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Thumb Farm Bureaus help collect 17 tons of food

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Peterson: sale of Owen-Gage school building in Gagetown "won't happen"

Owen-Gage school board. In addition to their duties in finding a new superintendent for the Owendale school, the board will add to their "to do" list locating buyers for the former Gagetown Elementary School building.

Supt. Bob Peterson informed the board that the sale of the 19,000-square foot structure, at an agreed asking price of \$95,000, has

"Won't happen," said Peterson of the deal struck recently with a Gagetown couple. "(The buyers) can't come up with the financing. Its not 100% dead, but there is not much hope.

Peterson stated that there is more than just the price of the building to be considered. Improvements and renovations will be needed and that requires capital.

Turning to the superintendent search, the board has hired former superintendent Don Gleeson to head the administrative search at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.

board with a search calendar draft and a criteria survey.

Gleeson's timetable suggestions include official announcement of the vacancy at the board's regular January meeting. Gleeson then plans to post the position with college placement bureaus, send advertisements to educational journals and distribute a district brochure to all school districts in the state.

Gleeson feels final contract

Gleeson presented the negotiations and a motion to hire the selected superintendent should be completed by late May.

> To assist in the selection, Gleeson handed the board a criteria survey. The survey seeks input as to the most important attributes for a new superintendent. Gleeson hopes to receive responses from school staff members, township officials, business leaders and students.

> "I'll assist you in every step of the process," promised Gleeson, who feels the base salary of the position should pay between \$75,000 and \$80,000 annually.



CASS CITY ROTARY Club members, including (from left) Gerald Prieskorn, Ben Varney and Colleen Langenburg, gathered at Curtis Chrysler in Cass City Saturday morning to sort the first batch of toys collected for the club's Christmas for Kids program. Rotary members expect to serve 130 families this year.

Council okays budget

The Cass City Village Council Monday approved a lean 2005 general fund spending plan totaling \$1.25

The budget is down by about \$16,200, or 1.3 percent, compared to 2004 spending. General Fund revenues are set for \$1.258 million, a decrease of \$1,191

from the current fiscal year. Total village spending in 2005 is projected at \$2.84 million, including some \$370,000 in capital improvements ranging from the purchase of communications equipment for the police department to a replacement dump truck to several street

repaving projects. Aside from the general fund, the village's budget includes a major street fund (\$133,300), local street fund (\$380,843), downtown development fund (\$31,000), wastewater treatment fund (\$551,076), water fund (\$265,440) and motor vehicle/equipment fund

Village Manager Frank Sheridan is estimating a slight increase (1.3 percent) in the real property values in the village for 2005, and a reduction in personal property values, for a net estimated increase of less than one percent in overall taxable value.

The 2005 millage rate is estimated at 18.1387 mills. compared to 18.2746 this year. If those numbers hold true, the owner of a house with a market value of \$80,000 would pay \$5.43 less in village property taxes next year.

Also figured into the spending plan are wage increases, with all full-time employees slated to receive an acrossthe-board hike of 2.7 percent. The workers' fringe benefit package will remain the same. Most part-time employees will receive no pay increase, with the exception of police officers, part-time DPW crew members and a custodian and secretary at the

municipal building. Although anticipated spending is down, Sheridan says the village's street funds are healthy. "We are building a fund balance for anticipated street and storm drain work," he told the council last month. "We will continue to perform the tasks involved with street maintenance —\$247,176 - and expect to expend about

\$83,000 for street reconstruction."

However, the village's wastewater and water funds will need additional revenue to prepare for continued rising maintenance expenses, especially at the village's aging wastewater treatment plant, as well as the major project of constructing an arsenic treatment plant to meet rougher federal standards for acceptable levels of arsenic in public drinking water supplies.

Under the new budget, the basic monthly bill for a homeowner's sewer service is increased \$1.45, with 62 cents of that due to inflation and the remainder going towards reducing the deficit in the wastewater fund.

Sheridan also increas water service rates by 2 percent, which translates into a basic hike of 14 cents. In addition, he established a monthly "federal mandate charge" ranging from \$3 to \$4.25 to help offset the cost of preliminary work related to arsenic treatment. Most homeowners will see an increased charge of \$3 a

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IN OTHER BUSINESS

•The board recognized focus students of the month recipients, which included Luke Retford, Kindergarten; Tyler Roemer, first grade; Sidney Bencheck, second grade; Richelle Scharf, third grade; Brandon Beckrow, fourth grade; Amanda Muntz, fifth grade; Andrew Betson, sixth grade, Christine Schmidt, seventh grade; Stacie Dorsch, eighth grade; Brittany Parks, ninth grade; Frank Abfalter, tenth grade; Whitney Brown, eleventh grade; and Carol Littlepage,

nior Student of the Month" for December.

Hired Pam Nowaczyk and

 Approved bills to be paid for the month of December ber 30, 2004.

•Accepted the resignation of Junior High volleyball leyball coach.

•Went into closed session regarding contract negotia-

twelfth grade.

•Named Wendy Errer "Se-

Nancy Buschlen as Co-Junior Class Advisors.

totally \$73,621.26 and reported a fund balance of \$519,721.26 ending Novem-

coach Ashley Adams, who has taken over as varsity vol-

Rotary expects to help

out 132 families this year The former Toys for Tots program in Cass City has flourished under the leadership of the Cass City Rotary Club, which expects to help more families than ever enjoy a merrier Christmas. Rotary members called last

year's toy drive the most successful ever, with donations topping \$6,000. But it appears this year's effort, known as the Christmas for Kids program since Rotary took over the program 7 or 8 years ago, will be a record

"It seems to be going pretty good. I think we're right around 130 families this year," said Pat Curtis, who heads up the club's Christmas for Kids Committee along with Marv Cunningham and Colleen Langenburg.

"I think we are higher (in numbers), but I think last year it was a little bit lower

for some reason," Curtis added. "It seems like when we first did this, we were right around the 100 family mark

Curtis later reported the total number of families this year is 132 so far, "and we usually get a few more in. That's about 421 people. That's the most we've ever had."

The program served nearly 90 families last year and 104 families the year before.

The club relies not only on donations of toys that are collected in boxes throughout downtown businesses, but also cash contributions from individuals and organizations.

"We've had an excellent turnout for toys." Curtis said. "Probably what we need more than anything else right now are cash donations because we have to shop for clothes.

"Any donation is more than welcome. It doesn't matter," he noted. "We don't know what we're going to run into, but we've got a lot of clothes

Donations can be sent to: Cass City Rotary, P.O. Box 63, Cass City, MI 48726. Judging by the first toy-

sorting session Saturday at the Curtis Chrysler dealership in Cass City, there will be no lack of presents for needy children.

Cunningham noted much of the credit for the first batch of toys goes to area students. "The high school's been one of our biggest supporters," she said, adding middle school students have also been active in the program.

The Christmas for Kids effort kicked off in early October. "We tried to get an earlier jump this year," said Curtis, who indicated volunteers are always quick to lend a hand. "This is one thing where we don't have a problem getting people involved," he added. "It's a nice program. Everybody gets involved."

Club members will be distributing this year's toys Tuesday, Dec. 21, at Curtis Chrysler in Cass City, located at 6617 Main St.

The distribution day is always a highlight for Rotary members, according to Curtis.

"We get a lot of thank-yous. People will come in in tears saying they didn't know what they were going to do," he said. "So, it's a great pro-

Flu shots available for all now

Tuscola County health of ficials are putting out the welcome mat for healthy adults in the area who might have given up on getting a flu shot this year. Michigan health officials

last week lifted an emer-

gency order limiting doses of flu vaccine to high-priority groups only. As of Thursday, anyone could receive a shot, although state officials are recommending that priority still be given to at-risk indi-The order lifting the ban

was issued by Michigan Department of Community Health Director Janet Olszewski based, in part, on recommendations from several health professional groups, including the Michigan Association of Local Public Health. Locally, officials at Hills

and Dales General Hospital say the area is in good shape. "We've given 70 to 75 (flu

shots) since Thursday, so we're going pretty good. We've still got some on hand. We're doing well," Craig Bellew, director of phar-"I think our community is

in good shape. I think we're going to be fine."

Bellew said he's confident all at-risk persons in the area who have sought a flu shot have been able to get one. "I

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Honoring a hero

Elkland Township firefighters honor dog that saved family by Tom Montgomery

Editor Bruce Lee was never a fire

fighter, but he saved the lives of his family when flames ripped through the small, 2story wood frame home they were renting early last month. A German Shepherd-Rott-

weiler mix dog named by his owner, 13-year-old Dylan Johnson, Bruce Lee never made it out of the house. Cass City fire fighters last

week honored the family pet by naming him the honorary mascot of the Elkland Township Fire Department. A certificate in recognition of Bruce Lee's sacrifice was presented to Johnson and his mother, Karen Johnson, during a brief ceremony at the fire hall Tuesday night. "The dog, as you know,

woke them up. They got out of the house. The dog didn't make it out, and I guess the boy is still having a hard time with it," Elkland Township Fire Chief Ron Pawloski

"We just wanted to do something to help, and this is what we came up with." The Nov. 1 fire was re-

ported at 3:47 a.m. Fire fighters arrived at the home at 3441 N. Englehart Rd., about 2 miles southeast of Cass City, to find the structure fully engulfed in flames. Fortunately, both Karen and Dylan Johnson had escaped unharmed.

There were working smoke alarms inside the home, but it was Bruce Lee's barking that first alerted the family of the danger. "That's when she heard the smoke alarm going off downstairs," Pawloski said, "and it (fire) had a pretty good start before they even got out and called the fire department."

Pawloski's investigation revealed the fire ignited in a front living room area, apparently due to an electrical problem.

emony, Johnson described Bruce Lee as a "big baby" that loved Cheetos and just about any other snack Dylan shared with him. "He (Dylan) got him as a puppy - he was about 6

During last week's cer-

weeks old - and he was probably about 16 months old," she said. "That dog was everything to him. They slept together,

they ate together, they played together. He was his best friend." Johnson, a medical assistant, indicated she and her son are continuing to put

are now living in the Huntsville Trailer Park in Cass "It takes a long time. It's not something you do right away," she added, noting

their lives back together and

Dylan still has nightmares about the fire. "With the help of friends and church, we're

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ELKLAND TOWNSHIP Fire Chief Ron Pawloski presents a certificate to Dylan Johnson and his mother, Karen Johnson, honoring Dylan's dog, Bruce Lee. The family pet died in a house fire after waking the Johnsons. Also pictured are firemen (from left) Jack Hartwick, Dale Tader and Jeremy Somerville.



U.S. ARMY PRIVATE Nathan A. Fisher, son of Scott and Deborah Fisher of Cass City, recently completed 9 weeks of basic combat training at Fort Jackson, S.C. He graduated Dec. 3 with C Company, 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry. He's now in advanced individual training in Maryland, where he will attend the Tracked Vehicle Mechanic Course. Fisher is a 2004 graduate of Cass City High School.

Christmas services scheduled

Special Christmas services at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church begin with the

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mas morning service is at 9:30 a.m. The New Year's Eve worship service is at 7 p.m. Members of the community are invited to attend these

Sunday, Dec. 19, the adult

and children's choirs will

present a cantata at the 9:30

The Christmas Eve service

is at 7 p.m., and the Christ-

a.m. worship service.

Dec. 18.

It's a boy!



Brevin Bogart

Collier Bogart and Melanie Cekuta announce the birth of their son, Brevin Gold

Brevin was born Nov. 1, 2004. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 1/4

inches long. Grandparents are Larry and Deborah Bogart of Cass City, Brad and Susie Chippi of Cass City, and Bill and Brenda Cekuta of Port Char-

Senior movies Friday

Senior Movies will be shown at Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City, Friday, Dec. 17 at 1:30 p.m.

Through the Lens: They defy gravity, brave infernos and endure the most brutal conditions imaginable. All to distill human experience into a single frame. Experience the riveting stories behind the images as we join the photographers as they venture to the brink of molten volcanoes, explore untouched pre-Inca tombs, swim with whale sharks, conquer Everest's killer heights, and much, much more. It's a breathtaking look at some of the greatest adventure photographs and the amazing stories of how they were captured. (50 minutes)

Rocky Mountain National Park, Spirit of the Mountains: From the tops of towering mountains to the depths of glacier-carved valleys, this video takes viewers on an unforgettable journey through more than 400 square miles of wild inspiring scenery. Featuring dazzling cinematography, expert narrative and an original music score by composer/ musician Todd Hahn, this high-definition film captures the park's grandeur through the 4 seasons. Now you can enjoy the Rocky Mountain's stunning views, wildlife, plant life and awe-inspiring weather as you relive your visit, or plan an adventure in one of America's premier natural treasures. (25 minutes)

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

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DEC. 15-17-20-21 Friday - Turkey vegetable pie, broccoli raisin salad, vegetable in entrée, bread in entrée, apple crisp. Monday - Beef macaroni

casserole, peas, tossed salad, variety bread, fruit. **Tuesday** - Swedish meatballs over egg noodles, tossed salad, corn, fruit.

As much as I love the member the ending, and she couldn't get him stopped. He just kept singing his little heart out over and over and

by Melva E. Guinther

Meg's Peg

Christmas

music

Christmas season, I some-

times wonder how store

clerks cope with the inflated

Santa's "Ho, Ho, Ho" all day

every day. I imagine it could

get a trifle tedious after a

while, as could the constant

Most of the music is appre-

ciated, although I really don't

care for the efforts of the art-

ists who try to jazz up old

favorites. Don't they know

they're tampering with tradi-

Only a few of the newer

Did You Know?" and "A

World" are a couple that I

For the most part, though,

it's the old carols that sym-

bolize the meaning of the

holiday, and those are best

Even Nat King Cole, one of

my favorite vocalists, singing

"Chestnuts roasting on an

open fire" ceases to have a

calming influence when

heard 35 times continuously.

