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Village water and sewer fees rising

Cass City residents should see a slight decrease in their tax bills next year, but higher sewer and water service fees are on the way under a proposed 2005 budget reviewed by village officials Monday night.

Village Manager Frank Sheridan presented a spending plan that holds the line on expenses.

Total general fund expenditures for next year are set at \$1.25 million, a decrease of about \$7,300, or .58 percent less than estimated actual spending in the current fiscal year. Revenues are set at \$1.258 million, a decrease of close to \$1,200.

"The village has been building up its fund balance over the last 6 years and has been able to maintain a fund balance equating to 4 months of operational expenses," said Sheridan, who estimated that balance at about \$424,000.

Sheridan is anticipating a small increase - 1.3 percent — in the real property values in the village for 2005, and a reduction in personal property values, for a net estimate increase of .07 percent in overall taxable value.

Sheridan is estimating the

2005 millage rate 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 property tax revenue next year.

However, village President Bert Althaver pointed out the figures are estimates only and won't be determined until the spring.

Also figured in the proposed spending plan are wage increases, with all full-time employees slated to receive an across-the-board hike of 2.7 percent. Most part-time employees will receive no increase with the exception of police officers, part-time DPW crew and a custodian and secretary at the municipal building.

As for the village's street funds, Sheridan described them as healthy. "We are building a fund balance for anticipated street and storm drain work. We will continue to perform the tasks involved with street maintenance — \$247,176 — and expect to expend about \$83,000 for street reconstruction."

As has been true in the past,

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

Sheridan said the basic monthly cost for a homeowner's sewer service was increased \$1.45, with 62 cents of that due to inflation and the remainder going towards reducing the deficit in the wastewater fund.

He is also recommending a 2-percent increase in water service rates, which translates into a basic hike of 14 cents. In addition, Sheridan proposed a monthly "federal mandate charge" ranging from \$3 to \$4.25 to help offset the cost of expenses related to arsenic treatment. Most homeowners would see an increase charge of \$3 a month.

The mandate charge should generate about \$34,000 a year. Sheridan explained the money would pay for pre-

construction costs, including hiring a bond attorney, conducting a rate analysis and preliminary engineering design work.

Sheridan said the charge would be eliminated once a bond is approved for construction of the new treatment plant, although he predicted water rates will have to be revised in the future to meet operation expenses of the plant. And those rates are almost certain to be higher than what residents and businesses are paying now.

A public hearing and action on the budget are expected during the next village council meeting, which was rescheduled from Dec. 27 to Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at the municipal building.

ELECTIONS

Turning to other matters, the council officially set the village's new election dates, which will now be held in September in the odd years.

The change was prompted by the Michigan Election Consolidation Act, which requires that elections be held on 4 regular election dates.

Villages have the option of holding their elections in conjunction with the September primary elections held in the odd years, which enables the village clerk to continue operating those elections. The alternative is for the township clerk to take over the responsibility.

"We currently pay for the costs of each election. We would continue to do that and have some control over our costs," Sheridan said. "For example, we use the clerk-treasurer as the election official and that work is part of her regular duties."

In contrast, he added, the township is allowed by law to charge each municipality a prorated charge for running the election.

Althaver agreed the September option is the best for the village.

"The advantage of that, number one, is we run our own election. Number 2, we don't get lost in the November election, and it most likely will be less costly," he said.

In other business Monday, the council approved renewal of its television franchise agreement with CC Michigan, LLC, which conducts business under the name Charter Communications.



VOLUNTEERS FILL serving dishes with turkey and all the trimmings during Cass City's annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday. An estimated 300 area residents took part in this year's meal at the VFW hall.

In teen's death

Charges expected soon

Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern expects charges to be filed soon in the death of a Cass City teen at a weekend party in Elmwood Township.

Kern said Detective Sgt. Patrick Woidan, who has

been investigating the death, forwarded his report to the Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office last week, and that he hoped prosecutors would act swiftly given the seriousness of the case.

Andrew James Arthur Haas,

a Cass City High School senior, died after suffering a blow to the head during what investigators called an altercation during the early morning hours of Nov. 13 at a location near Cass City Road, west of Hurds Corner Road.

An autopsy confirmed blunt trauma to the head was the cause of death.

Deputies called to the scene arrived to find the remains of a fire and numerous beer cans and bottles. Friends had already transported Haas, 18, of Ubyly, to Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City for treatment.

Deputies also did not locate the suspect immediately, but later identified one through interviews of several witnesses. Investigators and the prosecutor's office attempted to interview the suspect through his attorney, but Kern said the suspect refused to say anything.

Daycare funding approved

A proposed daycare facility for the elderly and young alike in Tuscola County has received another financial boost.

Congressman Dale E. Kildee announced that the Human Development Commission (HDC) would receive \$72,750 in the Omnibus Appropriations bill recently passed in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Kildee originally requested the funds from the House Appropriations Committee to provide funding for construction of the planned daycare facility.

"The new daycare facility will ultimately provide a structured and safe environment for the elderly and young children," Kildee said.

"This facility will provide families with better access to support services, which will help alleviate some of the difficulties associated with providing constant care. Most importantly, the facility will provide seniors and children with an opportunity to learn and interact with one another during structured activities."

HDC officials are proposing to use the money for construction of a daycare facility that would serve older adults who have functional limitations due to Alzheimer's and related diseases.

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Santa arrives here Saturday

Cass City's Christmas in the Village celebration will shift into high gear Saturday with a host of activities for all ages.

Christmas in the Village Extravaganza Day events include a daylong craft show starting at 10 a.m. at Cass City Middle School. Food will be available and there will be 50/50 drawings. For the kids, there will be a free movie matinee at the Cass Theatre at 2 p.m.

Back by popular demand is the annual Christmas Chili Cook-Off, with local businesses vying for "best chili" honors.

Shoppers will serve as judges throughout the day by purchasing a \$2 button at Thumb National Bank, Chemical Bank, Independent Bank, or the municipal building. Each "judge" will receive a ballot and a map of all participating stores. Ballots are due at the municipal building by 3 p.m.

Rounding out the day's activities will be the big community gathering at Rotary Park starting at 5 p.m. There will be free hot bean soup,

hot chocolate and cookies, and residents can enjoy horse-drawn carriage rides along with entertainment and carol singing. The evening will also feature Santa's grand arrival.

Another Christmas in the Village favorite also returns this year. The Christmas in the Country Home Tour sponsored by the Friends of the Library is scheduled for Sunday from one to 5 p.m., with a reception from 3 to 6:30 p.m. at Rawson Memorial Library. Free shuttle service will be provided by Curtis Chrysler. Ticket information is available by calling the library at 872-2856.

Other special events on tap this month include:

- Cass City Rotary's "Christmas for Kids" campaign. Shoppers are encouraged to donate a toy so that no child will be without a gift Christmas morning.

- Home and Business Decorating Challenge. Residents and businesses can compete for the best decorating jobs and win Detroit Edison electric certificates. Judges will

be out and about Saturday, Dec. 18.

- Check out the gift display at Thumb National Bank - great gift ideas and all available in Cass City.

- Santa will be holding visiting hours on Saturdays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18.

- Free professional photos with Santa will be available Tuesday, Dec. 7, at the Book Mart Photo Studio.

- The Young Adult Craft Program is slated for Dec. 11 and a free Children's Story and Craft Hour will be held Dec. 18, both at Rawson Memorial Library.

- The Tom Thumb Singers will present their annual community choir concerts Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Cass City United Methodist Church.

- The Cass City Girl Scouts' "Mitten Tree" collection will continue, with collection boxes in town for donated hats and gloves.

- Three great prize giveaways are planned. Register at local stores to a win an electric scooter, train set or keyboard package.



DELORES WILLIAMS, who re-opened Sutter's Bakery - now Cass City Restaurant and Bakery - Monday morning, talks with Ray Armstead, a regular customer at the bakery for many years.

Back in business

Williams re-opens doors to Cass City restaurant

When Delores Williams closed the former Sutter's Bakery after purchasing the business, she figured it would take about a week to complete some renovations before re-opening.

That was 4 months ago.

Bringing the Main Street restaurant and bakery up to state code turned out to be much more extensive and time-consuming than Williams expected, but all of the work and final inspections paid off Monday at 6 a.m. when she opened the doors at the new Cass City Restaurant and Bakery.

Within the first 10 minutes, she had 5 customers sipping coffee, eating and talking.

"We didn't have time, with such short notice, to get the

bakery up and running. Just the restaurant today," Williams said. "The bakery will be up and running by the end of the week."

Williams said it took a great deal of work to reach this point.

"It all had to be brought up to code, which was really extensive," she said, adding the work included installation of a new air exchange system and fire suppression system. "We had to put in a new water heater, vent the oven, electrical, floors, the list goes on and on."

Williams, who is originally from Grand Rapids, bought the bakery from Doug and Kathy Kruse, whose pur-

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Cake Bake thanks...

RAY ELLIS (BACK row, left) along with (front row, left) Kyle Hanby, Elijah Osentoski and Ryan Larson present a plaque to Dave Osentoski of Osentoski Realty and Auctioneering in appreciation for all of his support for the annual Cass City Cub Scout Cake Bake Auction. (See story, page 5)

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 989-269-6994



The Young Ideas Farm Bureau group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Heleski. After the meeting, cards were played and Mrs. Joe Wolschlag and Joe Sweeney won high prizes. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski won the low prizes. The hostess served a lunch. The next meeting will be Jan. 20 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sweeney. The group plans to have a Christmas party Dec. 17 at Cousins in Bad Axe. Mary Wheeler and Marilyn Kanaby visited Thelma Jackson Monday.

