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Medical Care Facility vote set for August

Tuscola County residents will be asked to approve a special millage this summer to renovate and expand the number of beds at the county Medical Care Facility.

Tuscola County Commissioners recently adopted language to place the request on the Aug. 6 primary ballot.

The request is one of two questions facing voters. The other is renewal of .25 of a mill for 5 years for equipment-capital expenses at the 44-year-old Medical Care Facility, which is located in Caro. The millage generates about \$263,000 a year.

If approved, the new, one-mill tax would be levied for 15 years, generating an estimated \$1,053,000 in the first year, according to county Controller Mike Hoagland, who said the renovation-expansion project cost estimate is just over \$10 million.

Voters narrowly rejected a similar request in a special election held in October 1999. The margin of defeat was just 36 votes. At that time, officials were asking for .68 of a mill for 20 years to finance a \$13 million renovation-expansion to ease overcrowding and complete needed repairs.

Hoagland said the latest proposal is different in that the project would add beds at the facility.

And those beds, which will serve residents suffering from

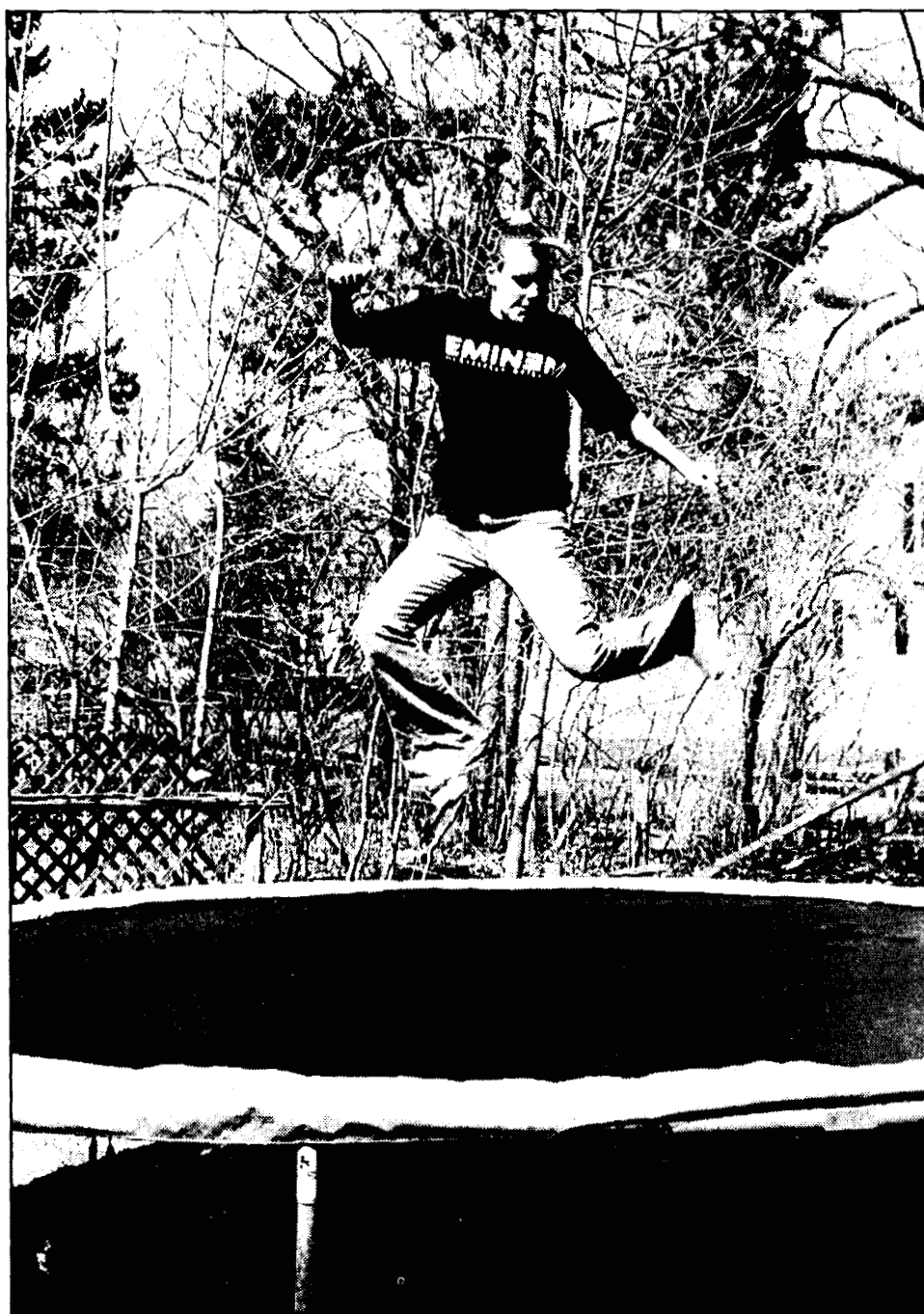
Alzheimer's disease, are badly needed, according to Margot Roedel, administrator at the Medical Care Facility.

"We have a dramatic need in this county. Our aging population is growing and I think it's (number of residents with dementia-related diseases) in proportion to that," said Roedel, who noted that nearly half of the Medical Care Facility residents - 47 out of 123 - suffer from some form of dementia.

Roedel said the proposed renovation-expansion would help to serve the growing demand for dementia care.

"What we'll be doing is adding 20 new beds, and they'll be designed for Alzheimer's patients. It will be a separate unit and a closed unit," she explained, adding Alzheimer's patients are "much more comfortable and, I might add, less agitated when they're in an environment that is consistent."

Roedel said state officials previously would not allow the Caro facility to add beds because they felt there were more than enough nursing home beds in the county. However, the state has since seen the need for additional beds to meet special needs, and a "certificate of need" was approved for the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility.



Fun in the sun

SPRING-TIME! - Carissa Bass, 15, of Cass City, took advantage of a beautiful day Thursday and spring vacation to get some exercise on her trampoline.

Raises approved

Ellington board okays new budget

Ellington Township officials approved a new general fund budget totaling \$432,198, an increase of about 26 percent over the previous year, during the township's annual meeting Saturday.

The proposed spending plan includes raises of 20 percent for the township supervisor, clerk, treasurer and trustees, but those increases account for only an additional expenditure \$3,957 in the coming year, according to Clerk Fred Bardwell Jr.

Bardwell said the township's budget swelled by some \$90,000 largely because of the Tuscola County Road Commission's failure to reach a labor agreement with the commission's hourly employees.

"The money wasn't spent (last year) because we can't get the road commission to do their job," he said, adding road commission employees were told there was no time to tackle roadwork outside of grading. "They wouldn't do the surveys, they wouldn't have the hearings, they wouldn't, basically, do anything. When it came down to it, all they did was grade twice."

Road Commission Finance Director Jim Miklovic said this was the first time he had heard of frustration on the part of township officials. He said he didn't know what

road projects Bardwell was referring to, but he disputed any suggestion that union negotiations have affected how the road commission conducts business.

"Not at all. Them not getting their roads done has nothing to do with the union contract," he said. "The guys were here all year, they were working. There was no work stoppage, there were no lock-outs or strikes."

Road Commission Supt. Manager Mike Gleeson agreed, saying the road commission completed all the work that townships requested last year with the exception of some survey hearings, including 2 for

Ellington Township. However, he noted those hearings have since been completed.

It's a matter of time and the amount of work related to a given survey request, according to Gleeson. The road commission handles those requests as they come in, he said, and sometimes there simply isn't enough time to get to them all within the year.

"We planned on spending \$166,000-and-some on roads last year, and we ended up with \$1,200 - that's what we spent out of the general fund, and we had the money," Bardwell said.

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Annual chamber dinner April 13

The Cass City community will gather next week to honor the area's top citizens of the year.

The Cass City Chamber of Commerce's annual Community Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, beginning at 6:30 at Northwood Meadows.

The evening will include entertainment by Rebecca Stumpo of Caro, who will perform a repertoire of songs.

Chamber President Jim Luth and Kay Warner, chamber administrator, will present a brief "state of the chamber" address prior to the highlight of the night - presentation of the Citizen and Junior Citizen of the Year awards. Bob Hirn, the 2001 honored citizen, will present the award to this year's recipient, while Luth will present this year's junior citizen candidates. Last year's junior citizens were Randy Diebel and Katie Hacker.

The tradition of honoring the Cass City community's top citizens began in 1963 with selection of the late Willis Campbell as the first Citizen of the Year, and in 1965 when Betty Kennedy was honored as the first Junior Citizen of the Year.

This year's dinner will also include another special presentation as the community honors those who volunteered their time and efforts to the indoor pool fundraising committee.

The chamber dinner, which was a complete sellout last year, promises to be a special and enjoyable evening. Additional parking will be available at the Knights of Columbus Hall with regular shuttle service to Northwood Meadows, provided by Curtis Chrysler.

Tickets are \$15 each and are available from any chamber board member and at the following locations: Chemical Bank, Independent Bank, Thumb National Bank, Coach Light Pharmacy and the chamber office, which is located at the municipal building.

The chamber is able to host the annual recognition dinner thanks to the generosity of sponsoring companies Chemical Bank, Independent Bank, Thumb National Bank, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Drug task force stings Sanilac meth lab

Police say a couple who moved to Michigan from California and Oregon 3 years ago did so in hopes of overcoming long-term substance abuse problems.

But their resolve apparently didn't last. Sanilac County Drug Task Force officials say the couple, who have an 8-month-old child, set up their own methamphetamine manufacturing operation in Sanilac County when they couldn't find a dealer to supply the drug of their choice.

The task force last week executed a search warrant in Sanilac Township, where they arrested 2 adults on a variety of felony manufacturing, distribution and possession drug charges.

"This is the first known instance of a methamphetamine laboratory being operated in mid-Michigan or the Thumb area," William H. Gray, director of the Sanilac County Drug Task Force, said Thursday.

