



Christmas in Cass City...

SANTA CLAUS looks over Eugene Wilson's Christmas list inside the Cass City Municipal Building following a busy Extravaganza Day in Cass City Saturday. Wilson, 8, is the son of Eugene and Charity Wilson of Cass City.



MARIE SPENCER of Millennium Industries serves up some tasty chili to Nel Maharg of Cass City. In all, 33 area businesses participated in this year's Chili Cook-Off.

In O-G School District

School chief search on

A retired school administrator who previously served as interim superintendent in the Owen-Gage School District may play a key role in helping school officials find a new leader.

The Owen-Gage Board of Education discussed their planned superintendent search as well as how they want to define the new administrator's role during a special work session last week.

Supt. Bob Peterson has suggested a number of options for the search, including hiring the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) and asking former longtime Thumb administrator Don Gleeson to conduct the search.

Gleeson is familiar with Owen-Gage, having served as interim superintendent after former Supt. Dan McKenzie resigned. He also assisted in the transition when Peterson agreed to serve as a part-time superintendent in the district.

Board President Jeff

Leinweber indicated the ideal situation might be to have Gleeson and Peterson both involved.

"They've got a lot of experience under their belts, and we know them. That's going to give us a little bit of an edge," he said, adding finding someone who wants to move to a smaller district could be a challenge.

Board members are leaning towards hiring an individual who would serve as both superintendent and principal.

"We're looking at a joint role just like Port Hope would have or Akron-Fairgrove would have, if that works out. You might not be able to find that," Leinweber said. The board could also consider reinstating the position of "dean of students" to assist the administrator with discipline matters and other duties, he added.

District officials previously created the dean position, but then eliminated it after voting to consolidate the school system by closing the el-

ementary school in Gagetown. Since then, Peterson has continued to serve as superintendent part-time and former elementary Principal Diane Warack has been K-12 principal.

Although Peterson has made it clear he doesn't intend to remain in the position long-term, he said he plans to stay on to help the board find a replacement for him.

"It's a little bit up in the air," said Peterson, who noted he would leave the district in the spring should school officials find someone to take over by then. "Realistically, however, we're probably looking at June. If you're hiring someone that is currently working in another district, they're not wanting to pick up in March."

Leinweber said the board will continue to weigh its options regarding the new administrative position as the search for candidates proceeds. "We've been flexible and we've been making it work," he added.

Local scouts eyeing the Eagle

Three Cass City Boy Scouts are nearing their goal of earning the highest honor in scouting.

When they complete the achievement, they will join an impressive list of former scouts who earned the Eagle rank - Apollo Astronaut James A. Lovell Jr., former U.S. Senator Sam Nunn, businessman H. Ross Perot, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and former President Gerald R. Ford, just to name a few.

The local scouts, Pat Reed, Derrick Mallory and Jeff

Wills, are all members of Cass City Boy Scout Troop 594.

Both Reed and Wills have completed their Eagle projects, the final major requirement for the Eagle rank. Mallory is still in the planning stages of his project.

Reed, a Cass City High School senior whose Eagle project involved re-landscaping the base of a flagpole in front of the village's DPW building, has been involved in scouting since he was in middle school.

"I just thought it looked like something interesting and gave it a shot," he said. "It's

a lot of fun and it's interesting. You learn a lot of useful skills. It's kind of like an adventure; you never know what to expect."

Earning the Eagle rank, he added, has been the highlight of his years in scouting.

"It's just a really big goal that I've been trying to get for a long time. There's a lot of effort put into this sort of thing," said Reed, 17, the son of Duane and Jeanette Reed.

Wills, 17, a junior at Cass City High School, also selected a landscaping project

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Capital improvement spending set at \$370,000 in Cass City

Although Cass City officials expect to spend slightly less money in 2005, the village will pour more than \$370,000 into capital improvement projects, including some \$100,000 into an aging wastewater treatment plant.

The village council recently reviewed next year's proposed \$1.25 million spending plan. Formal action adopting the budget is expected during a rescheduled regular meeting slated for Monday at 7 p.m.

Planned capital improvement projects in 2005 range from communications equipment for the village police department to the purchase of a replacement dump truck to several street repaving projects.

The wastewater treatment plant will top all departments in capital improvement spending at just over \$100,000.

About half of that — \$45,000 — will be used to purchase an improved bar screen that will do a better job of removing debris during the sewage treatment process.

"It chops up everything that comes into the plant - chops up the waste - so it doesn't get clogged in the pumps," explained village Manager Frank Sheridan, who said the plant currently utilizes a waste "chopper" that doesn't have the screen. "It's like getting a better filter for your car," he added.

Also planned is \$25,000 worth of improvements to the plant's automation equipment. Sheridan said the work will enable the staff to monitor controls and react to alarms from a computer day or night rather than having to physically drive to the plant after hours.

"Everything else (in the capital improvement budget) is strictly maintenance, and

then you hold your breath," Sheridan said.

Additional equipment replacement at the plant is estimated at \$16,500, with \$15,000 earmarked for re-roofing the digester building.

In the end, Sheridan noted, some of the work may be put on hold for another year, depending on the status of the village's deficit reduction plan for the wastewater treatment plant. Those numbers will be reviewed during the annual audit report in February.

Planned street projects in 2005 will include paving of the south alley from Maple to Sherman and Oak to Maple (\$9,700), paving the north alley from Seeger to Oak (\$7,600), paving West Street from Garfield to Seventh (\$8,820), paving Leach Street from Garfield to Seventh (\$7,625), paving Chestnut Boulevard from Seeger to Hemlock (\$14,000) and paving Hemlock Street from Spruce to Beechwood (\$9,000).

Another \$26,133 will be spent on other street construction costs such as engineering, inspections, curb and gutter replacement and drainage.

Major equipment spending will include \$75,000 for a replacement dump truck, a purchase that was put on hold last year.

The village will make another \$42,000 payment on its water system loan. The ongoing water main replacement program will cost \$20,500, and \$10,000 will be spent on regular hydrant replacements during the year.

Capital Improvement spending in the police department will total \$26,500, although most of that — \$22,500 — will be in the form of 3 patrol car lease payments. Some \$4,000 will be spent on communications

equipment.

Finally, village officials plan to replace a boiler for the swimming pool at a cost of \$7,000. Replacement of a portion of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system at the municipal building will cost about \$6,500, and another \$1,400 will go towards computer equipment at the municipal building.

Sheridan estimated the village will have spent a combined \$112,627 on capital improvements, compared to a budget of \$286,200, when

the current fiscal year ends.

"The wastewater treatment plant's budget was \$87,500. We will spend about \$21,000, or 24 percent of the budget," he said. "That is due to the deficit reduction plan we put into effect in July."

"The water department was budgeted for \$51,000 and will spend about \$39,000," Sheridan said. "The money was spent on a new water main on Elclair Street that looped it into Pine Street, fixing hydrants and purchasing water meters. The DPW

brought the water main work in under budget and we purchased fewer new water meters this year than projected."

Village officials spent about 37 percent of their motor vehicle and equipment budget (\$47,602 out of a budgeted \$128,500).

"We paid for the police car leases and a new pickup truck," Sheridan said. "We decided not to buy a sludge tanker for the wastewater treatment plant and delayed the replacement of a dump truck."

Elmwood Township vets settle into retirement

Three veterans of Elmwood Township government are settling into retirement after putting in a combined 80 years of service to township residents.

Supervisor Jim Turner, Clerk Elaine Seibel and Trustee Ken Blue all decided not to seek reelection last month along with 4-year Trustee Norma Rabideau.

Turner served on the board some 41 years, including about 16 years as township supervisor.

"Just my age - I've been on long enough," Turner said of his decision to close the books on his political career. "I'm ready to retire."

A lifelong township resident who retired from farming in 1970, Turner, 72, said he stayed on the board for so many years because he enjoyed it. "And, of course, I was a farmer and I wanted to keep it a farming community," he added.

Of all the changes he's seen in township government over

the years, Turner said finances stick out.

"Expenses mostly - \$10 for a load of gravel to \$100 a load," he said. "Of course, when I first started we didn't have millages. There was a county millage, but not a township millage. Now we've got one for roads and one for fire department. You can't operate (without millages) today with the expenses."

Turner and his wife, Alice, have 3 grown children. He plans to enjoy woodworking and travel in retirement, but said he knows he'll miss his role as supervisor.

"There will be times when you'll miss it, sure," he added. "You can't do something for that long and not miss it."

Seibel, 71, served as clerk for 15 years. The Unionville native recalled her start in township government, saying it happened by accident. "I had run several years ago

for treasurer and lost. It was probably 10 years later that (the treasurer) left, and they asked me if I would fill in."

Seibel, who continued to serve, winning unopposed at the polls, indicated she understands why it's difficult to get new blood into township government. "Our township is so small and it's too bad - it's not enough job for any one person," she said. "It's just that you have to be there in case the phone rings and somebody does need something."

Keeping up on voter registrations and running elections are probably the biggest responsibilities for the clerk, according to Seibel, who said her 15 years of service "isn't very long. The first 2 or 3 years you're learning."

The one thing that hasn't changed over the years, she added, is change.

"One thing I've learned is things are constantly changing - all these new election laws and changes in equipment. Nothing stays the same for one term."

Seibel had planned to step down 4 years ago, but Turner asked her to stay for just one more term, and she agreed.

"I'm not sorry I stayed," she said. "We worked well together, the 5 of us."

Seibel, who has 5 grown children, also is not sorry she opted not to seek another term.

"I don't want to learn anymore. I want to forget," she joked. It's time I retired. I'm not really very computer savvy. I don't care about them, and it's a must."

"You know, when you get into your 70s, you just want to have time to do things you want to, and to enjoy yourself."

The Chronicle was unable to reach Blue, who served on the board for 24 years.

Last month state tributes signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Senator Jim Barcia and Rep. Tom Meyer were presented to Turner, Seibel and Blue for their years of service. Rabideau, meanwhile, was presented with a certificate of appreciation.

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A BAD AXE MAN was injured when his pickup truck struck a semi-tractor trailer that skidded into the intersection of M-81 and M-53 last week (See story, page 3).

Holbrook Area News

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Mr. and Mrs. Mark O'Henley, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Meeham, and son Billy, of Chicago, Paul O'Henley and a friend of Mt. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Rutkowski and Amy, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Henley.

Anna McCartney of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. Marty Chockley, Christopher and Amy of Alganac, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chockley of Crosswell, Lt. Dale Cleland of Kansas, and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Moorman, Mary Hagen and friend Jim, and Jim Hagen and son Nickolas were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen.

Thanksgiving Day dinner

guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Damm of Pigeon were Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kohtz, Landon and Michala of Wayland, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hurford, Grant and Genalee of Attica, Debbie Siebel, David and Becky of Frankenmuth, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hurford and Clara Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Ruby and Paul of Cass City, Thelma Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson of Ubyly.