Bob Cleland Sr. was a Monday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly and family, Allen Farrelly, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Walsh, and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Rumpitz attended the breakfast at St. John's Hall in Ubly for the benefit of the building fund for St. Columbkille Church on Sunday.

Jim Forester, Doris Western and Allen Farrelly were Monday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Farrelly of Fort Mill, S.C., Allen

Farrelly, Gordie Farrelly, and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly and sons, Grant, Lee and Heath were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Reckling at Rochester Hills.

Bob Cleland Sr. of Waterford was a Sunday evening guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cleland and Monday visited friends in Waterford.

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

Marilyn Rutkowski was a Tuesday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka.

Allen Farrelly spent Wednesday in Flat Rock.

Dick Jackson of Bad Axe, Mrs. Martin Sweeney of Ubly, Mr. and Mrs. John Pechett, Mrs. Stanley Filar and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson last week.

Brooke Depcinski spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski.

Allen Farrelly visited Eleanor Koskie at the Caro Rehab Center on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the card party at Oswald Hall on Sunday and later visited Bob and Jardine Zurek.

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

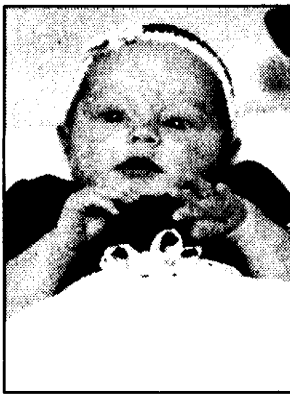
Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Gornowicz and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Guigar were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka.

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

Dr. and Mrs. Tom Collins of Allenton and Mrs. Martin Sweeney were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stew Collins at Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the 50th wedding anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dybilas at the Ubly Fox Hunters Club Saturday.

It's a girl!



Aubrey Frances Nizzola

Eddie Nizzola announces the birth of his sister, Aubrey Frances Nizzola.

Aubrey was born to Ed and Marideth Nizzola Oct. 8, 2004 at Covenant, Saginaw. She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Her grandparents are Robert and Cindy Angle of Gagetown and Ed and Sandra Nizzola of Cass City. Great-grandparents are Marshall and Nancy Angle of Deford, Barbara Fairbanks of Ooltewah, Tenn., Dean and Lucille Kalar of Lapeer, Charles and the late Frances Nizzola of Deford, and Lyle and Betty Spencer of Fairgrove.

Students on dean's list

Saginaw Valley State University officials recently announced the school's winter semester dean's list.

Among those included are:

Cass City - Andrea L. Gohsman, Jennifer M. Haynes, Travis D. Schneeberger, Jennifer L. Tenbusch, Jessica A. Tenbusch and Amanda A. Wright.

Decker - Crystal L. Shaw and Dustin R. Stolzman.

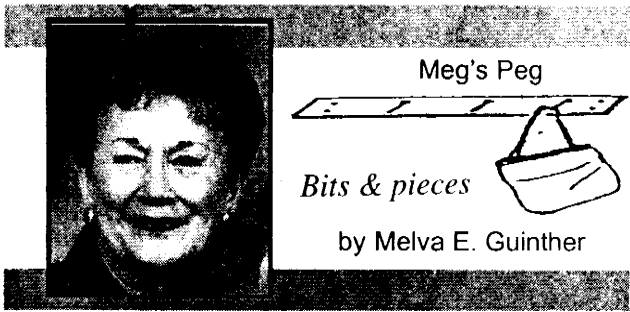
Gagetown - Rebecca F. Hartman, Nathan K. Matt and Theresa E. Richmond.

Kingston - Samantha A. Anger, Katherine E. Collins, Aaron C. Rodenbo and Jason L. Campbell.

Owendale - Bridget K. Krcager.

Snover - Amy Jo Miller and Kristy M. Smith.

Ubly - Jessica A. Bonnema, Travis J. Chinoski, Shelda L. Guigar, Katie E. Kubacki, Krista L. Leavine, Timothy J. O'Malley, Megan M. Ruthko, Brenda S. Rutkowski, Krystin L. Vogel, Brian J. Wyrick and Janis E. Tibbetts.



Doesn't it seem that Thanksgiving has become little more than a pit stop between Halloween and Christmas?

It deserves better and I think we should do something about it.

I suggest we start a campaign to move Thanksgiving to February and give it due respect. In February we could really use a good holiday — especially those of us in the frozen wasteland who are getting discouraged with snow, ice and freezing temperatures.

A family get-together and a hot turkey dinner with all the trimmings would warm the cockles of one's heart in February. And there's always a football game somewhere to watch.

Sometimes the younger generation seems to think geezers don't know how to have fun. It's not true. At our annual McConnell family Thanksgiving celebration, we old-timers hold our own in table games and laughs.

There are lots of games older folks can play with finesse. Consider:

- * Sag, you're it
- * Pin the toupee on the bald guy
- * Kick the bucket
- * Red Rover, Red Rover, the nurse says "bend over"
- * 20 Questions (shouted into your good ear)
- * Simon says something incoherent
- * Hide and go pee
- * Spin the bottle of Mylanta
- * Musical recliners.

Did you hear about the guy who went to the preacher with a problem?

He said, "Pastor, something terrible is happening and I have to talk to you about it."

The pastor asked him what was wrong.

"My wife's poisoning me," he replied.

The pastor, very surprised, asked, "How can that be?"

"I tell you, she's poisoning me! What should I do?" the man pleaded.

"Let me talk to her," the pastor said. "I'll see what I can find out and I'll let you know."

A week later he called the guy and said, "Well, I spoke

to your wife. I talked to her on the phone for 3 hours. You want my advice?"

The man eagerly said yes and the pastor replied, "Take the poison!"

This is something most of us would appreciate seeing at times.

A woman pushing a cart piled high with groceries ignored the 10-item limit sign at the express checkout lane and forged ahead.

When it was her turn, the cashier looked into the cart and asked sweetly, "Which 10 items would you like to buy?"

Yes!!!

Gibbards feted on anniversary

A surprise 25th wedding anniversary luncheon was recently celebrated at the Franklin Inn for Dan and Chris Gibbard.

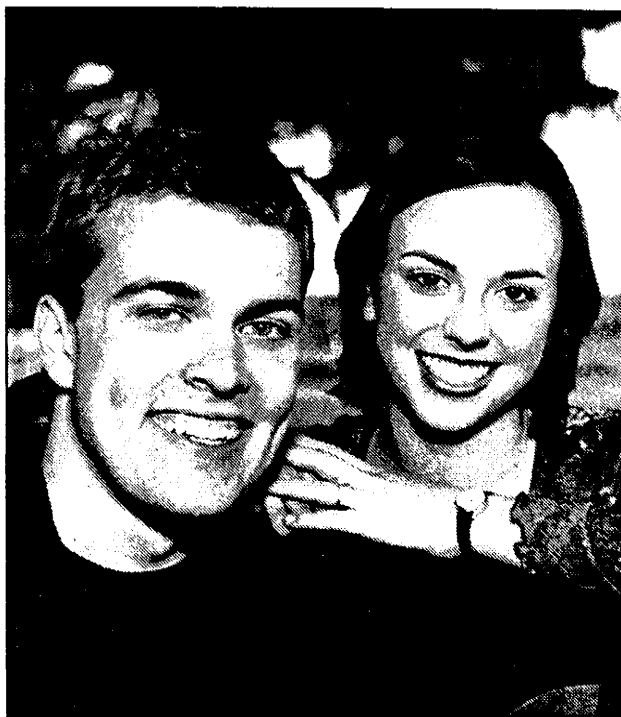
Tory Gibbard, Wesley Gibbard, Mr. and Mrs. William Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Woodward and sons Dallas and Ian, and Tim Hoppe were in attendance.

S. Thane completes training

Marine Corps Reserve Pvt. Scott T. Thane, stepson of Marie and son of Bill M. Thane of Cass City, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

Thane and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a. m., by running 3 miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Thane spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

Thane is a 2003 graduate of Cass City High School.



Eva Spiece and Grant Gould

Gould, Spiece to exchange vows

Todd and Tara Gould of Cass City announce the engagement of their son, Grant Russell to Eva Marie Spiece, daughter of Brian and Judy Spiece of Whitehall.

Grant and Eva met at Hope College and are planning a June 18th wedding.

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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

In the Thumb there have been 3 teams in the Michigan High School Athletic Association football tournament finals and 2 of them have taken titles. The latest, of course, is Unionville-Schewaing High School this year, its second state championship. Lakers have won it all and Bad Axe went to the finals, but lost.


While USA doesn't have a total monopoly on state championships, it does stand alone in one respect. It is the only school in the Thumb to place 2 players on the all-state first team as selected by the Detroit News. Honored were junior Jordan Bitzer and senior Lance Travis.


No Thumb area team has won a state basketball championship, at least in the last 60 years. In that period, Lakers came the closest to the title, bowing in the finals. In the earlier years Cass City reached the state finals twice before losing both times.

As always, the Chronicle welcomes letters to Santa Claus. We will publish all letters received in one of the 3 editions before Christmas. Deadline for letters is Dec. 16. Wallet-size pictures are welcome. There is no charge.


