

CASS CITY CHRONICLE



PLENTY OF SNOW and a bright, sunny Sunday afternoon provided great conditions for sledding in Cass City. Above, Shayna Robles and her nephew, Nick Robles, 8, take the plunge down the hill just east of the middle school.

Hills & Dales moving clinic

Hills and Dales General Hospital officials announced plans Monday to move the hospital's community health clinic out of the emergency room.

"The services normally referred to as the clinic will be available in the Medical Arts and Rehabilitation Center (MARC)" starting Feb. 1, Hills and Dales President and CEO Dee McKrow said. "In addition, appointments are available with Dr. Hall, Thumb Pediatrics, Internal Medicine of Cass City, Dr. Raythatha, Kingston Clinic, Caro Family Physicians and Ugly Clinic," she noted.

Clinic services will be housed in the Cass City Family Practice Clinic, located in the MARC center, 6190 Hospital Dr. The new hours are noon to 6 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 8

a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday. "One of the reasons for these changes is the updated federal regulation effective Nov. 11, 2003, regarding emergency departments called the 'Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA),' McKrow explained.

"These revisions are designed to ensure that people will receive appropriate screening and emergency treatment, regardless of their ability to pay," she said. "Having the community health clinic located in the emergency department has been a barrier for patients seeking treatment of minor ailments and has the potential to delay treatment of emergency cases.

"People in the community, because it's so convenient - and we understand that —

have used the clinic as their primary care, but it's putting us too much at risk with the EMTALA laws," McKrow continued, noting another important key is that clinic services that have been located in the emergency room did not provide continuing or follow-up care.

"Improving access to primary care to our surrounding community citizens is of the utmost importance to us here in this organization," said McKrow, who cited a demographic study done on patients seen in the community health clinic, and the majority were seen between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. "Hills and Dales physicians have committed to accommodate non-emergency patients during these times and with evening appointments."

The full slate of business hours for the various physi-

cians and clinics is available by calling the hospital at 872-2121.

While McKrow expressed optimism about the transition of the community health clinic from the emergency department to individual physicians, she said she is pleased that her staff has created a stronger network for primary care within the community.

"Having a primary healthcare physician will actually help you to prevent illness," she said.

"With a thorough family and personal medical history and a physical exam, your doctor may be able to identify those health problems for which you may be at risk, and discuss possible methods of prevention. You will have one doctor who is familiar with you, your medical history and your lifestyle."

A plea for help

Couple seeking financial assistance as kidney transplant surgery nears

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Dan Ryckman considered going into the ministry at one time. He also wanted to go into the armed services, but illness kept him from pursuing both careers.

Today, the Silverwood area resident wants, simply, to live and enjoy a normal life.

"It's kind of stressful, going to dialysis. It gets old fast. It's like a tether - you can only go so far, and then you have to go back," said Ryckman, 46, who travels 45 minutes to undergo dialysis treatment 3 times a week at the Thumb Area Dialysis Center in Cass City.

"I'm hoping, when I get my new kidney, I'll be able to have a more normal life."

Ryckman and his wife, Bonnie, are preparing for what they believe will be a life-saving kidney transplant operation for him at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

But overwhelming living and travel expenses now and in the near future have left the couple desperate, enough so to put out a cry for help to anyone who will listen and, perhaps, lend a financial hand.

"Insurance will cover the surgery and hopefully the anti-rejection drugs," said Bonnie, who along with her husband is on disability. Arthritis keeps her in a wheelchair part of the time. "But it's taken everything and anything we've had just to keep him going."

Bonnie explained that her husband's health battles date back several years.

"He was diagnosed with polycystic kidney disease at the age of 21 while he was recovering from a roofing accident," she said. "He has always been sick throughout his life with nosebleeds, high blood pressure, weakness and pain. He sleeps a lot now because of all the medications he is required to take."

The symptoms are related to polycystic kidney disease, she noted.

"It affects over 600,000 people, and yet they know

nearly nothing about it," she said. "It runs the kidneys into the size of small footballs that are full of cysts."

"It's a very painful and grueling disease," added Ryckman, who said her husband has been on disability since 1992. "When he hits a bump in the road, his kidneys will bleed, and he can bleed up to 2 weeks at a time."

The Ryckmans began their search for a kidney donor more than 2 years ago.

"The polycystic patients - they don't have a good chance on dialysis. They really need the kidney," Ryckman said. "It's a one-way thing - you either have to get a kidney or you die."

"A cry for help from our family went out to friends and family, and there was no positive response until out of the blue, my niece, Jami Danks, arrived from Dixon, Ill., to our home in Michigan," Ryckman recalled. "She said she was willing to go through the testing to see if

her kidney would be a match for Dan.

"She paid to go to Ann Arbor several times for the long and sometimes painful testing. But, the trips from Illinois were worth it - she was a perfect match."

Ryckman said she received a call in November from Danks, 34, who excitedly announced a surgery date had been set.

That date has since been postponed twice, including once in early December due to an infection. The family is now awaiting a new surgery date.

The Ryckmans are also trying to figure out how to pay for traveling expenses, a 2-week motel stay while Ryckman and Danks recover from surgery, and living expenses during the 2- to 3-month recovery time after the procedure.

"Especially for Jami," Ryckman pointed out. "She has 2 little girls and is the

main bread winner in her family. She has to travel from Illinois to Michigan before and after the surgery."

Ryckman said anyone interested in helping out is welcome to e-mail her at dorellamae@yahoo.com, or Danks

at 14him@yahoo.com. The Ryckmans can also be contacted at (989) 843-7657. Donations can be sent to: Kidney Transplant Fund; c/o Daniel Ryckman, 6677 Plain Rd., Silverwood, MI 48760.

For Dan Ryckman, who will celebrate his 47th birthday Friday, the transplant surgery offers a hope of having enough energy, once again, to enjoy life again. He said he used to enjoy fishing and hunting, but has been unable to do either for years.

"It (disease) really saps you," he said. "I'm optimistic (about the surgery), apprehensive, too. Things like that are scary."

Services set for longtime Campbell School principal

Longtime Cass City educator and administrator Jacqueline "Jackie" Freiburger died Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was 77.

Freiburger was a teacher for more than 38 years in Sandusky, Deford, Caro and Cass City. She taught 5 years in Cass City and then served as elementary principal for 21 years at Campbell Elementary School.

While at Campbell, she was elementary coordinator of Deford and Evergreen elementary schools. She served as Chapter One director, special education director, was on the county child abuse council, and represented the district on the Regional Educational Media Center (REMC) Board.

She belonged to the county, regional and state Elementary Principal associations, and was a member of the MEMSPA, serving as secretary, among other offices.

Freiburger was voted Outstanding Principal of Region II for 1987-88. She retired as principal at Campbell Elementary in August 1988.

"She was very proud of the Campbell building and programs and staff, and was a loyal and dedicated employee. I don't know what more you could say," said Cass City School Supt. Ken Micklash, who served as high school principal for a year and a half during Freiburger's tenure.

"I think next to Willis Campbell, people think of Jackie Freiburger when it comes to Campbell Elementary."

"Jackie put her teachers first. She often went to bat for us for things she thought were important for education and the students," commented teacher Kris Milligan, who taught for 10 of the years Freiburger was principal.

"She ran a very tight ship when she was here and she was very well respected," added Milligan. "Jackie was a true professional, I believe. She touched a lot of lives when she was here."

In addition to education, Freiburger was active in many community activities over the years.

She was a Boy Scout den mother, Girl Scout leader and neighborhood chairman for our town on the county level. She was a charter member of the American Association of University Women, served with the Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary as well as on the St. Pancratius Catholic Church Council and Women's Altar Society.

OBITUARY

Freiburger was born July 8, 1926, in Flynn Township to O'Connell Miles and Vida (Byrne) Sullivan.

She married Elden Bernard "Barney" Freiburger June 8, 1946, at St. Roch Catholic

Church, Sandusky. The couple made their home in Cass City, where Barney had



Jackie Freiburger

a grocery and creamery business.

Freiburger is survived by her husband, Barney; children, Linda (Homer) Bailey of Cass City, Bernard "Butch" Miles (Joyce) Freiburger of Lake Orion, and Kurt Freiburger of Wyoming, Mich.; 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren; a brother, Leo (Lucille) Sullivan of Marlette; a sister, Eleanor Sullivan of Grand Blanc; a sister-in-law, Barbara Sullivan; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Sullivan.

Funeral services are scheduled for today (Wednesday) at 11 a.m. at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, with the Rev. Steve Fillion officiating.

Visitation was scheduled for Tuesday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City, and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Interment will be in St. Elizabeth Cemetery, Marlette.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Cass City teen hopes to make it big

Biebel spends week auditioning in Hollywood

As a young child, Racheal Biebel loved to put on mock fashion shows for her family, pretending she was a model on stage in front of dozens of cameras.

Now, the 15-year-old Cass City teen hopes to turn that dream - being in front of the camera - into a reality, although she's now eyeing a career in acting.

Biebel, daughter of Bob and Donna Biebel, recently took a step in that direction in Hollywood, Calif., where she tested her acting skills in front of a host of producers, scouts and agents.

"It definitely gives you a taste of what it's like to be in the business," the Cass City High School sophomore commented Friday, just a few days after returning from her weeklong stay on the West Coast.