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

Mrs. Ken Osentoski, Bob Cleland Sr., and Bob Cleland Jr. were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka were Thanksgiving Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Reid and Ethan at Madison Heights. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Particka, Ashley and

Stephanic and a friend of Madison Heights, Freda Reid of Dearborn Heights and Lyn Willoby of Sterling Heights.

Mary Catherine Nicol of Mt. Pleasant, Sharon Franzel of Georgia, Wesley Franzel of San Antonio, Texas, and Allen Farrelly were Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel.

Al Peruski of Parisville, Jack Kennedy and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Tuesday guests of Reva Silver. They will meet at Mrs. Sweeney's next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Bell, Lauren and Katelynn of Cheboygan, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ritter, Alex and Beth of Elkton, Wayne Sweeney of Pontiac, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Sweeney, Brandon, Nicole and Bruce Sweeney of Ubyly, and Francis Tschirhart of Bad Axe were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sweeney.

Lee Horton visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kennedy, Wayne Kennedy and Allen Farrelly attended the Masonic Lodge breakfast in Bad Axe Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hagen returned home from Ann Arbor on Tuesday after Dennis had surgery Thursday at U of M Hospital in Ann Arbor. Allen Farrelly visited Don Rachoff at the Huron County Health Center in Bad Axe on Monday and Mrs. Eleanor Koskie at the Lighthouse Rehab Center in Caro Tuesday.

Wendy Rickett, Cory and Caitlyn, Jamie Doerr and Courtney, Amy Doerr and friend Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Doerr and Savana and Leone Doerr of Argyle were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stirett and Dick Jackson of Bad Axe, Mrs. John Pechett and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson last week.

Ten members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at the same place next week.

It's a girl!



Kaitlynn Heck

Kevin and Kara Heck of Holland, announce the birth of their daughter, Kaitlynn Marjorie Heck.

Kaitlynn was born at Holland Hospital Oct. 28, 2004 at 9:21 p.m. She weighed 8 pounds and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Her grandparents are Karen King of Cass City and Kurt and Carolyn Heck of Grand Haven. Her great-parents are Ruth Behm of Saginaw and the late Phyllis Pelton of Cass City.

Smithers completes training

Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice Brandon J. Smithers, son of Paula G. Randall of Humble, Texas, and Randy J. Smithers of Ubyly, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N. J.

During the 8-week training program, Smithers completed a vigorous training curriculum consisting of academics and practical instruction on water safety and survival, military customs and courtesies, seamanship skills, first aid, fire fighting and marksmanship. A major emphasis is also placed on physical fitness, health and wellness.

Students on list

Two area residents were recently named to the academic honors list at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design, Big Rapids.

Jason C. Barrigar of Cass City and Lindsay N. Walleman of Ubyly qualified for the honor by earning a minimum 3.5 grade point average in no fewer than 12 credit hours of coursework.



Meg's Peg

It's time!

by Melva E. Guinther

The season is upon us! If the mailbox filled with catalogs, the papers filled with ads, and the stores filled with shoppers haven't convinced you, the annual Chia Pet and Clapper commercials should have done the trick.

If you watch the Christmas shoppers in the stores, it doesn't take long to figure out how they're dealing with pre-holiday stress.

As a grandparent myself, I had to commiserate with the older couple in the toy department searching desperately for a Vahki Keerakh Bionicle and a Rockabye Baby Chou Chou.

Shucks! We don't know what they are or how to pronounce them, let alone locate them.

The plain truth is that no matter how much one loves Christmas and all that goes with it, it's a busy, busy time and can become quite stressful.

The deadline always seems to sneak up on a person, and it's easy to feel there's no way on earth you're going to get all the traditional shopping, wrapping, baking, decorating, etc. done.

It helps if everyone displays an extra dose of patience and tolerance these days when even the relatively simple task of writing and mailing cards can cause distress.

Sometimes the very best intentions can lead to misunderstanding and embarrassment, especially when one is attempting to cut corners for the sake of saving time.

Mrs. Morrison, for example, asked her husband Rich to have their names imprinted on their Christmas cards, which he obligingly

did. The cards were elegant, with the signature, "The Rich Morrisons," in gold ink.

She had only to write the recipients' names and addresses, apply the stamps and drop them in the mail.

She was quite pleased with her efforts until they started getting cards in return signed "The Humble Howards," "The Modest Smiths," "The Successful Joneses," etc.

Another elderly lady decided shopping for presents was getting to be too much. Besides, she really didn't know what her relatives wanted or needed.

So she decided to write checks to enclose in her cards, on which she wrote a note instructing the recipients to "Buy your own presents."

But alas! A few days after the cards were mailed, she found the checks in the desk drawer.

Think about it. Personally, I'm one of those hated people who shop throughout the year and pick up presents when they're on sale. Then the biggest problem is remembering what I have and where I put it.

One year, after the gifts had been opened and the mess cleaned up, our daughter mentioned that she thought I'd bought a certain tool for our son-in-law, but that he didn't receive it.

Sure enough! I went up and looked under my bed and found not only the missing tool, but several other gifts that had been overlooked.

Oh well, that's just one of those "Christmas memories" that the kids will never let me forget.

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, December 8

Meatloaf and scalloped potato dinner with all the trimmings, noon, Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd. For takeouts, call 872-4604. Pick up between 11 a.m. and noon, or after 12:30 p.m. on the day of the dinner.

Friday, December 10

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

Saturday, December 11

Young Adult (YA) Craft Session, 10-11 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Monday, December 13

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

Tuesday, December 14

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown. Tuscola County Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Family Support/Education Group meeting, 1:30 p.m., Adult Day Services building, 435 Green St., Caro. For additional information, call (989) 672-2273.

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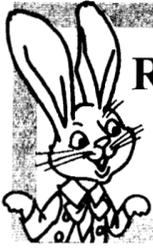
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The traditional Cass City calendar that lists birthdays of residents will not be published this year. A transition was planned, from Cass City Rotary to a Cass City High School organization, but the switch was delayed too long to enable the calendar to be published this year.

The new school sponsor will publish a 2006 calendar and sales contacts are expected next fall.

The holiday home tour sponsored by the Friends of the Library continues to be popular—and profitable.

The event attracted about 160 persons, slightly more than last year and Rawson Memorial Library has an additional \$1,500 for program use.

Al Klco of Knight Insurance tried to interest the sponsors of the Christmas in the Village celebration in a chili cook-off last year, but because of the many activities underway was unable to do it. So he decided to sponsor it himself.

It proved to be popular last year and continued to be popular this year. The winners are listed in a Knight Insurance ad in this edition.

Driver hurt in crash

A heavy, wet snowfall contributed to a 2-vehicle collision about 4 miles east of Cass City that sent a Huron County man to the hospital last Wednesday.

The crash occurred at about 7:30 p.m. at the intersection of M-81 and M-53.

Sanilac County Sheriff's Deputy Darrin Siemen reported that Leroy A. Rooney, 72, Bad Axe, was driving a pickup truck southbound on M-53 when an eastbound semi-tractor trailer drove through the intersection into his path. Rooney stated he

attempted to avoid a collision by turning right.

The driver of the semi-tractor, Jeremiah Olney, 23, of Zanesville, Ohio, told Siemen he attempted to stop at the corner but started to skid. He then tried to hurry through the intersection and his rig began to spin when Rooney's truck struck his trailer.

Rooney was transported by Cass City MMR ambulance to Hills and Dales General Hospital for treatment. Olney was not injured.

Siemen reported both drivers were wearing seatbelts at the time of the accident.

Police probe thefts, vandalism in village

Cass City police are investigating incidents of theft and vandalism reported over the week.

Jeralyn K. Bliss, Cass City, reported the theft of a green tweed purse with a brown leather strap from her vehicle Dec. 2. The vehicle was parked on Maple Street at the time of the theft, which took place between 10:30 p.m. and 12:15 a.m. Bliss reported 4 credit cards and \$250 in cash missing.

Also reporting a theft was Brandon S. Lefler, Cass City, who told police someone entered his vehicle on Beechwood Drive late Saturday night and stole a flip face car radio and a pair of 12-inch speakers. The property is valued at a combined \$315, according to reports.

Police also investigated 3 apparently related vandalism complaints Saturday.

William G. Ewald, Cass City, reported someone used a reddish-color spray paint to write obscenities and symbols on the north side of the First Baptist Church, 6420 Houghton St. Police also discovered 2 broken windows.

Kelly M. Dillon, Cass City, told police she discovered that someone also spray painted words on the north side of the garage at her Houghton St. residence.

Police also investigated

spray paint vandalism to a vehicle on Ale Street belonging to Charles E. Carr.

The Haire Net

It's still a great place to call home



Because I've been around a long time I have often been asked if Cass City is the same today as it was 50 years ago.

The answer is easy, no it isn't. Cass City has advanced and regressed like a tide sweeping in taking everything not nailed down and out leaving behind whatever has washed ashore.

The tide turned in Cass City (and all small towns) as the big box stores moved in and the malls became a destination, a first-choice option.

At its peak the Cass City business community included 2 furniture stores, 2 drug stores, 2 department stores, 2 general auto supply stores, 5 auto dealerships, 4 farm equipment dealerships, 2 party stores, 2 "dime stores" and 3 food markets, plus others.

Practically every one of these stores was owned by persons who lived in the community.

Most of the owners and workers in the stores were acquainted and knew the families that they served. It's hard to imagine today that when a storeowner died it was common practice for the business community to place a wreath on the door and close during the service. More than one owner refused to stock an item because a neighbor down the street al-

ready had it and they didn't want to horn in on their business. That's the downside if you are a small town person that revels in the atmosphere that everyone knows your business.

That closeness is gone forever. It's the environment, not the people, that changed.

It's hard to become involved with the family next door if they are recent arrivals that you haven't had a chance to get to know. Today in the area there is a constant change, with people moving in and out that was not common previously.

Despite that, everywhere you look, people are helping people. For example, the Thanksgiving dinner, the benefit dinners, the campaigns for the new Center for the Arts and the community center, and various campaigns to assure families and especially the children have a merry Christmas.

While there are not the options for shopping that we previously enjoyed, there have been giant steps up in basic services. Cass City's schools, hospital, medical facilities, recreation park and village services are now top notch.

So the tide flows in and out, but the area survives and remains a great place to make a home.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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A recent telephone conversation with my brother reminded me that retirement isn't the same for everyone. Some folks can't wait to retire — while others have no reason to.

I taught school in Western Ohio in the days when Indiana required teachers to retire at 70. Some of our best teachers in Ohio schools were folks who were forced to retire in Indiana.

There were others who could barely find their way back across the border each evening, but that's another story.

My oldest brother Jim is another story, too. Jim is very capable, mentally and physically, and he enjoys working. He doesn't have any real good reason to retire.

Besides, Jim doesn't have a lot of time-wasting hobbies like I do. He just never had time to develop them, I guess.

I'm not real eager to retire, either. Most folks wouldn't even consider my job as work. That's my biggest fear of retirement: What if a person quits working and nobody can tell the difference?