It's nice to feel appreciated. Clarence (Bud) Schneeberger has been helping out with the Cass City High School football team for about 5 years, doing whatever is asked, including handling the water for the team.

For his effort he was given a football signed by every member of this year's first ever team to qualify for the post-season tournament.





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TNU seizes 2 pounds of pot in Vassar raid

Thumb Narcotics Unit (TNU) officers seized more than 2 pounds of marijuana from a Vassar Township residence while executing a search warrant Nov. 22.

TNU Commander Detective Lt. Mitch Krugielki said the operation culminated a joint investigation with the U.S. Postal Service.

"Acting on information received from the U.S. Postal Service, enough information and evidence was gathered to secure the search warrant," Krugielki said.

"As a result of the investigation and search warrant, officers seized 2 pounds, 2 ounces of pre-packaged marijuana along with varying small quantities of marijuana throughout the residence. Officers also located an outdoor marijuana grow operation contained in the attic of a shed adjacent to the residence."

Symphonic band set to perform

It's time again for the Sanilac Community Symphonic Band's holiday concert, Sunday, Dec. 5, at 3 p.m. at the Sanilac Career Center, located south of Sandusky on Aitken Road just off Route 19.

There will be lots of music to interest and delight the whole family, including light selections such as "Holiday Funny Favorites", light classical pieces including "Christmas Fanfares" and "Bethlehem Triptych", and old favorites such as Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride" and the Christmas carol Sing-a-long.

The concert is free, though donations will be accepted; the refreshments are free.

For more information, contact Mary Price, band president, at (810) 657-8901.

Krugielki said officers found 10 to 12 marijuana plants at different growing stages along with lights and potting soil. The plants measured anywhere from 3 to 5 feet. Also seized was a loaded SKS rifle found in the rear seat of the suspect's vehicle.

"The Family Independence Agency was contacted and responded to the scene, resulting in the removal and placement of 2 children ages 1 1/2 to 4 years old pending a court hearing with the parents," Krugielki said.

"The lone adult, a white male in his 20s, was not lodged, and all information will be forwarded to the Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office for a review of the requested criminal charges."

Two United States Postal inspectors, the Family Independence Agency, and Michigan State Police troopers from the Caro post assisted TNU in the investigation.

Anyone with information on drug trafficking activity is encouraged to call TNU at 1-877-868-8477.

The Haire Net

Which need is more pressing?



It would be nice if the community added both a community center and a Center for the Arts. The problem looming is which need is most pressing? You'll find staunch backers of one or the other everywhere you look.

Raising the money for either project promises to be a daunting task at best. Al Kleo says that his group does not plan to ask taxpayers for one cent, but the estimated \$300,000 needed to get the community center has to come from somewhere.

It's a commendable effort led by Kleo and Char Krueger. While it is not in direct competition with the Arts Center campaign it inevitably will affect both projects.

It would be hard to imagine a more trying time to raise funds through donations or taxes. Taxpayers refused to spend a half of a mill for road patrol in the county.

Looking at the record it's tough not to be pessimistic about the chances for a new Center at the school. After all, a campaign for a new pool for the school never got off the ground despite an active campaign and generous financial pledges from foundations and interested residents.

The pool project did not have the total support of the Cass City School Board. It's too early to tell if the Arts Center will have total school board support when financial details are more than the pie-in-the-sky estimates available now.


The good news is that support and interest in the band has skyrocketed because of the revival staged under the direction of director Doug Burch. The bad news is that the school is suffering under its tightest financial straits in recent years and now is struggling to stay out of the red.

Trustee Randy Severance pointed out this would be a one-time shot, (if an election is held) not something that will be presented to the voters again if it fails.

The Art Center and the Community Center have one thing in common—they are both designed to primarily help the kids in the community.

Supporters like to market the additions as places that will serve the adults as well as the kids in the community. It's a big job and if the movers and shakers make it happen they deserve a big thank you from the community.

And kudos if they fail.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

Here's a newspaper story suggesting folks who work at home should adopt a "who cares" attitude about background noise filtering into the office. This flies in the face of the old custom of trying to make your office sound like an office.

The writer quotes a man who used to lock the kids out of his office and forbid his wife from practicing her bassoon during business hours. Now he leaves the office door open and his wife does whatever she pleases.

This fellow has decided business callers don't worry about background noise as long as it doesn't interrupt their call.

That may be fine for him, but it wouldn't work for me. My callers would be shocked if I told them, "I'll have to call you back after my wife gets off her bassoon."

Anyone lucky enough to have an office in the house should be thankful for it, regardless of the noise. I used to work out of my barn and that wasn't any picnic, either.

My barn office was upstairs — above the sheep and the chickens. I don't know what callers thought, but the critters could get pretty unruly sometimes.

Spring was the worst time to call me in those days. That's when we weaned the lambs and the noise was overwhelming for a couple of days.

My kids had their 4-H lambs downstairs most of the summer, and these animals had a habit of injecting a "Baa" into a conversation at the worst of times. A client would suggest an amount they would be willing to pay for my column, and the sheep would say, "Baa!"

We kept some chickens on the lower level, too. Many times I would pause during a telephone conversation to explain what was going on down there.

The hens would get cackling, and I would say, "Sounds like the girls are having a time downstairs. Must be another birthday."

The big critters weren't the worst of it, either. My barn office was a haven for tree frogs and several kinds of insects.

I would pick up a phone book and find a dried frog under it, or turn on the computer and a bug would come walking out of the "B" drive. All of these creatures thought they knew more about writing than I did, and unfortunately they might have been right.

The worst thing about a barn office or a home office is the tendency to use it for things other than business. Things like cutting up venison, or weighing fish on the postal scales.

The UPS people must have been surprised to walk into my office each fall and find me whacking away on the front half of a deer. They took it all in stride, though. UPS gives them special training on keeping a straight face.

I never tried shearing sheep in the office. It was just too hard getting them up the stairs.

I moved my office into the house years ago. Now I work in the basement, next to the bathroom.

The only background noise I worry about is my wife taking a shower. "And please don't flush the toilet!"

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Thursday
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High: 34 Low: 23

Friday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 35 Low: 26

Saturday
Partly Cloudy
High: 38 Low: 26

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 38 Low: 31

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 70 percent chance of snow, high temperature of 35°, humidity of 82 percent and an overnight low of 24°. The record high temperature for today is 64° set in 1998. Thursday, skies will remain mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow, high temperature of 34°.

Upcoming Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
12/4	12/11	12/18	12/26

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today 7:46 a.m.
Sunset tonight 4:57 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Sunday	45	37	42/29	0.00"
Monday	46	28	41/29	0.00"
Tuesday	50	36	41/28	0.00"
Wednesday	39	28	40/28	0.00"
Thursday	32	27	40/28	0.00"
Friday	38	31	39/27	0.00"
Saturday	46	36	39/27	0.00"

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Red Hawk Talks

by Leah Sherman

The holiday season is my favorite time of year. Outside of school the snow is falling and people are getting ready for Christmas. New Years, and spending time with their families. In school there is a feeling of excitement. Who knows if the real reason behind the excitement is the holidays, or the break that comes with them? Either way, the joy around school makes everything fun. Different events are occurring and preparation for winter sports and other extracurricular activities is underway.

Last week Thanksgiving got the holiday season started with a bang when the harvest can drive in the high school proved to be a huge success. With the competition between the classes, the students had incentive to bring in piles of food items. Seniors came in first with over 2000 items, and the overall total was over 5000 items. Senior Jesse Rader says, "It was great to win, but it was even better knowing that it was all for a good cause."

The elementary school did a great job as well, totaling over 800 cans.

Besides getting two extra days off from school, the holiday was a great time to spend with family. 8th grader Jennica Richards believes that her time with her family was the best part of Thanksgiving Day, which she spent at her grandparents' home.

This week marks the beginning of the all school play. High school students are auditioning Tuesday and Wednesday, with call backs being held Thursday. This year's performance is the musical production of Fiddler on the Roof. With all of the talent that the students have, it will surely prove to be a fantastic show.

The boys started basketball practice two weeks ago. Andrew Whittaker, a senior this year, states, "The team is looking really good for it being so early in the season, and we'll definitely be competing for the league title this year!"

The annual Christmas "Jingle Bell Ball" is this Friday. Dances in high school are always fun, but this is one of the best. The dress is semi-formal which adds to the special feeling of the

event.

