXT: DISNEY'S "SNOW DOGS" (PG)



Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The Hills & Dales Health Care Corp. was a double winner Saturday at the annual Millionaire's Party to benefit the new Northwood Meadows assisted living facility.

In addition to the profit from the \$150 a couple bash the corporation received an unexpected financial boost. A prize drawing for \$3,000 was held and won by Lambert Althaver, a member of the Hills and Dales Hospital Board. He promptly donated the money back to the sponsors.

Saturday we lunched at Marshall Field's in Somerset Mall. It was good, but one of its operating procedures goes against the grain. It's serving warm bread before any order is placed. You get the bread whether you eat it or not.

It's served in a basket with hunks of the bread perhaps 2 by 3 inches and there were 8 hunks in the basket served to 2 people. I observed 2 tables where the bread was untouched. We left half of it untouched. Since it is against the law to place food on the table and then reuse it, there's plenty of bread tossed in the garbage every day.

My lunch was cheese soup and a half of a generous beef sandwich for \$6.95. Her lunch of a tuna half-sandwich and pea soup was also \$6.95. Both rate a 6.5 on the 1-10 scale. However, a special of the day was keylime pie, which my wife adores. The pie was good, but a very small piece cost \$3.95.

The gala Christmas decorations at the John and Gayle Nicol home are well known. This year it served a purpose not anticipated. It started when Lane Walker wanted a place with a lot of lights for a special purpose.

The Nicols agreed that their yard would fill the bill. Walker then constructed a sign with lights. He brought Brooke Ouyry out to the farm, walked her around the yard and then had her turn to see the sign light up and ask, "Will you marry me?" How could she refuse?

Anyway the date is set for May 17. Strictly by coincidence that happens to be the exact date the Nicols were married.

I asked Brooke if we could go along on the honeymoon. Gayle chuckled, but somehow that plan never got off the ground.

Marek faces 2-10 years in prison for burglaries

A Cass City man was sentenced to prison last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court for his pleas of guilty to a pair of burglaries and receiving and concealing stolen property.

Christopher L. Marek, 19, was ordered to serve 2 to 10 years for his pleas of guilty to 3 counts of breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny, and one count of receiving and concealing a stolen firearm.

Court records state the crimes took place July 16 at All Season Video and June 25 at a Seeger Street residence, both in Cass City, and July 14 at an office/store in Akron Township. The stolen firearm charge stems from a July 27 incident in Cass City.

Marek confessed to committing several break-ins after Cass City police arrested him in late July as he attempted to leave his mother's Seeger Street home. Prior to the arrest, police investigated a trio of burglaries, including 2 complaints filed by Marek's mother, who suspected her son had been entering her residence while she was away.

Marek told police that he stole a Ruger P89 9mm semi-automatic handgun valued at \$390 from a Crawford County gun shop. He also admitted to stealing a white

1999 Jeep across from the gun shop, located in Grayling. Officers recovered the property in Cass City.

Aside from prison time, Marek was ordered to pay restitution totaling \$1,760 plus another \$240 in court fees.

Blaze guts area home, no one hurt

A fire that destroyed a home southwest of Gagetown last week remains under investigation.

Elmwood-Gagetown fire fighters were dispatched to the residence, located at 2273 E. Elmwood Rd., near Colwood Road, at about 2:50 p.m. Feb. 5. The residence was fully engulfed in flames when the department arrived, according to Fire Chief Paul Lopez.

Lopez said the renter of the ranch-style home, Candice

Morrison, was not home when the fire started. The name of the homeowner was not available.

The cause of the blaze has not been determined. Lopez said a state fire marshal was called in to assist in the investigation.

The fire chief called the residence "a total loss," but said a dollar value had not been determined.

Elmwood-Gagetown firemen were assisted by the Cass City and Caro fire departments.

Motorist pleads in fatal crash

A Saginaw man charged in a fatal traffic crash that claimed the life of a Vassar woman last fall has entered a plea in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Timothy D. Perry, 34, pleaded no contest last week to a charge of attempted homicide-manslaughter with a motor vehicle, a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison and/or a \$7,500 fine and reimbursement for emergency response and prosecution expenses.

The plea was taken under advisement by the court, which ordered a pre-sentence investigation and continued bond at \$25,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

The accident, which claimed the life of Mary Lou Campbell, 49, occurred Oct. 28 in Indianfields Township.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies reported Campbell was killed when she attempted to turn left from eastbound M-46 to northbound Chambers Road and her vehicle was struck by Perry's eastbound pickup truck. Deputies said Perry attempted to pass Campbell's vehicle on the left side. He suffered minor injuries in the crash.

At some schools hair color makes administrators see red, even if the hair hues are green, blue or multi-colored.

Schools in metro areas are cracking down on students with hair dyed other than natural colors, black and blond.

Naturally the Michigan Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union frowns on the restrictions. Banning colors, says the ACLU, deprives self-expression and could lead to more problems.

There is no real evidence whether it does or not. However, a public school in California has students wearing uniforms. Authorities report that fights and suspensions have dropped significantly.

There has been little trouble with student attire in Cass City High School, principal Dorland Kuntz reports.

Cass City's basic rule is that the students do not wear clothing that causes disruptions in the classroom. That includes bare midriffs and mini skirts shorter than the extended arms reaching downwards. There have been isolated cases when the clothing was declared inappropriate, Dorland said, but it has never been a major problem at the school.

Wearing uniforms in public schools is not the norm in the United States. It's so rare that the California school's experience has drawn national attention. It wouldn't be that big a deal in other countries where uniforms at schools is an accepted practice.

There's a lot to recommend with a policy requiring school uniforms. It places all the students on an even footing. Immediately it removes the need for other dress codes or any attempt to test the limits of proper attire by the kids.

It also eliminates any advantage that students from homes with higher incomes

may have over those with lesser amounts available to buy the latest fashions.

Realistically there's little chance for uniforms at most public schools, although I'd bet that a substantial number of parents would enthusiastically go for it.

Any school that dared to try uniforms would need to be prepared for a storm of protest by the ACLU and a minority of parents that basically would oppose placing all students on an equal footing.

While uniforms in schools has advantages, there probably won't be any pioneer programs in the area. No need to rock the boat when the water is calm.

A typing error last week was significant in the column about the Kmart worker that was fired. It said that she had worked at the store in Bay City for 14-plus years. She had worked there for 24-plus years.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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Everybody's getting fired up about the Winter Olympics — and nobody's more excited than the TV newscasters. Some are breathing so hard their beard has taken on the walrus effect.

I hope they broadcast the luge competition for this Olympics. That's my favorite event, the luge — where they strap a person in a tub and send him down the mountain feet-first.

The luge always reminds me of the things folks used to do to their little brothers. That's the main thing about luges: They're generally not very large.

The closest thing I saw to a luge in the last Olympics was that Italian guy heading for the net after falling down on the ski slope. He was making great time, but he'd be a lot better off if he took off those skis and got on a sled.

I hope Jamaica sends their bobsledders to the Games in Salt Lake. Were they in the last Winter Olympics?

The last time I saw the Jamaican bobsledders was in Calgary, I think. They were pulling their sled up the hill muttering, "We've just got to put some skids on this thing!"

How about Eddie the Eagle? Readers will recall Eddie was the ski jumper from Great Britain who became famous for his unorthodox style.

Eddie would go sailing off the ski jump and land flat on his back, head over heels, elbows over teakettle — whatever was most convenient. I guess he never had a decent hill to practice on.

The last time I saw Eddie he was lying on the slope with a broken arm. When the medical team rushed over, Eddie said in his best British accent, "I believe I may have damaged myself."

Some folks thought Eddie was a lousy ski jumper, but I think it went deeper than that. I think he just didn't give a darn.

I wonder if they'll have any new events at Salt Lake. Readers may recall that snowboarding became an official event at the Games in Japan.

There was some controversy after the gold medal winner tested positive for marijuana, but they let him keep the medal. The committee decided the boarder didn't smoke the dope. He just inhaled someone else's smoke.

The last time I heard that story, it was the other way

around. Those marijuana folks seem to work together. Some of them smoke but don't inhale, and the others inhale but don't smoke.

Maybe I'm just getting older, but I think the Winter Olympics have lost some of their luster. Competitors like Eddie the Eagle and the Jamaican bobsledders added an amateur touch to the Winter Games.

I like to watch the guys who

learned to ski by sliding off the barn roof, or practiced the luge with their dad's grain shovel. We need some amateurs who think a shoe contract guarantees them a new pair every year.

I hope the Olympic Committee has lined-up some real amateurs this time. They'd better not be puffors or inhalers, though. The folks around Salt Lake won't stand for that kind of thing.

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Applications for high school diplomas for World War II veterans are available in the Cass City Superintendent's Office located in Cass City High School. Anyone interested in this very meaningful program is encouraged to request an application. Please feel free to stop by or call 872-2200.

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

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After having very little snow so far this year, students enjoyed three snow days for a five day weekend. The week started with a snow day on Monday. Many students enjoyed the snow days and had another day to snowmobile and ski. When I asked some friends what they did on their days off Courtney Green said, "I went to Gaylord skiing with Youth for Christ and had a blast."

Snowcoming 2002 got off to a slow start. School was canceled on Monday so students missed out on dressing up for that spirit day. The 2002 Spirit Days were: Monday - Beach Day, Tuesday - Hillbilly Day, Wednesday - Prom Day, Thursday - Wanna Be Day, and Friday was the traditional Maroon and White Day. Friday classes were shortened in the afternoon so there could be a pep assembly at 2:55, put on by student council.

The pep assembly started with Cyndi Henn being the announcer and reminding everyone that the theme for the week was super heroes. Some members of the school's extra curricular groups were chosen to dress up as a super hero. Following the heroes the cheerleaders lead some cheers. The final part of the pep assembly was when the girls on court

got to feed the guy that they were walking out with a bowl of Superman ice cream.

Friday night many people went to the game filled with school spirit. During the JV halftime, the crowd had a special treat. Valley Lutheran brought their Pom Squad team and they performed for the spectators. They have been Class C State Champs in years past.

At halftime of the varsity game, members of the court nervously lined up to walk out on the floor. After the drum roll, Ashley Ouvry and Nick Chappel were crowned Queen and King. Before the crowning, Ashley was talking to her family and said, "I feel that this is an honor to be on court and even if I don't win at least I was selected." Nick said, "I am happy to be on court. I think that it is a privilege and nice to be here my senior year." After they won Ashley said, "I can't believe it!" Nick said, "I am surprised but very excited!"

Even though the week got off to a slow start, Snowcoming 2002 ended up being fun and exciting. Hopefully there won't be any more snow days this school year because the underclassmen will have to make them up in June.

Letters to the editor

QDM folks offering smoke, mirrors

The more we listen to the rhetoric of Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) members, the more we discover they're not as informed or knowledgeable as they would have us believe.

Case in point is the recent Letter to the Editor by self-appointed president of QDMA-Thumb chapter, Perry Russo, of Clarkston, criticizing State Representative Tom Meyer. Meyer was only responding to his constituents of Huron and Tuscola counties when he testified before the Natural Resources Commission against the QDMA proposal. And after admonishing Rep. Meyer, Russo attempts to further his education on deer management with the following remarks:

"QDMA has an altruistic approach when considering the effects of QDM on white-tail deer populations. Because we must manage our wildlife resources with the aid of sound scientific and biological data (Proposal G), we must have a mechanism available to generate new management data. For it's only with this new data that the state can make management decisions based on scientific fact, instead of emotions or an individual's desires."

Straining out the \$500 words and all the gobbley gook, Mr. Russo is saying that he has concern for the welfare of our deer and that if the DNR would apply the

principles of QDM, they would be better able to manage the resource using sound science, as required since Proposal G.

Interestingly, Proposal G did not create scientific wildlife management. Scientific wildlife management dates back more than 70 years to the era of Aldo Leopold. As long as biologists have been studying our wild critters, science has been involved in wildlife management.

Proposal G was created in 1996 as an alternative to the antihunter-conceived Proposal D that would have removed the science professional from the roll as wildlife manager. Proposal G gave authority for scientific management to the Natural Resources Commission (NRC), which oversees DNR biologists.

Michigan voters approved Proposal G by a wide majority over Proposal D, yet nothing really changed. Wildlife professionals in the DNR are using the same sound science today that they used prior to Proposal G. On the other hand, the sound science of QDM, after you get beyond all the rhetoric and window dressing, reduces to the rule of Three Fs: Feed, Fertilize and Fence - the same "biology" that brought Bovine TB to our deer in the Northern Lower.

In addition to underestimating the intelligence of Thumb folks and over attempting to baffle us with baloney, Mr. Russo has also pulled some pretty shady shenanigans.

For example, holding the only public information meeting on his 4-points-on-one-side proposal on the youth hunt weekend, knowing that parents of young

hunters would oppose mandatory antler point restrictions. Secondly, "borrowing" the logos of clubs and organizations without permission and using them in his slide presentations to create the illusion of widely spread support for his agenda. Russo even claims the support of those organizations that came to the aid of the DNR when the NRC ordered the creation of a procedure to accommodate QDMA proposals. Not since the rein of Carl T. Johnson has the NRC given such undivided attention to a special interest group.

The DNR asked for help from the hunting community and from scientists at Michigan State University. The resulting work group developed, among other things, the parameters for the hunter/land owner survey while the statistics and surveys experts at MSU came up with the 66 percent approval rate, which was a tough pill for QDMA.

Most of the groups that participated weren't there because they were enamored with QDMA. They were there for damage control. Michigan Bow Hunters was involved in that effort and as an active member, I can state emphatically that MBH does not support mandatory antler point restrictions. In fact, a number of MBH members here in the Thumb are actively involved with the USA organization. So should you accidentally bump into Perry Russo, be careful about what you say or how you lean. You could become the star in his next QDM show.

If QDM is truly "the fastest growing deer management

plan in the Nation", Mr. Russo, and your concern is only for the welfare of the

Thumb deer herd, then please explain all the smoke and mirrors.