Still, I tried to counsel my brother. "Maybe you should retire and get Kenny to teach you how to fish?" I said.

"I'm afraid Kenny might try to take me bear hunting instead," Jim said. "Did he tell you that story about tracking a bear in the dark and realizing the bear was coming back instead of going away?"

"Or about the one that kept stealing the popcorn bait before they could get a shot at it?"

I should stop here to explain, my brother Kenny is more like me. He enjoys his time off, and he likes to hunt and fish.

Kenny hunts bears in Ontario where baiting is legal. And he hunts them with a bow, because insanity is apparently legal there, too.

Kenny has killed four bears with a bow, and his son Tim has killed two. They have two iron-clad rules for bear hunting: Let the bear have all of the popcorn he wants, and never leave the tree stand during intermission.

Jim told me the last bear Tim killed was an expert at stealing the bait. The first

night the bear came to the bait he sneaked out of the brush, grabbed the bucket of popcorn with a big, hairy paw and disappeared instantly. Tim could hear the bear munching on popcorn back in the bush, but he decided there was plenty more where that came from.

The second evening the bear arrived just before dark, but Tim was ready for him this time — and put an end

to this hogging of the treats. I told Jim that Kenny and Tim should invest in a popcorn machine. That way they could shoot the bear while he was trying to put his money in. (Or pounding on the coin return.)

Jim agreed this was a good idea and promised to keep it in mind, if he should ever retire — or lose his mind and agree to go bear hunting.

Notice of

BOARD OF REVIEW

For Novesta Township

Will Be Held DECEMBER 14, 2004

1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.

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from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

HOW DO I HELP MY CHILD?

A good question parents ask very often is "how do I help my child?" A recent research report asked principals what they would say if they could tell parents just one thing to do to help their children.

The overwhelming number one response was to: take time to talk with your children, and listen to what they have to say. A Department of Education study found that the average American mother spends less than 30 minutes a day talking to her children. The average American father spends even less, about 15 minutes. Here are some suggestions to help to find more time to talk.

1. Put specific times on your calendar each week when you will spend time with your children. During that time focus your love and attention on your child.
2. Use car time to talk with your children. No one can get up and leave and the kids know they really have your ear.
3. Plan to eat at least one meal a day as a family. Make sure that time is dedicated to family with no TV or phone calls allowed.
4. Talk with your child immediately when they come home from school or if that isn't possible right when you get home from work.
5. Make a point to talk one on one with each child, not always a group talk. Try to find equity in talking to your children, all of them need it.
6. Here are some questions to ask to get a conversation started about school: How are you doing? What is the most interesting thing you did today? What are you doing tomorrow?

Talking, listening, reading, singing and laughing with your children are all ways of letting your children know that you love them. You are taking time to show them your care.

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

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Dec. 8, 2004

5-Day Local Forecast

	Wednesday Partly Cloudy High: 42 Low: 29
	Thursday Few Showers High: 44 Low: 34
	Friday Few Showers High: 40 Low: 28
	Saturday Mostly Cloudy High: 34 Low: 27
	Sunday Snow Possible High: 36 Low: 24

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 42°, humidity of 85 percent and an overnight low of 29°. The record high temperature for today is 63° set in 1966. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers, high temperature of 44°, humidity of 82 percent and an overnight low of 34°.

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Sunday	43	32	39/27	0.00"
Monday	39	27	38/26	0.00"
Tuesday	39	30	38/26	0.00"
Wednesday	37	34	37/26	0.00"
Thursday	34	28	37/25	0.00"
Friday	34	19	36/25	0.00"
Saturday	41	27	36/24	0.00"

Upcoming Moon Phases

New 12/11	First 12/18	Full 12/26	Last 1/3

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today 7:53 a.m.
Sunset tonight 4:56 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Precipitation	Normal precipitation	Departure from normal	Average temperature	Average normal temperature	Departure from normal
0.00"	0.60"	-0.60"	33.0°	31.7°	+1.3°

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Red Hawk Talks

by Leah Sherman

The main purpose of high school is to prepare students for their futures. As students advance each year they receive more responsibilities and independence. By the time students become seniors in high school, the transition to college is supposed to be smooth and fairly simple. Of course, the teachers and the classes play a very large role in assisting the students through this chain of events; however, there is one class that stands out when it comes to truly preparing students for the real world: work experience.

Work experience is a class that allows students to earn a credit for holding a job. Students are graded on their attendance and performance at work. The students log their hours each marking period, and at the end of the six weeks the employer completes a quick survey of the student's performance. The form is then taken into the guidance office where the students will earn a grade that is decided by their employer.

The program allows students to hold a job as a class. In other words, the students in the program replace one class with their job. For instance, I get out of school at the end of 5th hour to go to work. This is especially convenient for me since my evenings are usually occupied with homework and extra curricular activities.

For many people, college is the next step in life after high school. However, for students who don't feel that college is right for them, and even for the students who do, work experience is a great way for them to get acquainted with situations that may intimidate most people when it comes to getting a job.

When young adults are familiar with basic work skills before they leave high school, they are ready to face tasks that are presented to them in their future. For instance, if students are faced with a job interview while they are still in high school they will be more comfortable when they begin looking and interviewing for more permanent careers.

Some people argue that the focus in high school should be on academics and remembering the good times, and that there will be plenty of time after high school for working. I agree that students should put school as their first priority and that they should cherish every minute, but I also think that many students have the ability to manage their time well and if they feel capable of taking on the responsibility of a job, they should take advantage of this program.

Work experience also provides an excellent opportunity for students to further explore their interests. Scott Duquesnay, an employee at Tendercare, is looking at a future in nursing. Work experience has allowed him the time to have a job and maintain the required high school work load. He states, "It's great to receive credit for a job that will help me decide how to approach my future." Scott works about 35 hours per week and believes that it wouldn't be possible for him to do so without the work experience program.

By the time students reach high school their futures are looming ahead of them, and it can be a frightening thought. Work experience helps to prepare students for at least one of the obstacles that a future can hold: getting a job.

Several appear on charges

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

•Jeremy A. Likens, 28, Caro, pleaded no contest to unlawfully driving away an automobile Oct. 15-16 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$4,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Troy E. Giddings, 29, Mayville, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 16 in Mayville.

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

•Dale V. Duncan, 18, Vassar, pleaded guilty to larceny of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 April 11 in Reese.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Brian K. Rohn, 32, Algonac, stood mute to charges of second degree home invasion, larceny in a building, possession of a weapon by a felon, and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony Oct. 19 in Fairgrove Township, and to being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case and bond was continued at \$25,000.

•Giovachino Mauro II, 36, Millington, stood mute to charges of assaulting a police officer, aggravated assault, assault or assault and battery, driving while his license was suspended or revoked, subsequent offense, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, failure to transfer a motor vehicle title and operating an unregistered vehicle Oct. 22 in Millington Township. He is also charged with being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$15,000.

•Christopher M. Kuhl, 18, Mayville, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 365 days in the county jail, with school release, for his plea of guilty to second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years Feb. 19 in Mayville.

He was also ordered to undergo mental therapy/counseling, complete his high school education and pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,120 plus restitution of \$287.47.

•Randy P. Haas, 34, Marlette, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 180 days in jail, with work release, for his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 29, 2003, in Dayton Township,

and Sept. 5 in Koylton Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$3,220 in costs and fines. Restitution is to be determined.

•Ryan M. Badour, 22, Bay City, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 180 days in jail (179 days deferred), with work release, for his pleas of guilty to fleeing and eluding a police officer, driving while his license was suspended or revoked, and reckless driving April 13 in Wisner and Gilford townships.

He was also ordered to complete his high school education and pay costs and fines totaling \$4,080.

•Heidi R. Goulais, 33, Bad Axe, was sentenced to 9 months in jail and 36 months probation for her plea of guilty to possession of a financial transaction device

and retaining/stealing a financial transaction device Nov. 25, 2002, in Caro.

He was also ordered to undergo residential substance abuse treatment and pay costs and fines totaling \$2,340. Restitution is to be determined.

•David W. Belcher, 20, Caro, pleaded no contest to larceny of property valued at \$100 to \$1,000 and larceny of property valued at less than \$200, and no contest to larceny from a motor vehicle and attempted larceny April 4 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$7,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Gerald R. Cabal, 20, Millington, pleaded guilty to larceny in a building Aug. 15

in Arbel Township, and to escape from lawful custody Oct. 8 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at a combined \$15,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Linda May, 49, Vassar, pleaded no contest to writing a no account check for \$300.82 July 17, 2003, in Indianfields Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Jennifer M. Nelson, 17, Bad Axe, pleaded guilty to forgery involving a \$110 check drawn at Independent Bank Sept. 7 in Cass City.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Legislation would pave way for new pipeline

Officials representing a Lansing-based pipeline company say Tuscola County will be able to receive a more efficient and safer mode of gasoline transportation under legislation headed to the state Senate.

The legislation would prevent local governments from blocking utility projects in the right-of-ways on state owned limited access highways, including a portion of the pipeline proposed by Wolverine Pipe Line Company.

The pipeline, which would allow more petroleum products to reach the Thumb, has been delayed by the city of Lansing in the courts.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) approved the pipeline, and the use of the proposed interstate right-of-way versus alternate routes has been studied and approved by both the MPSC and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality as the best and safest route.

Under the legislation passed by the House last month, energy and utility projects when located along federal and state interstate highways would have to comply with standards approved by the Michigan Department of Transportation and the MPSC.

In 2001, Wolverine officials proposed construction of a 62-mile pipeline from Jackson to Lansing to replace a 68-year-old line that is underused and can't meet the demand for gasoline in mid- and northern Michigan. The gasoline terminals in Bay City and Lansing serve 39 counties, including Tuscola.

Wolverine wants to construct 24 miles of new pipeline along I-96 rights-of-way in the Lansing area. With the

exception of the city of Lansing, all of the communities along that route have approved the project.

Among the groups backing the pending legislation is the Michigan Manufacturers Association.

"This legislation is absolutely vital to protect the state's ability to deliver essential services to all areas of the state," said Chuck Hadden, association vice president.

"Job development and job growth depends upon the reliable availability of utilities like gas and electricity," Hadden added. "This legislation will prevent any single community from preventing the rest of the state from meeting its essential service needs."

Wolverine officials say the 39-county area they serve uses more than 2.1 million gallons of petroleum products a day - the existing pipeline can deliver about 1.9 million gallons a day; the remainder is brought in by truck.

"This pipeline is vital to the residents of Tuscola County and the state of Michigan," said John Griffin, executive director of Associated Petroleum industries of Michigan.

"Rebuilding and expanding the existing pipeline system will allow gasoline to reach the market using the safest and most economical transportation."

"The project is the safest long-term solution to meet mid- and northern Michigan's gasoline transportation needs for the future," added Wolverine spokesman Tom Shields. "It should reduce local price spikes caused by a shortage of gasoline, reduce the cost of transporting the gasoline and reduce the need for Great Lakes barges carrying gasoline" into the state.