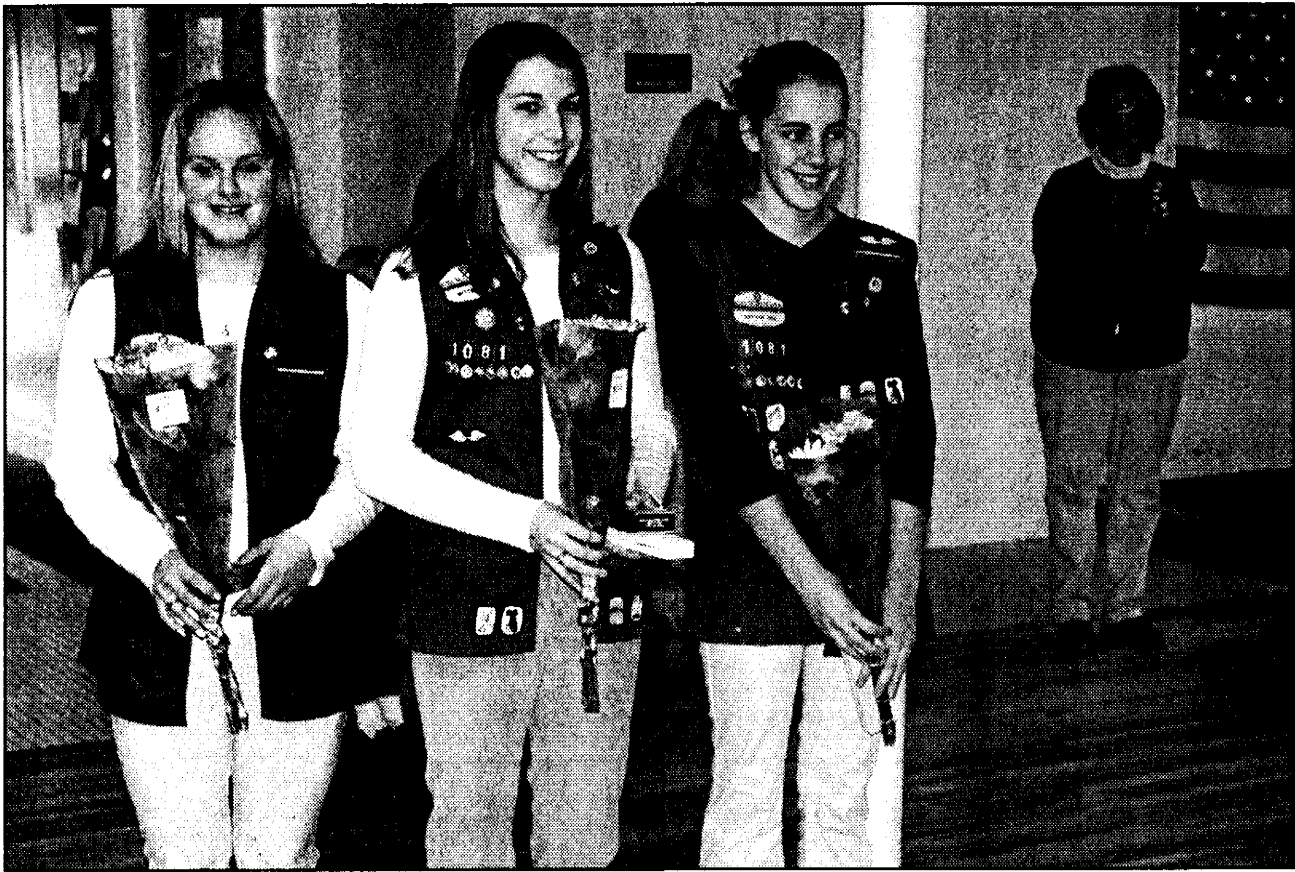
Students show up in some of their best duds and display their moves out on the dance floor. The gym will be decorated to match the winter/Christmas mood of the evening, with cookies and punch for refreshments. Throughout the evening names are drawn from a box and there are prizes to be won. Also near the end of the night a King and Queen will be crowned by their names being drawn from a box.

The dance is a great opportunity to socialize and spend time with friends. Since the school stresses the importance of learning and staying focused during the day, the dance provides a chance for the students to kick back and have some fun. Seniors Danny Mittlestat and Ashley Barrigar both agree. Danny says, "The dance is a fun time to hang out with your friends and have some fun! It's a good dance, and who knows? You may even win King or Queen!" "It's fun to get dressed up and go have fun with your friends. I've gone every year and each year it's been a blast!" says Ashley.

By now you've probably heard about USA's outstanding performance at the Silverdome this past weekend. Many people from Cass City went to show their support for the local team. Danny Mittlestat went and said, "It was a great game, and it was cool to go and support them since they're representing the GTWC and the whole Thumb." The win was a great kick-off for the holiday season for USA and the whole area. Congratulations USA!

Jake Wilder accepted

Jake Wilder, son of David Wilder and Diane Wilder of Cass City, has been accepted to the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima, Ohio. Wilder, who attends Cass City High School, will begin classes in the fall session and plans to major in the school's Agricultural Equipment Technology Program.



CASS CITY SENIOR Girl Scouts (from left) Klyn Puterbaugh, Lauren Brzuchowski and Jerica Fenningsdorf officially received their Gold Awards - the highest honor in Girl Scouting - during a ceremony held Sunday afternoon at the Cass City VFW Hall. The girls organized, opened and are continuing to run a food pantry in the village.

Workshop set in Uby

Wind next Thumb crop?

Michigan State Extension is planning a pair of workshops dealing with what could become a new crop for the Thumb — wind energy.

The first session will be a general information meeting designed to help landowners and others understand wind energy technology and to explain why there has been an increased interest in the potential for harnessing that energy in the Thumb.

The session will be held Monday, Dec. 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Uby Heights Golf Course and Country Club, 2409 E. Atwater Rd., Uby.

The second workshop will be a more comprehensive session and is slated for Tuesday, Jan. 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Uby Heights Golf Course and Country Club.

According to Huron County Ag and Natural Resources Agent Jim Mantey, the Thumb area has recently attracted the attention of wind developers and others interested in wind energy because of the release of a revised wind map of Michigan.

The Thumb area, the west coast of Michigan and areas of the Upper Peninsula have all been identified as having the best wind resources in the state.

"The west coast of the Thumb has some of the highest wind speed potential. The only place that shows as much or more wind potential is the west coast of the state, which kind of makes us one of the targets" by wind developers, Mantey said.

Wind energy systems use the wind to turn a set of aerodynamic blades attached to an electric generator or turbine. When the wind blows, the blades turn, spinning a shaft that creates electricity in a generator.

According to Mantey, there have been some important improvements in wind energy technology, including use of the permanent magnet technology, which has enabled developers to harness the wind at a broader range of speeds.

Mantey said a few developers have already approached Thumb landowners regarding long-term leases for wind energy production.

Some of these developers, he added, "have successfully established wind farms in other states, and they'd like to have a fair amount of acreage put together so they can have several windmills in one location."

Mantey said the so-called "wind farms" are not cheap to establish and require expensive electrical substations. The windmills themselves are quite large and require concrete foundations.

Mantey said the potential of establishing wind farms is a positive for the Thumb, but it's also important for landowners to understand the technology and ways to protect themselves should they decide to enter into a contract.

Which is where the upcoming workshops come in. "We want to educate our local people on what's out there and how to use good discretion in the leases they're signing."

Another goal is to help municipalities understand how they can establish ordinances to protect their citizens, he added.

While the first meeting is a general information session,

the January workshop will focus on more detailed landowner issues. The featured speaker will be Roger McEwen, a lawyer and agricultural economist from Iowa State University who specializes in agricultural land use. He will present a 2-hour seminar entitled, "Wind Energy Production: Legal Issues and Related Concerns for Landowners."

McEwen will discuss how wind leases and contracts work, and how to structure equitable wind contracts.

Michigan State University faculty members will also present information on the financial feasibility of both small and commercial-scale wind systems, and discuss USDA grant opportunities for wind energy systems in the 2002 Farm Bill.

There is a pre-program registration fee for the workshop that covers lunch and program materials. Participants are asked to RSVP by Dec. 28 to avoid late registration fees.

According to the American Wind Energy Association, Michigan ranks 14th in terms of wind energy potential. Currently, Michigan generates just over 2 megawatts of electricity from wind energy. One megawatt is enough energy to power 250 to 300 homes.

For more information, or to register for the upcoming workshop, contact Dennis Stein, Extension Farm Management agent for the East Central Region, at (989) 672-3870; or Mantey (989) 269-9949.

School bands to present concerts

The Cass City Public Schools Department of Music has a busy holiday performance schedule on tap beginning Thursday, Dec. 9, with the second annual Holiday Collage Concert in the high school gymnasium.

The concert, featuring 7 bands and the high school choir, will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will include a variety of holiday favorites.

"Of particular interest will be the high school concert band's performance of Philip Sparke's 'Shalom,'" said Director of Bands Doug Burch.

"The long history of Jewish folk song has resulted in a rich and varied repertoire of songs," he explained. "This 3-movement work features music used during this festive time of year and was commissioned by the United States Air Force Band. The songs used in the 3 movements deal with religion, festivals and celebrations typically associated with Hanukkah."

The jazz bands will be on hand to provide a little swing to the holiday season with their renditions of favorites like "Jingle Bell Rock," "Silver Bells" and a special collection of tunes from the Charlie Brown Christmas Special, "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

There is no admission charge to the concert. However, donations will be accepted at the doors, which

will open at 7 p.m. Refreshments, sponsored by the Cass City Band Boosters, will be served following the concert.

Also this month, the Cass City High School Concert Band and the Early Bird Jazz Ensemble have been asked to perform a concert in Standish, Saturday, Dec. 18, at 8 p.m. The scheduled performance is part of a year-long, 25th anniversary celebration taking place at the Resurrection of the Lord Catholic Church.

"When the church and the Rev. Father Fitzpatrick heard of the band's upcoming performance at the Walt Disney World Resort, they wanted to help out," Burch said. "The church will make a contribution to help with the band's expenses as well as take up a donation during the band's performance."

"Local Cass City residents are welcome and encouraged to attend."

The high school bands will also be at Northwood Meadows Tuesday, Dec. 14; Campbell Elementary School and Cass City Middle School Thursday, Dec. 16; and will join with the Tom Thumb Singers for an afternoon concert at the high school Tuesday, Dec. 21.