Sincerely,
Jerry Keck
Mayville

Tuscola County schools

have done extremely well

Dear Editor:

I have put together some information related to our 9 Public Schools in Tuscola County that I thought you and your readers might find interesting.

Listed alphabetically, Akron-Fairgrove is first with 451 pupils and equalized value of all property \$84,497,644, while Vassar is ninth with 1,986 pupils and property value of \$158,353,163.

It seemed to me that it would be interesting to find the property value supporting each pupil in all 9 districts. This is what I found. Akron-Fairgrove was first with \$187,356 for each of their 451 pupils. USA was second with \$155,000 for each of their 930 pupils. Reese was third with \$119,121 for each of their 1,104 pupils. Cass City was fourth with \$108,191 for each of their 1,597 pupils. Mayville was fifth with \$94,800 for each of their 1,158 pupils. Caro was sixth with \$91,303 for each of their 2,248 pupils. Millington was seventh with \$89,262 for each of their 1,762 pupils. Kingston was eighth with \$80,349 for each of their 736 pupils. Vassar was ninth with \$79,735 for each of their 1,986 pupils.

I was surprised to note that Akron-Fairgrove's property

value per pupil, \$187,356, was more than 2 times higher than Caro's \$91,303, Millington's \$89,261, Kingston's \$80,249 and Vassar's \$79,735. These figures are only important now for debt service on bonds issued for buildings, grounds, etc.

Since Proposition A was adopted in 1994, the legislature each year provides a grant for each pupil. This school year the grant is \$6,300 per student for all public schools in Tuscola County. Some schools in the state will receive more but the plan is to bring them all in line. The sooner they do this the better for all public schools in the Thumb.

If we were to go back to the old days when our public schools were financed by property taxes and raised \$6,300 per pupil, it would take 33.5 mills at Akron-Fairgrove, for USA it would be 39.6 mills, for Reese it would be 52.9 mills, for Cass City it would be 58 mills, for Mayville it would be 63 mills, for Caro it would be 69 mills, for Millington 71 mills, for Kingston 78.4 mills and for Vassar 78.8 mills. I don't believe the voters would approve these rates. Today homestead and farmland pay 6 mills and all other property pays 18 mills.

For many years Michigan's

economy has been closely tied to the ups and downs of the auto industry. In the early 1970s I was involved in the idea of setting aside a bit of the surplus in good years to build a fund that could help out in the poor years. So far as I know Michigan was the first state to adopt what is now called a "Rainy Day Fund".

Since then, many states and some cities have similar plans. Since our school funding is now closely tied to the State's economy, it seems to me all school boards, their administrators and auditors should consider a similar fund for their schools. These funds would be invested in cash, drawing tax-free interest and be available when the economy is slow.

Our Tuscola County Schools have done extremely well over the years even though many other Michigan Schools had far more money to spend.

I'm sure you all will keep up the good work.

Sincerely yours,
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To the Editor:

RE: Drafting in High School

My brother, John S. Sommers, who finished 11th grade just after his 18th birthday, May 31, 1945, received his draft notice that summer. He was to be inducted in September of 1945. When the war ended in August 1945 my folks tried very hard to get him deferred for his senior year, to no avail.

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Dear Friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God.

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Airport, township park land deal nearly finished

The Tuscola Area Airport Authority and Indianfields Township will soon have the opportunity to purchase land from the state for just \$1.

State Rep. Tom Meyer sponsored House Bill 5436 to allow the state to sell 40 acres in Indianfields Township to the Tuscola Area Airport for runway expansion. The bill also allows the sale of 30 acres between the Cass River and M-81 to the township for expansion of the Indianfields Township Park.

"We were expecting to have this taken care of in December, but another state property transfer project was introduced and that delayed the agreement for Tuscola County," said Meyer, R-Bad Axe. "I've discussed with our leadership how important it is to get this done, and I've talked to the airport people so everyone knows the plans are on track, just a bit delayed."

"Earlier (last) week the House approved my bill and

now it is up to the Senate to concur and send it to the governor."

The airport authority and township will have one year from the date the law is approved to make the land transaction in Tuscola County. The local bodies would retain ownership for as long as public use is continued.

The 70 acres was previously part of the Caro Center complex, a mental health facility owned by the Michigan Department of Community Health.

In the 1990s the land was under consideration as a possible state prison location until former Rep. Mike Green began working to instead transfer property ownership to the airport and township for local use.

"A lot of time and effort has been put into this project by many people," said Green, now a spokesman for Sen. Joel Gougeon, R-Bay City. "Sometimes the legislative process gets very long, but this transfer is going to happen. From there on in, I'm pleased to say local government will control it."

"Once the airport expansion and park improvements are underway the community will see the progressive steps being taken to enhance business and recreation opportunities in the Caro area."

Tuscola Area Airport Authority Board will receive a \$250,000 federal grant to help pay for extension of its runway once the authority receives the state land.

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Of new Walbro Aftermarket division

McNaughton new manager

Walbro Engine Management officials have integrated the distribution of replacement parts into the company's operations and, in a related move, named David W. McNaughton general manager of Walbro Engine Management's newly-formed Aftermarket Division.

Prior to Jan. 1, replacement parts for Walbro carburetors and ignition systems were distributed through the Aftermarket Division of TI Automotive, Walbro Engine Management's parent company.

"The integration of our replacement parts operations directly under Walbro Engine Management reflects the importance of those operations to our company," said Andrew Masterman, engine management president. "The result will be greater responsiveness to the needs of those who service products equipped with Walbro carburetors and ignition systems."

As general manager of the Aftermarket Division, McNaughton will report directly to Masterman.

McNaughton joined Walbro in 1969 as an industrial engineer and has held a variety of manufacturing, sales and administrative positions. He has spent the last 15 years in small engine aftermarket sales and operations in Cass City.

"This change will be seamless to our customers," McNaughton said. "Aftermarket operations will remain in Cass City. Most of the long-term Walbro employees who are familiar with Walbro's customers and products will remain involved with day-to-day activities. The only visible

change will be an improved ability to respond to customer needs, thanks to a stronger focus on aftermarket activities and a streamlined administrative structure."

Walbro Engine Management, a unit of TI Automotive, is the world's largest manufacturer of small engine carburetors for hand-held power equipment, and a major manufacturer of small engine ignition systems and other products for outdoor power equipment and recreational products.

Diabetes focus of meeting

Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe, will host an Adult Diabetes Support Group Thursday, Feb. 21, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the medical center's third floor classroom.

The topic this month will be "Could You Have Diabetic Eye Disease and Not Know It?" The speaker will be Optometrist Dr. Keith Messing, Bad Axe.

Diabetes is a very serious disease that can cause problems like blindness, heart disease, kidney failure, and amputations. But by taking good care of yourself through diet and exercise, and special medications, you can control diabetes. And there is more good news. Diabetic eye disease, a complication of diabetes, can be treated before vision loss occurs. Finding and treating the disease early, before it causes vision loss or blindness, is the best way to control diabetic eye disease. So, if you have diabetes, make sure you get a dilated eye examination at least once a year.

The Diabetic Support Group is a way for people to get together and share information, problems and concerns with others facing a similar situation. There is no need to register for the group and it is free of charge. Refreshments will be served.

For further information, or any questions you may have concerning the support group, please call Huron Medical Center at (989) 269-8933 (ext. 4346).

Read Meg's Peg

Kruegers expand with purchase of NAPA store

Mark and Jean Krueger are the new owners of the NAPA auto parts store at the corner of Oak and Main Streets. The store has a new name, Auto Color NAPA, and is the second store under the Kruegers' ownership.

The addition of the Cass City store marks the continued expansion of the business that started in the spring of 1987 in Elkton. Mark was a paint salesman in the Bay City Area, calling on body shops throughout eastern Michigan. He saw a need for a store serving the Thumb and opened Auto Color Professionals.

The business grew and in May 1992 the former Elkton Co-op building was purchased. In 1996 the Kruegers added a line of auto parts and became Parts Plus Auto Parts Store. In the spring of 2000 the company switched to NAPA and started the company on the way to a new growth level.

In January the Cass City NAPA store was purchased. It helps our business in 2 ways, the Kruegers said. It gives us a larger market area and provides space for needed storage of our large

inventory. In Elkton 2 additions to the store had already been built. Instead of building a larger building, the Kruegers purchased the Cass City store.

The Kruegers say that the store has a much larger inventory than was there previously and over 250,000 parts are available overnight from NAPA.

The Kruegers point out that the company is the largest bumper company in north-eastern Michigan and supplies chrome and recycled bumpers to over 300 body shops. Further plans call for the addition of the Dupont automotive and industrial paint line.

The Kruegers purchased a home 5 years ago about midway between Cass City and Elkton. All of their children are graduates of Michigan State University. Two daughters are teachers, Stacey in the Saginaw School District, and Lindsay, who is married, in the North Branch School District. A son, Kyle, works as a sales manager at the NAPA distribution center in Detroit.

The company has 13 employees. A grand opening is planned in early spring.

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Just short

Ubly edges Cass City to claim USA Invitational championship

The Cass City Red Hawk spikers reached the finals of the USA Invitational volleyball tournament Saturday where they came up just short and suffered hard fought losses to champs Ubly, 15-7 and 15-11.

Coach Beth Howard's spikers breezed to the top finish

in Pool B with a pair of decisions over Owen-Gage (15-10, 15-11) and Mayville (15-13, 15-7) and splits with Caro (15-11, 7-15) and Deckerville (14-16, 15-2).

Cass City then disposed of hosts USA during a semifinal matchup, 15-9 and 15-10, before facing the Bearcats in the finals of the 10-team tourney.

"We played so well," commented Coach Howard, "Everyone was setting up."

At the net, Cass City had Amy Howard with a team best 32 blocks, while Sara Homakie contributed 22 blocks.

Coach Howard was extremely pleased with her team's defensive effort as Lindsey Hendrick recorded 32 digs followed by Krystee Dorland and Homakie who split 54 digs. Rochelle Dohn came up with 25 digs, while Becky Hartel registered 22 digs.

At the service line Dorland had a team high 40 points that included 9 aces. Hartel added 29 points and 14 aces, while Howard had a team best 15 aces and 23 points on the day.

Offensively, Homakie recorded 25 kills to lead the Hawks. Howard added 24 kills and Hartel had 19 winners.

The Hawks had Howard with 44 assists, while Hartel pitched in with 39 assists.

REESE

Cass City evened its Greater Thumb West Conference mark at 2-2 Thursday with a victory in 4 games over visiting Reese. The scores of the match were 15-5, 15-0, 11-15, 15-2.

Homakie and Howard teamed for 20 kills to pace the winners, mostly on sets from Hartel who finished with 15 assists.

Hartel also recorded a team best 16 digs, but had plenty of help from Hendrick who had 10 digs and Dohn who had 9.

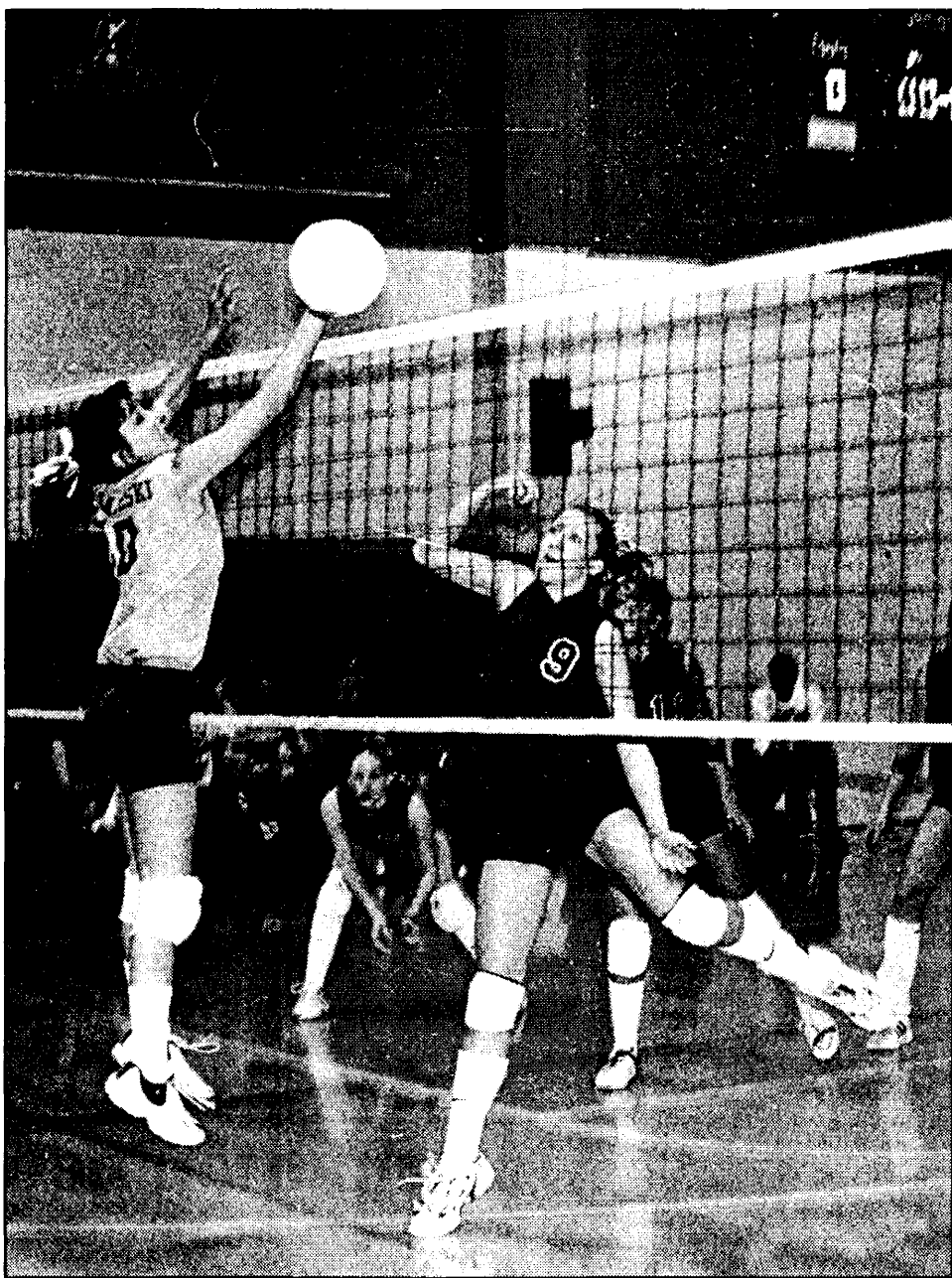
Cass City will travel to face Bay City All Saints Thursday in conference play.

