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CASS CITY SCHOOLS bus driver Jim Hoyt fuels up with B20, a blend of 20 percent biodiesel and 80 percent regular diesel fuel. The Tuscola Intermediate School District recently joined Cass City and Vassar schools in using the alternative fuel, which utilizes soybean oil.

Farmers fuel interest in biodiesel for buses

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Michigan soybean growers are helping to fuel a growing interest in the use of biodiesel among area schools.

Among the latest to hop on board is the Tuscola Intermediate School District, one of 12 districts recently awarded grants of up to \$5,000 to offset one-half of the additional cost of biodiesel, an alternative fuel that utilizes soybean oil.

The funding was generated by the Michigan Soybean Checkoff and awarded by the Michigan Soybean Promotion Committee.

"An increasing amount of people across the state are using soy biodiesel blends in everything from farm equipment to home heating to school buses and more," said Gail Frahm, Michigan Soybean Promotion executive director.

"In the past, the efforts of the checkoff have centered on the research and promotion of this alternative fuel. But now, the soybean checkoff has gone a step further" by offering grants to encourage schools to consider using biodiesel, Frahm added.

"It is a commitment the schools are making since they are still responsible for paying one-half of the added cost of the biodiesel for the grant's timeframe of one year. These school systems are to be commended for the step they are taking with biodiesel to help improve the environment for their students, staff and community."

In all, the committee awarded grants to 12 schools across the state. "It's interesting that each school is in a different county and one is also from Michigan's U.P.," Frahm noted.

"We know biodiesel blends work in Michigan's temperatures year-round because of biodiesel users who have gone before these schools, including entities such as Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Munising and St. Johns Public Schools."

Gene Pierce, assistant superintendent of Career-Technical Education at the Tuscola ISD, is sold on biodiesel.

"We researched it about a year. We contacted other schools around the state and around the nation, and we checked with engine manufacturers, and we couldn't find somebody to say, you shouldn't do this," Pierce said.

ISD officials installed a 1,000-gallon bulk tank for the fuel in August and have since been using B20 (a blend of 20 percent biodiesel and 80 percent regular diesel fuel) in all 20 of its school buses as well as tractors and lawn maintenance equipment.

BIG DIFFERENCE

Pierce said there was a noticeable difference once school officials started using biodiesel, particularly in the school bus emissions. The rank smell of diesel was replaced by what he described as an odor similar to a French fry fryer.

"Our grounds staff noticed the difference first," he added. "It's just amazing how much cleaner this burns."

More importantly, Pierce said, is the difference biodiesel had made for the students the ISD serves. He explained that the majority of ISD buses transport students to and from Highland Pines School, and many of the kids suffer from respiratory problems.

"The other reason we did it is it's the right thing to do for our (agricultural) community,"

Ken Micklash, superintendent of the Cass City School District, which is in its second year of using biodiesel, agreed.

"It runs much cleaner, you

don't have that smell, and the drivers just really wanted to stay with this after the first year," he said.

"We are convinced, number one, that it's environmentally sound, and number 2, Michigan and our area in particular is a strong farming area, and to support local farmers and their products seemed like a natural thing to do," Micklash added.

The switch to biodiesel is also very simple, according to Pierce.

"You just pour it in," he said. "That's the best part about it, nothing changes, there's nothing mechanically that has to change."

Pierce estimates the ISD's grant will add up to nearly \$5,000, based on the district's fuel consumption and recent biodiesel prices.

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Haunted house plans set

Area residents are invited to get in on a good scare next week in Cass City and at the same time help out a great cause.

Organizers are gearing up to host a Halloween House that promises to be fun, spooky and frightful. The house will be open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27-30, in the basement of the Cass City Food Pantry, located next to Kelly and Co Realty at 6455 Main St.

The haunting hours are 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (admission \$2.50), and 9 p.m. to midnight Saturday (admission \$2 for those 12 years and younger).

The staff at Little Caesar's in Cass City is spearheading the event, led by Justin Darr and Tim Wilson along with Manager Sara Brandmair and a host of volunteers in an effort to raise money for the food pantry.

"Tim Wilson used to live in the building that is being used, and was talking one day at work about how he used to scare himself silly in the basement because it was 'spooky' to a young man. He

and Justin were lobbing comments back and forth, and someone said, 'that would be a neat place for a haunted house,' Brandmair recalled.

She later mentioned the idea to Veronica Fenningsdorf, leader of a small senior Girl Scout troop in Cass City that organized the food pantry and opened for business over the summer.

The members of the troop, Cass City High School sophomores Jerica Fenningsdorf, Klyn Puterbaugh and Lauren Brzuchowski, are in the process of earning the Gold Award, the highest honor in

Girl Scouting.

"She (Veronica Fenningsdorf) said the girls had wanted to do a haunted house, but didn't know quite how," Brandmair said. "I relayed that information to Justin and Tim, who grabbed it like a dog does a bone and ran with it."

"I kind of jumped on the idea and talked to Sara, and she talked to the owner," said Darr, who along with Wilson and others spent several hours over the past couple weeks transforming the basement into a haunted house. Along the way, their fellow

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Pheasant outlook not bad in Thumb

Thumb area hunters hoping to bag a pheasant during the season opener today (Wednesday) stand a decent chance of being successful, according to Department of Natural Resources officials.

"I don't think it will be quite as good as last year, but it

will still be pretty fair hunting," said Arnie Karr, a wildlife habitat biologist at the DNR's Cass City Field Office.

"This year we had a little setback with the heavy rains in May and June, so that set the pheasant rebound back a little," explained Karr, who noted too much rain can have a significant impact during nesting season.

He pointed out, however, that the same program that has brought pheasant numbers back up - the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) - also helped reduce pheasant chick mortality by providing more habitat for the birds.

"CREP has put over 10,000 acres of grassland in the Thumb - the 3 counties - in the last 3 years. That's pretty well saved the day as far as pheasant hunting goes," he said.

"The key is to have grassland for pheasants. That's the important thing."

Under the CREP program, which is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, farmers enroll acreage to be left undisturbed for 15 years. In return, they receive an annual payment.

The program is only about 3 years old, but farmer participation is already paying off in terms of pheasant numbers and renewed interest among hunters, according to Karr.

"Last year was fairly good compared to, say, the 1980s and 90s. It was one of the best seasons in years," he added, "but it's no where near what it was in the 1950s and it probably never will be."

Emergency order in effect

Healthcare providers that violate flu rules may be jailed

A Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendation regarding the control of flu vaccinations is now an emergency order for health care providers, who could face fines and even jail time if they violate the order.

The emergency order was issued last week in the wake of a severe shortage of flu vaccine in the United States.

In the Thumb area, health departments, hospitals and doctors offices have reported they have little or no vaccine. Local health care officials have followed CDC recommendations urging healthy adults to forego a flu shot this year so that there will be enough vaccine for the young, the elderly and others at high risk for the flu.

Gretchen Tenbusch, public health nurse for the Tuscola

and Huron county health departments, reported the Michigan Department of Community Health issued the emergency order Thursday directing that all health care providers follow the CDC guidelines regarding who may receive a flu vaccine.

Failure by health care providers to comply with the order is considered a misdemeanor and is punishable by up to 6 months in jail and/or a fine of up to \$200.

Individuals considered eligible to receive a shot must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- *All children ages 6 to 23 months.
- *Adults ages 65 years and older.
- *Persons ages 2 to 64 years of age with underlying

chronic medical conditions.

*All women who will be pregnant during the influenza season.

*Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities.

*Children ages 6 months to 18 years who are on chronic aspirin therapy.

*Health care workers involved in direct patient care; and

*Out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children under the age of 6 months.

"At this time the Tuscola County Health Department does not have any adult flu vaccine. We are working closely with the Michigan Department of Community Health to attempt to acquire some doses through CDC's redistribution process,"

Tenbusch said.

She noted the health department has an extremely limited amount of children's flu vaccine for uninsured children who meet the high risk criteria.

Tenbusch said health department officials will notify the community when flu vaccine becomes available. Residents can call the department's flu hotline at (989) 673-8114 (ext. 187) for updates.

The shortage of flu vaccine was announced earlier this month when British regulators unexpectedly shut down the Chiron Corp. factory in England, a major supplier of vaccine. The decision led to the loss of some 46 million doses destined for the United States, or about half of this country's vaccine supply.

Pickin' and grinnin'

Trio gather at Phil's Barbershop to make music on Saturday mornings

Where do you go to hear Blue Grass Country music made famous by barbershop quartets? To a barbershop, of course, and in Cass City try Phil's Barbershop, corner of Main and Ale streets.

On many Saturday mornings, 3 old timers will be a pickin' and a stompin' and singing at the barbershop for their enjoyment and for the enjoyment of anyone who happens to be in the barber-beauty shop at the time.

It all started a decade ago when Norm Gray, 84, played one of his 3 mouth organs just for fun. He was joined later by Joe Remsing, 58, on the guitar and Bill Johnson, 69, on the banjo.

Johnson can play just about anything. Gray and Remsing agreed, including the piano. The talented musician is a latecomer to the area, moving here about 2 years ago. Originally he was

reared in the mountains of blue grass country in Kentucky.

He had a long professional career and played at the Ryman Center in Nashville, Tenn.

He has a very special hat and cowboy boots that he shelled out \$50 each for, and that was 55 years ago, he pointed out, while showing his hat that looks almost the same as it did when he purchased it.

Johnson, like the other members of the trio, never had a formal lesson. He was taught by his dad starting when he was 7 years old.

Remsing learned to play the guitar as a youngster at his home in Sterling Heights by "borrowing" his brothers' guitars when they were not using them. Before coming to Cass City in 1974 he played mostly free gigs for hospitals and churches. He

was a member of the Eastern Michigan Music Makers.

Gray also started at a young age. He was 8 years old when an uncle introduced him to the mouth organ and he's been at it ever since. I just plug away at it, Gray says and run out of wind after about 3 songs. It wasn't apparent Saturday when he played with gusto and enjoyment.

The trio plays a variety of gospel and old country music. Included Saturday was *Don't Take My Sunshine Away*, *Red Wing*, *Coming Around the Mountain* and *Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?*

The music made hair cutting a little harder because the barbers had to contend with toe-tapping customers as the music poured out.

But somehow they didn't seem to mind.



A TRUE BARBERSHOP TRIO entertains and enjoys playing old time country music, usually on Saturday mornings. From left: Bill Johnson, Joe Remsing and Norm Gray.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 989-269-6994



Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz, Mrs. Dean Adams, Mrs. Mike Rumpitz and Mrs. Bob Jackson were among many family members and friends who attended a wedding shower for Sarah Prieb and Jeff Bukowski in Lake Orion on Sunday.

Allen Farrelly visited Dan Franzel on Thursday and later they met Mrs. Dan Franzel and daughters, Mrs. Mary Catherine Nicol and June Rutz, at McDonald's in Sebewaing, who were returning from a vacation in Georgia. Later Allen Farrelly took June Rutz back to her home in Sterling Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr spent several days at Jose Lake.

Mrs. Gerald Wills, Mrs. Curtis Cleland and Reva Silver spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Martin Sweeney. They will meet at Mrs. Curtis Cleland's next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski went to the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly to pay respects to Gertrude O'Parka on Sunday afternoon.

Arlene Rachoff of Deckerville, Mrs. Melvin Particka, Edith Jackson, Wendy Rickett and Mrs. Jim Doerr visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland last week.

Kevin Sweeney of South Lyon was a Wednesday guest of Mrs. Martin Sweeney.

Around 20 family members and friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Depcinski for supper Friday evening to help Theresa Depcinski celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Gornowicz, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Guigar, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka went with the Port Hope retirees to the 37th annual Michigan Recreation and Park Association on Mackinac Island Grand Hotel on a 3-day trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wallace were Tuesday guests and Mrs. Ken Osentoski was a Friday guest of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Claude Mestack, Bernard Morley and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad

Axe Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the Over 50 Club meeting at Oswald Hall in Bad Axe.

Those who visited Thelma Jackson were Mrs. Allen Depcinski, Bonnie Saucedo and Morris Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, Mrs. John Pechett, Jerry Hillaker, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stirett of Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski attended the funeral of Bryce Stambaugh at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 11 o'clock on Saturday.

June Rutz of Sterling Heights, Doris Western, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Don Rachoff, Allen Farrelly and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were among a large group who attended the K of C Hall fish fry in Bad Axe Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Depcinski, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Laming attended the wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Rienke at the Ubly Fox Hunter's on Saturday.

Miss Theresa Laceski and Christopher Rienke were married at St. John's Catholic Church in Ubly Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr, and Wendy Rickett and Caitlyn met Amy Doerr at Birch Run for dinner to help Amy celebrate her birthday.

Ten members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill Thursday morning. They will meet at Stafono's in Bad Axe next week.

DELAYED HOLBROOK

Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard attended the golden wedding anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Don Gruber on Sunday.

Bob Cleland Sr. of Charlevoix spent a few days with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Bernard Morley, Jim Lewis and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Monday morning.


Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski were Sunday afternoon and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski.

Marilyn Kanaby and Marie Wheeler visited Thelma Jackson on Tuesday afternoon.

Gordon Farrelly and Allen Farrelly spent Wednesday in Flat Rock.

Mrs. Gerald Wills, Mrs. Martin Sweeney and Mrs.