"It was a lot harder than I

thought it was going to be - you have to be smiling all the time," she added. "It's hard work. It's very hard work."

Biebel spent months preparing for her opportunity to audition in Hollywood.

"It started off about 2 years ago when I got on the Internet to find out how I could get into this business," she recalled. "That led me to Barbizon (Modeling School in Birch Run)."

Biebel trained at the school once a month for a year, then was accepted into the Aero Modeling Management Agency in Southfield, which prepared her for an audition in front of International Model and Talent Association (IMTA), the sponsoring agency for the Hollywood trip.

Biebel said she trained with the Aero agency 2 to 3 times

a week for about 5 months. "We did a lot of acting - sitcoms, soap operas, commercials. We also did a competition called 'I'm ready for my close-up', where they give you a line and you have 30 minutes to memorize it," she explained, adding the exercise is designed to see how an aspiring actor looks on camera.

Biebel said she initially wanted to pursue modeling, but changed her mind after being told she was too short and would have to lose weight.

"So, they kind of pushed me towards acting, and I started to like it more and more. It's definitely fun."

Biebel earned the right to showcase her skills in Hollywood through an audition process involving some 1,200 aspiring models and actors. When it was all said

and done, she was one of just 40 individuals, ages 8 to 23, that were accepted.

Once they arrived in Hollywood, Biebel noted, it was work from the first day to the last.

"We started out doing competitions - it was just acting and modeling pretty much. Everyday they had schedules for all your competitions," she said, adding there was no shortage of actors trying to catch the eye of a producer or agent. "Just in my acting division (ages 13 to 15), there were 300 and some" people.

Biebel said the competitions amounted to auditions in front of various agents, producers and talent scouts. "Throughout the week, if someone was interested in you, they would call you back," she explained.

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Racheal Biebel

Engaged



Renee Zawilinski and Timothy Stoll

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Zawilinski of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Renee Michelle, to Timothy Dale Stoll, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McIntosh of Cass City. Renee is a 1997 graduate of Cass City High School. She is employed as a hair-dresser and massage therapist at Innovations Salon and Day Spa in Caro. Tim is a 1990 graduate of Cass City High School. He is employed as a truck driver for Mattress Connection in Caro.

An Aug. 14, 2004 wedding is planned.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 989-269-6994



Mr. and Mrs. Bob Zurek and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski spent Thursday in Bay City and had dinner at Kryziaks. Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen visited Donelda Meske at the Huron County Medical Care Facility Sunday.

Allen Farrelly visited Eleanor Koski at Covenant Health Center, Saginaw, on Tuesday and Thursday. Another Tuesday visitor was Kim Koroleski of Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland Sunday afternoon.

Bob Andersen of Livonia spent a few days with Mrs. Earl Schenk.

Jack Kennedy, Ron Wolschlager, Tom Talaski, Bernard Morley and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Monday.

Clara Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hurford of Cass City, Mrs. Jim Sweeney of Uby, Mrs. Carl Gibbard of Bad

Axe, Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mrs. Barton Hurford, Randy Schenk, Bob Andersen of Livonia and Susie Harris and her son, Rodney, of Canton Township visited Thelma Jackson last week.

Allen Farrelly went to the Zinger-Smigielki Funeral Home, Uby, to pay respects to Opal Hund on Sunday afternoon and Mary Fisher on Tuesday afternoon.

Visitors of Mrs. Earl Schenk were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Britt of Bad Axe, David Hacker, and Randy Schenk.

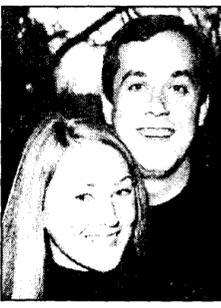
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and Thelma Jackson had dinner at the Pizza Hut in Bad Axe Tuesday.

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

Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the Over 50 Club potluck dinner and meeting at Oswald Hall Tuesday. After the dinner, cards were played.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Depcinski, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Zurek at their cottage.

Engaged



Ashlie Chappel and Mark Brining

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Chappel of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashlie Michelle, to Mark Brining, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Brining of Bad Axe.

Ashlie is the granddaughter of Marjorie Orr and the late Daniel Orr of North Branch, and Katherine Jane Chappel and the late Lawrence Chappel of Marlette. She is a graduate of Cass City High School and Alma College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education. She is an elementary teacher at Campbell Elementary, Cass City.

Mark is the grandson of Harold and Peggy Simmons, Bill and Evelyn Stone, Ruth Simmons, and the late William Brining, all of Caro. He graduated from Bad Axe High School and Michigan State University with a Bachelor's degree in accounting and a Master's degree in business administration. He is a CPA with Plante Moran, Auburn Hills.

A July wedding is being planned.



Meg's Peg
Dear pets...
by Melva E. Guinther

Other than grandcats, we have no pets at present. It's not that we don't love animals, but they do make life more complicated.

Our daughter's 3 cats were here for Christmas. The oldest, Sam, has always been a bit neurotic, but he's pretty and lovable and doesn't cause any problems when he visits.

He tolerates his rambunctious brother and sister kittens, Badger and Danika, surprisingly well.

Our fourth grandcat, Wednesday, stayed with her other grandma in California.

I realize that some people might take issue with referring to pets as grandchildren, but you can't deny that a lot of pets are treated better than a lot of kids. That's evidenced by this "Letter to Pets" forwarded by Fred MacKay:

Dear Dogs and Cats:

* When I say move, it means go someplace else, not switch positions with each other so there are still 2 of you in the way.

* The dishes with the paw print are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food. Please note, placing a paw print in the middle of my plate and food does not stave a claim for it becoming your food and dish, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

* The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help, because I fall faster than you can run.

* I cannot buy anything bigger than a king size bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the couch to en-

sure your comfort. Look at videos of dogs and cats sleeping. They can actually curl up like a ball. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.

* My compact discs are not miniature Frisbees.

* For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, try to turn the knob, or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered. In addition, I have been using bathrooms for years. Feline/canine attendance is not mandatory.

* The proper order is kiss me, then go smell the other dog's/cat's butt. I cannot stress this enough. It would be such a simple change for you.

To pacify you, I have posted the following message on our front door:
Rules For Non-Pet Owners Who Visit and Like to Complain About our Pets:

1. They live here. You don't.
2. If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture.
3. I like my pet a lot better than I like most people.
4. To you, it's an animal. To me, he/she is an adopted son/daughter.
5. Dogs and cats are better than kids. They eat less, don't ask for money, are easier to train, usually come when called, never drive your car, don't hang out with drug-using friends, don't smoke or drink, don't worry about the latest fashions, don't wear your clothes. Don't need a gazillion dollars for college, and if they get pregnant, you can sell the results.

Peruski and Betts wed



Mr. and Mrs. Toby Betts

Jessica L. Peruski and Toby S. Betts were married July 26, 2003 in the First Presbyterian Church of Cass City. Pastor David Wilson of Kensington Community Church, Troy, officiated.

The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Fred and Kathy Peruski of Sandusky. The groom's

parents are Jack and Robin Betts of North Branch.

Tracey Henry, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Natalie Ruth, sister of the bride; Charity Halasz, cousin of the bride; and Tara Branch, sister of the groom. The flower girls were Kelsey Branch, niece of the groom; and Hannah Ruth, niece of the bride.

The best man was Todd Betts, brother of the groom. The groomsmen were Tony Fantin, friend of the groom; Tracey Zuhlke, friend of the groom; and Robert Betts, cousin of the groom. The ringbearer was Collin Henry, nephew of the bride.

The ushers were Jeff and Jeremy Peruski, brothers of the bride.

The couple honeymooned in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. They reside in Clinton Township.

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, January 21

United Sportsmen's Alliance (USA) meets to make final arrangements for annual banquet, 7 p.m., Cass City Gun Club, 2676 Englehart Rd. All are invited to attend. For additional information, call (989) 872-5606.

Thursday, January 22

Senior Citizen Bingo Party, 1-4 p.m., VFW Hall, 4533 Veterans Dr., Cass City. Prizes and refreshments. Sponsored by 3644 Ladies Auxiliary.

Friday, January 23

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

Saturday, January 24

YA (Young Adult) Book Club, 11 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Monday, January 26

Cass City School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. Hills & Dales Hospital Auxiliary meeting, noon, Charmont. Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building. AYSO Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cass City High School library.

Wednesday, January 28

Ravenous Readers Book Club, noon, Rawson Memorial Library.

Wedding Invitations
Traditional & Stylish
Cass City Chronicle
Phone 872-2010

Graduate



Candice Cherniawski

Candice Cherniawski, daughter of June and Duane Samons of Snover and Alexander Cherniawski Jr., recently graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics Education degree.

She is a 1997 graduate of Cass City High School. She has been substitute teaching and also works in the photo center at Caro Wal-Mart. Cherniawski is also currently taking the state test for her teaching certificate.

Ministries set to host Dawn Jones

Thumb Christian Outreach Ministries will host the Rev. Dawn Jones at their interfaith ladies' retreat - Winter Uplift - Feb. 6 and 7, at Evangel Life in Bad Axe.

Jones, of Grand Rapids, has been teaching and ministering in music for the past 20 years. Her ministry as a retreat conference speaker and singer takes her all over the Michigan area and Canada, as well as several states throughout the U.S. Currently she is the director of Women's Ministry in Grand Rapids.

For more information, call Bernice Shupe at (989) 269-8443.

