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## 20% of road patrol on line in Tuesday vote

Tuscola County officials are hoping voters will have public safety in mind when they cast their votes in the Tuesday, Nov. 2, general election.

Voters will be asked to approve a new tax levy of .5 of a mill for 6 years for the sheriff's department road patrol. If approved, the millage would generate some \$600,000 in the first year.

If residents say "no", the bottom line will be fewer deputies on patrol.

"I will lose 3 people, which is 20 percent of my road patrol. They've (commissioners) already told me that," said Sheriff Tom Kern. "I've already put my guys on notice."

Residents rejected an identical request in the August primary election, 2,318 to 3,348, but approved a renewal of .9 of a mill for 6 years for the road patrol and another .2 of a mill for senior citizen services.

Following the vote, the Tuscola County Board of

Commissioners and Sheriff Tom Kern agreed there was no choice but to ask residents to reconsider, given the county's financial crisis.

"It's basically for the safety and welfare of the community that we have to go back" to the voters, county board Chairman Gerald Peterson said.

Kern agreed. "It's a big safety issue, especially when other agencies have less and less manpower and more of the work falls on our shoulders," he said.

"Road patrol's not mandated (by the state), so when they (commissioners) get to the point where they can't do anymore, I'm going to take a big hit."

County officials say they will have no choice but to look at more cuts in mandated services without the millage.

Tuscola County has an annual budget of about \$11

million, and over the past 4 years has lost a combined \$1.15 million in state and county revenue. Those losses include a half-million dollars in state revenue sharing.

"We're scrambling for ideas and methods of cutting (expenses). We're scraping right now," said Peterson, who noted the county subsidizes the sheriff's road patrol to the tune of \$300,000 to \$400,000 annually.

State officials have now cut out state revenue sharing allocations to counties altogether, but recently approved a plan that will allow counties to recoup an amount of revenue equal to their revenue sharing amounts through a shift in property tax collections from December to July over the next 3 years.

Tuscola County officials called the move a temporary solution at best, one that did not erase the need for additional road patrol dollars from taxpayers.

"Without approval of that millage, we're looking at about a \$660,000 problem," said county Controller Mike Hoagland. "So, that (property tax shift) didn't solve our financial woes; it's just kept them from getting bigger."

"At this point we've made all the reductions we could without laying anyone off," said Peterson. "It's at the point where you can't reduce without reducing people."

Kern indicated he understands why past millage requests have failed, but pointed out the need is very real.

"It's just a tough deal. People don't want to approve a millage," he said. "But realistically, it's only half a mill, and some people spend that much on cigarettes (and) lottery."

"It's the security of the community," he added, noting that if voters approve the millage, the money generated from the levy can be used only for the road patrol, and approval would mean security for the road patrol over the next few years.

"This is a critical issue for us," he said. "We're not asking for the moon. We just need this to maintain. Hopefully we can get that message across."

### RACES

Aside from a pair of county board races in the Cass City area (see related stories), the only other county official facing opposition is incumbent Register of Deeds Ginny McLaren, who will face Democrat Judy Babeock, a former county commissioner, in the general election.

Running unopposed are county Clerk Margie White-Cormier, Drain Commissioner Sarah Pistro, Prosecuting Attorney Mark E. Reene, Sheriff Tom Kern and Treasurer Patricia Donovan.

Also running without opposition are Thomas Bardwell, who defeated challenger Tony Bair in the primary election for the District 2 board of commissioners seat representing Almer, Ellington, Indianfields and Juniata townships; incumbent Commissioner Roy Petzold, who defeated challenger Richard L. Letts Jr., in the primary in District 4, representing Vassar, Millington and Watertown townships; and District 5 Commissioner and board Chairman Gerald C. Peterson, who represents Tuscola, Arbel and Denmark townships and the city of Vassar.

### In District One

## It's Hunter vs. Milligan

Cass City area voters will elect a new county commissioner in the Tuesday, Nov. 2, general election.

Vying for Ed Scollon's District One seat are Democrat John Hunter and Republican David J. Milligan. The dis-

trict is composed of Wisner, Akron, Columbia, Elmwood, Elkland, Gilford and Fairgrove townships.

Hunter resides in Fairgrove Township on his family's cash crop farm. He is employed at the Caro Center

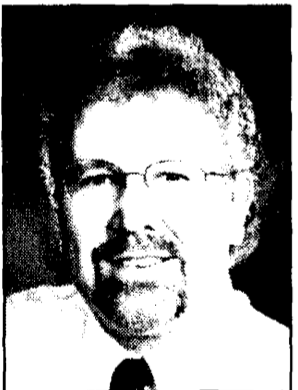
(formerly Caro Regional Mental Health Center) as a department specialist.

Hunter serves as chairman of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission and is a former chairman of the Tuscola County Planning Commission.

Milligan is a lifelong Cass City area farmer who served as Elkland Township supervisor for 12 years and at the same time was chairman of the Cass City Area Ambulance Board.

Milligan was appointed to the Michigan Bean Commission by Gov. John Engler in 1998. He served 6 years, including 2 as chairman. He was also a participant in the MSU-sponsored Michigan

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John Hunter



David J. Milligan

## Lich challenging McLane

A veteran law enforcement officer is challenging a veteran commissioner for the right to represent the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners District 3 seat.

The candidates are David W. Lich, a Kingston Democrat, and incumbent Republican Commissioner Donald P. McLane of Mayville.

The District 3 seat is composed of Novesta, Wells, Kingston, Fremont, Dayton and Koylton Townships.

Lich is a lifelong Tuscola County resident who retired from the Michigan Department of Corrections after 33 years of service to the state. He is currently police chief in the village of Kingston and is a member of the Kingston Township Planning Commission.

Lich is a member of the

Greater Thumb Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, currently serving as secretary. He is also a member of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, the Kingston Lions Club, Caro Moose Lodge, Michigan State Employees Retirement Association, and the Commanders Club of the Disabled American Veterans.

McLane is also a lifetime resident of the county. He has served 12 years as a county commissioner, including 2 as board chairman.

McLane has also served on the Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems Board, Michigan Works! Thumb Area Consortium Board, dispatch authority board, and the Human Development Commission Board, and has been a liaison to the Family

Independence Agency Board, board of public works and road commission.

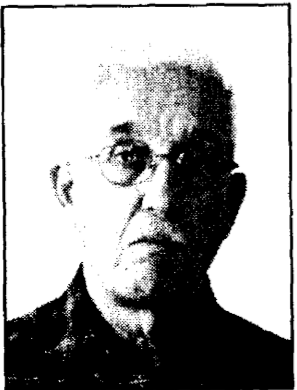
A former Mayville Village Council trustee, he has been a member of the Mayville Lions Club for 25 years.

The Chronicle's editorial staff asked each candidate to respond to the following questions:

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David W. Lich



Donald P. McLane

Lapeer County Sheriff's deputies have arrested a trio of suspects they say may be responsible for a string of church break-ins in the Thumb.

"Lapeer, Tuscola and Sanilac county and state investigators were given a break in their investigations when one of the church's stolen properties showed up in Lapeer County," reported Detective Sgt. Jim Johnson of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department Detective Bureau.

"Booklets of Dairy Queen coupons that had been stolen from a church in Tuscola County were redeemed at several Lapeer County Dairy Queens. Management be-

came suspicious and obtained a license plate from the vehicle and descriptions of the occupants," Johnson said.

After questioning the driver, Lapeer County investigators obtained a search warrant early last week for a location in Lapeer County's Burlington Township, where they found some of the stolen property had already been placed in 2 vehicles and was being moved.

Officers stopped and seized both vehicles and arrested 3 occupants, all Brown City area residents.

Lapeer County authorities arraigned William L. Allor, 18, Leslie J. Fleming, 17, and Adam J. Castillo, 20, on



STATE REP. TOM Meyer addresses the some 30 people who attended a "meet the candidates night" Saturday at the Shabbona United Methodist Church. A host of area and state candidates, including Meyer's opponent, Steve Montle (above) accepted invitations to the forum.

## Rec fee increases possible

Cass City officials may consider an increase in some park and recreation fees in the coming year.

The possibility came up during a brief budget discussion. At the request of some council members, village Manager Frank Sheridan also presented the current park and recreation fee schedule.

Sheridan reviewed what he described as very preliminary expenditure and revenue figures for 2005 based on estimates and past history. At this point, he said, the projections indicate there will be a general fund deficit of just over \$27,000.

In presenting the schedule of park fees, Sheridan said he has not drawn up a proposal for increases, although he believes some adjustments could and probably should be made.

He suggested increasing the daily admission rate for the pool and arts and crafts program; raising the pool charge from \$1 to \$2 and at the same time eliminate the weekly rate, and increasing the arts and crafts admission from \$1 to \$2 or \$3 a day, and at the same time eliminate the

weekly rate.

Sheridan recommended that all other fees, such as those for use of ball diamonds, pavilion rentals, etc., remain the same.

Although the recreational facilities were not meant to be self-supporting, the gap between operating costs and revenue from fees has continued to widen.

The village spends more than \$200,000 annually for the combined operation of the pool, park and recreational activities, yet the revenue from fees totals only about \$20,000 a year.

"There was a time when the fees pretty much covered our part-time (employees), but I don't know if we even do that now," village President Bert Althaver noted.

Council members indicated they are in favor of increasing fees and will again address the issue next month. In the meantime, Althaver encouraged members of the community to offer their input to village officials.

### ELECTION DATES

Turning to other matters, the council approved a pub-

lic hearing date of Monday, Nov. 27, at 7 p.m. to consider a recommendation to select September as the date for all future village elections.

"The Michigan Election Consolidation Act has changed some election procedures, including the dates that the village can hold village elections," Sheridan explained. "There are 2 choices, either the township conducts the elections in November of the even years, or the village conducts its elections in September of the odd years."

The consolidation act put an end to the traditional spring village elections. If the council takes no action, Sheridan said, the township will automatically take over elections and charge the village for the additional work.

Council members agreed they would prefer to run their own elections.

Trustee Dawn Hollis said she believes that allowing the township to take over would probably result in more expense to the village. Althaver agreed. "In my opinion it will cost us more."

### ARSENIC UPDATE

In other business, Sheridan updated the council on a pilot test designed to determine whether the village's chosen method of removing arsenic from the public water supply will be effective.

The council hired Tonka Equipment Co. to conduct the week-long testing in August. The pilot test, which cost about \$8,700, was needed because the technology for removing arsenic is new. Based on the recommendations of engineers, village officials selected oxidation and will be analyzed and reviewed before they are submitted to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) for approval.

Although there are still some concerns regarding the results of the pilot test, the results are promising, indicating the method reduces

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## School officials project red ink

It has never happened before under Supt. Ken Micklash's reign at Cass City Schools, but the school's revised budget adopted by the board of education Monday night indicates that the

school will be \$247,964 in the red at the end of the current fiscal year.

Micklash told the board that his estimate is a worst case projection and that the healthy fund balance can absorb the loss and remain healthy, totaling about 10 percent of the school budget.

At the end of the year the balance was \$1,626,223. If budget projections are accurate the school fund will be \$1,378,259 at the end of the fiscal year. Expenses increased 1.6 percent to \$11,392,130 from \$11,228,855. Revenues dropped from \$11,228,855 to \$11,144,166.

In past years Micklash has always ended the year with more money than the budget projected. However, he cautioned, if the money from the state doesn't substantially increase, the school will need to find major cost reductions. There are a few smaller financial areas we can look at, but the major reduction will have to come from cuts in staff.

### ACE PROGRAM

Students enrolled in the Al-

ternative Center for Education (ACE) program at Deford School and cannot earn the 22 credits necessary for graduation by age 20 will be allowed to earn 12 credits in the beyond GED program at the Tuscola Area Technical Center in Caro.

Funding in the GED program at Deford stops when students reach 20 years old. There is a fee of \$325 per semester for attending the Tech Center. On completion of the study at the Center satisfactorily, the school will pay 50 percent of the student's Tech Center tuition costs.

The initial cost to the Cass City School District for the

ACE program will be more expensive than anticipated. That's because there were no students for the February count for state aid. For that reason costs will exceed revenues by some \$30,000.

### OTHER BUSINESS

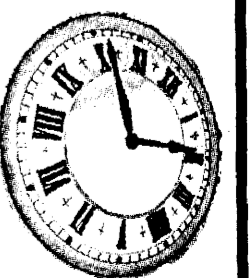
Principal Jeff Hartel reported that the Shadow Day held at the middle school was a major success. It attracted many area legislators and other business and professional people. Twenty-nine residents came and observed the students in classes and

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Remember--

It's back to Eastern Standard Time Sunday at 2 a.m.

Set clocks back one hour



# Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
Phone 989-269-6994



Allen Farrelly visited Harley Salisbury, Henry Leppke and Don Rachoff at the Huron County Medical Care Facility on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski had dinner at Rachel's in Bad Axe for their 53rd wedding anniversary.

Beverly Rockefeller, Georgine Brown, Kay Sweeney, Jenni Osentoski, and Gladys Briolat had lunch at the Peppermill in Bad Axe on Wednesday.

Kevin Sweeney of South Lyon and Mrs. Martin Sweeney flew out to Colorado on Friday to attend the wedding of Emelie Mennel and Stew Collins, son of Dr. and Mrs. Tom Collins at 1:30 p.m., Saturday at Our Lady of The Mountains Church at Estes Park in Colorado. A reception followed at Estes Park. Stew Collins is Mrs. Martin Sweeney's grandson. Mrs. Sweeney and Kevin flew home on Monday.

Susan Krozek and Theresa Depcinski went to Metro Airport Tuesday to meet Janet Cummings of Arizona who will spend a few days with relatives here.

Ten members of The Greenleaf Extended Homemakers visited Alpaca Heights at Mary Hagen's Farm near Ubly where they learned many things about raising Alpacas. The group

later went to Angelino's in Ubly for lunch with Penny Guigar as hostess. They also started being the Red Hat Girls. The next meeting will be Nov. 11 with Marilyn Rosenberger as hostess.

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

Mrs. Gerald Wills, Reva Silver and Mrs. Martin Sweeney spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mrs. Allen Depcinski attended the funeral of Leo Guigar at St. Anthony's Catholic Church at 11 a.m. on Wednesday.

Bernard Morley, Jack Kennedy, Ron Wolschlagler, Claude Mestack, Ed Schember and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Monday morning.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Depcinski.

Doris Western, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly had lunch at McDonald's Deli in Bad Axe. Violet Holdwick, Mrs. Tom O'Henley, Mrs. Allen

Depcinski and Mrs. Ray Depcinski visited Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Learnan at Dexter on Saturday.

Visitors to see Thelma Jackson last week were Mrs. Kevin O'Connor of Minden City, Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Richardson of Snover, Mrs. Lynn Hurford and Clara Bond of Cass City, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and Bill McRae.

Doris Western and Allen Farrelly were Sunday dinner and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel.

## Library program on tap

Have you ever thought you would like to try making a gingerbread house, but thought it was too complicated to try on your own?

Rawson Memorial Library is providing an opportunity to learn how to make a gingerbread house and decorate it. This will involve two sessions, one on Nov. 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and the second on Nov. 16 from 6 to 9 p.m. Participants must be able to attend both sessions.

At the first session participants will receive recipes for the gingerbread and icing, patterns for a house and instructions for getting started with the project. The gingerbread houses will be put together and decorated at the second session.

Rhoda Sheridan, who has taught many classes on how to make gingerbread houses, will be the instructor. This program is for adults only. Cost for the class is \$10. The class size is limited to 20, so register early at the library or call 872-2856.

## Engaged



Renee Szarapski and Michael Cherowitz

Renee Lynn Szarapski and Michael Cherowitz will be married Nov. 6, 2004 at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church in Orlando, Fla.

Renee is the daughter of Stan and Arlene Szarapski of Cass City. Michael is the son of Steve and Renee Cherowitz of Mt. Holly, New Jersey.

Renee is employed at Arnold Palmer Hospital in Orlando as a case coordinator with the child protective team. Michael is employed with Sopa Family Cigars as a sales manager.

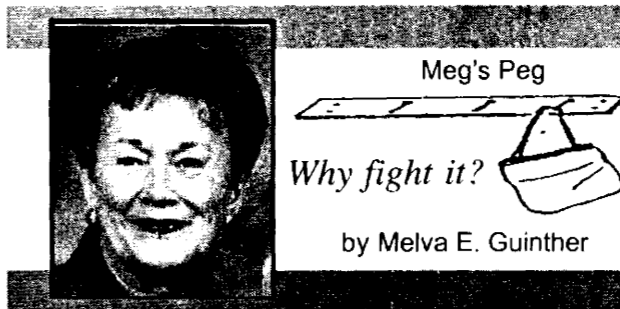
## Rose meet set

The public is invited to attend the next Thumb Rose Society meeting, Monday, Nov. 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bad Axe Intermediate School cafeteria.

This meeting will be a fun, wrap-up meeting for 2004. A Christmas potluck dinner will be held. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass. Rosie Bingo will be played, each participant is to bring a wrapped, \$5 gift. Following the festivities there will be a consulting rosarian report given by Larry Kanaby.

Other topics on the evening's agenda include election of officers for 2005, the state 2005 spring convention, and winterizing roses at the medical care facility.

This meeting is free and open to all. Guests are always welcome. There is no charge and no reservations are needed.



Meg's Peg

Why fight it?

by Melva E. Guinther

Glancing through yet another new catalog dedicated to aging women who are fighting it tooth and nail (and wondering who gave them my name), I was struck by the number of products designed to forestall the inevitable.

There are packets to help your short-term memory. Do you suppose a \$59 product could really help you remember what you went upstairs for?

Other solutions are designed to cool down hot flashes, relieve aching feet, stop back pain, help you sleep, get rid of leg cramps, etc. All noble goals!

Most of the fixes offered, however, are to make us look younger.

They want to plump up our lips, get rid of the circles under our eyes, firm our bodies, remove nasal and facial hair, fix sagging skin without surgery, flatten our tummies, tighten thighs and buns (while you sleep yet), reduce lines, and "Look years younger in 2 weeks!"

Even if these products all performed as advertised, wouldn't it be simply putting a new dust jacket on the same old volume?

Makeup and collagen can do only so much.

Besides, we've been sold a bill of goods regarding all that youth business. I'm not sure when we began worshipping youth as a culture, but it's time we put a stop to it. We've earned every one of those lines and gray hairs and I think we should wear them proudly.