N. Prich 'student of month'



Meg's Peg

Sandy for president!

by Melva E. Guinther

Nashia Prich has been named Owendale-Gagetown Schools' "Senior Student of the Month" for October.

Curtis Cleland spent Tuesday afternoon with Reva Silver. They will meet at the home of Mrs. Martin Sweeney next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Particka, Ashley and Bethany at Madison Heights. Other Sunday guests for a cookout were Greg and Michelle Reid and Ethan of Sterling Heights and Rosalind Particka of Houston, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Krozak, Ryan and Samantha, Nicole Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Carpenter were Saturday supper and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Carpenter and family at Caro where they celebrated Michael Carpenter's 17th birthday.

Mrs. Gerald Wills and Reva Silver were Sunday guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hurford and Clara Bond of Cass City and Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Thelma Jackson on Saturday.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mrs. Allen Depcinski were among a group of ladies who made apple pies at the St. Johns Church Hall on Thursday.

Mrs. Melvin Particka, Wendy Rickett and Lana Puterbaugh visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland last week.

Jack Kennedy, Jim Lewis, Bernard Morley, Claude Mestack and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Tuesday morning.

Gary Cleland of Florida is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland in Bad Axe and on Tuesday he visited Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming and Thelma Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Depcinski and Mrs. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were among a group who attended the Bingo and raffle party on Sunday evening.

Nine members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at Stafono's in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at the Peppermill next week in Bad Axe.

Claude Mestack, Ron Wolschlagier, Jim Lewis, Bernard Morley, Jack Kennedy, and Allen Farrelly spent Friday morning at McDonald's in Bad Axe.

Visitors to see Thelma Jackson on Thursday were Mrs. Gerald Wills and Mrs. Martin Sweeney.

Can you believe it - only 2 more weeks of political ads, e-mails, letters and phone calls!

Regardless of the outcome of the election, I think everyone will be glad to have a respite.

Maybe a fresh approach is what we need.

Although we're as fed up with politics as anybody, I'm considering launching a campaign for our daughter, Sandy Welter, for president in 2008.

She might be a better candidate than anyone on the ballot and her ideas make a lot more sense than most — which may be why she's not a politician.

Sandy made the radical suggestion of replacing the extravagant political conventions with their million-dollar-plus price tags, with a potluck lunch at a local VFW hall.

Only the delegates would attend the scaled down event and each would bring a dish to pass. All the money that would otherwise have been spent would go to feed the hungry, reduce taxes, the national debt, etc.

Think how much medical research and how many prescriptions for the elderly could be filled with all that dough.

Delegates from each area of the country could bring their specialty. Imagine the variety!

Chittlins and grits from down South, chili from Texas, pineapple upside down cake from Hawaii.

Georgians could bring peach and pecan pie.

Most politicians should be

Sweeney receives award

Jennifer Sweeney, a 2004 Cass City High School graduate, has been awarded a \$1,000 Presidential Freedom Scholarship from the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Cass City Gavel Club.

The award recognizes her outstanding commitment to public service.

The Presidential Freedom Scholarship is a national initiative that promotes young people's leadership in community service. The Corporation for National and Community Service, which oversees the scholarship, provides recipients with a \$500 award that is matched with another scholarship of \$500 or more from a local organization.

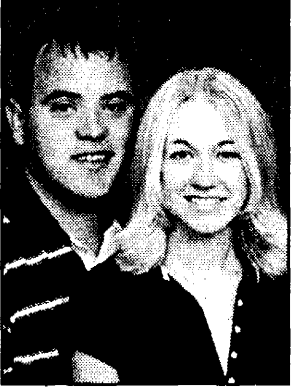
More than 31,000 scholarships have been awarded

since the program's inception, according to David Eisner of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

"This recognition of exemplary high school juniors and seniors would not be possible without the support of Cass City High School and the Cass City Gavel Club," he said.

"The Presidential Freedom Scholarships are designed to help communities recognize service-related achievement of their young people, while encouraging others to get involved in service and volunteering," Eisner explained.

C. Noble promoted in Air Force



Craig S. Noble has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

Noble is a psychologist with the 9019th Air Reserve Squadron, Air Reserve Personnel Center, Denver, Colo. He has 13 years of military service.

He is the son of Raymond W. Noble of Harbor Beach. His wife, Angela, is the daughter of Evelyn Gruber of Cass City.

The lieutenant colonel graduated in 1967 from Harbor Beach Community High School, and received a bachelor's degree in 1971 from Olivet College. He earned his doctorate degree in 1992 from the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology, Palo Alto, Calif.

Dean and Cindy Kruse of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Ann, to Brian Santos, son of Joseph and Wanda Santos of Cass City.

Brian is employed at Hendrian Floor Covering and Eagle Eye Archery.

Rebecca is a 2002 graduate of Cass City High School and a 2003 graduate of St. Clair County Community College. She is employed at the Caro Center as a licensed practical nurse.

A Nov. 6, 2004 wedding is being planned.

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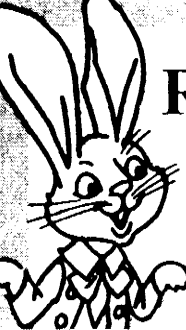
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

It was a miserable day weather wise at the football game in Deckerville Friday. But look at the silver lining. The teams could have been playing in Gaylord. The teams had to play through torrents of rain in the Thumb, but in the Gaylord area they had 3 inches of snow on the ground.

Play-off T-shirts will be available for purchase at Cass City High School next week. The T-shirts are a project of the Michigan High School Athletic Association. On the front it will mark Cass City as a play-off participant and the back will list each member of the team.

The prices are: short sleeve, \$15; long sleeve, \$20; hooded, \$30. They are available in adult sizes, small through triple X, and several kids' sizes. Profit, if any, will be given to the football program.

At the risk of making this a column with a glut of sports items, here's another. Coach Scott Cuthrell has established a pair of records in his years here. He's the only coach to direct a state championship team (girls' track) from Cass City. The second, of course, is that he's the first and only coach to head a team that qualified for the state football tournament.

Hopefully that second record will be repeated next year along with a Greater Thumb West conference title.

Can't let a week go by without some mention of a restaurant. If you happen to be Freeland bound (for the football game) there's one that I recall is satisfactory just north of downtown and another a stone's throw away on the west side of downtown Auburn at the corner of Garfield.

No rating, but economical menus and at the Auburn store, home baked goods.

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At St. Columbkille Police probing break-in


Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Bad Axe are asking the public's help in their investigation of a church break-in Thursday. According to reports, troopers were dispatched to St. Columbkille Church at about 8 p.m. to investigate the crime. The church is located at M-53 and McAlpin Road.

Sgt. Maria Eichler said the suspects gained entry into the building and stole various items. No other information was released pending completion of the investigation.

Anyone who may have seen suspicious individuals or vehicles in the area, or who has any information pertaining to the crime, is asked to call the Bad Axe post at (989) 269-6441.

The Haire Net

Better bottle law
a win-win idea



Car fire leads to arrest

A reported car fire Saturday in Huron County's Grant Township led police to a stolen vehicle and an illegal immigrant.

According to Trooper Brian McComb of the Michigan State Police post in Bad Axe, Trooper James Lively was dispatched to the corner of Elkton and Canboro roads at about 6 p.m. to investigate.

"The Elkton/Oliver Fire Department was also dispatched and arrived first to find a 1988 Honda passenger car fully engulfed in flames," McComb said.

"Trooper Lively's investigation revealed the vehicle was just stolen from a residence northwest of Elkton. A 26-year-old male from Mexico was subsequently arrested for unlawfully driving away an automobile, arson and being an illegal immigrant."

The suspect was lodged at the Huron County Jail. He is awaiting arraignment in Huron County District Court.

Troopers were assisted by the U.S. Border Patrol and the FBI Fingerprint Identification Unit in Clarksburg, W.V., which helped identify the suspect from fingerprints taken at the post.

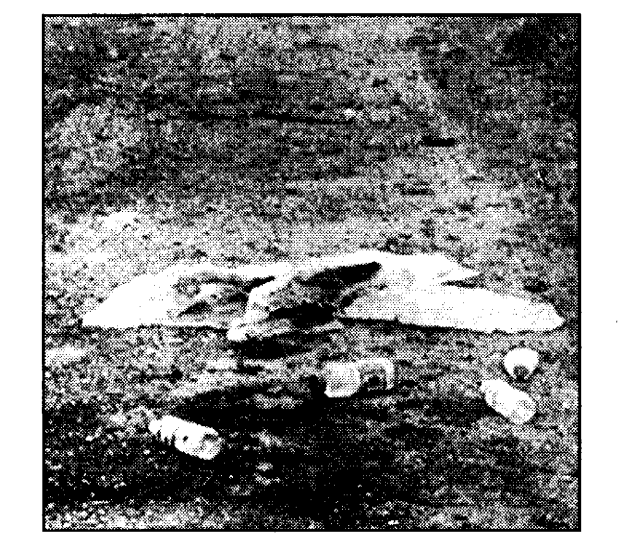
It's impossible to say whether or not the push to expand the bottle-return law will be successful. It's impossible to deny that the expansion is needed.

Proof of the need abounds in places open and used by the public. The rail trail in Cass City is another example.

Now regular users of the trail are accustomed to the trash accumulation in the parking area south of the bridge. No matter how many times it is cleaned, in a few days it becomes an ugly eyesore again.

An occasional can or bottle also is tossed along the trail along with sandwich containers.

Last week the trail was used to park machinery necessary for resurfacing the parking lot at Walbro Corporation.



The bottles and plastic were left where the machines were parked and the workers congregated. The discarded bottles were for water and for Gatorade.

None were returnable for deposit. I have yet to find a discarded returnable bottle on the trail.

Episodes like this are the greatest testimony of the need for a new, more comprehensive law. It's not practical, of course, to have a deposit on every can or bottle that is produced.

If it were, cans and bottles would disappear like magic from our streets and landscape. There are oceans of folks who wouldn't think of tossing debris out the window regardless of whether bottles were worth a dime or not.

But it's obvious that there are more than enough others that don't. When it's a matter of self-interest most times deposit bottles are not discarded. If they are tossed, plenty of others are waiting to pick them up and earn the dime.

The bottle return law is popular with the great majority of Michigan residents, because it's easy to see that it has helped clean the environment.

Since recycling saves our natural resources, an expanded law is a win-win proposition just waiting for Lansing to get in the game.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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I'm Roger W. Pond, and I don't approve of anything. I've seen enough speeches, commercials and presidential debates. It's time to vote, it seems to me.

I tend to agree with columnist Susan Nielsen. Nielsen questions the value of the so-called debates and wonders why undecided voters are getting so much attention from the news media.

Nielsen suggests we stop looking to undecided voters for direction. If they haven't made up their minds by now, they probably shouldn't be allowed out of the house.

I made my decision when the political parties chose their candidates. These people forged their political history and expressed their beliefs long before the nomination. Everything after that is just fluff.

"I don't care about Ralph Nader," I told myself. Ralph is like an aging marathon runner: He always wants to run, but he looks better walking.

Now we've got that John Kerry fellow and the Bush guy supposedly running neck and neck. The television commentators are eating this up. "We're all anxious to see what effect this debate has on undecided voters," they say.

I suspect it has no effect whatsoever. Undecided voters must be numb by now.

President Bush and Senator Kerry are very dissimilar. Each has a long record. It's not hard to predict what they would do as President.

Still, folks want to see who talks the smoothest and looks the best on television. If that's the game, I think Dr. Phil would beat both of these guys.

I like Dr. Phil. He's nearly bald. It's hard for me to trust guys like Kerry and Bush with all of that hair.

I'm not sure where we got the idea that debating is an important skill for a head of state. Does anyone remember the Churchill - Hitler debates? Or the Reagan - Gorbachev debates?

Does the President go down to Congress and debate the opposition on proposed legislation?

I've always thought the best way to judge presidential candidates is not by debating, but by looking at their pets. The old theory that people tend to resemble their pets certainly applies to politicians.

President Bush, for example, has a springer spaniel. Springers are frisky and energetic, but they can be head-strong. You can send them after a duck, and they'll go get it; but they're likely to do it their own way.

I've never seen a springer that didn't have a little smirk on his face. They don't mean anything by it. It's just them. I don't know if John Kerry

has a dog, but if he does, I suspect it's a German Shepherd. German Shepherds are serious and focused. Long in the muzzle.

You can send a German Shepherd after a duck, and he'll get it, too; but he'll eat half of it to pay for his trouble.

The second presidential debate featured questions from undecided voters in St. Louis, Missouri. I watched that for a while, but I had to turn it off.

I kept yelling at my TV, "Ask him about his dog! Ask him about his dog!"

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5-Day Local Forecast

Wednesday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 61 Low: 45

Thursday
Partly Cloudy
High: 64 Low: 48

Friday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 63 Low: 48

Saturday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 59 Low: 42

Sunday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 57 Low: 40

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies in the morning and afternoon with partly cloudy skies in the evening, high temperature of 61°, humidity of 66% and an overnight low of 45°. The record high temperature for today is 79° set in 1949. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 64°.