"Clandestine methamphetamine labs have traditionally been operated primarily on the West Coast of the U.S. - California, Nevada," Gray said. "During the last decade these clandestine methamphetamine labs have begun spreading eastward from California and have reached almost epidemic proportion in many midwestern areas of the country."

Gray noted methamphetamine labs are extremely dangerous.

"Many of the chemicals

found in these labs are very corrosive, flammable and potentially explosive," he explained. "The vapors that are evolved from the chemical reactions attack the mucous membranes, skin, eyes and respiratory tract. Some chemicals will react with water or other chemicals and cause a fire or explosion."

"The waste byproducts produced during the manufacturing process are extremely toxic and all of these lab operations are considered toxic waste sites by the Environmental Protection Agency. Clean-up of these raid sites has to be done by licensed environmental disposal companies, with clean-up costs of a few thousand dollars to more than \$100,000 being possible."

The Tuesday, March 26, search warrant was the result of an anonymous tip that 2 Sanilac Township residents were "cooking meth" at the home they had recently rented.

The task force investigation revealed that a 37-year-old man and 35-year-old woman were living at the home with their child. The adults moved into the Sanilac Township home a few months ago following the birth of their son.

Gray said officers confirmed the presence of an active methamphetamine manufacturing operation being operated in the home.

"The fact that an 8-month-old child was being raised in the home while the manufac-

turing process was taking place added urgency to investigators' need to shut down the clandestine lab," he added.

District Court Judge James Marcus signed the search warrant, and task force investigators contacted the Saginaw office of the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration for assistance so the EPA-mandated clean-up of the lab site would be a federal responsibility and not a

county responsibility. Officers also contacted the Family Independence Agency to assist in the on-site investigation of the infant's welfare.

Drug Task Force officers executed the warrant with assistance from the sheriff's department K-9 Unit, detectives and Township C.O.P.S. Road Patrol. Saginaw DEA officers and Family Independence Agency officials.

Gray said the officers seized marijuana, methamphet-

amine in finished form, methamphetamine in various stages of the manufacturing process, multiple gallons of toxic liquid waste byproduct, several gallons of muriatic acid, hydrochloric acid, lithium, petroleum distillates, methyl alcohol, iodine, iodine crystals, sodium hydroxide, sulfuric acid, ethyl ether, phosphorus, sodium chloride, and pseudoephedrine.

Also seized were filtering

materials with phosphorus sludge, dozens of used hypodermic syringes, dozens of new syringes, scales, packaging materials, cash, several different variations of "recipes" for methamphetamine manufacturing and more than 200 pages of typed methamphetamine refinement directions.

"The DEA office arranged for Young Environmental Please turn to back page.

When in Rome...

Dr. Baughman runs for diabetes

Dr. Gary W. Baughman knows marathons.

A podiatrist who serves patients at the Northeastern Foot and Ankle Clinic in Cass City and Essexville, Baughman logs 20 to 40 miles a week and has completed more than 60 marathons, including 3 ultra marathons - a pair of 50-mile and one 100-mile event.

"You're so focused and concentrating on what you feel, you don't see anything," he said of a distance runner's focus when he or she competes.

Baughman recently ran a very different kind of race. The event was a standard marathon (26.2 miles), but it was anything but typical - his surroundings this time included the Coliseum and the Trevi Fountain in Rome, Italy.

"There were times when you just wanted to stop and take some pictures," recalled Baughman, who participated in the March 24 American Diabetes Association "Team in Training" event to raise funds for diabetes awareness, education and research.

"We ended up doing pretty good," Baughman said of his fundraising efforts, which included soliciting donations from patients, colleagues and pharmaceutical representatives. He met his goal of \$4,600, and to-

gether with other runners from the United States managed to raise a whopping \$840,000 for the cause.

Baughman previously ran one other "Team in Training" marathon, about 3 years ago in London.

"It (marathon in Rome) compared favorably with any of the bigger marathons I've run, but I think what was unique is that was the first one where I ran in a foreign country where the majority of people don't speak English. They were all cheering and waving Italian flags. It made it very exciting," he said. "And this was the start of Holy Week in Rome, too. That made it kind of special."

The crowds were huge, according to Baughman, who said a 5K run featuring some 30,000 runners followed the marathon, which drew 7,000 to 8,000 runners.

Many of the participants, he added, were not what you would describe as veteran distance runners. "I would say the majority of people were like the guy next door to you," he said, noting they all shared one thing in common, whether they ran, walked or crawled across the finish line: a desire to help those affected by diabetes. "It's an emotional experience. I don't care what your time is."

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DR. GARY Baughman (left) poses with Dr. Ray Breitenbach, a family practitioner from Waterford, after they participated in an American Diabetes Association "Team in Training" marathon in Rome, Italy. The pair previously ran together in a similar event held 3 years ago in London.

Remember--

It's time to
"spring forward"
as
Daylight Savings Time
returns early
Sunday morning.
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one hour.



Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 658-2347



Jim and Doreen Hagen entertained at a birthday party for their 9-year-old son, Nicholas, at their home Sunday. Attending were Lyle and Phyllis Krohn, Betty and Bryce Hagen, Sarah and Ken Frantz, Kelly and Katie, Sue Danks, Laurie Krohn, Mike and Ellen Moorman, Mary Hagen and friend Jim, Clint and Melissa Hagen and Dylon, Dennis and Sharlene Hagen. Birthday cake and ice cream was served.

Allen Farrelly was a Wednesday evening guest of Archie and Penny Guigar.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney and Thelma Jackson visited Lynn Fuester, Clara Bond, Mrs. Frank Laming, Mrs. Arnold Lapeer and Etta Auten Tuesday.

Florence Watson was a Tuesday guest of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

14 members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at The Peppermill in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at McDonalds Food and Deli restaurant next week.

Jack and Wayne Kennedy, Ed Schember, Jim Lewis and Allen Farrelly met at Burger King in Bad Axe for breakfast Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chet Leppek at Ruth Sunday.

Dan and Mary Kay Ritter, Alex and Beth of Elkton, Pat and Sally Bell, Lauren and Katelynn of Cheboygan, Frances Tschirhart of Bad

Axe, Wayne Sweeney of Saginaw, Eric and Heidi Sweeney, Brandon, Nicole, and Brett were early Easter dinner guests of Jim and Kay Sweeney on Palm Sunday.

Doris Western and Allen Farrelly visited Dan Franzel at the medical care facility in Bad Axe on Wednesday.

Bob and Mary Lou Harris of Gladwin spent Tuesday with Bryce and Betty Hagen.

Ed Schember, Lyle Rochefort, Mernard Morley, Bud Perkins, Jack Kennedy and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Friday morning.

Mrs. Ken Osentoski visited Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming on Saturday.

Lester and Joan O'Dell visited Clara Bond on Saturday.

Caitlyn Rickett and Courtney Doerr were Wednesday overnight and Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western, Jim Foster and Allen Farrelly visited Dan Franzel at The Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe on Wednesday.

6 of the 8 children of Mike Holik's family met at the Stockyards restaurant for dinner at 2 o'clock Tuesday. The group met at the Russ Schneeberger home for birthday cake and ice cream in the afternoon for Lawrence's 78th birthday.

Reva Silver was a Wednesday afternoon and evening guest of Mrs. Gerald Wills.

Engaged



Merry Conat-Warju and Michael Gebauer

Michael Gebauer and Merry Conat-Warju announce their engagement.

Michael is the son of Douglas and JoAnne Gebauer and Merry is the daughter of Donald and Jacqueline Conat.

Michael is a 1988 graduate of Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port and is a police officer for the Village of Cass City. Merry is a 1986 graduate of Caro High School and is the director of materials management at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

A June 8, 2002 wedding is planned.



Meg's Peg

Men's gifts

by Melva E. Guinther

Anybody who's ever agonized about finding the right gift for a guy will appreciate these "Tips For Buying Men's Gifts." You might want to file them for reference as Father's Day approaches. They came from the You Make Me Laugh website, and I think the author knew whereof he or she wrote.

1. When in doubt, buy him a cordless drill. It does not matter if he already has one. I have a friend who owns 17, and he has yet to complain. As a man, you can never have too many cordless drills. No one knows why.
2. If you can't afford a cordless drill, buy him anything with the word "ratchet" or "socket" on it. Men love saying those 2 words. "Hey, George, can I borrow your ratchet?" "OK. By the way, are you through with my 3/8 inch socket yet?" Again, no one knows why.
3. If you are really, really broke, buy him anything for his car: a 99-cent ice scraper, a small bottle of de-icer or something to hang from his rear view mirror. Men love gifts for their cars. No one knows why.
4. Never buy men bathrobes. Once I was told that if God had wanted men to wear bathrobes, he wouldn't have invented Jockey shorts.
5. You can buy men new remote controls to replace the ones they have worn out. If you have a lot of money, buy your man a big-screen TV with the little picture in the corner. Watch him go wild as he flips, and flips, and flips.
6. Do not buy any man industrial-sized canisters of after-shave or deodorant. I'm told they do not stink - they are "earthy."
7. Buy men label-makers. Almost as good as cordless drills. Within a couple of



Sandra and Joseph Gwinn

Gwinns exchange vows in Tahiti

Sandra L. Cody and Joseph M. Gwinn, both of Chicago, IL, were married December 24, 2001 in Bora Bora Tahiti in French Polynesia.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cody of Cass City. The groom is the son of Mary Gwinn of Waterford and Paul Gwinn of Hilton Head, South Carolina.

The bride is employed at JC Whitney as an Internet advertising manager in Chicago. The groom is employed at Medline Industries as a vice president in Chicago.

After a two week honeymoon in French Polynesian Islands, the couple resides in Chicago.

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Historical society to meet

The Watrousville-Caro Area Historical Society will meet Tuesday, April 9th at 7:30 p.m. at the Juniata Township Hall, 1971 S. Ringle Rd., Watrousville.

Virginia Jensen of Millington will present a program on Old Irons. She will bring a small portion of her collection to show and tell about.