Most of us age-enhanced individuals would gladly exchange our aches, pains and maladies for the health we had years ago. But would we really want to go back and relive those chaotic years? We may be old, but at least we know who we are now.

As for fashion, there's little more pathetic than a "mature" woman trying to recapture lost youth by forcing young styles on a body that refuses to cooperate.

Besides, if you watch closely, you'll find granddaughters going gaga over things our mothers wore.

This apt verse appeared on our "Grandmas and Grandpas" calendar:

When I was very little All the grandmas that I knew All walked around this world In ugly grandma shoes.

You know the ones I speak of,

Those black, clunky heeled kind.

They just looked so very awful

That it weighed upon my mind,

For I knew when I grew old I'd have to wear those shoes,

I'd think of that from time to time.

It seemed like such bad news.

...And now when I go shopping,

What I see fills me with glee,

For in my jeans and Reeboks I'm comfy as can be.

And I look at all those teenage girls

And there upon their feet Are clunky, black, old grandma shoes,

And they think they're really neat.

## Becker accepted

Wesley Becker, son of Paul Becker and Yvonne Becker of Deford, has been accepted to the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima, Ohio to begin classes in the summer session.

Becker, who attends Cass City High School, will be majoring in the diesel technology program.



GATHERING for a 5-generation family photo recently were (back) great-grandfather John Crosby, grandmother Dawn Woidan, (front) great-great-grandmother Ruth Crosby, mother Heather Kessler and Makena Kessler.

## NOTICE TO ELKLAND TOWNSHIP ELECTORS

**ABSENT VOTER APPLICATIONS:** for the November 2, 2004 General Election may be obtained from Norma Wallace, 4693 Seeger St., Cass City or 872-2657. Office hours ar 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Requests for Absent Voters Ballots must be in writing.

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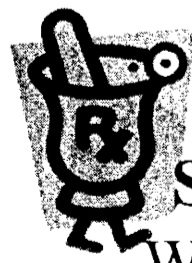
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Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
**Tuesday, November 2, 2004**  
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# NOTICE

## TO USERS OF VILLAGE WATER SERVICE

During the flushing of the hydrants Wednesday and Thursday, November 3 & 4, starting at 4 a.m. there may be an abundance of crystallized iron (rust) in the water supplied to your area of the village.

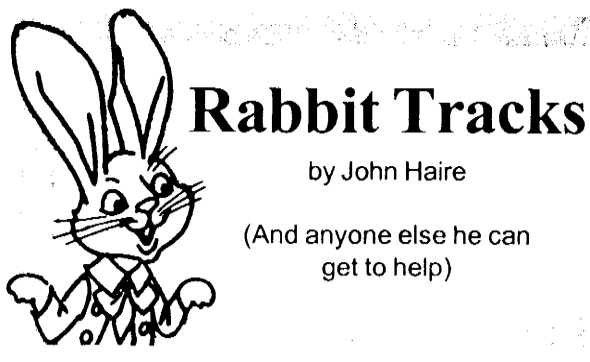
This condition does not render the water unfit or harmful for consumption; however, clothing washed in this water will probably become discolored.

Check the color of your water before placing your clothing into it.

The village is not liable for damage caused by this condition.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

**VILLAGE OF CASS CITY**



# Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

It's not connected with sports, but it definitely is a significant achievement as was quickly pointed out by a reader of last week's Rabbit Tracks.

Last week we pointed out that Scott Cuthrell was the only coach to be in charge of the only team (girls' track) that won a state title and qualified for the playoffs this year.

I should have said the only sports team to be state champions.

Cass City, with Chad Daniels in charge, has directed back-to-back state Class C forensics championship teams (2003-04 and 2002-03) and don't be surprised if Cass City repeats again this school year.

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Only in a small town. The mailman was delivering a package as I walked by and I made the remark that you wouldn't see that happen in many larger communities.

He graciously took a moment to tell me about USPS service. In the first place, he explained, the government wants packages delivered, not brought back to the office, because of the added cost of more handling.

The people at the home that received the package were away and the package was placed on the front porch. Easy to see and easy to steal, but no problem.

That's one way to handle delivery, but there are many others. We know our customers, the mailman said. Some want the packages placed in the garage, others in a variety of other places. Some want the post office to hold them.

We know our customers and what they want, he repeated. How about my house, I queried? No problem, he answered, most of the time there is someone there and porch delivery is safe.

Only in a small town.

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Lots of folks figured that I made another boo-boo last week when I identified the banjo player at Phil's Barber Shop as Bill Johnson. It's logical, I guess to assume that the musician was misnamed. After all, the guy they knew was a barber in town for decades and the guy pictured was definitely not him.

They were right—and wrong. The name's the same (almost). The barber was Bill Johnston, deceased. The musician is Bill Johnson.



Bill Johnson the musician



Bill Johnston the barber

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Bits and pieces. We have been wrestling all season with the spelling for Jenni, Jenny or Jennifer Brinkman. In the official school records its Jennifer. In team rosters its Jenny and when she signed in for team picture she wrote Jenni. So Jenni it will be ("A rose by any other name would smell as sweet.")

There's a reason Norm Gray is spelled with an A, not an E. The venerable, Norm, now 84 years old, said that spelling the name with an A is an Indian spelling. ("A rose by any other name would smell as sweet.")

**Cass City Spirit Store**

Don't forget to stop in at the Spirit Store for Red Hawk items to show your school pride. We have clothing items for infants-adults. We also carry: coffee cups, travel mugs, umbrellas, pens, baseball caps, fleece throws, license plates & much more. We offer personalization on many of our clothing items, so order early & start thinking Christmas! *Orders received by Dec. 1st will be here for Christmas.*

Located @ Cass City Middle School or call 872-4397 or 872-4246.

# Collision claims lives of mother, daughter

A 2-vehicle collision early last week in Vassar Township claimed the lives of a Bay City girl and her mother.

Tuscola County Undersheriff Jim Jashinske identified the victims as Marissa

Chantell Chinault, 8, and Corrie Ann Chinault, 29.

According to reports, Corrie Chinault was northbound on M-15 at about 10 p.m. Monday when the driver of an eastbound vehicle, identi-

fied only as an 18-year-old male from Mayville, disregarded a stop sign at Brown Road and struck the Chinault vehicle broadside on the driver's side.

"Marissa was pronounced dead at the scene," Jashinske said, noting her mother was transported by FlightCare Helicopter to St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw, where she was initially listed in extremely critical condition. Corrie Chinault died last Wednesday.

Two other children in the Chinault vehicle suffered only minor injuries, according to Jashinske, who said police are continuing their investigation.

A Vassar Township officer was assisted at the scene by the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, Vassar Police Department, Millington Township Police Department, Millington Fire Department, Hudson and MMR ambulance personnel and Tuscola County Victim Advocates.

# Kranz to host annual service

Kranz Funeral Homes of Cass City and Kingston will again host its annual Service of Remembrance, slated for Sunday, Nov. 7, at 3 p.m. at the Cass City funeral home.

"The Service of Remembrance is a time of remembering and celebration," explained Debra Kranz, owner of Kranz Funeral Homes.

"Anyone who has had someone close to them die will appreciate this service. It is not a funeral, but a time for us to come together as a community in remembering those we have loved."

The service consists of music and inspirational readings. There is also a time for family members to make a floral tribute. Family members are invited to bring a flower to place in tribute of their loved one.

The annual event is a non-denominational service in which all clergy are invited to participate or to attend in support of their church members who have experienced the death of a family member or friend.

"Death is one thing that touches all of us. It is one thing we all have in common," Kranz said. "We need to encourage our families in their grief process, allow

them to still grieve, still remember, and show them we remember, too. The Service of Remembrance facilitates this.

"While the service is sponsored by Kranz Funeral Homes, anyone is invited to attend," she added.

The funeral home is located one-half mile east of Cass City at 6850 Main St. Cookies, coffee and punch will be offered during a gathering time after the service.

More information is available by calling (989) 872-2195.

# The Haire Net

Proposal one not better solution



One of the (few) perks of reaching senior citizen status is that you can legally use an absentee ballot to vote. I stress legally, because it's sure that anyone of legal age can finagle a way to vote absentee if they don't care about observing the law governing absentee voting.

In the rural Thumb, voting is not the hassle that it can be in metro areas that often have blanket ballots. But voting absentee has one great advantage. It makes intelligent voting much easier.

It's easy to know the presidential candidates, the senators and representatives, but how about the amendments to the constitution and most of all the candidates for non-partisan offices that decide critical issues? Chances are you, like me, can't name them or know their voting history. Before I vote absentee I can find the ones that decide issues the way I see them.

There are issues other than the presidential campaign that are head scratching for me. One of them is proposition one. Now basically I'm against proliferation of gambling opportunities, even though I like to gamble occasionally.

At first glance it would seem obvious that I would favor proposal one that requires a statewide vote, plus a vote of the city or township that the proposed gambling site is to be established in.

There are numerous objections to the proposed law. First is that it calls for an amendment to the state constitution and leaves no room for changes that may be necessary in the future.

Second, it would grant a monopoly to the present casinos in Detroit and to the Indians statewide.

For instance, the way it reads on the ballot after Jan. 1, 2005 the Cass City Rotary Club's proposed ticket sale to raise funds would require a statewide vote plus a vote in Elkland Township. That appears ludicrous, but at the very least could spark a lawsuit started by fanatics against gambling.

Proceeds from gambling are used to help pay school costs. That's a plus, but not necessarily a big issue. If gambling money for schools becomes extinct other sources will be used.

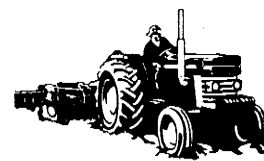
The present system is far from perfect, but it's better than the one before the voters Nov. 2.

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# The back forty

by Roger Pond

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It happens every fall, like the song of the crickets and the geese flying north: My wife looks at her flowerbeds and exclaims, "The gophers are back! Why don't you do something about them?"

"I am doing something," I tell her. "I'm ignoring them." I've tried everything else. Traps, water, guns, voodoo. I even held a contest asking readers to submit their best ideas for controlling gophers.

Folks suggested pouring water down their burrows, siccing the dog on them, creating vibrations with whirley gigs. One person described a sport called "gopher spinning."

My wife chewed-up some gum and put that in the burrows — on the theory that gophers like to chew gum and will eat it until their bowels clog-up.

"Why chew the gum before stuffing it in the burrows?" I asked. "Let the gophers chew their own gum."

Then, I received a newspaper clipping from a reader in Alaska. The clipping describes a Colorado man who specializes in prairie dog control.

This fellow bought an old truck that had been used for pumping sewage lines around Denver. Then, he converted it into a prairie dog extractor.

Now, he drives up to a prairie dog town, inserts the truck's hose into a burrow, and fills his tank with rodents. This man sells prairie dogs to pet stores in Japan.

What does this have to do with gophers? I'm not sure, but anyone with a huge vacuum cleaner and a market for miniature prairie dogs should call me right away.

After years of frustration I think I've solved my wife's gopher problem. I have concluded her gophers are probably moles.

I should have known, but these moles don't act like the moles I used to know. These critters raise the ground up in spots, but most of their burrow is deeper underground.

The experts claim you can eliminate insects in your lawn and the moles will go away, but I'm not so sure. Ours go away every fall and come back the next year.

A man I saw on television has a more violent solution. When the TV crews approached, this fellow was sitting in his pasture, watching an active molehill.

His elbows are braced against his knees, and a nickel-plated .38 rests securely in his hands. "When you see the dirt move, you have to shoot straight down the hole. Other-

wise, you'll miss 'em," he said.

Cameras zoomed closer while he stared intently at the molehill. Suddenly, Ka-boom! "Rats, missed another one," he said.

I thought about that, but I bought a mole trap instead. There's something about sitting in your flowerbed with a .38 revolver that makes the neighbors nervous.

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Oct. 27, 2004

## 5-Day Local Forecast

	<b>Wednesday</b> Few Showers High: 56 Low: 44
	<b>Thursday</b> Few Showers High: 59 Low: 49
	<b>Friday</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 60 Low: 49
	<b>Saturday</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 56 Low: 41
	<b>Sunday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 54 Low: 42

## In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 30 percent chance of showers, high temperature of 56°. The record high temperature for today is 73° set in 1989. Thursday, skies will remain mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers, high temperature of 59°. Expect mostly cloudy skies to continue Friday with a high temperature of 60°.

## Upcoming Moon Phases

Full 10/27	Last 11/5	New 11/12	First 11/19

## Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today	8:02 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:30 p.m.

## Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Sunday	46	37	57/39	0.00"	0.00"
Monday	46	37	57/39	0.00"	0.53"
Tuesday	48	43	57/39	0.00"	-0.53"
Wednesday	50	46	56/38	0.00"	46.4°
Thursday	54	48	56/38	0.00"	47.4°
Friday	54	48	55/38	0.00"	-1.0°
Saturday	57	50	55/37	0.00"	

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## Red Hawk Talks

by Leah Sherman

Last Friday when I went to the middle school, I knew right away that something exciting was happening. There were police cars in the parking lot, and even the Tuscola County Sheriff's vehicle. I was eager to find out what would prompt such high security at the middle school.

In the office, Mrs. Sherman told me that it was Shadow Day, a day when professional business people, community members, and government officials are assigned to shadow students one on one. They attend classes with the students and participate in the events that occur on a normal school day.

The students that participated were primarily Student Council members from grades 5th through 8th. The event was to honor the fact that October is the month of the adolescent. It also provided an opportunity for people from the community to see what happens in our schools.

I had the chance to talk with Frank Sheridan, Cass City's Village Manager, and he shadowed McKenzie Parrish. He thought that the experience was a fantastic way of incorporating the school with the community. He enjoyed seeing how the students interact, and work in the school environment. Frank considered lunch to be especially enjoyable because it allowed time for the students and Shadows to talk and ask questions.

Frank's reaction to the experience was that the school operates extremely well. He was impressed by the teachers and how they taught their classes. He enjoyed having the opportunity to see how the tax dollars are

spent in the school facility, including the media center, which he found to have a wide selection of books, and seems to be very resourceful.

Many schools in the area have hosted a Shadow Day, but this was Cass City's first year. The day proved to be a success, and both the students and the shadows had a fun and educational experience. As a result, the middle school hopes to have the opportunity to host more Shadow Days in the future.

Another exciting event in the middle school is the upcoming AAUW Halloween Carnival on Thursday, October 28th, from 5-7 p.m. The AAUW (American Association of University Women, Cass City/Thumb Branch) has been hosting the event for more than 25 years.

The profits from the carnival help fund many other events that the AAUW hosts. Our school system benefits from these events that include the purchasing of RIF (Reading is Fundamental) books. These books are purchased and given to elementary students. I still remember getting a free book when I was in elementary school.

AAUW also sponsors the free 4th of July Paint in, which encourages the creativity of the area's young people. Each year a cultural/educational assembly for the elementary and middle schools is also partially funded by the profits from this carnival. I would highly recommend attending it this year. I will be volunteering with other NHS students, and I'm looking forward to it. Even as a volunteer, the carnival always proves to be a fun time!

# Letters to the editor

## This country needs a change now

Dear Editor,

The people through voters registration has deemed this to be the most important election in their lifetime and they are right.

I agree, we need a change, we need a president that is for all people, not just the

wealthy. We need a president that has a plan for our country, not just 4 more years of the same. We need a president with a plan to lower health care cost for families, not just 4 more years of the same. We need a president that has a plan to close tax loopholes that reward com-

panies for shipping jobs overseas, not 4 more years of the same. We need a president with a plan to help our economy, job growth, unity of our country, social security, health care, prescription drugs, troops over seas and AMERICA as a whole. The

only candidate with a plan is John Kerry.

With elections just one week away, I would like to encourage all registered voters to get out and vote Nov. 2.

Glenda Deering, Deford

## Milligan the best choice Tuesday

Dear Mr. Editor and residents of Akron, Columbia, Elkland, Elmwood, Fairgrove, Gilford and Wisner townships,

Tuscola County needs a strong leader to help make the right decision in tough times we are now in. That's why I would like to announce my wholehearted support for David Milligan as your next county commissioner. I first met David when

I was serving as county commissioner in 1985. I served with him on the Co-op Extension Board and realized

David's potential as a county leader. David was then the Supervisor of Elkland Township, which he held for 12 years. He now serves as vice-chair of the Tuscola Planning Commission.

David has been a farmer in the Cass City area all his life and very active on the

county Farm Bureau board. As state representative I was proud to recommend David to serve on the state Bean Commission and he was appointed by Governor Engler to that position. His colleagues also soon realized Dave's leadership abilities and elected him as vice-chairman and later chairman for 2 years.

David has strong family values, is absolutely pro-life and very active in his local

church. David and his wife Kristine have two children in the Cass City Schools.

I have encouraged David Milligan a number of times to run for this position because he will be a real asset to the county and I would highly recommend him to you for your support.

Sincerely yours,  
Mike Green,  
former state representative

## Support Milligan in District One

Dear Fellow Voters,

Having spent more than 40 years in service to the citizens of Tuscola County in a variety of positions, I recognize the strengths David Milligan would bring to the office of county commissioner.

It has never been more vital for all units of government to work together and Dave brings that experience from his years as a township supervisor — working with county and village officials.

Dave has also developed strong management skills gained from operating a farm that has grown in size and importance over the years of his ownership. He has developed strong leadership skills through his time as supervisor, member and chairman of the Michigan Bean Commission and as a member of the Michigan Agricultural Lead-

ership Program. He also displays his leadership through membership on the Tuscola County Farm Bureau Board of Directors and the Tuscola County Extension Advisory

Board.

I worked with Dave in Rotary as well as on other boards and commissions and I urge the voters of our area to support David Milligan

for the office of county commissioner at next Tuesday's election.

Bert Althaver,  
Cass City

## Daniels also led state champions

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to a comment that was made in the Wednesday, Oct. 20, issue of the Cass City Chronicle in the column titled "Rabbit Tracks." In that column, it was stated that Coach Scott Cuthrell is "the only coach to direct a state championship team from Cass City."

This statement is not true as worded that way. For the last 2 years the Cass City Forensics team (under the direction of Coach Chad Daniels) has won state championships. Therefore, we have 2 coaches in the Cass City Schools who have accomplished this feat (Scott Cuthrell in 2001, and Chad Daniels in 2003 and 2004).

Now I am aware that you were probably referring to "sports" teams, but that dis-

## Joslyn endorses Owens

As a trial court judge with almost a quarter of a century on the bench, I believe I have some insight as to who is the best candidate for the Michigan Court of Appeals.