Engaged



Cynthia Shetler and Mark McLeod

Cynthia Shetler of Pigeon and Mark McLeod of Port Austin announcement their engagement and upcoming marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Donna Gunsell of Owendale and the late Elvin Faust. She is a 1979 graduate of Owendale-Gagetown Area Schools and also a graduate of Baker Junior College. She is currently employed at VanHoutteghem Chiropractic, Bad Axe and L.J. Gascho Furniture Company, Pigeon.

The prospective groom is the son of Grace McLeod of Kinde and the late Harold McLeod. He is a 1977 North Huron graduate and he also attended St. Clair Community College. He has been employed with Thumb Tool and Engineering, Bad Axe, for the last 19 years.

The couple is planning a June 19, 2004 wedding.

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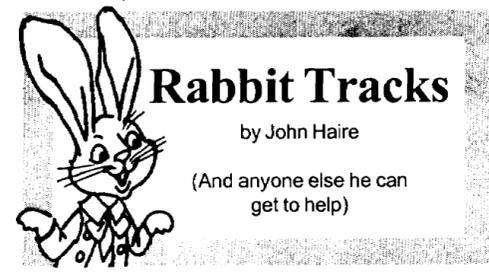
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The annual wedding section of the Chronicle appears in the next edition. As mentioned previously the highlights are then and now pictures of residents married 25 years or more. If you have no current pictures, come to the Chronicle and we will take one.

There is no charge, but the pictures must be submitted no later than Thursday at 5 p.m. All pictures will be returned.

The Chronicle has a new system that is nearly complete after a couple of years and many false starts that has put all copies since the paper originated on computer. We attempted to use it to locate details of some of the previous storms over the years without a lot of success.

Since I was caught in the severe snowstorm of 1947 I started with that year. It proved to be the only area storm that was easy to locate and 2 others that can be recalled are obscured by time and never found.

The computer did provide a little Rabbit Tracks trivia item. It was the date of the latest major snowstorm suffered in the Midwest. Up to 9 inches of snow fell, mostly in the Upper Peninsula, on May 27-29, 1947.

Incidentally, the giant snowstorm that blanketed Michigan occurred in March of that same year.

During the recent cold snap I couldn't help but think about the late Art Holmberg, a principal at Cass City High School, erudite science scholar and in demand public speaker.

Asked about winter weather, he responded that the temperature wasn't a problem, but he did grow tired of overcast, sunless days.

He would have loved the bright, sunny days that we experienced (enjoyed?) when the snow wasn't falling and so did I.

Monday was Martin Luther King Day and the U.S. Postal System was closed. Ordinarily, when there is a holiday the garbage pickup is delayed a day, but employees at the village office say that the regular Thursday pickup in Cass City will be held.

The holiday isn't going to stop them, but the weather did. The truck that picks up scrap for recycling did not operate last week.

Wish I had thought to do it department. On the front page of the Oxford Leader over the name plate was the line, "If it's not local news, it's not in here." In one line it succinctly tells the story for progressive weekly newspapers

Eric Hanby, a member of the Cass City Boy Scout troop, will take a big step towards earning Eagle Scout honors Saturday at 1 p.m. at Rawson Memorial Library.

He will present a program concerning donation of organs. If he attains Eagle rank this year he will be the second from Cass City to do so within the last year. Earlier, Dustin Mallory was awarded Eagle rank.



RAY ELLIS and Brad Hanby, Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 500, were recently busy preparing a winter camping scene now on display at the Cass City Municipal Building. Troop 500, along with other scouting groups in the area, are taking part in the Cass City Historical Society's spring theme, "Scouting Programs for the Youth of Cass City". All scouting groups, including Cubs, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, are preparing displays depicting their programs. Information is also available on how area youths may join one of these groups.

Cops: cell phone saved a life

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies say a cellular phone may have saved the life of a snowmobile rider who struck a tree late last Wednesday night.

Sanilac County Central Dispatch received a 911 call from a cell phone at about 11 p.m., according to Sgt. Paul Rich.

"The caller indicated he had just wrecked his snowmobile and only knew the approximate area where he was," Rich said. "The caller gave a location of Walker Road near Loree Road. Then the phone went out."

A county patrol car, Marlette EMS and the Carsonville Fire Department were all dispatched in an attempt to locate the man.

"Central Dispatch was able to reestablish contact with the victim, and a search plan was initiated," Rich said. "By using the victim's cell phone, he was able to tell dispatch when he could hear sirens and the direction of them in relation to his accident."

"The victim was located by a fireman and he provided an exact location for the other rescue personnel. This was done in 7 minutes from the first call."

According to Rich, the rider, Dean Stock, 42, Lexington, was riding a 1999 Skidoo snowmobile westbound on Walker Road when he failed to make a curve in the roadway, entered a ditch and struck a tree.

Stock was transported to McKenzie Memorial Hospital.

"If not for the victim having a cell phone, and quick

action by rescue personnel, the outcome of the accident would have been tragic," Rich said.



In Frankenmuth, a few are attempting to make the Bible a textbook to teach literature and history. A new group, formed 18 months ago, the National Council on Bible Curriculum in public schools, has a program that explains the use of the Bible as a foundation document of society.

"That's nothing new, but it's a hot potato and Frankenmuth school officials are evidently handling it with care to keep from getting burned. It is expected to take at least 2 years of research before data can be presented to the school board for consideration."

There have been plenty of attempts to scale the wall of separation of church and state outlined in the constitution. All with limited success.

Now using the Bible as a textbook is not new. The Bible was used as a textbook in a course I took at Michigan State University 55 years ago.

Any observer would be forced to concede that in this class the Bible was not used as a religious document, but as literature.

Now the teacher never said that he was an atheist, but I, and many others in the class, judged that he was.

One of his favorite expressions was referring to one of the well-known episodes in the Bible as an expressive work of art that shows how dynamic and full of powerful writing the Bible is.

It's sure that there were no converts to Christianity made in that class.

I'm sure that the members of the National Council on Bible Curriculum didn't have this type of class in mind when they pushed for the plan that uses the Old Testament and the life of



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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This is my day to worry. I've compiled a huge list of anxieties and plan to spend the rest of the day worrying about them.

The first thing on my list is global warming, and the last is mad cow disease. Global warming made the list because it's the fashionable thing to fret about right now, and mad cow qualifies as a test of my worrying ability. The risk of anybody getting a disorder related to mad cow disease is so near zero the greatest worrier in the world can barely even think about it.

The U.S. government estimates there are 76 million cases of food poisoning and 5,000 deaths from food-borne illnesses each year. None of these are from variant Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease, the human form of mad cow disease.

There has been one U.S. death attributed to this disease since Columbus discovered America. That case was a 22-year-old Florida resident who lived in Britain for most of his life.

I don't want to disparage any part of the food production industry, but the truth is fresh fruits and vegetables are far more dangerous than meat when it comes to food poisoning. That won't stop me from eating fresh fruits and vegetables, but it illustrates the small amount of risk that comes from eating. Not eating is worse, of course.

I'm not sure when mad cow was first diagnosed in Europe, but the French and British began arguing about it many years ago. The French said British cattle had a fatal disease that caused staggering. They claimed eating British beef could produce similar symptoms in humans.

The British said, "Forget the beef, Pierre. It's the wine."

They were right. Far more people are killed by wine than by beef. (Even when we include the bull riders.)

Then, the British media and the French fear mongers got into the act, and pretty soon both countries were killing thousands of cattle in an attempt to regain consumer confidence. The British and French cattle industries were

devastated by this hysteria, perpetrated by the media and others who thought they might benefit.

Now we've got it in the U.S.: One case of mad cow and 50 million cases of hysteria. Countries like Japan are refusing to import U.S. beef, even though they have confirmed nine cases of the disease in their own cattle. That's a nice political move, but it has nothing to do with the disease.

Right now we're getting a lot of verbiage about improving the safety of our meat supply. Those most critical of the current system don't think we should be eating meat in the first place. They would like to see beef as expensive as possible.

The risk from eating beef is so much less than getting out of bed, walking down the

street, or breathing that I have trouble worrying about it.

Others are fretting, however. We've got people suggesting we buy organic beef, grass-fed beef, or beef from vegetarian cows (whatever that means). None of these terms have anything to do with food safety.

I remember a Dagwood Bumstead cartoon from a few years ago. Dagwood reads the menu at his favorite diner and notices "vegetarian chicken soup."

"How can the soup be vegetarian if it's got chicken in it?" he asks the cook.

"No, No, No," the cook says. "The chicken was a vegetarian."

That was a good joke then, but now it's hard to tell who's joking and who isn't. Maybe I should worry about that for a while?

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from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

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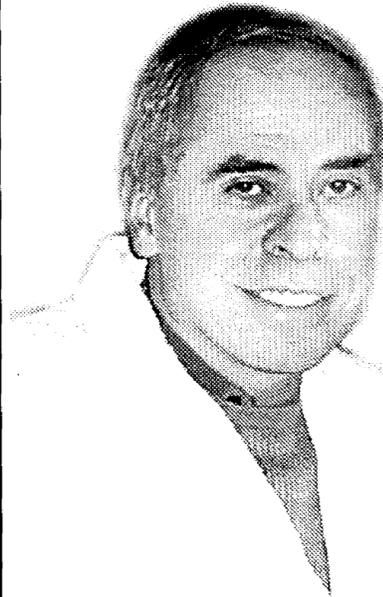
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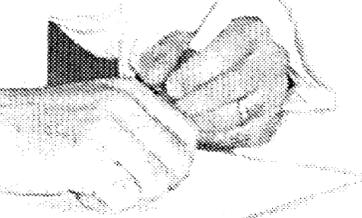
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Circuit court proceedings

Several face charges

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

•Grover Bullard Jr., 37, Essexville, pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer July 4 in Akron Township.