More information is available by visiting the school website at www.casscity.k12.mi.us (click on band calendar), or call the band office (989) 872-2148 (ext. 44).



Bulldog Beat

by Mary McKee

High school is chaotic. It is hectic, and sometimes there just doesn't seem like there are enough hours in a day to get everything accomplished. There have been numerous occurrences that students are up all hours of the night doing homework or studying for a test because sports practice ran late or their job made them stay later than expected.

The majority of Owen-Gage students are involved in some sort of after-school activity, but what if that after-school activity takes up all your time? Maybe you have more than one. If you do, where are your priorities? Is one more important than the other? To answer these questions, I took them to some Owen-Gage students to find out where their priorities are, and where they draw the line between school, sports, jobs, friends, boyfriends/girlfriends and family.

The first thing I wanted to know was what their priorities were, and where they would rank on a list from most important to least important.

Out of all the responses I received, the majority had friends and family at the top of their list. I also wanted to know where school was ranked on their list and why the higher ranked priorities were more important. Jenny Czewski ranked school second on her list because "My family and friends are more important, and I can always do homework when I have some free time."

With a lot of high school students having to juggle school, sports, work and other activities, there is going to be a time when everything will not get done, and something has to be sacrificed, so I wanted to know: What priority usually gets the shaft?

The answers were split right down the middle. Half of my responses were for work, and

the other half was for school. Michelle Brown said she tries to fit in all her priorities, but is she had to pick, she said that work would be the one cut.


Sometimes a priority has to be cut, but other times it can be pretty simple to fit in all of them and have no problems. With that said, the next question I had was: How do you fit in everything? Amanda Pillsbury said that she always finds time for everything by keeping a schedule. Wendy Error said she fits in everything by rushing everywhere, not having a second to herself.

When someone's schedule is so hectic and that person is never at home, parents take notice. When their child is walking in the door and walking right back out, it is not so hard to see how busy their child is.

I wanted to find out how and in what ways their parents help them. Amanda said, "They always try to make me think positive and by doing that they keep me motivated to do things." Kayla Kady's dad helps her by working on her car so she can get back and forth from work and school. Wendy's parents help her by supporting her and telling her where she needs to be.

With high school being so busy, it is easy to see how priorities can become mixed up. Things can happen so fast that before you even have time to breathe, you have wasted your whole day, and feel like you have done nothing, or got nothing accomplished. Seeing the crazy schedules that we make for ourselves, it is easy to compare them to the fast paced society we live in today.

Priorities can be difficult to maintain, but if you try to put them first and are determined, it is not so hard to accomplish everything you want to.



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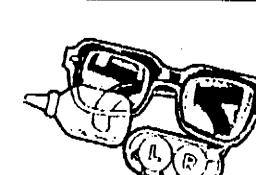
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Cake Bake raises over \$1,200

The Cass City Cub Scouts recently raised more than \$1,200 during their sixth annual Cake Bake and Auction. Of the total, \$500 of the proceeds will be used to support the Cub Scout programs during the year. The rest was

donated to Cass City Rotary's "Christmas for Kids" program. Since the first auction in 1999, the Cub Scouts have raised more than \$5,000 for the campaign. Prior to the auction each year, the Cub Scouts are paired with a "pal" and together they bake cakes for the event. The entries are judged by members of the Cass City Gavel Club and auctioned off by Dave Osentoski of Osentoski Auctioneers. Prior to this year's auction,

special recognition was given to Osentoski along with Gavel Club members Larry Robinson, Tavis Osentoski and Tom Guinther for their support over the past 6 years. Webelo Scouts Ryan Larson and Kyle Hanby presented them with a plaque and cake. This year's auction featured 34 cakes in all. The following were named winners in their respective categories: Yummiest Looking - Ryan Larson, Longest - Daymon Toboko and Austin Vincent,

Most Original - Michael Mulligan, Smallest - Zac Wood, Tallest - Aaron Lauer, Largest - Sam Kolacz, Funniest Looking - Cody George, Cass City Red Hawk Theme - Keith Wright, Best in Scout Theme - Eugene Wilson, Christmas Theme - David Pitcher, Patriotic Theme - Ryan Wood, and Most Unique - Chandler Pawloski. The Judges Choice-Grand Prize cake created by Tyler Brown sold for a whopping \$115 donation from mem-

bers of the Gavel Club. Money donated to the Christmas for Kids program will be used by the Rotary Club to buy Christmas gifts for area children. Rotary members collect gifts and donations throughout the community and distribute toys to as many as 100 families. The Cub Scout decorated the collection boxes this year, with local businesses donating space in their stores for the boxes. The campaign will end Friday, Dec. 17.

Library helping Rotary

Rawson Memorial Library will be helping the Cass City Rotary Club again this year with the "Christmas for Kids" program. If you would like to participate, just pick up a mitten from the library tree and purchase a book for a child of the age listed on the mitten. Bring the book (unwrapped) back to the library by Dec. 15 and we will give it to the Rotary Club to be added to the presents for the children.

"Paper Patrol" in area

The Human Development Commission's (HDC) Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is introducing a new service to the area. The "Paper Patrol" is a group of dedicated RSVP volunteers who are at area organizations' service by helping with document collating and bulk mailings. The service is free in Tuscola County and starting the process is easy. Organizations that need assistance with collating a large project or preparing a massive bulk mailing can learn more by contacting HDC at (989) 673-4121.



AUCTIONEER DAVE Osentoski (from left) poses with Elijah Osentoski, and Tyler Brown and his father, Barry Brown. Tyler's cake was voted the Judges Choice winner and drew the highest bid of the night at \$115 by members of the Cass City Gavel Club.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

Construction of a 1,920-square-foot addition at Thumb National Bank in Cass City is progressing, thanks in part to relatively mild weather in recent weeks. The work is part of a 2-phase, \$730,000 project designed to create more space, renovate the existing building, change the traffic flow pattern and add drive through ATM service. Quick now, what type of dry bean is most prevalent in Michigan? No, it's not navy beans anymore. It's black beans that lead the parade, according to the Michigan Department of Agriculture 1998 annual report just issued. In 1998, the state planted 75,000 acres of navy beans and 135,000 acres of black beans. That's a huge difference from the crop reported 5 years previously, in 1994, when 78,000 acres of black beans and 230,000 acres of navy beans were planted. Over all, Michigan accounts for 14 percent of the United States' production, second in the nation. The state that leads the nation in dry bean production is North Dakota. (From Rabbit Tracks)

10 YEARS AGO

Saturday's sale of the Storytime nursery figures and other papier mache figures created under the guidance of the late Lloyd Vyse generated about \$250. Cass City Chamber of Commerce member John Maharg estimated roughly 30 of the more than 50 available pieces were sold. Chamber officials organized the sale after deciding not to set up the Storytime display in the village park this holiday. The decision was based on the condition of the 6-year-old papier mache decorations, which have taken a beating from the elements and vandals in recent years. This year's Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Fla., will have some local interest. Leana

Edwards, drum major of the Cass City Marching Band, has been chosen to perform in the half-time production for the Citrus Bowl. Because of her performance, training and ability exhibited at the campus of Michigan State University this summer, Edwards has signed with Entertainment Special Productions, Inc. of Orlando for a "once-in-a-lifetime" performance. Cass City officials may declare Jordan College in default of its lease agreement for the school's Thumb Area Campus building in the village. The proposal was discussed at a monthly Village Council meeting Monday night. Village President L.E. Althaver recommended the action. While Jordan has sufficient funding to meet its current educational expenses, he said, it appears the financially troubled school - now more than a year behind in its lease payments to the village - will not be able to meet its other financial obligations in the near future.

25 YEARS AGO

It was an end of an era of sorts. No more gasoline for under \$1 a gallon. For motorists who buy their gasoline in Cass City, who use unleaded, the fuel went over the \$1 a gallon mark a couple of months ago. But for those who use regular in their cars, there were three local stations where the price clung to just under that - 99.9 cents - for more than two months. Probably the only surprise was that it took so long to go over the dollar mark. After all, earlier this year the price of gasoline was going up almost weekly. (The price of regular in Cass City at the start of this year was about 70 cents a gallon.) Construction of the new Sanilac County 4-H Expo Center is scheduled to get underway this week. The new 24,200-square-foot facility will be used during the annual Sanilac County 4-H Fair to house and show dairy cattle and small animals.

The millennium will have arrived when nations learn to love each other as much as their ambassadors say they do. One of the most coveted Christmas gifts for a Swedish girl is to be chosen Lucia. The Feast of St. Lucia on December 13 ushers in the Swedish Christmas season. The girl in each family, (usually the prettiest) who is chosen Lucia rises early to prepare hot coffee and cakes.

35 YEARS AGO

Announcement was made this week of the sale of Konrad's Bakery by Mr. and Mrs. Konrad Konwalski of Cass City to Virginia and Tom Sutter of New Haven. The Sutters are originally from Detroit, but have been operating a restaurant and bakery in New Haven for 5 1/2 years. The couple has a total of 23 years of experience in the bakery business. The new owners say that the bakery will continue to be operating under the name of Konrad's Bakery and that they will specialize in cake decorating. I Bet You Didn't Know...How tough is it to make a pro football team? Did you know that more than 35,000 boys play college football in America each year and of that number fewer than 350 make it to the pros--so of all college football players only about one out of every 100 are able to go into pro football. (By H.M. Bulen) The final score was immaterial Thursday when the teachers played the service clubs in a game of donkey basketball. When the teachers went head first over a balky donkey, the students howled. When the club reps did the same, the adults laughed. When it was over everyone reported a good time and the Varsity Club was declared the winner. Lee Taylor reported that \$404 was collected, half of which went to the school.