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



Clayton Hux

Donald and Darla Hux, of Decker, announce the birth of their son, Clayton Riley Dale Hux.

Clayton was born Nov. 12, 2001 at 8:47 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 inches long.

His grandparents are Christine Apley of Elkton, Craig Allor of Ferndale and Norwood and Ruth Hux of Decker.

His older brother, Nicholas, age 2 1/2, also welcomed Clayton home.

Prayer seminar slated

The Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Road, will host a 3-day seminar on the topic of prayer April 7 through 9.

Dean Trune of Impact Ministries, Okemos, will be the guest speaker. Trune was previously the campus minister at His House Fellowship on the campus of MSU. Today, as the director of Impact Ministries, he leads a staff of over 30, working in 6 states and 5 countries on college campuses.

While at Novesta he will speak on "Developing Your Spiritual Root System", "Spiritual Warfare", "Intimacy with God", "Listening to God", and "Spiritual Journaling".

The public is invited. Services will be at 10:45 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Sunday through Tuesday. A nursery will be provided. For more information, call 872-3658.

Owen-Gage set for April 8

Kindergarten round-up for the Owen-Gage Area Schools will be Monday, April 8, in the Gagetown Elementary School gym from 9 to 11 a.m. and noon to 2 p.m.

Parents must bring their child along with a certified copy of their birth certificate (not a hospital certificate), immunization record and Social Security card.

The school nurse will be on hand to answer any questions.

More information is available by calling the school at (989) 665-9921.

Go-Getters planning dinners

The Tuscola County Senior "Go-Getters" have tickets available for their dinner dance Saturday, April 6, at the Ivan Middleton Hall in Vassar.

Doors open at 4 p.m., dinner will be served at 5 p.m. and dancing will be from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Music will be provided by Denny Ewald and the Music Makers.

Tickets are \$12 a person and must be purchased in advance by contacting either Sandi at (989) 693-6183 or Lucille at (989) 673-4650.

The "Go-Getters" dance is open to the public and not limited to senior citizens only.

The "Go-Getters" ALL-UCAN-EAT BUFFET is Thursday, April 11, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Caro United Methodist Church.

The buffet will include a soup and salad bar, sauerkraut & Polish sausage, meatballs, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, stew, beef tips and noodles, macaroni and cheese, tacos, rolls, dessert and beverage.

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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Over the Easter vacation, 25 area kids were among 225 that spent the week swimming, riding and loafing in Florida in a Youth for Christ sponsored program.

The swimming was in the pool and at the beach and the riding was part of the long trip down and back, and the day-long visit to Universal Studios. The loafing was sandwiched in by the students making the most of the low 80-degree temperatures while basking in the sun.

For the adult volunteers from the area, forget about the loafing. They were there to help with the cooking and other chores to make it a great vacation for kids. The area kitchen slaves were Bill and Judy Britt, Cass City; Arthur and Janet Severance, Decker, and Dale and Phyllis Yoder, Pigeon. Paul Rockwell, Snover, did double duty as bus driver and kitchen helper.

Just in case you forgot to mark your calendar, remember that Sunday is the day for the community benefit dinner for cancer stricken Ryan Storm and Alison Emmert. It's slated at Cass City High School from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

There will be entertainment by local talent to enjoy along with a roast beef dinner. A silent auction is planned.

Take-outs are available and tickets are only \$7.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12. Tickets are available at Thumb National Bank, Sutter's Bakery, Chemical Bank, Cass City High School, Cass City Middle School and Schneeberger's Furniture and Appliance store.

Last week was a rare week in the newspaper business where compliments not complaints ruled.

We like to think that there are many readers that are appreciative of at least some of the things we do even if they don't bother to mention it.

Regardless, when 2 readers take the trouble to call and comment very favorably it's a blue ribbon week. Marie Osentoski thought the article about the family and her late husband, Ira, in the progress edition was very good. Rev. Todd Gould visited and said that Tom Montgomery did a great job in the story about his son, Noah.

NOTICE

All lots in the Elkland Township Cemetery must be cleaned off by **April 1st** and remain clean until **May 1st**.

This is in accordance with the rules, regulations and will be strictly enforced.

Elkland Township Board

Saginaw man sentenced in fatal traffic accident

A Saginaw man charged in a traffic accident that claimed the life of a Vassar woman last October has been ordered to serve 180 days in the Tuscola County Jail.

The sentence was handed down to Timothy D. Perry, 35, in Tuscola County Circuit Court, where he previously pleaded no contest to

attempted homicide-man-slaughter with a motor vehicle.

Perry, who was granted work release, was also ordered to serve 36 months probation and pay \$1,120 in court costs and fines. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

The accident that claimed

the life of Mary Lou Campbell, 49, occurred Oct. 28 in Indianfields Township. Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies reported that Campbell attempted to turn left from eastbound M-46 to northbound Chambers Road and her vehicle was struck by Perry's eastbound pickup truck.

HDC seeking donations

The Human Development Commission will partner with the Feinstein Foundation in April to raise money for its nutrition program.

Contributions received in March and April for the Agency's home-delivered meals program, senior dining centers, emergency food and commodity distributions, and food pantries, will be

supplemented with additional dollars from the Feinstein Foundation. This means that HDC Senior customers who make their normal contributions for home-delivered meals, or for meals at the 19 HDC Senior Dining Centers in the Thumb, can play a vital part in the Agency's fundraising efforts.

Those who normally wait to make their contributions, for whatever reason, are thus encouraged to remit in April, since their contribution will have greater impact.

The Alan Shaw Feinstein Foundation, now in its fifth straight year of fighting hun-

ger through "challenge donations", will match all contributions made to The Human Development Commission between March 1st and April 30th. Contributions from the general public will also be used in the challenge.

If you would like to help by making a donation, please do so before April 30th, payable to the Human Development Commission (earmarked for "nutrition program") and send to HDC, 429 Montague Avenue, Caro, MI 48723.

For more information, please call (989) 673-4121 and ask for Chris Higgins.

Thumbody hours are expanding

The Caro Thumbody Express is expanding hours during the business week.

Beginning Monday, April 8, passengers will be able to utilize the bus service from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. This is a 3-hour extension of the previous posted hours.

The extended hours will help passengers get to early appointments, open up more job possibilities and enable them to go out to dinner or shop after work. The additional time will add to the quality of life of the people who count on the bus system for their transportation.

Caro Thumbody Express, a service of the Caro Transit Authority and Human Development Commission, has been a part of the community since 1984 and provides rides to thousands of people in the greater Caro area every year. The buses are a source of safe, courteous and accessible transportation, and are now an even more convenient option for travel needs.

Please call 673-8488 to make arrangements for a ride with the Caro Thumbody Express.

The
Haire
Net



The passing parade as seen from the corner of Main and Oak streets. Three stories in a metro daily that captured my attention. One hits the mark, one is surprising and the third was, huh?

The one that hit the mark was a story that said that oldsters preferred snail mail when filing income tax returns. Most of the electronic tax returns were by taxpayers under 40 years old.

In the under 40 group, according to the survey, 54 percent will file electronically. In the over 40 group, 59 percent will mail returns.

One 84-year-old man is quoted as saying, we old people, there is a whole lot of stuff we haven't caught up with yet. Yeah! For this writer computers are one of the great mysteries of life.

More than twice as many returns will be by mail rather than electronically.

A theater in Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn has established a Saturday night restriction for youth 16 and under. They will not be admitted after 8 p.m. unless they are accompanied by a parent. The theater calls it family night.

The kids are rewarded with a free small popcorn and soda. So far the deal has been a hit with teen-agers. Since establishing the program in February the theater has enjoyed record attendance.

Let's hope that the acceptance is not a flash-in-the-pan reaction. If it proves durable you can be sure that family nights will be adopted by theaters across the board. A step in the right direction.

The third story in big headlines announced that motorists can find cheap gas as they embark on Easter trips with 1.6 million expected to hit the roads.

It would be interesting to run a survey of the travelers'

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The back forty

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by Roger Pond

I hope everyone is ready for daylight savings time. I don't know how we got into this predicament, but setting the clocks forward and backward has become one of the major celebrations of the year.

(That's not true if you live in Indiana. Folks in Indiana get to leave their clocks alone.)

The daylight savings thing is one big confusion for the rest of us. Each spring I ask my wife, "O.K., which way do we set the clocks, forward or backward?"

"We always set the clocks forward in the spring," she says. "It's easy to remember, 'spring forward and fall back'."

I remind her that old jingle doesn't apply to me anymore. I'm more likely to fall forward, and I don't spring anywhere.

I can remember when daylight savings time was foisted upon the nation back in the '60s. Farmers went to work in the dark instead of the daylight, milk haulers arrived an hour earlier, and the cows really didn't care what time it was.

People had to leave the fields to attend meetings and school events when there were still two hours of daylight left. We're still doing it, but that doesn't mean it's a good idea.

Some were confused by the daylight savings concept. A county agent told me one lady called his office to ask what effect the extra hour of daylight would have on her garden.

The temptation must have been overwhelming. He probably said, "It won't hurt your vegetables, but you might want to cover the flowers for an hour or so each evening."

Daylight savings has become so firmly ingrained that most of us don't even think about it, anymore. Some people do, though.

A farmer told me several years ago, "I think it's the craziest thing for the whole country to set our clocks up so people can go to work an hour earlier. Why can't employers just change their hours."

He's right of course, and a few hardy individuals still resist the clock-changing edict. These people say, "If other folks want to change their clocks, it's O.K. with

me. I know what time it is."

I tried that philosophy many years ago, but it didn't work. I was home from college and student teaching at a nearby school, when I noticed my mother had the disconcerting habit of setting her clocks 10 minutes fast.

"That's silly," I told her. "Once people know the clocks are 10 minutes fast, they just start leaving 10

minutes later. All a person has to do is pay attention and they'll get there on time." (College does that to a person.)

Finally, I couldn't stand it any longer. I went around the house and changed all of the clocks to the correct time.