One year when I was work-

ing in an upstairs office

downtown, whoever was in

charge of changing the mu-

sic that came over the town-

wide loudspeaker, located

just outside the window,

must have become preoccu-

pied and the blasted tape kept

It took me quite a while to

It reminded me of the time

we took our cute little pre-

school brother with us to

country school. The teacher

asked him to sing "White

He did a good job, but un-

fortunately he couldn't re-

When purchasing a pre-cut

* Look for a well-shaped tree

* The tree should be fragrant,

* The needles should be

green and have good reten-

tion; shake the tree to allow

brown interior needles to fall

out, green needles should not

* Store the tree in a cool,

sheltered area to protect it

from the elements until it is

brought inside and deco-

fall off a healthy tree;

tree or cutting your own:

Tree tips

with few bare spots;

not musty;

Christmas.'

playing over and over.

appreciate Nat after that.

Christmas music.

tion?

yeah yeah!"

feel have merit.

done in moderation.

Some of you might think you've had your fill of "Winter Wonderland," but here's a version you may not have heard before.

This parody for computer nerds by an unknown Web addict came from the You Make Me Laugh website:

Doorbell rings, I'm not There's something tawdry list'nin', about "O Holy Night, yeah From my mouth drool is glist'nin',

I'm happy although songs appeal to me. "Mary, My boss let me go -Happily addicted to the Web. Strange Way to Save the

> All night long, I sit clicking Unaware time is ticking. There's beard on my cheek, Same clothes for a week, Happily addicted to the Web.

> Friends come by; they shake me, sayin' "Yo, man! Don't you know tonight's the senior prom?" With a listless shrug, I mutter, "No, man;

> I just discovered laugh-a-lot-I don't phone, don't send

Don't go out, don't pay taxes. Who cares if some day They drag me away? I'm happily addicted to the

Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, December 16

Multiple Sclerosis and Fibromyalgia Support Group meeting, 7 p.m., Northwood Meadows, 6086 Beechwood Dr., Cass City. For more information, call Deb at (989) 872-2121 (ext.

Friday, December 17

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

Saturday, December 18

Children's Christmas Craft Session, 10-11 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Monday, December 20

Christmas Sing-along, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Tuesday, December 21

Thumb Area Parkinson's Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Wednesday, December 22

Thumb Retired Officers of Police Service (TROOPS) meeting, 11:30 p.m., Franklin Inn, Bad Axe.

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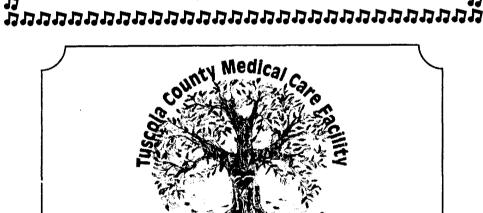
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Don Greenleaf will play the organ and Cathy Sullivan, Scott Mills & Joanne Dzielinski will lead the group in singing favorite Christmas carols. Don, Cathy, Scott & Joanne will do solos and duets also. Come to listen and join in the fun!

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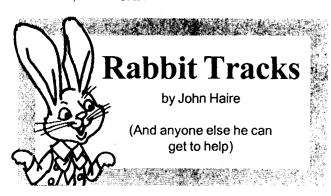
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BAKER COLLEGE



It takes an exceptional player to be named to an all area girls-basketball team that covers most of the Thumb, the metro Bay City area and most of northern Michigan. There are 2 players from the Greater Thumb West League among the girls honored.

Cass City's Ashley Hendrick, a junior, daughter of Chuck and Kelli Hendrick, was selected. The other was Jaycee Damm, of Lakers, daughter of Dave and Carrie Damm.

What makes it so outstanding is that Damm is a freshman and to my knowledge the only first year high school player to be honored. When an unaware reader sees that a freshman is one of the 10 best players this year, without knowing you feel that she must be a very tall girl.

Wrong. She is not exceptionally tall, just exceptionally tal-

Driving through Ubly Friday and looking for the gym, I traveled down a residential street somewhere south of the main business section. There is a group of homes there with exceptional, beautiful decorations.

It's fun to see, but it doesn't compare with the Christmas decoration extravaganza shown annually by John and Gayle

Not satisfied with an out-of-this-world display, the word is that the Nicols have added about 3,000 more lights this Christ-

You can find it at 4230 Robinson Road, 8 miles east of Cass City to Germania Road, then one mile south on Germania and a half mile east to the display.

Thelma Jackson had hip surgery a few days after she celebrated her 90th birthday Nov. 14. To say that she is doing well is putting it mildly. It takes awhile to recover from surgery like that, doesn't it?

A while, but not long. One week after leaving the operating table her column copy came in from her just like it has for over 60 years now.



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Missing woman found

A Sanilac County woman reported missing by her husband Thursday afternoon was found about 3 hours later thanks to a resident who saw the woman and called police.

Sgt. Garry Biniecki of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department said deputies were dispatched to investigate the disappearance in Marion Township at 1:05

"The caller advised that his 63-year-old wife with a history of medical problems had gone for a walk around 11 a.m. and had not returned," Biniecki said. "Through the initial investigation it was learned that a female fitting the description was seen

Campbell Honor Roll announced

Campbell Elementary School announces the second marking period honor

Grade 4

Shelby Abell*, Shannon Bardwell, Taylor Brown, Zachary Deitering, Austin Dunnuck, Meri Dzielinski, Justin Ferguson, Samuel Fisher, Mikayla Fisher, Bran-Green, Brittany Guilfoil*, Stephanie Heckroth, Cole Israelson, Larissa King*, Jacob Kittle, Erica Kolacz*, Charnelle Kucharczyk, Ryan Larson, Alan Leslie, Madie Lively*, Stacey McArthur, Rianna McConnell, Amanda McCormick, Nicholas McNeil, Katie Michalski, Mohr, Kayla Montreuil, Erin Moore, Wes Morris, Cody Orban, Adrianna Pena, Lauren Perry*, Karley Peters, Mishelle Powell, Jake Quinn, Brenden Ricker, Kelby Rowell, Likas Schenk, Amy Sweeney, Tori Walsh, Alex Warju, Sydney Winchester, Mac Woodward and Ryan Woodward.

* Denotes all "A"s.

walking south on Ruth Road lice and an aviation pilot, near Mills Road at around 12

noon." An area broadcast was made by Sanilac County Central Dispatch to area school bus garages and radio

Deputies, assisted by the Sanilac County Canine Division, sheriff's posse, search and rescue, Deckerville po-

began a search of the area. At 4:17 p.m., a resident called central dispatch and reported seeing the woman walking along Ruth Road near Richmondville Road.

After locating the woman, a Sanilac County ambulance crew transported her to Deckerville Community Hospital for treatment.

The Haire Net

Place the blame where it belongs

If you are not on some other

planet it's sure that the recent

brawl at the Palace in Auburn

Hills has touched you no

matter how unimportant or

insignificant you regard bas-

ketball, or sports in general.

Five athletes and 5 fans face

mostly misdemeanor assault

charges for the fracas in the

stands when the players

charged into the stands and

the fans jumped onto the

Bob Wojnowski, a Detroit

News columnist, says that

"this episode speaks to the

disconnect between players

and fans, a gap that is eco-

nomic, cultural and racial."

He goes on to say that the big

salaries are one of the big

reasons for the resentment of

There's a feeling in the

Thumb and other rural areas

that it's all because of con-

duct that you find in the "big

cities" and doesn't happen or

relate to life and conduct of

That's the feeling, but it just

doesn't wash. Racism is alive

and well in the Thumb, as

well as in Detroit. More than

one person in Cass City has

pontificated that the players

It's a stretch to say that eco-

nomics is one of the primary

reasons for the fracas. If it

were money, why would

high school games end up in

fights by fans of the schools?

No money (legally) is paid to

the players. So rule out eco-

nomics as an important rea-

Over the years, there have

been numerous fights be-

tween bitter school rivals

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right here in the Thumb. We believe it was at Sandusky when the field announcer gave the Cass City lineup and named one of the Guernseys as a starter and then announced that as far as he knew there were no Holsteins on the Hawk roster.

Things got so bad that the schools dropped each other on the schedule for a brief period. Similar during and after game altercations included Elkland Pigeon Bay Port, Harbor Beach Schools and undoubtedly other episodes that I have forgotten.

There was a classic example of a player on a losing team that lined up to shake hands after the game, but instead of offering his hand he offered a fist and hit a player on the winning team. I can't give any details, because I remember the incident, not who was involved.

Actually it's immaterial anyway. The incident at the Palace and the incidents in the Thumb are merely examples to show that smalltown, rural-living people are not immune to what happens in big city venues.

If you are saying, those things happen, but most fans here are sensible, social, lawabiding folks-that's true. It's also true that most folks at a Pistons basketball game are sensible, social, lawabiding folks.

So place the blame where it belongs. Not on the size of the community or the coverage of the media, but on the small minority that wreaks havoc without regard to the rest of us.

Here's a newspaper columnist who suggests folks should consider adopting older dogs and cats when choosing a pet. She says pet shelters are full of dogs and cats that are simply too old

or too shy to attract attention. The columnist cites an 8year-old cattle dog mix named Pepper, for an example. The news photo shows Pepper is a shorthaired, black dog with pointy, little ears.

How do we know this is a "cattle dog mix?" It's the ears. Any dog with pointy ears and beady, little eyes was likely a cow dog at one time or another.

These dogs get their pointy ears from being yelled at and their beady eyes from dodging things and blinking a lot. Pet shelters are full of them for a number of reasons.

Cow dogs are so easy to catch, for one thing. The dog catcher just drives down the road and yells, "Get in the pickup, you dumb @#\$ *& %#@\$%&!" And he has every cow dog in the county --slick as a whistle.

The shelter may have named this dog Pepper, but you can bet it was called a lot of things before that. That's why its ears stick up so high.

Sometimes the animal control officer doesn't even have to yell when he's picking up cow dogs. He just stops the truck and leaves the front door open. All of the cow dogs in the vicinity will jump into the front seat immedi-

Then, the catcher just drags them out and tosses them in the back. These dogs are so used to this routine, they hardly even blink.

Don't get me wrong here. I have no problem with adopting an older dog. But a cow dog? I'm not so sure about

A cow dog needs lots of space for one thing. You can't just put these dogs in the garage or the back yard and expect them to be happy. Cow dogs need something

to growl at, and the neighbors aren't going to like that. The owner generally growls, too, and that makes things

A cow dog needs a truck to jump into and some gates to

block. These dogs would rather be out rolling in something than sitting on the front porch. Putting them in a city environment is right next to cruelty.

The back forty

by Roger Pond

I suppose folks think they can just take their cow dog down to the park for a walk, but I wouldn't advise it. There are geese in the park, and other dogs, and people throwing frisbees. Anybody

who throws a frisbee in front

of a cow dog is asking for a chewed-up piece of plastic.

The commands are different, too. Folks who use cow dog commands in the city park are probably headed for

I noticed this Pepper dog in the newspaper has a cute, little scarf around his neck. That is downright dangerous. A cow dog with a scarf will probably die of embarrassment before he gets adopted!

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Canceling school or not canceling can be a no-win situation. The Cass City Public Schools boundaries cover an area of approximately 200 square miles. On many occasions, various areas of our school district may have different ice, snow, rain or fog conditions on the same day.

On days in question, regarding the opening or possible early closing of schools, we suggest you listen or watch the listed radio or TV stations. Early morning decisions to close school will be made before busses are dispatched for morning runs by 6:15 a.m. if possible. Please remember that on occasion our Michigan weather changes rapidly and things do not always go as planned. During these times we ask for your patience

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You can also go online to www.casscity.k12.mi.us and click on SCHOOL CLOSINGS to find out the latest school closing information.

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

<u>Day</u>

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Wednesday 43

Cass City Chronicle

5-Day Local Forecast Wednesday Partly Cloudy High: 33 Low: 25 Thursday **Snow Possible**

High: 33 Low: 24 Friday Partly Cloudy Saturday

High: 30 Low: 23 Mostly Cloudy High: 35 Low: 28 Sunday

Mostly Cloudy

High: 35 Low: 25

In-Depth Local Forecast Today we will see partly cloudy skies

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in the morning and afternoon with mostly cloudy skies in the evening, high temperature of 33°. The record high temperature for today is 59° set in 1975. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow showers, high temperature of 33°.

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Red Hawk Talks

by Leah Sherman

The holiday season has everyone wound up, but the elementary school really knows how to display their excitement! It all started with the first snowfall, and the giant snow boulders that the students made on the playground. They now have to come to school equipped with boots, hats, mittens, and snow pants. All of these are necessities when playing outside in the snow. However, some students may be playing, while others are practicing for their futures in architecture and construction, building elaborate forts to shelter them from the cold.

Inside, the students have been working hard to make their school look especially festive. Arts and crafts decorations line the halls. Down the multi-age 1-2 hall there are Santa windsocks hanging from the ceiling. Santa's reindeer are along the halls in the first and second grade hallway. The third and fourth graders have decorated their halls with poinsettias, wreaths and Santas.

Decorating proves to be the elementary school students' specialty. They, along with many other local groups, decorated a Christmas tree for the Festival of Trees, which took place during the Christmas in the Village Extravaganza. Their tree was voted best decorated! Several classrooms contributed handmade decorations to create a fun and beautiful display.