Childbirth classes scheduled

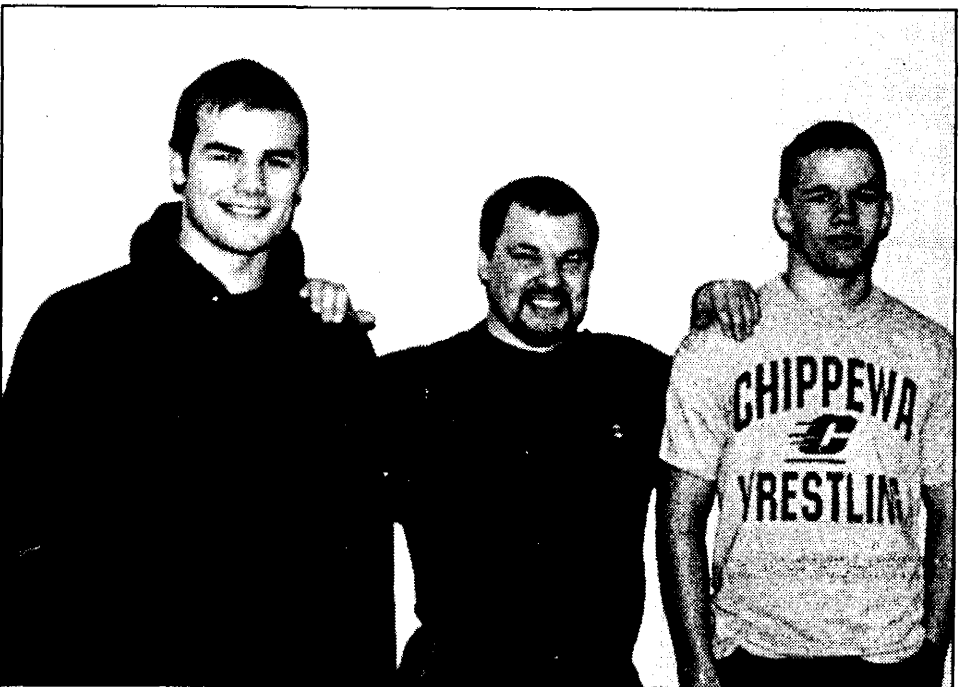
Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe, will be offering a 6-week series of childbirth classes on Wednesday evenings at the Huron Area Tech Center from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning March 6.

These classes are for any expectant mother who is due before July 2002 and wants to learn more about nutrition, exercise, the labor process, relaxation techniques, pain management and more.

There is a charge for the class. For more information or to register, call Huron Medical Center at (989) 269-9521.



BULLDOG KAYLA Zaleski (left) and Cass City's Courtney Green make a play at the net during Saturday's USA Invitational volleyball tournament



TWO CONFERENCE CHAMPION wrestlers have Coach Don Markel (center) all smiles. Travis Jensen, left, won in the 189-pound class and Aaron Dorland was the 160-pound champion.

Cass City boasts pair of league champions

Two Hawk wrestlers won Greater Thumb Conference championships at the annual league meet at Marlette Saturday. Aaron Dorland placed first at 160 pounds. His season's record is 40-2.

Travis Jensen avenged an early season loss by pinning Tod Molesworth of Yale in 1:59 in the championship finals at 189 pounds. His record is 41-4 for the season.

As expected, Yale won the GTC championship with 263 points. Cass City was fifth with 86 points. Other schools finished in the following order: Cros-Lex, 120.5; Marlette, 123;

Mayville, 115; Lakers, 80; Brown City, 69; Sandusky, 38; Valley Lutheran, 34; USA, 7.

In Greater Thumb West

Cass City fans will have an opportunity to see the teams in action Thursday and Saturday. Both the team district and individual district will be at Cass City. The team competition will be Thursday and the individual district on Saturday.

competition Cass City placed second behind Mayville. Yale took the Greater Thumb East title.

In addition to the championships, 3 other Hawks placed at the meet. Don Spencer was second at 119 pounds, losing to Mayville's Matt Combs, 7-5, in the finals. Marcel Holland was fourth at 103 pounds and Lee Hutchinson fourth at 275 pounds.

Cass City Bowling

THURSDAY NITE TRIO

As of Feb. 7

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Riverbend	17
Osentoski Farm Equip.	16.5
Mycogen Seeds	16
Marlette RV	15
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Marlette Oil & Gas	12
Martin Electric	11.5
Wickes	11.5
Chemical Bank	11
Thumb Auto Wash	10

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Individual High Games & Series: E. Schmaltz 267 (664), O. Beecher 210-226 (638), J. Enos 214-239 (625), Doug O'Dell 220 (624), R. Pringle 226-211 (611), K. Martin' 214-226 (610), G. Robinson 213 (605), B. Biebel (603), R. Doerr 235, D. Burkel 233, J. Baker 232, D. Miller 220, D. Dickinson 215, D. Doerr 213.

Team High Game & Series: Mycogen Seeds 625 (1650).

MERCHANETTE LEAGUE

As of Feb. 7

Langenburg Plumb/Heat	12
Charlie's Angels	11
The Chiropractors	9
JB's Crew	8
FBI Gals	7
Thumb Octagon Barn	7
Marlette Chrysler	5
All Season Video	5
Adamczyk Masonry	4

Individual High Games: C. Smith 224-180, M. Gettel 213-198-191, C. Wright 209-163-150, J. Bemus 203-185, S. Hutchinson 198-194-186, N. Wallace 191-174-154, D. Zdrojewski 189, V. Humes 186-184, P. Hellwig 180, D. Potrykus 179-179-177, C. LaJoie 176, M. Sieradzi 174-170, J. Koch 173-161-150, L. Clark 173, C. Davidson 170-154, J. Morell 168-159, S. Lutz 166-150, J. Dickinson 165-152, N. Ellis 165-150, L. Hanson 165, S. Langenburg 164-159-158.

Individual High Series: M. Gettel 599, S. Hutchinson 578, D. Potrykus 535, C. Smith 534, J. Bemus 522, C. Wright 522, N. Wallace 519, V. Humes 507, J. Koch 484, S. Langenburg 481, P. Hellwig 477, C. Davidson 467, S. Buschlen 455, J. Morell 454, L. Clark 454.

Team High Game: FBI Gals, 853.

Team High Series: Thumb Octagon Barn, 2015.

Split Conversions: J. Morell 3-7-10

Special Awards: S. Hutchinson 125 pins over avg. (series).

MERCHANTS

As of Feb. 6

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Individual High Games & Series: T. Lis 245-257 (688), C. Anthes 227-248 (670), M. Jackson 211-219-228 (658), J. Gorkowski 219-246 (658), D. Schulz 257 (641), T. Kretz 214-224 (639), R. Salcido 248 (626), C. Mauer 215-232 (623), J. Finkbeiner 225 (607), J. Krol 255 (606), M. Zawilski 220-230 (652), J. Smithson 235 (600), M. Gettel (600), C. Kruchkow 225 (596), D. Ross 236 (592), J. Anthes 213 (586), R. Kessler (578), L. Finkbeiner 215 (577), R. Byrnes 235, D. Salcido 222, R. Witherspoon 221, S. Summers 215, T. Pattengill 215, R. Koch 212.

CHARMONT LADIES

Dott Manufacturing	36
Cass City Tire	34
Wild John's	32
Cable ettes	28
Dee's Girls	20
Loren's Lawn Care	16
JB's Crew	14

Individual High Games: T. Avery 207, M. Haley 204, B. Doran 193, R. Finkbeiner 194, L. McCarthy 182, R. Linzner 182, D. Mathewson 180, M. Gunsell 179, J. Stevens 172, D. Sweeney 171.

Individual High Series: R. Finkbeiner 537, M. Haley 537, T. Avery 519, M. Gunsell 505, D. Sweeney 504, L. McCarthy 501, B. Doran 501.

Team High Game: Loren's Lawn Care 1093.

Team High Series: Cable ettes 3112.



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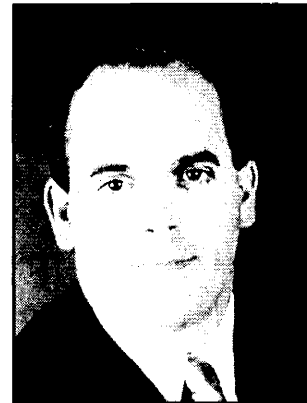
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Hansen joins CFC Investment Centers

Mark S. Hansen has joined CFC Investment Centers, located in Chemical Bank and Trust Company. Hansen has several years of investment experience, having worked for Prudential Securities in West Bloomfield and Security First Group at Signature Bank in Bad Axe, and has recently completed additional training with FutureShare.

Hansen is licensed and registered in the sale of annuities, mutual funds and securities and is trained to provide investment products and services. Hansen will be traveling between all of the of-

fices of the Thumb Region of Chemical Bank and will also be available by appointment.

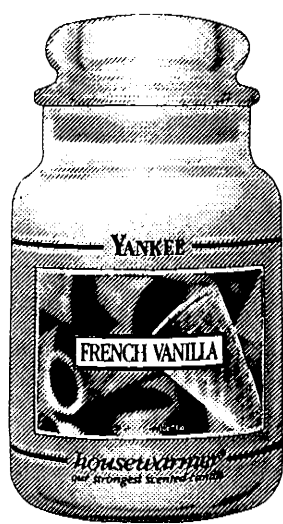


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Hawk rally falls short against Valley Lutheran

A shot at the buzzer by Grant Frank that hit the rim and bounced out was the difference Friday as visiting Saginaw Valley Lutheran

topped the Cass City Red Hawks, 51-49. The ending ruined a comeback by Cass City after the team suffered a serious shoot-

ing draught in the first half and trailed 27-12 at the intermission. Shot after shot with open looks failed to find the net

from three-point range against the VL packed in zone, and the Cass City offense stalled. The first 6 attempts from outside the circle misfired and it was not until there was just 5 minutes left in the half that Frank cashed a trey. That ended a 12-2 run for Lutheran and the Hawks trailed 14-6. Cass City then scored 6 unanswered points before Lutheran went on a 13-0 roll to lead at the intermission.

The Hawks came to life in the third period. The team missed 3 easy shots before Chris Maharg found the range with a pair of quick threes to ignite the Hawk offense. After that it was all Cass City in the quarter. Jeff Storm added a pair of hoops from close in and Maharg whipped in another three and a two. When Bill Thane scored, Cass City forged into the lead 32-31 with 17 seconds left in the period.

Lutheran regained the lead in the last quarter and with 49 seconds left seemed to have the game under control with a 48-42 lead. But Maharg cashed a three and when V-L failed to get the ball in play Cass City had a turnover. Frank hit another three from the corner and Cass City was back in the lead with 15.5 seconds on the clock

Ryan Wood connected on a three with less than 10 seconds left to push Lutheran back into the lead, 51-49, and that's the way it ended when Frank's shot just missed.

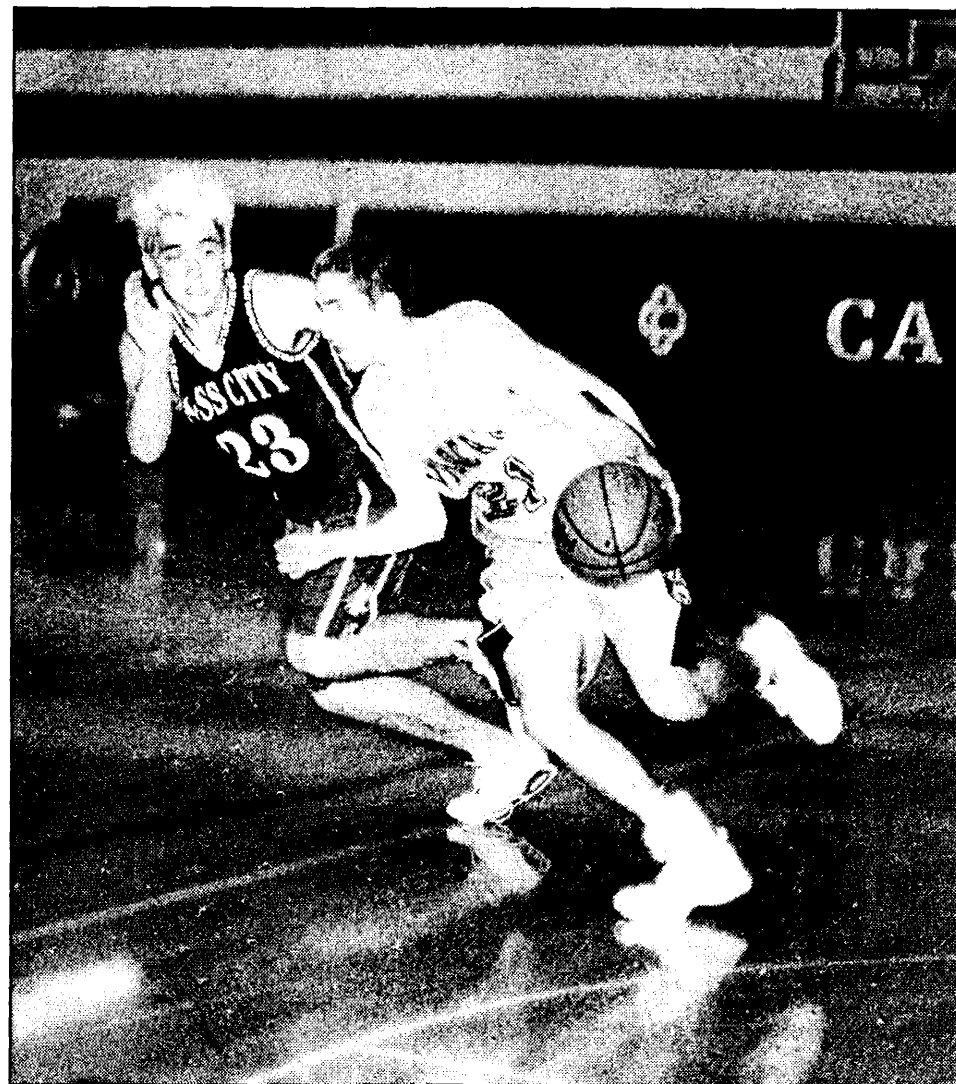
Maharg and Frank each netted 14 points and Storm added 11 for the Hawks. Lutheran was led by Wood with 14, followed by Kyle Kaul with 13.