Upcoming Moon Phases

First 10/20 Full 10/27 Last 11/5 New 11/12

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today 7:53 a.m.
Sunset tonight 6:41 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Sunday	55	32	60/41	0.00"	Normal precipitation 0.56"
Monday	57	30	60/41	0.00"	Departure from normal -0.56"
Tuesday	63	27	60/41	0.00"	Average temperature 46.9°
Wednesday	64	32	59/40	0.00"	Average normal temperature 49.9°
Thursday	55	50	59/40	0.00"	Departure from normal -3.0°
Friday	52	46	58/40	0.00"	
Saturday	50	37	58/40	0.00"	

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Red Hawk Talks

by Leah Sherman

With Homecoming over, many people think that the atmosphere at school calms down. This couldn't be farther from the truth. Students are busy all the time, with extra curricular activities.

One of the most obvious examples would be the football team. It's evident that they've been working hard, having shown us their skills at the game last Friday, when they beat Deckerville, securing their seat in the play offs. Also last week, two bus loads of students set out for Stratford, Canada to see the musical performance of Guys and Dolls. The play was amazing! The trip is available to high school students and only costs \$45.00. Usually, if students sign up during the previous year, they can get \$10.00 off the price. However, even if a student pays full price, it is well worth the money. I have gone all four years and have seen The Sound of Music, My Fair Lady, and The Taming of the Shrew. It is a great opportunity that some students may not, otherwise, have the chance to experience.

A new program this year is the opportunity for seniors to go on a field trip to colleges that they may be considering. On Wednesday last week, more than half of the senior class went to visit SVSU and Delta College. When looking for a college or university that is right for a student, it helps to visit the campus, see what it has to offer, and have the time to ask questions.

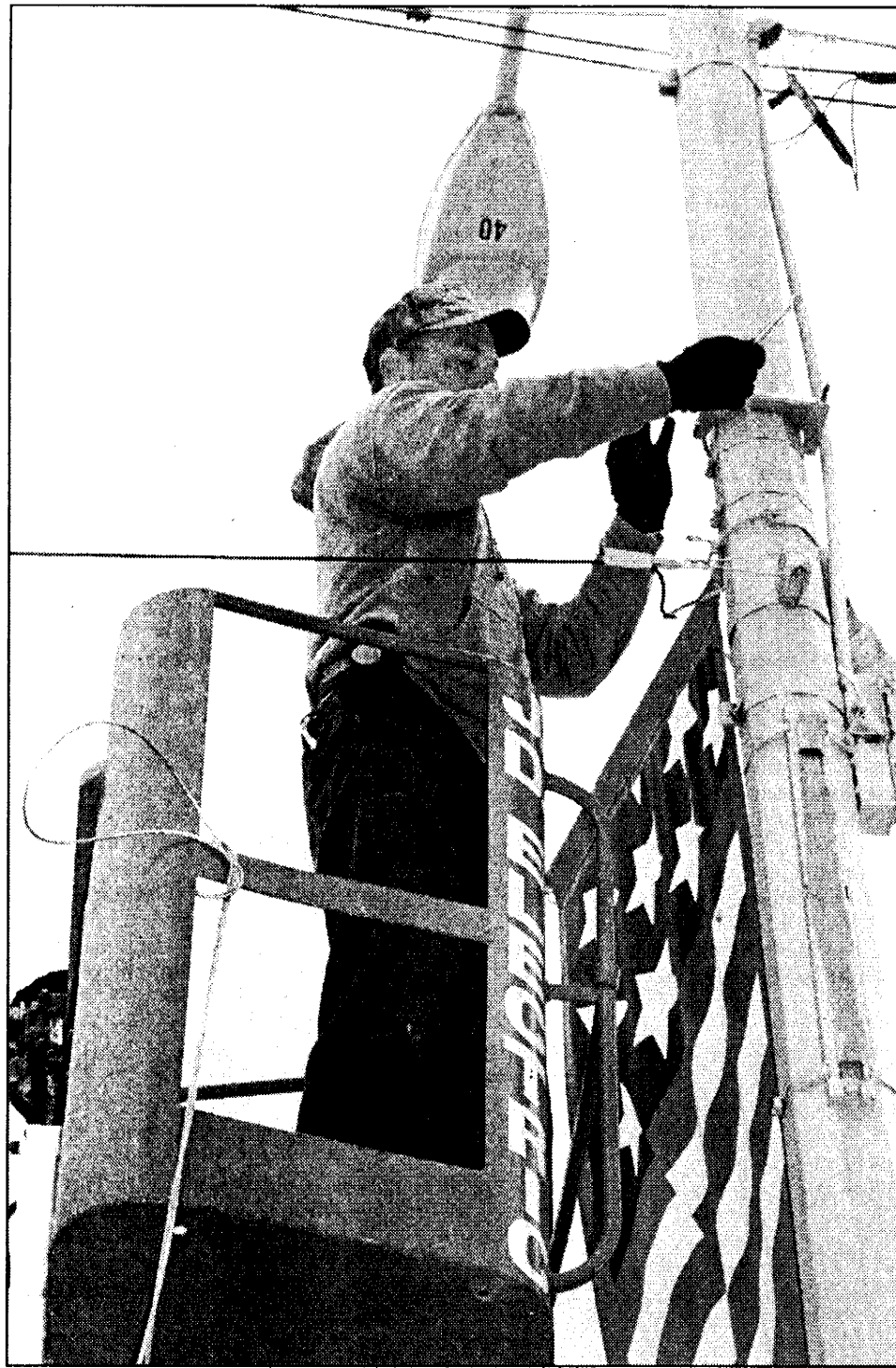
The sophomores and juniors spent their Wednesday morning testing. The sophomores took the PLAN test, which is meant to prepare them for the future testing that they will encounter during their junior year. The juniors took a practice ACT test. This test is formatted exactly like the ACT, and will be scored to give the stu-

dents an idea of how they will perform when they have to take the real test. Sarah Langmaid said, "The test was a good idea because it helped prepare me for how I have to pace myself during the actual ACT."

This week, many students will be getting ready for the actual ACT on Saturday morning. The four hour test never proves to be much fun, but a lot of students prefer to get it done early in the year. My words of advice to any underclassmen are: take the test before your senior year, because by the time you become a senior, the ACT will just be one more thing to worry about when getting ready for college.

On Wednesday, Oct. 20 there will be a band concert at 7:30. The performance will certainly be impressive! The band never disappoints an audience, and all of their hard work truly shines through their performances. Show your support for the bands by attending the concert, where you are sure to be entertained!

For the past two weeks, NHS has been sponsoring a penny drive for the Make a Wish Foundation. However, this is not just any penny drive. It is a competition between the grade levels, and the class that has the most pennies by the end of this week will get a prize. The twist is that only pennies count as "good" change. The competing classes can place silver change (nickels, dimes, and quarters) into the opponents' jars. That change will count against the grand total. So if a sophomore puts five pennies into their class jar, and then a freshman puts a quarter into the same jar, the sophomores will be \$20 in the hole. The competition is proving to be a challenge, but it is for a good cause, and the more the students participate in it, the more exciting it gets!



JERRY DIBBLE of J.D. Electric, Caro, installs a new electric line on one of the downtown streetlights in Cass City recently. The contractor was the low bidder for a \$3,000 Cass City Downtown Development Authority project that will replace the old electrical lines used for Christmas lighting. In all, nearly 50 trees will be lit this year using 1,600 feet of cable.

Circuit court proceedings

Several face charges

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

•Gregory S. Bailey, 31, Vassar, pleaded guilty to larceny in a building Aug. 15, 2003, in Fremont Township, writing a no account check May 22 in Akron Township involving a \$119.28 check drawn on Thumb National Bank, and being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at a combined \$14,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Ryan M. Badour, 22, Bay City, pleaded guilty to fleeing and eluding a police officer, driving while his license was suspended or revoked, and reckless driving April 13 in Wisner and Gifford townships.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000.

•Michael L. Collard, 19,

Caro, was sentenced to 88 days in the county jail for his pleas of guilty to possession of a financial transaction device without permission of the device holder, and illegal use of a financial transaction device March 12 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$120.

•Kelli K. Kriel-Stebelon, 20, Shingleton, was sentenced to 305 days in jail for a plea of guilty to escape from jail June 28 in Caro.

The defendant was also ordered to pay \$620 in costs and fines.

•Jonathan R. Fenningsdorf, 19, Caro, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 90 days in jail for his pleas of guilty to 2 counts of larceny from a motor vehicle May 23-24 in Kingston.

He was also ordered to pay \$2,780 in costs and fines. Restitution is to be determined.

•David W. Belcher, 20, Caro, stood mute during his arraignment on a charge of arson of a house April 6, 2002, in Caro.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case, bond was continued at \$3,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Stacy J. Wright, 30, Cass City, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 90 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to assaulting a police officer April 2 in Cass City.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$960.

•Alex E. Enos, 20, Caro, stood mute to charges of indecent exposure and being a sexually delinquent person June 14 in Almer Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled, bond was continued at \$15,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Wilson L. Wood, 61, Gagetown, was sentenced to 90 days in jail (deferred) and 18 months probation for his plea of no contest to possession of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 25 grams) May 8, 2003, in Gagetown.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,120 in costs and fines.

•Michael J. Arnold, 45,

Caro, was sentenced to 5 1/2 to 25 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Jan. 24 in Caro, and to being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$160.

•Wayne R. Mansueto, 24, Millington, pleaded no contest to fleeing a police officer and reckless driving May 17 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Richard A. Bragg, 18, Vassar, pleaded guilty to larceny in a building June 2 in Almer Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Julian A. Dixon, 37, Gagetown, was sentenced to 4 to 25 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to possession of a weapon in jail May 13 in Caro, and to being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$160.

•Matthew L. Ward, 30, Vassar, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 90 days in jail (deferred) for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 10.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,060 in costs and fines.

•Jeremiah Nuncio, 17, pleaded guilty to fleeing a police officer and driving while his license was suspended or revoked Sept. 3 in Almer Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Randy P. Haas, 34, Marlette, pleaded guilty to 2 counts each of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and driving while his license was suspended or revoked Sept. 5 in Koylton Township and Nov. 29 in Dayton Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at a combined \$20,000. Sentencing is to be set.

Church to host candidates Saturday

The Shabbona United Methodist Church will be hosting a "meet the candidate" event Saturday, Oct. 23, at 6 p.m.

Anyone running for office on the ballot from Sanilac and Tuscola counties is invited to attend, with a special notice to those that are running with opposition.

Don't miss this opportunity to get to know these candidates, as well as ask public questions.

The church has received confirmation from a number of candidates that are planning to attend.

Those who have already accepted the invitation include: State Representative for the 84th District Tom Meyer as well as challengers Steve Montle and Rebekah Mikkelsen; 83rd District candidate for State Representative Paul Muxlow; Tuscola County Commissioner candidates David Lich and David Milligan; U.S. Representative candidate for the 10th District Rob Casey; and Sanilac County Commissioner John Merriman.

Evergreen Township Board members will also be available to discuss township matters.

An invitation is still extended for anyone running on the November ballot for Sanilac and Tuscola counties to meet the voters.

The church is located at the corner of Decker and Severance roads, 2 miles east of M-53 in Evergreen Township. For further information, call (989) 872-5079 or (989) 670-4079.

Women's retreat slated

The Tuscola Holiness Association is hosting a one-day inspirational women's retreat featuring the topic "The Art of Keeping in Touch" with guest speaker, Edie Veenstra of Winning Wisdom ministry, Walled Lake.

The retreat will be held Saturday, Nov. 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Wesleyan Woods, 4320 Caine Rd., Vassar. Tickets are \$20 per person and include a box lunch. The first 100 registrants will receive a free gift. Door prizes will be given away during the event.

Advance tickets can be purchased by mailing check to: Tuscola Holiness Association, P.O. Box 45, Vassar, MI 48768. Additional information can be obtained by calling (989) 823-3391 or (989) 823-9060.



Bulldog Beat

by Mary McKee

Attending a small school has its advantages and disadvantages. If you ask students at Owen-Gage whether or not they would want to change schools, some of them would answer yes, but most would answer no. Even students who attended bigger schools before coming to Owen-Gage say they like it better than their old school. The question I want to know is, "Why?" What are the pros and cons of being in a small school?

The first advantage of a small school is that everybody knows everybody. It isn't scary or nerve-racking to talk to someone or ask them a question, because they know who you are. You can go up to any group of people in the hall and join in on the conversation and not be criticized for it because you probably have that person in a class, or have interacted with them in some way.

Another way students get to know each other is by playing sports. With having so few students in the high school, a lot of times we have freshmen on varsity teams. In sports like football, baseball and softball, the teams consist of freshmen through seniors. Being in a situation where you see someone during and after school, it is pretty easy to get to know and become friends with other people.

Even though knowing everyone is an advantage, it can be a disadvantage as well. One of the disadvantages is that everyone knows everything about you. Rumors spread like wildfire at our school. Everyone will know you are going to the office before you actually get there. You know someone is gossiping about you before they are finished. It is during these times that you find out

who your true friends are and who will stick up for you when you can't.

The second advantage of a small school is the classroom size. The average number of students in each class is around 18. Having that many students in a classroom makes receiving help a lot easier than it would be with a class of 35 students.

All the teachers in the high school have an hour of prep time and a lot of the time teachers spend that hour helping students with something they didn't understand or finish. Some teachers stay after school longer than they have to, to help students that couldn't get help during the day.

Another disadvantage is there are less classes to choose from than at a bigger school.