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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
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665-9966
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Parish Administrator: Joan Wyskiel

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Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
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CASS CITY VARSITY basketball team. Front row, from left: Nick Stoutenburg, Brad Langenburg, Jeff Stoutenburg, Justin Glaza, Brett Babich, Tyler Little. Back row: Andrew Whittaker, Brandon Otulakowski, Derryll Schenk, Andrew Martin, Chris Landrith, Andrew Schinnerer, Jessup Hoyt.

Cass City cagers turn to talented underclassmen as season curtain rises

When the Cass City Red Hawks take the floor at home against Vassar next week Tuesday, coach Aaron Fernald will field a veteran team loaded with talented underclassmen.

Sure to see plenty of action are sophomore Andrew Martin and juniors Justin Glaza, Jeff Stoutenburg and Brad Langenburg.

Langenburg was a starter last season and Glaza either started or was first off the bench. Martin came off the bench. Jeff Stoutenburg provided quickness and was a starter-sixth man as a junior. Nick Stoutenburg was a good shooter and ball handler.

Chris Landrith, up from the junior varsity, has shown well in pre-season action and will be looked on to help the veterans.

Cass City graduated 6 players last year. Among them is Tyler Erla, Cass City's most valuable player, who led the team in scoring and was a top rebounder and made first team all-conference in the Greater Thumb West. Also gone are Craig Holmgren and Jake Brinkman who earned all-conference honorable mention.

In the GTW, Fernald sees Unionville-Sebewaing and Reese as teams to beat with Bay City All Saints capable of producing some surprise victories during the season. Cass City figures to be among the upper echelon teams.

After the opener next week the Hawks play Friday at Ubyly and Tuesday at home against Sandusky.

Red Hawks field largest wrestling team in coach Markel's 19-year career

With all but one of the wrestlers returning from last year's second place squad and with the largest squad in the 19 years that coach Don Markel has been at the helm, prospects are bright for the Cass City Red Hawks.

Among the 33 players on the squad there are 9 returning lettermen that earned all conference honors by placing in the top 3 in the Greater Thumb League.

Despite the loss of Eric Hollis, 189 pounds, a 4-year letter winner with 109 career victories and a team leader, the Hawks will be strong in the upper weight classes.

There is strength in the lighter weights and Markel's problem will be to find mat men to step up and produce in the middleweights. Last year there were a couple of middleweight classes without wrestlers.

Among the 9 all-conference players returning is Lee Hutchinson, 275 pounds, who qualified for the regionals in the tourney last year. The all-conference players include 4 seniors, a junior and 4 sophomores. The seniors are Hutchinson, Jeff Tenbusch, Wes Becker and Marcel Helland. Steve Meeker is the junior and Jeremy Farr, Kyle Reif, Micah Randall and Kyle Sieradzki are the sophomores.

In addition, there are 10 other letter winners with varsity wrestling experience.

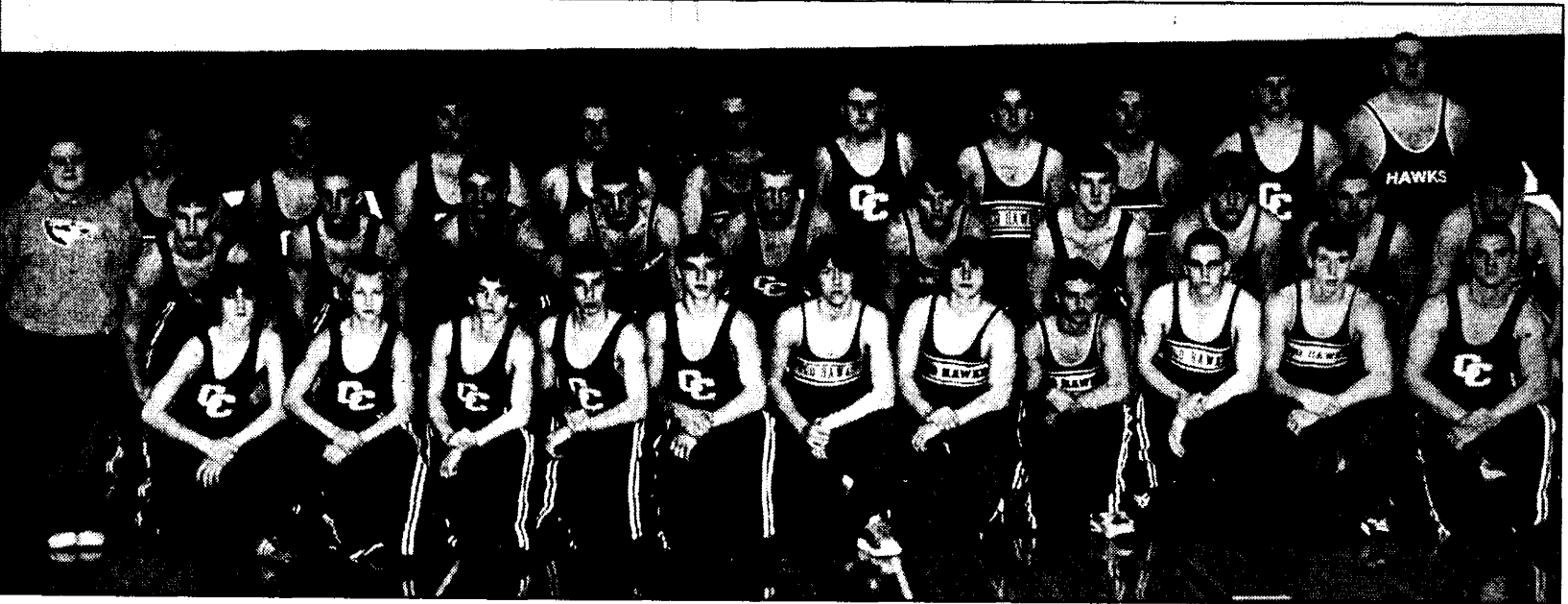
There is a nice division among the classes without the preponderance of young wrestlers that have dominated many previous seasons. There are 6 freshmen, 7 sophomores, 9 juniors and 8 seniors on the squad.

From this group we will need to fill key roles in the line-up, Markel said.

Last year the team finished narrowly behind Mayville in the league, as the Wildcats won the league tourney 155 to 166. Cass City's league record was 8-1. Both Mayville and Marlette have strong programs and will field strong teams, Markel feels, but we should be right up there with them.

Unionville-Sebewaing has an up and coming team and can't be overlooked, says Markel.

The team is scheduled to swing into action tonight (Wednesday) with a triangular meet with Capac and Imlay City that starts at 6 p.m.



CASS CITY'S LARGEST EVER wrestling squad, front row, from left: Ken Grady, Andrew Peruski, Jeremy Farr, Marcel Helland, Kyle Reif, Mark Koepf, Dean Wilson, Chad Giddings, Gilbert Burns, Joe Pica, Micah Randall. Middle row: Aime Warack, Kyle Sieradzki, Jeff Tenbusch, Wes Becker, Gavin Mills, Dennis Bowen, Jerry Sweeney, Trevor Copeland, Andrew Klco, Jerry Crandall, Ryan King. Back row: Justin Grice, Jason James, Lee Hutchinson, Justin Owen, Chad Francis, Preston Stec, Shelby Russell, Abrien Swires, Scott Meeker, Chris Valdez. Missing is Chris Wingett, Gordon Hatcher and Ben Farkas.

Hendrick named GTW cage star

Cass City's Ashley Hendrick, a junior, is a repeat member of the Greater Thumb West all-conference basketball team selected by team coaches.

In addition the Hawks, who finished second in the GTW, placed sophomore Emily Schinnerer on the second team, while sophomores Sara Meeker and Courtney Rabideau earned honorable mention.

League champion Lakers placed a pair on the 6-member first team. Honored were senior Amanda Chiotti and freshman Kaycee Damm. Amantha Krueger, a sophomore, is on the second team

and Ashley Mitchell, a senior, received honorable mention.

The only other school to place a pair on the first team was Reese, where 2 seniors, Marisa Hecht and Cara Burnison, were selected. Katie Sierocki, a junior, is on the second team.

Rounding out the first team is senior Kim Sheltraw of Valley Lutheran. Other Charger players that earned honorable mention are junior Chelsi Gnatkowski and senior Meghan Wardin.

Bad Axe players earning honors were senior Dana Peterson, second team, and Stephanie Byrne, honorable mention.

Unionville-Sebewaing placed senior Kala Winiacki the second team. Sophomore Katie Rayl and senior Megan Gainforth earned honorable mention.



BIRTHDAY BUCK.

Deford's Harry Hartwick took this 6-point hunting on private property near Deford. He shot it November 20th on his 75th birthday.

GO BACK IN TIME SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS AUCTION SALE

Antiques - Furniture - Dishes - Glassware - Collectibles

Sunday, December 5th, 2004
Commencing at 12:00 P.M.