The Hawks have 3 more home games in a row. Tuesday Cass City faced Lakers. Friday, Bad Axe visits and next Tuesday it will league-lead USA. The Hawks topped Bad Axe in their first meeting and lost decisive decisions against the Lakers and USA. Wednesday will be a make-up game at Saginaw Valley Lutheran.

Cass City won the junior varsity game, 77-55.

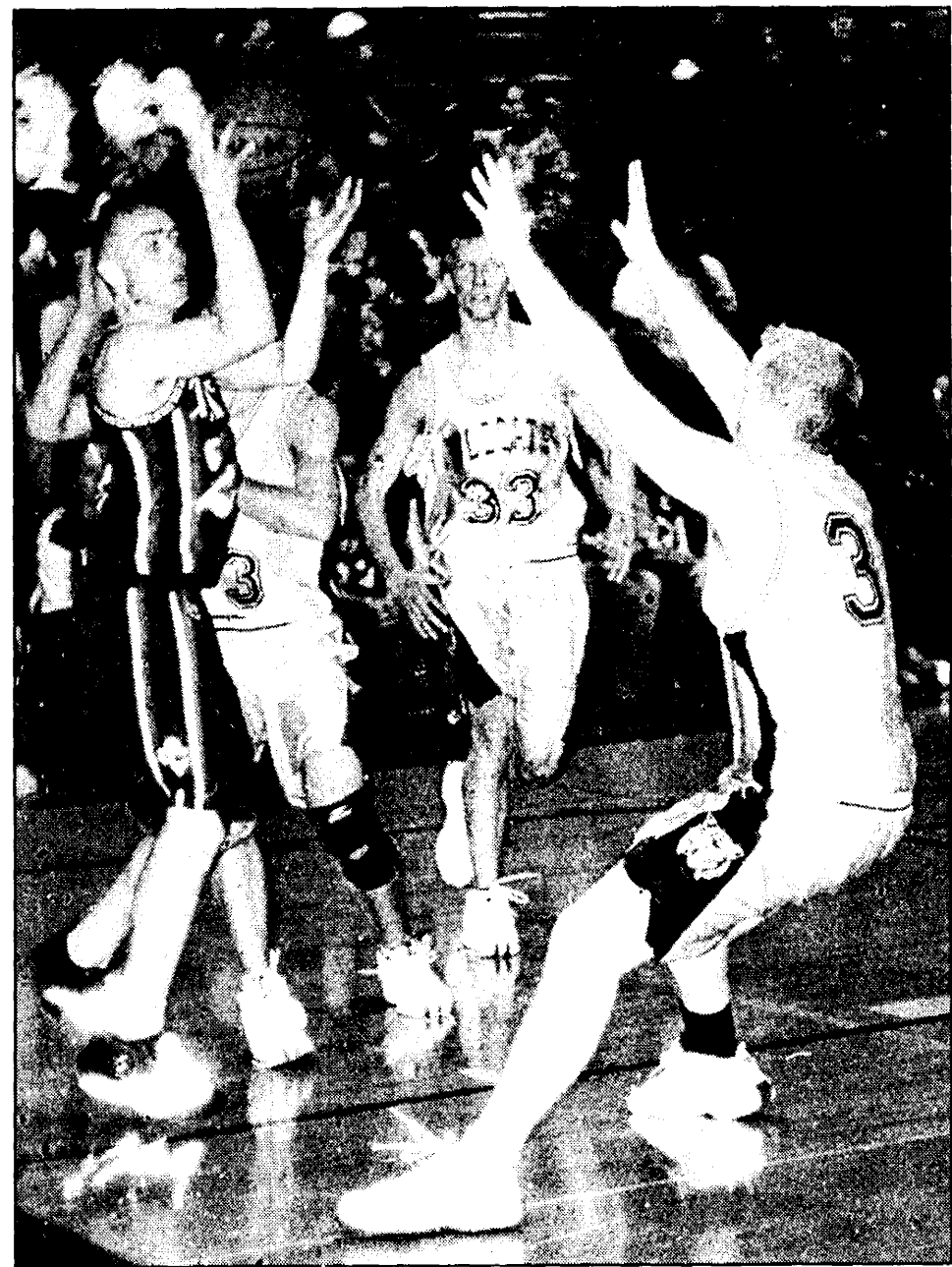
CASS CITY-Maharg 1-4 (0-1) 14; Brinkman 0-1 (0-1) 3; Frank 2-3 (1-2) 14; Stoutenburg 1-0 (0-0) 2; Storm 6-0 (0-0) 12; Thane 2-0 (0-0) 4.
TOTALS 12-8 (1-3) 49.

VALLEY LUTHERAN-Wuerful 2-0 (0-0) 4; Wood 3-2 (2-2) 14; Meckes 4-0 (2-2) 10; Kaul 6-0 (1-2) 13; Perlberg 1-0 (1-2) 3; Hirschman 1-1 (2-2) 7; Weiss 0-0 (0-2) 0.
TOTALS 18-3 (8-12) 51.



GRANT FRANK applies defensive pressure against Mayville's Dan Gentner.

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JAKE BRINKMAN gets off a shot surrounded by Mayville Wildcats. The Hawks posted a close 65-58 decision.



Owen-Gage's Fred Periso heads down the lane in Friday's NCTL overtime win over visiting Caseville.

Owen-Gage shrugs off slow start to register OT victory

Owen-Gage proved its come back capabilities Friday, rebounding from a double digit deficit against visiting Caseville to earn a 50-49 overtime victory in North Central Thumb League play.

The Eagles held their hosts to a season low 12 first half points and limited the Bulldogs to only 2 field goals in the entire opening half.

While the Bulldogs were stone cold from the perimeter, the Eagles started out quickly and gained an 11-4 edge on baskets from Shawn Quinn and Dustin Tonn. The pair combined for 31 points, including a game high 18 markers from Tonn.

Nathan Kain's triple near

the one-minute mark of the stanza closed the gap to 7-4, but Kain's basket would be the Bulldog's final field goal of the initial half.

Trailing 23-12, the Bulldogs outscored the Eagles 12-6 to close to within 5 points entering the final period.

The Bulldogs battled back and evened the score on a pair of clutch Jeremy Story charity tosses.

In the extra period, Adam Kain and Story scored all 9 points for the hosts to give Owen-Gage the win.

Kain led the Bulldogs with 14 points, while Story added a dozen. Nathan Kain chipped in with 11 markers. Jay Kuhn finished with 10

tallies for Caseville.

PORT HOPE

Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, the Bulldogs turned back visiting Port Hope 56-47.

Corbin Swiastyn did most of the damage for the winners, pouring in 24 points that included 5 triples.

The hosts took a 25-19 lead into the intermission and then put the game away with a 21-10 run to end the third period.

Zach Fritz recorded 11 tallies for the Bulldogs. Doug Schave led the Blue Stars with 19 points, while Michael Joy added 10.

Hawks topple Wildcats

It wasn't a game to write home about. Both Cass City and visiting Mayville produced flat, uninspired basketball Tuesday. For Hawk fans the one redeeming feature was that Cass City won, 65-58.

Cass City went ahead midway through the first quarter and was in the lead the rest of the way, but was never able to put away the Wildcats who stayed in contention all the way.

It was midway through the first quarter before Cass City found the offensive range. After the first 4 minutes of the game the Hawks led, 5-3.

Jake Brinkman hit a three and Jeff Storm added 2 free throws to push Cass City in front 11-5. Mayville closed the gap to 13-10 by the end of the quarter, helped by a three and two by Justin Graves.

That was the story for the entire game. The Hawks pulled ahead and appeared ready to take charge only to see the Wildcats come back and keep the game in doubt.

The teams traded baskets much of the second period. Cass City's lead never exceeded 6 points and that was the margin as the half ended with Cass City in front, 26-20.

Cass City spurred to the largest lead of the game in the third quarter. The Hawks went on a 15-6 roll to go in front, 41-26. In the spurt, Grant Frank tossed in a three and a pair of regular hoops.

The Wildcats bounced back into contention, led by Frank Buhl, to close the gap to 53-48 with 5 minutes left in the game. In the rally Buhl connected for a three, two and a pair of free throws.

Chris Maharg hit a basket. Brinkman added another and Matt Stoutenburg added 2 free throws to push the Hawk lead to a comfortable 59-50 with just over 2 minutes left in the game.

Frank took over the offense the rest of the way, scoring the final 6 points of the game.

Storm with 20 points and Frank with 19 paced Cass City. Mayville had balanced scoring with 5 players in double figures, led by Justin Draves with 13.

CASS CITY - Maharg 3-1 (0-0) 9; Brinkman 3-1 (0-1) 9; Frank 5-1 (6-8) 19; Stoutenburg 1-0 (2-2) 4; Storm 7-0 (6-8) 20; Havens 2-0 (0-0) 4.
TOTALS - 21-3 (14-19) 65.

MAYVILLE - Gentner 3-1 (3-4) 12; Ferree 5-0 (0-0) 10; Draves 3-2 (1-4) 13; Cloutier 1-0 (0-0) 2; Buhl 3-1 (2-2) 11; Thompson 5-0 (0-0) 10.
TOTALS - 20-4 (6-10) 58.

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

This week's match ups



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Clarke Haire



Tom Montgomery



Doug Hyatt

Tuesday, February 12
Caro at North Branch
Bad Axe at Valley Lutheran
Lakers at Cass City
Mayville at USA
BCAS at Reese
Harbor Beach at Cros-Lex
Ubyly at Brown City
Sandusky at Marlette
Yale at Deckerville
Caseville at C-PS
North Huron at Peck
Owen-Gage at Akron-Fair.
Port Hope at Kingston
Wednesday, February 13
Lakers at Reese (Make-up)
Thursday, February 14
Cros-Lex at Yale
Friday, February 15
Garber at Caro
Bad Axe at Cass City
Lakers at USA
Mayville at Reese
BCAS at Valley Lutheran
Ubyly at Sandusky
Marlette at Brown City
Deckerville at Harbor Beach
North Huron at Caseville
Port Hope at Akron-Fairgrove
Owen-Gage at Peck
C-PS at Kingston
Last week's results
16-12
Season's results
100-58 (63%)

Caro
Valley Lutheran
Lakers
USA
Reese
Harbor Beach
Brown City
Marlette
Deckerville
Caseville
Peck
Owen-Gage
Kingston

Reese

Cros-Lex

Caro
Cass City
USA
Reese
Valley Lutheran
Ubyly
Brown City
Harbor Beach
North Huron
Port Hope
Peck
Kingston

16-12
100-58 (63%)

North Branch
Valley Lutheran
Cass City
USA
Reese
Harbor Beach
Brown City
Marlette
Yale
C-PS
North Huron
Owen-Gage
Kingston

Lakers

Cros-Lex

Caro
Cass City
USA
Mayville
Valley Lutheran
Ubyly
Brown City
Harbor Beach
North Huron
Akron-Fairgrove
Owen-Gage
Kingston

17-11
112-46 (71%)

North Branch
Valley Lutheran
Cass City
USA
Reese
Cros-Lex
Brown City
Marlette
Yale
C-PS
North Huron
Owen-Gage
Kingston

Lakers

Cros-Lex

Garber
Cass City
USA
Mayville
Valley Lutheran
Ubyly
Brown City
Harbor Beach
North Huron
Akron-Fairgrove
Owen-Gage
Kingston

21-7
116-42 (73%)

Caro
Valley Lutheran
Lakers
USA
Reese
Harbor Beach
Brown City
Marlette
Deckerville
C-PS
Peck
Owen-Gage
Kingston

Reese

Cros-Lex

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Brown City
Harbor Beach
Caseville
Port Hope
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19-9
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BASKETBALL STANDINGS AND RESULTS

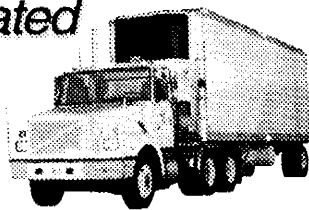
GREATER THUMB WEST			
Team	W	L	W
USA	7	0	12
Laker	5	2	10
Cass City	4	3	9
Mayville	4	4	8
Valley Lutheran	3	4	4
Reese	2	5	7
BCAS	2	5	3
Bad Axe	2	6	2

GREATER THUMB EAST			
Team	W	L	W
Cros-Lex	7	1	11
Brown City	7	1	8
Harbor Beach	4	4	10
Ubyly	4	4	7
Marlette	4	4	6
Deckerville	3	5	5
Yale	2	6	6
Sandusky	1	7	2

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB			
Team	W	L	W
Kingston	10	0	14
CPS	8	2	9
North Huron	7	3	8
Owen-Gage	5	5	10
Peck	4	6	6
Caseville	3	7	3
A-Fairgrove	2	8	4
Port Hope	1	9	2

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
BCAS 59, Bad Axe 43
Mayville 58, Laker 50
Valley Lutheran 51, Cass City 49
USA 73, Reese 66
Cros-Lex 79, Deckerville 58
Ubyly 53, Harbor Beach 45
Yale 47, Marlette 44 OT
Brown City 50, Sandusky 36
Owen-Gage 50, Caseville 49 OT
Kingston 60, Peck 39
North Huron 83, A-Fairgrove 39

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CASS CITY'S Josh Windsor has been named to the All State Soccer Team.