Wolverine officials say Mid-Michigan has not been able to reliably meet the demand for petroleum through pipeline transportation since the closing of the Total/Ultra Diamond Shamrock's Alma refinery in 1999.

More than 85 percent of petroleum products used in the state must be imported from out of state. Gasoline to serve the Tuscola County area is primarily produced in the Chicago area.

According to Wolverine officials, the proposed 12-inch pipeline system will have a capacity of more than 2.4 million gallons a day.



Bulldog Beat

by Mary McKee

It is not a secret that when the Owen-Gage Elementary School consolidated with the junior/senior high, there was a lot of mixed feelings involved.

There were issues that both parents and teachers had, involving the interaction of the younger students with the older students. They were scared that their children would be physically hurt if brought into a high school environment. Despite all the objections, the schools did consolidate.

At first, there were no problems. The high school students would look out for younger students, by clearing the hallway as they would walk to their classroom, or by actually walking them to their classroom. Everything was going fine until now. Now there are some problems arising that are not being resolved, and I think that by writing about these problems, something can happen that will fix them, instead of acting like there is nothing wrong at all.

Nicole Schmidt, one of the editors of the school newspaper, wrote her editorial this month on the coming together of the schools. In it, she talked about how she saw a boy, who was probably less than 50 pounds, kick a girl who was at least three feet taller than he was, but of course, the girl could not do anything back to him because he was an elementary student.

In her editorial, Nicole also talked about how our morning announcements are not read over the school's intercom anymore. Everyone thought it was because it would distract the younger ones from their schoolwork, but it turns out that was just a rumor. The real reason they are not read anymore is because when the high school students were observed, the majority was not paying attention.

After not having them, everyone realizes how important they really are. No one knows what is going on without them.

One new change that is not pleasing the high school students is the new conduction of lunch. Before, students would eat their lunch in the cafeteria, then go in the hallway and sit against their lockers and talk or do home-

work. This never bothered anyone because lunch is at the same time for everyone, so no classes would be disturbed.

Now that has all changed. Students now have to spend their lunchtime in the gym or the cafeteria because the high school students were "too loud" in the hallway, and the elementary end could hear.

In a letter sent home to parents, the school planned "to have activities available for them to enjoy with their friends such as open gym, games, and TV." During lunchtime when students were in the gym, they were allowed to play games and watch television, but when some students were started to play dodge ball in the corner of the gym, they were told that their parents were going to get called if they didn't stop. What about the part where they could play games?

Nicole put it best in her editorial when she said that lunch for the high schoolers is like recess for the elementary. If they don't have it, what are they like in the classroom? Lunch is the time when students get all their nervous energy out of their bodies so they can tackle the rest of the day, and when somebody tries to change that, there is going to be problems.

This article is not aimed to be negative. When the schools consolidated, it was supposed to be a time of unity. We were all supposed to come together and be one school, not 2 schools in one building.

In the past few days, I have more than once heard the school referred to as "prison," and with people saying that, it makes me wonder if the unity we want will ever come. A lot of the high school students feel that there is favoritism going on, and that things need to change back to the way they were. When a consolidation like ours happens, a lot of compromising has to go on, but it seems like the high school is doing all of it.

I wrote this article to try to help the problems that are going on become solved. Changes need to happen and by writing this, I hope I can help it happen.

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VILLAGE OF CASS CITY ORDINANCE NO. 157

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE GRANTING OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE TO CC MICHIGAN, LLC DOING BUSINESS AS CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Village Council of Cass City hereby authorizes the granting of a non-exclusive cable television franchise to CC Michigan, LLC, doing business as Charter Communications pursuant to the terms set forth in the Village of Cass City, Michigan Nonexclusive 2004 Cable Television Franchise with CC Michigan LLC d/b/a Charter Communications, attached hereto.

Section 2. The Village Manager, Village Clerk, Village Attorney, Special Counsel and other Village officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to effect and implement the Village of Cass City, Michigan Nonexclusive 2004 Cable Television Franchise with CC Michigan LLC.

Section 3. This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Village of Cass City Council at a meeting thereof duly called and held on the 29th day of November, 2004 and ordered to be given effect immediately upon its adoption.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Village of Cass City Council at a regular meeting thereof duly called and held on the 29th day of November, 2004.

Copy of Franchise available upon request at the village office.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Budget Hearing will be held on December 13, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. for all interested citizens of the Village of Cass City.

The following budget is proposed for fiscal year 2005.

PROPOSED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 2005

REVENUES:

General Fund	1,257,939	
Major Street Fund	183,770	
Local Street Fund	395,002	
Economic Development Fund	2	
Downtown Development Fund	32,482	
Wastewater Treatment Fund	556,247	
Water Fund	278,219	
Motor Vehicle/Equipment Fund	259,090	
	2,962,751	Total Revenues

EXPENDITURES:

General Fund	1,250,410	
Major Street Fund	133,300	
Local Street Fund	380,843	
Economic Development Fund	0	
Downtown Development Fund	31,000	
Wastewater Treatment Fund	551,076	
Water Fund	265,440	
Motor Vehicle/Equipment Fund	227,445	
	2,839,514	Total Expenditures

The meeting will be held at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan for the purpose of discussion of the proposed budget. The proposed budget may be examined on weekdays at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written and oral comment.

Nanette S. Walsh
Clerk/Treasurer

Annual walk set to help needy heat their homes

Human Development Commission (HDC) officials are gearing up for their 15th annual Walk for Warmth Campaign to help heat the homes of area residents who are experiencing heating emergencies.

The agency is seeking non-paid chair people and volunteers to assist with the campaign in each participating county.

Volunteers must have reliable transportation, enjoy working with the public, and be physically able to perform light duties such as distributing flyers, carrying boxes and displaying signs throughout the community.

Simultaneous walks will take place in Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac and Lapeer counties Saturday, Feb. 19. Participants volunteer for HDC and the communities; each gathers monetary pledges in advance and walks on a one-mile fixed route the day of the event.

Those who raise pledges of more than \$50 receive a free Walk for Warmth T-shirt compliments of Thumb area car dealerships and Independent Bank East Michigan.

The 2004 walk raised more than \$32,000 among the 4 counties.

"This event has grown over the past 14 years and we are very appreciative of the community's support for Walk for Warmth," said HDC Executive Director Mary Ann Vandemark.

"Our goal is to not only help HDC raise money, but also increase awareness about home heating emergencies and the important of helping others within our community."

Walk for Warmth volunteer inquiries can be directed to Olga Long at HDC. Call (989) 673-4121 or (810) 664-7133, e-mail olgal@hdc-caro-org, or mail to the Human Development Commission, Attn: Fundraising Director Olga

Long, 429 Montague Ave., Caro, MI 48723.

The Sanilac County Walk for Warmth has already received a funding boost thanks to a Marlette couple that donated more than \$1,000.

Robert and Doris Wood contacted Human Development Commission (HDC) officials as they were preparing to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple stated they preferred not to receive any congratulatory gifts and instead suggested that their guests make a contribution to the county's 15th Walk for Warmth event. Friends and family obliged, donating more than \$1,000.

"We decided to have a party to celebrate 50 years of marriage, but did not want our guests to bring any gifts," the couple said. "We knew that most of our friends and family would decide to purchase something anyway, so we elected HDC's Walk for Warmth event to help families stay warm this winter."

"Many families in Sanilac County will have cause to celebrate because Robert and Doris Wood wished to honor their milestone by donating to the Walk for Warmth campaign," said Vandemark. "This act of kindness was a very generous gesture and will help heat the homes of local residents who are experiencing heating emergencies."

HDC is one of 1,000 Community Action Agency members of the National Community Action Partnership. The agency is dedicated to "Helping People and Changing Lives."

HDC offers nearly 70 programs and services for individuals and communities in an effort to help residents secure the resources necessary for self-sufficiency and an improved quality of life.



CASS CITY FIRST grader, Ilana Blattner, casts a vote Sunday afternoon at the "Festival of Trees" display held in Cass City.

"Festival of Trees" big success, organizers say

Organizers called the first "Festival of Trees" event held over the weekend in Cass City a big success. Over 170 people visited the display of 13 decorated Christmas trees adorning the former "Excel Dance Studio" floor.

The trees were provided by various Cass City business and local organizations.

Visitors to the event could vote for their favorite tree by placing donations in containers in front of their choice.

First place went to Cass City Elementary student council, second place went to

boy scouts from troop 500, and third place to the Webelos cub scouts. The donations totaled over \$100.00 dollars and will go towards the proposed Cass City War Memorial to be constructed this spring. There was also a free tree drawing that was won by Michael Mulligan from Cass City.

Due to the great response, Richard Little, coordinator of the activity, hopes that this event will become an annual affair. Little believes that there is a real need for more activities to be held downtown to attract people to our community and the "Festival

of Trees" was a step in this direction.

Little is already thinking about organizing a "Lighted Christmas Parade" for next year.

Fun Fair set

The Owen-Gage Schools is gearing up for its Fun Fair, slated for Saturday, Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the school gym in Owendale.

There will be more than 25 vendors on hand along with pictures with Santa, a cake walk, prize raffles, bake sale, concessions, crafts and carnival games.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

Longtime Cass City Village President L.E. Althaver will end a 37-year tenure on the village council when his current term expires in the spring.

Jack Laurie, president of Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB), was given the Michigan State University Department of Animal Science 1999 Dairy Farmer of the Year Award at MFB's annual meeting Nov. 30-Dec. 1 at Traverse City. Laurie co-manages, with sons, Douglas and David, a 1,600-acre farm that supports a herd of 520 cows near Cass City. The farm has been in the family since 1938.

Cass City's Adam Dorland needed just over a minute (1:08) to pin Vassar's Dairick Rest Thursday during the Hawk wrestlers' home opener. The hosts went on to record a lopsided 72-9 win.

10 YEARS AGO

Village Manager Lou LaPonsie accepted an \$8,000 check from Pinney Foundation board members Dick Donahue and Beverly Perry Monday. The monies, part of a \$24,000 commitment spanning 3 years, will be used to update the girls and boys ball diamonds in the recreational park.

State-wide recognition: Peyton Daniel, sophomore guard at Cass City High School, earned all-state honorable mention in the Detroit News.

Elkland Township fire fighters honored one of their own last week in Cass City. Chief Milt Connolly presented a 25-year plaque to fireman Dave McNaughton.

Four area youths were recently honored by the Elkland Township Fire Department for putting out a grass fire with their coats near a Shabbona area residence Nov. 19. The youths are Scott Periso, Nathan Putman, Ed Periso and Jeremy Putman. Fire fighters also gave the kids new coats.

25 YEARS AGO

The Tuscola County Soil Conservation District is recipient of a Goodyear Conservation Award designating it as the top district in Michigan. Nationwide, there are 106 winners, either outstanding cooperators or conservation districts, who will receive the award.