Mrs. LaBerge's art classes have been working on stained glass projects that will be useful for holiday decorating as well.

All of the classes have been planning their holiday parties. Each class has a gift exchange, and students bring in treats from home.

Traditions are a big part of the holiday season, but many people don't realize all of the different traditions that can be found around the world.

Mrs. Gray's fourth grade class has been studying various cultures' holiday traditions, such as Christmas, Kwanza, and Hanukkah.

Third graders are beginning to research their families' holiday traditions. This information will be added to their family history research projects that they will continue to work on throughout the school year. The research will be made into PowerPoint presentations for their social studies classes. Their final projects will be put on CDs that they can take home and use as a thorough record of their family histo-

Musical entertainment is a huge part of the holiday season, and this Thursday the Cass City High School band will be visiting all of the schools to give concerts for the students. After their concert in the elementary school, they will visit each classroom and demonstrate the different instruments for the students. Not only will this be a learning experience for the younger students, but it will also be a fun time for them to meet older high schoolers, which can always seem pretty exciting.

Speaking of the band, they accomplished an amazing performance at last Thursday's concert. The fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade bands joined the high school concert and jazz bands and choir for a wonderful holiday concert. Each band was featured several times throughout the evening, and there was a variety of music and talent on display.

The band has been performing at various events this holiday season, and there will be several more shows haven't witnessed them yet, be sure to call the high school office to find out when you can enjoy a presentation that is sure to get you into the holiday spirit!



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CASS CITY EIGHTH grade student Andrea Zimmerman works with Cass City Head Start student Kirsten Popp, 4, Thursday as part of a Junior Achievement project aimed at supporting literacy at an early age. The class, guided by teacher Daryl Iwankovitsch, presented the young students with tote bags filled with reading/scholastic aids.



Several appear on charges

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

•Michael W. Kern, 23, Vassar, was sentenced to 12 before the holidays, If you months probation for his plea of guilty to possession of marijuana June 23 in Millington Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling

 Ronald T. Sieradzki, 46, Cass City, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 270 days in the county jail (120 days deferred), with work release, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 3 in Cass City.

He was also ordered to pay \$2,120 in costs and fines.

•Michael C. Thomas, 31, Fostoria, was sentenced to 180 days in jail for his plea of guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond June 28 in

Caro. He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$520. •Randall L. Ayers, 45, Bay City, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 90 days in jail (60 days deferred), with work release, for his plea of guilty to manufacturing 20 to 199 marijuana plants May 21 in

Arbela Township. He was also ordered to pay \$1,120 in costs and fines. •James E. Bearinger, 50,

Caro, was sentenced to 15

months to 5 years in prison for his plea of guilty to assaulting a police officer June 26 in Caro, and to being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$120. •Francis L. Ratza, 48, Mill-

ington, was sentenced to 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to attempted second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years between August 2002 and August 2003 in Tuscola Town-

He was also ordered to pay \$1,820 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$200.

•Russell A. Powell, 20, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in jail (170 days deferred) and 24 months probation for his conviction on 2 counts of larceny from a motor vehicle April 4 in

Caro. He was also ordered to pay \$760 in costs and fines. •Mark A. Morrish, 30, Cass

City, pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm by a felon and domestic violence Sept. 27 in Novesta Town-

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled. •Eric R. Dillon 23, Caro,

pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a building with

intent to commit larceny between May 29 and June 1 in Caro and between July 4 and July 7 in Indianfields Township; and to larceny of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 June 30 in Almer

Township. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at a combined \$30,000. Sentencing is to be

•Joshua W. Gillespie, 19, Caro, stood mute to 5 counts of retaining a financial transaction device without consent of the device holder Oct. 27 in Caro, and larceny from a vehicle Nov. 24 in Caro.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at a combined

•Christopher P. Bolzman, 30, Port Sanilac, was convicted on 2 counts of uttering and publishing involving checks for \$50 and \$100, both drawn on Chemical Bank March 20-27.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$50,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Harold Triplett, 25, Saginaw, pleaded guilty to larceny in a building Sept. 5, 2003, in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,500. Sentencing is to be set. James M. King, 45,

Mayville, pleaded guilty to domestic violence, third offense, March 19 in Watertown Township.

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

•Mary L. O'Dell, 48, Attica, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while third offense, and furnishing altered or false identification to a police officer July 30 in Cass City.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and the defendant was remanded to the department of corrections. Sentencing is to be set.

•Shaundor J. Novak, 19, Caro, pleaded guilty to second degree home invasion June 5 in Wells Township, and to carrying a concealed weapon and 4 counts of assault with a dangerous weapon June 6 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at a combined \$30,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be sched-

Bulldog Beat

by Mary McKee

With Christmas just around the corner, a couple of events happened in the past week to help get everyone in the Christmas spirit. The first event was the holiday band concert and the second was the annual Fun Fair.

As you walked into the gym to the band concert, you saw a Christmas tree and lit decorations that were set up by the band members to get everyone in the holiday mood. There were also 16 red and white poinsettias displayed in the front of the stage, and later raffled off to some lucky winners.

The brass quartet of Josh McLaren and Jason Seibel on trumpets, Mindy Errer on the French horn, and Alec Powell on the euphonium opened up the concert. Then band Director Don Starks took the microphone. He started out by welcoming everyone and giving special recognition to all who made the concert happen.

The first to perform was the sixth grade band. They entertained the crowd with performances of "A Christmas Sleigh Ride," "Christmas Sketches," and "Joy to the World." Next up was the junior high band. They opened up with "My Two Front Teeth." As a surprise to the audience, Amanda Faist, and Samantha Radabaugh came out dressed as giant teeth. Alisha Kovach followed them and they all sang the song as the band played. The band then performed "Drummer's Christmas Carol," and followed it up with "A Visit From St. Nicholas."

After the junior high finished, it was time for the high school band to take the stage. After another song by the brass quartet, the band performed "Green Sleeves," and "Imani-'Faith,' A Kwanza proaches. Celebration."

After a short intermission, where the poinsettias that decorated the gym were raffled off, the junior high and senior high bands comunder the influence of liquor, bined to close the night. They performed "A Re Christmas."

Tannenbaum," and "Once in Royal David's City." Along with some songs that were not so familiar, they also played some Christmas classics that everyone knows and loves, like "Have Yourself a

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Merry Little Christmas," "Winter Holiday," "The Christmas Song," "Christmas Sing-a-Long," and "A Christmas Auld Lang Syne." All in all, the holiday band concert was a huge success that entertained everyone

who experienced it. Another event that occurred in the past week was the PTO sponsored Fun Fair. It is an occasion that is fun not only for kids, but for adults as

The Fun Fair is like a huge indoor carnival. Crafters from all over the area set up booths and sell their items. Everything is sold at the fun fair, from homemade blankets to jewelry to handmade wood furniture.

The Fun Fair also serves as a great fundraiser for organizations throughout the school. Kids come and buy tickets to play games that were created by different clubs and groups in the school. For example, the Student Council conducted a "Pie in the Face" game, and the sixth grade class had a "Frogger Extreme" game. The kids then win tickets for playing the games and trade them in to get prizes.

Food is served in the cafeteria, and prizes are constantly raffled off throughout the day. There was also a visit by Santa Claus for kids and adults alike to get their picture taken. The PTO did an amazing job putting together another great Fun Fair.

Once again, the Fun Fair and the Holiday Band Concert had a great turnout. Both events were fun for people of all ages, and everyone who attended seemed to have a good time. With each event being focused around Christmas, it helped everyone get a little bit more in the Christmas mood as the holiday ap-

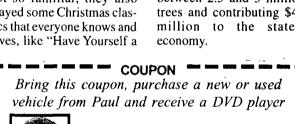
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Sontag competes in event

Ten-year-old Joshua Sontag, grandson of Cass City residents Morris and Patricia Sontag and Keith and JoAnn Pobanz, competed in the Punt Pass and Kick competition at the Seattle Seahawks Stadium Nov.

Sontag qualified for the team competition by winning the local Silverdale, Wash., competition and then by being one of the top 5 of all of the sectional winners from a 4-state area. The competition was held prior to the Seahawks game and he was introduced at half time for a passing exhibition.

Although it looks like Sontag will not be able to play for the Cass City Red Hawks, he has expressed interest in playing college ball for the MSU Spartans.



THE ANNUAL Mitten Tree boxes have been organized by Cass City Girl Scout Troop 876 in an effort to collect new or handmade hats, scarves and mittens. The boxes will be located at local businesses until Saturday.

To help county families

Caro area family reaching out

by Tom Montgomery Editor.

While a number of organizations in Tuscola County work hard each year to ensure needy youngsters have toys under their Christmas trees, one area family has quietly done the same for several years.

This Christmas will be a bit different for the Carla and Roger Delgado family, which in the past has adopted a family or two each holiday season.

According to Carla

of 40 families in need of help across the county, and they intend to make sure Christmas is as merry as possible for them by providing warm

clothing, blankets and toys.

"It isn't the first time we've done this - we've been doing it for years. But nothing on this big of a scale," said Delgado, a Pontiac native who along with her husband and daughters, Ashlee, 18, and Brittni, 12, moved to the Caro area from Lapeer 3 1/2 years ago. "This is the first time it's gotten this big.

"I guess my short-term goal is, I want to make sure every

Delgado, her family is aware one of those kids has a present to open Christmas morning.

Delgado said she and her husband started their own family holiday tradition of giving after talking about those in need during a breakfast together - treasured time together as he works nights as a supervisor at a boring facility and she works days at a printing business.

The family has since collected and purchased blankets, toys, winter boots and other items. Both of their daughters help out by asking friends if they know anyone who might donate a toy or

winter coat.

"I don't know how many families we've helped, but I know we have taken tons and tons of toys and clothes" for distribution to families in need, said Delgado, who had hoped to host a holiday dinner for several families this year. Unfortunately, those plans were canceled due to the liability involved in providing transportation.

Still, the family is content to do what they can for others, especially after having struggled themselves at one

"We lived through some tough times," she said. "We could have used some help and we didn't get any.

"I guess we are fortunate to have what we have, and if we can help someone who needs it..." added Delgado, who explained the effort fulfills a vow she and her husband made together several years ago when they both had lowpaying jobs.

"We made a promise. We made a promise to each other that if we were ever in the position that we could help someone, we would. Now we have really good jobs and we can afford to do more for

these people.' The effort is really all about the children, according to Delgado, who said she and her husband understand what it's like to grow up under difficult conditions.

"My husband said, 'these kids are the future'," she said. "I think that's part of the reason we get involved; we want these kids to know there's

Anyone interested in contributing to the family's campaign is encouraged to call them at (989) 672-6315. Delgado said they would be glad to arrange to pick up donations of toys and clothing. Contributions can also be sent to or dropped of at the Blue Water Center for Independent Living, 1184 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

joint venture company will be named Korea Automotive Fuel Systems Ltd. Daewoo Precision Industries will be the majority partner, with 51 percent of the venture. The balance will be held by Walbro. Initial investment in the joint venture is expected

to total \$10 to \$12 million

(US) for building, equip-

ment, tooling and working

dropped out for a variety of

reasons. Supt. Ken Micklash

said that if half of those stu-

dents were kept in school,

state aid would make the pro-

gram self-sufficient, includ-

ing the hiring of a teacher for

president, Walbro Automo-

tive Corporation. The new

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr

5 YEARS AGO

Joe Vatter got his first taste

of sausage making years ago

in the kitchen at Erla's Food

Center and Meat Packing in

Cass City. Since then, the

Ubly area resident has used

his skills and experience to

transform a hobby into a

unique business of his own.

In short, Vatter is grinding

out success thanks to a sup-

portive family and the dis-

criminating tastes of custom-

ette, a large meeting/conference area and a fireplace.

When finished, the entire fa-

cility will be, in effect, a self-

contained mini-retreat center

capable of year-round opera-

Parrish was the piano accom-

panist for the choir this year,

the direction of Steve Fobear.

10 YEARS AGO

Walbro Automotive Corpo-

ration has signed an agree-

ment with Daewoo Precision

Industries, Ltd. to form a

joint venture to manufacture

fuel sending units for the

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The announcement was

made by Gary L. Vollmar,

ers who will accept nothing The Cass City School short of "Joe's Recipe" when Board will rent a room in the it comes to enjoying the Jordan College building on fruits of their hunting labors. Main Street if details can be worked out, and use it for an With one building project alternative education prowell on its way to complegram designed to curb droption, Bay Shore Camp of outs in the system, it was de-Sebewaing has begun ancided at the board's monthly other, racing the calendar to meeting Monday. The plan is beat the firm arrival of snow to curb out-of-school suspenand sub-zero temperatures. sions and expulsions. This The 1650-square foot addiyear 16 students have tion will include a kitchen-

the program. If you blinked you missed it, but Liz Phillips, daughter Roger Parrish was recently honored with standing ovaof Milton and Brenda tions by the audience and Phillips of Cass City, was on choir when he played and national television Sunday sang his own new original night. "America's Funniest Christmas song entitled: Home Videos" show Liz "This Child of Christmas" at opening a gift for her birththe Dec. 4 and 5 concerts preday. The box contained a sented by the Tom Thumb Vietnamese potbelly pig. Singers at the Cass City (From Rabbit Tracks) United Methodist Church.

25 YEARS AGO

which presented a fine pro-Backyard stills may begram of choral music under

come as common on Michigan farms as in the hills of Kentucky, but the "moonshine" produced will go into fuel tanks, not down parched throats. The idea is intriguing enough to have drawn approximately 400 persons to a seminar on the subject of alcohol fuels, sponsored by the Tuscola County Cooperative Extension Service and Caro Chamber of Commerce. The comments of the five speakers could be summarized as: Yes, there is an energy crisis; yes, alcohol is practical; but no, it won't provide a large portion of our nation's energy needs.