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

•Edward Bukraba Jr., 48, Caro, pleaded no contest to attempted assault with a dangerous weapon June 25 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$20,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.

•David H. Ross Jr., 46, Akron, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 365 days in the county jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Aug. 3 and Aug. 11 in Akron Township, and to fleeing a police officer, fourth degree, Aug. 11 in Akron Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,660.

•Michael A. Helm, 18, Caro, was sentenced to 169 days in jail for his convictions on charges of fleeing a police officer, fourth degree, and driving while his license was suspended or revoked Aug. 7 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay \$180 in costs and fines.

•Jeremy A. Langenburg, 28, Vassar, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 180 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 14 in Vassar.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,620.

•Aaron C. Haynes, 29, Davisburg, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 180 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his pleas of guilty to carrying a concealed weapon and possession of marijuana Sept. 20 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay \$3,205 in costs and fines.

•Holt A. Holtman, 38, Vassar, was sentenced to 12 months probation and 60 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to making a false report of a felony Sept. 14 in Tuscola Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,350.

•Kevin L. Baker, 30, pleaded guilty to stealing or retaining a financial transaction device June 18 in Columbia Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Jason W. Greenleaf, 22, Vassar, pleaded guilty to receiving and concealing stolen property valued at \$200 to \$1,000, concealing or misrepresenting the identity of a motor vehicle, and altering a snowmobile vehicle identification number Feb. 15-March 6 in Vassar Township.

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

•Christopher R. Patterson, 17, Caro, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny and larceny in a building Oct. 1 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$6,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Robert P. Gant Jr. 30, Midland, pleaded guilty to second degree home invasion, stealing or retaining a financial transaction device and larceny in a building July 8 in Reese.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to

be set.

•David J. Carter, 25, Fenton, pleaded guilty to possession of a switchblade May 2 in Millington Township.

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

•Nicholas J. Barron, 24, Kingston, pleaded guilty to fleeing and eluding a police officer, third degree, Oct. 13 in Dayton Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Alan J. Dandron, 47, Kingston, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, March 19 in Kingston Township.

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

•Anthony W. Ramirez, 54, Vassar, pleaded no contest to assaulting a police officer and guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 18 in Juniata Township.

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

•Brandon W. Starnes, 22, Millington, pleaded guilty to malicious destruction of property valued at \$1,000 to \$2,000 Aug. 23 in Arbela Township.

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

•Brandon E. Mays, 18, Millington, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Feb. 21 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$7,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•William C. Whiteford, 37, Clinton Township, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, July 11 in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be set.



Red Hawk Talks

by Kristi Fluegge

Nearly every student remembers those early days in school when they were forced to watch those videos on peer pressure and parties. We would laugh at how ridiculous the actors and actresses were.

However, now as young adults, we are making our own decisions on what we do with our spare time. Drinking and going to parties where there is alcohol is one choice we all have to make.

I took a poll from my class on how they spend their weekends. It was hard for me to make up a survey with choices that would include the majority, but the truth is we don't have much to choose from in Cass City. Going to the movies, the mall, parties, hanging out with friends, or staying at home were the ones I included.

If you don't have too much money, that gives you exactly 3 choices left and one is doing nothing at all. So I wasn't surprised when I learned 17 out of the 54 students that turned in their surveys went out drinking at parties. If you are wondering, that is one third of my senior class. One half of the students stated they would "change their activity if something else was available."

"Our community lacks any real activities for teens to pursue. If more was available then we would more likely be involved," said one senior

who summarized the beliefs of many students here at the high school.

Until I read the results of the questionnaire, I never heard Cass City referred to as a retirement town so many times. "Cass City is way too much of a retirement town for the number of kids we have. We need something fun to do that doesn't involve driving to Bay City or Saginaw!"

This brings up another relevant comment I must make. As a senior who is going to college next year and makes \$5.15 an hour, extra spending money isn't something most of us have a lot of! Going to Bay City with gas at \$1.69 per gallon and buying one movie ticket for \$7 or just walking in the mall and getting a light meal at a drive-through ends up being more than one can afford. We basically have to work all the time if we want to do something on the weekends. Something free would obviously be the ideal alternative.

An idea that started as a class project in Mrs. Volz' class will hopefully bring a community center to Cass City.

The group of parents and students have come a long way from brainstorming and are now handling the paper work to get a place for teens to go. They toured many places, but the final place they are considering is the old Millennium building near McDonald's. They have already held fundraisers to raise enough money to make their project a success. They hope to make a place for students to go and even have a center for students to do homework with computers available.

Nothing is set in stone yet, but putting in basketball hoops or even having dance classes were a few ideas. Char Krueger is the president of their group and they already have many people involved. I think a community center is a great idea and would give students something to do in town. Hopefully, the statistics would change on how my class spends their free time.

Thank you to all the students who took a few minutes to fill out the survey and show the community how we feel. A big thank you to the people involved in making a community center. It is great we have those people that care and are willing to put forth so much effort to make things better.

Need for blood now critical

Officials with the Great Lakes Region of the American Red Cross have declared a blood emergency and are asking residents to take time to donate at a location near them.

Among the drives on tap is one set for Thursday from noon to 5:45 p.m. at the Caro United Methodist Church, 670 Gilford Rd.

Region officials, who provide blood products to patients in 70 Michigan hospitals, reported a 24-hour overall supply of blood last week, with critically low levels of several types, including O-negative, the universal donor. A 3-day supply is considered a safe level.

"We desperately need people to come and donate blood," said CEO Fred Sterns. "We're able to fill requests now for hospital patients. But we hate to think of the unthinkable - that we would not be able to fill the need of a critically injured or ill person for blood."

Because of the crisis, blood deliveries may be limited or postponed to Michigan hospitals. Some hospitals may also begin choosing to reschedule elective surgeries.

F.B. drive on tap

The Tuscola County Farm Bureau will launch its 2004 membership drive Jan. 26 at the Brentwood, 178 Park Dr., Caro.

The 6:30 p.m. dinner will give Farm Bureau drive organizers a forum for rallying the troops in the pending effort to recruit new members into Michigan's largest general farm organization.

Membership committee members will discuss the group's responsibilities and suggest ways for members to get more involved in Farm Bureau programs and activities. Committee members are responsible for organizing the drive, recruiting local captains, providing Farm Bureau information to membership writers, and following up on new members.

To participate in the membership drive, contact John Somerville at (989) 673-8638 or Jonathan Findlay at (989) 551-8393.

Membership is the driving force behind the Tuscola County Farm Bureau. For more information about the organization, call the local office at (989) 673-4155.



Bulldog Beat

by Laura Enderle

Tests. We all know how much students dread tests.

It starts way back before we even start school. Children need to be tested to determine if they are advanced enough to start school. From then on it seems we are tested for the rest of our lives. Not only do we get tested in class, but we also have to pass a physical to play sports, or ACTs to get into college. If we don't pass the tests we can't proceed in certain areas of our lives.

High school exams are some of the biggest tests students have to take. What we may not realize is that they do more than just help figure our grade. Exams help prepare students for the future. Everyone is tested at one time or another in their lives. Also, they are not just for student examination. Mr. Gleeson made a good point in stating, "As a teacher, exams are part of evaluation; if students fail, then to some point, I have failed."

Here at Owen-Gage we found a good exam taking system. The system was changed about 4 years ago because too much emphasis was put on exams. A student could pass one marking period and the exam and pass the semester. Leaving one whole marking period where the student could slack off.

Now, each marking period accounts for 45 percent of your grade and the exam is only 10 percent. So if you fail the exam you can still pass the class if you passed both marking periods. There is a bonus for good attendance too. If you miss 6 class hours or less of one class for the whole year then you may be exempt from the final exam for that class. The system seems to be balanced better for the students' education.

If you ask any concerned student, they will fill you in on how stressful exam week is (despite the fact it is only 10 percent of their grade). "Exam week is usually a very busy week. All I do is study to try and get a good grade," said junior Jenny Czewski.

Zak Sutter argued, "It is a very hectic week for me. Everybody who participates in sports would know what I am talking about because of all the practices and games. Then we also have to find time to study."

Stressed out sophomore Michelle Brown complained, "I really don't like exams. I think it's because I think about them too much."

One teacher told why she doesn't like exam week. "It wastes too much class time. Only about one out of twenty students use class time to study," she said.

One student did want to show her gratitude. "I have to say that the best thing about exam week is how the teachers give you the week to work on your reviews," expressed Nicole Schmidt.

I agree with both statements. During exam week the majority of students waste class time not studying. Most claim they cannot study in class because there are too many distractions. When students accept that and fool around then it makes it very difficult for those of us who need the class time to study to actually retain any information. It would be nice if everyone could agree and utilize class time, but the teachers cannot force students to study.

This year we did get an unexpected break from studying right before the first big test. Snow day! (I had forgotten there was one reason I liked the snow.)