I have known Judge Donald Owens since 1974. He served as a probate judge in Ingham County from 1974 to 1999, at which time he was appointed by the governor to the court of appeals. Judge Owens is up for re-election this November.

We need judges on the appellate courts that have had trial court experience. That is why I endorse him and fully support his re-election to the court of appeals. Please give him your vote Nov. 2.

Very truly yours,  
Patrick R. Joslyn  
54th Judicial Circuit Court Judge

tion was not made and I felt a clarification was in order.

Coach Cuthrell definitely deserves our praises (along with his entire coaching staff) for building a strong football team, and for the state championship his girls track team brought home. It has been an exciting time to be in Cass City these last few years to witness ALL of the remark-

## Other coaches helped

Rabbit Tracks  
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To Whom It May Concern:  
As a mother of one of the state track winners I was compelled to write this informational letter after reading your article last week.

Even though Scott Cuthrell had the title of "coach" during this time of achievement, one must look at the building of the team, which brought them to this success. Larry Robinson worked with these girls from their young junior high years up until their senior year, and Jeff Schember stood by their side with words of encouragement and expertise training.

I remember Jaime coming home in eighth grade saying coach Robinson told her she was going to be a state winner someday! She believed him and enough in herself to achieve this accomplishment, which came from excellent coaching.

Jeff would not only heal the wounded and give training advice but when you looked out onto the track you would see him meet every runner with support and their time they achieved.

I don't expect this to go any further than your office, but maybe next time when you want to pat someone on the back it might be nice to make sure you're patting the right back.

Thank you for listening,  
Ruth Fluegge,  
Cass City

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## Bulldog Beat

by Mary McKee

Around this time of the school year, a lot of students go into what I like to call, "auto-pilot" mode.

With Christmas vacation a long way off and no break anywhere in sight, I think students get less driven and start to care less about things that once seemed the most important. In this "auto-pilot" mode, students basically do what they would do everyday, but with less effort. It seems harder to get out of bed every day and the school day goes by slower than it ever has and during these times, the motivation everyone once had seems to fade away.

One of the things that suffers the most when a student starts to "not care" is their schoolwork, so I decided to interview some teachers to find out what they do when a situation like this occurs. The teachers I interviewed were: Mrs. Sattler, an English teacher, Mrs. Falkenberg, a Math teacher, Ms. Sutter, a History teacher, and Ms. Sutton, a computer teacher.

The first question asked was how the teachers could tell when students lost their drive. Mrs. Sattler and Mrs. Falkenberg both said that when a student becomes less motivated they don't do anything and don't come prepared. Some students won't even bring a pencil to class. Ms. Sutter added that students will talk a lot and not pay attention. Ms. Sutton said when a student is less motivated it can even be seen in his or her posture, attitude and feedback.

The second question I asked was, "When students get into a 'slump,' how do you get them out of it?" Mrs. Sattler tries to change things around a little bit and spice things up, while Mrs. Falkenberg tries to do something out of the ordinary. Ms. Sutter keeps students busy by doing a variety of activities and assigning projects that are fun, but has students

learning at the same time. Ms. Sutton takes a more individual approach by pulling that certain student aside and talking to him or her and trying to help in whatever way she can.

"How do you keep students motivated?" was my third question. Mrs. Sattler responded, "I hound them and try to maintain a humorous atmosphere. That way students will work hard without even knowing it." Mrs. Falkenberg and Ms. Sutter take a more personal method. Mrs. Falkenberg said, "I talk to them about things in their personal life and interests that are beyond academics." Ms. Sutter keeps her students motivated by, "Getting to know students and finding out what works with them." She also said that having students for more than one year makes it easier to learn what does and doesn't work with particular students. Ms. Sutton helps students stay focused by being involved in extra-curricular activities and being available.

My fourth and final question was whether or not they think rewarding students helps keep them motivated. I received the same answer from all 4 teachers. They all agree that a reward can be something as simple as praise, but it doesn't always help. They all think that learning and doing schoolwork is something students should be doing anyway and shouldn't be rewarded for it. Their reward is the opportunity to learn.

Going through this "slump" that many students go through does not last forever. For some it lasts a few days, but for others it lasts a few months or maybe even longer.

It is important to remember that teachers can only motivate us so much, because they are not always there to bring us back up from our "slump." The real motivation comes from ourselves and how hard we will push to achieve our goals.

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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 Chiefs 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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# A new view

## Adults shadow local middle school students

It isn't uncommon to see kids accompanying adults to their workplace during special "job shadowing" days.

Cass City School officials turned the tables on the adults Friday for "Shadow Day" a nationwide activity in which area residents were offered the opportunity to spend a day in the shoes of a middle school student.

And they loved it. "I think it was very nice. I was actually quite impressed with it," said Debra Kranz, owner of Kranz Funeral Homes, one of nearly 30 adults who volunteered to spend the day, or a portion of the day, with a student.

we could get up and go wherever we wanted, and you go to other classrooms," VanAuken added. "The teachers were so welcoming."

Shadow Day was held in conjunction with a nationwide observance called Month of the Adolescent, according to middle school Principal Jeff Hartel.

Throughout the day, some 50 students randomly selected by the student council were paired with adults, and together they toured the school, visited and sat in on various classes, and even ate lunch together.

The goal was to focus on the middle school and to involve the community in the educational process by forming partnerships to ensure that every student has the opportunity to realize their potential.

It's a goal Hartel believes was accomplished. "I really do," he said. "There were people in the school that normally wouldn't be here. There was a wide range of careers represented among the adult visitors."

There were 29 adult participants in all, including a judge, an attorney, bankers, a village manager, and rep-

resentatives of the department of transportation and Family Independence Agency, and business owners. The event even drew the attention of U.S. Congressman Dale Kildee and state Senator James Barcia, who were each paired with students.

It was an educational day for everyone involved, according to Hartel.

"I've received a lot of good feedback from people," he said. "I think a lot of friendships were made that day."

"I used to think of middle school as little kids, but they sure seem grown up and they

work well in that environment," said Kranz.

"It gave me a wake-up call," said Strickland, who added he was impressed with the extensive use of technology at the middle school. "It's a lot different than when we were there. It just seems like they're young adults. It doesn't seem like they're kids."

VanAuken indicated the event was a great way to showcase youth in the community as well as the quality of the local educational facilities. "Kids - they do get a bad rap, but there's so much good in these kids," she said.

## Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



### 5YEARSAGO

Take one bite of an apple made by the ladies (and gentlemen) of the Shabbona United Methodist Church, and chances are you'll be back for more. After all, the numbers can't be wrong. The church group, with the help of a host of volunteers, has been turning out the pies each fall since 1991, pleasing palates from miles around and, at the same time, raising money for various church projects ranging from missions to sending local children to Bay Shore Camp in Sebewaing. "A conservative figure would be \$50,000 that we've raised with pies," said Janet Severance, a member of the United Methodist Women and perennial pie fundraiser volunteer.

It used to be a red-letter day every fall, the opening of the pheasant season on Oct. 20. A time when restaurants opened early and closed late. Bars scurried around for extra help to accommodate the crowds. Churches planned dinners during the season and there was a festive air in the community. That's all gone now, of course. I didn't spot a hunter walking on the streets on opening day. There were a few pheasants around, I'm told, but not many. They were almost as scarce as the hunters. (From Rabbit Tracks)

### 10YEARSAGO

How time flies. Don Crouse called to have his subscription transferred to Florida. Most folks remember that Crouse was superintendent of Cass City Schools for 23 1/2 years until he announced a surprise retirement effective Jan. 1, 1988, 6 years ago. The school has benefited from stability at the top. In over 50 years, only 3 superintendents have served. Prior to Crouse, it was Willis Campbell and, of course, for the last 6 years, Ken Micklash. Incidentally, when he retired at 56 years

old, I wondered (and perhaps, so did he) how he would take to doing nothing on a regular basis. He cheerfully announced when he called, "I love it." (From Rabbit Tracks)

Venison contains so little fat that you have to be extra careful how you cook it or it ends up very tough. Tenderize venison by soaking the meat in an acid-based marinade like tomato juice, lemon juice, vinegar or wine. Roasting the meat in a pressure cooker or pounding it before cooking can also help tenderize it.

The auto industry and sheep industry have a lot more in common than you might think. Stearic acid obtained from sheep fat is added to car tires to make them run cooler. Glycol, another animal-based product, is found in brake fluid.

### 25YEARSAGO

Astronaut Brewster Shaw Jr., a Cass City native, was guest of honor Oct. 5 at the dedication of the Apollo command module emergency egress trainer at the Detroit Science Center. An Air Force captain, since July of last year, he has been in training at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration space flight center at Houston, Texas, to pilot the space shuttle. An airliner for outer space, the massive shuttle will be capable of rocketing to orbits 100-600 miles above the earth, then returning to land the same way an airplane would. It will be capable of carrying 65,000 pounds of cargo into space.

It's 50 years now since the start of the depression and the anniversary of the crash has resulted in a rash of stories telling how it was then. I can't remember the crash, but was in grade school when the recession hit in the midst of the depression in about 1935. Anyone who lived through it and remembers will quickly explain that unless you experienced it, no story can tell how it was. One

silver lining that I can remember in the late '30s is that my contemporaries didn't think things were all that bad. Practically everyone was poor and that was the way it was. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Ready to check the prices at Erla's Food Center? Campbell's tomato soup was 5 10 ounce cans for \$1, red grapes were 69 cents a pound, Oven Fresh Lumberjack bread was 66 cents, pork roast was 69 cents a pound and Coca-Cola and Tab were \$1.79 plus deposit for 8 1/2 liter bottles.

### 35YEARSAGO

Harry Little returned last week with six Chinook salmon taken at Tippy Dam on the Manistee River. The smallest weighed 22 pounds, the largest 38 1/2 pounds. This spring he came back with a bunch of Steelhead trout. The question is how does he get them? I've gone fishing with Harry many times and all that we ever came back with was the memory of the grandeur of Mio and an empty fishing creel. (From Rabbit Tracks)

In a dual announcement this week, spokesmen for Croft-Clara Lumber Inc. of Cass City and Weber Lumber Co. of Richville announce the purchase of Forbes Lumber Co. in Caro. Authorities said that each of the companies will hold equal interests in the new company. Clifford A. Croft of Croft-Clara said that the final details of the sale were completed Monday and that immediate plans call for increasing the stock at the store.

Experts will move into Tuscola County in the near future to try and determine the reasons for the highway death toll on county roads and to recommend changes in high fatality traffic areas. And the State Police specialists will work here at no cost to the county.

Shadow Day was held in conjunction with a nationwide observance called Month of the Adolescent.

Kranz was paired with Kyle Kausch. "He took me through every single wing and in the classrooms. It was quite amazing, I thought," she said. "I had a great time."

"It was good. I enjoyed it," commented Curt Strickland, executive vice president at Thumb National Bank. He was paired with student Jessica Prieskorn.

"She showed me around the school and we spent an hour and a half in the classroom. We dissected a flower and learned all the parts," Strickland said.

"Loved it. Absolutely loved it," said Rawson Memorial Library Director Kate VanAuken, who was paired with student T. J. Marker.

"T.J. was just awesome. I'm up at the middle school for other things anyway, but this really gave me a chance to sit in his classroom, and then



CASS CITY SIXTH grade student Matt Goniwicha greets Scott Richards, one of more than 2 dozen area adults who volunteered to "shadow" local middle school students during Shadow Day 2004 Friday.



SCOTT RICHARDS (left) talks to former Congressman and now state Senator Jim Barcia during Shadow Day 2004 at Cass City Middle School Friday. Barcia was paired with student Jennica Richards (above).

## Cass City Area Church Directory

**Calvary Bible Fellowship**  
4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726  
989-872-4088  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor - Chuck Carr  
Transportation available

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

**Cass City Church of the Nazarene**  
6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-2604 or 872-5201  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study  
& Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.  
Pastor - Rev. Darold Ward

**Cass City Missionary Church**  
4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726  
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Youth Group & Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting & His Kids Bible Club 6:30 p.m.

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

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

**Deford Community Church**  
1392 Kingston Rd., Deford, MI 48729  
989-872-4051 (parsonage)  
989-872-4055 (church)  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Contemporary & Traditional 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor: David Mercer  
email: dcdca@band.net  
website: defordcommunitychurch.org

**Deford Country Church**  
Assemblies of God  
5903 Main St., Box 224, Deford, MI 48729  
989-872-5158  
Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Dan Strength Sr. Pastor  
Tim Wells, Associate  
WSNL 600 AM, Saturday, 5:30 a.m.

**Evangelical Free Church of Cass City**  
6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726  
Phone: 872-5060  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Midweek Bible Studies  
Biblical Counseling  
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould

**First Baptist Church**  
6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726  
989-872-3155  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study,  
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Eric Holmgren  
Youth Pastor: Bryan Heller

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-2770  
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.  
Pastor: Gerald Meyer

**Living Word Worship Center**  
(Where the Word is Life)  
6536 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-4637  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. (Family Training Hour) 7:00 p.m.  
Senior Pastors: Michael & Carla Arp

**Novesta Church of Christ**  
2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3658 or 872-1195  
Bible School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
Youth Group & Sunday Evening  
Services 6:00 p.m.  
Minister: Chuck Emmert  
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Visit our website at: www.novestachurch.org

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

**St. Agatha's Catholic Church**  
4618 South St., Gageton, MI 48735  
665-9966  
Sunday Liturgy 10:30 a.m.  
Parish Administrator: Joan Wyskiel

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

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4455 North Decker Rd., Decker, MI 48426  
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989-872-8094 (church)  
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THEY'RE OFF! The Cass City men's cross country team recorded a 5th place finish at Saturday's Caro Invitational. Pictured, from the left, are: Jessup Hoyt, Jeremy Farr, Adam Wentworth, Kyle Reif and Cameron Lautner. Below, is Cass City's lady Hawk Leah Whittaker.



### Bulldogs lose pair

Owen-Gage nearly knocked North Central Thumb League - South leader Kingston its first conference setback Thursday before bowing 54-52 in Owendale. The 2 rivals battled to a 41-all tie entering the final 8 minutes before the Cardinals escaped with their NCTL winning streak intact at 13. Kingston jumped out to a 20-12 first quarter advantage as Allison Walkiewicz and Crystal Barrett had the hot hands early for the guests. But Kayla Zaleski and Katie Swiastyn took over for the Bulldogs in the period before the break and the 2 squads entered the intermission knotted at 32. The 2 Bulldog seniors continued their scoring antics after the break to keep pace with the winners. During the 2 middle frames, the duo scored all 29 of the hosts' tallies. Swiastyn, who led all scores with 23 points, tossed in 8 field goals during the stretch and was perfect in 3 attempts at the foul line. In the final period Zaleski took over the scoring chores, tossing in 7 of her 21 markers, but it wouldn't be enough for the Bulldogs. Barrett finished with 16 points to pace the Cardinals, while Walkiewicz finished with a dozen and Allyson Crousore added 10 points.

**PORT HOPE** Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, the Bulldogs entertained North Central Thumb League North leader Port Hope and were soundly defeated, 53-37. While Port Hope's Tara Oeschger was hot from the perimeter early, tossing in 2 of her 3 treys, Owen-Gage was stone cold. The Bulldogs managed to score just 3

points, on a field goal from Swiastyn and a solo charity toss from Zaleski, in the opening frame and trailed by 13 entering the period before the break. The Blue Stars increased their margin to 29-12 at the intermission as a balanced scoring attack saw 5 different players contribute to the scoring column. With their inside game shut down, the Bulldogs tried to battle back from behind the 3-point arc in the final half. But despite 4 treys, it proved too little, too late. Swiastyn, who nailed 3 bombs in the final half, recorded scoring honors for the Bulldogs with 18 points, while Michelle Brown added 9. Kelsey Mausolf recorded game scoring honors for the winners with 19 markers, while Oeschger added 11.

**OWEN-GAGE** - Zaleski 5-1 (8-12) 21; Swiastyn 10-0 (3-3) 23; Brown 0-0 (2-5) 2; Error 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kady 2-0 (0-0) 4. **TOTALS - 18-1 (13-21) 52.** **KINGSTON** - Walkiewicz 5-0 (2-5) 12; Shinabarger 0-1 (0-2) 3; Herron 2-0 (1-2) 5; Hill 2-1 (1-2) 8; Crousore 4-0 (2-2) 10; Burrett 7-0 (2-4) 16. **TOTALS - 20-2 (8-17) 54.** **OWEN-GAGE** - Zaleski 2-0 (2-3) 6; Swiastyn 4-3 (1-2) 18; Brown 3-1 (0-2) 9; Schmidt 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kady 1-0 (0-0) 2. **TOTALS - 11-4 (3-7) 37.** **PORT HOPE** - Arndt 2-0 (2-3) 6; Woodke 1-0 (0-0) 2; Schave 4-0 (1-2) 9; Mausolf 7-1 (2-2) 19; Oeschger 1-3 (0-0) 11; Iseler 0-0 (1-2) 1; Koglin 2-0 (1-2) 5. **TOTALS - 17-4 (7-11) 53.**



Sara Meeker (left) and Ashley Hendrick apply pressure for Cass City.

### Cass City defeats Valley Lutheran

The Cass City Red Hawks staged a last half rally Thursday to defeat Saginaw Valley Lutheran, 51-41, and keep alive its hopes for at least a share of the Greater Thumb West title. If form is followed and the Hawks defeated visiting Bad Axe Tuesday (one game only, starting at 7:00 p.m.) the key game of the season at Lakers will be played Thursday. In the first game the undefeated in the league Lakers administered Cass City's worst loss of the season, 46-38. Coach John Maharg hopes that the team that rallied from a first half 29-25 deficit to defeat the Chargers will be the one that shows up for the showdown with the Lakers. We played well, handled the ball well and played a strong defense, Maharg said.

The defense was especially effective in the third quarter when the Hawks outscored Valley Lutheran 11-4 to charge into the lead going into the final quarter, 36-33. Shutting down Chelsi Gnatkowski in the second half helped the Hawks to the win. The 5-11 junior burned the Hawks for 12 of her 14 points in the first 2 quarters, including a pair of 3-pointers. In the second half she netted only a pair of free

throws. The reverse was true for Ashley Hendrick, the Hawks' leading scorer. She was held to just 3 points in the opening half, but carried the Hawks in the last half with 11 of her 14 points. Emily Schinnerer led the offense in the first period with a pair of buckets and 2 free throws as the Hawks stayed on the heels of the Chargers, 14-11. Valley Lutheran added a point to its lead in the second quarter with excellent outside shooting that included treys by Kim Sheltraw and Gnatkowski. Jenni Brinkman and Schinnerer with 2 hoops each kept the Hawks in contention and set the stage for the last half rally.