Having so few teachers, the same opportunities in class selections as larger schools are almost impossible. While some schools offer many foreign language classes, Owen-Gage only offers one, and some classes are only offered every other year. The only way to take classes that are not offered is through virtual high school. This involves taking classes over the Internet and communicating with your teacher through e-mail, instead of sitting in an actual classroom with a regular teacher.

Even though our school is small in size, we have achieved many of the same things a bigger school would. Many students at Owen-Gage have scored high on MEAP tests, graduated from high school and went on to be successful in college.

No matter what school someone attends, they are all there for the same reason. That reason is to get the best education possible.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 2, 2004 General Election has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 20, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Elkland Township Fire Hall, Cass City, Michigan.

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David is married to Cheri and they have four grandchildren. He is a member of the Kingston Lions Club, the Michigan State Employees Retirement Association, the Michigan Association of Chief's of Police, the Greater Thumb Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, the Caro Moose Lodge and a member of the Commanders Club of Disabled American Veterans.

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MICHIGAN LIBRARIAN Christie Brandau visited several Thumb libraries Thursday. The tour included a stop at Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City, where Special Programming Librarian Ruth Steele (above, right) provided a guided tour to both Brandau and Bryon Sitler, who is director of the White Pine Library Cooperative.

The “Reality Store” Students visit real world

Cass City Middle School students will get a taste of the real world next month when they visit the “Reality Store.”

“The Reality Store was developed to help teens start thinking about their future, what financial resources they’ll need for their desired lifestyle, and the role education plays in enabling them to achieve their personal and professional goals,” said 8th Grade Career Pathways Technology instructor Linda Volz.

“The students envision

what their lives will be like when they’re in their mid-20s, what jobs they’ll have, if they are single or married, etc.,” Volz added.

The Cass City/Thumb Area Branch of the American Association of University Women and Baker College in Cass City are sponsoring the Reality Store, which will open Friday, Nov. 5.

“On this date, the students’ classroom will actually move to the college. There they will experience ‘real world’ situations,” Volz explained, adding students will

be given a “checkbook” with a deposit equal to one month’s salary in their chosen field.

“Students will randomly be assigned a career and move around the room visiting various stations that range from obtaining housing, paying taxes and purchasing a vehicle, to learning how to save and invest their dollars,” Volz said.

“They will also visit a booth where a ‘reality check’ will occur. They may learn that the engine in their car just exploded or they have faulty

plumbing and it will cost \$300 to fix the problem.”

“In order to make the event a successful experience for our students, we are involving members of the community,” Volz continued. “Students will travel to 16 stations in a 50-minute period.

There will be a morning shift, which will run from 8:15 to 11:30 a.m., and an afternoon shift that will be from 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.”

A group of Michigan State University Telecommunications Department students will also be on hand to videotape the event for a documentary they are producing.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5YEARSAGO

The consolidation of Thumb newspapers continues with the announcement that the Sanilac County News has been sold to 21st Century Newspapers, Inc., owners of 430 newspapers and shopping guides. Among them are the Sebawaing-Pigeon newspaper, the Harbor Beach Times, the Lapeer County Press and the Brown City Banner. The Chronicle is the last paper in the Thumb with circulation of over 3,000 to be independently owned and locally operated. (From Rabbit Tracks)

He has a king-size headache, but the young bull elk at the Jim Guseff ranch near Deford will survive a skull injury after tangling with a fence early last week. The bull is perhaps the most promising in the herd in terms of antler growth, according to Guseff. “He had about 7 pounds of antler on his head,” Guseff said. Unfortunately, the friendly, 14-month-old male snagged an antler in some fencing Monday “and ripped it out. It pulled the pedicle right out of his skull.”

Chocolate contains the same chemical - phenylethylamine - that the brain produces when people fall in love. By stepping up the heart beat and the body’s energy levels, the chemical causes a happy, slightly dreaming feeling.

10YEARSAGO

It’s pie time in Shabbona! The Shabbona United Methodist Women work assembly-line style as they put together homemade apple pies to fill an estimated 1,100 orders. Proceeds from the popular fundraiser benefit mission work and children.

How much of the food dollar do you think the farmer gets? On average: about 22 cents. Thirty-five cents of every food dollar goes to marketing, and 8 cents is

spent on packaging.

Pheasant hunters planning to bag a ringneck in the Thumb this fall may have to work a lot harder for success than they did a year ago. Bird numbers are down, according to DNR wildlife biologist Bud Jarvis, who says a severe winter and/or wet summer conditions apparently are to blame for the reduction in population. “I don’t believe the number of birds is nearly as good as it has been the past 2 years. I think it’s (harvest) going to be down 30 to 50 percent,” said Jarvis, who works out of the DNR’s Cass City field office.

25YEARSAGO

It has been 15 years since Willis Campbell retired as Cass City superintendent of schools, after 43 years with the school system. For each of the years since then, he and his wife Gladys have spent the winter in Florida, originally in Vero Beach and for the past several in Stuart. This week, they have been preparing to go again, but with one difference. Their house on north Seeger St. where they have lived for about 30 years is for sale and depending on their health and whether they can find a place in Cass City to rent next summer, they may or may not be back. They leave Sunday.

In contrast to some past harvest seasons, when elevator managers were wondering where they were going to put all their incoming grain, few if any problems are expected this year. “We don’t figure we’ll have any trouble,” said Blount Agriculture Manager Jim Turner in Gagetown, in a comment typical of those contacted by the Chronicle. Harvesting of fall crops has been slow to get underway because of last week’s rain, but predictions are for a “pretty decent crop,” in the words of Wickes Agriculture Cass City Manager Bob Wischmeyer.

General Telephone plans to spend \$6.7 million for equipment in 1980 for its 23 northeast Michigan exchanges, according to division Manager Bob Kowalski. Included is \$137,100 in Cass City and \$158,900 in Kingston.

35YEARSAGO

This week Erla’s Inc. will commemorate its third expansion in 16 years with the formal opening of their remodeled store this weekend. The family owned supermarket and wholesale meat packing business started for the Erla’s when they purchased the business from Henry Cooklin in 1953. The original business was owned by the late John Erla and his wife and one of the sons, Richard. The family moved to the community from Inlay City.

No pheasants, but hunting is still good for three youthful nimrods. They bagged three raccoons with six shots while hunting two miles east of M-53. The hunters were Duane White, Ray Smutek and Bob White.

Two new buildings are slated to be erected at the Cass City Recreational Park at no cost to the village. Steel arrived this week for a shelter to be erected by the Lions Club. Wayne Dillon, industrial arts teacher, has offered to build a new refreshment stand as a project for his classes. A discussion about state funds for park additions indicated that more study will be needed and a new proposal submitted to the state.

Concert set

A Gospel concert will be held Sunday, Oct. 24, at 11 a.m. at the Deford Country Church, 5903 Main St., Deford.

Featured singers will be “Highest Praise”. All are welcome to attend this free concert.

For more information, call (989) 872-5158.

Hobarts in 250-voice choir set to perform

For the 32nd consecutive year, the popular 250-voice Michigan/Ohio Concert Choir will present its annual concert series in 8 Michigan and Ohio cities.

This year’s series will feature 11 concerts, including 6 special afternoon matinee performances.

“Our closest performance (to the Thumb area) will be in Saginaw at the Heritage Theater on Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m.,” said Cass City area resident Marilyn Hobart, who along with her husband, Marvin, have sung with the choir for 7 years.

Hobart said a number of Thumb area residents are involved in developing and staging this year’s production, entitled “A Family Christmas.”

“I personally invite all the people of this region to secure tickets early due to the standing-room-only status that usually applies to this very unique and special event,” she added, noting tickets may be purchased by calling 1-800-933-SING (7464).

The concerts will feature favorite selections to launch the holiday season, mixing the most requested music of the holidays with production, pageantry, visuals, costuming, special effects, sound, creative lighting and, above all, excellent musical talent. One favorite ingredient is audience participation and surprise gifts.

Produced and directed by internationally recognized musical creator Thurlow Spurr, the concerts include the artistic musical talents of Rick Everitt, the CMU Orchestra, The Three Tenors, The Brotherhood, The Christmas Dancers, The Thurlow Spurr Singers, Karen Jenkins, Ron Wilson and Cheryl Ammerman, as well as other soloists and musicians from the Michigan and Ohio areas.

Barn tour planning underway

Plans are underway for the 10th annual Thumb Octagon Barn School Tours to be held during the school day, May 18-20 at the Thumb Octagon Barn site just outside of Gagetown. The 2005 theme will be the Sugar Beet Industry.

Last spring, more than 1,450 students and 450 chaperones from 5 counties - Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac, Bay and Saginaw - attended. They were assisted by 75 area residents who volunteered their time during the 3-day event.

“Now is the time to reserve a date/time for your students to participate,” said Diane Rapson Gabil, chairman of the tours.

“Thumb Octagon Barn School Tours 2005 is an educational field trip for pre-school through elementary grades that allows the children to participate in up to 18 interactive displays depicting rural Michigan in the early 1900s, including live farm animals,” Rapson Gabil explained.

For more information and to register classes for the 2005 tours, teachers can go to the Thumb Octagon Barn website at thumboctagonbarn.org, or call Rapson Gabil at (989) 892-3105.

Anyone interested in volunteering is also encouraged to contact Rapson Gabil or log onto the website.

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Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: David Mercer
email: dcodca@tband.net
website: defordcommunitychurch.org

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Bulldog timing perfect entering critical stretch

Timing couldn't be better for the Owen-Gage cage team.

Heading into its toughest week of the schedule, the Bulldogs are playing their best ball of the season.

And that's exactly what coach Dave Fritz's team will need to turn in this week in games against the 2 North Central Thumb League division leaders to be successful. Both games are at home, starting Tuesday with Port Hope and then Thursday against rival Kingston. The Blue Stars sit on top of the NC1L North at 12-2, while the Cardinals' NC1L South record is unblemished at 11-0.

The Bulldogs equaled their biggest winning streak of the season Thursday with a 56-31 win at Peck.

The guests cruised to their fourth straight win behind a balanced attack that had 3 Bulldogs reach double digits.

The initial half ended with the Bulldogs comfortably in front, 36-12, thanks to an 18-2 scoring advantage after one frame.

Kayla Zaleski led the Bulldogs with 19 points that included a 5-for-6 effort at the foul stripe. Katie Swiastyn

added 14 tallies, while Michelle Brown finished with 10 points.

Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, the Bulldogs traveled to Akron and soundly defeated the Vikings 61-35.

Swiastyn caught fire for the winners and turned in a season-high 31 points on 12 field goals and a 7-of-8 showing at the charity stripe.

The visitors outscored the Vikings in each frame en route to the one-sided decision.

Besides Swiastyn, the Bulldogs had Kayla Kady and Zaleski with 12 and 10 markers, respectively.

OWEN-GAGE - Zaleski 7-0 (5-6) 19; Swiastyn 7-0 (0-0) 14; Brown 4-0 (2-4) 10; Nowaczyk 4-0 (0-6) 8; Error 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kady 1-0 (1-2) 3. **TOTALS** - 24-0 (8-19) 56.

PECK - T. Fletcher 1-0 (2-2) 4; K. Fletcher 1-0 (2-5) 4; Schneidewind 9-0 (3-4) 21; Williams 1-0 (0-0) 2. **TOTALS** - 12-0 (7-11) 31.

OWEN-GAGE - Zaleski 4-0 (2-2) 10; Swiastyn 12-0 (7-8) 31; Brown 0-0 (4-4) 4; Nowaczyk 2-0 (0-0) 4; Kady 5-0 (2-2) 12. **TOTALS** - 23-0 (15-18) 61.