Don Smith, 29, is the new Tuscola County magistrate. He assumed the position Nov. 26, taking over for Joan Maki, who resigned. Smith previously served as a juvenile probation officer in the county and was coordinator of its juvenile diversion program.

Lightning killed a total of 441 persons in a four-year period ending in 1976, the latest available figures from the National Safety Council. Between 1970 and 1974, the National Fire Protection Association estimated that a total of 103,600 buildings were struck by lightning causing a total of \$203,935,000 in losses.

35 YEARS AGO

A very rare triple birth occurred at the farm of James A. Milligan, 3 1/2 miles east of Gagetown. It was the second time that triplet calves were born and lived in the

last 20 years in the area. They come at an opportune time. The three bull-calves are worth about \$30 each at 100 pounds, Milligan said.

Boys at the Kingston Teen Ranch were feted at a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. James Bauer Saturday evening. They were presented with sleds, skis and other winter sports items. The items were donated in a program instigated by Mrs. Bauer and repaired under the direction of Lewis Bishop.

All through the year and especially at Christmas good hearted people from all over the county remember the patients at Caro State Hospital with gifts and parties. One department that is helped is the library where books and supplies from regular sources are crowding the capacity of our one small room, Mrs. Esther Reagh, Librarian reports. Because the facility is connected with the Michigan State Library, many of the older books are provided free of charge on "permanent loan" for use by patients.

This is the reason we have no need for older books or outdated reference works such as encyclopedias, she explained. What is needed is high interest books written for pupils with a low reading level.

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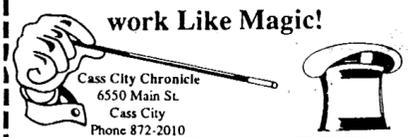


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<p>Cass City Missionary Church 4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 989-872-2729 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Youth Group & Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting & His Kids Bible Club 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>First Baptist Church 6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726 989-872-3155 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Pastor: Eric Holmgren Youth Pastor: Bryan Heller Website: www.fbccc.us</p>	<p>St. Agatha's Catholic Church 4618 South St., Gagetown, MI 48735 665-9966 Sunday Liturgy 10:30 a.m. Parish Administrator: Joan Wyskiel</p>
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Hawk wrestlers split dual meets, 3rd at tourney

Cass City opened the wrestling season Wednesday, Dec. 1, with a split in a pair of dual meets. The Hawks topped Capac, 40-39, and lost to Imlay City, 45-33. Pacing the Hawks with 2 wins each were Lee Hutchinson, Jason James, Jeremy Farr, Marcel Helland and Jeff Tenbusch.

Saturday the Hawks tied for third in the 6-team tournament, winning 2 and losing 3. Cass City and North Branch tied at 40-40, but the tie-breaker criteria gave the Broncos the win, 41-40.

Cass City defeated Mt. Clemens Lutheran North, 60-21, and were topped by Marysville, 42-39. In the fourth match the Hawks fell to Port Huron High, 42-31 and defeated Cros-Lex, 45-36, in the final match of the day.

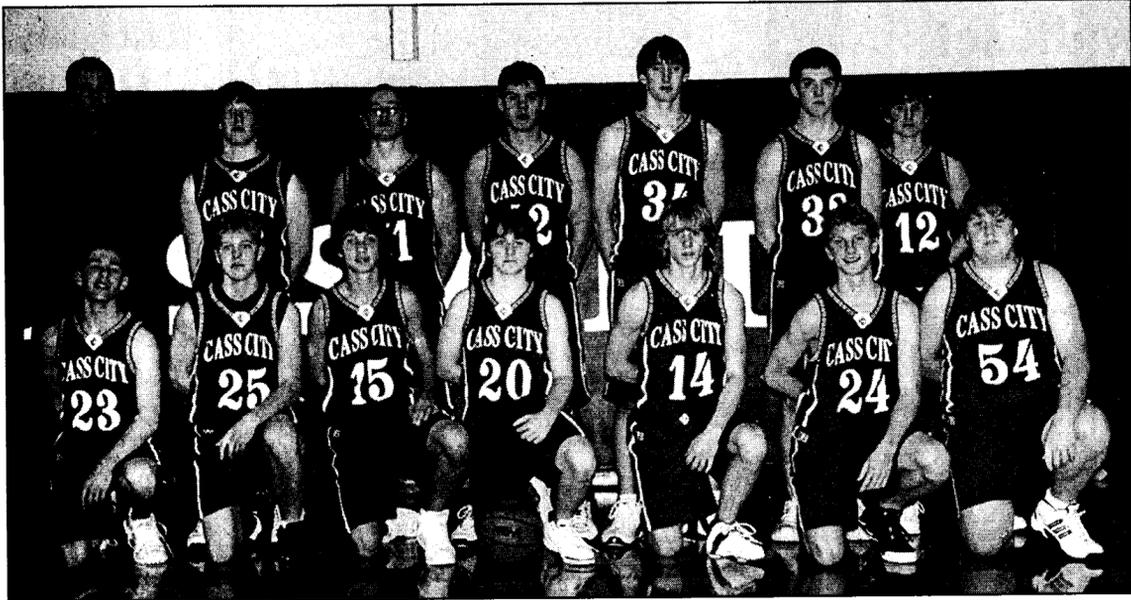
The tournament was won

by North Branch, 5-0. Other teams finished in the following order: Port Huron High, 4-1; Cass City, 2-3; Cros-Lex, 2-3; Marysville, 2-3, and Mt. Clemens Lutheran High, 0-6.

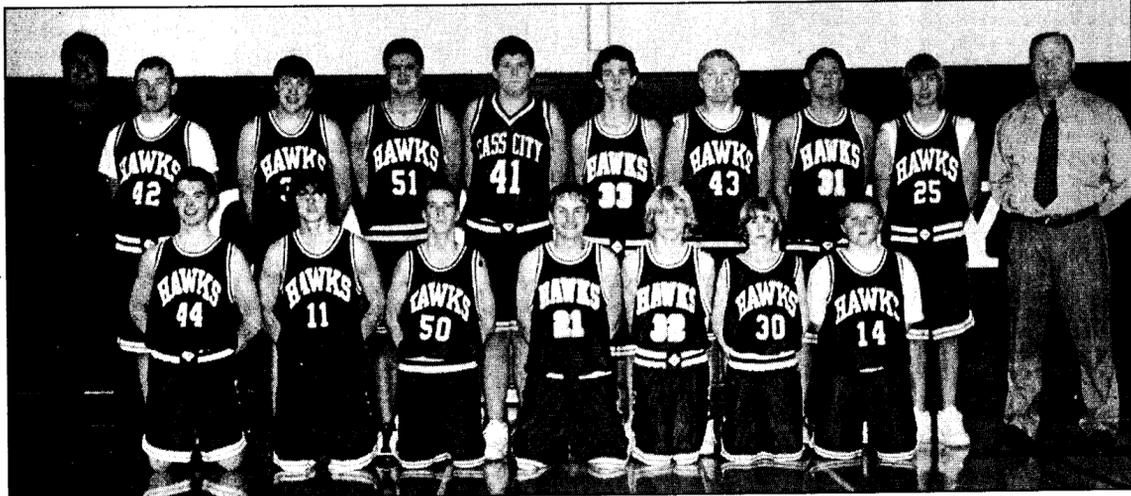
Posting 5-0 records for the day were Kyle Sieradzki, 145-pounds, and Lee Hutchinson, 275 pounds.

Coach Don Markel was disappointed with the team's performances in the early season matches. We have been very inconsistent, he said, and need to work on pinning combinations; and put people away when we have the opportunity to do so. We are 3-4 this season when we should be 6-1, or even 7-0.

Markel promises that the squad will work hard this week to eliminate the small mistakes that make all the difference in winning or losing close dual meets.



CASS CITY JUNIOR VARSITY basketball team, front row, from left: Chris Childs, Ryan Biddinger, Cameron Lautner, Kevin Phillips, Nick Sattelberg, Adam Wentworth, Tyler Mabe. Back row: coach Ryan Pritchett, Brad Severance, Joseph Homrocky, Kyle Monroe, Andrew LaFave, Tyler Whittaker, Brad Hartel.

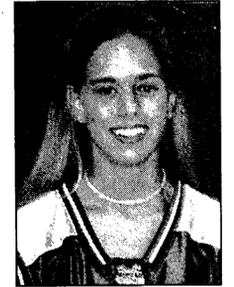


CASS CITY FRESHMEN basketball team, front row, left to right: Thomas Parrish, Justin Louks, Michael Green, Tim Sangster, Chris Binder, Devin Jamieson, Clinton Ellis. Back row: assistant coach Paul Battel, Isaiah Battel, Darrin Howard, Derek Weidman, Shane McFarland, Ryan Brown, Shane Bloomfield, Zack Russell, Chris Zawilinski. coach Scott Richards.

Owen-Gage pair among NCTL best

Owen-Gage seniors Katie Swiastyn and Kayla Zaleski repeated as first team selections on the North Central Thumb League - North Division all conference basketball team.

Joining the Bulldog pair as dream team members were Port Hope junior Kelsey Mausolf and senior Breanne Iseler, Caseville senior Kelly Ross and North Huron junior Andrea Clancy.



KATIE SWIASTYN



KAYLA ZALESKI

Selected for the second team, by league coaches, were Akron-Fairgrove's Jessica Gehrls, Allison Latimer and Beth Sanburn; North Huron's Marianne Rutkowski, Jessica Rice and Jamie Elliott; Port Hope's Tara Oeschger; and Caseville's Andrea Goforth. Receiving honorable mention recognition was Bulldog Michelle Brown.

SOUTH DIVISION

Kingston dominated the NCTL South Division first team selections with 3 nominations in Brittini Hill, Leigha Wilmot and Allison Walkiewicz. Also named to the first team were Courtney Willis, CPS; Amber Bailey, Memphis; and Stephanie Roles, Peck.

Chosen as second team all conference members were Cardinal Crystal Barrett, Dryden's Amanda Kopas and Tari Piefeer; CPS's Monica Winkley and Erica Christy; and Memphis's Emily Letarte.

Honorable mention players were Kingston's Allyson Crouser; CPS's Donielle Turcott; Memphis's Alicia Dryer; and Peck's Lynette Schneidewind.