Most students I talked to savored the snow day because it relieved some of the stress by giving us more time to study. However one student would have rather not had the snow day. "I disliked the snow day because I was obligated to study even though that was the last thing I wanted to do on a snow day! Especially when that's all I did this past week!" exclaimed Kayla Kady.

I think I speak for all seniors when I say it doesn't matter when we have snow days or how many we have! Bring on the snow because it does not effect our last day of school!

With the results of all the overwhelming tests, we must keep one thing in mind "One test is only a snapshot of your mind. A student should look at several tests to get a true profile of their intelligence," stated Mrs. Ault. That is also a hint to all parents who may explode when report cards arrive! Have an amiable week!

T. Kain 'student of month'



Timothy Kain has been named Owendale-Gagetown Schools' "Senior Student of the Month" for January.

Kain has been active in various activities while attending Owen-Gage. He has participated in many sports as a member of the football team for 3 years and golf, basketball, and baseball teams for 4 years. Kain has also been a member of the Drama Club for 4 years, quiz bowl team for 3 years and the Business Professionals of America Club.

During his high school years, Kain has excelled academically as well. He is a member of the 3.0 Club and National Honor Society for which he is currently serving as president. Kain also represents Owendale-Gagetown School on the Youth Advisory Council of Huron County.

As a junior, Kain served as class treasurer and was on the prom committee. He was also selected by his class as representative on homecoming court as a sophomore and senior and is a member of this year's snowball court.

Kain is the son of Tim and Ruth Kain of Owendale. His future plans are to attend Saginaw Valley State University to major in mechanical engineering.

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Local Tuscola Tech students shine at event

Thirteen Tuscola Technology Center students qualified for state competition during the Business Professionals of American Regional Competition Jan. 9 at Baker College.

In all, 2 dozen Tuscola students competed against 550 students representing 22 area clubs in Region VII.

The following students placed in business accounting, clerical and computer events:

- *Lisa Hang, Reese, first place in Legal Office Procedures.
- *Jessup Hoyt, Cass City, first place in Payroll Accounting, second place in Computerized Accounting, and third place in Financial Math and Analysis.
- *Alex Kunding, Cass City, first place in Information Technology Concepts and second place in PC Servicing and Troubleshooting.
- *Michael Reinert, Vassar, first place in Interview Skills.
- *Karina Thavongsa, Caro, first place in Advanced Accounting and Computerized Accounting, and fifth place in Business Spelling.
- *Trisha Haines, Reese, second place in Legal Office Procedures.
- *Adam Kern, Reese, first place in Novell Network Administration and third place in Spreadsheet Applications and Analysis.
- *Brandon Putman, Caro, third place in Interview Skills.
- *Bryan Warju, Cass City, third place in Novell Network Administration.
- *Jeremiah Downing, Caro,

fourth place in Database Applications.

- *Tim Wilson, Cass City, fourth place in Novell Network Administration.
- *Laurin Hill, Vassar, fifth place in Parliamentary Procedure Concepts.
- *Grant Vuillemot, Millington, fifth place in Database Applications.

Karina Thavongsa was awarded a \$660 scholarship to attend Baker College.

The regional competition featured 51 different events, and students who placed in the top 5 in each event qualified to attend the State Leadership Conference, slated for March 4-7 at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids.

Students will be attending general sessions and competing in both skilled and leadership areas at the state event. Students will also have an opportunity to attend workshops and sessions with prominent speakers.

The highlight of the 3-day conference is an awards session where all contest winners are announced. First, second, third and fourth place winners in the 40 contest areas will then compete for national honors in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Business Professionals of America advisors representing the Tuscola Technology Center are Cecilia C. Karcia, Accounting Financial Services and Administrative Management Support, and Amy Schuette, Computer Technology Management Program.



FRIENDS OF the Library President Shelley deBeaubien recently presented an honorary membership in the friends group to Dan Nixon of the Cass City Antique Mall. Nixon provides space at the mall for the Friends of the Library to sell antique books. Proceeds from the sale of the books go to the library.



THE YA (YOUNG Adult) Book Club meets the fourth Saturday of each month at Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City. Pictured above are club members Tommy Burns, Nicholas Smith, Sarah Reed, Rob VanAuken and Ariel Veneziano. The next meeting is set for Jan. 24 at 11 a.m., and all young adults are invited to read a mystery book and attend the meeting to talk about their book.

Forensics team finishes third at weekend tourney

Chad Daniels has come to expect first-place results when it comes to his forensics teams at Cass City High School, but the veteran coach says he was happy with his squad's third place finish Saturday.

Cass City was among 30 schools represented at the Henry Ford Fest in Sterling Heights.

The entries included the top 3 ranked schools in Class C-D. "This is the first time we met all 3 head-to-head," said Daniels, whose team was the highest ranked Class C school in the tournament.

Daniels said a counting error resulted in Cass City competing in what is called the "platinum category" - schools with 20 or more students competing, rather than the "large school category" for teams with 19 or fewer

students (Cass City took 19 students).

Daniels said his team overpowered 3 area schools in the tournament, defeating Lakers by 188 points, Bad Axe by 196 points and Ubyly by 197 points.

"The only schools that could beat us were Portage Central, with 29 kids, and Birmingham Groves, and they brought 32 kids," he said, noting both are Class A schools. "They beat us on numbers (of competitors) alone."

Daniels said he was pleased to see his team defeat Grand Rapids by 155 points and Ann Arbor Green Hills by 55 points. Those schools finished 2 and third, respectively, behind Cass City in last year's state championship tournament.

"I'm not disappointed in third place at all," Daniels said. "There were 3 schools that broke 200 points and we were one of them."

"They did real well," he added. "They outpaced last year's point totals. We looked fabulous, just awesome."

Outstanding individual performances included junior Leah Sherman's first place in Informative Speaking and senior Eric Hanby's first-place finish in Sales Speaking.

Junior Angela Stoeckle was third in Storytelling, freshman Jennifer Hacker finished third in Informative Speaking, freshman Allie Richards was third in Extemporaneous Speaking, senior Jessica Covarubias was second in Oratory Speaking, senior Leslie Hacker finished second in Sales Speaking, and freshman Courtney Rabideau was second in Broadcasting.

Also breaking into the semifinal rounds were sophomore Sarah Langmaid (Poetry 9-10), junior Stephanie Richards (Oratory Speaking), and freshman Kurt Hanby (Extemporaneous Speaking).

The team's next test will be Jan. 31 at the Birmingham Groves Invitational.

January focus on cancer awareness

In an effort to raise awareness of ways to reduce deaths from cervical cancer, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm declared January 2004 as cervical cancer awareness month.

Although cervical cancer can be prevented, treated and cured, many Michigan women suffer at the grips of this disease.

Regular pap smear testing is the key to detection and prevention of cervical cancer. The pap smear test finds abnormal changes in cells before they become cancer. Through this source of early detection, this form of cancer is highly treatable.

All women should obtain a pap smear annually if they have been sexually active for three years or are over the age of 21.

Physicians, family planning clinics, local health departments and Planned Parenthood of Michigan offer pap smears and referral services.

The Michigan Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) provides free or low-cost breast and cervical cancer screening and follow-up services to eligible women. For more information on these services, please call toll-free 800-922-6266.

The Huron County Health Department has free clinics in Bad Axe, Bay City, Cass City, Caro, Deckerville, Kingston, Saginaw, Sandusky and Port Huron for women age 40 to 64. Call (989) 269-9721 (ext. 165) or 1-877-269-0822 to schedule an appointment.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

The National School Board Association (NSBA) will honor 52 Michigan school board members, including a member of the Cass City Board of Education, next month in Lansing. Beverley Auten, a member of the Cass City Board of Education for 13 years, is among the state school board trustees selected for recognition. As a board member, she said her goals include keeping up with new trends in education and teaching methods in an effort to ensure local students aren't left behind.

The Cass City volleyball team suffered more than a non-conference defeat last Monday in non-conference action against visiting Yale. The Hawks, who were defeated in straight games, also lost their star front line player, Shelly Ulfig. Ulfig fractured her ankle while practicing a jump serve during pre-game warm-ups. The senior leader, whose left ankle is in a cast, will be out of action for approximately 2 weeks.

The future of the Thumb Octagon Barn Festival apparently rests with the Village of Gageton. Members of the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn recently notified village officials that the barn committee will no longer be organizing and running the summer festival, which has grown in popularity since it was started in 1994. The decision was based in part on the growing workload on a handful of faithful volunteers, particularly when it comes to planning the festival, according to friends' Vice-President Bob Hirn.

10 YEARS AGO

The arrival of several Amish families to the area in recent months prompted state transportation officials to erect horse and buggy signs east of Cass City on M-81, and north and south of M-81 on M-53, in an effort to prevent

traffic accidents. The signs were installed last week.

It pays to check your phone bills carefully, Cass City's Dick Erla reports. Going over his bill, he came across calls he didn't recognize. Checking with GTE in Muskegon revealed 2 calls totaling \$10.93 were made from Camp Tuscola in Caro. The official guessed it was a Boy Scout camp. Erla snorted. The phone company is continuing its investigation. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Ralph and Ruth Smith of Decker have been hosting a feathered visitor just outside their back door since Jan. 10. The couple offered some corn and water to the duck, which flies away each day at 6 p.m. and returns the next morning.