Sergeant Shirley R. Henrichs, daughter of Betty Maynard of Marlette, has received special recognition at Luke Air Force Base, Glendale, Ariz. Henrichs was named outstanding Noncommissioned Officer of the Year in her unit for exemplary conduct, duty performance and leadership. Her father, Truman Maynard, resides in Owendale.

Happens every time: The minute a person begins to feel his importance, his friends begin to doubt it.

35 YEARS AGO

Michigan leads the nation in the commercial production of sod. According to Michigan State University crop scientists, the industry means \$90 million per year to the state's economy.

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Almost one-third of the dairy cows in Michigan DHIA herds leave the herds each year. MSU records for 1968 show 32.6 cows (from the average 100-cow herd) left home. Low production accounted for the culling of 18 percent. Sterility resulted in the removal of an additional 5.4 percent. Other losses were attributed to physical injury, 1.9%; death (no cause stated), 1.8%; mastitis, 1.5%; old age, 0.5%; temperament, 0.4%; and "other", 0.3%.

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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 989-872-2729 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.

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

Cass City United Methodist Church

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

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: dccdca@tband.net website: defordcommunitychurch.org

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 EFCA

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 Website: www.fbccc.us

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

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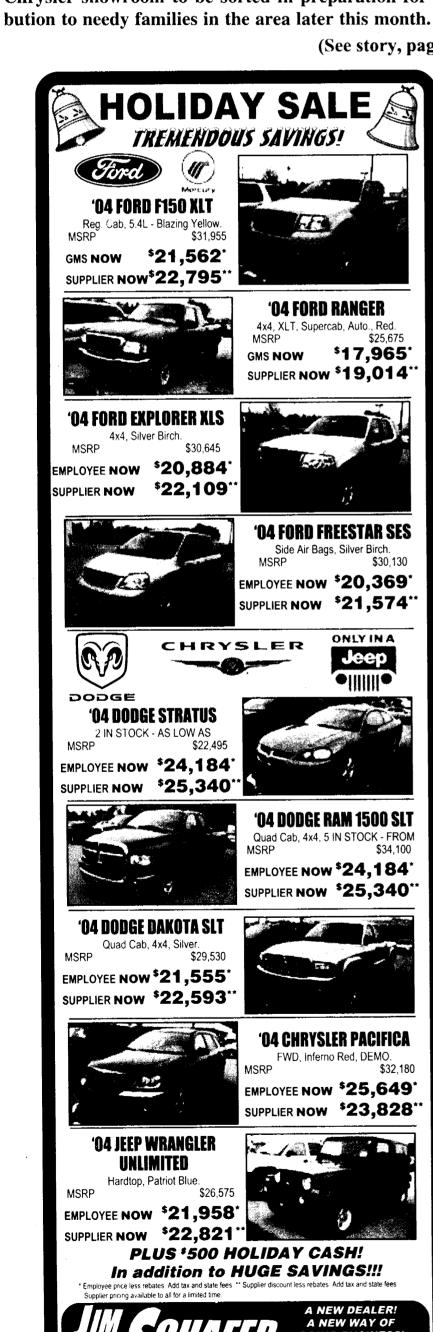
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Christmas for kids...

LANGENBURG helps carry donated toys to the Curtis Chrysler showroom to be sorted in preparation for distri-

(See story, page one)



Cass City High Honor Roll

Cass City High School announces the second marking period honor roll.

Grade 9

All A's: Meleah Auten, Isaiah Battel, Jessica Bessler, Evan Bushong, Ethan Damm, Andrew Deering, Rebecca Doerr, Madeline Dooley, Stephanie Healy, Trey Helwig, Kristie Karr, Adam Kranz, Thomas Parrish, Joseph Rule, Derek Weidman and Megan Woo-

B or better: David Acker, Christopher Binder, Ricky

Children's musical Sunday

The Novesta Church of Christ Junior Choir will present the children's Christmas musical, "Gettin' Ready for the Miracle" Sunday, Dec. 19, at 6 p.m.

The musical is based on what happens behind the scenes at junior choir practices and what the true meaning of Christmas is. The choir consists of children K-5th grade.

For more information, call the church at (989) 872-

Library to host singing

Do you enjoy listening to Christmas music and singing

If so, join the fun at Rawson Memorial Library Monday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. Local musician Don Greenleaf will be at the organ and Cathy Sullivan, Scott Mills and Joanne Dzielinski will lead the group singing.

Solos and duets will also be performed throughout the evening and refreshments will be served.

This event is sponsored annually by the Cass City Area Historical Society and the Friends of Rawson Memorial Library. Even if you are not a singer, come and enjoy an evening of fellowship and listening to favorite Christmas music.

Bolton, Ryan Brown, Samantha Currier, Anna Deel, Ashley Deel, Danielle Delamarter, Robert Erla, Kevin Goniwicha, Travis Hoffman, Zachary Hopper, Darrin Howard, Lauren Hudson, Devin Jamieson, Danielle Johnson, Brittany Karavas, Mark Koepf, Shane McFarland, Lauren Meck Lacey Morrish, Alyssa Nicol, Stephanie Regnerus, Caitlyn Rickett, Bria Romstad, Brandy Rychlewski, Nicholas Smith, Jeffrey Sparks, Ashlee Spencer, Christopher Zawilinski and Jennifer

Grade 10

Zmierski.

All A's: Ryan Biddinger, Jeremiah Fritz, Jennifer Hacker, Lysa Knight, Jessica Lange, Andrew Martin, Laura McComas, Jessica Pratt, Courtney Rabideau, Allyn Richards, Eric Nicholas Romain, Sattelberg, Philip Strong, Kyle Swanson and Adam Wentworth.

B or better: Rebecca Bennett, Dennis Bowen, John Brown, Alyssa Cryderman, Mirrissa Curtis, Terra Czekai, Jill Dillon, James Froede, Courtney Hacker, Jennifer Hadd, Kurt Hanby, Allison Hillaker, Lauren Howard, Stephanie Jamieson, Ryan King, Kathryn Klco, Anddrew LaFave, Anthony Langlois, Sara Meeker, Brandon Miller, Thomas Mittlestat, Lindsey Montgomery, Megen O'Dell, Andrew Peruski, Ashleigh Rabideau, Ryan Ross, Bradley Severance, Kyle Sieradzki, Beth Spencer, Kari Spencer, Rebecca Sweeney, Eric Thick, Brent Weaver, Leah Whittaker and Tyler Whittaker.

Grade 11

All A's: Libby Doerr, Ashley Hendrick, Katherine McIntosh, Steven Meeker, Philip Nahernak, Tara Powell, Chad Sparks, Lindsey Speirs, Jenna Timko and Jeffrey Wills.

B or better: Donna Bushong, Monica Cronk, Aimee Hennessey, Ivy Hiatt, Bradley Langenburg, Dean Little, Nicholas Nanney, Stephanie Nizzola, Ivan Peruski, Ashley Puterbaugh, Rebecca Putnam, Jarod Stoutenburg,

Stoutenburg and Shaun Thornton.

Grade 12

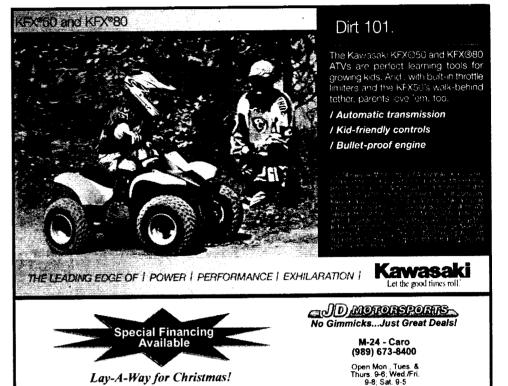
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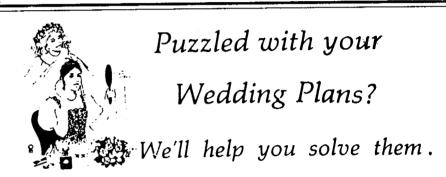
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Jessie Tuckey. B or better: Holly Angle, Raechel Babich, Chancy Balk, Jessica Bellew, Corey Brooks, Jerry Crandall, Allison Ellis, Jared Ferris, Caleb Hanby, Gail Hartwick,

Michael Havens, Jenna

Hoffman, Jessup Hoyt, Chad Keiser, Rose Krug, Nichole McComas, Sean McFarland, James McKnight, Kayla Morrish, Delores Rabideau, Patrick Reed, Justin **Nicholas** Sorenson, Stoutenburg, Jeffery Andrew Tenbusch, Whittaker, Tara Whittaker, Jake Wilder, Traci Woodward and Michael Zmierski





Even for the simplest wedding there are many details to be attended to and questions that arise in planning the wedding. Every bride wishes her wedding to be just perfect. To help you prepare for that wonderful day, we have compiled a list of questions most commonly asked by the bride-to-be. The answers are taken from authoritative sources on etiquette. May your wedding day be a perfect one, from the time you say "yes," to your joyful departure in a shower of rice!

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7th Grade: (front, 1-r) Rachel Auten, Nikki Guigar, Lyle Hutchinson, Steven Rychlewski; (back, 1-r) Jenna Sattelberg, Stephanie Steely, Samantha Swiderski.



6th Grade: (front, 1-r) Taylor Forrest, McKensie Parrish, Nick Karavas, Logan Mika, Hayley Peters; (back, 1-r) Caitlin Reed, Mary Rivest, Kelsey Russell, Robbie Simpson, Dallas Woodward.



8th Grade: (1-r) Austin Babich, Greggory Leslie, Tyler Tomlinson, Joram Tyson. Missing: Jason Sorenson.

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Obituaries

Isabel McCloskey

Isabel Bernice McCloskey, 89, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004 in Covenant Medical Center Cooper Campus, Saginaw. She was born Aug. 22, 1915 in Detroit, the daughter of William and Bernice V.

(Brzeziski) McCloskey. McCloskey worked for

Meyer calls for hearing

State Rep. Tom Meyer has called a public hearing in Lansing for Tuesday to address concerns about the delay of PA 116 tax returns due to glitches in the state's new automated e-filing system.

The House Agriculture and Resource Management Committee, chaired by Meyer, was scheduled to meet Tuesday at the Anderson House Office Building in Lansing to take testimony from a certified public accountant as well as officials from the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Farmers seeking a PA 116 tax incentive for keeping their land in agriculture must file a separate tax return with the state. This year, the e-filing system that was supposed to handle the returns did not work properly. Residents have had to wait up to 8 months for their returns, instead of the normal timeframe of 4 to 8 weeks.

"Obviously, this new e-filing system has some major flaws and we've got to provide better service to local farmers," said Meyer, R-Bad

Meyer said many people also have found it difficult to get personalized help from the state because of a shortage of treasury staff. Gov. Jennifer Granholm has initiated a freeze on hiring workers, even to process the re-

"Many people are becoming frustrated because they can't seem to find a live person in treasury to help them with questions or problems," Meyer said.

many years as a lab technician for the Parke Davis Pharmaceutical Co. She was a member of the St.

Pancratius Catholic Church. McCloskey is survived by her sisters: Winifred Doncea and Delores McCloskey, both of Cass City; and many

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother. Gerald McCloskey.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 11, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, with the Rev. Steve Fillion

Interment was in the St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. Memorials may be made to

St. Pancratius Catholic Church.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Bonnie Jo Gabler

Bonnie Jo Gabler, 55, of Cass City, died suddenly Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2004 from injuries sustained in an auto accident.

She was born March 21, 1949 in Lebanon, Penn., the daughter of William and June (Gundrum) Perlaki.

Gabler worked for Deckerville Plastics since 1988. She was a former member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City, and a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Marlette. She is survived by her chil-

dren: Laura (Earl) Bennett of Hinesville, Ga., Amy (Michael) Miller of Marlette, Andrew Romberger of Cass City, and Jeremy Gabler of Cass City; 3 grandchildren; 2 step-grandchildren; her parents, William and June Perlaki; siblings: Mary (Larry) Trewyn of Clinton Township, William (Robin) Perlaki of Reading, Penn., Martin Perlaki of Jackson, James (Kelly) Perlaki of Lebanon, Ind., and Beth (Allen) Minder of Toledo, Ohio; and many nieces and

She was preceded in death by a niece, Lyndsae Perlaki. Funeral services were held Saturday Nov 13, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Eric Kilmer of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Marlette,

and the Rev. Gerald Meyer of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Our Savior Lutheran Church School Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home,

C. William Lovejoy

C. William "Bill" Lovejoy, 88, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004.

He was born July 5, 1916 in Milford, the son of the late W. Scott and Mae Lovejoy. He married Alice Catherine Coe in 1945.

Lovejoy graduated with a B.A. and M.B.A. from the University of Michigan. He worked for 34 years for the General Motors Proving Grounds in Milford, where he retired as administrator of operations and budgets. Lovejoy served on the Milford Village Council and the Huron Valley Schools Board of Education. He belonged to the Milford Rotary Club. Lovejoy served for 12 years on the Cass City Library Board, and was a board member of the Village Bach Festival. He was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, serving in many positions of leadership in

Milford and Cass City. Lovejoy is survived by his wife, Alice; a son, David (Rita) Lovejoy of Traverse City; a daughter, Kay Lovejoy (Randy Piebenga) of Lansing; 4 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; a sister, Barbara (Jim) Smith of Fenton; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and 2 brothers: Scotty and Paul Lovejoy. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 18, at the First Presbyterian Church, Cass City, with the Rev. David Blackburn officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, Cass City, and Kawson Memorial Library, Cass City.

by Thabet Funeral Home,

"Harvest" totals 17 tons of food

The 2004 Michigan Farm Bureau Harvest Gathering collected a whopping 17 tons of food — nearly triple last year's total - to ensure that guests at Michigan's Ronald McDonald Houses have plenty to eat during as well as after their stays.