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Pigeon 2	38+
Gagetown	35+
Mulligan's	24+

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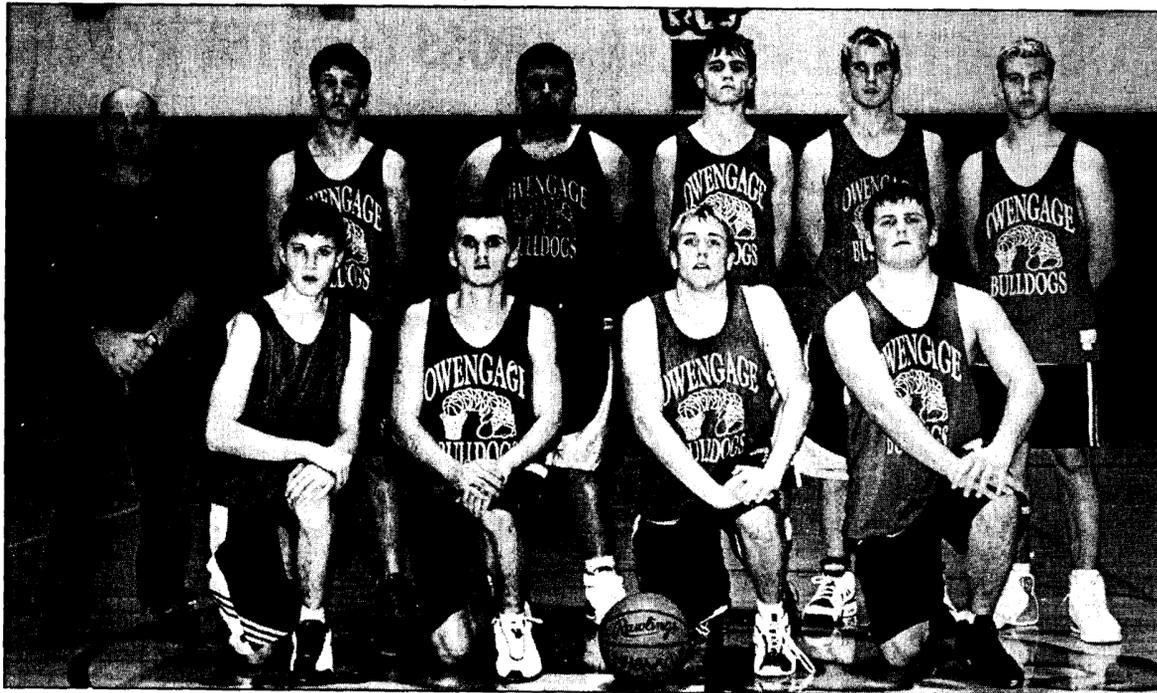
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THE OWEN-GAGE Bulldog 2004-05 varsity basketball team members are: front, from left, Mark Wilcox, Glenn Periso, Levi Adams, Aaron Faist, Back row, from left, coach Arnie Howard, Eric Zaleski, Mike Pawlak, Brandon Dubs, Mike Edler and Nathan Rogers. Missing is Josh Powell.

Bulldog cagers set to open season Friday at Dryden

Owen-Gage will open its 2004-05 cage season Friday as underdogs when the Bulldogs travel to face Dryden. It's a role coach Arnie Howard's squad will play throughout the year.

In what should be a rebuilding campaign, the Bulldogs will try to improve on last year's win total of just 4 games.

However, gone from a year ago is the Bulldogs' leading scorer, Cody Howard. Howard was a scoring threat in his senior year and earned second team North Central Thumb League all conference honors. Also gone is Tim Kain, a low post weapon and role players Justin Rogers and Zac Sutter.

Owen-Gage will field a team with just 2 seniors, 5 juniors, 2 freshmen and a sophomore.

Leading the charge will be senior Aaron Faist, a 3-year performer. Faist will see action in both the guard and forward positions. Faist is a slasher who often plays his best when the game's on the line. He earned honorable mention all conference honors as a junior.

Another honorable mention performer back from a year ago for the Bulldogs is junior forward Levi Adams. Adams, probably the team's best athlete, is a solid defender. Blessed with good leaping ability, he will help the team with its rebounding chores.

Also returning and expected to help the Bulldogs on the board is wide body sophomore Mike Pawlak. Pawlak has shown steady improvement in his low post play in early scrimmages from his freshman year.

Freshman Brandon Dubs, who played last year during tournament time as an 8th grader, is loaded with talent. Dubs has excellent ball handling skills and his improvement as the season progresses is vital for the Bulldogs to be successful.

Rounding out the returning players for Owen-Gage is junior forward Nathan Rogers. Rogers, height not withstanding, has long arms and will help with the board work as a forward.

New to the team is freshman Eric Zaleski. His quickness will aid the Bulldog back court. Three juniors are also new to the team in Mark Wilcox, Glenn Periso and Mike Edler. The trio is sure to receive a good look from coach Howard in the early going, as will senior guard Josh Powell.

Owen-Gage Bulldogs 2004-2005 Boys' Basketball

Dec. 10	Dryden	6:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 14	Akron-Fairgrove	6:00 p.m.	H
Dec. 17	Port Hope	6:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 21	Peck	6:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 4	Memphis	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 7	Kingston	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 11	Caseville	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 14	CPS	6:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 18	North Huron	6:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 21	Memphis	6:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 25	Arenac Eastern	6:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 28	Dryden (Snowball)	6:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 1	Akron-Fairgrove	6:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 4	Peck	6:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 8	Port Hope	6:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 11	Kingston	6:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 15	Caseville	6:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 18	CPS	6:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 22	North Huron	6:00 p.m.	A

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This week's match ups



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Doug Hyatt

December 7
North Huron at Ubly
Bad Axe at Sandusky
BCAS at Mayville
Vassar at Cass City
Reese at Frankenmuth
Valley Lutheran at H. Beach
USA at Marlette
Richmond at Brown City
Deckerville at Cros-Lex
December 10
Deckerville at Bad Axe
Cass City at Ubly
Marlette at Lakers
Mayville at USA
Almont at Brown City
Sandusky at Yale
Standish-Sterling at Reese

Ubly Sandusky BCAS
Cass City Frankenmuth Harbor Beach USA
Richmond Cros-Lex

Bad Axe Cass City Lakers USA
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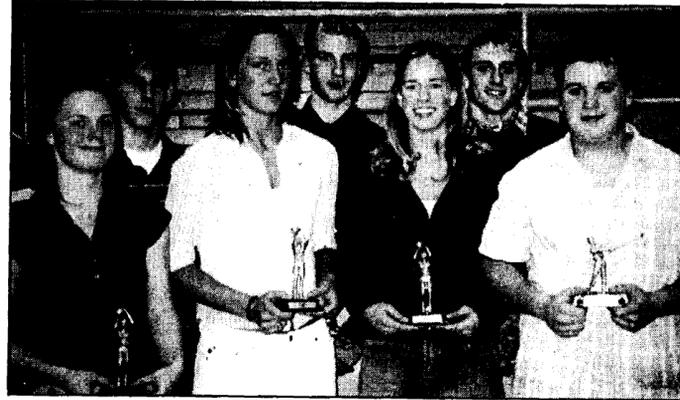
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Brown City Cros-Lex

Bad Axe Ubly Marlette USA
Brown City Sandusky Reese

OWEN-GAGE Schools recently held an annual fall sports banquet to honor the district's most improved players (MIP) and most valuable players (MVP). Those honored included (front row, from left) Michelle Brown-MIP/girls basketball, Kayla Zaleski and Katie Swiastyn-Co-MVPs/girls basketball, Mike Mentor-MIP/golf, (back row, from left) Josh Powell-MVP/golf, and Nathan Rogers and Levi Adams-Co-MIPs/football. Missing is Andy Kretzschmer, who was named MVP for football.



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Obituaries

Clarence Cox

Beverly Henderson-Repshinska

Clarence Henry Cox, 95, of Deford, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004 in Tendercare Nursing Facility.

He was born June 25, 1909 in Ubana, Ill., the son of Elwin and Lessie E. (Dunn) Cox.

He married Beulah McRobbie Nov. 15, 1935 at home in Marlette. She died Dec. 17, 1977. He then married Phyllis M. Boag May 29, 1979 at Deford United Methodist Church. She died Aug. 1, 2004.

Cox served in the U.S. Navy during World War II on the U.S.S. DeGrasse. He was based in Pearl Harbor for 2 years. He was a farmer. He was a member of the Cass City VFW Post #3644 and a former member of the Kingston VFW Post #5317. He attended the Pilgrim Holy Church in Kingston at one time. He later attended the Deford United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his nieces: Ann Smith of Caro, and Carol (Jim) Savedge of Clarkston; 2 brothers: Earl (Jean Marie) Cox of Burnside, and Homer (Charlotte) Cox of North Carolina; 2 sisters: Jennie Roach of Lapeer, and Marthalesie Brundige of Washington; a sister-in-law, Helen Cox of Sandusky; 2 step-children: Charles (Kathy) Churchill of Burlington, Ontario, Canada, and Dale (Patty) Churchill of Deford; 14 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and special friends, Fred and Gloria Kritzman of Snover.

He was preceded in death by 4 brothers: Lawrence, Lloyd, Merle and Harold Cox; a sister: Rachel Remer; and a nephew, Vernon Churchill.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Terry Butters of Kingston United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment was in the Kingston Cemetery, Kingston. Military honors were held under the direction of the Cass City VFW Post #3644. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Beverly J. Henderson-Repshinska, 80, of Fayetteville, Ga., died suddenly at her home.

She was born in Pontiac. She married Charles E. Henderson in 1943. He died in 1981. She then married William "Bill" Repshinska in 1984.

Henderson-Repshinska graduated from Pontiac Central High School. She retired from General Motors Parts Division after 27 years. Henderson-Repshinska and Bill lived in Cass City and Bradenton, Fla., until moving to Fayetteville, Ga., several years ago.

She is survived by her children: Charles (Eleanor) Henderson of Fayetteville, Ga., Ron (Terri) Henderson of Santa Rosa, Calif., and Shawn (Randy) Cook of Waterford; step-children: Diane Repshinska and Luann (Al) Graham both of Cass City; 6 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by 2 brothers: Donald and James Kalso.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 30 at Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home.

Interment was in the Ottawa Park Cemetery, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were made by Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home, Pontiac.

Ray McGrath

Ray E. McGrath, 78, died Dec. 2, 2004 in Munroe Regional Medical Center, Ocala, Fla.

McGrath was a native of Cass City. He moved to Ocala, Fla., from Lexington, Ky. in 1999. He served in the Navy during WWII. McGrath was a retired member of the Union of Operating Engineers, Local 324. He retired as a heavy equipment operator. He was a member of the VFW Post #4781 in Ocala, Fla., and a long-time member of the Masonic Lodge. He volunteered services for the Munroe Regional Medical Center's Lifeline/Emergency Response Program and the Marion County Meals-On-Wheels Program.

McGrath is survived by his wife, Frances; 2 sons: Gary McGrath of Oxford, and Michael McGrath of Grasshopper Junction, Ariz.; a daughter, Paula Bridges of Attica; a step-daughter, Linda Ewald of Ocala, Fla.; and 5 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, American Lung Association or a charity of choice.

Arrangements were made by Hiers Funeral Home.

FOOTBALL - BASKETBALL - SOCCER - CROSS COUNTRY - GOLF

Cass City Red Hawks 2004-2005 Boys' Basketball		
Date	Team	Time
Dec. 7	Vassar	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 10	Ubyly	5:00 p.m.
Dec. 14	Sandusky	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 17	Mayville	5:00 p.m.
Dec. 21	Caro	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 4	Valley Lutheran	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 7	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 11	Marlette	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 14	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 18	Harbor Beach	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 21	USA	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 25	Reese	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 28	BCAS	5:00 p.m.
Feb. 3	Valley Lutheran (F)	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 4	Valley Lutheran	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 8	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 11	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 15	USA	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 18	Reese	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 22	BCAS	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 25	Deckerville	5:00 p.m.