AKRON-FAIRGROVE - Wark 1-0 (2-2) 4; Latimer 2-0 (0-0) 4; Brink 2-0 (0-0) 4; Ruiz-Freeman 1-0 (0-2) 2; Petiprin 1-0 (0-2) 2; Gehris 7-0 (5-7) 19. **TOTALS** - 14-0 (7-11) 35.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

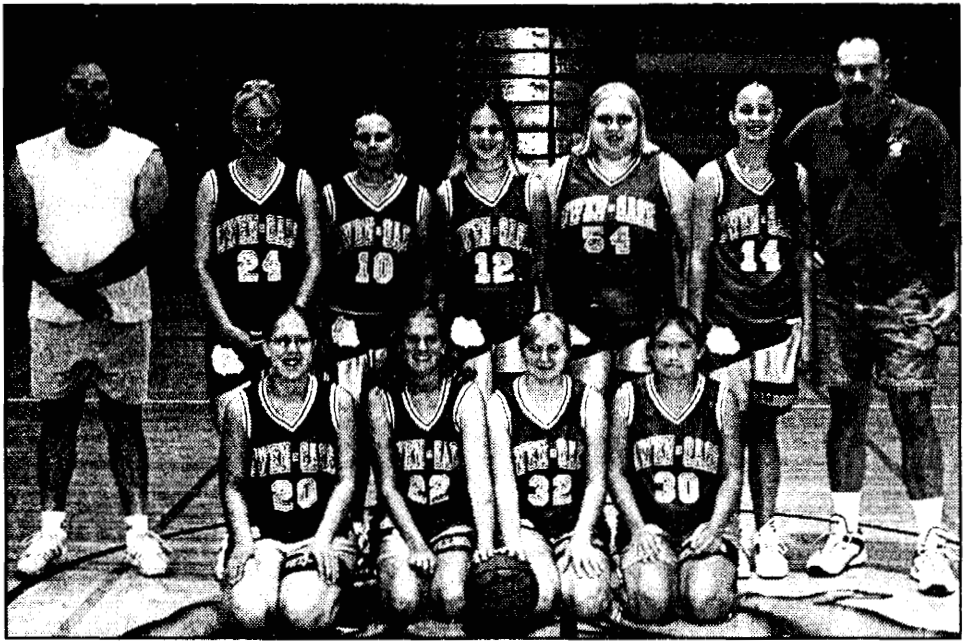
GREATER THUMB WEST			
Team	W	L	W
EPBP	5	0	9
Cass City	5	1	9
Reese	2	3	6
BCAS	2	3	5
Valley Lutheran	2	3	4
USA	2	3	3
Bad Axe	0	5	1
GREATER THUMB EAST			
Team	W	L	W
Sandusky	5	0	11
Brown City	4	1	11
Harbor Beach	4	1	10
Marlette	2	3	6
Mayville	2	4	7
Uby	1	4	3
Deckerville	0	6	1
NC1L NORTH			
Team	W	L	W
Port Hope	10	2	12
Owen-Gage	9	4	9
North Huron	7	4	8
A-Fairgrove	2	9	3
Caseville	0	12	0
NC1L SOUTH			
Team	W	L	W
Kingston	11	0	12
CPS	8	3	9
Memphis	7	5	9
Peck	3	9	3
Dryden	2	10	2
THURSDAY'S GAMES			
Bad Axe at Uby			
EPBP at BCAS			
Reese at USA			
Cass City at Valley Lutheran			
Mayville at Deckerville			
Marlette at Harbor Beach			
Brown City at Sandusky			
Memphis at North Huron			
Dryden at Caseville			
Kingston at Owen-Gage			
Peck at Port Hope			
CPS at A-Fairgrove			



AGGRESSIVE DEFENSE has helped Cass City squeak by in games against Reese and Bay City All Saints. Jenny Brinkman applies the pressure on the Cougar ball handler Thursday.



THE OWEN-GAGE 2004 golf team members are: (from left) Jason Seibel, Trace Lopez, Nicole Nowaczyk and April Nowaczyk.



THE OWEN-GAGE 2004 junior varsity basketball squad members include: (front, l-r) Rose Faupel, Mindy Errer, Heather Collon, Amber Pillsbury, (back, l-r) coach Robert Pillsbury, Nichole Woodruff, Samantha Radabaugh, Amanda Faist, Stacie Dorsch, Bethany Kovach and coach Brian Wright.

Red Hawks remain in GTW title chase with pair of wins

Cass City stayed in the chase for at least a share of the Greater Thumb West league crown with a pair of wins last week, Tuesday and Thursday.

Coach John Maharg couldn't have been too pleased with the efforts of his charges, despite the victories. Both Reese and All Saints pushed the team to the limit and the games were up for grabs until the final whistle.

In most games this season the Hawks have played up to the level of competition, saving their best efforts against teams like Sandusky and Harbor Beach, while failing to perform well against teams they were favored to defeat.

The first of the 2 games they played last week was at Reese. The Hawks were forced to come from behind in the last half to win, 40-35. The Hawks trailed at the half, 23-17.

Maharg credited the defense for the winning rally. He said that Kalen Trischler, Courtney Rabideau and Jenny Brinkman created many turnovers and steals with the press.

In the last half the Rockets converted just a trey by Sarah Andrus and a hoop by Brittany Schumacher, all in the third quarter. In the last period Reese converted 6 of 11 free throws.

The Hawks and the Rockets played on even terms in the first quarter. Brinkman hit her 2 hoops for the night in the period and Marisa Hecht netted a bucket and 2 free throws for the Rockets.

Ashley Hendrick kept the Hawks within shouting distance of the Rockets in the second quarter. She scored 7 of Cass City's 9 points. The Rockets went on a scoring binge in the period led by Cara Burnison with 3 hoops and the team's 15 points put Reese in front, 23-17, at the intermission.

Going into the final period the team's offense came to life. Emily Schinnerer hit 2 hoops and one of 3 free throws. Hendrick scored a pair and one of 2 charity tosses. Courtney Rabideau added 2 hoops and Kalen Trischler hit a 3.

Hendrick ended with 16 points and was big on the boards with 10 rebounds. Burnison was tops for Reese with 11 points.

time before losing, 60-57. With the league victory in hand, Cass City had a home game with Deckerville Tuesday and a pair of GTW contests against teams it handled in the first half to bring its play to the level necessary to successfully defend its league title.

Some long range 3-point bombs kept the Cougars in contention all the way. After the first quarter the Hawks led, 11-10, on balanced scoring by both teams.

In the second quarter Ashley Hendrick paced the attack with 7 points and the Hawks went in front, 29-26, at the half. Some great 3-point bombing kept the Cougars in the battle the rest of the way. The Hawks were in front by 6 points when Bergeron hit the first of her treys in the period and that sparked a drive in which the Cougars outscored the Hawks, 9-2, to give All Saints the lead, 37-36.

Cass City bounced back to lead by 5 points before a pair of hoops by All Saints tied the game going into the final period.

The Hawks' balanced scoring in the last quarter was equaled by some fine foul shooting (3-4) by All Saints and another pair of treys, these by Lynsay Weaver and Jenny Malott.

With the game tied at 54, the Hawks took the lead early on a pair of foul shots and a bucket by Sarah Meeker. All Saints closed the gap to a point, 58-57, as Tiffany Middleton made a pair of foul shots. Renee Czekai then hit a key bucket to push the Hawk lead to 60-57 with 49 seconds left and that's the way it ended.

Hendrick led the Hawks with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Schinnerer with 10 and Meeker with 11 were also in double figures for Cass City. Meeker grabbed 8 rebounds. Three players were in double figures for All Saints- Katie Middleton 15, Weaver, 12 and Bergeron, 11.

CASS CITY - Whittaker 1-0 (0-0)2; Rabideau 2-0 (2-4) 6; Brinkman 2-0 (2-2) 4; Meeker 3-0 (5-8) 11; Czekai 2-0 (0-0) 4; Trischler 0-1 (0-3) 3; Hendrick 8-0 (2-4) 18; Schinnerer 5-0 (0-1) 10. **TOTALS** - 23-1 (11-22) 60.

ALL SAINTS - Sobczak 1-0 (3-4) 5; Bergeron 1-3 (1-4) 11; K. Middleton 6-0 (3-3) 15; Malott 1-1 (0-2) 5; Weaver 1-2 (4-7) 12; T. Middleton 3-0 (2-4) 8. **TOTALS** - 13-6 (13-25) 57.

CASS CITY - Rabideau 2-0 (0-0) 4; Brinkman 2-0 (0-0) 4; Czekai 1-0 (0-0) 2; Trischler 2-1 (0-0) 7; Hendrick 7-0 (2-4) 16; Schinnerer 3-0 (1-3) 7. **TOTALS** - 17-1 (3-7) 40.

REESE - Schumacher 1-1 (0-0) 5; Hecht 2-0 (5-6) 9; Stockmeyer 1-0 (0-4) 2; Sierocki 2-0 (1-2) 5; Burnison 3-0 (5-7) 11; Andrus 0-1 (0-0) 3. **TOTALS** - 9-2 (11-19) 35.



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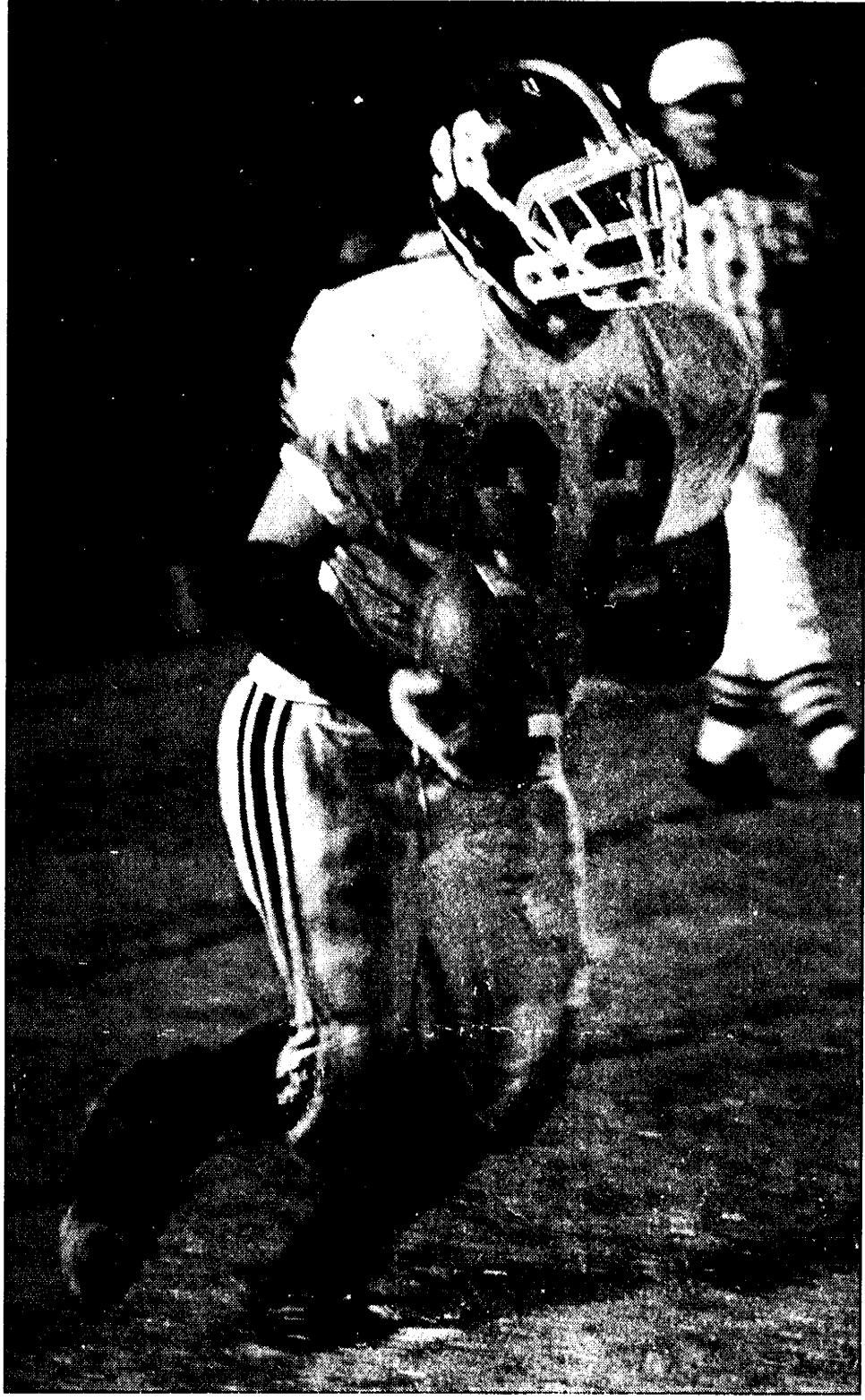
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THEY'RE IN!

Red Hawks create history as team earns first invitation to post-season play with victory over Deckerville

They're in!
For the first time ever, since the football playoffs started in 1975, the Cass City Red Hawks have qualified for the post-season classic.
And they didn't back in against a cupcake team. The sixth victory of the year was posted at Deckerville, a team that qualified every year previously since 1995. The win by the Hawks made the Eagles a 3-5 team that was stronger than its record indicates.
The Hawks drew first blood with a 45-yard 5-play drive. In the TD march Dustin Bitzer picked up 38 yards around end. The score came on a one-yard run by Jeff Stoutenburg. Justin Glaza kicked the extra point and with 8:22 left in the first quar-

ter the Hawks were in front, 7-0.
The Eagles bounced back with a touchdown and extra point to tie the score. In 4 plays the team moved 70 yards to score. Key play was a reverse that Kurt Kirkpatrick took around end for 38 yards and the score.
On the next series the Hawks scored again with just 8 seconds gone in the second period. Starting from their own 40-yard line and helped by a 25-yard scamper by Halasz, the Hawks scored on a pass from Chris Landrith to Brad Langenburg. The try for point was nullified by a bad pass from center.
Deckerville got that score back with a 78-yard march with D.J. Troyer scoring from 9 yards.

In the dying moments of the half with less than 3 minutes left, Cass City marched down the field for a touchdown run that finished after time had expired for the half. Key play was a pass from Landrith to Langenburg to the one-yard line.
Landrith downed the ball on the next play and with 3 seconds left Nick Stoutenburg smashed over for the score. The kick was good.
It appeared that the Hawks were on their way to a decisive win in the first play after the kickoff when Bitzer went 56 yards to score and give the Hawks a 2-touchdown lead.
That changed with a Hawk fumble on their own 5-yard line and Troyer scored for Deckerville to trail by 7, 26-

19. The Eagles closed the gap to a point on a 23-yard touchdown run by James Loomis before the Hawks marched down the field from their own 37 to chalk up a decisive touchdown.
In the march, Bitzer made a long run and Landrith found Andrew Schinnerer on third and long to keep the drive alive. Jeff Stoutenburg scored the touchdown.
Deckerville's last gasp drive was halted when Danny Mittlestat made an interception. Mittlestat led the defense with 8 tackles. Bitzer carried 12 times for 152 yards and a touchdown. Langenburg's 2 catches gained 53 yards. Landrith completed 5 passes for 115 yards.
Coach Scott Cuthrell said,

"I'm proud of our players and coaching staff, we did something people thought would never happen, (posting a) winning record and now the playoffs. Great job Red Hawks."
The last game of the season is not as important as last week's win over the Eagles, but it is an important game. Playing at Freeland, Cass City will have a chance to measure up against another playoff bound team. Depending on the final rating, a decisive win could possibly earn the Hawks the opening game in the tourney.
The score of the junior varsity game was Cass City 42, Deckerville 14.

FOOTBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST									
Team	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W
#1 USA	6	0	8	0	8	0	8	0	8
#2 Cass City	5	1	6	2	6	2	6	2	6
Reese	4	2	5	3	5	3	5	3	5
BCAS	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
EPBP	2	4	3	5	3	5	3	5	3
Bad Axe	1	5	1	7	1	7	1	7	1
Valley Lutheran	0	6	1	7	1	7	1	7	1
* Clinched title									
# Clinched playoff spot									
GREATER THUMB EAST									
Team	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W
#1 Sandusky	6	0	8	0	8	0	8	0	8
#2 Ubyly	5	1	6	2	6	2	6	2	6
#3 Harbor Beach	4	2	5	3	5	3	5	3	5
Deckerville	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Brown City	2	4	3	5	3	5	3	5	3
Marlette	1	5	2	6	2	6	2	6	2
Mayville	0	6	1	7	1	7	1	7	1
* Clinched title									
# Clinched playoff spot									
NCTL									
Team	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W
#1 Kingston	7	0	7	1	7	1	7	1	7
#2 Memphis	6	1	7	1	7	1	7	1	7
CPS	5	2	5	3	5	3	5	3	5
Peck	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Owden	3	4	3	5	3	5	3	5	3
North Huron	2	5	2	6	2	6	2	6	2
A-Fairgrove	1	6	1	7	1	7	1	7	1
Owen-Gage	0	7	1	7	1	7	1	7	1
* Clinched title									
# Clinched playoff spot									

Bulldogs nipped by North Huron

Owen-Gage ended its North Central Thumb League schedule Friday, bowing to visiting North Huron in a game dominated by Mother Nature.
Pouring rains contributed to 6 Bulldog fumbles during the opening half of the 10-6 defeat.
Owen-Gage will need to take better care of the ball this Friday when playoff bound Au Gres visits to close out the season with a big upset win.
The rains also hampered Owen-Gage's passing attack,

the strength of the teams' offense, as the slippery pigskin and strong winds saw Aaron Gaeth complete 5-of-15 tosses for 47 yards.
North Huron struck first on a Russ Dhyse touchdown run of 6-yards and following Scott Kozlowski's 2-point conversion took an 8-0 margin into the period before the break.
The Warriors added a safety to its intermission advantage when the Bulldogs flubbed a punt attempt from inside their own end zone. While the Bulldog offense was

stuck in the mud early, the defense kept the game tight, highlighted by a Jake Reynolds fumble recovery inside the 5-yardline.
After the break, the Bulldogs abandoned their passing attack and collected chunks of yardage running off the left side.
Running back Mike Brown was the main benefactor of some large holes credited around the outside by linemen Mike Pawlak, Grant Champagne and Sam Rogers.

After marching the length of the field during the third quarter, Brown put the hosts on the scoreboard with the final quarter's opening play from 4 yards out. Neither team would score again.
Brown finished with 98 yards rushing on 23 totes to lead the Bulldog offense, while Rogers and Andy Kretzschmer combined for 47 passing yards on 5 receptions.
Defensively, Rogers had a team-high 12 tackles, while Kretzschmer and Eric Zaleski split 16 stops.



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NICK STOUTENBURG catches a wet football Friday at Deckerville to return a punt as the Hawks won to qualify for the playoffs.

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

This week's match ups				
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Friday, October 22				
Bad Axe at Ubyly	Ubyly	Ubyly	Ubyly	Ubyly
Frankenmuth at Lakers	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth
Cass City at Freeland	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
USA at Harbor Beach	USA	USA	USA	USA
BCAS at Carrollton	BCAS	BCAS	Carrollton	BCAS
Reese at Richmond	Reese	Reese	Richmond	Reese
Saginaw M.I.S. at V. Lutheran	Saginaw M.I.S.	Saginaw M.I.S.	Saginaw M.I.S.	Saginaw M.I.S.
Brown City at Almont	Brown City	Brown City	Almont	Brown City
Sandusky at Cros-Lex	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky
Shepherd at Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville	Shepherd	Deckerville
Peck at Marlette	Marlette	Peck	Peck	Marlette
Kingston at Mayville	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Au Gres at Owen-Gage	Au Gres	Au Gres	Au Gres	Owen-Gage
A. Eastern at A-Fairgrove	A. Eastern	Akron-Fairgrove	A. Eastern	Akron-Fairgrove
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Huron sheriff: kids big concern

In an effort to make its local streets and highways safer, the Huron County Sheriff's Office is looking to the public to help reduce an alarming trend: young people getting into vehicles while under the influence of alcohol.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more than 17,000 people were killed in alcohol-related traffic accidents in the United States last year, a rate of one person every 30 minutes. Even more alarmingly, almost one third of the 15 to 20 year-old drivers killed in motor vehicle crashes in the U.S. had been drinking.

"Tragically, many individuals under the age of 21 fail to recognize the lethal combination of alcohol and driving," said Huron County Sheriff Kent D. Tibbitts. "Excessive drinking leads to reckless and in many cases lawless behavior."

Because of their relative lack of driving experience, adolescents are at greater risk for traffic accidents. Also, younger drivers are more susceptible than older drivers to alcohol-induced impairment. Studies from the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control show that almost as many young men age 18 to 20 as legal-aged 21- to 34-year olds acknowledge driving while under the influence.

Yet the problem is not confined to one particular age group or gender. Statistics show that approximately 70 percent of all teenagers drink alcohol, including one out of 10 children between the ages of 12 and 13.

Although tougher drunk driving penalties, seat belt laws and increased sobriety checkpoints have had a significant impact in reducing drunk driving fatalities, the battle cannot be won by law enforcement authorities alone. Family and friends

often are in the best position to identify and prevent behaviors in adolescents that lead to underage drinking, Tibbitts said.

"While the 'Say No to Drugs' message has been heeded by a large number of parents and their children, what seems to be lost is the fact that underage drinking kills almost 7 times more young people than all other illicit drugs combined. We're always trying to get through to teens, but much of the groundwork needs to start at home and continue on with peer groups. The risks for being complacent are simply too high."

Organizations like MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) are devoted to raising public awareness on the dangers of underage alcohol use. The organization has several prevention programs and initiatives developed in the Michigan area in conjunction with local schools and community leaders to educate adolescents. The Huron County Sheriff's Department also has information on these, and many other, public safety topics.

Fortunately, there are signs that young adults themselves recognize the high cost in both dollars and human lives for accidents that, in most instances, could have been avoided. Various surveys among the nation's college students show that an overwhelming majority favors 21 as the minimum age to sell or serve alcohol and hopes to see drunk-driving rules more strongly enforced.

"We hope that at some point, common sense will prevail and that these kids will learn from the mistakes of others before they learn from their own," Tibbitts said. "It's understandable that young people like to have fun. But at some point, this fun can figuratively and literally cross the line, leading to deadly consequences."

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Cass City Red Hawks 2004 Varsity Football

Date	Team	Time
Aug. 27	Sandusky 36, CC 35	
Sept. 2	BCAS 14, CC 24	
Sept. 10	Valley Lutheran 0, CC 35	
Sept. 17	Lakers 6, CC 30	
Sept. 24	USA 37, CC 0	
Oct. 1	Reese 21, CC 53	
Oct. 8	Bad Axe 0, CC 56	
Oct. 15	Deckerville 25, CC 34	
Oct. 22	Freeland	7:00 p.m.

* Home games are bold

Cass City Red Hawks 2004 Boys' Soccer

Date	Team	Time
Aug. 21	USA Invite	8:30 a.m.
Aug. 23	North Branch	5:00 p.m.
Aug. 26	Valley Lutheran	5:00 p.m.
Aug. 31	Harbor Beach	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 1	Caro	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 7	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 9	Sandusky	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 11	Bad Axe Invite	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 14	Marlette	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 16	Caseville	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 20	Memphis	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	Harbor Beach	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 23	USA	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 28	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 30	Lakers	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 5	Valley Lutheran	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Lakers	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	Open	TBA
Oct. 14	USA	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 20-25	Districts	TBA

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Cass City Red Hawks 2004 Cross Country

Date	Team	Time
Sept. 1	Akron-Fairgrove Invite	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 8	USA Invite	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 11	Bad Axe Invite	10:00 a.m.
Sept. 16	Chesaning Invite	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Bad Axe (junior high only)	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Frankenmuth Invite	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	Akron-Fairgrove Invite	10:00 a.m.
Sept. 30	Mayville Invite	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 2	Harbor Beach	9:00 a.m.
Oct. 9	Cass City Invite	9:00 a.m.
Oct. 16	Reese Invite	8:00 a.m.
Oct. 19	League Invite (Ubyl)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	Caro Invite	11:00 a.m.
Oct. 30	Regionals	TBA

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Cass City vs. Reese

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Cass City Red Hawks 2004 Girls' Basketball

Date	Team	Time
Aug. 26	Imlay City 36, CC 53	
Aug. 31	Marlette 53, CC 45	
Sept. 9	Ubyl 39, CC 49	
Sept. 14	Sandusky 55, CC 60	
Sept. 16	Mayville 42, CC 49	
Sept. 21	Valley Lutheran 49, CC 65	
Sept. 23	Bad Axe 46, CC 67	
Sept. 30	Lakers 46, CC 38	
Oct. 5	Harbor Beach 56, CC 54	
Oct. 7	USA 36, CC 44	
Oct. 12	Reese 35, CC 40	
Oct. 14	BCAS 57, CC 60	
Oct. 19	Deckerville	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 21	Valley Lutheran	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 26	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 28	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 2	USA	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 4	Reese	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 9	BCAS	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 11	Deckerville	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 15-21	Districts	TBA

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Cass City Red Hawks 2004 Golf

Date	Team	Time
Aug. 12	Cass City Invite	9:00 a.m.
Aug. 16	Bad Axe	4:15 p.m.
Aug. 18	Valley Lutheran	4:15 p.m.
Aug. 23	USA	4:15 p.m.
Aug. 25	BCAS	4:15 p.m.
Aug. 30	Lakers	4:15 p.m.
Aug. 31	Ubyl	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 10	Brown City Invite	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 13	Bad Axe	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 15	Valley Lutheran	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 20	USA	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 22	BCAS	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 27	Lakers	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 29	Frankenmuth	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 1	Vassar Invite	9:00 a.m.
Oct. 6	18-hole League	TBA
Oct. 8	Regionals	TBA



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TAMW recognized

Thumb Area Michigan Works! (TAMW) has received special recognition at the Michigan Works! for People Conference. This is the seventh time TAMW has been honored at the conference.

Carol Wilson-Marlow of

Creative Dynamics, Inc., received the Excellence in Customer Service Award for her work with TAMW to develop the Workforce Development Fitness Training program.

"This program has been one of the most unique one-on-

one training programs I've led in my 26-year training career," said Marlow. "This program put staff members in the driver's seat. They picked the topic or issue in which they wanted to see self-improvement. This increased their commitment to the

training and produced better results."

The Workforce Development Fitness Training program was designed to offer professional development and customer service training for TAMW staff members.

The program was a unique challenge, said TAMW Executive Director Marv Pichla. "It's always been our goal to be everything to every one of our customers," he said, "so it's been difficult to identify specific training programs for our staff. We knew we wanted to help them learn new things about leadership, time management, diversity, teamwork and communication. But there was no one option that would specifically teach Agency staff to continually improve others. Carol accepted the challenge, and really went the extra mile."

The Workforce Development Fitness Training program has increased staff involvement in their own educational advancement. TAMW has received consistently high scores by state mystery shoppers, and staff members have shown greater innovation and creativity in working with customers.

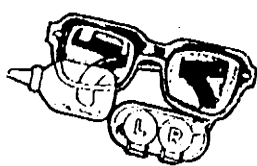
The annual Michigan Works! for People Conference draws Michigan Works! providers from throughout Michigan, helping to strengthen partnerships between outlets, honor innovators in the field and develop strategies to successfully navigate the ever-changing workforce development scene. More than 700 people attended this year's event, held at Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort.

Osentoski exposition participant

Alicia Osentoski of Cass City has entered 2 market lambs and one steer in the sheep and beef division of the 31st annual North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE).

The NAILE is recognized as the world's largest purebred livestock show with more than 21,000 entries and nearly \$700,000 in prizes and awards. Scheduled for Nov. 6-19, the event takes place at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, Louisville, Ky.

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Obituaries

Leslie Beach

Leslie Charles Beach, 95, of Gagetown, died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004 in Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro.

He was born April 9, 1909 in Tuscola County, the son of Alvin and Hattie (Wheeler) Beach.

He married Inez Crawford June 23, 1934 in Elmwood Township. She died Aug. 1, 1987.