The next morning I got up, packed my lunch, and arrived for work 10 minutes late!

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Cass City Public Schools PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

Kindergarten/Pre-School Enrollment Time

Early childhood education continues to be an emphasis of the Cass City Public Schools. In fact, the early childhood focus is one of the major reasons people have joined our community and have decided to send their children to our schools.

-Regular kindergarten programs are available at both Deford Elementary School and the Cass City Early Childhood Center.

-A pre-school program is available for four year olds.

-A young 5's kindergarten program is also offered.

-An all day kindergarten program for parent/teacher identified students is another program which is provided.

Register soon at the following locations:

***Campbell Elementary School Cafeteria** (Kindergarten Registration)

Thursday, April 18th at 6:30 p.m. (Parents only for this session.) - For answers to questions please call 872-2158.

***Deford Elementary School** (Kindergarten Registration)

Thursday, April 18th at 1:00 p.m. (Parents only for this session.) - For answers to questions please call 872-2871

***Rawson Memorial Library** (Parents interested in the four year preschool program)

Thursday, April 25th at 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - For answers to questions please call 872-2871.

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

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Alissa's
Article

by Alissa Pasant



The other two spring sports offered at Cass City High School are track and girls soccer. These two sports don't have JV teams, they are only varsity teams.

The track team consists of boys and girls. The head coach is Mr. Scott Cuthrell. He has two assistant coaches. They are Jeff Schember, who coaches the middle distance runners, and Al Dadacki, who coaches the field events. This is the first time in awhile that there has been over 20 girls out for the team. There are many young runners and new runners out for the team. There is only one senior on the girls' team. Even with newcomers and young runners, the girls' team is looking to do well in the league. The guys' track team unfortunately has low numbers. There are only 12 guys on the team. On the guys' team there is also only one senior. With low numbers, the team should still excel because they are strong in the events in which they participate. As of right now no captains have been named for the teams. This is only their third week of practice just like the softball and baseball teams. The first two weeks are conditioning. The girls and guys were planning on going to a meet at Saginaw Valley State University last week. The girls were supposed to go on Thursday, March 21, but due to an unexpected snowstorm, the meet was cancelled. The guys still attended the meet on Friday, March 22. At this meet the coaches got to see what the athletes were capable of. After spring break the teams have some important track meets to look forward to. Some of these meets are the Wildcat Relays in Mayville and the USA Invitational. The track team's first meet is on Wednesday, April 3, with USA and Caro, at USA.

The girls' soccer team is coached by head coach Chuck Reed and assistant coach Michelle Hanby. There are 15 players on the team. This includes 6 new players that have never played before. The team practices outside every day at the soccer field behind the high school. Since there is no AYSO guys soccer in the spring, the guys from the fall soccer team practice with the girls. The guys will scrimmage the girls to help them practice. The guys also help out at games by taking the stats. This year will be the first time ever that the soccer team will be in a tournament. This tournament will be held on May 4, and is the Lakeville Invitational.

Several appear in circuit court

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

- Christopher M. Martinez, 18, Caro, pleaded guilty to attempted carrying a concealed weapon Feb. 14 in Indianfields Township.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Laurie A. Howey, 19, Gagetown, pleaded guilty to attempted home invasion, second degree, last July in Gagetown.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be set.
- Joseph W. Sullivan, 43, Linwood, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 8 in Millington Township, and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$7,500 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- John M. McClure, 49, Vassar, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 180 days in jail (90 days deferred), with worksite privileges, for his plea of no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, April 21 in Dayton Township.
- He was also ordered to undergo substance abuse therapy/counseling (residential treatment) and pay costs and fines totaling \$4,120.
- Johnny B. Liddell, 46, Saginaw, was sentenced to 90 days in jail and 18 months probation for his plea of guilty to fleeing and eluding a police officer, third degree, Jan. 3 in Vassar and Tuscola and Denmark townships.
- Liddell was also ordered to pay \$720 in costs and fines.
- Jeremy L. Smith, 22, Millington, was sentenced to one year to 7 years and 6 months in prison for jury verdicts of guilty to larceny from a motor vehicle and conspiracy to commit larceny from a motor vehicle Aug. 9, 1998, in Millington Township; a plea of guilty to larceny from a motor vehicle July 21, 1998, in Millington; and pleas of guilty to 2 counts of absconding or forfeiting bond.
- Marcus G. Lewis, 24, Mayville, pleaded guilty to failure to register as a sex offender May 4 in Fremont Township.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Shane K. Orton II, 28, Caro, pleaded guilty to attempted forgery July 28 in Gagetown, and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$20,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.
- Gary D. Campbell, 35, Mayville, pleaded no contest to resisting and obstructing a police officer Oct. 3 in Mayville.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.



Knights honored

THE KNIGHTS of Columbus Council #8892 recently held its annual Appreciation/Recognition Dinner. Honored as Knight of the Year was Larry Wood, pictured above with (from left) Daryl Wood, Katie Wood, wife Sally Wood and (far right) Grand Knight Jon Zdrojewski.



THE KNIGHTS also honored their Family of the Year, the Bert and Marie Clincke family, pictured above with Zdrojewski.

M-53 work underway in Sheridan Township

The Michigan Department of Transportation was scheduled to begin work Monday to repair and add passing-relief lanes to 1.7 miles of M-53 (VanDyke Road) between Sebewaing Road and one-quarter mile south of Popple Road in Sheridan Township.

"We continue our commitment to repair and improve Michigan's roads," said State Transportation Director Gregory J. Rosine. "We know how important safe and dependable roads are to motorists. These projects will ensure traffic keeps moving in Michigan's Thumb."

The project includes joint repair, milling and resurfacing of the existing 2 lanes, and constructing passing-relief lanes. Construction should be completed by early July 2002.

Intermittent lane closures will restrict traffic flow to one lane. Motorists are urged to watch for traffic control changes and proceed with caution through the work zone. Drivers also are encouraged to allow a few extra minutes for their trips through this area.

"Passing-relief lanes have really helped reduce traffic congestion in the Thumb, especially with motorists trying to pass agricultural vehicles," said Doug Wilson, manager of MDOT's Cass City Transportation Center.

This \$1.5 million project is funded through Gov. John Engler's Build Michigan III plan and TEA-21. Upon completion, motorists will enjoy a smoother ride with improved traffic flow.

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Notes from Northwood Meadows

By Becky Barr, Activities Coordinator/Receptionist

Since the day we opened our doors, residents of Northwood Meadows-A Senior Living Community have enjoyed many moments of laughter and fun with our staff. It is my pleasure to bring you this report on events and activities during the month of March.

The Clay Pot Art project was very successful, and a few artists emerged during the process. Using a stacking method, clay pots and saucers were brightly hand painted and then turned upside down to display beautiful birdbaths and bird feeders. Once spring arrives, residents can display their projects on their own private patios for the birds to enjoy too! Rochelle Shaft, part-time Activities Coordinator, spent some one-on-one time teaching a colorful braiding technique to a few residents to attract a variety of birds.

Every Monday and Friday we looked forward to game night. Whether it was a game of Uno, Sorry, Checkers, or just a simple game of cards, everyone had fun.

Our residents were also treated to a "spur of the moment" evening of music when one of our care companions, her husband and some of their friends, came together in our Great Room to deliver their beautiful voices and some wonderful sounds from a guitar. What a welcome surprise!

We also offered a field trip to the Rawson Library to watch movies.

Celebrating birthdays in March: Arlie Freiburger and Jim Milligan enjoyed the delicious cakes and rousing renditions of "Happy Birthday" sung by residents and staff.

Last but not least, our grateful thanks to the community at large, for the tremendous support we received at our recent Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. We were honored to have you visit and overjoyed to present our facility and staff to you.

Northwood Meadows

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Gagetown pair thrill children

Dozens of adults and children alike recently braved cold and a biting wind to participate in an Easter tradition in Gagetown.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt proved to be another big success thanks to organizers Nel Wald and Rich Rabideau, who have been hosting the party for 7 years now.

The annual hunt is no small endeavor; organizers hand out a whopping 60 dozen eggs, 100 bags of candy and 100 gifts. There are also a number of bigger treats, including Easter baskets, chocolate eggs and toys.

Ryan Terbush, 5, of Gagetown, took home this year's grand prize, a brand new bicycle.

While Wald and Rabideau spearhead the hunt, they are both quick to credit many others who help make the event a success each year. They include sponsors Connie and Sharon Allan, Reva Dillon and Mary Ann Tencer.

A host of individuals and businesses also contribute. Among those making donations this year were Vita Plus, Cutting Corner, Gagetown Inn, All Way Stop Market, Ruth Ann's Beauty Shop, Erla's Food Center, Independent Bank, Wayne Dillon, Bev and Paul Leyva, Joanne and Walter Zawilinski, Sami and Jason Wald, and David, Lisa and Cory Merz.

Deo and Bickel on list

The 2001-02 National Dean's List has recognized 40 full-time Saginaw Valley State University students, including 2 from the Cass City area, for maintaining perfect 4.0 grade point averages during both the winter and fall semesters.

The area students are Leslie A. Deo of Snover and Cara J. Bickel of Gagetown.

Recipients will be eligible to compete for \$25,000 in scholarship awards, a National Dean's List College Loan Program, and other benefits.

Cass City Area Church Directory

Understanding Our Problems

It is very difficult, if not impossible, to understand how God responds to various situations. God is love, and we know that He wants us to always do good and be the best that we can be. However, it is so difficult at times to understand why we are burdened with problems. Although we know that God answers prayer, sometimes we pray diligently for something that doesn't turn out like we think it should. During such times, we have to remember that God's ways are not always our ways, and that God's ways are always to perfection. "Thy will be done" is for our edification, and when we accept and understand that God always does what is best for His people, we can have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Without problems, we surely wouldn't fully appreciate our blessings, and for those who trust and believe in our Lord, their blessings far outnumber their problems. In the Bible, our Lord tells us that in this world we will have tribulation; but we should be of good cheer, because He has overcome the world (John 16:33).