* Home games are bold

Cass City Red Hawks 2004-2005 Wrestling		
Date	Team	Time
Dec. 1	Imlay City / Capac	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 4	Cros Lex Invite	9:00 a.m.
Dec. 8	Capac / Lutheran North	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 11	Marlette Invite	8:00 a.m.
Dec. 16	Pinconning	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 5	Brown City / USA	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 8	North Branch Invite	9:00 a.m.
Jan. 12	Vallue Lutheran / Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 15	Mayville Invite	8:30 a.m.
Jan. 19	Bad Axe / Nouvel	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 22	Imlay City Invite	8:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	Mayville / Sandusky	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 29	Marysville Invite	9:00 a.m.
Feb. 2	USA / Marlette	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 5	Standish Sterling	9:00 a.m.
Feb. 12	League Invite @ V. Luth.	9:00 a.m.

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Cass City Red Hawks 2004-2005 Volleyball		
Date	Team	Time
Dec. 11	Lakers (F/JV)	9:00 a.m.
Dec. 13	Brown City/Kingston (FV)	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 13	Brown City/Kingston (JV)	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	Caro	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 17	Caro Invite (F/JV)	4:15 p.m.
Dec. 18	Caro Invite	8:30 a.m.
Dec. 20	Kingston/Brown City (F)	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 6	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 7	Bad Axe Invite (F/JV)	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 8	Freeland Invite	9:00 a.m.
Jan. 10	Sandusky	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 13	Ubyly	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 15	Birch Run Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.
Jan. 20	BCAS	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 22	Birch Run Invite (JV)	8:30 a.m.
Jan. 27	Valley Lutheran	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 29	Lakers Invite	9:00 a.m.
Jan. 29	Brown City Invite (F)	9:00 a.m.
Feb. 3	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 10	USA	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 12	Northwood Invite	8:30 a.m.
Feb. 12	JV Invite @ Lakers	9:00 a.m.
Feb. 12	9th Invite @ USA	9:00 a.m.
Feb. 17	Reese	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 19	League Tourn. @ USA	9:00 a.m.

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BASKETBALL

Tues., Dec. 14
Cass City vs. Sandusky

VOLLEYBALL

Mon., Dec. 13
Cass City vs. Brown City/
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Wed., Dec. 15
Cass City vs. Caro

Cass City Red Hawks 2004-2005 Gymnastics		
Date	Team	Time
Dec. 14	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	Midland	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 22	Vassar Invite	12:00 p.m.
Jan. 29	Troy Athens	9:00 a.m.
Feb. 1	Midland	6:30 p.m.
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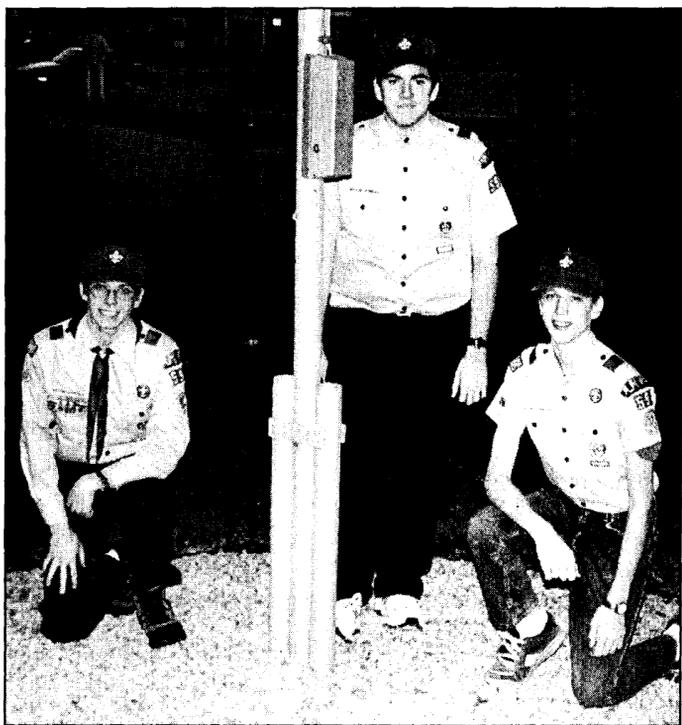
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Achieving the highest honor

CASS CITY Boy Scouts (from left) Jeff Wills, Pat Reed and Derrick Mallory stand at the base of a flagpole that Reed re-landscaped in order to earn the Eagle rank, scouting's highest honor. All 3 scouts are close to earning the rank.

Three local scouts eyeing the Eagle

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to earn the Eagle rank, but his efforts were focused on the bases of 23 trees along Main Street.

The son of Gordon and Deb Wills, he has been involved in scouting since he joined as a Tiger Scout at the age of 6. He currently serves as quartermaster for Troop 594.

"I wanted to join in, so I did," he said. "Actually, it has changed my life a lot. I have certain responsibilities like taking care of the Boy Scout trailer."

Mallory, 16, the son of Brian and Renee Mallory, is still planning his Eagle project.

Mallory, a Cass City High School junior, said his family's interest in scouting led to his involvement, starting in first grade as a Tiger Scout.

"They (parents) kind of let it be my decision," he said. "It's been really enjoyable, doing all the fun activities that Boy Scouts do. There's just something every month, and it's a good way to hook up with good friends."

"It makes you a better person. It makes it easier for you to break the ice with folks," Mallory added. "It really just makes you a more rounded person."

Earning the Eagle rank takes plenty of dedication. In fact, only about 4 percent of all Boy Scouts earn the honor.

To become an Eagle Scout, a scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service and outdoor skills. Although many options are available to demonstrate proficiency in those areas, a number of specific skills are required to advance through the ranks - Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle.

Scouts must pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, which signify the mastery of specific skills as well as help the boys increase their skills in an area of personal interest.

Of the 120 badges available, a Boy Scout must earn a minimum of 21 to qualify for Eagle Scout. Of those, 12 are required, including first aid, citizenship in the community, communications, environmental science, personal fitness, camping and family life.

Reed, Mallory and Wills recently completed the requirements for their latest merit badge, the Hiking Badge, after participating in 6 hikes totaling 70 miles on area roads and trails. The effort included a 20-mile hike Nov. 14.

Scoutmaster Brian Mallory, whose troop numbers 14 scouts, credits the boys' success in part to solid parental support and the fact that they all have been involved in scouting for several years.

"I think when kids see what's involved with it, they stick with it," he said. "They don't worry about the peer pressure. They've got something they want and they stick it out."

He acknowledged it isn't often that 3 scouts from the same troop are able to earn the Eagle rank at the same

time.

"It's definitely unusual for Cass City. We're pretty excited to have that many," said Mallory, who noted past Eagles from the troop include Jeremy Weippert and Dustin Mallory.

Mallory said the scouts all share a common characteristic that they have demonstrated both within the troop and out in the community by planning and organizing their Eagle projects.

"It all boils down to leadership, and these 3 in particular are real good leaders," he said.

All 3 scouts agreed that achieving scouting's highest honor has given them a strong sense of accomplishment.

"It's given me a lot of confidence," Reed said. "It feels great. It's all paid off."

"I achieved it. I've reached my goal," added Wills.

"It means getting the highest rank in scouts. When you join, it's the biggest things you can do," Derrick Mallory said.



TOMMY BRINKMAN, Jeff Wills, Thomas LeValley, Brian Mallory and Gordon Wills Jr. work on Jeff Wills' Eagle Scout project along Main Street. Not pictured are Dustin Mallory, Derrick Mallory, Matt Bock, Andrew Bock, Alex Varney and Gordon Wills Sr.

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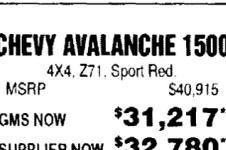


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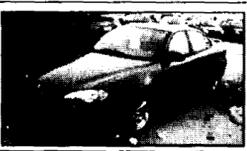


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Latest Kids Count report

County children more at risk

There has been some progress in improving the well-being of children in Tuscola County over the past few years, according to the latest Kids Count data book, which was released Thursday.

However, this year's report also found higher risks for the county's youngest children in several categories.

Between 1995 and 2003, the number of children in families investigated for neglect or abuse rose by 105 percent, from 611 children to 1,555 children, according to the report, which also revealed 48 percent more confirmed victims of abuse or neglect - 108 children, up from 79 children in 1995.

On a positive note, there was improvement in the number of children placed in out-of-home care - 65 in 2003, compared to 87 in 1995.

Kids Count is a collaborative project of the Michigan League for Human Services and Michigan's Children, which regularly collect and publish information about child well-being as a basis for public policy development and community action.

Statewide, little progress was made in improving maternal and infant health between 1995 and 2002, according to the latest data.

"Our state public policy and budget decisions do not reflect the overwhelming scientific evidence of the importance of the earliest years," said Jane Zehnder-Merrell, senior research associate at the Michigan League for Human Services. "State and local services are being cut or curtailed to young children. As a result, too many children reach kindergarten already behind."

According to Zehnder-Merrell, the state's young children were more likely to be poor and have their health compromised by asthma or lead poisoning. Despite an increase in testing rates since 1998, only 19 percent of one- and 2-year-olds were tested for lead in 2003.

Lack of access to health care was also reflected in the relatively low rates for well-child visits for Medicaid-enrolled children in the first 15 months of life and ages 3 through 6. Michigan rates were below national averages, according to the report.

Roughly 750,000 children in the state depend on Medicaid to access health care.

Statewide, Zehnder-Merrell said infants were almost twice as likely to be victims of abuse or neglect as children ages 5 to 9.

The report also showed that roughly 170,000 children under age 18 resided in families investigated for abuse or neglect in 2003 - a 23 percent increase compared to 1995. The rate of confirmed victims climbed by more than one-quarter during the same period.

"Lack of prevention services to the state's most vulnerable children may explain some of the substantial increase in the rates of child abuse and neglect," said Michele Corey, community advocacy director for Michigan's children.

"Community collaboratives for coordinating human services and county infant death review teams have experienced reduced or zero funding to support their efforts."

Although young children suffer from the highest risks to their well-being, there is good news for Michigan teens. Among the 5 areas

examined in this year's data book, the biggest improvement over the trend period occurred among teens.

Both rate of births to teens, ages 15 to 17, and the rate of injury deaths among teens, ages 15 to 19, dropped by roughly one-third. In 2000-2002, 20 out of every 1,000 high school-aged students gave birth compared to 30 in 1990-1992. The percent of high school dropouts declined by 40 percent with roughly 4 percent or 17,000 youth leaving school without a diploma.

In Tuscola County, the number of births to teens de-

clined from 31 in 1994-1996 to 22 in 2000-2002, while the number of deaths by accident, homicide and suicide dropped from 31 to 22. There were also fewer high school dropouts - 151, compared to 182 in 1994-1996.