Windsor named to all state team

Josh Windsor, a junior at Cass City High School, has been named to the All State Soccer Team by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association. Combined with several other players who were named along with Windsor to the All Conference Teams at the end of the fall season, this recent honor shows the potential of things to come with Cass City's varsity soccer program.

Windsor earned Greater Thumb West All Conference First Team honors last fall after a strong season with the Red Hawks' new soccer program. Windsor, who will be assisting with the girls' varsity team at practices in the spring, plans to continue playing soccer in college. Among the highlights for him in 2001 was an opportunity to job shadow Nate Sprague, administrator for the Mid-Michigan Bucks soccer team.

Dairy update set in Tuscola County

Dairy farmers know that every successful and profitable dairy farm depends on a sound nutrition program for every animal on the dairy farm. Feeding dairy cows is part science and part art, but always very important. Michigan State University Extension will be sponsoring a Dairy Nutrition Update Wednesday, March 27th. Featured speakers will be Dr. Mike Allen, MSU Extension dairy nutrition specialist, and Mike McFadden and Craig Thomas, MSU Extension dairy agents. This year's Dairy Nutrition Update will cover recent ad-

vances in dairy nutrition and various economic aspects for the profitable feeding of dairy cows. The program will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Detroit Edison Community Room, located a half-mile south of M-81 and the Shell Gas Station, 4100 Doerr Rd., Cass City. There is no registration fee for the meeting, and lunch will be on your own at local restaurants. For more information, call the county MSU Extension office in Sanilac (810-648-2515), Huron (989-269-9949), or Tuscola (989-672-3870) County.

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Congratulations... to the Cass City Snowcoming King, Queen & Court



CROWNED SNOWCOMING king and queen at Cass City High School were Nick Chappel, son of Paul and Suzie Chappel, and Ashley Ouvry, daughter of Ron and Karen Ouvry. She is involved in basketball, cross-country, gymnastics and track. She is senior class vice-president and a member of National Honors Society. Her future plans are to attend Cornerstone University or Rochester College to study social work or occupational therapy. Chappel was a member of the golf team and is a member of the basketball team. His future plans are to go to Albion and study law or medicine.



CASS CITY SNOWCOMING king and queen candidates. From left: Jason Ganley, Kerry Shagene, Cason Harris, Yukiko (Kiko) Ohtsubo, Rob Havens, Kayla Wentworth, James Kilbourn, Tessia Zawilinski, Nick Chappel, Ashley Ouvry, Jason Hill, Kari Lowe.



HOMECOMING COURT of non-seniors not eligible for king or queen. From left Jessica Nicol, Matt Stoutenburg, Tara Whittaker, Jake Brinkman and Leslie Hacker. Missing is Nick Stoutenburg.

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Pumpkin Fest quest

Organizers pondering move to the county fairgrounds

Organizers of the annual Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival are seeking residents' input on the possibility of relocating the festival from downtown Caro to the Tuscola County Fairgrounds.

A public input meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. at the Brentwood in Caro.

"Twenty-two years ago you wouldn't have expected the Pumpkin Festival to be as big as it is today," said Sue Putnam, co-chair of the festival. "People come from all over to enjoy our decorated pumpkins, watch the parade and get a homemade pie. The festival has a lot to offer."

In recent years the festival has nearly outgrown Caro's downtown, and officials are looking at the possibility of moving the heart of the event to the nearby fairgrounds.

"We have a lot of issues to deal with," Putnam said. "Crafters line each side of the street for 2 full days (and) State Street is blocked for almost the entire day on Saturday with the Antique Car Show; it promotes a wonderful atmosphere, but it's getting to the point that we have nowhere to go without further inconveniencing our downtown traffic, retailers, residents and public safety officials."

Putnam noted that no decision has been made yet. The festival's board of directors, she said, is weighing the good against the bad in making a decision to move the festival, which hosts nearly 50 different committee chairs, including Arts and Crafts, Antique Auto Show, Parade and Pumpkin Pie Production, which are among the biggest events of the festival.

Circuit court proceedings

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

- Delbert L. Williams Jr., 42, Millington, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 365 days in the county jail, with worksite privileges, for

"We realize this is a big decision to make," Putnam continued. "In some instances what we'd gain by moving one event jeopardizes another event. Our goal is to maintain the community spirit the festival offers while at the same time promoting the festival's growth and offering visitors what they want."

Putnam said any decision to move the festival will be based on a number of issues, including the opinions of community members.

Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5YEARSAGO

Ron J. Pawloski, Cass City, was appointed chief of the Elkland Township Fire Department Monday night by the Elkland Township Board. Pawloski was given a one-year contract and the board will review the activities of the fire department at the end of the first year.

The Owen-Gage Board of Education Monday named its choice for the junior/senior high principal's job, although the individual was not formally hired. The board stated the job has been offered to, and accepted by, Thomas N. Wade, a Lapeer resident employed by the Lapeer Intermediate School District.

Marlette Community Hospital has achieved accreditation from the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations as a result of its demonstrated compliance with the Joint Commission's nationally recognized health care standards.

Two Cass City Rotary Club members were recognized with one of the club's highest distinctions Tuesday night in a special dinner meeting held at the Charmont. Recipients of the club's Paul Harris Fellow award were John Haire and Matt Priekorn.

10YEARSAGO

Watch Harold Whittaker down a tree and it quickly becomes evident the veteran logger has 3 things on his mind: safety, safety and safety. Respect for what can happen in an instant is invaluable in the woods, according to the area native, who recently marked his 40th year in logging.

Assistance provided to Thumb residents by the Human Development Commission in recent years has typically involved services designed to help people live more independently, such as job training and housing counseling.

A major program to repair or replace 224 bridges on Michigan's county roads and city streets was announced last week by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

The program includes 6 bridges each in Huron and Sanilac counties and 4 in Tuscola County.

Austin Brinkman, an Owen-Gage eighth grade student, has been named a local winner in the 23rd annual America & Me Essay Contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. He will receive an award certificate for the achievement and his name will be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

25YEARSAGO

Tuscola County residents will be living in a disaster area if Governor William Milliken has his way. The governor this week asked President Jimmy Carter to declare Tuscola and 30 other Michigan counties a federal disaster area in the wake of winter snowstorms that blocked roads, closed schools and factories and did property damage.

The Cass City School Board has decided that the school will probably be able to operate during the 1977-78 school year at no increase in the millage rate for district taxpayers. Accordingly they authorized a special election to renew 3 1/2 mills for operation on April 25. If passed, the renewal will leave the total millage paid unchanged at 20.8 for operation and debt.

Cass City indicated it was ready for the stretch drive for the Thumb B Conference title by whipping a tough Garber Duke team Tuesday

night at Cass City, 61-54. The game was a tune-up for Friday's game against the Caro Tigers, now in third place in the league. With a win at Caro the Hawks would be assured of no less than a tie for championship.

35YEARSAGO

Marine Lieut. Commander Stanley Beach has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his "heroic achievement in connection with operations against the enemy while serving as Battalion Chaplain with the Third Battalion, Fourth Marines, Third Marine Division in the Republic of Vietnam Sept. 27-28, 1966."

The Defense Construction Supply Center, Columbus, Ohio, a field activity of the Defense Supply Agency, Department of Defense, has announced the award of the following contract: A contract valued at \$25,190 for 2,200 carburetor floats has been awarded to the Walbro Corporation, Cass City.

The Cass City Chamber of Commerce has scheduled an open meeting Tuesday night, Feb. 21, at the Cultural Center in Cass City in an opening push to secure additional land for the Cass City Recreational Park in Cass City.

Scoutmaster James Ware and 27 Scouts camped in 12-degree below temperatures Saturday night, Feb. 11, on a Polar Bear outing. The group left Saturday morning and camped near the river south of Cass City. They returned at 8 a.m. Sunday.

NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY; THE FOLLOWING WILL BE ACTED UPON AT THE REGULAR MEETING TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 25, 2002

VILLAGE OF CASS CITY ORDINANCE NO. _____ ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY BY RESCINDING SUBSECTION 1603(2)(F) FROM SECTION 1603, ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, AND ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION 1603(4) TO SECTION 1603, ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, IN ORDER TO EXPAND THE REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT.

THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment.

Subsection 1603(2)(F) shall be rescinded in its entirety and a new subsection 1603(4) shall be added to Section 1603, Accessory Buildings and Structures, and shall read as follows:

4. Accessory Buildings and Structures located in any RA, RB or MH District shall include recreational equipment and shall be subject to the following regulations:
 - a. Recreational equipment shall include, but is not limited to:
 - (1) Boats, large size floats and rafts, and boat trailers or similar transport vehicles.
 - (2) Folding tent trailers, pop-up trailers, and similar types of vehicles that are convertible in nature, mounted on wheels and intended for travel and vacation use.
 - (3) Pick-up campers, travel trailers, fifth wheelers, pull-behinds and similar vehicles designed primarily to be mounted on a pick-up truck or truck chassis, and intended for use as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational and vacation use.
 - (4) Utility trailers or similar vehicles which are used to transport motorcycles, snowmobiles, go-carts, stock cars, or similar recreational vehicles.
 - (5) Motorized homes or similar vehicles which are used as portable dwellings and are designed and constructed as an integral part of a self-propelled vehicle.
 - (6) Motorized off-road vehicles, including but not limited to, motorcycles, snowmobiles, go-carts and stock cars, which are not licensed for general operation on public roadways.
 - b. The storage of recreational equipment shall not be permitted on any public street or public right-of-way.
 - c. Recreational equipment shall only be parked or stored within the confines of the rear yard and shall further respect any requirements related to distances from principal structures, lot lines and easements.
 - d. Recreational equipment may be temporarily parked, for purposes of loading, unloading and travel preparation, in any front yard set back area for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) continuous days. A new fourteen (14) day period does not commence until the recreational equipment has been absent from the front yard set back area for a period of at least forty-eight (48) consecutive hours.
 - e. Recreational equipment may be parked or stored in that part of the side yard that is not a part of the required front yard set back, provided the recreational equipment is no closer than three (3') feet to any principal structure and provided that such recreational equipment is adequately screened from view of adjacent property or public roadways.
 - f. No person shall permanently occupy, reside or live in any recreational equipment parked or stored upon any property within the Village. However, recreational equipment may be used for temporary occupancy purposes for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) consecutive days. A new fourteen (14) day period does not commence until the recreational equipment has been unoccupied for a period of at least seven (7) consecutive days.
 - g. No owner of recreational equipment, nor any property owner where the recreational equipment is parked or stored, shall permit any recreational equipment to hook, attach or connect to sanitary facility service leads or connections, whether such connection is permanent or temporary.
 - h. Recreation equipment that is parked or stored within the Village shall be kept in good repair and carry current license plates and registration.

Section 2. Repealer.

Section 3. Savings Clause.

That nothing in this Ordinance hereby adopted be construed to affect any just or legal right or remedy of any character nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 4. Severability.

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected.

Section 5. Adoption.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Village of Cass City Council at a meeting thereof duly called and held on the ____ day of _____, 2002 and ordered to be given effect twenty (20) days after its adoption.

his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 27 in Tuscola Township, and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

He was also ordered to undergo mental therapy/counseling and pay court costs and fines totaling \$3,520.

- John L. Robinson Jr., 54, Caro, was sentenced to 2 to 7 years in prison for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 16 in Almer Township, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

- David G. Crittenden, 33, Kingston, was sentenced to 270 days in jail and probation for life for his plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance (narcotic or cocaine - less than 50 grams) Nov. 10 in Ellington Township.
- He was also ordered to pay \$4,020 in costs and fines plus attorneys fees of \$500 and a \$150 forensic fee.
- Wayne A. Tabar, 53, Owendale, pleaded no contest to home invasion, third degree, Jan. 18 in Elmwood/Elkland Township.

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

- Robert V. Pratt, 46, Millington, was sentenced to one year and 11 months to 4 years in prison for his plea of guilty to fleeing a police officer May 15 in Watertown Township, and no contest to assault with dangerous weapon May 19 in Watertown Township.

- Gary D. Romain, 42, Caro, was sentenced to 90 days in jail (deferred) and 12 months probation for his plea of guilty to attempted possession of a short-barreled shotgun May 27 in Akron Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$820.

- William N. Churcott, 60, Vassar, was sentenced to 90 days in jail and 36 months probation for his plea of no contest to fourth degree criminal sexual conduct, involving force or coercion, Oct. 12 in Vassar, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

He was also ordered to pay \$2,560 in costs and fines.

- John M. McClure, 49, Vassar, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, April 21 in Dayton Township.

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

- Sandra C. Rogers, 36, Millington, pleaded guilty to delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance (marijuana) Oct. 5 in Millington Township.