**CASS CITY** - Rabideau 4-0 (1-2) 9; Brinkman 3-0 (2-4) 8; Meeker 2-0 (0-0) 4; Czekai 2-0 (0-0) 4; Hendrick 6-0 (2-4) 14; Schinnerer 5-0 (2-2) 12. **TOTALS - 22-0 (7-12) 51.** **VALLEY LUTHERAN** - Sheltraw 2-1 (2-4) 9; Roekle 4-0 (0-0) 8; Dicken 0-0 (1-2) 1; Wardin 2-0 (2-2) 6; Gnatkowski 2-2 (4-4) 14; Warren 0-0 (1-2) 1; Witchger 1-0 (0-0) 2. **TOTALS - 11-3 (10-14) 41.**

### Hawks whip Eagles

The Cass City Red Hawks cruised to an easy win Tuesday over visiting Deckerville Eagles, 56-34, and coach John Maharg made liberal use of his bench in preparation for the last half of the season. The Eagles (1-13) are in a down year and the Hawks took control of the game early and were never seriously threatened. The Hawks scored the first 6 points of the game and remained in front all the way. Pacing the fast start was Ashley Hendrick, who scored all of the game's opening 6 points. Marisa Jensen did her best to keep the Eagles in contention with a pair of buckets in the Eagle rally that cut the Hawk lead to 4 points at the end of the first quarter, 12-8.

The second quarter settled the issue. Cass City opened with a 6-0 run led by Emily Schinnerer with 2 quick hoops. After Jensen netted 2 of 4 free throws for Deckerville, the Hawks outscored the Eagles 6-2 and at the intermission Cass City was in front, 24-17.

Cass City made sure of the win in the third quarter, outscoring Deckerville 13-5 to push in front by 18 points, 40-22. In the spurt 5 Hawks scored, led by Jenni Brinkman with 6 points and Hendrick with 5. Cass City stretched the margin to 21 points on balanced scoring midway through the last quarter. Some very poor foul shooting added to the woes of the Eagles, who converted just one of 7 foul shot attempts in the last 8 minutes. Hendrick led the Hawks with 22 points. Marisa Jensen netted 13 for the Eagles.

**CASS CITY** - Hendrick 7-0 (8-11) 22; Rabideau 2-0 (2-2) 6; Whittaker 0-1 (0-0) 3; Czekai 1-0 (1-2) 3; Schinnerer 3-0 (0-2) 6; Meeker 2-0 (2-4) 6. **TOTALS - 18-1 (17-30) 56.** **DECKERVILLE** - VanNorman 1-0 (0-0) 2; Rusesky 1-0 (0-0) 2; Keinath 1-0 (1-5) 3; Jensen 4-0 (5-9) 13; Schulz 2-0 (1-5) 5; Lindke 2-0 (2-5) 6; Hornby 0-1 (0-0) 3. **TOTALS - 11-1 (9-23) 34.**

Junior varsity results: Cass City 37, Deckerville, 28.

## Lautner leads Hawks at Caro Invitational

Cameron Lautner continues to shine for the Cass City men's cross county team. The sophomore runner highlighted the team's effort Saturday at the Caro Invitational where he recorded an individual 4th place finish. Lautner's time of 17:34, combined with the efforts of

Kyle Reif, Brett Babich, Adam Wentworth and Jessup Hoyt earned the Red Hawks 153 points, good for 5th place among the 20-plus men's teams.

North Branch, led by Louis Verellen who recorded the day's best time at 16:42, took top honors at the event with 45 points. Finishing in the runner-up spot was Capac with 83 points, while Crosswell-Lexington placed 3rd with 101 points.

Reif finished 19th overall with a time of 18:11, while Babich and Wentworth completed the 5,000-meter run in 19:20. Hoyt turned in a time of 19:49 to round out the point winners for coach Amy Cuthrell's team. Also running for the Hawks on the

day were Jeff Tenbusch (20:35) and Brent Weaver (21:27).

The lady Hawks, who were short on runners due to ACT testing on the same day, failed to turn in a team score. They were led by Jen Zmierski's time of 22:44, while Leah Whittaker and Klyn Puterbaugh crossed the finished line at 24:57 and 26:01, respectively.

Uby, who had the top 2 lady performers in Jackie Rivard and Kylee Kubacki captured the team event with 46 points. They were followed by Bad Axe with 70 points and Yale with 72 tallies. Cass City will travel to Bad Axe Saturday to compete in regional play.

### BASKETBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST

Team	W	L	W	L
EPBP	12	0	11	3
Cass City	6	1	11	3
Reese	4	3	8	7
Valley Lutheran	3	4	6	8
BCAS	2	5	5	9
USA	2	5	3	11
Bad Axe	0	6	1	13

GREATER THUMB EAST

Team	W	L	W	L
Sandusky	7	0	13	1
Harbor Beach	6	1	12	2
Brown City	4	3	11	3
Mayville	4	3	7	7
Marquette	2	5	6	8
Uby	1	5	4	10
Deckerville	0	7	1	13

NCTL NORTH

Team	W	L	W	L
Port Hope	12	2	14	2
North Huron	9	4	10	4
Owen-Gage	9	6	9	6
A.Fairgrove	2	11	3	11
Caseville	0	13	1	13

NCTL SOUTH

Team	W	L	W	L
Kingston	13	0	14	1
CPS	10	3	11	4
Memphis	7	6	9	6
Peck	3	11	3	12
Dryden	3	11	3	12

**Harvest Night**  
Saturday, October 30, 2004  
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### MEN'S POOL LEAGUE

Men's Midwest Pool League as of Oct. 13

Blue Moon	14
Pigeon 1	14
Bud's	14
Gagetown	13
Pigeon 2	10
Mulligan's	7

# Cass City to enter playoffs on sour note

It was a game between 2 evenly matched teams Friday that had previously qualified for the opening round of the playoffs this week and the game was not decided until the final moments as Freeland (8-1) edged the Hawks, 32-29.

Coach Scott Cuthrell and his staff didn't have much time to mourn the loss after he learned Sunday night that Cass City was to meet Birch Run (8-1) Saturday at 1 p.m. He was too occupied going over tapes and preparing for Cass City's first ever entry into post season play. Cass City will be definite underdogs against Birch Run, whose only loss this year has been to Millington.

Cass City charged out to its largest early lead of the season against the Falcons, racing to a 22-0 lead with 10:13 left in the second quarter.

The first touchdown came with 7:12 left in the first quarter. Justin Glaza intercepted a pass on the Freeland 35. Seven plays later the Hawks scored on a pass to Brad

Langenburg. The extra points try was good.

The next touchdown drive started on the Cass City 12-yard line and the Hawks scored with a 9-play drive. In the march Dustin Bitzer posted a 12-yard run and Nick Stoutenburg added a 14-yard run. With the ball on the Freeland 30 Jeff Stoutenburg went the rest of the distance behind excellent blocking. Glaza, who was perfect on all 3 extra point kicks, added the extra point.

That score came at the 11:53 mark and a minute and 40 seconds later the Hawks struck again. Danny Mittelstat intercepted a Falcon pass and the Hawks had the ball at midfield. On the next play Cody Halasz went 50 yards for the touchdown.

Freeland came to life after that touchdown and scored twice before the first half ended. Derek Ledy capped a 72-yard drive to score from 5 yards out.

The next play came on a short pass in the flat to John

Fylffe, who then outran the Hawk defense to pick up 55 yards and the touchdown. The second of four successful extra points runs for the Falcons made the score 22-16.

Freeland matched that touchdown with a 6-play drive featuring a 35-yard gainer by Matt Conrad and his 9-yard jaunt around end for the touchdown.

Freeland went ahead to stay with 10:17 left in the game on a 50-yard pass play to Aaron Bickerstaff.

A roughing the passer play spoiled an opportunity for the Hawks to pull the game out of the fire with 4:06 left. The Hawks had forced Freeland to punt and had the ball in Falcon territory when the penalty gave them a first down and from there they controlled the ball the rest of the way.

Cass City ran for 261 yards in 39 tries and gained 151 yards passing. Halasz led the defense with 11 tackles, including 2 unassisted.



**BULLDOG ANDY** Kretzschmer signals the official during Friday's season finale in Owendale. The senior receiver accounted for Owen-Gage's lone score during a 54-6 defeat.

# Owen-Gage no match for visiting Au Gres Friday

Playoff bound Au Gres traveled to Owendale Friday to close out its regular season against Owen-Gage.

Unfortunately, the Bulldogs forgot to show up.

In a bleak showing, the hosts' receivers dropped several passes, had specialty teams blocking players standing out of bounds, and had defensive backs missing numerous tackles. All this, and many more blunders, happened in the opening few minutes.

The result was a 54-6 whipping that will enter the Bulldogs into the record books with a 1-8 record. Meanwhile, the Wolverines (8-1) will travel to face undefeated Beal City in the state's opening playoff rounds.

Au Gres' Justin Kelly opened the scoring at the 10:23 mark of the non-conference tilt with an 11-yard burst off right tackle. The Wolverines would then take a 21-0 advantage into the second quarter on a pair of markers from Nick Garvie and Clinton Anderson's 2-point conversion.

On the strength of its running attack, the visitors would extend their margin to 35-0 on a pair of long runs from Kelly, before Owen-Gage would get on the scoreboard. Bulldog Andy Kretzschmer accounted for the score on a 56-yard pass play from quarterback Grant Champagne.

It didn't take long for the visitors to get that score back as Garvie returned the ensuing kick-off 94 yards to pay dirt.

Anderson accounted for the visitors' final initial half score, with a 31-yard gallop that ended the half with the guests in front, 48-6.

As usual, most of the Bulldog offense came via the air. Champagne completed 10-of-26 tosses to 4 different receivers for 179 yards. Kretzschmer hauled in 7 passes for 157 yards. On the ground, Kenny Brown gained 30 yards on 10 totes to lead the hosts.

Defensively, Sam Rogers and Kretzschmer split a dozen tackles to lead the Bulldogs, while Aaron Faist and Mike Pawlak each were credited with 4 stops.

Despite their lackluster showing Friday, the Bulldogs were competitive throughout the campaign. And with the graduation losses of just 3 players, Faist, Kretzschmer and Charles Martin, the Bulldogs have reason to be optimistic about the 2005 season.

## FOOTBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST				
Team	W	L	WT	L
# USA	6	0	9	0
# Cass City	5	1	6	3
# Reese	4	2	6	3
BCAS	3	3	5	4
EPBP	2	4	3	6
Bad Axe	1	5	1	8
Valley Lutheran	0	6	1	8
* Clinched title				
* Clinched playoff spot				

GREATER THUMB EAST				
Team	W	L	WT	L
# Sandusky	6	0	8	1
# Ubyly	5	1	7	2
# Harbor Beach	4	2	6	3
Deckerville	3	3	3	6
Brown City	2	4	5	4
Marlette	1	5	3	6
Mayville	0	6	2	7
* Clinched title				
* Clinched playoff spot				

MCTL				
Team	W	L	WT	L
# Kingston	7	0	7	2
# Memphis	6	1	7	2
# CPS	5	2	6	3
Peck	4	3	4	5
Dryden	3	4	4	5
North Huron	2	5	2	6
A-Fairgrove	1	6	2	6
Owen-Gage	0	7	1	8
* Clinched title				
* Clinched playoff spot				

# Hawks bow to Marlette in soccer district action

The Hawks lost a tough 2-0 game in the first round of district play at Marlette Tuesday. Marlette went on to defeat Essexville Garber, 7-0, before bowing in the finals to the Lakers, 7-1. It was the third straight district crown for the champions.

The Red Raiders' goals were scored by Jerico Hayward and James King.

As has been the case in the last few weeks, coach Chuck Reed said, the Hawks played good aggressive defense, but failed to get any significant scoring chances against Marlette. Cass City had trouble, at times, clearing the ball from in front of their net and Marlette took advantage by scoring both of its goals on rebounds. Lack of offensive pressure put too much pressure on Caleb Hanby in the net, despite several excellent saves. The Marlette goals were on shots in which Hanby had no chance to block.

But this year, on the whole, the coach says, was a disappointment based on the level of experience the Hawks had on the field.

Two Hawk players were honored for their play in the tournament. At the coaches' meeting following Saturday's finals, Ross Forrest and Sean McFarland were named to the all-district team.

### USA

The Hawks continued a trend as they came out extremely aggressive against the Patriots, got some solid chances early, played tough defense and didn't give up a goal until nearly the end of the half. The goal was the result of a rebound and a deflection and came seconds before halftime. USA scored both of its second half goals on defensive breakdowns. Hanby finished his varsity career with several extremely tough saves and kept the Hawks in the game all the way.

McFarland finished his career restricted by foot problems, but still missed the team's best chance with a direct kick that was just over the bar. Both seniors will be extremely hard to replace next year. They were 4-year starters and leaders on and off the field.

Midfield and defensive play were the strengths for Hawks. Opportunities were there, Reed said, but no one could get off a clean shot against the physical Patriot defense.

Forrest, Shane McFarland and Gavin Mills had strong games. Also playing well were Galen Kuebli, Brandon Miller, Sam Howard, Andrew Kleo and Derek Weidman.

Several reserves, Devon Jamieson, Andrew Bouek and David Acker got good minutes. The overall effort was good as it has been over the last few games and the offense will continue its improvement in the next season.

## Cass City Bowling Leagues

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| Thursday Nite Trio as of Oct. 21 | Doerr Landscaping 16        | Patrick's Flooring 23 |
|                                  | Martin Electric 16          | Charmont Lanes 20     |
|                                  | Dairy Queen Brazier-Caro 16 | Curtis Chrysler 14    |
|                                  | Jebeo Consulting 15.5       |                       |
|                                  | Schmaltz Construction 15    |                       |
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Individual High Games & Series: D. Doerr 223-214-214 (651); E. Schmaltz 256-220 (649); R. Doerr 222 (587); O. Beecher (580); J. Enos (577); J. Baker 220.

Team High Game & Series: Dairy Queen Brazier-Caro 631 (1801).

Merchanettes as of Oct. 21

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| FBI Gals 32                 | Charlie's Angels 31       |
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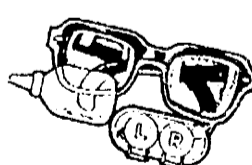
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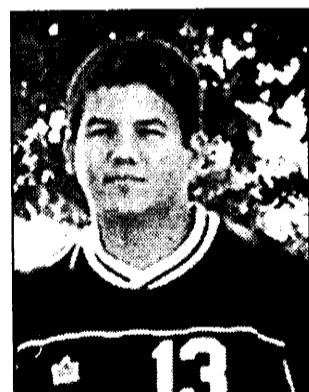
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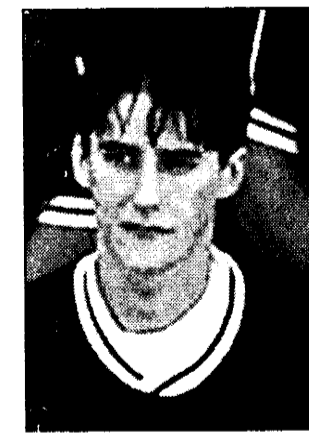
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# Curtis ready to sponsor "night to indulge" event

The Pat Curtis Automotive Dealerships in Caro and Cass City have announced that for the second year in a row, they will serve as the event sponsor for "A Night to Indulge".

This is a fundraising event which benefits local organizations and will be held at the Polish American Club on M-24 outside of Caro Nov. 11. This year's proceeds will go to HDC's Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, Thumb Area Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Tuscola County Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Council.

Pat Curtis is the owner of Pat Curtis Chevrolet-Oldsmobile-Cadillac in Caro and a partner with his brother Matt and son Dan in Curtis Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep in Cass City. He indicated that his company takes pride in supporting these local programs. "My entire staff and I recognize that this community has been very supportive of our businesses. This is our opportunity to give back, and especially to 3 organizations who do an enormous amount of good in the community. We hope that there will be huge crowds attending the event; we know they will all have a great time for a great cause," he said.

"A Night to Indulge 4", as the name implies, is the fourth annual event, which helps support women and children who are at risk. Festivities for the evening include chocolate confections and other choices offered by tuxedoed servers, home-party type vendors, massages, door prizes, a "Home-spun Silent Quilt Auction", and more.

Ticket prices for the event have been set at \$10 per person in advance, or \$12 at the door, which includes admission as well as a 5-minute message by Body Awareness or Time Out. The event runs from 5 to 9 p.m.

The Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center is a program of the HDC, providing shelter, counseling and assistance to survivors of sexual and domestic violence. Thumb Area Big Brothers Big Sisters pairs youth who need loving guidance with adult volunteers who provide a commitment of time and personal involvement. The Tuscola County Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Council preserves and protects the innocence of childhood through education and resource information.

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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 32, CC 29	
* 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
* Home games are bold		

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

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 34, CC 56	
Oct. 21	Valley Lutheran 41, CC 51	
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
* Home games are bold		

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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**Ballot proposals involve gay marriage, gambling**

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Proposal One would amend the state constitution to require most new gambling operations to get voter approval at the state and local level.

The initiative, which would go into effect Jan. 1, would not apply to American Indian casinos or Detroit's 3 casinos. Voters have already approved the Detroit casino,

and the Indian casinos are regulated by federal instead of state law.

Opponents of the proposal say it would result in less Michigan Lottery revenue. All lottery profits — \$586 million last year — go to public K-12 education. The total accounts for about 5 percent of school funding.