The total includes 385 pounds collected in Tuscola County, 615 pounds in Huron County and 315 pounds in Sanilac County.

The third annual food drive culminated at the recent Michigan Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, held in Acme near Traverse City. There, county Farm Bureaus and staff donated 34,143 pounds of canned goods, pasta and other non-perishable food products to the Ronald Mc-Donald House organization.

Located near major hospitals, Ronald McDonald Houses provide families whose children are hospitalized for extended periods reasonable alternatives to saying at expensive hotels and a "home away from home." Michigan Ronald McDonald Houses are located in Lansing, Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids and Detroit.

The Harvest Gathering food drive is organized by the Michigan Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Department and grows exponentially each year, said Deb Schmucker, Promotion and Education Department man-

Wanted: seniors to foster cats

The Cass River Pet FriendZ, an area animal rescue and adoption organization, has recently started a new cat fostering program - "Older Cats for Older People".

The idea is to allow senior citizens to foster an older cat, while Cass River Pet FriendZ picks up the expense for any necessary veterinary care.

All cats are altered, up-todate on vaccinations, and tested for feline leukemia. Patricia Trisch, head of public relations and the Cat Fostering Program stated, 'Sometimes it's a little

harder to adopt out an older cat, but all a person has to do is provide them with a little love and care. Utilizing orphaned elderly cats, with lots of lap-sitting experience, we can provide foster companion cats to seniors living in the community."

Cass River Pet FriendZ will provide an initial food supply and a litter box with starter litter, and will periodically check on the cat's health. In the event that the animal's caregiver becomes ill or is hospitalized, Cass River Pet FriendZ will provide free boarding services and will also take the cat back if the caregiver can no longer care for it.

Trisch said that an "older cat" is usually considered to Arrangements were made be at least 7 years old. This would only be around 46years-old in human years.

She currently has a 7-yearold, an 8-year-old, a 9-yearold, a 10-year-old and a 12year-old cat that qualify for the fostering program, Many

cats live as long as 20 years. Foster cats are available to qualified Tuscola County residents over the age of 62. For more information, contact Trisch at (989) 673-

> Letters to the editor

Christmas concert wonderful

Re: Christmas Concert

WOW! Too bad the whole village couldn't attend. On the downside, the seats were very uncomfortable. We hope to attend every concert and just maybe we could have a building suitable for such talent (with seats to match). You were great! God bless Cass City!

Very truly yours,

ager.
"Three years ago the state Promotion and Education Committee decided to undertake the Harvest Gathering project because committee members were interested in

helping the community and thought providing food harvested by the world's farmers was the best way to help others," Schmucker said. "Since then, support for the

program has grown yearly.

County Farm Bureaus have become more and more innovative in their collection activities, and volunteers have really taken ownership and pride in outdoing the

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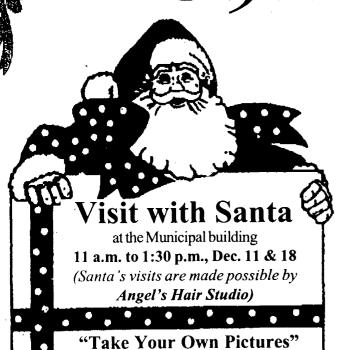
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Judges will be out Friday Evening, December 17, 6-10 p.m.





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Look For Drop Boxes Around town Last date to donate toys will be December 17



Help Light Up Cass City Luminary Kits for sale at Chamber office 12 bags, candles & sand - just \$5.00

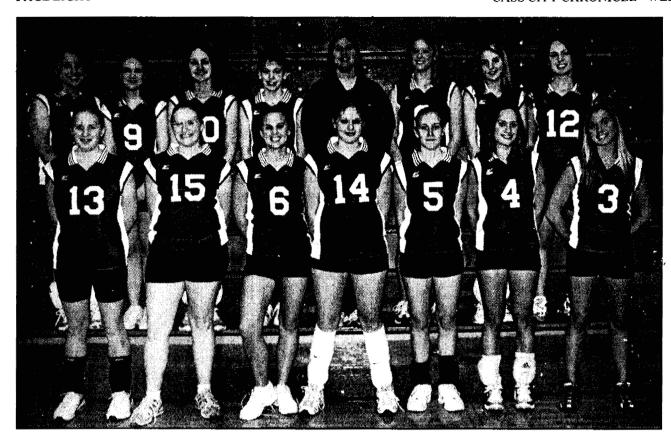
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THE CASS CITY 2004-05 junior varsity volleyball team members are: (front, l-r) Heather Moore, Chelsea McCallum, Megen O'Dell, Beth Ann Spencer, Ashleigh Rabideau, Courtney Rabideau, Lauren Dillon (back, l-r) Jill Dillon, Andrea Thane, Allie Lively, April Pica, coach Sally Pergande, Madeline Dooley, Danielle Hartel, Lana Silipo.



THE CASS CITY 2004-05 freshmen volleyball team members are: (front, l-r) Amanda Stevens, Heather Baker, Stephanie Regnerus (middle, l-r) Anna Deel, Kristie Karr, Becca Doerr, Jenny Zmierski (back, l-r) coach Amy Cuthrell, Megan Dorland, Brittany Karavas, Erica Darr, Caitlyn Rickett, Alica Osentoski, Brandy Rychlewski.

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If you have any questions regarding the Open House, please contact Ashley Patrick at 872-5476, ext. 371

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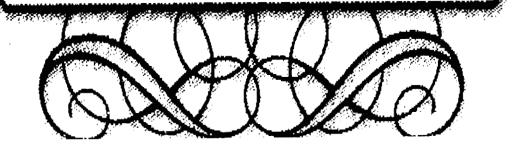


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Red Hawk grapplers finish 5th at Marlette Invitational

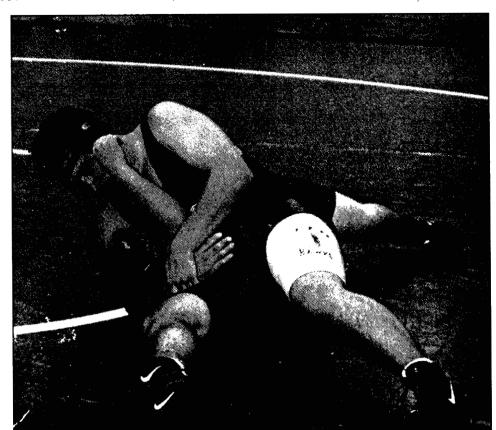
Last week wasn't a good one for the Cass City Red Hawk wrestlers. They lost a double dual meet Wednesday at Imlay City, 46-27, and to host Capac, 50-30. Just 2 Hawks posted 2 wins. Lee Hutchinson (275) and Andrew Peruski (103) chalked up the wins

Coach Don Markel said that cold and flu took its toll on the team with several wrestlers missing or performing at less than 100 percent. "Nonetheless we are still inconsistent in the way we are wrestling. We have a lot of work to do to get the team wrestling at a high caliber."

Saturday the Hawks were in the annual Marlette Invitational. Cass City placed 5th in the 12-team tournament, won by North Branch with a score of 156.5. Other teams finished in the following order: Imlay City, 144; Marlette, 124.5; Memphis, 117; Cass City, 108; USA, 105: Almont, 87; Brown City, 67.5; Flint Beecher, 61.5; Lakers, 57; Burton Bentley, 41; Sandusky, 25.

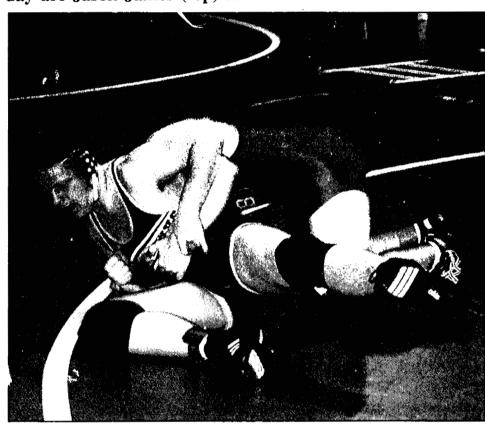
Placing and earning medals for Cass City were Kyle Sieradzki, 145, 2nd; Kyle Reif, 130, 2nd; Marcel Helland, 119, 3rd; Lee Hutchinson, 275, 4th; Wes Becker, 171, 4th.

A junior varsity tournament was held at Marlette, also on Saturday, and the Hawks did well with all 13 participants earning med-



WORKING HARD!

CASS CITY wrestled its way to a 5th place finish Saturday at the Marlette Invitational. Helping the Hawk cause on the day are Jason James (top) and Andrew Klco.



Cass City Bowling Leagues

Thursday Nite Trio as of Dec. 9

Jebco Consulting 13
United Building Centers 11
Martin Electric 9
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Doerr Landscaping 8
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Mycogen Seeds 6

Individual High Games & Series: G. Robinson 211 (614); T. Summers 218 (589); S. Osentoski 220 (581); J. Baker 215; L. Summers 213; O. Beecher 212; W. Laming 210.

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Split Conversions: L. Riddle 6-7, 4-10; J. Dickinson 6-7; C. Davidson 5-7

Team High Game: Thumb Octagon Barn, 889. 1cam High Series: Cablettes, 2401.

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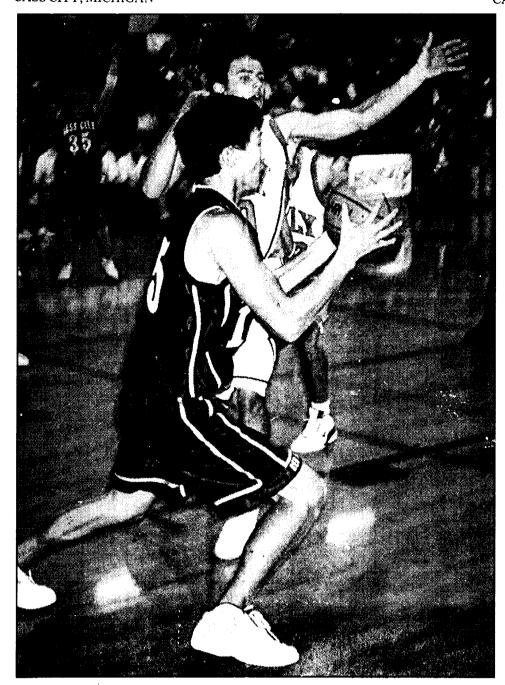
Individual High Games & Series: K. Soper 196-188-212 (596); J. Krol 234-201 (586); T. Lis 206-203 (576).

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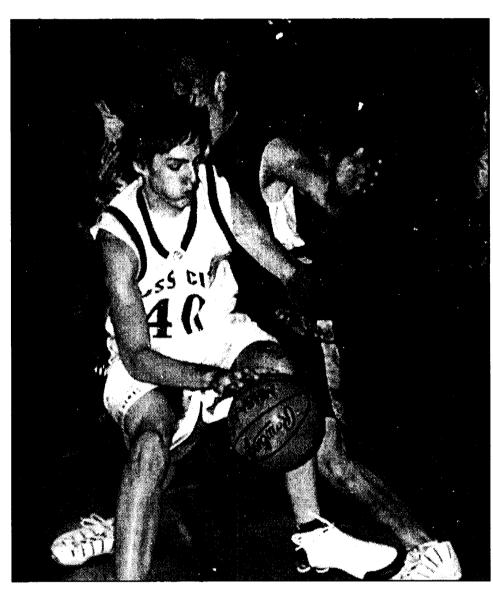
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UBLY'S ERIC PICHLA, one of the veterans from last year's championship team, presses Andrew Schinnerer as he brings the ball down the floor.



ANDREW MARTIN is closely checked by a Vassar Vulcan in the opening game of the season Tuesday.

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EPBP	0	0	0	1	Port Hope	0	1	0	1	
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Cass City rallies for victory over Ubly

It has been a very long time since the Cass City Red Hawks went into the Christmas holidays undefeated, but a sterling last quarter comeback against Ubly Friday kept alive the hopes that this is the year the Red Hawks will start the new year with an unblemished record.

Sure, it was only the second game of the season and before the holidays Cass City was to face Sandusky Tuesday, play at Mayville Friday and at Caro, Tuesday, Dec.

It's not beyond reason to feel the Hawks could win all of these games, or on the down side lose a couple of

It's nearly certain that the lead was cut to 10. Hawks will fall before the holidays if they play the way they did in the opening quarter and the first half of the second quarter at Ubly. With 4 minutes left in the first half it didn't appear likely that Cass City was going to post a 55-53 win.

Cass City trailed by 16 points, 37-21, with less than 4 minutes left in the third quarter before starting its comeback behind a rain of threes. Cass City netted 5 treys in a row as Justin Glaza started the parade with a pair, followed by one each by Brad Langenburg and Nick Stoutenburg. Going into the final 8 minutes the Bearcat Hawks turned the ball over

Glaza hit another pair of threes in the first 2 1/2 minutes of the fourth quarter to help cut the lead to 47-44 before Eric Pichla hit a pair of free throws. Helped by a cold streak at the free throw line, when the Wildcats missed 3 of 4 charity shots, the Hawks tied the score for the first time in the game at 50-all. Andrew Martin then hit a short jumper to put Cass City in front, 52-50 and the Hawks netted 5 unanswered points to lead 55-50 with less than a minute left.