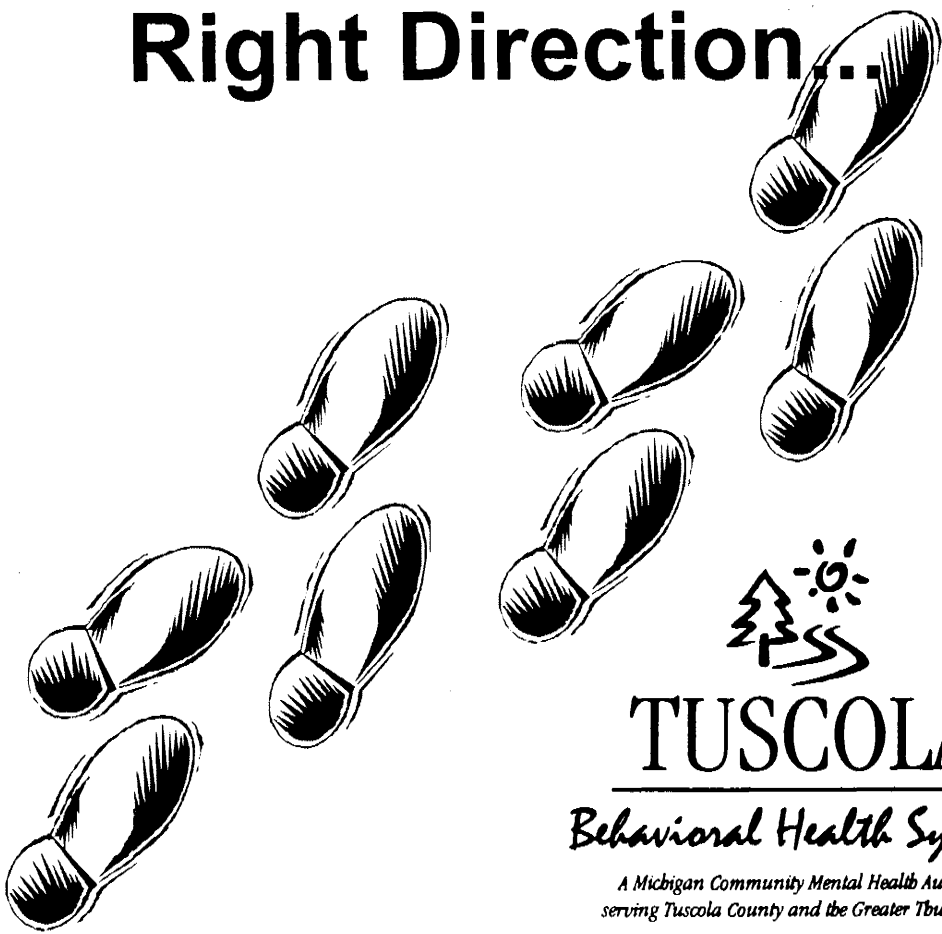
The plea was taken under advisement by the court, which ordered a pre-sentence investigation and continued bond at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be set.

- Steven J. Judd, 37, Saginaw, pleaded guilty to delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance Oct. 5 in Millington Township.

The plea was taken under advisement by the court. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

- Jeremy L. Lesko, 23, Vassar, pleaded no contest to attempted sodomy between

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BULLDOG ROYALTY. The 2002 Owen-Gage Snowball King and Queen, Rebecca Hartman and Zach Fritz, highlighted the half-time ceremonies of Friday's NCTL contest with Caseville.

Cass City Honor Roll

Cass City Middle School has announced the third marking period honor roll.

GRADE 5

Krystal Alexander, Austin Babich*, Aaron Bardwell, Deidre Bowen, Bryan Burk*, Thomas Burns II*, Chelsea Depner, Leigha Drohn, Marla Eberline, Cassidy Frank, Jessica Galvan, Matthew Hallwood*, Brandon Hartwick, Justin Hool, Brady Horne, Carly Howard*, Michael Howard, Sarah Howard*, Chelsea Israelson, Alexandra Kappen, Kyle Kausch*, Amanda Langenburg*, Whitney Laurie*, Kelli Lautner*, Gregory Leslie*, Brittany Loomis, Shillbe Lor*, Erica Louks, Travis Mabe*, Abby McCallum*, Roger McKee Jr., Dalton Mellendorf, Blake Messing, Elizabeth Michalski, Brooke Mika, Amanda Miller, Cole Miller, Travis Mozdien, Cody Nye, Abigail Palmateer, Cassandra Parker, Kelli Pettit, Carly Rabideau*, Sarah Reed*, Elmer Reynolds III, Jennica Richards*, Andrew Rohlfs, Victoria Scasny*, Heather Simpson, Chris Summersett*, Carl Tacey, Andrew Teller, Jennie Thorp, Krysta Timko*, Tyler Tomlinson, Joram Tyson, Megan VanVliet*, Benjamin Varney*, Ariel Veneziano*, Clark Walsh

GRADE 6

Rodney Abasso*, David Acker*, Caleb Arp, Heather Baker, Matthew Bartnik, Isaiah Battel*, Lauren Bennett, Jessica Bessler*, Christopher Binder, Kendra Bitzer, Andrew Bock, Amanda Bolton, Chelsey Bootz*, Evan Bushong*, Allen Bussard, Christopher Childs, Justin Clemens, Alysha Conley, Erica Darr*, Anna Decl, Ashley Decl*, Andrew Deering, Danielle Delamarier, Lauren Dillon,

Rebecca Doerr, Madeline Doolley, Megan Dorland, Javier Garcia, Kimberly Guthrie, Jacob Hanby, Scarlett Helland, Trey Helwig, Travis Hoffman, Zach Hopper, Darrin Howard*, Lauren Hudson, Ashley Hutchinson, Devin Jamieson, Eric Kanyak, Brittany Karavas*, Kristie Karr*, Mark Koepf, Adam Kranz*, Sunny Lor, Caitlin Marek, Shane McFarland*, Lauren Meek, Jamie Monas, Heather Moore, Lacey Morrish, Alyssa Nicol*, Alicia Osentoski, Michael Ozorowicz, Robert Packard, Thomas Parrish*, Stephanie Regnerus, Bria Romstad, Kelton Roth, Zachary Russell, Brandy Rychlewski, Timothy Sangster, Cassandra Simpson, Nicholas Smith*, Caitlin Sorenson*, Jeffrey Sparks*, Ashlee Spencer, Marissa Summersett*, Jerry Sweeney, Brian Taylor, Trent Vatter, Mark Vogel, Clifton Warmbier, Derek Weidman*, Christopher Wingett, Megan Woodruff, Jennifer Zmierski*, Christopher Zawilinski

GRADE 7

Dustin Arp*, Andrea Badgley, Brent Becker, Rebecca Bennett, Ryan Biddinger*, Dennis Bowen*, Whitney Braun*, John Brown*, Brent Cooper*, Kristen Curtiss, Alyssa Cryderman*, Joseph Daneault*, Chelsea DeLuyck, Jill Dillon, Maressa Garcia, Jeremiah Fritz*, Courtney Hacker*, Jennifer Hacker*, Danielle Hartel, Jaclyn Hendrick*, Katie Hill, Allison Hillaker, Lauren Howard, Stephanie Jamieson*, Ryan King, Kathryn Kleo*, Lysa Knight*, Galen Kuebli*, Andrew LaFave, Jessica Lange*, Anthony Langlois, James Luana, Tyler Mabe, Andrew Martin*, Chelsea McCallum, Laura McComas*, Brandon Miller*, Kyle Monroe, Lindsey Montgomery*, Deric Murphy, Adam Nerkowski, Megan O'Dell, Kevin Ouvry, Jessica Pachla, Leif Parr, Andrew Peruski, Kevin Phillips*, Ashleigh Rabideau*, Courtney Rabideau*, Danielle Reed, Kyle Reif*, Allyn Richards*, Derek Ricker*, Eric Romain*, Ryan Ross, Nicholas Sattelberg*, Bradley Severance*, Emily Schinnerer, Beth Spencer, Kari Spencer, Preston Stec*, Michael Stevens, Brent Stine, Daniel Storce, Philip Strong*, Kyle

Swanson*, Rebecca Sweeney*, Nancy Thane, Tyler Venema, Brent Weaver*, Adam Wentworth*, Leah Whittaker*, Tyler Whittaker*, Jason Wilder*, Bobby Windsor

GRADE 8

Caitlin Barnes, Jennifer Brinkman, Lauren Brzuchowski, Donna Bushong, Sarah Childs, Libby Doerr*, Bethany Edwards*, Ross Forrest, Nicole Froede, Justin Glaza, Ashley Hendrick*, Aimee Hennessey*, Ivy Hiatt, Matthew Koepf, Bradley Langenburg*, Angella LePage, Vanna Lor, Katie McIntosh*, Steven Meeker*, Philip Nahernak*, Brandon Otulakowski, Ivan Peruski, Klyn Puterbaugh, Rebecca Putnam, Eric Reed, Lisa Santhany, Andrew Shagene, Chad Sparks, Lindsey Speirs, Jarod Stoutenburg, Jeffrey Stoutenburg*, Brandi Talaski, Mark Taylor, Shaun Thornton, Jenna Timko*, Heather Vatter, Amber Weiss, Jeffrey Wills*

Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, February 14

Bi-Polar Group support group meets second and fourth Thursday of every month 7:00-9:00 p.m., Caro United Methodist Church, Gilford Rd., Caro. Questions you may call (989) 673-6191 or 800-462-6814.

Friday, February 15

Senior Citizen Movies, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Alcoholics Anonymous, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 17

Gene Riley in concert, 10:00 a.m., Living Waters Chapel, Caro.

Monday, February 18

Cass City Area Historical Society meeting, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Tuesday, February 19

Thumb Area Parkinson's Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., Hills & Dales Hospital. AYSO Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Walbro.

Wednesday, February 20

The United Sportsmen's Alliance (U.S.A.) meeting, 7:00 p.m., Cass City Middle School Cafeteria. Everyone welcome.

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Obituaries

Raymond Hendrick

Raymond Martin Hendrick, 65, of Boalsburg, PA died Friday, Feb. 8, 2002 after an eight-month battle with pancreatic cancer. Hendrick was born June 14, 1936 in Cass City to Gladys Copeland Hendrick of Cass City and the late Lee Hendrick. In 1957, he married Shirley Marie Smith, who died May 22, 2000. Hendrick graduated from Cass City High School and attended Michigan State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy. He worked as a research assistant in the Department of Crop Science during his college years. Upon graduation, he worked for Frito-Lay as a potato purchaser in Dallas, TX and Atlanta, GA. In 1968, he moved to Boalsburg and was Director of Potato Purchasing for Hanover Brands, Inc. of Centre Hall, PA. From 1970 until 1981, he worked for the PA Potato Growers Co-Op. In 1983, he formed his own consulting business as a commodity broker, Agricultural Commodity Enterprises, Inc. He continued to be active in his business until his death. For 12 years, Hendrick served as Chairman of the Harris Township Board of Supervisors. In addition, he was the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary of the Centre Region COG, and the Pennsylvania Association of Council of Governments. Hendrick trained and raised Irish setters and served as the

President of the Nittany Valley Bird Dog Club. He just completed two years as President of the Mt. Nittany Chapter of the American Wine Society. In addition to his mother, a son, Randy Hendrick of State College, PA; a daughter, Luree Schmitzler of Spring Mills, PA; two brothers, Arlan and Richard, both of Michigan; 4 grandsons and one great-granddaughter survive him. The funeral was held at the Koch Funeral Home, State College, PA Monday, Feb. 11. Hendrick's family asks that memorial contributions be made to benefit the Penn State Cancer Institute by sending contributions to the Centre County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 824, State College, PA 16804-0824, in memory of Ray Hendrick.

Mary Hoch

Mary M. Hoch, 93, formerly of Owendale and Cass City, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002 at Bay Medical Center. She was born Sept. 29, 1908 in Ohio to the late Max and Rose (Leiterman) Lang. She married Henry Hoch and he preceded her in death. Hoch was a member of The Church of St. Boniface. Hoch is survived by a daughter, Carol (Phil) Wagner of Essexville; 4 grandchildren; a special nephew and niece, Harold Schaefer of Gageton and Rose Schaefer of Bay City. She was preceded in death by 2 sisters, Johanna Schaefer and Elizabeth Lang; 3 broth-

ers, Peter, Max and Ludwig Lang; and a great-grandson, Dylan Bliss. Funeral Mass was Saturday, Feb. 9 at the Church of St. Boniface. Rev. Fr. Dale Orlik presided. Private interment was in St. Agatha's Cemetery in Gageton. A Vigil Service was held on Friday, Feb. 8. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Bay Area or the Church of St. Boniface Organ Fund. Arrangements were made by Penzien & Steele Funeral Home, Bay City.

Richard Jacoby

Richard D. Jacoby, 67, of Unionville, passed away Saturday, Feb. 9, 2002. Jacoby was born in Akron on Feb. 20, 1934, the son of John and Emma (Ruppel) Jacoby, Jr. On September 17, 1955 he married Carol MacFarlane. Jacoby was a member of Unionville Moravian Church, and had been retired from Michigan Sugar Company, Sebewaing, as agriculture manager, with 35 years of service. He served with the U.S. Air Force during the Cuban Crisis, and had been Wisner Township Trustee and Supervisor for many years. Jacoby also served with the Selective Service System on the Draft Board. Surviving along with his wife Carol are their children, Scott (Angela) Jacoby of Akron and Leslee (Gary) Dill of Auburn; 4 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; a brother, Gerald (Joan) Jacoby of Caro; and a sister,

Noreen (Ron) Southgate of Saginaw. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Ruth Houthoofd and Irene Kramer. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13 from Unionville Moravian Church, with the Rev. Glenn Heintzelman officiating. Interment was in Wisner Township Cemetery. The family has suggested that memorials be made to Unionville Moravian Church or A-C-W Ambulance.

Charles Nemeth

Charles W. Nemeth Jr., 86, of Cass City, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2002, at Hills and Dales General Hospital. He was born Feb. 18, 1915, in Detroit to Charles W. and Veron (Kocsis) Nemeth Sr. He married Helen Gretz Sept. 4, 1937, in Detroit. She died Aug. 19, 1956. He later married Florence Wichert Osborne June 1, 1963, in Reese. She died Nov. 28, 1972. Nemeth worked as a metal fabricator for Active Industries. He retired in 1977 after more than 20 years. He was a former member of the motor home club, Loners on Wheels. Nemeth is survived by his children, Charles W. (Joann) Nemeth of Caseville and Gerry (Richard) Jones of Decker; 2 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, and 2 step-great-grandchildren; brothers, Louis Nemeth of Cass City, John (Marge) Nemeth of Sacramento, Calif., Alex Nemeth of Virginia, and Edward (Wilda) Nemeth of Kingston; and many nieces and nephews. An infant son preceded him in death. Funeral services were held Friday at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Gerald Meyer of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church officiating. Interment is in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Cass City Forensic team shines at tourney

The Cass City Forensics Team flexed some muscle in Bad Axe over the weekend. "Everyone we took broke the semis and then 14 of the 16 (team members) broke finals." Coach Chad Daniels said of his squad's performance in the tournament Saturday at Bad Axe High School.

"We finished third overall as a team. We were beaten by Franknmuth and Birch Run," Daniels added, noting he was very pleased with his team's winning performance over perennial Class C power Mason County Central. "They're always in the top 5. We beat them and they had twice the entries we had."