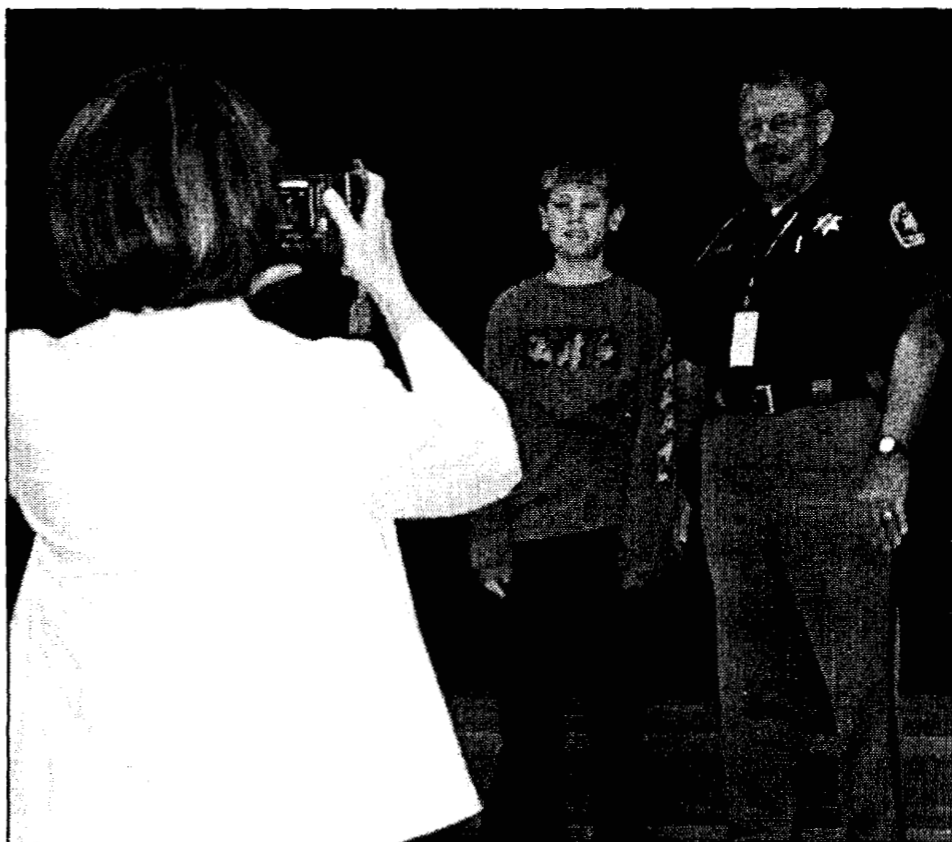
Supporters say education groups and other opponents have no evidence that the proposal would affect lottery profits.

Voters will also weigh in on Proposal 2, another constitutional amendment that would define marriage in Michigan as a union between one man and one woman.

A group called Citizens for the Protection of Marriage spearheaded the proposal, collecting more than 300,000 signatures to place it on the general election ballot.

Michigan law already bans gay marriage, but supporters of the proposal want it written into the state constitution to protect against when they call activist judges and politicians.

Opponents say the initiative's language is broad and could force universities, governments and other public agencies to stop giving domestic partner health benefits to same-sex couples and heterosexual couples that aren't married.



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**Meyer, Montle square off in 84<sup>th</sup> district**

Veteran State Rep. Tom Meyer and challenger Steve Montle will square off for the 84th District House seat in the Tuesday, Nov. 2 general election.

The 84th district includes all of Huron and Tuscola counties.

Meyer (R-Bad Axe) is seeking his third term in the House.

He cited a number of accomplishments during his tenure, including drafting a bill in 2003 to create a "Farm Produce Insurance Act" to establish a program in which producers of dry beans, grain or corn would contribute a percentage of their proceeds to a new fund, and could recover from the fund for losses caused by a grain dealer's financial failure. The bill went to the governor's desk and became Public Act 168 of that year.

"Listening to the people in my district, I was able to come up with a comprehensive plan to protect those farmers," said Meyer, who was chair of the House Agriculture Committee at the time.

Meyer noted he also played a major role in bringing the 2 sides together in the Bad Axe/Port Austin Water Project, which secured \$9 million in federal grant money needed for the project.

Meyer said that working closely with his constituents and helping them with their concerns has always been one of his greatest enjoyments as a representative.

"Serving the people of my district has been a great privilege and honor," Meyer added. "I will continue to do what's best for the people of my community, whether it is protecting jobs and education or helping their voices be heard in Lansing."

Montle is a lifelong resident of the Thumb and lives

on his family's farm in Tuscola County's Arbeta Township.

After graduating from Millington Public Schools, Montle attended Saginaw Valley State University, where he earned a teaching degree in 2000. He then began teaching at the high school level while pursuing his master's degree in education leadership, which he completed in 2003.

Montle said he's concerned with a number of issues, including finances, at the state level.

"Over the past several years it has become apparent that the state is experiencing a structural deficit. This means that we are not bringing in enough money to cover our on-going costs," he said.

"To make up for this deficit, our lawmakers have been placing the burden on our middle and lower income families with one-time fixes and tax hikes," he added. "I propose that our lawmakers step up to the plate and decide what our critical programs are, and then fully and fairly fund them. We need a reasoned approach to taxation that places the burden of taxes on all of Michigan's residents equally, not just on the working families of our state."

"Several approaches, such as graduated income tax and/or limited sales tax on services would move our state in the direction of fairness," Montle continued, "but our current Lansing lawmakers are too worried about their next election to take on such complicated issues."

"If elected, I will do what is right for the people of the Thumb. I will not hesitate to take on big issues, and I will demand that our state stop balancing its books on the backs of Michigan's workers and small business owners."

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# Be on the lookout Fall invaders arriving

Michigan homeowners are on the lookout for multi-colored Asian lady beetles this fall, but they should also keep their eyes peeled for 3 additional fall-invading insects that are looking for free housing through the winter. Like the lady beetle, boxelder bugs, cluster flies and leaf-footed pine seed bugs sneak through cracks in external house walls and make their way into living areas to survive the winter. Each bug is different in size, shape and color, but homeowners can use the same techniques to prevent their entry or control the pests once they get inside, according to Howard Russell, Michigan State University (MSU) Extension specialist and entomologist with MSU Diagnostic Services. Sealing exterior cracks and

holes with caulk and spraying the outside walls of a house with an insecticide labeled for that use are two common ways to inhibit the entry of overwintering pests. Insecticides can be purchased from multiple garden supply locations and should be applied when the bugs are beginning to gather on outside walls. If the bugs made it inside, sealing cracks around electrical outlet boxes, switches and light fixtures, and around window and baseboard molding on the inside walls will help stop them from invading the home's living areas. "Once the bugs get inside the walls, they're difficult to deal with," Russell says. "There isn't an insecticide mixture to kill them at that point, so blocking all points of entry is a homeowner's

best bet." Homeowners can find more information about each fall-invading insect, methods of prevention and control techniques by contacting their MSU Extension county office or utilizing online resources, such as the MSU Diagnostic Services website at [www.cips.msu.edu/diagnostics](http://www.cips.msu.edu/diagnostics), the MSU Integrated Pest Management website at [www.ipm.msu.edu/asianladybeetle.htm](http://www.ipm.msu.edu/asianladybeetle.htm) and the Crop Advisory Team Alert at [www.ipm.msu.edu/landCAT.htm](http://www.ipm.msu.edu/landCAT.htm). The MSU extension bulletin "What's bugging you? How to deal with insects around the home" (E-2649) is also available for purchase online from the MSU Extension Educational Materials Distribution Center at [www.emdc.msue.msu.edu/](http://www.emdc.msue.msu.edu/).



HAUNTED HUMOR - A row of tombstones along a Leach Street residence in Cass City offers passersby a chuckle.



ANGELA STOECKLE, 17, with her horse, Fred's Hotrodder, and Ashleigh Stoeckle, 13, with her horse, Shy Sez Me, were chosen to represent Huron County at the State 4-H Horse Show at Michigan State University. Top 4-H equestrians from throughout the state competed in the 3-day event. The Stoeckles are the daughters of Mark and Carol Stoeckle of Cass City. They belong to the Lucky Horseshoe 4-H Club.

# Michigan Works! leading way

Already known as an innovator in workforce development programs, Thumb Area Michigan Works! (TAMW) is leading the way again - in a programming shift that may have national implications. TAMW Executive Director Marvin N. Pichla says he's just helping fix an unintended consequence of the federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998. By obtaining a waiver to a key provision of that Act, Pichla and TAMW have established a new model - one likely to be considered when WIA is reauthorized. Through agencies such as TAMW, unemployed and underemployed workers can obtain state and federal financial assistance for training programs - from college classes to vocational train-

ing. The issue, Pichla says, is a ranking process designed to allow consumers to "shop around" for the best providers. "The intent was to help give people performance data on the schools' programs," he said. "And from the data you could see that, for example, 25 percent of the people who took a certain class from this college got new jobs in the field." But the follow-up record keeping was such a burden for the provider institutions that it had the opposite effect. Schools pulled training programs from the state approval list, leaving consumers with even fewer choices. "A school may have a great program," Pichla said, "but I can't place people in it, because my 2 or 3 students re-

quire the school to do tracking and follow-up they just don't have the resources for. "It's a bit of a problem nationwide, but we were particularly hard-hit because we're mostly rural. There's a limited supply of training providers here, and those who are here operate on a small scale. They simply don't have the money and staff to do the follow up and collect the data WIA requires. "That's why we proposed to do it for them." The waiver allows Thumb Area Michigan Works! to rank its training suppliers in a tier system. This, Pichla explained, lets customers judge the quality, timeliness, accessibility, cost and results of different providers. At the same time, it frees providers

from bureaucracy that would make it prohibitively expensive to offer the subsidized classes to Pichla's enrollees. TAMW ranks the suppliers not as educational institutions, but as job training suppliers, in 5 tiers. Tier one suppliers are ranked as "excellent," while Tier 5 suppliers are "lacking." Pichla points out that explanations of the rankings are as important as the rankings themselves. "We're weighing a lot of factors for people who live throughout the Thumb," he says. "So, for example, a school that offers a great program might be stepped down a notch because they only have one location. But our rankings explain that to people, so they're better able to make valid comparisons." Information is collected by an independent agent, and rankings are updated quarterly. The rankings of TAMW's suppliers are displayed on boards in TAMW service centers, and listings are made available to customers. The waiver, issued by the

U.S. Department of Labor and approved by Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, was originally for one year - through February 2005. TAMW has since submitted a 17-month extension request, meaning Pichla will have until June 2006 to see how things are working. So far, though, he says the results have been excellent. "The customers love it. They have access to programs now that many couldn't participate in before. And the schools are happy, because it brings in new students and new revenue for them." Legislators will hopefully take notice, as well. When WIA comes before Congress for reauthorization, it will most likely take a helpful look at TAMW's model. "That's exciting for us," Pichla says. "Partly because it's nice to see an idea take off. But what's more important is that it helps more people get the training that will help them get better jobs ... and that's what we're here for."

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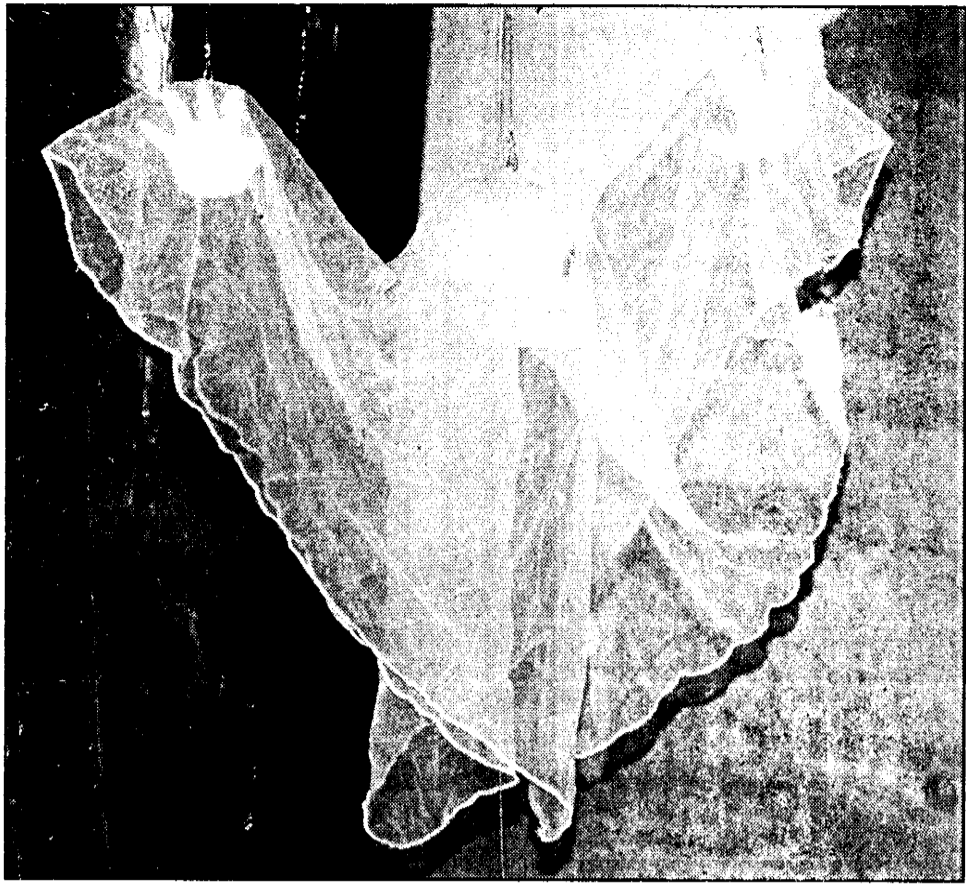
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# Bill boosts production of biodiesel

Farm Bureau lobbying has successfully paid off with the passage of national legislation that will boost ethanol and biodiesel production and enhance the sale of U.S. farm goods in Europe.

Earlier last week, the U.S. House and Senate both passed H.R. 4520, the American JOBS Creation Act of 2004. The bill is awaiting President Bush's signature.

"This legislation is important to farmers and ranchers for both the provisions it provides and the policy it corrects," said American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) President Bob Stallman.

"The JOBS Act includes incentives to support the production of renewable, domestic fuels, such as ethanol and biodiesel. The measure also will put a stop to escalating sanctions being levied by the European Union, which could have cost U.S. agriculture as much as \$150 million in lost sales over the year ending in March.

"After President Bush seals this legislative victory with his signature," said Stallman, "all Americans will benefit from an enhanced, domestic renewable energy supply, lowering our nation's dependence on foreign oil and creating jobs in the countryside."

The passage comes on the heels of a Farm Bureau "Energy and Trade for America" campaign in which Michigan farmers met with legislators over the August con-

gressional recess to stress the importance of the legislation in light of skyrocketing energy prices and global business competition.

"The Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) applauds the members of the Michigan congressional delegation who listened to farmers' concerns with open ears and voted accordingly," said MFB National Legislative Counsel Sarah Black. "Our Farm Bureau members can be proud of the fine work they did in using true-life examples to communicate how existing energy, trade and tax policies were hurting their farm operations."

Highlights of the bill important to Michigan include:

- \* Renewable fuels will receive a boost from ethanol and biodiesel tax incentives originally contained in the Senate version of the bill. These incentives will result in increased usage of renewable fuels while preserving highway funding. The bill extends ethanol tax incentives through 2010 and creates new tax incentives for biodiesel.
- \* The JOBS bill will end taxes on U.S. agriculture commodities imported by the European (EU). The World Trade Organization ruled the Extraterritorial Income Exclusion a prohibited export subsidy in early 2002. As a result, the EU has implemented an escalating tax on more than \$4 billion worth of EU imports from the United States that would have cost U.S. agricultural producers \$150 million in the first year.
- \* Farmers, ranchers and woodlot owners will pay fewer taxes under several of the Senate bill's provisions. It will extend enhanced Section 179 small business expensing, extend the replacement period for livestock sold on account of weather-related conditions, allow a deduction for the first \$10,000 of reforestation costs and permit all sales of timber to be taxed as capital gains - section 631(b).

# Obituaries

## Mary Beardsley

Mary Barr Beardsley, 82, of Cass City, died Monday, Oct. 18, 2004, at her home under hospice care.

She was born Oct. 27, 1921 at the home of her parents, the late David and Retha (McHugh) Thornton in Greenleaf Township.

She married Merle Beardsley Oct. 13, 1940 at the church parsonage near Cass City. He died Dec. 25, 1975 from injuries sustained in an auto accident.

Beardsley worked out of the home several places, including being an election official in Greenleaf Township for many years. She was a primarily a caregiver to several people in the area.

Beardsley is survived by two children: Rose Mary Wills of Cass City and David (Elizabeth) Beardsley of Dryden; a former daughter-in-law, Michelle Beardsley of Lapeer; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren; 2 brothers: Harvey (June) Thornton of Antioch, Calif., and Harold (Wanda) Thornton of Lacy, Wash.

She was preceded in death by a son, Merle Beardsley; a granddaughter, Janice Wills; a great-grandson, Nicholas Wilson; a sister, Margaret Cole; and two brothers: William and Roy Thornton.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 21, at Thabet

Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. J.T. Mabe officiating.

Burial was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Anna McIntosh

Anna M. McIntosh, 87, of Sterling Heights, died Friday, Oct. 22, 2004 at Medi Lodge of Sterling Heights.

She was born April 20, 1917 in Sheridan Township, the daughter of the late James P. and Flora (McLellan) Sweeney.

She married Dougal McIntosh Jan. 26, 1946 at St. Columbkille Catholic Church. He died April 21, 1983.

McIntosh was a 1937 graduate of Cass City High School. She worked on the family farm. She was a parishioner at St. Philip Neri of Detroit for 20 years where she was a member of the Christian Mothers and Daughters of Isabella. McIntosh was a parishioner at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Harper Woods from 1968 to 1985. She was a parishioner at St. Ephrem Catholic Church, Sterling Heights from 1985 to present.

McIntosh is survived by a son, James (Peggy) McIntosh of Shelby Township; a daughter, Karlene McIntosh

of Sterling Heights; 2 grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Flora; a son, Bernard; 8 brothers: Terrance, Angus, Martin, John, Dolan, Neil, James B. and Stephen; and 2 sisters: Margaret O'Hanley and Suzanna Kolar.

A funeral mass was held Monday, Oct. 25, at St. Ephrem Catholic Church, Sterling Heights, with the Rev. Ronald Milligan officiating.

Burial was in the St. Columbkille Cemetery.

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Debt payments may help to empty the checkbook, but only the interest on a debt is a tax deduction. When some farms have checked their year-to-date taxable income, they have been surprised at how high it is and that the checkbook is so empty.

Most farms should be doing an early (right now) income tax projection to help them develop a plan for handling expenses and revenues over the remainder of the year. Without some early planning, farms may find themselves with a much greater income tax burden than can be handled with late December adjustments.

The first step in the planning process is to generate a year to date cash flow statement that can be used to estimate the farm/family's current income tax position. This can give you direction on what actions need to be taken over the next few months related to generating income and paying expenses. Remember that delaying the sale of commodities after the first of the year may cause you to take a lower price, which gives you less profits.