But the Bearcats were far from through. Pichla connected for a trey and the

to give Ubly possession with seconds left. A desperate shot at the buzzer missed to end

Coach Aaron Fernald said that Martin played a fine game, holding his own against a rugged Bearcat front line. He also made the short jump shot that put Cass City ahead for the first time in the game. We may have been helped, Fernald continued, because Ubly got tired as the starters played most of the game. Cass City rested all of its players during the

Ubly has a very fine team, the coach said, and will be a force to contend with in the

Glaza led the Hawks with 22 points, while Pichla scored 19 and Dan Weber,

17, for Ubly. The Ubly junior varsity won easily over the Hawk JV,

77-48. The Cass City fresh-

men also lost. CASS CITY - Glaza 3-4 (4-5) 22; Schinnerer 2-0 (0-1) 4; J. Stoutenburg 0-0 (2-4) 2; Landrith 2-0 (4-8) 8; N. Stoutenburg 1-2 (0-0) 8; Langenburg 0-1 (0-0) 3; Martin 3-0 (3-4) 9.

TOTALS - 11-7 (12-22) 55. **UBLY -** Mausolf 2-0 (1-2) 5; Recker 0-1 (2-6) 5; Pichla 1-5 (2-3) 19; Kubacki 2-0 (1-2) 5; Weber 8-0 (1-3) 17. Ritter 1-0 (0-0) 2.

TOTALS - 14-6 (7-16) 53.

Hawks hold off Vassar for opening night win

throw line to win, coach Aaron Fernald said, commenting on the season's opening game Tuesday against the visiting Vassar Vulcans. And get to the line they did, sinking 20 of 34 attempts and the Hawks were off on the right foot with a 65-61 decision.

The Hawks jumped off to an early 6-0 lead as Chris Landrith, playing his first varsity game, scored the first 2 hoops of the season and Justin Glaza added his first hoop on his way to a gamehigh 24 points.

It was a physical game testing the Hawks on the boards, and rebound baskets were few for both teams.

With Glaza hitting a pair of treys and a regular hoop and Cass City cashing 9 of 13 attempts in a parade to the free throw line, Cass City ended the first half with a shaky 34-

It appeared that the Hawks had the game under control in the third quarter. Glaza with a pair of hoops, including a trey, and Landrith with 2 hoops and 2 free throws paced the Hawks on a 16-8 run to move to what seemed to be a comfortable, 50-35,

It didn't prove to be that

CASS CITY - Glaza 4-4 (4-6) 24; Schinnerer 1-1 (4-6) 9; J. Stoutenburg 1-0 (1-2) 3; Landrith 5-0 (7-11) 17; N. Stoutenburg 1-0 (0-0) 2; Langenburg 1-0 (4-8) 6; Martin 1-0 (0-1) 2; Otulakowski 1-0 (0-0) 2. **TOTALS** - 15-5 (20-34) 65.

VASSAR - Pratt 2-1 (2-2) 9; Mila 3-0 (0-0) 6; Espinoza 0-3 (0-0) 9; Haas 1-2 (1-1) 9; Wejna 1-0 (0-1) 2; Wilhera 3-0 (0-) 6; Hamood 4-4 (0-

TOTALS - 14-10 (3-4) 61.

GM Rebates

We had to get to the free comfortable as the Vulcans pher Haas and Hamood also went on a 3-point shooting spree. Joseph Hamood started it when he ended the third quarter with a 3-pointer. In the last period Erick Pratt, Andrew Espinoza, Christo-

chalked up trifectas and suddenly it was anybody's ball game. For the night, the Vulcans converted 10 3-

With over 2 minutes left the

Cass City lead had shrunk to Hamood led Vassar with 20 just 4 points, 62-58. Andrew Schinnerer then converted one of 2 free throws and Glaza added 2 free throws to Vassar won the junior varsity settle the issue.

Helped by hitting 4 treys,

points. In his first varsity game, Landrith netted 17.

game, 51-50.

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Ubly High School officials announce first honor roll

Ubly High School announces the first marking period honor roll.

Grade 9

Richard Bensinger*, Calvin Booms, Gena Briolat, Erika Deacons, Katelyn Dekoski, Nathan Forman, Eric Gentner, Teri Gentner, Tiffany Glaza, Kristine Groth*, Sally Hawley, Tricia Heleski*, Robert Klemzak*, Chelsey Kubacki, Jason Kubacki, Shelby Lemke*, Thomas Loss, Brandi Messing, Kevin Messing*, Brittany Morell, Patrick Murdock, Bree Ann Eric O'Connor*, Tyler Osantowski, Osentoski, Ernest Peltier. Nicole Peplinski, Torrie Peplinski, Grant Pichla*, Gwen Pionk*, Nicole Pionk, Tammy Rutkowski, Michelle Smith, Courtney Stomack, Emily Sullivan, Janelle Susalla, Alyssa Vatter, Beth Weber, Shannon Weber*, Travis Wolschleger, Trevor Wolschleger and Erin Yarbrough.

Grade 10

Sarah Block, Heath Farrelly, Justin Fess, Andrea Geiger, Rita Gentner*, Andrea Hill*, Hiroko Ikeda, Jade Kaufman, Jessica Kirsch, Nicole Klee, Michael Koglin, Kylee Kubacki, Rebecca Kubacki*, Shelby LaBuhn*, Kara Lackowski*, Lucas Maurer, James Mazure, Kayla McBride*, Alison McDonald, Jonathan Mellas, Renee Melnik, Courntey Ney, Shawn Oberski, Faith Osentoski, Shelby Partaka, Lucas Priemer, Rick Romain, Cynthia Rumptz, Steven Rutkowski*, Ryan Simmerlein, Paul Smaglinski, Nathan Smalley, Aaron Smithers and Bianca

Grade 11

Jharid Balhoff, Jaimie Bolda*, Seth Briolat, Krysta Cleary, Kevin Geiger, Bobbi Gentner, Jenni Guigar, Troy Helewski, Joshua Holdwick, Kimberly Lackowski*, Nicholas Lindquist, Jessića Maurer, Andrea McCarty, Megan Mellas, Samuel Osentoski, Stephanie Peruski, Sara Pettinger, Rebecca Philp, Eric Pionk, Laura Pollum, Jared Puvalowski*, Mark Recker*, Sarah Roberts, Ashley Romzek*, Eric Rutkowski, Amy Schroeder. Emily Stefan, Mary Tibbetts, Sara Walsh and Daniel Weber.

Grade 12 William Bennett, Robert

Brooke

Christensen,

Coenen, Katie Creguer, Kimberly Dekoski, Shawn Depcinski*, Matthew Essenmacher*, Derek Glaza. Flavia Gomes, Adam Hill, Breanna Jaskowski, Jessica Kawecki, Keri Klawon, Kristin Klawon, Evan Klee, Jared Kubacki, Meghan Kubacki, Paige Kulish, Gary Laming*, Lisa Lamke, Katie Lautner, Eric Link*, Paul Longuski, Joel Manning, Ashley Marks, Russell Marks, Andrew Maurer*, Clinton Maurer*, Renee Maurer*. Cherish Mausolf*. Jeremy Mausolf, Theresa Mazure, Ashley Messing, Corey Messing, Devin Messing, Ashley Meyer, Peter Mignoni, Samuel Mignoni, Jason Oberski, Branden Osentoski, Cris Parker, Shane Peltier, Matthew Peruski, Eric Pichla, Gina Pionk*, Daniel Ritter, Jaclyn Rivard, Brandon Roth, Nicole Rumptz*, Lisa Rutkowski, Kayla Stomack. Judith Susalla, Ashley Sweeney, Henrike Traue, Anthony Vatter, Rhea Vatter, Ray Warehuck and Nicholas

* Denotes all "A"s.

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Cass City Red Hawks 2004-2005 Boys' Basketball

<u>Date</u>	Team	Time	
Dec. 7	Vassar	6:00 p.m.	
Dec. 10	Ubly	5:00 p.m.	
Dec. 14	Sandusky	6:00 p.m.	
Dec. 17	Mayville	5:00 p.m.	
Dec. 21	Caro	4:00 p.m.	
Jan. 4	Valley Lutheran	6:00 p.m.	
Jan. 7	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.	
Jan. 11	Mariette	6:00 p.m.	
Jan. 14	Lakers	6:00 p.m.	
Jan. 18	Harbor Beach	6:00 p.m.	
Jan. 21	USA	6:00 p.m.	
Jan. 25	Reese	6:00 p.m.	
Jan. 28	BCAS	5:00 p.m.	
Feb. 3	Valley Lutheran (F)	6:00 p.m.	
Feb. 4	Valley Lutheran	6:00 p.m.	
Feb. 8	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.	
Feb. 11	Lakers	6:00 p.m.	
Feb. 15	USA	6:00 p.m.	
Feb. 18	Reese	6:00 p.m.	
Feb. 22	BCAS	6:00 p.m.	
Feb. 25	Deckerville	5:00 p.m.	
* Home games are bold			

Cass City Red Hawks 2004-2005 Wrestling

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ı	<u>Date</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Time</u>
ı	Dec. 1	Imlay City / Capac	6:00 p.m.
ı	Dec. 4	Cros Lex Invite	9:00 a.m.
ı	Dec. 8	Capac / Lutheran North	6:00 p.m.
ı	Dec. 11	Marlette Invite	8:00 a.m.
ı	Dec. 16	Pinconning	6:00 p.m.
ı	Jan. 5	Brown City / USA	6:00 p.m.
ı	Jan. 8	North Branch Invite	9:00 a.m.
ı	Jan. 12	Vallue Lutheran / Lakers	6:00 p.m.
ı	Jan. 15	Mayville Invite	8:30 a.m.
ı	Jan. 19	Bad Axe / Nouvel	6:00 p.m.
ı	Jan. 22	Imlay City Invite	8:30 p.m.
ı	Jan. 26	Mayville / Sandusky	6:00 p.m.
ı	Jan. 29	Marysville Invite	9:00 a.m.
١	Feb. 2	USA / Marlette	6:00 p.m.
ı	Feb. 5	Standish Sterling	9:00 a.m.
1	Feb. 12	League Invite @ V. Luth.	9:00 a.m.
	* Home ga	mes are bold	•

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Date

	Date	<u>r cain</u>	TIME		
	Dec. 11	Lakers (F/JV)	9:00 a.m.		
Į	Dec. 13	Brown City/Kingston (F/V)	6:00 p.m.		
1	Dec. 13	Brown City/Kingston (JV)	6:30 p.m.		
	Dec. 15	Caro .	6:00 p.m.		
1	Dec. 17	Caro Invite (F/JV)	4:15 p.m.		
ı	Dec. 18	Caro Invite	8:30 a.m.		
ı	Dec. 20	Kingston/Brown City (F)	6:00 p.m.		
ı	Jan. 6	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.		
ı	Jan. 7	Bad Axe Invite (F/JV)	4:00 p.m.		
ı	Jan. 8	Freeland Invite	9:00 a.m.		
i	Jan. 10	Sandusky	6:00 p.m.		
ı	Jan. 13	Ubly	6:00 p.m.		
ı	Jan. 15	Birch Run Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.		
	Jan. 20	BCAS	6:00 p.m.		
1	Jan. 22	Birch Run Invite (JV)	8:30 a.m.		
	Jan. 27	Valley Lutheran	6:00 p.m.		
	Jan. 29	Lakers Invite	9:00 a.m.		
1	Jan. 29	Brown City Invite (F)	9:00 a.m.		
1	Feb. 3	Lakers	6:00 p.m.		
ı	Feb. 10	USA	6:00 p.m.		
1	Feb. 12	Northwood Invite	8:30 a.m.		
ı	Feb. 12	JV Invite @ Lakers	9:00 a.m.		
1	Feb. 12	9 th Invite @ USA	9:00 a.m.		
	Feb. 17	Reese	6:00 p.m.		
	Feb. 19	League Tourn. @ USA	9:00 a.m.		
	* Home games are bold				

Cass City Red Hawks 2004-2005 Gymnastics

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Date	<u>Team</u>	Time
Dec. 14	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	Midland	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 22	Vassar Invite	12:00 p.m.
Jan. 29	Troy Athens	9:00 a.m.
Feb. 1	Midland	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	Midland Invite	12:00 p.m.
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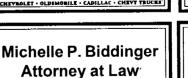


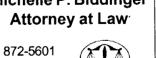












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Cass City Schools honor roll

Cass City Middle School announces the second marking period honor roll.

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Grade 6

Brittany Asher-Lynch, David Clemens, Kelsey Cooper, Jeremy Decent, Austin Deering, Zachary Deering*, Cameron Dunnuck, Chelsea Green *, Krista Guinther*, Taylor Forrest, Tyler Forth, Kendra Grady, Christopher Hool, Angela Janssen, Nicholas Karavas*, Charles Kester*, Justin Ketterer, Michael Lange, Channing Langenburg, Ashley LePage, Jeffrey Leslie, Rebecca Leslie, Thomas LeValley, Elizabeth Lintner, Kylie Maggard, Aaron Magiera, Colin Mason, Logan Mika, Anthony McArthur*, Eric

Montreuil, Milligan*, Candace Myers, Mitchell O'Dell, McKensie Parrish*, Hayley Peters, Amanda Phillips, Cody Pringle, Caitlin Reed*, Andrea Retan, Mary Rivest, Kelsey Russell, Amanda Stoll, Robert VanAuken, Alexander Varney*, Ashley Vincent, Lauren Walther, Amber Warju, Zachary Weiss, Dallas Woodward, Jeremy Wright and Lauren Zdrojewski.