Beach farmed his whole life on the centennial farm that was once his grandfather's. He worked at General Cable for 8 years. He was a life member of Tyler Lodge #317, Cass City, and held many offices. He was a member of the Gagetown United Methodist Church.

Beach is survived by two sons: Rev. Dr. Stanley (Ellen) Beach of Leesburg, Fla., and Dr. Ross (Inky) Beach of Mason; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Eunice Gottleber; a brother-in-law, George Laur; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers: Clayton and Keith Beach; and a sister, Leola Wiscombe.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 18, at the Gagetown United Methodist Church, Gagetown, with the Rev. John Heim officiating. Interment was in the Grant Township Cemetery, Gagetown.

Memorials may be made to the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Erma Martin

Erma M. Martin, 96, of Cass City, died Monday, Oct. 11, 2004 in the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro, after a long illness.

She was born March 27, 1908 at home in Huron County, the daughter of John and Nellie (Galloway) Bissett.

She married Howard Martin Nov. 25, 1925 in Owendale. He died March 27, 1963.

Martin formerly attended Grant United Methodist Church, and was a member

of their Ladies Aid.

She is survived by her children: Cecil (Carolyn) Martin of Pontiac, Vivian Sefton of Decker, and Betty (Harry) Smith of Venice, Fla.; 18 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Martin was preceded in death by three sons: an infant, Don and Sheldon Martin; and a granddaughter, Janice Smith.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 14, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Ellen Burns of Shabbona United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Shabbona United Methodist Church or the Cass City United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Esther Murray

Esther P. Murray, 86, of Frankenmuth, formerly of Bad Axe, died Sunday, Oct. 10, 2004 at Tendercare Nursing Home, Frankenmuth.

She was born July 20, 1918 in Parisville, to the late Martin and Alice (O'Berski) Fisher.

She married Clements V. Murray Feb. 10, 1945 at St. Mary Catholic Church, Parisville. He died April 19, 1986.

Murray was a graduate of Ubyly High School. She was a bookkeeper for Michigan Livestock and retired in 1980. She was a former member and officer of the Altar Society at Sacred Heart Parish, where she was a parishioner for 50 years.

Murray is survived by three daughters: Carolyn Murray, Marilyn Zander, and Janet Murray, all of Saginaw; two sons: Paul Murray of Jenison, and Carl (Karyl) Murray of Harper Woods; two grandchildren; a sister, Lillian (Frank Sr.) Peplinski of Ubyly; and a brother, Marvin (Anastasia) Fisher of North Fort Myers, Fla.

She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Burt Zander; and a sister, Irma Fisher.

Funeral mass was held Thursday, Oct. 14, at Most

Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Smith Corners, with the Rev. James Carlson, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery. Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubyly.

John Willerton

John "Keith" Willerton, 76, of Louisiana, died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004 at Marlette Hospice House, of cancer.

He was born Oct. 9, 1928 in Argyle, the son of the late Edward J. and Edna (Hind) Willerton.

He married Helen Light. She died. He then married Mary Jo Hemrick.

Willerton served in the U.S. Air Force from 1948 to 1950.

He is survived by 6 children: Brian Willerton and Edward (Cathy) Willerton, all of Kansas, Bruce (Juanita) Willerton, Brad Willerton, Bart Willerton, and Deloris A. Willerton, all of Florida; a step-son, Norman Lanier; a brother, Jesse (Ruth Ann) Willerton of Argyle; 3 sisters: Mary (Ervin) Hollingsworth of Hemlock, Margaret (Dave) Wegner and Deloris M. Willerton, all of Midland; 11 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; a long-time friend, Pete Brien of Hot Springs, Arkansas; and several nieces and neph-

ews.

He was preceded in death by a son, John K. Willerton; and a grandson, Brian Willerton.

Private graveside services were held with Pastor Robert Srock of the Argyle Methodist Church officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Marlette Hospice.

Arrangements were made by Hacker Funeral Parlors, Sandusky.

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Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, October 21

Multiple Sclerosis and Fibromyalgia Support Group meeting, 7 p.m., Northwood Meadows, 6086 Beechwood Dr., Cass City. For more information, call Deb at (989) 872-2121 (ext. 216).
Toddler Story Time, 10 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Please register in advance, 872-2856.
Genealogy Group meets, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Friday, October 22

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

Saturday, October 23

St. Elizabeth Parish's 15th annual Harvest Arts & Craft Show, 9-3 p.m., 12835 E. Washington Rd. (M-81), Reesc. Wood crafts, birdhouses, baskets, candles, dolls, seasonal items, pottery, and much more. Serving lunch and snacks. Admission \$1. No strollers!
YA (Young Adult) and Ravenous Readers' book clubs meet, 11 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Guest author Andrew Kantar. The public is invited to attend.

Monday, October 25

Cass City School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Charmont.
Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Wednesday, October 27

Thumb Retired Officers of Police Service (TROOPS) meeting, 11:30 a.m., Franklin Inn, Bad Axe.
Preschool Story Time, 10 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Please register in advance, 872-2856.

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THUMB PHEASANT numbers have rebounded in recent years, thanks to the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, and DNR officials say hunters should continue to notice the improvement when they take to the fields for the pheasant season opener today (Wednesday).

(See story, page one)



THUMB MASTER Gardeners receiving their certification or re-certification recently are (back row, left) Ty Lubeski, Mary Ann Mazure, Evelyn Gainor, Randy Suttle, (front row, left) Jeanne Eilers, Eileen Spearman and Linda C. Roggenbuck.

Gardeners earn awards

Some area residents recently received their awards for their many hours of educational training and volunteer work in the Master Gardener program.
To become a Master Gardener, a person must complete 40 hours of educational training and then 40 hours of volunteer work in the county.
Mary Ann Mazure, Bad Axe, and Randy Suttle, Millington, have each completed their requirements and received their Master Gardener certificate and badge. Receiving this certification entitles them to claim Master Gardener status.
Evelyn Gainor, Harbor Beach, has been a Master Gardener since 1999 and has

now completed the additional 25 education and 50 volunteer hours required to be called an Advanced Master Gardener. Only a small percentage of Master Gardeners go on to get their advanced certification.
To remain a certified Master Gardener, participants have to obtain 5 hours of education instruction each year, as well as perform 15 hours of volunteer work within their community in projects of their own choosing.
Current Master Gardeners who have re-certified their basic Master Gardener certification are: Ty Lubeski, Port Austin; Evelyn Gainor, Linda Roggenbuck and Eileen Spearman, all of Harbor Beach; and Jeanne Eilers, Ubyly.
Master Gardeners are involved in many activities throughout the year. Coming up on Saturday, Sept. 25, is the spring-flowering bulb sale, which will be held at the EconoLodge Inn, Bad Axe (rain or shine). Master Gardeners will be offering tulip, daffodil, crocus, narcissus, allium, and hyacinth bulbs for sale, as well as bulb planters and gardening gloves. The sale will be at 9 a.m.
Anyone wanting more information on the Master Gardener Program and/or the next series being offered this winter, should call the Master Gardener office at (989) 269-9949.

Fatalities up in fall

A 1990-99 study by the Iowa Department of Public Health shows October, August and September had the most fatalities per month, accounting for about one-third of all the farm related fatalities for the 10-year period.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Randy W. Gouine, an unmarried man, and Jennifer L. Ohman, an unmarried woman, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 28, 2002 and recorded on April 4, 2002 in Liber 872 on Page 1204 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Five and 08/100 Dollars (\$72,365.08), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on October 28, 2004.

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

Part of the Northwest fractional 1/4 of Section 19, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the North line of Section 19, which is North 88 degrees 31 minutes 05 seconds West 1594.94 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 19, thence continuing along said North line, North 88 degrees 31 minutes 05 seconds West, 107.00 feet, thence South 01 degree 28 minutes 55 seconds West, 228.00 feet, thence parallel with the North line of said Section, South 88 degrees 31 minutes 05 seconds East 107.00 feet, thence North 01 degree 28 minutes 55 seconds East 228.00 feet to the North line of said Section and the point of beginning.

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

Dated: September 29, 2004
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC C (248) 593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #035330F01
9-29-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mary D. Gibbs, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Icon Financial Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 14, 2001 and recorded on February 21, 2001 in Liber 822 on Page 113, and re-recorded on April 23, 2001 in Liber 829 on Page 457, and assigned by said Mortgage to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. as assignee by an assignment dated February 19, 2001 and recorded on February 21, 2001 in Liber 822 on Page 128, and re-recorded on April 23, 2001 in Liber 829 on Page 472 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Sixty-Five and 51/100 Dollars (\$43,065.51), including interest at 8.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some

part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on October 28, 2004.

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

Lot 9, Block 3, Wilmot and Walker's Addition to the Village of Caro as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 9, Tuscola County Records, AND commencing at the Southeast corner of said Lot 9, Block 3; thence South 2 rods; thence West 4 rods; thence North 2 rods; thence East 4 rods to the place of beginning. Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: September 29, 2004
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC C (248) 593-1301
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Leonard R. Noyes, II, a married man, and Beverly A. Noyes, a married woman, original mortgagors, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 10, 1999 and recorded on November 19, 1999 in Liber 787 on Page 1442, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated September 10, 1999 and recorded on December 9, 1999 in Liber 790 on Page 194 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Ten and 01/100 Dollars (\$86,310.01), including interest at 8.75% 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 at 10:00 AM, on November 4, 2004.

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

Commencing at a point that is South 00 degrees, 06 minutes, 26 seconds West 241 feet from the West 1/4 corner of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, South 00 degrees, 06 minutes, 26 seconds West 331.50 feet; thence South 89 degrees, 55 minutes, 51 seconds East 305 feet; thence North 00 degrees, 06 minutes, 26 seconds East 331.50 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 55 minutes, 51 seconds West 305 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Southwest 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 MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 6, 2004
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Roger Greyerbiehl and Cheryl L. Greyerbiehl, Husband and Wife, (original mortgagors), to First Franklin Financial Corp., Subsidiary of National City Bank of Indiana, Mortgagee, dated March 26, 2004 and recorded on April 20, 2004 in Liber 988 on Page 884 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JP Morgan Chase Bank, As Trustee for the Certificate holders of ABFC 2004-FF1 Trust, ABFC Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-FF1 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Five Hundred Sixteen and 77/100 Dollars (\$181,516.77), including interest at 7.625% 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 at 10:00 AM, on November 4, 2004.

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the North-west 1/4 of section 33, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point which is North 89 Degrees 05 Minutes 30 Seconds West 723.87 feet along the North Line of Section 33 and South 00 Degrees 21 Minutes 43 Seconds West, 736.43 feet from the North 1/4 Corner of said Section 33; thence South 00 Degrees 21 Minutes 43 Seconds West, 241.43 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 05 Minutes 30 Seconds West, 528.00 feet to the West Line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 33; thence along said West Line to the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 33, North 00 Degrees 21 Minutes 43 Seconds East, 241.43 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 05 Minutes 30 Seconds East, 528.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Together with an easement for purposes of Ingress and egress being 66.00 feet wide, 33.00 feet on each side of the following described Centerline; part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the North Line of said Section 33, which is North 89 Degrees 05 Minutes 30 Seconds West, 723.87 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 33; thence along the Centerline of said easement, South 00 Degrees 21 Minutes 43 Seconds West, 1045.53 feet to the Terminus of said Centerline, said terminus point also being the Center Radius point of a Cul-De-Sac having a radius of 75.00 feet, said Cul-De-Sac being part of the easement for Ingress and egress purposes, excepting from said easement a parcel of land described as: Beginning at a Point on the North Line of said Section 33, which is North 89 Degrees 05 Minutes 30 Seconds West, 690.87 feet from the North 1/4 Corner of said Section 33; thence continuing along said North Line, North 89 Degrees 05 Minutes 30 Seconds West, 9.13 feet; thence South 00 Degrees 13 Minutes 10 Seconds East, 300.00 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 05 Minutes 30 Seconds East, 6.09 feet; thence North 00 Degrees 21 Minutes 43 Seconds East, 299.96 feet to the North Line of said Section 33 and the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: October 6, 2004
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys For JP Morgan Chase Bank, As Trustee for the Certificate holders of ABFC 2004-FF1 Trust, ABFC Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-FF1
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jose G. Ramirez married to Consuelo Ramirez, original mortgagors, to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated January 12, 2001 and recorded on January 23, 2001 in Liber 819 on Page 1440, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Federal National Mortgage Association as assignee by an assignment dated September 27, 2001 and recorded on November 19, 2001 in Liber 849 on Page 575 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Four and 44/100 Dollars (\$63,904.44), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on November 18, 2004.

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 15, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; described as beginning at a point on the East line of said Section 15, which is South 100.99 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 15; thence continuing along said East line, South 208.75 feet; thence West 208.75 feet; thence North 208.75 feet; thence East 208.75 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to the use of the Easterly 33.00 feet thereof as Oak Road.

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

Dated: October 20, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Federal National Mortgage Association
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #036874F01

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael P. Thompson, a married man, and Kelly R. Thompson, his wife (original mortgagors), to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 26, 1999 and recorded on October 27, 1999 in Liber 785 on Page 1469, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Source One Mortgage Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated October 26, 1999 and recorded on October 27, 1999 in Liber 785 on Page 1478 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Five Hundred and 61/100 Dollars (\$84,500.61), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on November 18, 2004.