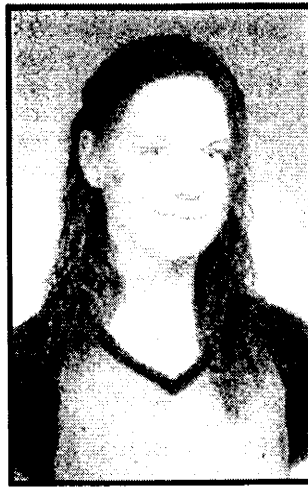
First-place finishes were posted by 3 Cass City students; sophomore Jamie Robinson (oratory 9-10), senior Jeremy Weippert (prose-open) and sophomore Josh Wark (story telling).

Bringing home second-place trophies were sophomore Sarah Hobbs (sales speaking) and the multiple acting quartet of juniors Amanda Sullins, Nichole McComas, Noel Powell and Robin Messing, and third-place finishes were turned in by sophomore Eric Hanby (sales speaking), senior Autumn Helland (prose), sophomore Dustin Mallory, and sophomore Jessica Covarrubias.

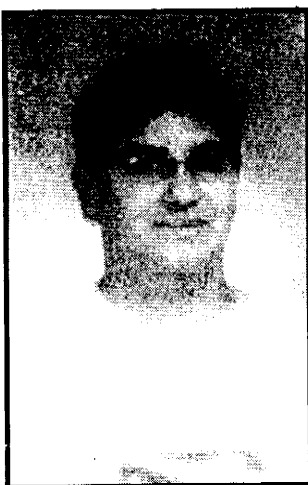
Also finishing in the top 10 were: junior Kristen Wiles, fourth, oratory open; sophomore Erika Karavas, fourth, story telling; junior Tyler Harp, fifth, informative speaking; freshman Angela Stoeckle, fifth, prose 9-10; and sophomores Jenny Sweeney and Kaylene Ziehm, sixth, duo. Three other Cass City team members also broke into the semifinals - Deanna Newby and Allison Bell in the duo competition and Joe Lounsbury in dramatic interpretation.



Tiffany Glaza
1st place



Michelle Brown
2nd place



Trace Lopez
3rd place

Historical society meet set

"Do You Remember When Cass City Had—?" will be the program for the Feb. 18 meeting of the Cass City Area Historical Society at 7 p.m. in the Rawson Memorial Library. Do you remember a time when we had—8 places where one could purchase groceries??? Can you name 6 places where one could purchase gasoline??? Etc., etc. Join us on the 18th and let's remember "The Way It Was"...

Essay winners named at O-G

Three students from Owendale-Gagetown Area School in Owendale have been named local winners in the 33rd annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

The three students, who earned the first, second, and third place awards for their school are Tiffany Lynn Glaza, first, Michelle Brown, second, and Trace Lopez, third. All 3 received award certificates for their achievement.

As the school's first place winner, Glaza's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Glaza's first-place essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top 10 essays in Michigan will be selected. The top 10 statewide winners, who will be announced in April, will receive plaques, cash, and U.S. savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000. In addition, the top 10 essayists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders and be the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in their honor.

A team of finalist judges that includes a top Michigan government official and the sponsoring teachers of last year's top 2 statewide winners, will determine the ranking of the top 10 statewide winners this year.

Several thousand eighth grade students from nearly 525 Michigan schools participated in the 2001-2002

America & Me Essay Contest, which was conducted with the help of Farm Bureau Insurance agents across the state. The topic of the 2001-2002 contest was "Why I Am Grateful to America's Veterans."

Started in 1968 and open to all Michigan eighth grade students, the contest encourages Michigan youngsters to explore their roles in America's future. As sponsor of the contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned 11 national awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

Foundation offering free trees

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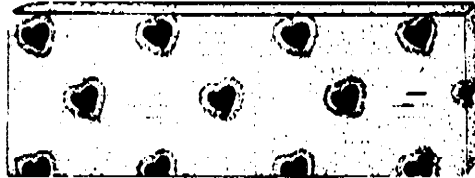
College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment April 6, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is March 1. Late registration postmark deadline is March 15 (an additional fee is required for late registration). ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The test fee is \$24 (\$27 in Florida). Colleges use ACT scores, along with a student's high school GPA, the type of college-prep courses taken and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course placement for new students. The ACT Assessment is an achievement test in English, reading, math and science. It measures what students have learned in high school, and the skills required for success in college. It is not an aptitude test. Some students find it more comfortable than an aptitude test because it reflects their high school curriculum. The ACT was taken by students nearly 2 million times last year. Important tips - Students who have already taken the ACT can take it again and try for a higher score. Juniors can use their scores to examine academic weaknesses, take courses to correct those weaknesses and re-take the exam as seniors. Students who take the exam more than once can report only their highest composite score to prospective colleges if they choose. For more information, including registration forms and test locations, contact your high school guidance

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on March 1, 2002.

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

LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ELMWOOD, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 13, Town 14 North, Range 10 East, thence running East 506.31 feet along the South line of said Section to a point where Southerly extension of the centerline of Walsh Road intersects said South line; thence N11 degrees 50'12"E, along centerline of Walsh Road 976.74 feet; thence S78 degrees 09'39"E, 416.54 feet; thence S05 degrees 25'24"W, 235.45 feet; thence N78 degrees 09'39"W, 262.85 feet; thence S74 degrees 43'36"W, 129.72 feet to the centerline of County Ditch; thence S29 degrees 19'58"E, 553.47 feet and S16 degrees 29'17"E, 138.79 feet along the centerline of County Ditch to its intersection with South line of Section 13; thence West 493.53 feet along the South line to the point of beginning.

Parcel ID No. 009-013-000-1250-00

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: January 2, 2002

Allan Daniels, Trustee of Allan Daniels Living Trust Dated 1/16/95
c/o Alan G. Greenberg
5746 Williams Lake Road
Waterford, MI 48329

1-16-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Warren R. Alford and Angelle M. Alford his wife (original mortgagors) to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated July 18, 1996, and recorded on July 22, 1996 in Liber 694, on Page 462, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. f/a/a Norwest Mortgage, Inc., a California Corporation, as assigned by an assignment dated July 25, 1996, which was recorded on October 29, 1996, in Liber 699, on Page 1352, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum EIGHTY- EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN AND 66/100 Dollars (\$88,127.66), including interest at 8.000% 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 March 8, 2002.

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

Lot 55 of Eno Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 2, Page 39, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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: January 23, 2002

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the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY- EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX AND 19/100 Dollars (\$128,236.19), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on March 29, 2002.

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

Parcel C - Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 25, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Section 25 that is 1486.96 feet, North 0 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 25; thence continuing North 0 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East along said East line of Section 25, 136.00 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 250.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 136.00 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 250.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: February 13, 2002

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: -
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by TERRY A. SPENCER AKA TERRY SPENCER AND HEATHER M. SPENCER, HUSBAND AND WIFE TO CITIFINANCIAL, INC., UNDER THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, Mortgagee, dated March 31, 2001, and recorded on April 4, 2001, in Liber 827, on page 417 TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty thousand two hundred twenty seven and 31/100 Dollars (\$60,227.31), including interest at 12.750% 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola, MI, at 11:00 AM on March 1, 2002.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF WATERTOWN, TUSCOLA County, Michigan and are described as:

LOT 9, BLOCK 20 OF THE PLAT OF THE VILLAGE OF FOSTORIA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER I OF PLATS PAGE 44-45, NOW BEING PAGES 45A-46A.

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: January 23, 2002

CITIFINANCIAL, INC.
Mortgagee

ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by TIMOTHY R. DAVIS AN UNMARRIED MAN to AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, Mortgagee, dated January 25, 1999, and recorded on March 3, 1999, in Liber 764, on page 1439 TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty three hundred forty seven and 61/100 Dollars (\$53,347.61), including interest at 9.760% 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, MI, at 11:00 AM on March 22, 2002.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF DAYTON, TUSCOLA County, Michigan and are described as:

CITY OF MAYVILLE, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA, STATE OF MICHIGAN.

PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 16, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, DAYTON TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 16 WHICH IS NORTH 88 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 1206.25 FEET FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE NORTH 88 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 120.00 FEET TO THE WEST NORTH AND SOUTH 1/8 OF SAID SECTION; THENCE ALONG SAID 1/8 LINE, NORTH 01 DEGREE 24 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST, 1326.15 FEET TO THE SOUTH, EAST AND WEST,

1/8 LINE OF SAID SECTION. THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTH, EAST AND WEST 1/8 LINE, SOUTH 88 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST, 120.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 24 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST, 1326.15 FEET TO SAID SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 16 AND THE PLACE OF BEGINNING SUBJECT TO THE USE OF THE SOUTHERLY 330.00 FEET THEREOF AS PHILIPS LAKE ROAD.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

DATED: February 13, 2002

AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY
Mortgagee

ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Arnold Nelson, a married man and Sue Nelson, his wife (original mortgagors) to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated May 18, 2000, and recorded on May 25, 2000 in Liber 801, on Page 1379, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Flagstar Bank, FSB, Assignee by an assignment dated, received by and recorded in Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX AND 77/100 Dollars (\$93,126.77), 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 to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on March 8, 2002.

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 11, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point which is South 88 Degrees 59 Minutes 05 Seconds West, 1752.00 feet from the Northeast corner of Section 17, South 00 Degrees 53 Minutes 22 Seconds East, 563.36 feet, and North 76 Degrees 21 Minutes 52 Seconds West, 224 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence North 76 Degrees 21 Minutes 52 Seconds West, 224.43 feet; thence North 00 Degrees 54 Minutes 51 Seconds West, 49.94 feet, more or less, to the North line of said Section 17; thence Easterly along the North line of said Section 218 feet more or less, to a point which is due North of the point of beginning of this description; thence due South to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: January 23, 2002

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sherry Dooley and Patrick Dooley, wife and husband, to Mortgage America (JMC) Inc., mortgagee, dated July 2, 1998 and recorded July 8, 1998 in Liber 744, Page 441, Tuscola County Records, Said mortgage is now held by Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., as Custodian or Trustee by assignment dated July 2, 1998 and recorded on November 30, 1999 in Liber 788, Page 1386, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty and 85/100 Dollars (\$55,360.85) including interest at the rate of 8.95% 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 February 22, 2002.

The premises are located in the City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 6, Block 2, of Agar Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 86, now being 36B of 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.

Dated: January 16, 2002

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., as Custodian or Trustee As Assignee
2501 Rochester Court
Troy, MI 48083
(248) 457-1000

File No. 209.0708

1-16-5

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 TERRY G. SANDERS, A MARRIED MAN AND LISA A. SANDERS, HIS WIFE, to ALLIANCE FUNDING, A DIVISION OF SUPERIOR BANK FSB, Mortgagee, dated November 9, 2000, and recorded on November 14, 2000, in Liber 815, on page 926 TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE UNDER THE INDENTURE DATED AS OF 12-01-00 SERIES 2000-4, by an assignment dated November 21, 2000, and recorded on January 17, 2002, in Liber 857, on page 1001 TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty two thousand one hundred eighty six and 81/100 Dollars (\$62,186.81), including interest at 12.850% 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, MI, at 11:00 AM on March 15, 2002

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

LOT 7, BLOCK 2 OF CHARLES MONTAGUE'S SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 10, NOW BEING PAGE 11A, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

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: February 6, 2002

LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION INDENTURE TRUSTEE UNDER THE INDENTURE DATED AS OF 12-01-00 SERIES 2000-4

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

2-6-4

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by STEVEN L. TARKOWSKI and GUADALUPE L. TARKOWSKI, husband and wife, of 69981 North Street, Reese, MI 48757, Michigan, Mortgagees, to METROPOLITAN FINANCIAL, INC., Mortgagee, dated the 7th of June, 1998, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and the State of Michigan, on the 9th day of September, 1998 in Liber 749 of Tuscola County Records, page 747, said Mortgagee having been assigned to NORWEST BANK MINNESOTA, National Association, as Co-Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of August 31, 1998, Series 1998-1, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Thirty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty One & 48/100 (\$39,621.48) and no suit or proceeding 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 the 8th day of March, 2002 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), 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 interest thereon at 14.500% 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 that certain piece of parcel of land situated in the Village of Gates (now Reese), Township of Denmark, County of Tuscola, and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Lots 13 and 14, of Block 1, of the Village of Gates (now Reese) Township of Denmark, County of Tuscola, Michigan, according to the plat recorded in Liber 29 of Deeds, page 115, of Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: 1/30/02

NORWEST BANK MINNESOTA, N.A.
Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, PC.
JONATHAN L. ENGMAN (P56364)
Attorney for Norwest Bank
888 W. Big Beaver, Ste. 1470
Troy, MI 48084
(248) 269-8684

1-30-5

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, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on March 1, 2002.

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

A Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, Town 11 North, range 8 East, described as follows: Commencing at a point 570 feet North of the Centerline of C&O Railroad on the North-South 1/4 line; thence West 400 feet; thence South to the North right of way line of said C&O Railroad; thence Southeast along said North right of way line of the C&O Railroad to the North-South 1/4 line; thence North along said North-South 1/4 line to the point of beginning.

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 March 8, 2002.

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

Lot 18 and the West 32.92 feet of Lot 17, Block 1 of Worthington's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 16, Now being 15 A. Tuscola County Records.

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: January 16, 2002

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
Stallions 248-593-1304
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Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200132434

Stallions

1-16-5

August 24, 2000, and recorded on August 28, 2000 in Liber 809, on Page 611, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said Mortgagee to the CitiMortgage, Inc., as assigned by an assignment dated August 24, 2000, which was recorded on August 28, 2000, in Liber 809, on Page 618, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE AND 16/100 Dollars (\$62,753.16), 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 March 8, 2002.

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

Lot 2 of Block 20 of Seegar's Addition to the Village of Cass City according to the Plat recorded in Liber 29 of Deeds, Page 144, Tuscola County Records.