25 YEARS AGO

Why do marriages run into trouble? According to some local ministers, for most couples who come to them for marital counseling, the most common problem is that the partners are unable to meaningfully communicate with each other, to share problems and feelings. "Over the years I've become convinced that communication between husband and wife is the most common problem and aggravates whatever else is wrong," said Rev. James Van Dellen of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Almost as numerous as the ubiquitous snowmobile after the storm were the four-wheel drive vehicles with snow blades. The question is what did we do before? Relax and enjoy it, one old timer told me. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Les Severance of Decker was elected vice-chairman Monday of District 9 of the Michigan Milk Producers Association. The district consists of Huron and Tuscola counties.

Lorraine I. Maurer of Ubyly has been appointed Huron County Register of Deeds. She will complete the re-

maining two years of the four-year term of Robert Osborn, who retired Jan. 1.

35 YEARS AGO

Allen Merchant and David Milligan, two local area farmers, were among 16 winners picking up award checks at the sixth annual Michigan 150 Bushel Corn Contest Banquet held at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth Thursday. Merchant received \$150 and a plaque for his yield of 165.19 bushels of dry shelled corn per acre on a 20 acre field. Milligan's 16 acre contest field grew 151.3 bushels of dry shelled corn per acre. He was presented a check for \$75 and a plaque.

Keith McConkey said that he felt that Cass City should have put hoods over parking meters in the Christmas season as many communities did. He also suggested that parking be free on Friday nights after 6 p.m.

The case load at the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department increased again in 1968, according to Sheriff Hugh Marr's report to the Tuscola County Board of Supervisors. One of the grimmest statistics was the fatal traffic accident record. A total of 38 persons died on county roads in 1968, double the state average and an all-time record for the county.

Check Out These Web Sites:

- The Hot Wheels Father's Day gift set at www.hotwheels.com.
- Ball Fruit Jell Liquid or Powdered Pectin at www.homecanning.com.
- Whitehall-Robins Healthcare, the makers of Centrum Kids "Rugrats" at www.centrum.com.
- Scholastic Inc. at www.scholastic.com.
- Prevent Blindness America at varlux.com.
- AMDRO at www.amdro.com.
- Defenders of Wildlife at www.defenders.org.
- Domco vinyl sheet and tile flooring at www.domco.com.

Cass City Area Church Directory

<p>Cass City Church of Christ 6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726 Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136 Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Deford Country Church Assemblies of God 5903 Main St., Box 224, Deford, MI 48729 989-872-5158 Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. and 4 p.m. Dan Strength Sr. Pastor Tim Wells, Associate WSNL 600 AM, Saturday noon</p>	<p>Living Word Worship Center (Where the Word is Life) 6536 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-4637 Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Wed. (Family Training Hour) 7:00 p.m. Senior Pastors: Michael & Carla Arp</p>	
<p>Cass City Church of the Nazarene 6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-2604 or 872-5201 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer & Bible Study & Children's Activities 6:00 p.m. Pastor - Rev. Darold Ward</p>	<p>Cass City Missionary Church 4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 872-2729 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Pastor: David Edwards</p>	<p>Novesta Church of Christ 2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 872-3658 or 872-1195 Bible School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Youth Group & Sunday Evening Services 6:00 p.m. Minister: Chuck Emmert Youth Minister: Brad Speirs Visit our website at: www.novestachurch.org</p>	
<p>Cass City United Methodist Church 5100 N. Cemetery Rd., P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726 872-3422 Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.) Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m. Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon) Pastor: Rev. George F. Ward</p>	<p>Evangelical Free Church of Cass City 6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726 Phone: 872-5060 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Midweek Bible Studies Biblical Counseling Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould</p>	<p>Potter's House Christian Fellowship Church Corner of 6th and Leach, Cass City, MI 48726 872-5186 Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Pastor: F. Robert Tucker</p>	
<p>Deford Community Church 1392 Kingston Rd., Deford, MI 48729 989-872-4051 (parsonage) 989-872-4055 (church) Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Contemporary & Traditional 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. Pastor: David Mercer email: ccdc@band.net website: defordcommunitychurch.org</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</p>	<p>St. Agatha's Catholic Church 4618 South St., Gageton, MI 48735 665-9966 Sunday Liturgy 10:30 a.m. Parish Administrator: Joan Wyskiel</p>	
<p>First Presbyterian Church Barrier Free 6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-5400 Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:45 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Pastor: Dave Blackburn</p>	<p>Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-2770 Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Pastor: Gerald Meyer</p>	<p>St. Pancratius Catholic Church 4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-3336 Saturday Liturgy 5:30 p.m. Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m. Pastor: Father Steve Fillion</p>	
<p>Vistors always welcomed</p>			<p>Shabbona United Methodist Church 4455 North Decker Rd., Decker, MI 48426 810-672-9929 (parsonage) 989-872-8094 (church) Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. UMW Monthly 1st Wed., 7:30 p.m. Youth Group Sunday Evenings 5:00 p.m. Pastor: Ellen Burns Visit our website at: www.dasparish.com</p>

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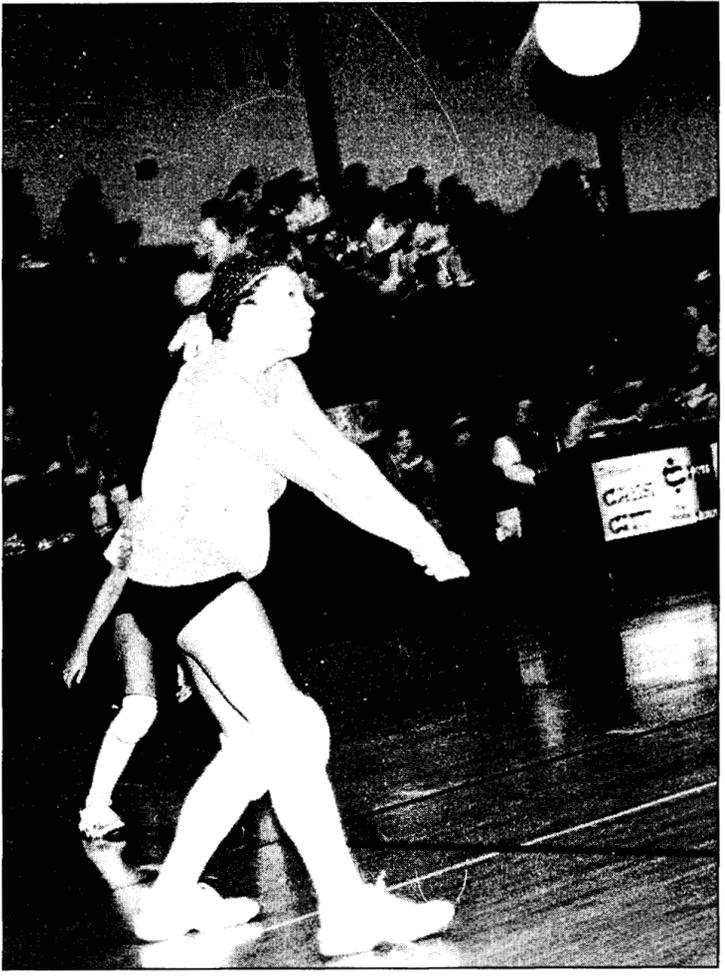
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Spring turkey hunt applications due

With less than 2 weeks left to apply for spring turkey hunting, state Rep. Tom Meyer, R-Bad Axe and chair of the House Agriculture Committee, recently announced the availability of the 2004 Michigan Spring Turkey Hunting Guide.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has produced the guide, which can be accessed free of charge by visiting www.michigan.gov/

The online guide provides application dates, license fees, workshop dates and hunting tips. Applications for spring turkey hunting must be in by Feb. 1. Applicants will be entered in a drawing to take place March 1. Leftover licenses will be available March 8. Spring turkey hunting season in Michigan takes place in April and May.



CASS CITY'S Mallory Powell makes a good reception during pool play Saturday against New Haven. The Hawks advanced to the finals of their own tourney where they suffered 15-13 and 15-6 setbacks to champion Ubly.

Hawks finish runner-up

Ubly wins Cass City Invite title

A pair of area volleyball powers battled for the Cass City Invitational title Saturday afternoon and when the smoked cleared, Ubly claimed the top honor with a pair of wins over defending champion Cass City.

With their showing in the 8-team tourney, however, the Red Hawks appear to be rounding into shape to defend its Greater Thumb West title. On Thursday, coach Beth Howard's spikers will attempt for its 2nd conference win, in as many attempts, when they entertain Valley Lutheran.

"In all my years of coaching, this is probably the best mesh of girls I have ever had. They all get along and we have good team unity. That's very important in volleyball," said Howard.

Cass City ran off 8 straight wins at its own tourney before meeting the Bearcats in the finals. The Hawks went undefeated in pool play with wins against New Haven (15-5, 15-6), Sanford Meridian

(15-3, 15-7) and Harbor Beach (15-4, 15-5). In the semifinals, the hosts disposed of Richmond in straight games by the scores of 15-6, 15-7, before Ubly ended Cass City's run with wins of 15-13 and 15-6.

For Ubly, it was the team's 4th invitational title on the season.

"Ubly has a great team," commented Howard. "When Erica Philp hits the ball, you don't return it."