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. K.J.V. Psalm 34:19

Cass City Church of Christ

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

Building phone 872-5440

Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136

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

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

Cass City Church of the Nazarene

6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726

872-2604 or 872-5201

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Prayer & Bible Study & Children Activities 7:00 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Darold Ward

Cass City Missionary Church

4393 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726

872-2729

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

Pastor: David Edwards

Cass City United Methodist Church

5100 N. Cemetery Rd., P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726

872-3422

Worship Service 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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

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

Pastor - Dr. Philip Rice

Evangelical Free Church of Cass City

6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726

Phone: 872-5060 Fax: 872-8855

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Midweek Bible Studies

Biblical Counseling

Pastor - Rev. Todd R. Gould

First Baptist Church

6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726

989-872-3155

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

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

First Presbyterian Church

6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726

872-5400

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

Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

Pastor - Dave Blackburn

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

872-2770

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

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

Pastor - Gerald Meyer

Living Word Worship Center

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6536 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726

872-4637

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.

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

Senior Pastors - Michael & Carla Arp

Novesta Church of Christ

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

872-3658 or 872-1195

Bible School 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

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872-3336

Saturday Liturgy 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

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4045 Decker Rd., (in Shabbona) Decker, MI 48426

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.

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FORMER Cass City resident Whitney Osentoski, now living in New York City, is achieving his goal to be on stage performing.

Osentoski tapped for Europe tour

Cass City High School graduate Whitney Osentoski is achieving his goal to be on stage performing. After moving to New York City last summer, he began auditioning the next week after settling in the Big Apple. After just 6 weeks he had his first paying job in Atlantic City as a dancer for a show at the Sands Hotel for a run of 2 months.

After returning to New York, he was faced with unemployment again, so it was back to auditioning every day. He also landed a couple of part-time jobs to pay his bills and was lucky enough to have a flexible schedule so he could continue to audition.

An audition came up for a European Tour of "Chorus Line". He excitedly called home after receiving a call-back, and after 4 additional call backs and a week of sitting on the edge of his seat, he received the news that had won the part of Mike in the musical. Osentoski left March 9 and will return Sept. 29. The show opened in Munich, Germany, March 27. Osentoski hasn't sent out an itinerary for where and when the company will be touring, but details are available on the website, www.grease-europea.de/english. Residents can e-mail Osentoski at wosento@svsu.edu.

By appointment only Household hazardous collections scheduled

The Multi-County Solid Waste Task Force is looking for residents to participate in its 4 household hazardous waste (HHW) collections this spring.

The program is being offered to residents in Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola counties in an effort to reduce the waste going into landfills as well as the negative impact these products can have if they enter the regular waste stream.

Residents will be required to pre-register and be assigned an appointment in order to participate in the program, but all information will be kept confidential. Due to budget limitations, participants will be accepted on a "first come, first served" basis.

"These materials need to be diverted from the regular waste stream for various health and environmental reasons," explained Donald Dugger, task force chairman. "If a rubbish handler unknowingly spills a container with corrosive fluid they pick up at the curb, their health and physical abilities may be permanently changed. If

these materials make it into our municipal landfills, they can mix with other chemicals and cause the containment systems to fail and then leak into our drinking water supply.

"Residents should be encouraged to dispose of hazardous materials they have in their home through a HHW program," Dugger added. "Not only is it safe

but by getting rid of it now, the homeowner can prevent a future incident, when the dog or a small child comes in contact with these products that are often poorly stored in a basement or garage."

Residents can contact their county coordinator for additional information or register for an appointment by calling (989) 269-9949.

HDC announces caregiver session

Area caregivers are invited to attend an educational session entitled "The Elderly and Drugs - Medication Management".

The programs will be held at Human Development Commission offices in Caro, Wednesday, April 3; Sandusky, Monday, April 8; and Port Austin, Wednesday, April 10. All sessions will begin at 6 p.m.

A pharmacist and nurse will

be on hand to answer questions concerning safe medication use and caring for someone in the home.

There is no charge for the programs, which are offered through the Human Development Commission and funded by a grant through the Area Agency on Aging.

Additional information is available by calling 1-800-843-6394.



THE OWEN-GAGE High School Band, under the direction of Don Starks, recently earned a Division II rating at the District III Band Festival in Caseville. Members of the band include: (front row, left) Julie Howard, Nicole Schmidt, Bridget Stirrett, Amanda Pillsbury, Nashia Prich, (back row, left) Katie Swiastyn, Justin McLaren, Josh Errer, Starks, Wendy Errer, Natasha Sprague and Jenny Czewski. Missing is Laura Enderle.

Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5YEARSAGO

A 73-year-old Cass City area man is continuing to recover from a weekend gas explosion that leveled his home, scattering debris as far as 100 feet away in all directions. Roy Montgomery was listed in good condition early this week at Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe, a nursing supervisor said.

Plans to switch pension programs for village employees proceeded Monday, when the Cass City Village Council adopted a resolution to terminate the existing pension trust program on its anniversary date - May 31, 1997. In order to terminate the village's defined benefit plan on May 31, L.E. Althaver said, the village must give advance notice of at least 60 days. The alternative is to have another actuarial study conducted at a cost of a couple thousand dollars, he added.

The Cass City High School Student Council and National Honor Society sponsored a blood drive that resulted in the collection of 44 units of blood Thursday, exceeding the goal of 40 units. School Supt. Ken Micklash and teacher Brian Kohl were among the first donors in line.

10YEARSAGO

Officials and electors in 4 area townships reviewed the past year's expenditures and reviewed proposed budgets for 1992-93 during annual meetings Saturday. Road improvements - typically the biggest expense for townships - also dominated discussion at the annual sessions.

Most of the folks who attended Saturday's annual meeting in Novesta Township probably walked away without a thought about the challenges surrounding the office of township clerk. But that's understandable. Nurse Kloc, the townships clerk for the past 14 years, makes it look easy. Kloc's quiet departure from office contrasts sharply with the fanfare that accompanied her and then-treasurer Everett Field's election to office in November

1978.

Some \$1.36 million worth of improvements will begin at Kingston Elementary School this summer following a special bond issue election Saturday. Residents approved the measure by a 14-vote margin, 318-304. The special election saw a record turnout, with more than 40 percent of the district's registered voters casting ballots, Supt. Jerry H. Laycock reported.

25YEARSAGO

Cass City's village government received an unexpected present Saturday as Elkland Township electors voted to turn over ownership of the Cultural Center to the village. The decision came at the township's annual meeting held at the fire hall, but observers close to the situation believe there's a good chance the village council will turn down the gift.

Elkland Township Supervisor Edwin Karr announced Saturday he may be leaving his post, possibly as early as May. Karr told 14 electors gathered at the township's annual meeting he has applied for a job as an assessor with the County Equalization Department and if he's accepted he'll be forced to resign his \$4,500 a year job with the township.

A fire started by hot cooking grease destroyed the home of Mrs. Mary Vatter on Decker Road in Shabbona, late Monday afternoon. According to Lamotte Township Fire Chief Dennis Beadle, the blaze broke out around 4:30 p.m. when hot cooking grease ignited in the

kitchen.



The Clare Roller family is lucky to be alive this week following an explosion Sunday afternoon that blew apart their home on Bruce Street in Deford. Elkland Township firemen were called to the scene around 3:30 p.m. after the explosion, touched off by an apparent leak in an LP gas line, virtually destroyed the home.

35YEARSAGO

President Lambert Althaver announced this week that the final obstacle in securing a new dump site for Cass City was hurdled Monday when State inspectors gave unqualified approval to the site south of the community and a \$1,000 payment was made on the property. The successful conclusion of present negotiations with Don DeLong caps 10 years of looking for an acceptable location by several different councils.

The time of decision is near for residents of the Cass City area as weeks of preparation are over and solicitors are poised for an all out effort to raise \$32,000 for Cass City's Park Expansion Program (PEP). Be prepared to see a lot of PEP between April 11-28 when the drive is to end.

Another first for the Chronicle is printed in this issue of the paper. In an inside section two full page advertisements are printed in color. The red and black ink used in the ads is known as "spot" color and was made possible through the Chronicle's recent modernization of printing equipment.



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THE 2002 Owen-Gage varsity baseball team members include: (back row, l-r) Timmy Kain, Corbin Swiastyn, Adam Kain, Aaron Faist, Nathan Kain, Levi Adams, (front row, l-r) Justen Pitcher, Josh Powell, Matt Gaeth, Earl McKee, Trace Lopez and Scott Kundinger. Missing were: Jeremy Kady and Cody Howard.

Owen-Gage seeks 4th straight North Central Thumb League crown

The Owen-Gage baseball team, weather permitting, will open its 2002 season Thursday when Au Gres invades Owendale.

And although Coach Mac McKee inherits a squad burdened with heavy graduation losses, the first year head skipper sees no reason why his Bulldogs can't continue its winning ways of late.

The Bulldogs, coming off a 30-5 season, will be vying for their 4th straight North Central Thumb League title. McKee will have 8 returnees from that squad which also captured a district championship and the Huron County Invite.

However, McKee will need to find replacements for 5 all-conference performers gone from last year.

Topping that list is Shane Mellendorf. The 2-time, first team all-conference performer, Mellendorf has been the anchor of the Bulldog pitching staff since his junior season.

Also lost to graduation is outfielder Zack Fritz. Fritz was chosen to the NCTL's all-conference first team in his senior year and provided consistent play on both sides of the plate.

The Bulldogs will also

sorely miss a pair of second team all-conference players in catcher Nick Warack and infielder Ryan Fritz. Additionally, Corey Fritz who saw action in both the infield and outfield and received honorable mention NCTL recognition will be hard to replace.