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: January 23, 2002

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys and Counselors
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Dolphins

1-23-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kelly Jo Knight, a single woman (original mortgagors), to American Financial Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated June 30, 1998, and recorded on July 7, 1998 in Liber 744, on Page 218, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by messe assignments to Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. successor in interest by merger to Fleet Mortgage Corp., a South Carolina corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated November 1, 1999, which was recorded on December 8, 1999, in Liber 789, on Page 1116, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE AND 32/100 Dollars (\$43,431.32), including interest at 8.000% 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 March 1, 2002.

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

Beginning at a point 8 rods East of the Southwest corner of Lot 14, of Block 1, of J.L. Hitchcock's Addition to the Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, running thence East 4 rods, thence North 8 rods, Thence West 4 rods, thence South 8 rods to the place of beginning.

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

Dated: January 16, 2002

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Bingham Farms, MI 48025
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1-16-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bruce Aubert, AKA Bruce Allen Aubert and Tammy Aubert, AKA Tammy Lynn Aubert, husband and wife, to Old Kent Bank (now by various resolutions, duly known as Fifth Third Bank, Indiana), mortgagee, dated November 20, 1998 and recorded November 20, 1998 in Liber 756, Page 471, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Two and 1/100 Dollars (\$69,442.01) including interest at the rate of 7.625% per annum.

Legal notices

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Enrique A. Clark, a single man and Shanna S. Hopson, as mortgagor (original mortgagors) to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated June 2, 1998, and recorded on June 9, 1999 in Liber 741, on Page 1250, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as assignee by an assignment dated August 23, 1999, which was recorded on August 10, 2000, in Liber 808, on Page 177, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY AND 73/100 DOLLARS (\$32,560.73), including interest at 7.000% 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 March 29, 2002.

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

Lot 7 of Block 4 of William Turner's Second Addition to the Village of Mayville, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 19, now being page 30A of Tuscola County Records.

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: February 13, 2002

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: Jaguars 248-593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200211418

Jaguars

2-13-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Craig J. Edgin and Tami S. Edgin, husband and wife, to FHB Funding Corporation, mortgagee, dated September 3, 1998 and recorded September 30, 1998 in Liber 751, Page 773, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Household Finance Corporation, by assignment dated January 28, 2002 and submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Thirteen and 69/100 Dollars (\$64,313.69) including interest at the rate of 11.05% 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 March 22,

2002.

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

Lot 9 and 10 of Teskey's Addition to the village of Wilmot, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats on Page 36, Now Being Page 37A.

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.

Dated: February 6, 2002

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Household Finance Corporation
AN Assignment
2501 Rochester Court
Troy, MI 48063
(248) 457-1000

File No. 227-0046

2-6-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Frankie R. Pettit, A Widow (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Bank One, NA, Mortgagee, dated August 4, 2000, and recorded on August 8, 2000 in Liber 807, on Page 1350, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY AND 57/100 DOLLARS (\$55,750.57), including interest at 8.700% 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 March 22, 2002.

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

The East 121 feet of Lots 1 & 2, Block 2, and the East 121 feet of the South half of Lot 3, Block 2 of the Village of Newberry, now known as Village of Kingston, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 24 of Deeds, Pages 304 & 305 of Tuscola County Records.

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: February 6, 2002

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2-6-5



TUSCOLA COUNTY farmer Carl Bednarski (above) urges the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture to support a zero-interest, 10-year agricultural loan program to help producers who suffered extreme weather-related crop losses last year.

Suppliers discuss Bio Diesel

Several diesel fuel suppliers from the Thumb and Bay area recently gathered at Fritz's restaurant in Richville for an informational meeting on Bio Diesel.

Steve Howell, director of the

National Bio Diesel Board, discussed the pros and cons of Bio Diesel and its future in the market, according to David Pratt, MSU Extension agricultural agent for Tuscola County. "Demand

is on a steady incline and could become a major player in the industry soon," Pratt said.

Bio Diesel is made from vegetable oil, with the majority coming from soybeans. It meets all current and proposed air quality standards and has no sulfur or aromatic (known as cancer causing agents) emissions. Bio Diesel is also biodegradable and non-toxic. Research shows that there is no power loss, and blends of 2 percent give adequate lubrication for diesel engines.

"Bio Diesel can be burned as a B100, which is pure Bio Diesel, or as low as B2, which contains 2 percent Bio Diesel," Pratt explained. "The most common mixtures will range from B2 to B20."

Free diabetes program scheduled for Feb. 19

Hills and Dales General Hospital and the East Central Diabetes Outreach Network will offer a free seminar for individuals with diabetes, Feb. 19 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Shelly Marshall, RN, a certified diabetes educator, will

discuss goal setting for improving diabetes control.

This is the fourth of a series of lectures or events hosted by the 2 agencies. This lecture will be held at Michigan Athletic & Rehabilitation Center, 1186 Cleaver Rd., Caro. There is no charge for this program.

150 lobby lawmakers

F.B. urges committee to back loan program

Chilly, snowy weather has returned to Michigan, but summer weather - specifically, last summer's drought - remains foremost in the minds of farmers as they try to plan for the upcoming planting season.

Many can't put last year behind them because they are still grappling with the financial effects of 2001 weather conditions that devastated fields and orchards.

More than 150 Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) members from around the state, including the Thumb, gathered in Lansing recently to "re-mind" state lawmakers of that devastation. Producers crowded a Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture hearing in support of legislation that would establish a zero-interest, 10-year agricultural loan program to help farmers who suffered losses.

While the subcommittee did not vote on the bill, subcommittee Chairman Rep. Ron Jelinek said the testimony from producers was helpful, and he intends to work with all stakeholders in hopes of the bill moving to the Appropriations Committee, then the full Senate and eventually the governor.

"Today, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture got to see what Farm Bureau does when our members are mobilized," said MFB President Wayne H. Wood. "Today, 160 farmers came to Lansing to support the zero-interest agricultural loan program, which is so important to the future of agriculture in Michigan."

"There were no protest signs. There was no hollering. Our producers just politely made a statement to the subcommittee on the need for this legislation," Wood said. "This is the first time I can recall a Farm Bureau crowd of this size coming to Lansing, so the need is sincere."

The program, which is similar to one established by the state in 1986 to help offset flood-related crop losses, would loan up to a total of \$200 million to farmers and \$10 million to agribusiness through commercial banks and GreenStone Farm Credit Services. The state's cost would be to reimburse agricultural lenders for expenses to provide the zero-interest loan program.

An eligible farmer could qualify for up to a \$150,000 loan under the legislation. Loans would be administered through the Farm Credit system and banks.

For Tuscola County cash crop farmer Carl Bednarski, the loan program would provide "a little breathing room" as he copes with trying to cover last year's operational costs without the traditional income earned on dry beans.

"I'm a third-generation farmer, and last year was the first time I could recall my family not harvesting a dry bean crop. We've usually always been able to harvest something," Bednarski said. "Over the past few years with the farm economy the way it's been and the yields we've had, we've been able to tighten purse strings and get by," he explained. "But

now with this scenario and the total reduction in income from the dry bean crop - even with crop insurance - there's a huge shortfall. Now we're at a point where operating costs are not going to be covered for the past year."

Others who testified last week in support of the legislation included representatives of agricultural lending organizations as well as Michigan agribusinesses that have had to lay off employees because the crop wasn't there to support their businesses.

Those testifying acknowledged Michigan's budget problems but emphasized that the loan program would be an "investment" in agriculture - Michigan's No. 2 industry and the industry that feeds the state's residents.

Senior 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. Please bring your own table service. The dining center is located at 6106 Beechwood St. (K of C Hall), Cass City. This is a non-smoking dining center.

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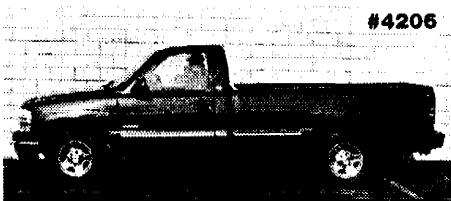
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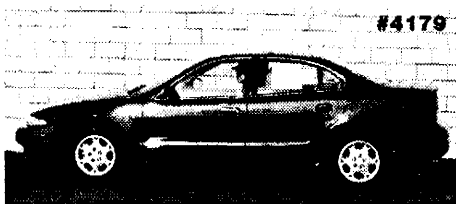
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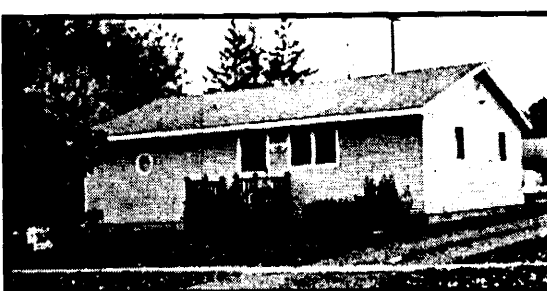
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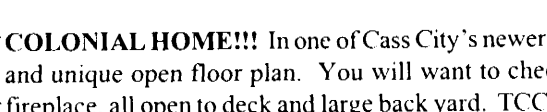
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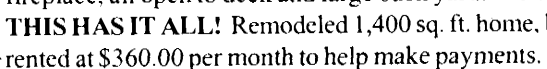
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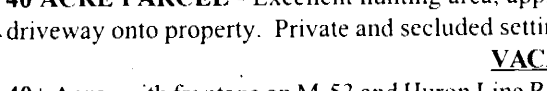
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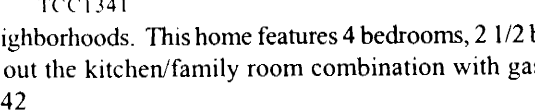
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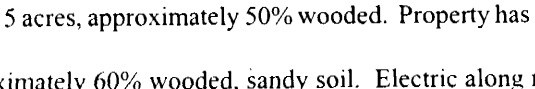
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Growers celebrate sweet deal

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and are able to generate income from both ends."

With legal and governmental affairs assistance from MFB, Michigan Sugar Beet Growers Inc., the entity representing about 1,000 mid-Michigan sugar beet grow-

ers, acquired Michigan Sugar's processing plants in Caro, Croswell, Sebawaing and Carrollton from the parent company, Texas-based Imperial Sugar Co.

Through a membership drive that had growers invest at least \$200 per share and commit one acre of sugar

beets per share, the co-op contracted the 125,000 acres of sugar beets needed to keep the company's Michigan plants operational. The co-op will maintain the Michigan Sugar Co. name and continue to market under the brand label of "Pioneer Sugar."

Carl Bednarski, a Caro farmer who served on the co-op's organizing board, said that while Tuesday's ceremony was a welcomed finale to more than 2 1/2 years of grueling organizing, more work remains.

"It's nice to be done, but we still have to run the company in a profitable manner, which we intend to do," said Bednarski, who also serves on the MFB board of directors. "We have to make sure that we have good sugar policy for our country and that we run the company in a responsible manner and don't make foolish business decisions."

The local effort is part of a national trend toward grower ownership of sugar factories, according to Luther Markwart, executive vice president of the American Sugar Beet Growers Association.

Presently, there are a dozen grower-owned factories in the western United States, and 7 more being purchased in addition to Michigan's 4, Markwart said. Soon, he predicts, more than 90 percent of the nation's domestic sugar production will be owned by farmers.

Sutto said the local purchase reflects growers' insistence to keep sugar beets, which have been produced in Michigan for more than 100 years, a thriving part of the state's diverse agricultural industry.

"For years, the term that's been used in the sugar industry is 'beets have been a mortgage lifter,'" Sutto said of traditional market prices for sugar beets relative to other commodities. "And sugar beets are a good crop to have in your crop rotation."

"We've been fortunate to have these processing facilities so we don't have to rely on just a few primary crops like dry beans or corn and soybeans," he added. "Raising another commodity is not only fortunate for us growers in the Saginaw Val-

ley, it's also fortunate for Michigan because the income generated to the sugar beet producer gets spun off to supply industries like machinery dealers and fertilizer companies."

Also motivating growers to purchase the company, Bednarski said, were the factories' economic contributions to their respective communities and the devastating job losses that would have occurred if the plants were shut down.

He noted the 4 Michigan Sugar plants employ more than 300 full-time and about 1,000 seasonal workers.

"This was not a decision based solely on farmers' pocketbooks," Bednarski said. "The decision was also looked at in terms of benefits for these 4 communities."

Interlochen scholarship available

Saginaw Choral Society officials recently announced their 14th Interlochen Music Scholarship Competition.

A vocal scholarship will be awarded to attend the All State Choir Program at the National Music Camp at Interlochen during the summer of 2002, June 16 through June 29, to a student from the 4-county area.

The Music Scholarship Competition will be held Saturday, March 9, and is open to singers in grades 9 through 12 who live in Midland, Bay, Tuscola or Saginaw counties. Students will be required to sing 2 compositions from memory. The competition will begin at 9 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church in Saginaw. Audition times will be assigned to each contestant.

Questions concerning this competition may be directed to the Saginaw Choral Society office at (989) 753-1812.



WARS OF the past — from the Civil War to Operation Desert Storm — is the theme of a new Cass City Historical Society display at the Cass City Municipal Building. Above, local World War II veteran and historical society member Jack Esau looks over vintage uniforms, including one (right) worn by the late Vern McConnell, a World War I veteran and lifelong Cass City area resident. The display also includes a wide variety of weapons, military equipment, posters, songbooks and other memorabilia.

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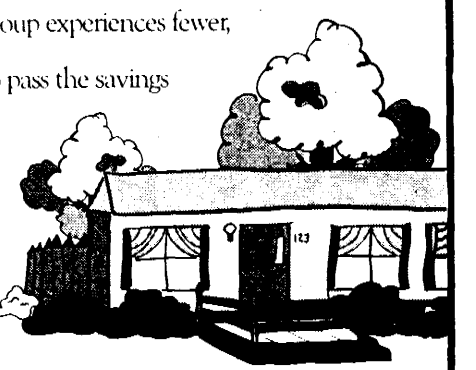
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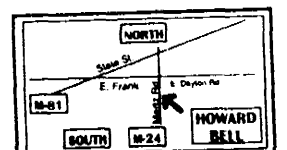
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