Explore options that take advantage of both the management of income and expenses. Give your MSU Extension office a call if you would like an easy-to-use Income Tax Estimate Worksheet to project your tax position.

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**Plans set for Cass City routes**

**Bus service expansion a go**

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Cass City senior citizens and other residents will soon have a new option when it comes to transportation within the village as well as to Caro.

The Caro Transit Authority and the Human Development Commission (HDC)

have announced the Thumbody Transportation System will be expanding its service in Tuscola County.

That expansion will include transportation for Cass City residents who want to travel to and from Caro along with limited local service in the village. At the same time, Thumbody will

be offering transportation to Caro from the Vassar and Mayville area.

Thumbody Express has a fleet of 11 buses and a trained staff of about 13 who currently serve residents in Almer and Indianfields townships and the village of Caro. The service to those areas is funded through a tax

levy. The expansion to Cass City will be funded by a combination of state and federal grant money. Before that happens, however, HDC officials are working to shape the service to the specific needs of village residents, according to HDC Transportation Director Judy Murphy

and HDC Communications Specialist Ruthann Osterhout, who met with a handful of local residents Friday to begin soliciting input from the community.

"We want to find out who will ride the bus, where will they go and how we should market the service," said Murphy, who noted a larger community input meeting is planned and will be held sometime in early November.

"We didn't want to just come in and say this is what the community needs. We want to gauge the needs so we know what direction we should go in," Osterhout agreed. "We really do need this kind of feedback - where do people need to go or come from?"

Among the residents who offered comments during Friday's meeting at Rawson Memorial Library were condominium residents Pat and Bud Smith, who said they know of area seniors who would likely take advantage of a bus ride to an appointment or to run errands.

The couple also pointed out that there is a senior meal site in the village, located in the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Kay Warner, representing the Cass City Chamber of Commerce and the local downtown development authority, pointed out the community has a strong medical community, including Hills and Dales General Hospital, Thumb MRI, Thumb Area Dialysis Center, and the Hills and Dales General Hospital Center for Rehabilitation and Health and Fitness Center, formerly known as the Michigan Athletic and Rehabilitation Center (MARC).

"I know there are a lot of people who go there for therapy and there are a lot of people who need to go there (Caro location) for the swimming," Warner said. "They also bring in a lot of specialty clinics."

Murphy said she's always felt there was a need in Cass City, in spite of a failed attempt to expand service to the village in 1999 after receiving a one-time grant to help offset the cost. At the time, the service cost Cass City residents \$4 a trip.

This time, however, there is adequate grant funding and the cost to ride will be substantially less.

"Fare-wise, we're looking at a dollar a ride (to or from Caro) for seniors and \$2 for non-seniors," Murphy said, adding fares for rides in the village will probably run 50 or 60 cents.

Another big difference this time is that Thumbody Express now has buses traveling to and from Cass City 5 times a day to transport Head Start students.

The logistics and long-term funding are in place to make the expansion here a success, Osterhout said. The key ingredient now, she added, is finding a way to get residents to utilize the service.

"The (grant) is a renewable resource, but we do have to prove that the service is needed," she pointed out. "We are non-profit, so this isn't about making a killing. However, we can't renew the grant money if we don't have riders."

"If we can't make it fly here, it's only because people are not on the bus."



CASS CITY Chamber of Commerce Director Kay Warner (standing) points out the location of various medical facilities in the village to Judy Murphy, HDC's transportation director, during Friday's meeting to discuss Thumbody Express' planned service expansion to Cass City.

**FREEDOM OF RELIGION - WITHOUT APOLOGY**

In the Bill of Rights, the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution declares that: *Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;...and it is unfortunate that in 21<sup>st</sup> century America we now live by the letter of this law rather than by the spirit of this law.*

While watching the third debate between Senator Kerry and President Bush, I was pleased that the moderator finally got to some core questions facing Americans; two of these questions being, the protection of the unborn, and homosexual marriage. Referencing their religious beliefs with regard to these issues, one candidate stated that though he is of the Catholic faith, he could not impose the tenets of that faith upon other Americans or constitutional law. The other candidate stated that prayer sustains him and gives him calm in the midst of the storms of the Presidency. At the end of it, we learned that Senator Kerry's faith has and would have no influence on either him or the governance of this nation, and that President Bush is too timid to name the Name of the One who sustains him. But may I remind both men of the words of Christ: *Everyone therefore who shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever shall deny Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven*" (Matthew 10:32, 33).

Whatever happened to freedom of religion without apology? Certainly, this was the purpose of European settlement in the New World by the earliest colonies. The Mayflower Compact signed by the Pilgrims as they prepared to land on the eastern shore stated: *Having undertaken, for the glory of God and advancement of the Christian faith and honor of our King and country, do by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God and one another, covenant and combine ourselves into a civil body politic...A short distance away, the Puritan colony led by John Winthrop established a similar document entitled, "A Model of Christian Charity." It read: *We are a company, professing ourselves fellow members of Christ, we ought to account ourselves knit together by this bond of love...Thus stands the cause between God and us: we are entered into a covenant with Him for this work. As these settlements progressed, they developed laws based upon those covenants issuing straight from the Bible. Our present system of law is a byproduct of these covenants.**

The signers of our Declaration of Independence and framers of our Constitution knew their history and continued to propagate and protect Christian faith in America. The First Amendment is just one of many proofs. Yet, modern historical revisionists would contradict the readily available record and say it is not so or ignore the idea altogether. The bodies of the Continental Congress from before the creation of the Declaration of Independence, through the Congress of the Confederation, and on into the Constitutional Convention, bathed their meetings in prayer and scripture reading. Clearly, they understood the wisdom of Almighty God was needed for these history altering decisions. On June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1787, at a difficult time during the drafting of the U.S. Constitution, Benjamin Franklin appealed to the convention and said: "I therefore beg leave to move - that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessing on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business, and that one or more of the clergy of this city be requested to officiate in that service." Upon implementing Franklin's motion, prayer effectively changed the whole demeanor of the Constitutional Convention and blessed us with the foundational document of our Republic. Virtually all of the fifty-five writers and signers of the United States Constitution of 1787 were members of Christian denominations.

Myriad are the quotes recorded by our forefathers, professing a strong Christian faith, made without apology. George Washington, October 9, 1789: "While just government protects all in their religious rights, true religion affords government its surest support." Thomas Jefferson declared that religion is: "Deemed in other countries incompatible with good government and yet proved by our experience to be its best support." In a letter written in 1820, Jefferson said: "I hold the precepts of Jesus as delivered by Himself, to be the most pure, benevolent, and sublime which have ever been preached to man..." John Adams, signer of the Declaration of Independence and second U.S. President, retorted the assertions of Thomas Paine when he wrote in his diary: "The Christian religion is, above all the Religions that ever prevailed or existed in ancient or modern times, the religion of Wisdom, Virtue, Equity, and Humanity..." In a letter to Jefferson, Adams wrote: "I have examined all religions, as well as my own sphere, my straightened means, and my busy life, would allow; and the result is that the Bible is the best Book in the world. It contains more philosophy than all the libraries I have seen." The fiery patriot, Patrick Henry, of "give me liberty or give me death" fame, boldly declared: "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ..."

These are but a few quotes of the thousands available proving the Christian faith of our governing ancestors. They all expressed a freedom of religion without apology and believed Christianity was the foundation for all that was good in America. They intended to protect their faith by prohibiting the establishment of a state sponsored church as had been done all throughout Europe. Thus, the addition of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Again, what was their intent? To protect churches from the intrusion of government and foster Christian faith in Americans. From their own words we see the spirit of the First Amendment as a protection of Christianity - the faith they knew would prosper a nation. Never, in their wildest imagination, did they believe this religious protection would, by letter of the law, extend to a plethora of cults, isms, or Islam.

In the last debate, in an effort to be inclusive, President Bush stated that Muslims should enjoy "freedom of religion" in America. I wonder how our Founding Fathers would reconcile that notion with their own idea of religious freedom. Indeed, protection of false religion was never their purpose. If Muslims followed the teaching of the Koran, free exercise of the religion of Islam would mean either the conversion or destruction of most of the U.S. population. Sura 47 says: *When you encounter the infidels, strike off their heads till you have made a great slaughter among them, and of the rest make fast the fetters. And afterwards let there either be free dismissals or ransoms, till the war has laid down its burdens. Thus do. How do those verses from the Koran compare with: *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind... You shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:37, 39) or ...love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you (Luke 6:27, 28).**

The job of government is to protect its people. Currently, we are involved in a global war on terror, which everyone knows (but is afraid to say) is a war on fundamental Islam. Bombs and bullets will go only so far in mitigating this threat. There are about 200 million Islamic fundamentalists in the world. Globally, one and one-third billion people follow Islam. It is the fastest growing religion on the planet, and, unbelievably, there are more Islamic followers in England today than evangelicals. Church buildings there are now being turned into mosque-based communities. I just read that in some districts hot crossed buns (sweet bread rolls with icing in the shape of a cross) have been banned because the Christian symbol - the Cross - was distressing to Muslims. Today there are more mosques being built in the U.S. than churches, and Michigan contains some of the most radical Muslim populations in America. Some say that by 2025 Islam will become the greatest religion in the country. The threat we face will not be stopped by military intervention, which can only defeat the symptoms of the problem and not the cause. The only weapon that will defeat terrorism is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The other day I watched Alan Combs interview Anne Coulter and talk to her about her new book. Coulter believes the only way to defeat the threat of terror is to replace Islam with Christianity. Combs' question to her then was: "So, you think everyone in the world should be a Christian?" Very directly, and without apology, her answer was: "Yes," to which Combs shook his head in disgust.

Why such disdain for that concept? It is quite obvious that if the Middle East, indeed, all of the globe, were populated by Christians, there would be no world wide terrorism. It is obvious that if Muslims did not persecute Christians within their own territories, as they currently do, peace, prosperity, and God's blessing would come to them as it has to America. Ironic, isn't it, that the prosperity Christianity brought to this land is enjoyed by Muslims who emigrate here for it? Yet, Islam would either supplant or destroy the very faith by which it has been blessed.

True Christianity is spread by love and choice. Islam is spread by the sword and coercion. True Christianity worships Jesus Christ, who was crucified for the sin of the world, and marked out as the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead (Romans 6:4). Islam follows a prophet who died and is still sealed in his grave. True Christianity provides salvation and heaven to those who come to God by faith in Christ. Islam teaches that the quickest way to heaven is through martyrdom, where seventy virgins await these martyrs with the promise of eternal sensual pleasures. Islam has ninety-nine names for God, but not one of them is love. Islam or Christianity - you decide. Likely, you will be forced to somewhere in the near future.

Certainly, this essay is not politically correct and will be considered unkind and unloving by many, even in the church. But I write because I hold the faith of our fathers very dear. I write because only Christ Jesus can bring blessing and peace to this world and eternal life to souls hereafter. I write because the founders of this nation guaranteed freedom of speech and of the Christian religion. I am writing what I believe and do so without apology.

Rev. Todd R. Gould, Evangelical Free Church of Cass City

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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.

Lots 40 and 76, Block 12 of Original Plat of the City of Vassar, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Deeds, Page 143 and Liber 2 of Deeds, Page 93; Tax Roll #051-500-112-4000-00, commonly known as 221 N. Cass Avenue, Vassar, Michigan.

recorded on March 20, 2002 in Liber 870 on Page 960 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Twenty-Four and 67/100 Dollars (\$71,024.67), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

**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.

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.

It is ordered that this order be published once per week for three consecutive weeks in the Legal News, and that a copy of this order further be posted at the subject property prior to the last date of publication, and that mailing of this Order to Defendant be waived.

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 December 2, 2004.

**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Roger Greyerbiehl and Cheri 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.

Dated: October 6, 2004  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
 FC S (248) 593-1304  
 Trott & Trott, P.C.  
 Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation  
 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
 File #018673F02  
**10-6-4**

It is further ordered that Defendant answer Plaintiff's Complaint, or take other action permitted by law or court rule, at the Tuscola County Circuit Court, 440 N. State St., Caro, MI 48723, no later than 28 days from the last date of publication of this order.

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

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.

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Lot 23, Block 3 of Charles Montague Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11A, Tuscola County Records.

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

**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steven W. Blumberg and Tera L. Blumberg, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Sterling Bank & Trust, Mortgagee, dated January 20, 1999 and recorded on January 28, 1999 in Liber 761 on Page 586, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fleet Mortgage Corp., a South Carolina Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated November 1, 1999 and recorded on December 8, 1999 in Liber 789 on Page 1133 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Three and 72/100 Dollars (\$87,693.72), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by GENEVA GRAVES, a single person, and IRA B. DOBY, a single person, Mortgagors, to EASTERN SAVINGS BANK, FSB, 11350 McCormick Road, Ste. 200, Hunt Valley, MD 21031, Mortgagee, dated September 28, 1998 and recorded in the office of the Register and State of Michigan, on December 15, 1998 in Liber 758, Page 576 of 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 FORTY-ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE AND 84/100 (\$41,585.84) DOLLARS, including interest thereon at 12.490% per annum.

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.

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 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.

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 December 2, 2004.

And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Thursday, December 2, 2004 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, the Front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage.

Dated: October 27, 2004

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 12, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, described as: Beginning at a point that is East 1299.81 feet along the South Section line and North 3 degrees 55 minutes 43 seconds West, 1108.58 feet along the East line of said Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the South 1/4 corner of said Section 12; thence continuing North 3 degrees 55 minutes 43 West, 192.00 feet; thence along the North line of said Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, South 89 degrees 25 minutes 32 seconds West, 335.00 feet; thence South 3 degrees 55 minutes 43 seconds East, 192 feet; thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 32 East, 335.00 feet to the point of beginning. Except reserving 50% of all right and title in and to any oil, gas and other minerals as set forth in deed by Corporation recorded in Liber 237 of Deeds, Page 562, and any interest in subsequent instruments pertinent thereto.

Which said premises are described as follows: Land in the Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as:

**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 #038441F01  
**10-27-4**

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.

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Lot 44, Shay Lake Resorts Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Pages 38-39, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: October 6, 2004  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
 FC X (248) 593-1302  
 Trott & Trott, P.C.  
 Attorneys For JP Morgan Chase Bank, As Trustee for the Certificate holders of ABFC 2004-FF1 Trust, ABFC Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-FF1 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
 File #036106F01  
**10-6-4**

Dated: October 27, 2004  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
 FC R (248) 593-1305  
 Trott & Trott, P.C.  
 Attorneys For Washington Mutual Bank, FA f/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc., successor by merger in interest to Fleet Mortgage Corp., a South Carolina Corporation  
 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
 File #035807F01  
**10-27-4**

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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
 54th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR THE COUNTY OF TUSCOLA  
 Case No. 04-22632-CH  
 Honorable Margie White-Cormier

Dated: October 27, 2004  
 ELAINE W. MARDIROSIAN (P33528)  
 Attorney for Mortgagee  
 1373 Balfour  
 Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230  
 (313) 881-0296  
**10-27-5**

**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.

**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.

Kristen Bauer, as Pool Liquidating Agent of the Pool Liquidating Trust, pursuant to Stipulated Order Transferring Title to the Pool Liquidating Trust under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, dated May 14, 2001, entered in re MCA Financial Corp., et al, Case No. 99-42172 et al, United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, Plaintiff.

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bradley W. Smith, a single man, original mortgagor, to Amera Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 29, 2001, and recorded on April 5, 2001 in Liber 827 on Page 832, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated April 3, 2001 and recorded on May 22, 2001 in Liber 832 on Page 879 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Five and 04/100 Dollars (\$65,235.04), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

**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 MacClair 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.

Francis J. McDonald a/k/a Frances J. McDonald f/k/a Francis J. Rosmowski a/k/a Francis J. Rosmowski, an individual, or her unknown heirs, devisees, or assignees, Defendant.  
 Allen J. Dyer (P54857)  
 LEVASSEUR DYER & ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
 Attorneys for Plaintiff  
 P.O. Box 721400  
 Berkeley, MI 48072-0400  
 (248) 586-1200

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on December 2, 2004.

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.

At a session of said Court, held at the Courthouse in the City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan on \_\_\_\_\_

**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Megan M. Hitter and Steven R. Hitter, a married couple, original mortgagors, to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 19, 2002 and

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 December 2, 2004.

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

The Court having considered Plaintiff's Motion for Alternate Service in this action against Defendant to quiet title to real estate situated in the City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan and more specifically described as:

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

Parcel 1. Lot 8 Block 23 of the Plat of the Village (now City) of Vassar, except a strip of land 65 Feet wide off the Northwest side of Lot 8, Block 23, according to the Recorded Plat thereof, as Recorded in Plat Liber 1 of Deeds, Page 143 and Liber 2 of Deeds, Page 93, City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan.

Parcel 2. Lot 9, Block 23 of the Plat of the Village (now City) of Vassar, according to the Plat Recorded in Liber 1 of Deeds, Page 143 and Liber 2 of Deeds, Page 93, 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: October 27, 2004

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 Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation  
 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
 File #0385021F01  
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**MORE THAN 40** teens and adults attended a special presentation by Michigan Author Andrew Kantar, held Saturday morning at Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City. Kantar spoke about his book on the Edmund Fitzgerald entitled, "29 Missing."

## Final sugar payment \$1.53 per ton

The board of directors of Michigan Sugar Company, a non-profit cooperative, recently announced that the final cash payment to its members for the 2003 crop is \$1.53 per ton. In total, the grower-owners earned a base payment of \$36.03 per ton for sugar beets delivered from the 2003 crop. Of that total, \$35.03 was paid in cash, with the balance of the funds being reserved to strengthen the long-term viability of the cooperative. "This is the final payment to Michigan Sugar grower-owners for the outstanding record-breaking 2003 crop," commented Mark Flegenheimer, president and CEO of Michigan Sugar Company. The growers harvested 127,651 acres and produced just under 2.6 million tons of sugarbeets and the cooperative produced over 680 million pounds of pure, natural sugar. Also, the last payment to Monitor growers was finalized at \$3.35 per ton. This amount represents the contractual commitment between the former Monitor Sugar Company and its growers. This amount was previously set aside by Monitor's parent company, Illovo, prior to the sale of the company. The total payment under the Monitor contract was \$38.15 for the 1.14 million tons delivered by the Monitor growers from the 2003 crop. Both payments to Michigan Sugar and Monitor Sugar growers were sent to them Monday, Oct. 25. "There is a difference between the 2 payments," said Thomas Zimmer, chairman of Michigan Sugar Company. "It is important to note, however, that the fixed, contractual split between an independent company and its growers is no longer economically viable in today's marketplace. In fact, that is why both Michigan Sugar and Monitor Sugar were sold to their growers. In the future, as a single co-op, members will have a better chance for a higher return because of the savings of combining two separate companies into one operation." All growers previously received payments in December 2003, April 2004 and August 2004. The 4 payments provide cash flow for growers throughout the year and are a boost to local economies.