Despite those losses, McKee has plenty of firepower returning from the Bulldog's championship team. Leading the list are returnees Earl McKee and Corbin Swiastyn. Both were first team all-conference players as juniors and will be the heart of the Bulldog at-

tack in their senior year. Swiastyn will captain the infield from the shortstop position, while McKee should see action both at first base and on the pitching mound. The pair are two of the NCTL's best sticks.

Nathan Kain and Matt Gaeth are coming off banner seasons and will be expected to make big contributions for the defending league champs. Both received NCTL all-conference recognition a year ago.

The Bulldogs will also field veteran players Timmy Kain, Jeremy Kady, Adam Kain and Cody Howard.

2002 Owen-Gage Baseball - Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
April 4	Au Gres (NL)	Home	4:00
April 8	Peck (NL)	Home	4:00
April 11	Caseville (NL)	Home	4:00
April 15	Akron-Fairgrove (NL)	Home	4:00
April 18	C.P.S. (NL)	Away	4:00
April 22	North Huron	Away	4:00
April 25	Peck	Home	4:00
April 27	Akron-Fairgrove Tourn. (BB/SB)	Away	TBA
April 29	Port Hope	Away	4:00
May 2	Kingston	Away	4:00
May 4	Huron County BB Tourn.	Away	TBA
May 6	Caseville	Home	4:00
May 9	C.P.S.	Away	4:00
May 11	Akron-Fairgrove Tourn. (SB only)	Away	TBA
May 13	Akron-Fairgrove	Home	4:00
May 18	Caro Tourn. - BB only	Away	TBA
May 20	Port Hope (NL)	Away	4:00
May 22	North Huron (NL)	Away	4:00
May 28	Pre-Districts	TBA	TBA
May 31	Districts	TBA	TBA
June 8	Regionals	TBA	TBA
June 11	Quarter Finals	TBA	TBA
June 14-15	Finals	TBA	TBA

*(NL) - Non-League Games

Manistee yields good time for father, son

By John Haire

Catching fish was a bonus, Clarke Haire said, as the annual father-son fishing trip for steelhead trout ended last Thursday afternoon.

A big bonus it was, after spending 8 hours floating a 5-mile stretch of the Manistee River downstream from Tippy Dam.

The trip produced 3 steelhead, 9.5 pounds, 10 pounds and a giant 14.5 pounds, weighed on the scales of guide Dennis Borsum.

It wasn't a day when the trout were indiscriminately pouncing on any bait that came their way. The weather was tolerable, ranging between 23 and 32 degrees.

Our first fish was landed at about 8:30 a.m. and we started fishing at 7 a.m. It took another hour and a half before the second fish struck and the big fish hit around 1 p.m.

The big fish was landed in an almost unbelievable fashion, but it was a day of unusual results. It's estimated that at best landing half of



DISPLAYING THEIR catch from the Manistee River are Cass City's John (left) and Clarke Haire.

the fish hooked is a very good day. We landed the only 3 that hit our green and gold wooly-worm.

Dorsum said that he couldn't believe that we were able to land the big fish. After it struck and rolled on the surface, it dived under a large log and promptly snagged the lure. For more than 10 minutes the fish was still on while Dorsum thrashed around with a plug plucker and finally worked the lure free.

After that it took another 10 minutes before the fish was netted.

In this instance, at least, Dorsum's policy of using heavy 17-pound test monofilament line paid dividends. He said that when he started fishing he used an 8-pound line, went to 10-pound, then to 12-pound before using the 17-pound test line that he uses now.

Many experienced anglers feel that heavier line creates fewer strikes than lighter lines, but our guide feels that his heavier line creates as much action as lighter lines.

Borsum uses either wooly-worms or Hot N' Tots. Wooly-worms were the only effective bait for us. That's the way it goes, our guide said, tomorrow the wooly-worms might not attract a fish and today's hot colors can be tomorrow's duds.

A great advantage to drifting downstream is that it gets away from the crowds. At the public access Tippy Dam at 6 a.m. anglers were side by side throwing everything but the kitchen sink at the fish, with spawn bags maybe the favorite.

Aside from 2 other smaller access sites the river was not crowded. The river runs through federal lands and in the entire 5-mile stretch there were only 2 cottages, both right at the end of the float.

We spotted an eagle among the numerous birds already back from winter quarters and evidence of beavers at work.

Best of all, we were often able to look down the river and as far as we could see it appeared to be just like nature made it, not marred at all by the pressures of civilization.

As pointed out in the beginning, catching fish is great, but enjoying the outdoor experience on a river like the Manistee is greater.

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THE 2002 Owen-Gage varsity softball team members include: (back row, l-r) Dawn Enderle, Stephanie Dorsch, Kayla Kady, Kayla Zaleski, Natasha Sprague, Coach Barb Adams, (front row, l-r) Amy Pawelski, Laura Enderle, Ashley Adams, Katie Swiastyn and Kelly Zaleski. Missing were: Nicole Schmidt, Heidi Scott and Mary McKee.

Bulldog softball team burdened with heavy graduation losses

Owen-Gage coach Barb Adams faces a rebuilding year for the Bulldog softball team as many of the key players from last year's squad have graduated.

There are only 3 veterans back from last year's team which finished 19-14 overall and placed third in the North Central Thumb League.

Adams will look to these girls to lead the team. Junior Kelly Zaleski will be back on the pitching mound. Last year she earned NCTL second team all conference honors as did senior Ashley

Adams. Senior Amy Pawelski and freshman Kayla Zaleski are also projected starters.

The roster also includes 5 other freshmen and 2 sophomores. Owen-Gage does not field a junior varsity team, so these players will be learning on the job. The sophomores are Natasha Sprague and Heidi Scott. The freshmen are Katie Swiastyn, Kayla Kady, Mary McKee, Nicole Schmidt and Tessa Allen.

Gone are 3 all conference players. Dee Fritz was on the dream team as a catcher. Erin Salcido made all-league honors in the infield and

Melissa Ziehm was honored in the outfield. Kelly Tomich received honorable mention. As always, Adams said, we will stress playing together, keeping in the game and never giving up.

Kingston again is the power in the league, Adams feels. We always shoot for first place, but a second place with our rebuilding team is a realistic goal.

The Bulldogs lift the curtain on the regular season Thursday with the first of 4 non-league home games in a row when AuGres-Sims comes to town. The opener is followed by a game with Peck Monday.

Wedding Announcements



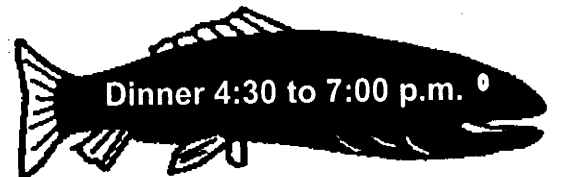
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O-G Recreation Leagues plan sign-up

It's time to sign up for Owen-Gage Summer Recreation leagues.

The sign-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Owendale Fire Hall.

The cost is \$10 for Girls and Boys T-ball (ages 5-7); \$15 for Boys Minor League (ages 8-10) and Girls Ponytail (ages 8-11); and \$20 for Boys Little League (ages 11-12) and Boys Babe Ruth (ages 13-14) - both are sanctioned teams and players' registration must be accompanied by a birth certificate. The family rate is \$35.

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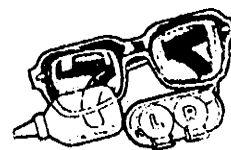
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You may still place your order for trees and shrubs for this spring at the Tuscola Soil Conservation District Office at 1075 Cleaver Road in Caro.

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Tournament of Champs April 10

The Thumb Area Quiz Bowl League is holding a Tournament of Champions for area high school quiz bowl team members Wednesday, April 10.

The event will test students in the subject areas of language arts, math, science, social studies and sports trivia. Trophies will be awarded to the top contestants after a 3-round competition to determine the top 4 students in each subject area.

Students will also compete for trophies at each grade level; senior, junior, sophomore and freshman. A 3-round format will be used to determine the top students at each grade level.

Senator Dan DeGrow will be recognized for his commitment to Quiz Bowl programs and to education by the organization at the event. DeGrow has held local competitions at the district level for the past 18 years, as well as organizing and sponsoring state-level tournaments for all schools throughout Michigan.

The Quiz Bowl Tournament of Champions will be held at Marlette Middle School, with the competitions among students held in the gymnasium at 4:45 p.m. The event runs until 7 p.m. and is open to the public.

Wenzlaff, Krause on board

Louis Wenzlaff of Kingston was recently reelected chairman of the Michigan Electric Cooperative Association's (MECA) 20-member board of directors. He was elected at the group's 21st annual meeting March 19-20 in Lansing.

Also named to the board of directors was Michael Krause of Bad Axe. Both men represent the Uby-based Thumb Electric Cooperative.

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

Friday, April 5

Alcoholics Anonymous, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 6

The Humane Society of Tuscola County will be holding a bake sale and pet adoption show, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Tractor Supply Company, Caro.

8th grade DC kids are having a bottle drive from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please drop off bottles and cans at J & J's Dollar Store.

Monday, April 8

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Elkland Township Board meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7:00 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.

Tuscola County Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Family Support/Education Group meeting, 1:30 p.m., Adult Day Services building, 435 Green St., Caro. For additional information, call (989) 672-2273.