Philp had a team best 65 kills and 44 digs. She received plenty of help from Carrie Pichla who recorded 10 ace serves and 24 assists and Laura Pavalowski who added 82 assists. Julie Rutkowski sparked the Bearcat defense with 11 blocks.

For Cass City, Amy Howard had 35 assists, 23 kills and 9 ace serves. Teammate Ashley Hendrick posted 24 assists, 20 kills and 7 aces, while Mallory Powell had 26 kills and 36 digs. Kristi Fluegge added 30 digs for Cass City.

"Mallory (Powell) is doing everything well. Besides being my best receiver, she leads us in digs and kills," said Howard.

BAY CITY ALL SAINTS

The Hawks opened its GTW schedule on a positive note Thursday, winning in straight games over hosts Bay City All Saints.

Cass City recorded lopsided wins of 15-4 and 15-9, before closing out the night with a 15-11 victory in game 3.

The Hawks recorded 23 kills on the night, including 8 from Ashley Hendrick and 7 from Amy Howard. Hendrick also had a team best 3 blocks, while Howard posted 11 assists. At the service line, the winners received a pair of aces from Howard.

Defensively, Howard, Powell and Luann Laming each recorded 13 digs, while Hendrick added a dozen.

Cass City Bowling

Merhanettes League As of Jan. 15	THURSDAY NITE TRIO As of Jan. 15
Empty Pockets 34	JEBCo 24
Osentoski Realty/Auct. 29	Mycogen Seeds 20
F.B.I. Gals 28	United Building Centers
Crowley Chiropractic 26	
Cablettes 25	Riversbend 18.5
Charlie's Angels 25	Dairy Queen Braz-Caro 16.5
Gagetown Cutting Corners 22	Martin Electric 15
	Doerr Landscaping 14
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Langenburg Plumb/Heat 19	Schmaltz Construction 12
Thumb Octagon Barn 18	CSS Contract. Co, Inc. 8.5

Individual High Game & Series: R. Diaz 188; L. Hanson (495); P. Bauer 186 (494); J. Morell 185-181 (491); J. Dickinson (481); D. Zdrojewski (477); D. Sweeney (465); J. Bemus (460); M. Haley (456); C. Wright (456); J. Montgomery 183; J. Krol 182; L. Campbell 181.

Split Conversions: A. Connelly 5-7.

Team High Game: Gagetown Cutting Corners, 646.

Team High Series: F.B.I. Gals, 1798.

Individual High Games & Series: E. Schmaltz 223-212-211 (646); J. Hacker 256 (625); T. Summers 222 (621); S. Osentoski (601); D. Beecher 217 (597); R. Root 224 (595); D. Doerr 240 (575); K. Martin 240; J. Mis 238; D. Dickinson 235.

Team High Game: Martin Electric, 693.

Team High Series: United Building Centers, 1857.

Hawk grapplers finish in middle of pack at Mayville

Mio won the 13-team Mayville wrestling team tournament Saturday and Cass City posted a 3-2 mark to finish sixth.

In second place was Sterling Heights. Other schools finished in the following order: Mayville, Memphis, Capac, Cass City, Vassar, Marlette, Lakers, Dryden, USA, Brown City, Bad Axe.

Cass City's team scores were: Cass City 75, Bad Axe 6; Cass City 36, Memphis, 46; Cass City 45, Marlette 34; Cass City 33, Capac, 39; Cass City 48, Vassar 30.

Nine Hawk wrestlers posted winning records for the day. Lee Hutchinson, 275 pounds, was undefeated at 4-

0. Posting 4-1 marks were Marcel Helland, 112/119 pounds; Kyle Sieradzki, 145/152 pounds, and Jeff Tenbusch, 160 pounds. Steve Meecker, 215/275 pounds, was 3-1. Dustin Arp, 119/125 pounds, Jeremy Farr, 103/112 pounds, and Kyle Reif, 125/130 pounds, were 3-2. Eric Hollis, 189/215 pounds, was 2-1.

Cass City's home match against USA and Brown City was postponed because of the weather. The Hawks will be on the road tonight (Wednesday) to compete in a double dual meet with Lakers and Valley Lutheran. Saturday the team will play in an invitational at Imlay City.

Hospital Auxiliary helps buy oversized beds

The Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary purchased new equipment for the nursing staff to help improve the quality of care to the overweight patient.

Karen Perry, director of nursing at Hills and Dales, realized the need to accommodate the overweight patient by having the correct bed size and patient lift used for patient-transfers.

"The hospital auxiliary was instrumental in the purchase of an overweight size bed and lift, not only will it improve the care having the correct equipment, but it will also help prevent injury to the patient and the caregiver," she said.

How many times have you walked past a room and noticed that a patient clearly did not fit into the hospital bed? Perhaps they were too tall or simply too wide. Having the proper equipment and using the correct patient care techniques are a must. The correct equipment can help prevent injury and make the patient feel more at ease.

The Hills and Dales Auxiliary Department has once again provided for the needs of the patient and staff with the purchase of state of the art equipment in patient care, Perry said.

Nagy leads Hawk gymnasts

Host Cass City fell to visiting gymnastic teams from Midland and Heartland Tuesday, but recorded its 2nd team regional qualifying score along the way.

Heartland captured top honors at the meet with 134.9

points, followed by Midland with 124.7 and Cass City with 120.05 points.

For a team to advance into regional competition, explained coach Heather Spencer, it needs 4 team scores of 118 points or more.

Pam Nagy paced the Hawks, earning first all around with a score of 32.9. Nagy also won the floor exercise with a score of 9.25.

Cass City's next meet is this Saturday in Vassar.



LEADING THE ROAR for the Owen-Gage Bulldogs are cheerleaders (l-r) Carol Littlepage, Barbie Littlepage, Natasha Sprague and Jenny Czewski.

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Hawks earn snail's pace win

There wasn't really any need to take players out of the game to rest Friday, as they had ample time to recover as they paraded back and forth to the foul lines on both ends of the court.

Victims of the whistle-happy referees were Bad Axe and Cass City players. That Cass City won the game between Greater Thumb League West basement dwellers, 56-45, was almost anti-climactic.

Still, it did get the Hawks off the bottom spot in the league before they meet USA Patriots on the road Friday. The Patriots are one of the

top teams in the GTW. Next Tuesday Cass City will be favored over Marlette at home.

Bad Axe with 27 free throws and Cass City with 24, added to calls for blocking, charging and traveling, kept the game at a snail's pace and prompted 2 frustrated fans to call out, "let them play." There were 4 technical fouls called, 2 on each team as players and coaches protested the calls.

It was a slow starting game for both teams. The Hatchets failed to score in the first 4 minutes. The Hawks netted the first 7 points in the game

paced by a basket and a free throw by Craig Holmgren, who ended with 16 points for his best offensive showing of the season.

The Hatchets finally broke the ice with a basket by Mike Meinhold, the only points Bad Axe scored in the first quarter despite several good shots that failed to find the mark.

The Hawks posted a 13-11 advantage in the second quarter for a 26-14 lead at the intermission.

The Hatchet offense went into cold storage again in the third quarter and the Hawks used balanced scoring to

move ahead, 44-20, going into the final 8 minutes.

It appeared that the only question remaining was the final score, but the Hatchets suddenly made a game of it. They went on a 15-0 run to open the last quarter before Tyler Erla connected for a 3 to end the draught.

Bad Axe was not through and the Cass City lead dwindled to a meager 4 points, 49-45, with 1:30 left to play.

But the Hawks stiffened, Bad Axe failed to score again and the Hawks' 7-0 run iced the win.

Jake Brinkman, with 11

points, was in double figures for Cass City. Dave Smith, 14, and Jason Iskow, 12, led Bad Axe.

CASS CITY - Glaza 0-0 (2-2) 2; Swanson 1-0 (1-4) 3; Toner 1-0 (1-1) 3; Brinkman 5-0 (1-3) 11; Holmgren 5-0 (6-9) 16; Stoutenburg 1-0 (2-2) 4; Langenburg 2-0 (4-4) 8; Martin 1-0 (0-0) 2; Erla 1-1 (2-2) 7.

TOTALS - 17-1 (19-27) 56.
BAD AXE - Dave Smith 1-2 (6-9) 14; Schultz 0-0 (3-4) 3; Messing 2-0 (4-6) 8; Lasceski 0-0 (2-2) 2; Eskau 1-0 (0-0) 2; Iskow 6-0 (0-1) 12; Meinhold 2-0 (0-2) 4.
TOTALS - 12-2 (15-24) 48



RED HAWK JUSTIN Glaza glides to the basket Friday against visiting foe Bad Axe. Cass City recorded its first Greater Thumb West win with a 56-45 decision.

Bulldog cagers bow to Port Hope, Caseville

Host Port Hope used a 37-23 scoring advantage over the 2 middle quarters Friday to triumph over Owen-Gage in a clash of winless North Central Thumb League - North cage teams.

The Blue Stars received a sparkling performance from Joe Gust who turned in a game-high 26 points. Gust tallied 14 markers in the final period to help preserve Port Hope's 66-53 victory.

Both schools started strong, and despite their records, played more like a pair of top ranked squads. Good ball movement from the Bulldogs resulted in several solid looks during the initial frame that ended with the guests in front, 13-12. A trio of Bulldogs contributed in the early going as Tim Kain, Cody

Howard, and Aaron Faist each posted a pair of field goals.