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

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 22, Town 12 North, Range 10 East; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds East, 343.59 feet along the North line of said Section 22 to the point of beginning; running thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds East 320.00 feet along the North line of said Section 22; thence South 0 degrees 29 minutes 02 seconds East, 275.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds West, 320.0 feet; thence North 0 degrees 29 minutes 02 seconds West, 275.0 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Northwest quarter of Section 22, Town 12 North, Range 10 East. Right of Way for Revers Road over the Northerly side thereof.

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

Dated: October 13, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC D (248) 593-1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Citicifinancial, Inc. successor by merger and/or name change to Source One Mortgage Corporation
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #036172F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by John W. Allen and Sandra L. Allen, husband and wife, to TCF National Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 16, 2001 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola, and State of Michigan, on March 22, 2001 in Liber 825, Page 1027, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Four and 98/100 Dollars (\$25,494.98), plus late charges of Seventy-Eight and 30/100 Dollars (\$78.30).

No proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by this mortgage, or any part thereof. Therefore, under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on December 9, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., local time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for said county is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 9.75% per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

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

Land situated in the Township of Fairgrove, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, to wit: The East 155 feet of the South 315 feet of the North 445 feet of the North 18 acres of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 13 North, Range 8 East.

Tax ID No.: 010-034 000-1000-02

During the six months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.

Dated at Ann Arbor, Michigan: September 29, 2004

Elizabeth A. Kiefer, LEGAL DEPARTMENT
TCF National Bank, Mortgagee
401 East Liberty
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104-2298
(734) 769-8300 x5499

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian J. Hecke and Anita K. Hecke, husband and wife, as joint tenants, original mortgagors, to Long Beach Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated May 24, 2001 and recorded on June 20, 2001 in Liber 836 on Page 37, and modified by Affidavit executed on April 2, 2003 and recorded on September 19, 2003 in Liber 955 on Page 520, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, a National Banking Association formerly known as Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-2 as assignee by an assignment dated March 14, 2003 and recorded on April 3, 2003 in Liber 923 on Page 1069 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Five and 48/100 Dollars (\$175,752.48), including interest at 11.75% 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 at 10:00 AM, on November 18, 2004.

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

Parcel E: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 31, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan and the point of beginning, running thence South 0 degrees 26 minutes, 58 seconds, East 1323.73 feet along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 31, thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes, 17 seconds West 384.14 feet along the North 1/8 line of said Section 31, thence North 16 degrees 40 minutes 49 seconds West 325.86 feet, thence North 18 degrees 08 minutes 38 seconds West 390.46 feet, thence North 02 degrees 26 minutes 10 seconds West 640.99 feet, thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes East 616.13 feet along the North line of said Section 31 to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 31, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Dated: October 20, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC R (248) 593-1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, a National Banking Association formerly known as Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-2
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph Paquette, a single person, original mortgagor, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 25, 2002 and recorded on March 7, 2002 in Liber 869 on Page 85 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Forty and 13/100 Dollars (\$67,640.13), including interest at 6.875% 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 at 10:00 AM, on October 28, 2004.

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

That part of Lot 12, Block 17 of that Plat of the Village of Millington according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 41, now being Page 42A, described as: beginning at a point that is East 4 Rods from the Northwest corner of Lot 12, Block 17 of the Plat of the Village of Millington; thence South 20 Rods; thence East to the East line of said Lot 12, Block 17; thence North along said East line to the Northeast corner of Lot 12, Block 17; thence West along the North line of Lot 12 to the point of beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: September 29, 2004

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File #035792F01

9-29-4

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Judith D. Graham, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 23, 2002 and recorded on January 29, 2003 in Liber 913 on Page 256 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Five and 93/100 Dollars (\$78,605.93), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on November 18, 2004.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as beginning at a point which is North 88 degrees 55 minutes 45 seconds East 708.62 feet along the South line of said Section 8 and North 00 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds West 481.60 feet along the centerline of Nottingham Drive from the Southwest corner of said Section 8; thence continuing along said centerline North 00 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds West 170.00 feet, thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds East 254.50 feet, thence South 00 degrees 27 minutes 35 seconds East, 170.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds West, 255.32 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: October 13, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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10-13-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Elsie Schott and Lawrence Schott, wife and husband, Mortgagors, to Franklin Mortgage Funding, Mortgagee, dated the 21st day of May, 2001 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 25th day of May, 2001 in Liber 833 of

Tuscola County Records, Page 316, said Mortgage having been assigned to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., its successors and assigns, said Assignment having been recorded on the 9th day of November, 2001 in Liber 847 on Page 1354, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred Thousand One Hundred Eighty Nine & 66/100 (\$100,189.66), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of October, 2004 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 10.3000% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the City of Clifford, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

A parcel of land located in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 30, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, described as follows: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 30; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 44' 15" W ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 30 A DISTANCE OF 1033.22 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE S 89 DEGREES 44' 15" W 208.71 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID SOUTH LINE N 00 DEGREES 2' 5" W 417.42 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 44' 15" E PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 30 A DISTANCE OF 208.71 FEET; THENCE S 00 DEGREES 02' 51" E 417.42 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

Dated: 9/29/04

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Jonathan L. Engman (P56364)
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eugene Hergenreder, Jr. and Sharon A. Hergenreder, husband and wife as joint tenants, to J. Virgil, Inc. d/b/a Lending Factory, Mortgage Banker, mortgagee, dated September 9, 2000 and recorded September 22, 2000 in Liber 811, Page 119, and re-recorded 3/22/01 in Liber 825, Page 1048, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by LaSalle Bank, National Association f/k/a LaSalle National Bank, in its capacity as indenture trustee under that certain Sale and Servicing Agreement dated 10/1/00 among AFC Trust Series 2000-3 as Issuer, Superior Bank FSB, as Seller and Servicer and LaSalle Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee, AFC Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Notes, Series 2000-3, and any amendments thereto by assignment dated March 21, 2002 and recorded on July 26, 2004 in Liber 1002, Page 53, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Two and 44/100 Dollars (\$97,822.44), including interest at the rate of 11.38% 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 at 10:00 AM, on October 28, 2004.

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

The North 1/2 of a parcel of land described as: Beginning at the East 1/4 corner of Section 15, Township 10 North, Range 9 East, thence along the East line of said Section 15, South 02 degrees 00 minutes 54 seconds East 424.00 feet; thence South 87 degrees 46 minutes 03 seconds West 1318.05 feet to the West line of the North-east 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said section; thence along said line North 02 degrees 04 minutes 28 seconds West 424.00 feet to the East-West 1/4 line of said section; thence along said East-West 1/4 line North 87 degrees 46 minutes 03 seconds East 1318.00 feet to the East 1/4 corner of said Section 15 and the point of beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: September 29, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
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File #035431F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steven Hunter and Kara Hunter, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated July 2, 2001 and recorded on July 18, 2001 in Liber 838 on Page 360, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated January 11, 2002 and recorded on February 22, 2002 in Liber 866 on Page 648 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Three and 27/100 Dollars (\$90,163.27), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on November 4, 2004.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 25, Village of Mayville, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point that is North 2282.89 feet along the North-South 1/4 line and South 89 degrees 51 minutes 0 seconds West, 247.00 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 25; thence continuing South 89 degrees 51 minutes 0 seconds West, 175.00 feet; thence North 175 feet, thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 0 seconds East, 118 feet; thence South 75 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 0 seconds East, 57 feet; thence South 100 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: October 6, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #035834F01

10-6-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by CABB SENTELL, A SINGLE MAN, AND TINAM WATKINS, A SINGLE WOMAN, AS JOINT TENANTS TO MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR MAC-CLAIR MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated January 27, 2003 and recorded on January 31, 2003 in Liber 913 on Page 647, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred twenty-seven thousand five hundred twenty-eight and 26/100 Dollars (\$127,528.26), including interest at 6.500% 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola, MI, at 10:00 AM, on November 18, 2004.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF VASSAR, TUSCOLA COUNTY, Michigan, and are described as:

THE SOUTH 1/2 RODS OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST.

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

DATED: October 6, 2004

MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR MAC-CLAIR MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Mortgagee

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

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Janet Moore, a married man, and Jamie Moore, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 27, 2001 and recorded on January 28, 2002 in Liber 859 on Page 1082 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Nine and 57/100 Dollars (\$60,509.57), including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on November 18, 2004.

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

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 12 North, Range 9 East; thence North along the East line of said Section 4, 534.0 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence West and parallel to the South line of said Section 4, 200 feet; thence North and parallel to the East line of said Section 4, 50 feet; thence East parallel to the South line of aforesaid Section 4, 200 feet; thence South along the East line of said Section 4, 50 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: October 13, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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10-13-4

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Farmers fueling interest in biodiesel

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which are about 18 cents higher than regular diesel fuel.

"It's a little bit more expensive, and we're watching the numbers," said Micklash, whose district will use 50,000 to 55,000 gallons of fuel in its 19 buses this year, including about 10,000 gallons of B20. At the same time, he added, B20 offers improved fuel mileage, not a significant increase, but school officials believe it's enough to offset the higher price.

DEMAND

The higher price for biodiesel stems from transportation costs. The problem is that not enough groups are using the alternative fuel yet, according to

Pierce, who would like to explore the possibility of setting up a consortium of Tuscola County schools that could purchase bulk amounts. Aside from the ISD and Cass City Schools, Vassar schools currently use biodiesel.

The recently awarded grants should help boost use of B20.

According to Frahm, the 12 school district recipients will use their funding to help drive their combined 421 diesel buses and 16 diesel-powered support vehicles some 7 million miles between Oct. 1, 2004, and Sept. 30, 2005, and use nearly one million gallons of diesel fuel, including 200,000 gallons of B20.

"If all of Michigan's diesel powered yellow school buses would run B20, they would utilize the oil from

nearly 5 million bushels of soybeans," Frahm said. "This does not take into account the many other potential users such as regulated fleets, mass transit buses, diesel trucks and cars, tractors and other heavy duty equipment as well as semis."

Currently, about 30 Michigan school systems are using some blend of biodiesel.

"Even though we presently don't have an in-state biodiesel production facility on-line, we know that the biodiesel going into these buses is American grown and helps reduce our independence on foreign oil," Frahm said.

"The more demand for biodiesel in-state, the greater the chance of in-state processors coming on-line. In fact, a company called Ender LLC from Detroit is expecting to break ground in 2005 for a biodiesel processing plant."

Frahm said the soybean committee selected B20 as the required amount of its grant fulfillment because of the many benefits it offers.

"Specifically, B20 would reduce regulated emissions such as unburned hydrocarbons by 20 percent and both carbon monoxide and particulate matter each by 12 percent," she explained. "These reductions along

with the visible reduction in the black smoke and diesel odor have made B20 the choice for applications such as these."

Over the course of the next year the grant recipients will maintain statistics such as miles traveled, fuel used, miles per gallon, frequency of oil changes and outdoor temperatures. The information will then be submitted to the soybean committee, which plans to compile a report for the biodiesel industry.

"We were excited to be able

to make this opportunity available to... Michigan school systems and, dependant upon the results, we may consider doing something similar another year," Frahm said.

"That would be great," Pierce said, adding even if additional grant funding is not available, "we're going to stay with biodiesel. I think there's too many good things about it."

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JUSTIN DARR (RIGHT) and Tim Wilson spearheaded the effort to host a haunted house to raise money for the Cass City Food Pantry. The "haunted house" is located in the basement of the pantry, 6455 Main St., and will be open Oct. 27-30.

Haunted house to benefit pantry

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Little Caesar's staffers have pitched in with financial donations and/or props.

"I have lots of props because I, personally, love Halloween and for the past several years have decorated the lobby at Little Caesar's, each year looking forward to more times and making a bigger, better display," Brandmair said. "I told them they could use any or all of what I have because I have no plans to decorate the lobby this year."

Darr and Wilson have dedicated the haunted house in memory of Brandmair's son, Shane Graves, and granddaughter Rachelle Lieb, who died in a house fire more than 20 years ago.

"The son lost was not only my first born son, but also at that time my very best friend, and the loss was horrendous," Brandmair said. "Hal-

loween was also Shane's favorite holiday, and it may have some subconscious drive on my being so wrapped up in it, but it has always been one of my favorite holidays."

"I was not aware until yesterday that the boys were dedicating the fun house to Shane and Rachelle," she added. "I was quite touched that they would think enough of me to do so. But on the other hand should not have been so surprised - both are very nice young men."

Aside from the staff at Little Caesar's, the local senior Girl Scouts will also be getting involved in the haunted house, first by serving as

guinea pigs and walking through to make sure it's scary enough, and later as part of the crew that will be working during each of the fright nights.

Brandmair hopes the event will further assist the scouts in their effort to help needy families in the area.

"What I hope is accomplished is double fold," she said. "I want to have a lot of people enjoy what the boys have labored to put on; and I want to have lots of money raised for the food pantry."

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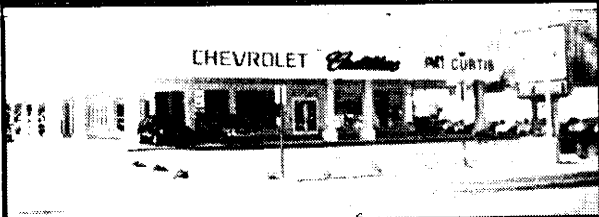
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