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# Lutheran delegation reports

Sunday the senior youth of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City, reported their experiences at a week-long gathering in Orlando, Fla. That attracted some 35,000 participants.

The event is held every 3 years and this year's observance was titled "Beyond Imagination."

The 10 students that attended from the Cass City church worked to pay the cost of attending for them and 2 adults. The cost was considerable, the week cost a total of about \$11,000 and the youth attending raised about \$6,000, the remainder came from contributions from members of the congregation.

The youth presented a power-point created slide review of the week's activity, including highlights of the varied program. It was an activity-filled week, the youth agreed, starting at 7 a.m. and often lasting until midnight.

There were mass events, Bible studies, guest speakers, concerts, dances and several other events.

The delegation left Friday, July 23, at 4 a.m. and returned Thursday, July 29, at 10:30 p.m.



**REPORTING SUNDAY** to the congregation of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church were delegates and sponsors of a youth meeting that attracted 35,000 participants to Orlando Fla. Front row, from left: Jennifer Hacker, Stephanie Jamieson, Chelsea McCallum. Second row: adult leaders Roselyn Martin and Jane Phillips, Kevin Phillips, Nick Sattelberg. Third row: Paul Longuski, Stacy McCallum, adult leader Beth McCallum. Back row: Andrew Martin, Kyle Swanson. Missing is Zak Sutter.

# Red ink forecast at school

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enjoyed singing by the choir and a lunch. There were a total of 49 people attending and our feedback has been very positive, Hartel told the board.

The firm of Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran was granted a 3-year contract for auditing the school's books. The cost last year was \$7,600 and the new contract calls for a \$200 increase per year for each of the 3 years.

# Fees may increase

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arsenic levels to less than 2.5 parts per billion, according to Sheridan.

The pilot test and future construction of a water treatment system stem from an Environmental Protection Agency decision to reduce the acceptable level of arsenic in public drinking water supplies from 50 parts per billion to 10 parts per billion effective in January 2006.

Sheridan said the village's next step will be to pursue funding for what he estimated will be a \$1.1 million treatment facility.

"In order to obtain federal backed bonds, we need to submit a request to either the Drinking Water Revolving Fund or to the Rural Development Agency of USDA," he said.

"There are a number of steps we must go through to prepare our application for funding. We have done the pilot test and hopefully it will meet MDFQ's approval. From that data, the engineering firm can begin to draft plans and specifications."

Also Monday, the council learned the Lions Club is planning to re-roof the Lions Pavilion and install tile in the bathroom, and has requested that the village pay for materials; and the Girls Little League has received a matching grant from the Pinney Foundation for the construction of a small concession stand and bathrooms at diamond number 7.

"They are working on the plans now and hope to begin actual construction in April," Sheridan said.

# Cass City School District

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE BUDGET  
2004-2005 Proposed Revised Budget

	Actual 2003/04	Adopted 06/28/04 2004/05	10/25/04 Proposed Revised 2004/05
Elementary Instruction	1,404,093	1,438,234	1,470,002
Middle Instruction	1,447,228	1,433,553	1,431,342
High School Instruction	1,278,831	1,270,224	1,241,590
Special Education	558,700	530,565	548,226
Chapter I. II. Prof. Dev.	674,783	524,263	666,166
Art. 3, Gifted, CSR & At Risk			
Vocational Education	74,021	66,284	67,847
Employee Benefits (Instructional)	1,865,247	2,066,074	1,992,175
Guidance	134,965	157,836	156,836
Health	30,876	32,291	32,086
Social Worker	36,728	37,972	37,972
Crossing Guard	9,861	11,350	12,100
Library & AV	227,375	235,431	239,960
Audio-Visual	6,874	7,000	-0-
Computer Tech./Clubhouse	225,779	93,247	93,247
General Administration	14,167	15,540	15,540
Executive Administration	193,592	195,906	195,096
School Administration	441,733	-65,193	-60,018
Fiscal Services	18,806	24,800	25,900
School Plant Planning	-0-	-0-	-0-
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	904,216	843,595	810,655
Pupil Transportation	367,574	390,167	375,132
Fixed Charges	46,996	46,100	59,116
Athletics & Cafeteria	177,185	193,129	185,000
Employee Benefits (Supporting Services)	741,389	808,481	825,617
Community Services (Includes Early Childhood)	91,617	101,200	71,615
Employee Benefits (Community Services)	31,527	32,082	30,917
Capital Outlay	157,787	197,879	161,200
Transfer from Other Districts (LAP Grant)	50,655	-0-	-0-
GASB Capital Outlay	-0-	53,586	53,586
ACE	-0-	-0-	84,497
Transition	-0-	-0-	58,792
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,212,605</b>	<b>11,371,982</b>	<b>11,392,130</b>

GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET  
2004 - 2005 Proposed Revised Budget

	Actual 2003/04	Adopted 06/28/04 2004/05	10/25/04 Proposed Revised 2004/05
Revenue-Local Sources	712,244	821,252	828,597
Revenue-State Sources	9,902,143	9,849,455	9,815,118
Revenue-Federal Sources	444,580	407,579	439,159
Other Financing Sources	169,888	44,473	61,292
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>11,228,855</b>	<b>11,122,759</b>	<b>11,144,166</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>11,212,605</b>	<b>11,371,982</b>	<b>11,392,130</b>
	16,250	(249,223)	(247,964)
Adjustment to Fund Balance			
Fund Balance - July 1	1,609,973	1,455,422	1,626,223
<b>Fund Balance - June 30</b>	<b>1,626,223</b>	<b>1,206,199</b>	<b>1,378,259</b>

# Home repair funding available from HDC

To make this year's repairs a little easier to handle, the Human Development Commission (HDC) is accepting applications for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

The CDBG program is designed to provide qualified residents with home repairs, which will enhance energy

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Eligible applicants may re-

ceive a deferred loan with 0% interest, and best of all, 0 payments.

In order to be eligible, applicants must reside in Tuscola County, in a single-family home that is owner-occupied and meet income guidelines. All property taxes, insurance and mortgage must be up-to-date.

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In many communities, waste haulers do not allow customers to dispose of HHW in their trash. Even where disposal options exist, residents are often unaware of them. HHW collection programs provide both safe disposal options and information about what is hazardous, why, and how to avoid needing to dispose of these materials in the first place.

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# Hunter, Milligan square off

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Agricultural Leadership Program. He is currently vice chairman of the Tuscola County Planning Commission, serves on the Tuscola County Farm Bureau Board, and is active with the Cass City Rotary Club.

The Chronicle's editorial staff asked both of the candidates to submit responses to the following questions:

1) What prompted you to run for the office of county commissioner, and what experience/background do you possess that would enable you to make a valuable contribution to county government?

2) What are your greatest concerns regarding county finances, which have been hit hard by significant cuts in state revenue sharing, skyrocketing health insurance premiums and other costs, and falling revenues?

3) If elected commissioner, what other issues would be among your priorities in office?

The following are their responses:

**HUNTER**

1. I have had a long-standing interest in local government and have been actively involved through my membership on various boards/commissions over the past decade. I currently serve as the chairman of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission and am the immediate past chairman of the Tuscola County Planning Commission. I previously served as the chairman of the Thumb Area Regional Substance Abuse Council that served 5 counties.

My experience as an elected leader by my peers has provided me a wealth of information regarding the needs of Tuscola County residents.

I have regularly attended the Tuscola County Board of Commissioner meetings over the past 2 1/2 years and have a good working understanding of the operations of Tuscola County government. On occasion I have offered input during the public comment portion of the meeting and the board has begun to implement some of the suggestions I have provided to them to improve county government. I have also attended some of the committee meetings of the Board of Commissioners.

I am a graduate of Akron-Fairgrove Community Schools, Delta College, Saginaw Valley State University, and the University of Michigan where I completed specific coursework in public administration. I have been employed at the Caro Center (formerly Caro Regional Mental Health Center) for the past 27 years and was the director of the Community Services department, which had a multi-million dollar budget I was directly responsible to administrate.

2. Economic forecasts for Michigan suggest that we cannot expect our revenues in county government to increase anytime soon and that we may need to be prepared for further cuts in revenue sources. Given this information, I believe that continuing to review what services Tuscola County government should provide will need to be at the top of the priority list.

Some services are mandated to be provided by the county, but other services the county provides or has provided are services that the taxpayers expect county government to provide such as M.S.U. Extension and animal control.

I believe a balance has to be struck between providing mandated services and providing non-mandated services that the taxpayers still want to have available. This may mean that the county has to look at changing the way it provides both mandated services and non-mandated services to accomplish the goal of delivering a variety of services to the citizens. Cooperation between the various offices/departments providing the services will be needed to provide all of the services taxpayers expect of Tuscola County government.

Long term, as the economic picture brightens, I would like to see the re-instatement of discontinued services at the M.S.U. Extension office so that the agricultural community can be fully supported as agriculture provides a large portion of our economic activity in the county. I would also like to work toward restructuring and restoring the full services of the Animal Control Shelter.

3. At this time the immediate priority I would focus on would be keeping the budget of Tuscola County balanced while continuing to provide the existing services to the taxpayers.

I would like to see county government do more planning and projecting of the future service needs of Tuscola County taxpayers versus being reactive to situations as they occur. Obtaining input from the taxpayers in this planning effort would be necessary as well.

**MILLIGAN**

1. I am running to represent

all the people in District I, with common sense and experienced leadership. I can use my experience as Elkland Township Supervisor to promote cooperation between county and local units of government. I understand the importance of agriculture and business in Tuscola County. The management skills gained from operating Milligan Farms will help me to provide sound business decisions to manage Tuscola County.

2. The State of Michigan reducing and delaying pay-

ments to the counties is the biggest concern regarding county finances. I am concerned that cuts will be necessary to balance the county budget, resulting in reduced services to county residents.

3. My first priority will be finding the most efficient ways to provide services with the available resources. Police and emergency services are important to protect life and property. We also need to continue support of the Tuscola County EDC efforts to attract new business and industry to Tuscola County.

## Lich faces McLane Tuesday

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3) If elected commissioner, what other issues would be among your priorities?

The following are their responses:

**LICH**

1) When I was a youngster growing up in Unionville, my father served on the village council there for one or 2 terms and that is when I became interested in politics.

When I moved to Caro as a young man, I met and worked for the late Ben Collon. He decided to run for the office of county commissioner and asked me if I would help him. I watched, listened and learned from Ben the importance of doing what you felt was right for other people around you and my desire to serve the people of Tuscola County was made at that time.

During the last 30 to 40 years I have assisted political leaders both in Tuscola County and the state of Michigan. The attributes that Ben Collon and others have passed on to me, prompted me to campaign for the office of county commissioner.

2) I do not want to see our great Tuscola County end up in receivership like the city of Flint did. I believe that we as electors should allow the elected officials to be accountable for their various departments and not for the county commissioners with assistance from the controller to micro manage.

As a county commissioner we are to oversee the operations of county government, not to micro manage through appointed positions.

Several years ago, the state of Michigan had a surplus of funds available and Tuscola County and every other entity in the state, started to receive revenue sharing funds. All of these entities began to rely on these funds, never thinking that they would ever be reduced or cut, now each entity is finding they are having financial problems.

The rising cost of health care benefits is hurting Tuscola County just like everyone else. Maybe be the county should form its own health care system and profit

from it like the current health care providers are doing.

No one likes the word taxes, but if the residents would like to continue all of the current services that the county provides, and we cannot get a Headlee override, the county may have to ask for a tax. I wish that we could come up with a fair tax that would affect everyone and not just those who own property.

As a candidate for the office of county commissioner I have several ideas, but as a junior commissioner for Tuscola County I feel that some may not want to listen to my ideas, but maybe, just maybe they will listen to the ideas of the public who have elected us.

3) Outsourcing is a big concern of mine. Our current board outsourced the building codes authority when that department was 90 per-

cent self-sufficient. They could have downsized the animal control, but choose to close it entirely and it is now costing the county more for animal control.

The road commission board, same problems that were there 40 years ago and the current county commissioners have failed to see or act on these problems.

Some want to build a new courthouse. Excuse me, is this necessary? I personally do not believe so; space for some of the employees at the courthouse is needed but we can achieve the needed space by other means.

The sheriff's department, a few years ago the county was making money by housing inmates from other counties, now we are paying to house inmates and have had several overcrowding problems. Let us work with Sheriff Kern, and I know this prob-

lem can be corrected.

The court system, this is mind boggling to me, I would like to see the county commissioners start working

**McLANE**

1. I am running for office to serve people of Tuscola County. I have over 30 years experience in management, including plant manager in the auto industry. I have also served 12 years as county commissioner and have balanced the budget every year.

2. Is to work with the state to find new ways to fund government.

3. To continue to balance the budget without affecting services to the public. Continue to inform the seniors of programs and services that will benefit them. Continue to work for grant monies for the community to help people.

## Campbell Elementary Honor Roll

Campbell Elementary School announces the 1st marking period honor roll.

**Grade 4**

Shelby Abell\*, Shannon Bardwell, Michael Barnes, Theron Bogart, Zach Deitering, Austin Dunnuck, Meri Dzielinski, Whitnee Fish, Mikayla Fisher, Sam Fisher, Brandon Green, Zachary Grifka, Brittany Guilfoil, Stephanie

Heckroth, Patrick Horne, Cole Israelson, Andy Kaake, Matthew Kile, Larissa King\*, Jacob Kittle, Erica Kolacz\*, Charnelle Kucharczyk, Ryan Larson\*, Madie Lively\*, Stacey McArthur, Rianna McConnell\*, Amanda McCormick, Nicholas McCoy, Shelby McLachlan, Nicholas McNeil, Katie Michalski, Brian Mohr, Kayla Montreuil, Wes Mor-

ris\*, Cody Orban, Adrianna Pena, Lauren Perry, Karley Peters, Mishelle Powell, Briana Prill, Jake Quinn, Jacob Redmond, Brenden Ricker, Kendra Rogers, Kelby Rowell, Lukas Schenk\*, Amy Sweeney, Paul Verhines, Tori Walsh, Alex Warju, Sydney Winchester, Ryan Wood and Ian Woodward.

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We realized then, as now, that our country needs skilled trades people. Our Industrial Education curriculum assists with the development of preparing students for careers in related fields. Currently, approximately 20% of our high school students are enrolled in the following courses:

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- Advanced Woods-----39 students enrolled
- Carpentry Class-----17 students enrolled

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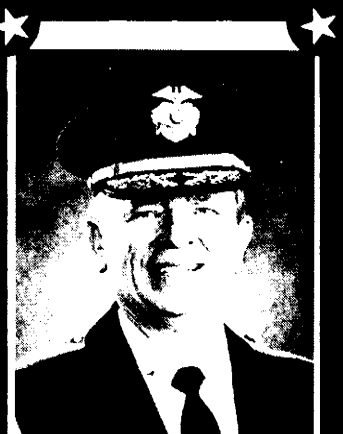
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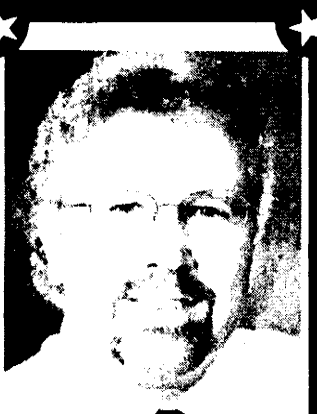
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# Cass City Honor Roll

Cass City High School announces the 1st marking period honor roll.

#### Grade 9

All A's: Meleah Auten, Evan Bushong, Ethan Damm, Andrew Deering, Danielle Delamarter, Stephanie Healy, Trey Helwig, Adam Kranz, Thomas Parrish and Megan Woodruff.

B or better: Rodney Abasso, David Acker, Isaiah Battel, Lauren Bennett, Jessica Bessler, Christopher Binder, Kendra Bitzer, Ryan Brown, Samantha Currier, Erica Darr, Anna Deel, Ashley Deel, Rebecca Doerr, Madeline Dooley, Robert Erla, Chantal Field, Kevin Goniwicha, Scarlett Helland, Zachary Hopper, Lauren Hudson, Ashley Hutchinson, Devin Jamieson, Danielle Johnson, Brittany Karavas, Kristie Karr, Mark Koepf, Tianna McDaniel, Shane McFarland, Jamie Monas, Lacey Morrish, Alyssa Nicol, Alicia Osentoski, Stephanie Regnerus, Caitlyn Rickett, Bria Romstad, Joseph Rule, Brandy Rychlewski, Amanda Shimmel, Nicholas Smith, Jeffrey Sparks, Ashlee Spenser, Marissa Summersett, Derek Weidman, Christopher Zawilinski and Jennifer Zmierski.

#### Grade 10

All A's: Ryan Biddinger, Dennis Bowen, Alyssa Cryderman, Jeremiah Fritz, Courtney Hacker, Jennifer Hacker, Jennifer Hadd, Lysa Knight, Andrew Martin, Laura McComas, Brandon Miller, Lindsey Montgomery, Courtney Rabideau, Kyle Reif, Allyn Richards, Eric Romain, Nicholas Sattelberg, Bradley Severance, Philip Strong, Kyle Swanson and Leah Whittaker.

B or better: Rebecca Bennett, John Brown, Michael Colton II, Kristen Curtiss, Terra Czekai, Chelsa DeLuyck, Jill Dillon, James Froede, Derek Halasz, Kurt Hanby, Allison Hillaker, Joseph Homrocky, Lauren Howard, Stephanie Jamieson, Andrew Jones.

#### Grade 11

Ryan King, Meredith Kim, Whitney Kim, Kathryn Klco, Galen Kuebli, Andrew LaFave, Jessica Lange, Anthony Langlois, Cameron Lautner, Chelsea McCallum, Sara Meeker, Thomas Middlestat, Lief Parr, Bryan Periso, Andrew Peruski, Jessica Pratt, Ashleigh Rabideau, Danielle Reed, Derek Ricker, Ryan Ross, Emily Schinnerer, Kyle Sieradzki, Beth Spencer, Kari Spencer, Preston Stec, Brent Stine, Frankie Stinson III, Derek Suro, Rebecca Sweeney, Eric Thick, Brent Weaver, Adam Wentworth, Tyler Whittaker and Samantha Wright.