Having commissioned Osentoski Auction Service to sell at public auction the following personal property at the place located from Cass City, MI 4 miles East, South 1/4 mile to Van Dyke Rd

ANTIQUES:
Oak roll top desk, good shape, 1900's
Hepplewhite solid mahogany sideboard
Antique 2 door painted cabinet, nice to recondition
Duncan Phyfe mahogany China cabinet
Duncan Phyfe mahogany buffet
1940's mahogany dresser
1940's mahogany radio cabinet
Pipe box, etched glass
Mahogany carved telephone chair, NICE
Antique stuffed chair
Antique floor heater register
Occupied Japan statues
Home Laughlin 6 pc. China set
16 pcs. of Roseville, VERY NICE
Unique Vases
Glassware, pottery bowls
Old toys
Brass girl statue on marble stand
Collector John Bull tea pot
Monkey tea pot
Oak prayer box w/Mother Mary statue
Cast iron dog statue
Cast iron kettle
Morris code wood box
Oak Morris recliner-painted

HOUSEHOLD:
Carved mahogany sleigh bed, queen size
Carved mahogany armchair or could be entertainment center
Matching triple dresser w/fold mirror
Chippendale wing back chair, LIKE NEW
Carved mahogany 2 pc. mini Chippendale highboy
Carved mahogany 20"x60" writing desk
Traditional cherry 2 pc. lighted curio China cabinet
Oak Rice carved poster bed, queen size
Poster bed, queen size

NEW - Arts-n-Crafts style oak cabinet w/ lead glass
Large Arts-n-Crafts oak mirror
4- NEW oak pressed back chairs
NEW oak Arts-n-Crafts captain's chair
Quantity of 1940's wood dining chairs w/ fabric seats
Oak hunter green leather foot stool
3 pc. maple set, fold out bed and 2 chairs
Assorted plant stands, some with marble tops
End tables
Inlaid cherry coffee table, glass top and console table
Oak bookcase, other bookcase
2 - Entertainment centers, 1 solid cherry 1 oak
4 pcs. of stained glass, 2 oval, 2 square, floral pattern, NICE
Porcelain slippers
2 - Child size, mahogany Victorian chairs: lounge, red or green fabric
Child size Victorian mahogany chair
Bronze horse statues, NICE
Wood rocking chair
Baby changing table
Fancy cast iron doll/bear size benches
Doll beds
Doll tables and chairs
Perfume bottles
Figurines
Knick Knacks
Records
Pet taxi
Birdcage on stand
Unique lamps
Kitchen items, pots and pans, dishes
Electric chain saw
Fire extinguisher

NEW smoke detectors
Ski saw, table saw
Gas grill
Tin cabinet
Kids toys for outside
2 - White bathtub shower unit, NEW
Side-by-side refrigerator
3 - Window air conditioners
Hand sprayer
Cable wire
Apartment size refrigerator

OUTDOOR ITEMS:
5 - 10x20 tents w/windows and sidewalls
1 - 10x20 tent, no windows & sidewalls
3 Phase motor commercial power unit
Push mowers
Lawn mower
Toro snow blower
Gas cans
2 - New PJ 18' tandem axle trailers, double brakes, take off fenders, both dovetail - 1 has take-off rails
Assortment of Craftsman tools (some new, some used)

Other items too numerous to mention. Many boxes of treasures still unpacked, not listed

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Extravaganza Day - Saturday, Dec. 4

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**Christmas
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Sunday, Dec. 5
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Tea Reception 3:00-6:30 p.m.
at **Rawson Memorial Library**
Cost: \$10.00

Tickets available only at Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City
Sponsored by the Friends of the Library - All proceeds given to the library

◀Special Note▶
Author Mary Marvin Utich will sign purchased copies of her children's book "The Magic of Christmas" from 3-6 p.m.
The cost of the book is \$7.95.

BIG CRAFT SHOW
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Cass City Middle School

Wonderful Christmas Presents!
Food Available
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Big Community Gathering
5 p.m. at the Stoplight
Rotary Park/Old NAPA building
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Visit with him until 8 p.m.

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**Extravaganza Day
Saturday, Dec. 4th**

Eugene Wyman of Cass City Floral seems to be adding a special touch to his chili...He says that it brings out the "Bouquet".

Taste all the chili in town **December 4th**.
The local merchants are having a "Chili Cook-off"
and you get to decide who makes the best.

Purchase a button at any of the local banks. Taste the chili and vote. You could win **\$100** of Cass City Cash.

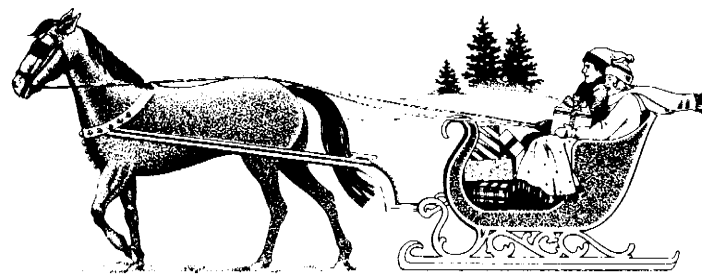
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Denny Montgomery, a/k/a Denny C. Montgomery, and Becky Montgomery, a/k/a Rebecca L. Montgomery, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Standard Federal Bank, Mortgagee, dated February 25, 1999 and recorded on March 5, 1999 in Liber 765 on Page 315 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Seven and 28/100 Dollars (\$58,387.28), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 A.M., on December 23, 2004.

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

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 County Records

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

Dated: November 24, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys For Standard Federal Bank
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #035809F03

11-24-4

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

Case No. 04-22643-CH

National City Mortgage Company, Plaintiff.

v.

Any and all unknown claimants, owners, heirs, devisees, or assignees of unknown claimants or owners to the manufactured home located at 2900 O'Brien Road, Mayville, MI 48744, Defendant.

Katherine W. MacKenzie (P63550)
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 Kalamazoo 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 reasonably 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

11-24-3

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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 10:00 A.M. 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 of 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 minutes 47 seconds West, 288.50 feet parallel with the East line of said section; thence North 88 degrees 45 minutes 14 seconds East, 54.94 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

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
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Our File No.: 04-29755

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mary Leatherwood, an unmarried woman, original mortgagors, to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated March 12, 2003 and recorded on April 4, 2003 in Liber 924 on Page 98 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Six and 87/100 Dollars (\$17,526.87), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 A.M., on December 16, 2004.

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

Beginning at a point on the East line of Section 35 which is North 00 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds West, 839.01 feet from the Southeast corner of Section 35, thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds West, 300 feet, South 89 degrees 55 minutes 44 seconds West 871.20 feet; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds East, 300 feet, North 89 degrees 55 minutes 44 seconds East 871.20 feet to the East line of Section 35 and point of beginning. AND, part of the Southeast quarter of Section 35, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the East line of said Section 35 which is North 00 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds West, 664.01 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section; thence continuing along said East line, North 00 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds West, 175 feet; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 44 seconds West, 871.20 feet; thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds West, 300.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 44 seconds West, 431.17 feet; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 53 seconds East, 475.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 44 seconds East, 1302.38 feet to the East line of said Section 35 and place of beginning; subject to the use of the East-easterly 33.00 feet thereof as Sheridan Road.

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

Dated: November 17, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys For Flagstar Bank, FSB
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #040452F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Douglas G. Bassett and Carolyn J. Bassett, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Plymouth Exchange Mortgage Corporation, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 21, 2003 and recorded on November 17, 2003 in Liber 964 on Page 884 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Washington Mutual Bank, FA as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Two Thousand Two Hundred Four and 82/100 Dollars (\$92,204.82), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 A.M., on December 9, 2004.

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

Commencing at a point in the center of State Highway M-81, 2827.5 feet South-Southwest of the Northeast corner of Section 35, Town 13 North, Range 9 East; thence Southeasterly at a right angle to said M-81, 195 feet; thence Southwestwesterly and parallel with said M-81, 75 feet; thence Northwestwesterly at a right angle to said M-81, 195 feet to the center of said M-81, thence Northeastwesterly along the center of said M-81, 75 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 redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 10, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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11-10-4

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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 07/100 Dollars (\$93,648.00), including interest at the rate of 6.00% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said 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, 2004.

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, Meites 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 Northeastly 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, range 9 East.

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: November 17, 2004

ORLAND 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

11-17-5

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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 due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-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 A.M., 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 Records

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

Dated: December 1, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mary Jacoby, a married woman, and Roger L. Jacoby, a/k/a Roger Jacoby, her husband, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 11, 2003 and recorded on May 7, 2004 in Liber 991 on Page 1117 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Home Equity Asset Trust 2004-2, Home Equity Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-2 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Six and 23/100 Dollars (\$84,506.23), including interest at 9.64% 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 A.M., on December 16, 2004.

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

Commencing at a point that is North 1058.44 feet from the East 1/4 of corner of Section, thence North 376.56 feet; thence South 60 degrees 27 minutes West 326.73 feet; thence South 13 degrees 29 minutes 24 seconds East 339.72 feet; thence North 60 degrees 43 minutes 24 seconds East 235 feet to the point of beginning; Section 28, Town 14 North, Range 7 East.

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

Dated: November 17, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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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 055 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 7.125% per annum.

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

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

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

Dated: December 1, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Luellen K. Romain, f/k/a Luellen K. Spaulding, and Timothy M. Romain, wife and husband to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc., a Delaware Corporation Mortgagee, dated August 7, 2003 and recorded October 9, 2003 in Liber 958, Page 896, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and Forty-Three Cents (\$133,935.43), including interest 7.87% 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 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, December 9, 2004.

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

Lot 12 and the West 1/2 of Lot 13, Block 1 of Westdale Subdivision, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1, Page 74, now being Page 24B, Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as 834 Allen Street, Caro MI 48723.