Wednesday, April 10

Book Discussion Group, 7:00 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

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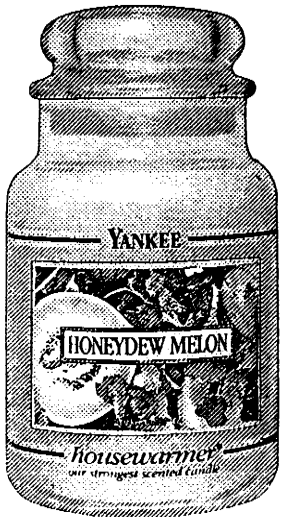
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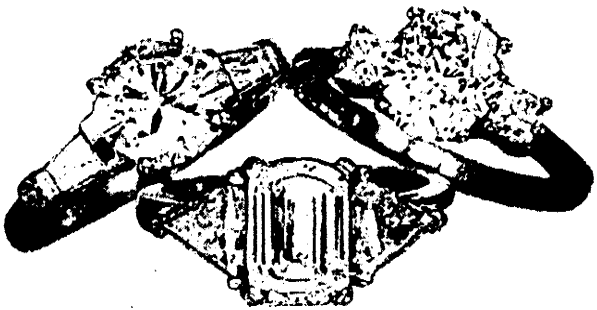
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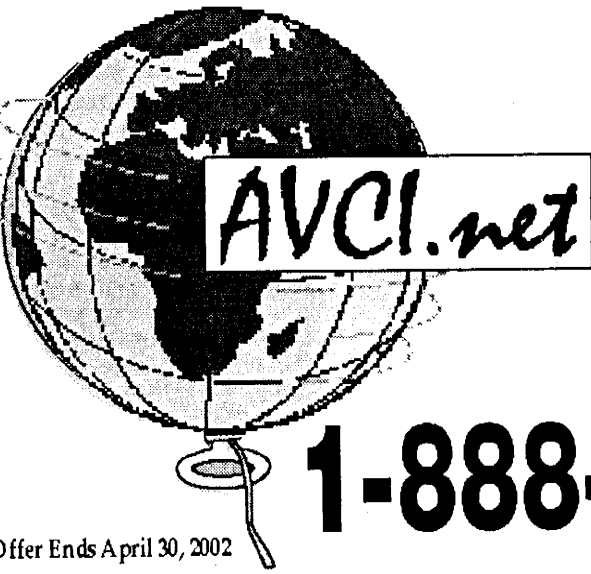
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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David McKnight and Lisa McKnight (original mortgagors) to Genisys Financial, a Michigan Corporation. Mortgage, dated March 16, 2001, and recorded on April 9, 2001 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation. Assignee by an assignment dated February 12, 2002, which was recorded on February 28, 2002, in Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SIXTY-FOUR AND 31/100 dollars (\$78,064.31), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 16, 2002.

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

That Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 Section 9, Township 11 North, Range 9 East, beginning at the Southwest corner of said section, thence North along the West line of said section 660 feet, thence East parallel to the South line of said Section 727 feet, thence South 660 feet to the South line of said Section; thence West along the South line 727 feet to the point of beginning. Except land being known as the School House Lot of School, District No. 7 also known as One Square Acre in the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 9, Township 11 North, Range 9 East, Township of Fremont.

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

Dated: April 3, 2002

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: Stallions 248-593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200210912

Stallions 4-3-5

TO: May Ola Wright and Eddie Lee Wright, last grantees in the regular chain of title of such property or of any interest therein as appearing from the records of the Register of Deeds of said County and to John Hrinevich and Mary Alice Hrinevich, the grantee of the latest year's tax deed and to all persons, if any, in actual open possession of the property located at 9891 Lewis Road, Millington, Michigan.

To the Owner or Owners of any and all interests in or Liens upon the property described.

TAKE NOTICE that sale was lawfully made of the following described property for unpaid taxes on that property, and that the undersigned has title to the property under tax deed or deeds issued for the property. You are entitled to reconveyance of this property, within six months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the Treasurer of the County in which the property is located, of all sums paid for the tax sale purchase, together with an additional 50%, and the fees of the Sheriff for the service or costs of publication of this notice. The service or publication costs shall be the same as for personal service of a summons on commencing a civil action, without other additional cost or charge. If payment as described in this notice is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of this property situated in the Township of Arbia, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan and further described below as:

TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, SECTION 29, S 20 RDS OF N 100 RDS OF SW 1/4 AR-29 302B

Tax Identification No.: 003-029-300-0400-00
Commonly known as: 9891 LEWIS ROAD

Amount paid for 1993 Taxes: \$15,786.04

Amount necessary to redeem: \$23,679.06, plus the fees of the sheriff for the service and costs of publication of this notice.

This property is an improved residential parcel.

Tuscola County Tax Sale #109

Our file No. 79-01
DATED: March 27, 2002
Tax Deed Holder:
Great Oaks Real Estate, LLC
(248) 540-7500
4-3-4

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Elwyn J. Bradley and Katherine N. Bradley (original mortgagors) to AMRESCO Residential Mortgage Corporation, a Delaware Corporation. Mortgage, dated May 14, 1999, and recorded on May 21, 1999 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Washington Mutual Bank, FA. Assignee by an assignment dated January 8, 2002, which was recorded on February 7, 2002, in Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETEEN AND 02/100 dollars (\$72,919.02), including interest at 10.375% 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 May 3, 2002.

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

Lots 24 and 25 of Block 5, Montague and Wilcox's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 49, now being Page 18A 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: March 20, 2002

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: Mustangs-B 248-593-1306
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200132786

Mustangs-B 3-20-5

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Stanley E. Schmidt and Carol A. Schmidt (original mortgagors) to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated September 26, 1997, and recorded on October 6, 1997 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as assignment dated June 1, 1999, which was recorded on June 8, 2000, in Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE AND 97/100 dollars (\$53,595.97), including interest at 7.950% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on April 19, 2002.

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

Commencing at the Northeast Corner of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence South 573.71 feet along the East section line to the point of beginning. Running thence South 315.0 feet along the East section line, thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes 20 seconds West 416.0 feet, thence North 315.0 feet, thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes 20

seconds East 416.0 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of the Northeast quarter of section 35, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, 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: March 6, 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 # 200129778

Jaguars 3-6-5

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Antonino Cusenza, a single man, Mortgagee, to Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 18, 1997, and recorded on November 24, 1997, in Liber 734, Page 1367, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which said mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Four and 19/100 (\$15,794.19) Dollars, including interest at 16.150% 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, Michigan, on May 2, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. Said premises are situated in the County of Tuscola, and State of Michigan and are described as follows: to-wit:

Commencing 4 1/2 chains 96 3/4 links East of where the Goodrich Road crosses section line between Sections 7 and 18, T11N, Range 8, thence East on Section line 1 chain 96 3/4 links, thence South 5 chains 28 links, thence West 1 chain 96 3/4 links, thence North to the point of beginning, being part of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 18, T11N, R8E, EXCEPT part of the following described parcel which may fall within the boundaries of land abstracted. Commencing on Goodrich Street 5 chains 26 3/4 links South of North line of Section 18, T11N, R8E, running thence South 4 chains and 76 2/3 links, thence East 7 chains 76 2/3 links; thence West 7 chains 53 links to the point of beginning. A/k/a 400 Beach St, Vassar, MI 48768. Tax Plat No. 051-018-000-2600-00.

The redemption period shall be six (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: March 25, 2002

Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation
Mortgagee

Keith A. Sotiroff, Esq.
SOTIROFF & ABRAMCZYK, PC
30400 Telegraph Road, Ste. 444
Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4541
(248) 642-6000

4-3-5

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David W. Duncan III and Alice A. Duncan (original mortgagors) to Quicken Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 29, 2000, and recorded on March 6, 2000 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated February 29, 2000, which was recorded on September 25, 2000, in Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY AND 2/100 dollars (\$148,308.23), 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 May 3, 2002.

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

Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 30, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, running thence East 440 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 990 feet, thence West 220 feet, thence North 990 feet, thence East 440 feet, thence South 1980 feet, thence West 220 feet to the point of beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: March 20, 2002

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: Mustangs-A 248-593-1306
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200027978

Mustangs-A 3-20-5

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeanette M. Smalley, a single woman, to Choice Mortgage Company, mortgagee, dated January 26, 2000 and recorded February 8, 2000 in Liber 793, Page 1403, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Old Kent Mortgage Company (now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Bank), by assignment dated January 31, 2000 and recorded on February 8, 2000 in Liber 793, Page 1411. Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Ninety-Eight and 29/100 Dollars (\$173,098.29) including interest at the rate of 9.125% 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 April 12, 2002.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 30, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the West line of said Section 30, which is North 50.00 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said Section 30, thence continuing along said West line, North 238.00 feet, thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 50 seconds East, 174.47 feet, thence South 41 degrees 37 minutes, 30 seconds East, 318.10 feet to the northerly right-of-way line of the Michigan Central Railroad, South 89 degrees 51 minutes 50 seconds West, 385.50 feet to the point of beginning.

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: March 6, 2002

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Old Kent Mortgage Company (now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Bank)
As Assignee
2501 Rochester Court
Troy, MI 48063
(248) 457-1000

File No. 20010191 3-6-5

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John W. Thomas (original mortgagor) to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation. Mortgagee, dated July 10, 1998, and recorded on August 24, 1998 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Bank One National Association f/a The First National Bank Of Chicago as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Series 1999-B-2. Assignee by an assignment dated November 28, 2001, which was recorded on February 12, 2002 in Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE AND 8/100 dollars (\$44,455.90), including interest at 9.900% 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 May 9, 2002.

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

Commencing at the Southeast Corner of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, and the point of beginning running thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 11 seconds West 80.0 feet along the South line of said Section 25, thence North 0 degrees 58 minutes 19 seconds East 308.0 feet, thence South 0 degrees 33 minutes 09 seconds to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 10 East

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: March 27, 2002

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: Gators 248-593-1310
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Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200130932

Gators 3-27-5

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary P. Boyd and Cheryl S. Boyd (original mortgagors) to Advanced Innovative Mortgages, Inc. Mortgagee, dated November 2, 1998, and recorded

on December 1, 1998 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Flagstar Bank, FSB, as assignee by an assignment dated November 6, 1998, which was recorded on December 1, 1998, in Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY-ONE AND 18/100 dollars (\$51,391.18) including interest at 6.625% 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 May 3, 2002.