Grade 7

Zachary Abell, Rachel Auten, Steffin Bader, Josiah Battel*, Lindsey Bliss, Brittany Carr Huizar, Richard Doerr, Kevven Dorland, Halena Farkas, Jalen Ferris, Zachary Fisher*, Alexandra Frederick, Keegan Hagen, Stephan Hanselman, Teriona Harper, Amanda Kaake*, Logan Kausch*, Kent LaFave, Amber LaPonsie, Paige Lester, Andrew Leslie*, Jennifer Manwell*,

Thomas Marker, Emily Martin*, Grady McCoy, Erin McFadzean, Ashleigh Moore, Tyler Nicholas, Brittany Nicol*, Elise Nicol*. Nicole Pasanski, Tyler Perry, Trevor Phillips, Kyle Pine, LaShae Radeka, Eric Reif, Alex Rowe, Paul Rubey, Steven Rychlewski, Jenna Sattelberg*, Nicholas Shantz, Angelena Simpson*, David Steely*, Stephanie Steely*, Ashleigh Stoeckle*, Samantha Swiderski*, Sara Venema*, Brandon Weaver, Amanda Woodruff and Megan Zawilinski.

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The Japanese teenagers will stay with their American host families July 22-Aug. 19.

The program is open to families with children close in age to the Japanese participants. Families without children in this age range will be considered as hosts for adult chaperones from Japan.

"You don't have to be involved in 4-H to host. You just need a willingness to share your home and your world," said Linda Schumacher, 4-H program associate. "There is no need to know Japanese. The students have all studied English and are anxious to use

Schumacher said the program gives host families a chance to share their culture, friendship and family life with an exchange student, and at the same time learn about Japanese life. "The home stays last only a month during summer vacation, but the effects (last) a lifetime," she added.

The 4-H International Exchange Program is one of the largest exchange programs involving North American and Japanese youth in the world.

Host family applications and brochures about the program are available by contacting the MSU Extension Office at 99 West Soper Rd., Suite B, Bad Axe, MI 48413, or by calling (989) 269-9949.



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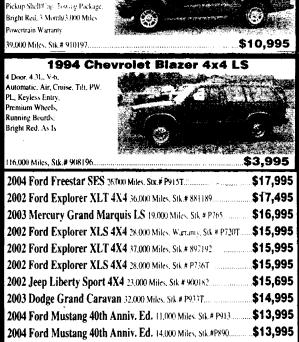
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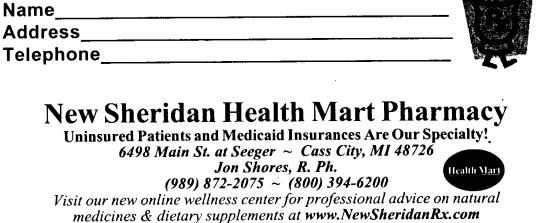
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F.B. voices opposition to water permitting

Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) policy-makers expressed their strong opposition to water use permitting during the MFB 85th Annual Meeting in Acme.

Concluding Friday, MFB members spent the better part of the week adopting policies on state and national issues that will guide the organization in 2005.

Through the policy process, delegates were quick to recognize the crucial importance of water as a resource, adopting policy stating: "The Great Lakes Basin represents the largest reserve of fresh water in the world. It is a unique resource that should be utilized in a responsible manner and protected for future generations and the future of Michigan agricul-

At the same time, delegates gave considerable attention to agriculture's many concerns regarding water use.

New language inserted into the organization's existing water use policy resolved to oppose any laws that include water use permitting if they do not provide that "no fees will ever be charged" for agricultural water use, among

other provisions. Delegates also adopted policy that calls for "credible scientific research" for all water use policies. However, they expressed concern over increasing calls for permitting that many feel will harm producers' abilities to operate their farms.

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simple withdrawal values do not accurately describe agricultural water use," the policy says. "Michigan Farm Bureau will not accept a water management system that does not balance efficient agricultural water use with the amount of water recovered for groundwater recharge from rain falling on farmland.

"Management and regulation of the waters of the Great Lakes Basin does not require water use permitting. Burdensome regulation is not necessary to protect the Great Lakes and could challenge the competitiveness of Michigan farms.'

In other action, delegates

* Support the removal of abandoned and/or neglected fruit orchards and vineyards because they "harbor diseases and insects.'

* Increase penalties for "individuals who destroy or contaminate agricultural property with the intent to create terror."

* Encourage "the expansion of junior high/middle school and high school agriscience and natural resources education programs and FFA chapters as vital tools for educating young people" to "enable the future leaders of agriculture to obtain foundational knowledge that will help shape their careers and ultimately promote the sustainability of the agriculture industry.'

* Support MFB's "active role to involve members in air

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quality education." This new organizational policy urges education for livestock producers regarding the implementation of an Environmental Protection Agency "safe harbor agreement" that provides them with "protection from legal liabilities associated with air emission issues in exchange for a onetime fine and an industry-financed research study to gather air emissions data specific to the industry's production and manure management systems."

* Support "the development of research and testing that will enhance the adoption of biotechnology products and processes, and address consumer safety and environmental concerns.'

* Support "the creation and effective implementation of both temporary and permanent farmland protection tools.'

Support the delisting of the Eastern Timber Wolf as an endangered species. MFB members also expressed concern "about the lack of large animal practitioners in the area of veterinary medicine" and adopted policy supporting measures and incentives to recruit future veterinar-

In addition, they adopted amended policy on agricultural terrorism that states there is a "fine line between being over-reactive and creating unnecessary regulation versus being acutely aware of agriculture's vulnerability." As such, the policy opposes "additional regulation without consultation of the agricultural community and verification that there is a real safety concern or risk."

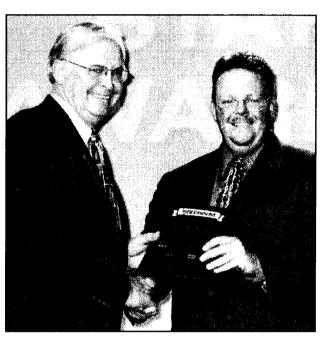
Employees raise cash for others

Independent Bank offices throughout the state of Michigan recently raised over \$10,000 for Cystic Fibrosis, topping last year's total of \$2,736.00. The staff at the Caro office topped the effort by raising \$3,351.

"We are proud of all of our offices and their commitment to raising funds for charities throughout the year," said Ron Long, president & CEO of Independent Bank East Michigan. "We commend the team at the Caro office. What an outstanding achievement on behalf of an important







THUMB AREA Farm Bureau representataives accepted county Star Awards from Michigan Farm Bureau President Wayne H. Wood during the Farm Bureau annual meeting in Acme. Pictured are (from the top) Myron Ortner of Tuscola County, Gary Krug of Huron County and Brian Williams of Sanilac County. The awards recognize county program excellence throughout the year.

County MSU Extension offers gardener class

The Tuscola County MSU Extension office in Caro is offering a 12-week Master Gardener course beginning Jan. 11.

The classes will be held at Davenport University in Caro. The course will cover an orientation of the Master Gardener Volunteer Program and the MSU Extension Office, Plant Science, Soils for Plant Growth, Flower Gardening, Lawn Care, Vegetable Culture, Small Fruit Culture, Tree Fruit Culture, Woody Ornamentals, Integrated Pest Management, Indoor Plants, and Household

In addition to the educational segment, participants have to donate volunteer hours. The program requires annual re-certification, which entails additional education credits and more volunteer hours

Criminal history background checks are required for all participants as volunteers may work with vulnerable populations. The policy statement for the program has a Standards of Behavior section that every Master Gardener must sign and up-

The program is available to all citizens and is designed to develop a pool of willing volunteers trained in horticulture. The objective is to increase appreciation for the use of plants and the knowledge to successfully grow them in an environmentally

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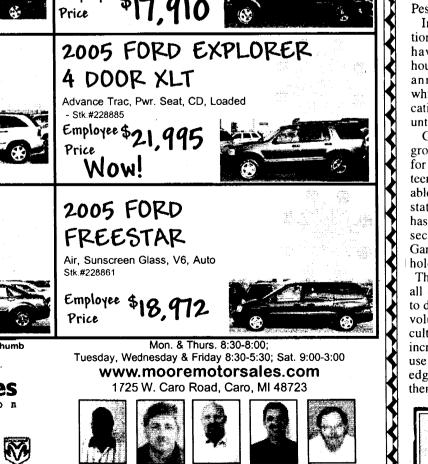
Those desiring to take the class need a strong interest in horticulture and home gardening. They would need to be available to take the classes and to put in the necessary volunteer time. Ability to communicate and share knowledge diplomatically is also essential. The volunteers need to be willing to support MSU Extension staff in providing consumer horticulture informa-

Diverse projects are available so that participants have a variety of choices for fulfilling their volunteer obligations.

It is also the responsibility of participants to document his or her volunteer time in a report to the Master Gardener Volunteer Program. Certificates and name badges are awarded when criteria have been met. At least half of the volunteer hours should consist of MSU-directed projects and the other half should be in activities meaningful to the participant.

Oct. 31 is the cut-off date for applications that will be processed for the cost of the total course. After that, the cost increases. There are only a limited number allowed in the class.

More information is available by calling the extension office at (989) 672-3870.





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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jay Walter Nazarijchuk and Betty L. Nazarijchuk, husband and wife, to The Cit Group/Consumer Finance, Inc., A Michigan Corporation Mortgagee, dated February 14, 2004 and recorded April 6, 2004 in Liber 986, Page 1497, Tuscola County Records, Michigan and was subsequently assigned to: HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2004-HE2, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-One Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$192,471.39), including interest 6.95% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI at 10:00AM. on Thursday, December 23, 2004. Said premises are situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 14, Town 11 North, Range 08 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said section: thence South 88 degrees 45 minutes 14 seconds West, 907.00 feet (recorded as South 88 degrees 46 minutes 13 seconds West) along the East-West 1/4 line of said section; thence South 00 degrees 35 minutes 47 seconds East, 289.01 feet parallel with the East line of said section to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 00 degrees 35 minutes 47 seconds East, 288.50 feet parallel with the East line o said section; thence South 88 degrees 45 minutes 14 seconds West, 754.94 feet parallel with the East-West 1/4 line of said section; thence North 00 degrees 35 min-utes 47 seconds West, 288.50 feet parallel with the East line of said section; thence North 88 degrees 45 minutes 14

seconds East 754.94 feet parallel with the East-West 1/4 line of said section to the point of beginning. Said parcel contains 5.00 acres more or less and is subject to any and all easements restrictions and/ or rights-of-way, whether used, implied or of record. Together with and subject to a non-exclusive for ingress and egress described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner, Section 14, Town 11 North, Range 08 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence South 00 degrees 35 minutes 47 seconds East, 132.00 feet along the East line of said section to the point of beginning: thence continuing South 00 degrees 35 minutes 47 seconds East, 66.00 feet along the East line of said section; thence South 88 degrees 45 minutes 14 seconds West, 400.00 feet (recorded as South 88 degrees 46 minutes 13 seconds West) parallel to the East-West 1/4 line of said section; thence South 00 degrees 35 minutes 47 seconds East, 124.00 feet parallel to the East line of said section; thence South 88 degrees 45 minutes 14 seconds West, 707.00 feet parallel to the East-West 1/4 line of said section; thence North 00 degrees 35 minutes 47 seconds West, 66.00 feet parallel to the East line of said section; thence North 88 degrees 45 minutes 14 seconds East, 641.00 feet parallel to the East-West 1/4 line of said section; thence North 00 degrees 35 minutes 47 seconds West 124.00 feet parallel to the East line of said section; thence North 88 degrees 45 minutes 14 seconds East 466.00 feet parallel to the East-West 1/4 line of said section to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: NOVEMBER 16, 2004

Our File No: 04-29755

HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2004-HE2, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd., Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donald A. Teddy and Sandra L. Teddy, his wife, original mortgagors, to Citizens Bank, A Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 17, 1998 and recorded on July 6, 1998 in Liber 744 on Page 035 in Tuscola County Records Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Eighty and 97/100 Dollars (\$57,180.97), including interest at

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 January 6, 2005.

7.125% per annum.

Said premises are situated in Township of Denmark, Tuscola County, Michigan,

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 9, Town 12 North, Range 7 East; thence West 210.00 feet; thence North 230.00 feet; thence East 210.00 feet; thence South 230.00 feet to the place of beginning.

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

Dated: December 1, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC C (248) 593-1301 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Citizens Bank, A Michigan Banking Corporation 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #020054F02

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Linda Heinz, a married woman, and Fredrick Heinz, her husband, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 24, 2003 and recorded on February 28, 2003 in Liber 918 on Page 11 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be enty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Nine and 45/100 Dollars (\$75,959.45), including interest at 6% per annum

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 6, 2005

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

Lot 9, Block 7 of W.M. E. Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 11 of Deeds, Page 491 of Tuscola County

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: December 1, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE FC X (248) 593-1302

Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, In 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #041528F01

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Denny Montgomery, a/k/a Denny C. Montgomery, and Becky Montgomery, a/k/a Rebecca L. Montgomery, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Standard Federal Bank, Mortgagee, ing interest at 6.875% per annum

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

ntrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on December 23, 2004.