All A's: Donna Bushong, Bradley Langenburg, Katie McIntosh, Steven Meeker, Philip Nahernak, Tara Powell, Chad Sparks, Lindsey Speirs and Shaun Thornton.

B or better: Caitlin Barnes, Monica Cronk, Libby Doerr, Andrea Erla, Jerica Fenningsdorf, Ross Forrest, Justin Glaza, Ashley Hendrick, Aimce Hennessey, Nicole Heronemus, Ivy Hiatt, Matthew Koepf, Sarah Langmaid, Dean Little, Derrick Mallory, Nicholas Nanney, Stephanie Pizzola, Ivan Peruski, Tarah Pomeroy, Del Potrykus, Klyn Puterbaugh, Rebecca Putnam, Valerie Scasny, Jarod Stoutenburg, Jeffrey Stoutenburg, Mark Taylor, Kalen Trischler and Jeffrey Wills.


#### Grade 12

All A's: Ashley Barrigar, Tasha Bryant, Adam Czekai, Allison Ellis, Chad Francis, Samantha Glaspie, Marcel Helland, Carrie Hillaker, Krista Homakie, Lee


Hutchinson, Luann Laming, Bethany Langlois, Nicole McComas, Joseph McCoy, Jesse Rader, Stephanie Richards, Andrew Schinnerer, Leah Sherman, Jason Speirs, Jessie Tuckey, Jake Wilder and Michael Zmierski II.

B or better: Holly Angle, Raechel Babich, Chaney

Balk, Wesley Becker, Jessica Bellew, Corey Brooks, Aaron Bulla, Jessica Chappel, Jerry Crandall, Brenden Curtis, Daryl Douglas, Jason Haight, Caleb Hanby, Gail Hartwick, Michael Havens, Bryan Hill, Paul Hoelzle, Jenna Hoffman, Jessup Hoyt, Chad Keiser, Rose Krug, Sean McFarland, James McKnight, Timothy Mills, Kayla Morrish, Justin Owen, Douglas Parker, Brandon Pine, Jamie Pratt, Delores Rabideau, Patrick Reed, Alysha Rutkowski, Tara Sherman, Sara Silipo, Kristina Spaulding, Kenneth Spencer, Angela Stoeckle, Nicholas Stoutenburg, Jeffery Tenbusch, Aime Warack, Andrew Whittaker and Tara Whittaker.



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"Voters need information that is accurate and accessible," Land said. "We're offering it in a single, comprehensive source designed for your convenience. It's just one more way that we're using technology to better serve our customers."

The state's official Voter Information Center is a joint project between the Department of State and Publius.org. Now entering its third year, the Voter Information Center offers Michigan residents unprecedented access to election details. State office information is available for all counties. Local information is also available for the most populous counties.

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**POLKA FEST BENEFIT**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup>**  
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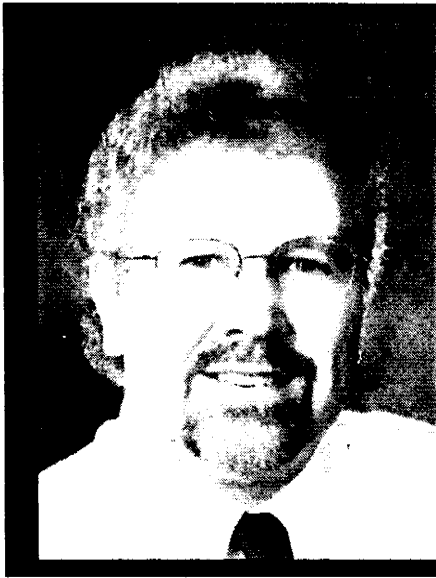
Tickets: \$10.00  
Tickets can be purchased by calling 1-800-635-7490, ext. 4134

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In Marlette: Huntoon Lumber or United Hospice Office

Bring your craziest hat and enter contest to win a prize!

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for  
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## Household Sales

PARTIAL ESTATE SALE - Northwood Lake Condominiums, 4870 Misty Hill Dr., Cass City. Friday, Oct. 29, 9-6 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 30, 9-3 p.m. Saturday 1/2 price. Sofa, table & chairs, end tables, small dressers, televisions, miscellaneous furniture and glassware and household items. 14-10-27-1

GARAGE SALE - 1 Day Only!!! Thursday, Oct. 28, 8-6 p.m. Furniture including twin beds and queen headboard, antiques, crafts, some clothes, large doll house, Super Nintendo and miscellaneous. 4280 S. Seeger. 14-10-27-1

GARAGE SALE - Saturday, Oct. 30, 8-4 p.m. 1997 Darbee Rd. (corner of Darbee and Colwood roads). 14-10-27-1

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**ATTENTION: Snow Birds**  
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Only \$5,900  
May Rent  
Call  
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## Real Estate For Rent

FOR RENT - K of C Hall, 6106 Beechwood Drive. Parties, dinners, meeting. Call Rick Kerkau, 872-4877. 4-2-3-1f

WE ARE NOW TAKING applications for 1-, 2-bedroom and studio apartments at Northwood Heights Apartments in Cass City. Rent is based on income. For rental information, call 989-872-2369 or Crest Property Management at 989-652-9281. Some units barrier free. TTY for hearing or speech impaired, 1-800-649-3777. Equal Housing Opportunity. 4-8-4-1f

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## Real Estate For Rent

VFW HALL available for rental occasions. Call 872-4933. 4-4-1-1f

## Notices

LOST - 1-YEAR-OLD female cat on Hoadley Rd. Dark tiger striped. Reward. Please call 989-670-3145. 5-10-27-2


**HARVEST FEST**  
October 30, 5:30-7 p.m.  
Fun, Games, Food  
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All families with kids in 6th Grade & below welcome! Costumes are encouraged, just avoid the gross & scary  
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novesta@avci.net  
3.25 miles south of the light in Cass City  
5-10-27-1

**TURKEY DINNER**  
Saturday, Nov. 6  
4:00-7:30 p.m.  
Turkey, Ham, Stuffing,  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,  
Squash, Salads,  
Homemade Rolls - Pies  
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Proceeds to send children to Bay Shore Camp  
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All you can eat - Public Welcome  
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Tyler Lodge 317, Cass City  
Take-outs Available  
5-10-20-1f

## Notices

**Hello Mom!**  
I'm in the Chronicle



**Josie Clara Alexander**  
June 11, 2004  
Parents:  
Johnny & Carla Alexander  
Paternal Grandparents:  
Tom & Jackie DiMambro, & John & Linda Alexander  
Paternal Great Grandparents:  
Edward & Josephine DiMambro, Erva Alexander, & Doug Bennett  
Maternal Grandparents:  
Patsy Bulla & Bill Chippi  
Maternal Great Grandparents:  
John & Clara Bulla  
4-10-27-1

NO SMOKING BINGO - Every Sunday at new Knights of Columbus Hall, 6106 Beechwood Dr., Cass City. Doors open 5:00 p.m., games start at 5:30. Phone 872-8892. Knights of Columbus Council No. 8892. 5-9-30-1f

**Harvest Night**  
October 30, 2004  
Fun, Games, Prizes  
6-8:30 p.m.  
**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
Sponsored by: Senior Youth  
5-10-13-3

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3rd Friday of each month  
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8-3-15-1f

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for  
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**RE-ELECT MCLAREN**  
**November 2, 2004**

**Is the Register of Deeds following the law?**  
Absolutely.  
The following are allegations made by my opponent ... followed by the truth.  
**Refused to provide copies?**  
According to law, the "original" documents may only be handled by office staff to ensure their protection but the Register of Deeds has never refused to provide a copy of any recorded document to any person or business.  
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**THE TRUTH?**  
The truth is my opponent is making up lies! My opponent was the general manager of a private company while it sued Tuscola County and the Register of Deeds office for 14 years demanding "free" services at taxpayers expense. Who stands to gain if she is elected? Special interests? Private for-profit companies? My opponent had an opportunity to openly debate these issues with me in a public forum on October 11 in Caro, but she didn't show up! The truth is, my opponent is making up lies. Is it easier to print lies, than to appear in person and debate the truth? How is it she can collect a paycheck from the County, yet consider herself "retired" on her campaign statement? How is it she can take an oath of office for the County, yet deliberately make up lie after lie about a county office? **Each and every statement I have made is part of the public record**, including court records, and I will be more than happy to answer your questions and share this information with you.  
**I ask for your vote and support on November 2, 2004 to Re-Elect Ginny McLaren, Register of Deeds and I will continue to serve with the honesty, integrity, commitment and trust you deserve from your county officials.**  
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<p><b>Cass City</b> 165'x366.6' vacant lot on Hunt St. City water and sewer at street. Close to schools. Nice building site. TL350</p>	<p><b>LISTINGS WANTED</b> All Types We have buyers waiting</p>	<p><b>100'x150' Lakefront Lot</b> - Port Hope, Lakeview Drive. Beautiful view of the lake and lighthouse. Newer homes/cottages in the area. WAF209. \$60,000</p>
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<p><b>New Listing MUST See Inside!</b> The only thing left to do is move in. There are 4 beautiful bedrooms, 2 full baths, formal dining, den/LR. Eat-in kitchen, great room with wood burning F/P, 1st floor laundry. Full basement, 2++ att. garage, the best deck built, 2 other outbuildings. I could go on, but would rather show you this gem. Call to see CC-529.</p>	<p><b>New Price - Reduced \$10,000 - Pigeon</b> - Custom ranch style home built in '99. Many great perks this home has to offer. Cozy &amp; comfortable, 3 BRs on main floor &amp; total of 3 baths. Basement is all finished w/BR, office, LR and more. All decking is maintenance free, sprinkler system, AC &amp; heated garage to mention a few. Call for a personal showing today. EPB-138</p>
<p><b>Room to Breathe...</b> Spacious 3 BR, 2 bath, one story home on 4.65 acres. Sets back off the road. Offers an open kitchen/dining area. Large LR &amp; family room with a ceramic wood burner for a homey feel on those cool evenings. Tastefully decorated. Just pack your boxes. Call for a personal showing today! CC-525</p>	<p><b>Country Charm - City Living.</b> Offering 3 spacious bedrooms, 1st floor utility, formal dining room. Nice newer windows and vinyl siding. Great 1.5 det. garage. Close to schools and town. Call Marty to see when you can move into this CCT-330</p>
<p><b>Seller Says SELL!</b> This is a charming 1,100 sq. ft. home that has gone thru a facelift inside and out. Kitchen cupboards, bathroom, carpet, Pergo floor, roof and furnace. Please call Marty and ask to see CCT-328 and get a tour for the money.</p>	<p><b>Comfortable 3 Bedroom Home in Village of Cass City</b> - Close to schools and park. Many updates include, furnace, CA, hot water heater, bath is redone, garage roof is 2 yrs. old and home is 8 yrs. Some carpet is new and plumbing. Full basement and 1.5 car garage. Call for a personal showing today! CCT-326</p>

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## Calendar of Events

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

### Thursday, October 28

Seniors' Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.  
 Toddler Story Time, 10 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library.  
 Please register in advance, 872-2856.  
 AAUW Halloween Carnival and Middle School Spook House, 5-7 p.m., Cass City Middle School. Ages 3-12. Games, food, prizes! Game tickets are 3 for 50 cents, spook house is 50 cents. For further information, call Linda Derfny at (989) 872-2069.  
 Senior Citizen Bingo Party, 1-4 p.m., Cass City VFW Post #3644, 4533 Veterans Dr. Prizes and refreshments. Sponsored by the 3644 Ladies Auxiliary.  
 Weight Support Group "HOPE" Help Our Pounds Evaporate meeting, weigh-in from 5 to 5:30 p.m., Detroit Edison Building, Doerr Rd. Everyone is welcome. For additional information, please call 872-4277 or 665-2251.

### Friday, October 29

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.  
 Northern Lights Dance Club, 8 p.m., Uby Heights. Variety of dancing and music. Everyone is welcome!

### Saturday, October 30

Polka Fest Benefit, 6-9 p.m., Thumb Memorial DAV, 400 Green Acres, Sandusky. Music by Denny Ewald and his "Music Makers". Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. For additional information, call 800-635-7490 (ext. 4134).

### Monday, November 1

Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, November 2

Aftercare Program for Grief Counseling, 6:30 p.m., VFW Annex Building, 4530 Veterans Dr., Cass City. Everyone is invited to attend. Sponsored by Thabet Funeral Home, Inc.

# Still time to request absentee voter ballots

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land reminds eligible residents that there is still time to request an absentee voter ballot for the Tuesday Nov. 2 election.

"Absentee ballots are a convenient way to vote for residents unable to attend the

polls," Land said. "There's still time for eligible residents to apply. Local clerks are a valuable resource. The state also has excellent resources to help residents understand the process. Your vote is important. Make sure your voice is heard on Nov. 2."

Residents can request an absentee voter ballot by visiting their city or township clerk's office through 4 p.m., Monday, Nov. 1.

To request that an absentee ballot be mailed to their home, residents have until 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 30 to submit a written request to their city or township clerk. Upon receiving a mailed ballot, voters must complete and return it to the clerk's office by 8 p.m. on election day.

Absentee ballot applications are available online at [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote).

Registered voters can obtain absentee ballots if they are: age 60 or older, unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another person, expecting to be out of town on election day, in jail awaiting arraignment or trial,

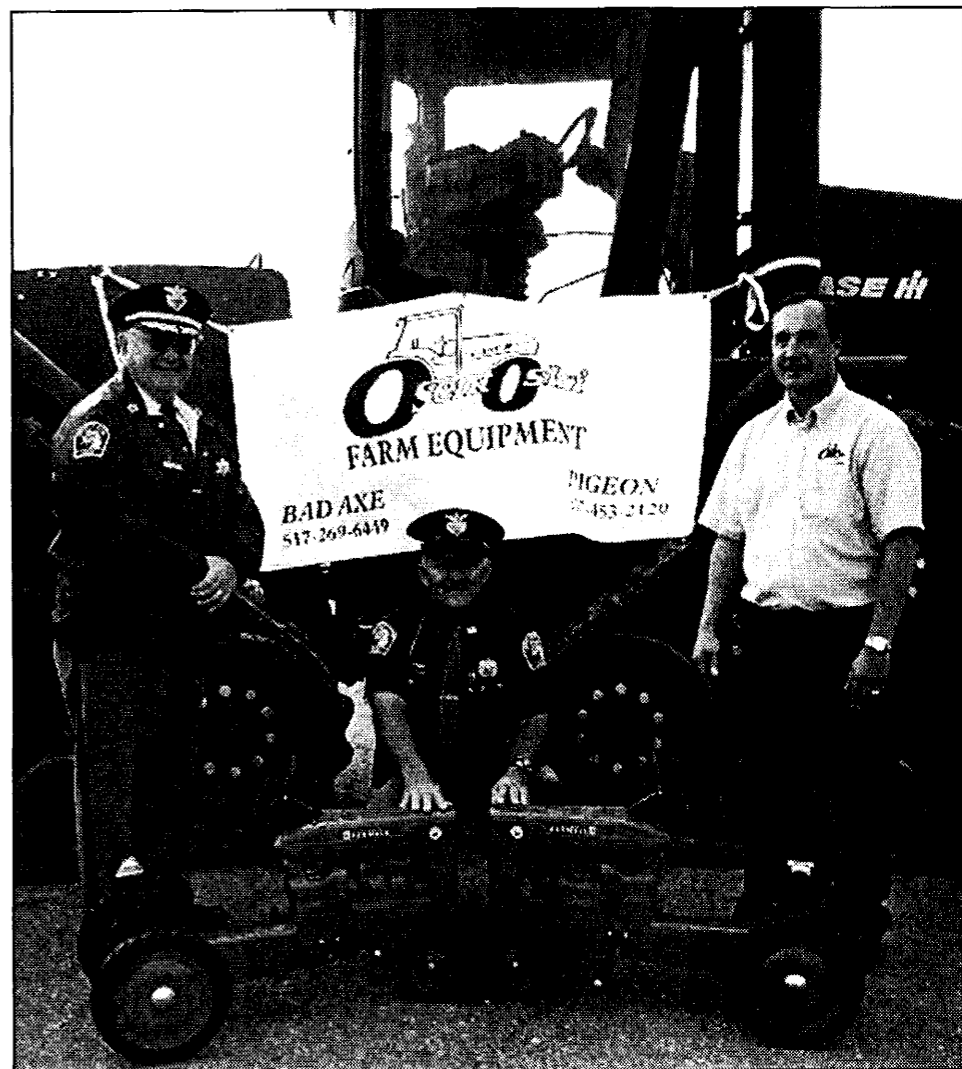
unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons, or appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of their precinct of residence.

It is important to note that residents who have registered to vote by mail or via a voter registration drive and have never voted in Michigan are not eligible to vote by absentee ballot in their first election. They must vote in person at their precinct. This restriction does not apply to overseas voters, voters who are handicapped or voters who are 60 or older.

The voter's signature on the absentee ballot return envelope must match the signature on file. If a voter receives assistance in preparing the ballot, the signature of the person providing the help must also be on the return envelope.

Signed absentee ballots can only be returned to a clerk's office by the voter, a family member or person residing in the voter's household, a mail carrier or election official.

Emergency absentee ballots are available as well. Requests must be submitted after the Oct. 30 deadline but before 4 p.m. on election day.



HURON COUNTY Sheriff Kent D. Tibbits (from left), Deputy Thomas L. Morneau, who serves as director of safety education, and Tim Osentoski are pictured above with the new pedal tractors recently donated to the Huron County Sheriff's Department's Safetyville program. One of the tractors was donated by Osentoski Equipment Inc., and the other by Huron County Farm Bureau, Finan and Schmidt Agency and Schillinger Insurance Agency.

## Installation ceremony on tap Oct. 30

An installation ceremony for Kedron Chapter #33 O.E.S. will be held Oct. 30, at 7 p.m. at the Cass City Chapter Room, 4261 Maple St., at the corner of Garfield.

All officers are to wear colored formals.

The Nov. 2 meeting of Kedron Chapter #33 will be held also at the Cass City Chapter Room, at 1 p.m., with lunch served at noon.

School of Instruction will be held Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. at the Sandusky Chapter Room.

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