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 3, 2004

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc. Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
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Rochester Hills, MI 48307
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Our File No.: 04-29024

11-10-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by EDWARD PERRYMAN AND CARMEN PERRYMAN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F.A., A FEDERAL ASSOCIATION, Mortgagee, dated September 16, 2002 and recorded on October 17, 2002 in Liber 898, Page 876, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred twelve thousand five hundred seven and 10/100 Dollars (\$12,507.10), including interest at 5.500% per annum, with adjustable rate rider.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola, MI, at 10:00 A.M. on December 16, 2004.

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

LAND IN THE VILLAGE OF CARO, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND DESCRIBED AS: LOT 18 AND THE WEST 32.92 FEET OF LOT 17, BLOCK 1, WORTHINGTONS ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF CARO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN LIBER 1, PAGE 15A OF PLATS, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with

1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: November 17, 2004

WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F.A., A FEDERAL ASSOCIATION Mortgagee

ATTORNEY FOR: WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F.A., A FEDERAL ASSOCIATION
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard G. Wilczynski, a married man, and Barbara A. Wilczynski, his wife, original mortgagors, to American Financial Mortgage Corp., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 1, 1997 and recorded on August 1, 1997 in Liber 716 on Page 1246, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fleet Mortgage Corp., a South Carolina Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated November 1, 1999 and recorded on December 8, 1999 in Liber 789 on Page 1100 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Seven and 06/100 Dollars (\$65,287.06), including interest at 9% 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 A.M., on December 16, 2004.

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

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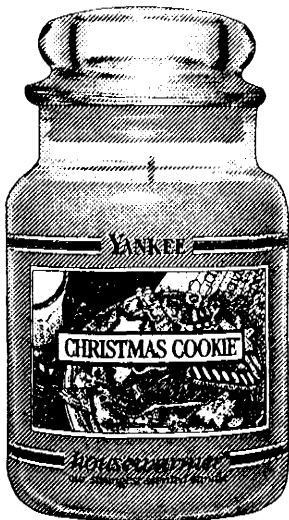
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Williams re-opens former Sutter's Bakery

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chase of the well-known Cass City business 2 years earlier marked the end of ownership by Virginia and the late Tom Sutter. The Sutters opened the bakery in 1969.

Although not a Thumb native, Williams' frequent visits to the area brought her back to Cass City to stay for about 13 years while raising a family. She later moved back to Grand Rapids, but returned after deciding to open her own restaurant.

It's a role she's been preparing for many years.

"I have 30 years in the restaurant business, so this just fit for me," she said after finalizing the purchase from the Kruses. "I've grilled, I've cooked, I've baked. There isn't anything I haven't done."

Williams plans to continue operating the bakery while gradually incorporating some new ideas. It will take time, she said, but customers will already notice some changes inside the business.

"We did a facelift, so when they walk in, they'll see a lot of repairs."

When the bakery is in full operation, Williams will employ a total of 8 workers, who will be kept busy as the bakery operation expands.

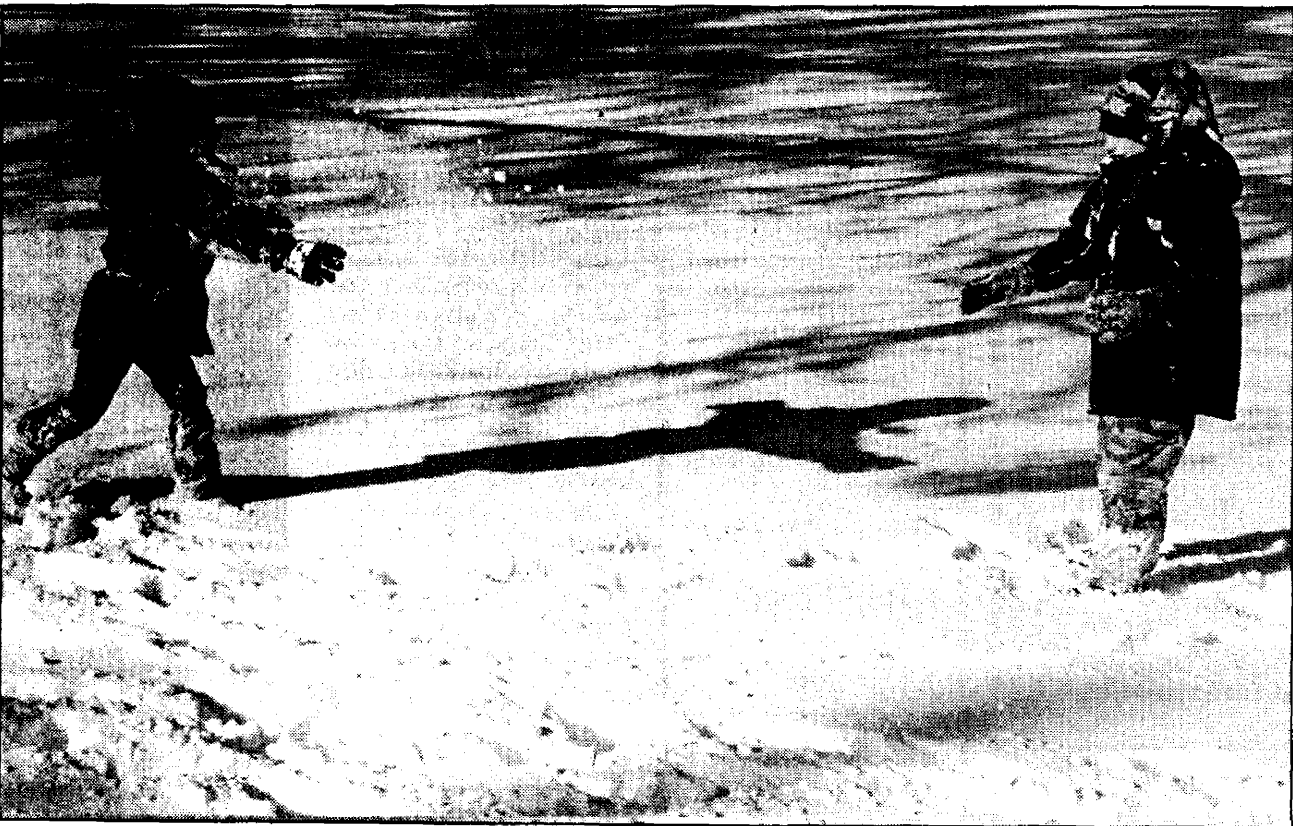
"We're going to start out just servicing the restaurant, and then as it goes, we'd like to branch out into the community," she said. "We can't

right away, but within a month we should be able to."

For now, Williams is content to enjoy a strong sense of accomplishment as well as

the excitement of running her own business, one that has been serving up hot coffee and baked goods for some 35 years.

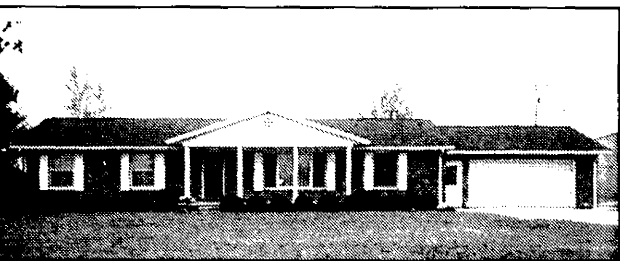
"It's been exhausting, but we managed it and accomplished it," she said. "It's very exciting. Today is a wonderful day."



OLD MAN WINTER finally arrived last week, and just in time to give area youngsters an opportunity to play in the snow during their Thanksgiving break. Above, Dakota, 5 (left), and Nicholas Cook, 8, toss some of the white stuff at each other. They are the children of Shelley and Scott Cook, Cass City.



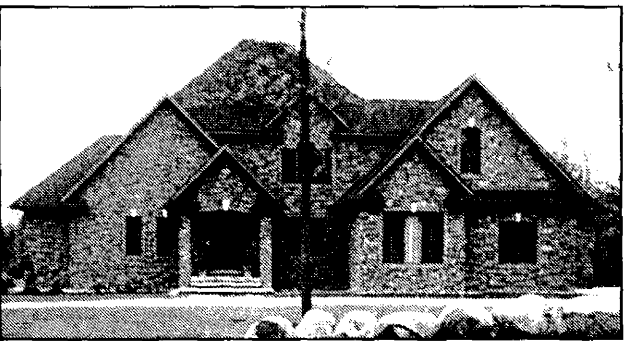
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Holiday home tour slated Sunday

The popular, profitable home tour sponsored by the Friends of the Library returns Sunday, Dec. 5, for the sixth time in 7 years. Visiting time is 1-5 p.m.

The tour has been averaging between 175 and 200 persons each year. Last year there were about 150 on the tour.

This year's tour includes 5 homes in the Cass City area plus visits to the library and Woodland Cottage. Each home is an example of a different style.

Visitors can tour the homes in any order they wish, or take advantage of a shuttle service provided by Curtis Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep in Cass City. Vans will leave the library at 1 p.m. and take passengers to each home. The tour will last about 2 hours and return to the library in time to enjoy a tea in the Pinney Room slated from 3 to 6:30 p.m. The tea will be highlighted by a book signing by Mary Marvin Utich, author of the children's book, "The Magic of Christmas". The cost of the book is \$7.95.

The 6 previous tours netted the Friends of the Library in excess of \$10,000, all of which has been donated to the library.

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