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

Lot 6, Block 4 of the Plat of William E. Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the plat recorded in Liber 11 of Deeds, Page 491 of Tuscola County Records, except a piece of land off the Southeast side thereof, 78 feet wide Northwest and Southeast, Tuscola

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 remption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 24, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE FC C (248) 593-1301 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Standard Federal Bank

30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200

File #035809F03

11-24-4

STATE OF MICHIGAN 54th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR THE COUNTY OF TUSCOLA

Case No. 04-22643-CH

Any and all unknown claimants, owners

National City Mortgage Company, Plain-

claimants or owners to the manufactured home located at 2900 O'Brien, Mayville, MI 48744. Defendant Katherine W. MacKenzie (P63550)

heirs, devisees, or assignees of unknown

Trott & Trott. P.C. 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 (248) 594-5418 ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE

This complaint was filed in order to establish ownership of the manufactured home located at 2900 O'Brien Road, Mayville, MI 48744. All parties having an interest in this property must file a response to the complaint in the Tuscola County Circuit Court within 28 days of the final publication of this notice. Failure to respond will result in forfeiture of any interest in the manufactured home.

THE COURT FINDS: Service of process upon defendant, any and all unknown claimants, owners, heirs, devisees, or assignees of unknown claimants, etc., cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner, which is reason ably calculated to give defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED: Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be made by the following method: via publication pursuant to MCR 2.201(D) per 2.106(D).

Dated: September 16, 2004

S/Patrick R. Joslyn, Judge

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert A. Mason and Flora Mason, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 3, 2004 and recorded May 21, 2004 in Liber 993, Page 752, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Eight and 0/100 Dollars (\$93,648.00), including interest at the rate of 6.00% per annum

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro. Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on December 16,

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

Being known and designated as Lots 2, 3

and 5, Block 3, Metes and Bounds Property, to wit: The Southwest half of Lot 2, Block 3 of Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the plat recorded in Liber 11 of Deeds, Page 491; Except a place of land six feet wide on Madison Street and 75 feet deep of the Northeast side of said Southwest half of Lot 2, also Lot 3 of Block 3, of said Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro, except the Southwest 8 feet thereof, also all of the Northeasterly portion of Lot 5, Block 3 of said Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro lying Southeast of Alone said described property except Commencing 122 feet South of the Southeast corner of Lot 2, Block 3, Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro; running thence West to Division line between Lot 5 and 6 of said Block: thence North to the Southwest corner of Lot 3 in said Block; thence North to the Southwest corner of Lot 3 in said Block: thence Easterly to a point 66 feet South of the Southeast corner of Lot 2 in said Block; thence South along margin of Almer Street to the beginning, Section 3, town 12 North,

The redemption period shall be 6 months event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

ORLANS ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Mortgagee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000

File No. 280.1114

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rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid

made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mary D. Gibbs, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Icon Financial Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 14, 2001 and recorded on February 21, 2001 in Liber 822 or. Page 113, and rerecorded on April 23, 2001 in Liber 829 on Page 457, and assigned by said Mortgagee to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. as assignee by an assignment dated February 19, 2001 and recorded on February 21, 2001 in Liber 822 on Page 128, and re-recorded on April 23, 2001 in Liber 829 on Page 472 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Three and 95/ 100 Dollars (\$43,773.95), including interest at 8.125% per annum.

on January 6, 2005.

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

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

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: December 8, 2004

File #035874F03

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE FC C (248) 593-1301

Attorneys For ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Terry Niedziela, an unmarried tober 1, 2003 and recorded on October

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 January 6, 2005.

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

tion 9, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan being further described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 of said section; thence North 01 degrees 25 minutes 37 seconds West 680.60 feet along the East line of said Section to the point of beginning; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 43 seconds West, 736.50 feet; thence North 01 degree 19 minutes 17 seconds West, 401.70 feet parallel with the East 1/8 line of said section; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 43 seconds East, 735,76 feet to a point on the East line of said section; thence South 01 degree 25 minutes 37 seconds East, 401.70 feet along the East line of said Section to the point of beginning.

Also with a 33 foot wide easement for ingress and egress and public utilities, for the exclusive use of Parcel A, being further described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section; thence 33.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 43 seconds East, 735.76 feet to a point on the East line of said Section; thence South 01 degree 25 minutes 37 seconds East, 33.00 feet along the East line of said Section to the point of beginning. Said parcel also subject to any and all easements, restrictions and/or rights

of way whether used, implied or of record

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

Dated: December 1, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC F (248) 593-1313

Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Cendant Mortgage Corporation d/b/a Coldwell Banker Mortgage 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #041042F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made hy Rose Marie Cook and Harry J Cook, husband and wife, to EquiVantage Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 10, 1998 and recorded December 11, 1998 in Liber 758, Page 297, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by JP Morgan Chase Bank, as Trustee un der the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of May 1, 2004, among Credit-Based Asset Servicing and Securitization LLC, C-BASS ABS, LLC, Litton Loan Servicing LP and JP Morgan Chase Bank, C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Certificated, series 2004-RP1 by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Nineteen and 29/100 Dollars (\$55,419.30), including interest at the rate of 9.45% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 13,

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

Commencing at a point 443 feet East of the Southwest corner of the East half of the Southeast quarter of Section 24, Town 14 North, Range 10 East; running thence North 180 feet; thence East 190 feet thence South 180 feet; thence West 190 feet to the point of beginning.

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

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: December 15, 2004

ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for JP Morgan Chase Bank, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2004, among Credit-Based Asset Servicing and Securitization LLC, C-BASS ABS, LLC, Litton Loan Servicing LP and JP Morgan Chase Bank, C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Certificated, series

Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 213.0270

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary R. Hall, a/k/a Gary Ray Hall, and Brenda L. Hall, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Mortgagee, dated December 23, 2003 and recorded on February 10, 2004 in Liber 978 on Page 761 in Tuscola County

Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Seven and 20/100 Dollars (\$93,287.20), including interest at 8.15% per annum

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

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

Lots 8 and 9, Block 3, of Charles Montague's Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, now being Page 11A

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.

FC D (248) 593-1309 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #040243F01

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IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jodi Ann Quick, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Homeowners Loan Corp., a Delaware Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 12, 2003 and recorded on August 4, 2003 in Liber 947 on Page 268 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Three and 03/100 Dollars (\$58,233.03), including interest at 10.67% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 6, 2005.

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

Lot 8, Block 2, of W.E. Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 11 of Deeds Page 491, except 1 Rod off the Northwest end of said Lot 8. Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Dated: December 8, 2004

File #029379F02

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC X (248) 593-1302 Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Countrywide Home Loans 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the condition of a mortgage made by Lonny N. Miles and Kimberly A Miles, husband and wife, to Household Finance Corporation III by a mortgage dated December 19, 2002 and recorded on December 27, 2002 in Liber 908 on Page 1184, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Two Hundred Dollars and 00/100 (\$153,200.00), including interest at

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI on January 6, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Commencing 231 feet North of the South east corner of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East; thence West 297 feet; thence North 88 feet: thence East 297 feet: thence South 88 feet to the point of be

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

Dated: November 22, 2004

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12-1-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Arnold L. Chema and Stacey R. Chema, Husband and Wife, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, a Delaware Corporation Mortgagee, dated August 6, 2001 and recorded October 22, 2001 in Liber 844, Page 384, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$123,189.28), including interest 9.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI at 10:00AM. on Thursday, January 6, 2005.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, described as the East 100 feet of the East 1/ 2 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Southwest 1/4, except the North 60 rods thereof, and the West 106 feet of the South 20 rods of the Southeast 1/4 of said Southwest 1/4 of said Section 12. Commonly known as 6388 West Millington, Millington MI

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Dated: NOVEMBER 29, 2004

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(\$105,928.56), including interest at 8.5% 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,

Said premises are situated in Township of Arbela, Tuscola County, Michigan, and

on January 6, 2005.

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2004-RP1, As Assignee

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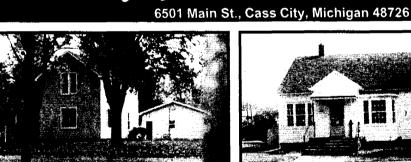
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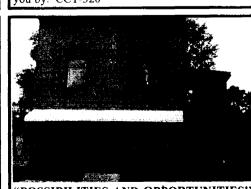
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THE ENGLEHART Rd. home rented by Karen Johnson and her son, Dylan, was gutted by fire, but they escaped injury after Dylan's dog, Bruce Lee, woke them up. The family pet perished in the blaze.

Johnson thanked the local

called on to do night and day. Read Meg's Peg Page 2

"Bruce was our one-time all the time.'

cluding hiring a bond attorney, conducting a rate analysis and preliminary engineering design work.

Sheridan said the new charge would be eliminated once a bond for construction of the arsenic treatment facility is approved, although he predicts water rates will likely be increased to pay for the project.

Trustee Don Richards briefly discussed his concerns regarding deteriorating sidewalks in the village and the need to set aside adequate revenue for repairs.

Village President L.E. Althaver recommended, and the council agreed, to draft a complete inventory of the sidewalks and their condition. The council will also seek a legal opinion related to the clarity of an existing ordinance that requires home and business owners to pay 50 percent of the cost of replacing existing sidewalks.

In addition to adopting a new budget, the council approved the revised 2004 spending plan. The measure includes transferring just over \$18,000 from the fund balance to balance the general fund.

ARSENIC

Turning to other matters during the rescheduled monthly meeting, Sheridan gave the council an update on the proposed arsenic treatment plant and requested approval to have the village engineering firm begin a preliminary design for the facility. He also discussed financing options.

"The 3 ways to sell bonds are through USDA's Community Program Division (formerly known as the Rural Development Agency), through the State Drinking Water Revolving Fund, and through the convention municipal bond market," he explained.

Sheridan noted the engineers have said they expect to receive the Michigan Department of Environmental

Quality's (MDEQ) formal comments on a pilot test completed in Cass City to determine the effectiveness of the proposed arsenic treatment process.

Village council approves budget

"The engineers need to start the preliminary design in order to have better cost data so that the bond attorney can begin the notice of intent (NOI) to issue bonds," he

Sheridan said he has also discussed the timing of bonding and construction of the plant.

"The MDEQ has been vocal about meeting the deadline of January 2006. It is possible our plant will be operational at that time.

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WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT:

Village Manager

Fines for non-compliance can be up to \$10,000 per day," Sheridan continued, adding the MDEQ representative he spoke with "was happy to hear that we were progressing since there are many others that have not yet

started." In other business, Matt Prieskorn, a parent volunteer with the Cass City Little and Minor leagues, asked the council to properly drain an area near the ball diamond just west of the arts and crafts building.

Volunteers have poured some \$30,000 into improvements to the youth ball diamonds, including re-sodding and tiling the infields, and

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they continue to maintain both diamonds, he pointed out, and the one in question continues to sustain washout damage.

Council members indicated they will look into options that would provide a temporary fix. It would make no sense to spend a great deal of money at this time, they said, because major digging is slated for the same area in preparation for construction of the arsenic treatment plant sometime in the next 2 years.

The council also approved meeting dates for the coming year, which remain the same at the last Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the municipal building.

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Firefighters honor a hero

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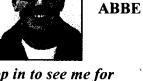
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Continued from page one. 16th and one on the 17th," mas and New Years we will million doses of vaccine, said Ann Hepfer, nursing director at the health depart-

ment.

think that everybody that wanted it got it - those at risk and even the ones who have called" since the emergency order was lifted, he added. "Anybody can get it now, pretty much the same as last year," he added.

Residents interested in getting a vaccine can do so by calling the hospital at (989) 872-2121. The cost is \$20.30.

Bellew said the hospital along with Hills and Dales clinics have given over 1,200 doses of vaccine to date, and they still have another couple hundred doses available.

Area residents can also make an appointment to get a flu shot at the Tuscola County Health Department.

"We are scheduling 2 clinics this month, one on the

Choirs to perform Dec. 20

The Cass City Middle School Choir and the Cass City High School Choir will present a variety of Christmas pieces during their annual Christmas Concert, Monday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. in the middle school cafetorium.

Selections will include sacred and secular pieces as well as traditional standards. Popular Christmas show tunes will also be showcased.

The middle school choir is under the direction of Michelle Anscomb and the high school choir is under the direction of Doug Burtch. Admission to the concert is

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Flu vaccines available for all now

"Our priority groups are those 50 and over, individuals with chronic illnesses, primary caregivers for someone else, and anybody else who really wants to have a flu shot," she added.

ics will be available from 8:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. and are by appointment only in an effort to avoid long lines. Interested individuals can make an appointment by calling (989) 673-8114 (ext.

"We still have a limited amount of vaccine. I would recommend anyone to contact their own physician because some of the physicians have gotten some more vaccine," Hepfer noted.

public need is there and we get the response, after Christ-

In spite of the panic caused by a reported shortage of vaccine weeks ago, Hepfer said everything has turned out well. Health department workers, she said, have given close to 1,800 doses of vac-

"We actually received ev-The health department clinerything we previously ordered, we really believe our high risk, high priority individuals have already been vaccinated. We also made sure the long-term care facilities were covered first," she said. "So now we can move on to the next step."

Hepfer said the response since the emergency vaccine order was lifted indicates a majority of those in need of a vaccine received them.

"Our phones are not ringing off the hook, and that's However, she said, "If the what we we're hoping for." According to state officials, Michigan has received 1.7

with another 200,000 on the

Michigan's public health emergency order was issued Oct. 14 to strictly limit flu shots to the elderly, infants, pregnant women and other at-risk groups. A number of states across the country established similar rules after a major British flu vaccine manufacturer was shut down and unable to supply about half of the supply earmarked

for the United States. The emergency order in Michigan was accompanied by a warning that violation of the order would be punishable by up to 6 months in jail and a \$200 fine. State health officials said no one has been charged under the

So far this season, there have been 8 confirmed cases of flu reported across the state. None have been reported in the Thumb area.

rule.