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

Lot 10, of Cooper Subdivision, except the North 150 feet thereof, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2, Page 25, 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: March 20, 2002

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: Hawks 248-593-1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200214849

Hawks 3-20-5

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary L. Montgomery (original mortgagors) to Aames Funding Corporation d/b/a Aames Home Loan, Mortgagee, dated June 29, 2001, and recorded on July 16, 2001 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A. in Trust for the Benefit of the Holders of Aames Mortgage Trust 2001-3 Mortgage Pass through Certificates Series 2001-3 C/O Countrywide Home Loan SV-19, Assignee by an assignment dated July 2, 2001, which was recorded on January 23, 2002, in Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-NINE THOUSAND NINE AND 84/100 dollars (\$69,009.84), including interest at 14.000% 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 May 9, 2002.

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

The West 200 feet of the South 440 feet of the East 992.36 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, Juanita Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, 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: March 27, 2002

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: Mustangs-B 248-593-1306
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200215118

Mustangs-B 3-27-5

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donnie Huizar, A Single Man, to Equifirst Corporation, mortgagee, dated May 2, 2000 and recorded June 14, 2000 in Liber 803, Page 574, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Provident Consumer Financial Services by assignment dated February 22, 2002 and submitted to and recorded by Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Two and 1/100 Dollars (\$82,432.01) including interest at the rate of 12.75% 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 May 3, 2002.

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

Part of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 8, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as beginning at the intersection of the West line of Section 8, Town 11 North, Range 8 East with the South line of West Saginaw Road (M-38): thence Easterly along said South line of West Saginaw Road 242.00 feet, thence Southerly at right angles to West Saginaw Road and along an existing wire fence to the North line of the C & O Railroad right of way, thence Westerly along said North Right-of-way line to the West

line of Section 8, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, thence Northerly along the West line of said Section 8, Town 11 North, Range 8 East to the place of beginning.

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: March 20, 2002

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Provident Consumer Financial Services.
As Assignee
2501 Rochester Court
Troy, MI 48063
(248) 457-1000

File No. 210.0373 3-20-5

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rodney Diener and Kathleen Diener (original mortgagors) to Option One Mortgage, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 28, 2000, and recorded on May 30, 2000 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Washington Mutual Bank, its successor and assigns, Assignee by an assignment dated September 19, 2001, which was recorded on March 12, 2002, in Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN AND 7/100 dollars (\$46,677.71), including interest at 10.300% 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 May 9, 2002.

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

Commencing 1763 feet West and 1164 feet North of Southeast corner of Southwest 1/4 of section 34, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, Village of Akron, Tuscola County, Michigan, running thence East 110 feet, South 132 feet, West 100 feet, North 132 feet to place of beginning, being part of Lot 16, block 14 of Assessor's Plat of Akron

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: March 27, 2002

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: Gators 248-593-1310
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200124088

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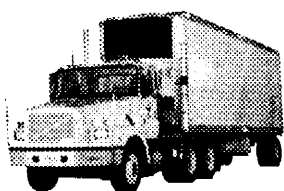
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Obituaries

Lynn Fuester

Lynn J. Fuester, 98, of Cass City, died Easter Sunday, March 31, 2002 at Tendercare Nursing Facility, Cass City. He was born July 11, 1903 in Greenleaf Township, Sanilac County to Robert John and Isabelle Ann (Morrison) Fuester. He married Marion W. Robinson Aug. 1, 1923 in Argyle Township. She died Nov. 22, 1988.

Fuester farmed until his retirement. He was a member of the Cass City Council #90 R & SM Masonic Lodge for over 70 years. He was the oldest member of the Cass City United Methodist Church. He is survived by his daughter, Marilyn Crane of Milford; 3 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; a sister, Kathleen (Ernie) Hess of Florida; a son-in-law, William (Beverly) Repshinska of Fayetteville, GA; a sister-in-law, Jane Fuester of Cass City; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Marjorie Repshinska; son-in-law, Vern Crane; brother, Elmer Fuester; and a sister, Fay Kula.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 3, 2002 at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Dr. Philip Rice, of Cass City United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the charity of the Donor's Choice.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

James Howitt

James Brian Howitt, 55, of Cass City, died Wednesday, March 27, 2002 in Covenant Health Care Cooper Campus, Saginaw. He was born January 24, 1947 in Windsor, Ontario, Canada to Kenneth and Cecilia (Racine) Howitt. He married Concetta K. Bono October 10, 1987 in Fraser. Howitt retired from Active Industries in 1992.

He is survived by his wife, Concetta; children, Anthony (Iva) Howitt of Cass City, Timothy (Yvonne) Howitt of Roseville, Todd (Lisa) Howitt of Atlas; step children: Samuel Nocerino of Clearwater, FL, John

Nocerino of Cass City; 5 grandchildren; brothers, Gary (Pam) Howitt of New Baltimore, Mark (Laura) Howitt of Houston, TX, Scott (Debbie) Howitt of White Lake; step brothers: Kenneth Howitt, Sean Howitt; step sister, Karen Howitt; many nieces and nephews. His parents and his brother, Bruce Howitt, preceded him in death.

Private services are to be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Virginia Kelley

A memorial service will be held for Virginia A. "Ginny" Kelley, who died Friday, February 22, 2002. It will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 6 at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Highway road work maps now available

The annual state highway construction map, now known as "Paving the Way," is available from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

The free map provides a handy reference to major road and bridge projects statewide for 2002. It is available at MDOT's Transportation Service Centers, at Michigan Welcome Centers, and is posted at state rest areas.

In addition to the printed version, a regularly updated version of "Paving the Way" is available on MDOT's Web site at www.mdot.state.mi.us.

MDOT also recommends calling its 24-hour information lines when traveling in southeast or west Michigan. Motorists can call 1-800-641-MDOT for 24-hour, toll-free access to project information for southeast Michigan. When traveling in west or southwest Michigan, motorists should call, toll-free, 1-888-305-PAVE.

A list of local MDOT offices is located at www.mdot.state.mi.us/regions/.

Meth lab bust

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Services of Flint to come to the raid scene to take custody of the toxic waste byproducts that were too dangerous to be kept in law enforcement custody," Gray said.

In addition, he added, the Sanilac County Health Department was notified for follow-up monitoring of the home for possible ground water contamination through liquid wastes having possibly been dumped at the property.

"The 37-year-old man and 35-year-old woman were arrested at the scene on fugitive warrants from St. Clair County and Alpena County," Gray said.

The drug task force expected the couple to be arraigned Friday on charges of manufacturing methamphetamine, possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a drug house, possession of marijuana and possession of stolen property.

Family Independent Agency officials took the couple's infant to McKenzie Memorial Hospital for a medical check of the child's physical condition. Probate court officials subsequently placed the child in temporary foster care. Future hear-

ings will be scheduled to determine parental rights and child welfare issues raised during the investigation.

Suspected drug activity in Sanilac County can be reported anonymously by calling toll-free 1-800-544-DRUG (3784).

Township

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Ellington Township spends \$100,000 on roads in a typical year, thanks to a 3-mill, 10-year millage that generates some \$62,000 annually.

In all, the township spent \$83,402 on road-related work last year, and all of that money went to private contractors, according to Bardwell.

He said the township board plans to spend \$276,350 from the general fund and \$81,000 from the township's road fund on roads in the coming year. The projects include preparing 4 miles of roads for pavement in the future - 2 miles of Hurds Corner Road, from Shabbona to Dutcher (the township's share of the local-federal-state project is \$129,600), and 2 miles of Little Road, from Hurds Corner to Kellitz, estimated at \$200,200. Another \$1,750 will be spent on repairs to a section of Gilford Road, east of Plain Road.

The only other major general fund expense in the new fiscal year will involve purchase of 5 acres of land surrounding the township hall. The price tag is \$24,500. As for the pay raises, Bardwell said the goal is to bring Ellington officials' salaries closer in line with those earned in other townships in the county. The pay rates are \$6,528 for supervisor, \$7,309 for clerk and treasurer, and \$1,299 for trustees.

In contrast, officials in neighboring Elkland Township earn \$9,743 (supervisor), \$10,495 (clerk), \$9,862 (treasurer) and \$1,825 (trustees).

Turning to the township's other funds, Bardwell said the board adopted a proposed fire fund totaling \$65,906, with \$18,000 in expenditures and an anticipated fund balance of \$47,906; a road fund of \$112,433, with an anticipated fund balance of \$31,433; and a refuse collection fund totaling \$69,522, with an expected fund balance of \$20,814.

Bardwell noted the refuse collection fund was established last fall after officials approved an assessment, placed on residents' tax bills, for waste collection. The board approved a 3-year contract with World Waste Services that locked in a charge of \$8.25 per month per household.

In other business during the 3-hour meeting, which drew 11 citizens, the board: *Doubled the non-resident charge for cemetery lot spaces from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

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VOTERS WILL be asked in August to approve a one-mill tax for 15 years to fund renovations and a 20-bed expansion at the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility.

Bill ups per-parcel fee

Local governments will receive additional funds for collecting education property taxes in the summer under an amendment introduced by state Rep. Tom Meyer.

The House approved Senate Bill 1165, which requires townships and municipalities to collect state education property taxes in the summer and allows a \$2 per parcel reimbursement to offset the collection. Meyer's amendment increases the reimbursement to \$2.50 per parcel.

"The per-parcel fee in the

Senate bill was an estimate of the cost local governments would incur," said Meyer, R-Bad Axe. "In the House committee, our review showed the cost would be a bit higher. The proposal contains \$4.6 million for cost reimbursement, which still covers the amount needed at \$2.50.

SB 1165, which also provides a one-time state education tax reduction from 6 mills to 5 mills, now heads to the Senate for consideration.

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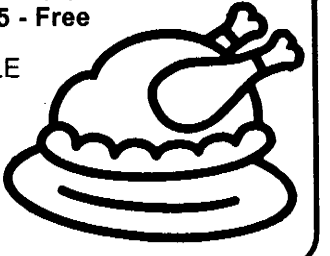
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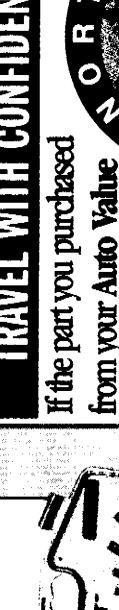
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