Tuscola County also improved in the area of economic security, with about 3,100 children living in poverty in 2000, compared to nearly 4,900 in 1995. However, the number of students receiving free/reduced priced school lunches increased, from 3,459 children in 1995 to 4,003 in 2000.



LOCAL BANKS again sponsored horse-drawn carriage rides during the Cass City holiday community gathering Saturday.

Sanilac cops set to join campaign

The Sanilac County Sheriff's Department has a recommendation for motorists thinking about having a few drinks and then getting behind the wheel of their car or truck this holiday season: don't.

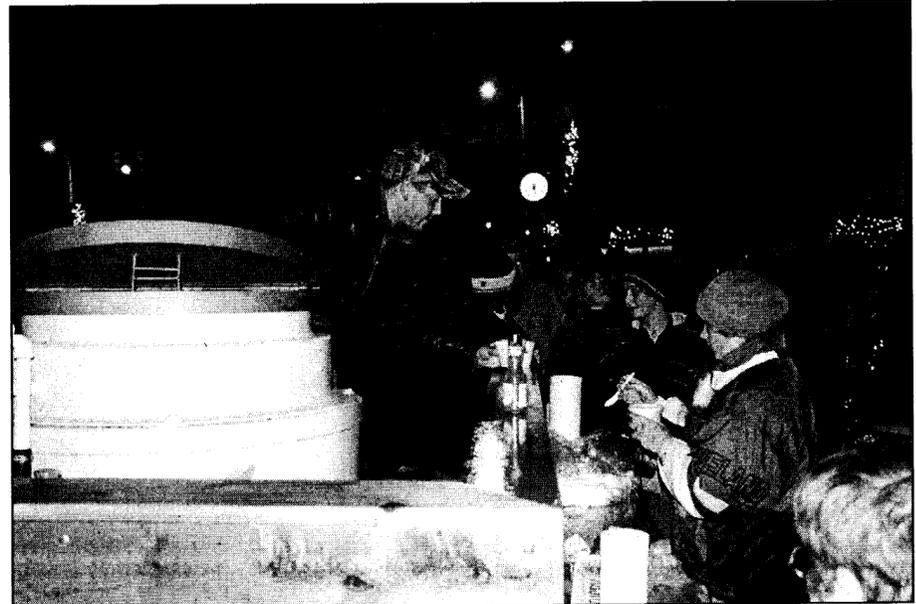
The department is joining nearly 500 other law enforcement agencies in a "You Drink and Drive, You Lose" drunken driving crackdown, Dec. 20 through Jan. 2.

"Motorists are reminded that Michigan's drunk driving definition is .08 blood alcohol content, and the costs associated with a drunk driving arrest have increased," said Sgt. Jim Wagester.

In addition to court costs and fines, Wagester explained, convicted drunken drivers are now subject to a new additional \$1,000 penalty that is imposed for 2 consecutive years.

"That one more drink could end up costing you thousands of dollars in legal and court costs, your driver's license, your vehicle insurance will increase, your job, family problems and even your life or a loved one's life," he said. "So is it really worth it?"

During last year's crackdown, there were 6 Christmas holiday traffic fatalities and 7 traffic deaths during the New Year's holiday. Of those fatalities, 3 involved alcohol.



KRIS REPSHINSKA serves up hot bean soup to those awaiting Santa's grand arrival Saturday night in Cass City.



STATE REP. TOM Meyer of Bad Axe greeted students from Cass City Middle School during the fourth annual AT&T/MACUL Student Technology Showcase Nov. 10 at the State Capitol in Lansing. Students (from left) Chantell Toner, Candice Marks, Sarah Howard and Carl Nicol were among those representing more than 70 elementary, middle and high schools that participated in the event, which is designed to show elected members of the state Legislature how technology is being used in the classroom to enhance student achievement.

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This year's educational programs will include "A Market Update" by Dr. Jim Hilker of the Michigan State University Agricultural Economics Department; "Agent Field Update" by Martin Nagelkirk and David Pratt of the Sanilac County MSU

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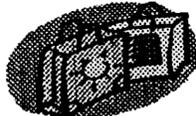
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ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE
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11-24-4

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: December 8, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
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30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #035874F03

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.

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Katherine W. MacKenzie (P63550)
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on 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

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Dated: December 1, 2004

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12-1-4

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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.

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12-1-4

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Real Estate For Rent

WANTED TO RENT - farmland for the 2005 season and beyond. 989-674-2768. 4-12-1-4

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Services

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Automotive

FOR SALE - 1988 Chevy 4x4 with Meyers plow. \$2,695 O.B.O. 989-670-6700. 1-11-24-4

FOR SALE - 1999 Chevy Tahoe LT, 85,000 miles, leather, loaded. \$9,975. 872-3410. 1-11-24-1f

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1999 CONTINENTAL 16' cargo trailer. Tandem axle, electric brakes, double rear doors, side door, roof racks, many extras. Excellent condition. \$2,995. 989-658-8198. 2-12-1-3

FOR SALE - AKC St. Bernard pup

5 months, neutered. \$500. 872-5073. 2-12-1-3

QUILT SALE - quilts, all homemade, all sizes and baby quilts. Reasonably priced. Starting 11-19-04 at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sale will go until all are sold. Phone: 989-872-4107. 4911 Huron St., Cass City. 2-11-17-5

ATLANTA STOVE - works, wood/coal stove, brick lined, metallic black. In good shape! \$100. 872-8311, ask for Jeff. 2-12-8-1f

AUTOMATIC FURNACE humidifier - installs in ductwork. \$40. 872-8311, ask for Jeff. 2-12-8-1f

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Real Estate For Sale

HOUSE FOR sale by owner in Cass City. 4-bedrooms, 1-bath, family room, living room, dining room, kitchen, full basement, garage, fenced in backyard with deck off of French doors, newly remodeled in 2001, must sell, \$59,900. 989-872-9223. 3-12-1-3

2.35 ACRES 1/2 mile from state hunting preserve. \$24,900. Jim, 989-872-3424. 3-11-24-4

Real Estate For Rent

FOR RENT - Cass City Mini Storage. Call 872-3917. 4-3-13-1f

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2-BEDROOM HOUSE for rent in Cass City. Taking applications, call 872-3315. 4-12-8-1f

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OFFICE SPACE IN CASS CITY - Wanting to lease approximately 3,200-4,000 sq. ft. for growing home care agency. 989-872-4452, ask for Pauline or Sue. 4-12-1-2

600 SQUARE FEET of front office space is available - 6240 W. Main St., Cass City. Heat, electric and trash pickup is included in rent. Please call Mark at 872-4351 for more information or inspection. 4-3-10-1f

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Sept. 15, 2005 - 8 p.m.
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by

a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 6, 2005.

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

Parcel B: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan being further described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 of said section, thence North 01 degrees 25 minutes 37 seconds West 680.60 feet along the East line of said Section to the point of beginning, thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 43 seconds West, 735.77 feet, thence North 01 degree 19 minutes 17 seconds West, 33.00 feet, thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 43 seconds East, 735.76 feet to a point on the East line of said Section; thence South 01 degree 25 minutes 37 seconds East, 33.00 feet along the East line of said Section to the point of beginning. Paid \$1,300 will sell for \$525. Nice Christmas present. Call 989-673-5048. 2-12-8-1

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

Dated: December 1, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Card of Thanks

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Library activities set

Special Christmas activities are slated for children and young adults at Rawson Memorial Library from 10 to 11 a.m. on 2 Saturdays in De-

ember. Young adults, grade 5 and up, are invited to come Saturday, Dec. 11 to make origami (paper folding) gift

boxes for their Christmas treasurers and marble paper. Children age 3 through 4th grade are invited for a fun time with holiday stories and activities, Saturday, Dec. 18. The craft will be decorating Christmas cookies.

These programs are free, but pre-registration is required so that enough supplies are on hand for the crafts. Sign up begins Dec. 1. An adult or older sibling must accompany children under the age of 5. For more information or to register, call the library at 872-2856.

Significant farm events

Significant Events in Agricultural History: 1607 - English colonists in Jamestown, Va., planted grain, potatoes, pumpkins, melons, cotton, oranges and pineapples. 1731 - Jethro Tull introduced the horse-drawn cultivator and seed drill to English

farming. 1837 - John Deere began manufacturing steel plows. 1855 - Michigan and Pennsylvania established the first state agricultural colleges. 1858 - Mason jars, used for home canning, were invented. 1870 - Silos came into use.



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NEARLY 85 YEARS worth of experience on the Elmwood Township Board is represented above by (from left) Supervisor Jim Turner, Trustee Ken Blue, Clerk Elaine Seibel and Trustee Norma Rabideau. All 4 officials opted not to seek reelection last month.

Englehart to appear Dec. 18

On Saturday, Dec. 18, at 9:30 p.m., hip-hop comes to Tuscola County's Sunrise Sunset, located 3 miles east of M-24 on M-46 in Caro.

The Hip-Hop Showcase is free to those 18 and up with a driver's license on a first-come basis.

The artists performing include Redeye Records featuring B.P.T., Jaime - The Girl Next Door, Astray, and Lethal Brand.

Redeye Records featuring B.P.T. is from Caro. They have opened for Esham. The group is releasing a compilation album the day of the show, but their debut will be released around the beginning of the year.

Jaime Englehart, a former Cass City resident now living in Caro, released her debut hip-hop album in July.

She performs on a regular basis and is currently working on new material. She has been planning and organizing this show for over 2 months. For more on her, visit www.jaimesdoor.com.

Astray is from Saginaw. He has opened for big names like Fabulous and Bone Crusher. He currently has 3 albums out, including a recent release.

Lethal Brand is from Caro, but now resides in Saginaw. The hip-hop group has opened for big names like D12 and Tech 9. They have one album out and are currently working on new material.

Babysitting class scheduled

Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City will be hosting an American Red Cross Babysitter Training Class Wednesday, Dec. 29, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in

the basement classroom at the hospital.

There is a fee for the class and pre-registration is required. More information is available by calling (989) 872-2121 (ext. 365)

Vets

Continued from page one.

In addition, the new township board members took their oath of office. They are Supervisor Christopher Graff, Clerk Perry Moore, Treasurer Nicholas Bliss, Trustee Tracey Moore and Trustee Joan Sattelberg.

Students named to honors list

Some area residents are among the students named to the president's list at Saginaw Valley State University for the winter semester. The students, who achieved perfect 4.0 grade point averages, include Alisha A. Blomquist and Christy L. Willis, both of Kingston; Leslie Deo, Snover; and Bryanne J. Bensing, Patricia A. Peruski and Jenna L. Zulauf, all of Ubyly.



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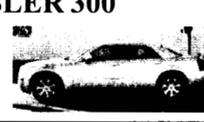
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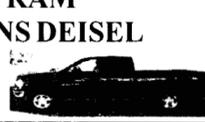
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