Coach Arnie Howard's Bulldogs will need the same type of effort this week if they hope to break into the win column. After Tuesday's home bill with Peck, Owen-Gage travels to meet Carsonville-Port Sanilac who boasts one of the area's top performers in veteran Kevin Calahan.

Despite Owen-Gage's teamwork at Port Hope, however, Gust was quietly guiding the Blue Stars to a 5 point half-time advantage with a dozen first half markers, including his lone triple. Port Hope's Matt Koglin also delivered from the perimeter and added a pair of triples before the break.

The Blue Stars then gave themselves extra cushion entering the final period as they turned up their defensive tempo and held the Bulldogs to 9 points in the 3rd quarter that closed in the hosts' favor at 49-36.

Levi Adams caught fire in the final stanza for Owen-Gage, pouring in 4 field goals en route to 11 points. But Port Hope added 10 points from the stripe down the stretch that proved too much for Owen-Gage to overcome.

Howard led Owen-Gage

with 18 points, spreading his contributions evenly throughout the contest. Faist finished with 13 points for the Bulldogs.

Dustin Weiss and Koglin spit 30 markers for Port Hope.

CASEVILLE

Caseville proved why it is considered among the best in the North Central Thumb League conference earlier in the week, on Tuesday, with an easy 75-39 decision in Owendale.

The Eagles raced to a 22-7 advantage as Chad Davis stepped on the floor with the hot hand. Davis' first 2 baskets came from behind the 3-point arc on his way to a game best 21 points.

Justin Rogers, who helped keep the Bulldogs close during the initial half with 8 points, provided what little offense Owen-Gage displayed on the night.

The Eagles doubled up on the Bulldogs after the intermission, outscoring their hosts 20-10, and removed all doubts from the game's outcome as they took a 54-28 margin into the final 8 minutes.

Caseville's Andy Kretzschmer was the game's only other double-digit scorer and chipped in 11 points.

Cass City snapped a 3-game losing streak Tuesday with a comparatively easy win at Marlette, defeating the Red Raiders, 49-38.

The Hawks bounced out to the lead in the first quarter and added to it in the second quarter and was comfortably ahead, 32-20, at the half.

Cass City broke out of its shooting slump in the first half on the way to the win. Tyler Erla, who played a fine game inside and out, coach Aaron Fernald said, paced the attack with 12 points in the first 2 quarters on the way to a 20-point night. He connected for a pair of treys and the Hawks converted 5 shots from 3-point land in the first half.

After that, it was a seesaw game with neither team showing much of the spark that the Hawks showed in the first 2 quarters.

Although he scored only 4 points, Fernald said that Jake Brinkman played one of his best games of the season. Brad Langenburg was also

CASS CITY - Glaza 1-0 (1-2) 3; Swanson 1-1 (0-0) 5; Schinnerer 2-0 (0-0) 4; Brinkman 1-0 (2-2) 4; Holmgren 1-0 (1-4) 3; Stoutenburg 0-1 (0-0) 3; Langenburg 1-1 (0-0) 5; Martin 1-0 (0-0) 2; Erla 4-3 (3-4) 20.
TOTALS - 12-6 (7-12) 49.

MARLETTE - Lange 1-0 (6-6) 8; Comment 2-0 (3-5) 7; Nieman 2-1 (0-0) 7; Fielder 2-0 (3-4) 7; Rothrock 1-0 (0-0) 2; Redman 2-0 (3-4) 7.
TOTALS - 10-1 (15-19) 38.

cited for playing one of his better games. The Hawks were able to hold their own

on the boards with the Raiders.

Other than Erla's big night,

scoring for Cass City was well divided. Eight other Hawks scored, with Nick

Swanson and Langenburg with 5 points each the top producers.

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

This week's match ups

				
	John Haire	Clarke Haire	Tom Montgomery	Doug Hyatt
January 20	John Glenn at USA Flint Beecher at V. Lutheran Cros-Lex at Deckerville Caseville at Kingston Memphis at North Huron Peck at Owen-Gage Port Hope at CPS Akron-Fairgrove at Dryden	USA Valley Lutheran Cros-Lex Kingston North Huron Peck CPS Dryden	John Glenn Flint Beecher Cros-Lex Kingston North Huron Peck CPS Akron-Fairgrove	USA Valley Lutheran Cros-Lex Kingston North Huron Peck CPS Akron-Fairgrove
January 23	Lakers at Bad Axe Cass City at USA Reese at Valley Lutheran BCAS at Marlette Harbor Beach at Sandusky Ubyly at Deckerville Brown City at Mayville Caseville at Memphis Peck at North Huron Owen-Gage at CPS Dryden at Port Hope Akron-Fairgrove at Kingston	Lakers USA Valley Lutheran BCAS Harbor Beach Ubyly Brown City Caseville North Huron CPS Port Hope Kingston	Lakers USA Reese BCAS Harbor Beach Ubyly Brown City Caseville Peck CPS Port Hope Kingston	Lakers USA Reese BCAS Harbor Beach Ubyly Brown City Caseville Peck CPS Port Hope Kingston
Last week's results	20-4	21-3	21-3	22-2
Season's results	58-29 (67%)	69-18 (79%)	58-29 (67%)	64-23 (74%)

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST			
Team	W	L	Pct
BCAS	3	1	.750
USA	2	1	.667
Reese	2	1	.667
Valley Lutheran	2	2	.500
Cass City	1	2	.333
EPBP	1	2	.333
Bad Axe	1	3	.250

NCTL NORTH			
Team	W	L	Pct
Caseville	5	1	.833
North Huron	3	2	.600
A-Fairgrove	2	3	.400
Port Hope	1	4	.200
Owen-Gage	0	5	.000

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Kingston	6	0	1.000
CPS	4	1	.800
Peck	4	2	.667
Memphis	2	4	.333
Dryden	0	5	.000

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for the month of December

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Obituaries

Charles Grady

Charles L. Grady, 66, of Bad Axe, died Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2004 at his residence after a long illness.

He was born Aug. 15, 1937 in Gageton, the son of the late Charles T. and Mary (Mullin) Grady.

He married Nancy Alexander Oct. 22, 1954 in Ohio.

Grady was a technician for Ameritech, retiring in 1992. He was a member of the Ugly Fox Hunters, the National Rifle Association, the Telephone Pioneers of America, the United States Trotting Association, the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association and the Michigan Northern Fair and Race Association. The deer that he bagged in 1994 remains the largest registered buck taken in Huron County, scoring 159 3/4 on the Boone & Crockett scale.

Grady is survived by his wife, Nancy; two sons: Richard Grady of Westland, and Ronald Grady of Bad Axe; four daughters: Debra (Roger) Talaski of Bad Axe, Phyllis (Robert) Baxter of Bad Axe, Pennie (Russ) Rienas of Deford, and Theresa (Ron) Chapman of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; 11 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Rodney Grady, in 1975.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 17, at Weitenberner Funeral Home, Bad Axe, with the Rev. William R. Wright, pastor of the Bad Axe First United Methodist Church, officiating.

A private burial was in the Grant Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Weitenberner Funeral Home, Bad Axe.

Eva Hoagg

Eva Marie Hoagg, 94, of Decker, died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004 in Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

She was born March 13, 1909 in Evergreen Township to Louis and Mary (Bullis) Travis.

She married Andrew Hoagg Nov. 24, 1926 in Cass City. He died June 12, 1989.

Hoagg farmed with her husband and worked at Hills and Dales General Hospital. She was a member of Hay Creek Ladies Aid and Shabbona Bunko group. She was a member of the Shabbona United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her son, Dean Hoag of Cass City; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Merle; a grandson, Hal; and two sisters: Blanche Hirsh and Zelta Vatter.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 17, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Ellen Burns of Shabbona United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment will take place in the spring in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

BASKETBALL - GYMNASTICS - VOLLEYBALL - WRESTLING

Cass City Red Hawks 2003-2004 Boys' Varsity Basketball		
Dec. 9	Harbor Beach 57, CC 66	
Dec. 12	Sandusky 50, CC 620	
Dec. 16	Brown City 51, CC 54	
Dec. 19	Valley Lutheran 60, CC 51	
Jan. 6	Ugly 50, CC 42	
Jan. 9	Lakers 58, CC 45	
Jan. 13	Marlette 38, CC 49	
Jan. 16	Bad Axe 45, CC 56	
Jan. 23	USA	6:00 p.m. A
Jan. 27	Mayville	5:00 p.m. H
Jan. 30	Reese	5:00 p.m. H
Feb. 3	Deckerville	5:00 p.m. A
Feb. 6	BCAS	5:00 p.m. H
Feb. 13	Valley Lutheran	5:00 p.m. H
Feb. 17	Lakers	6:00 p.m. A
Feb. 20	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m. A
Feb. 24	Caro	5:00 p.m. H
Feb. 27	USA	5:00 p.m. H
Mar. 2	Reese	6:00 p.m. A
Mar. 5	BCAS	5:00 p.m. A
Mar. 8-12	Districts	TBA

Cass City Red Hawks 2003-2004 Wrestling		
Dec. 4	Capac / Caro	6:00 p.m. A
Dec. 6	Cros-Lex Invite	9:00 a.m. A
Dec. 11	Millington / Bridgeport	6:00 p.m. A
Dec. 13	Marlette	8:00 a.m. A
Dec. 18	Pinconning / Gaylord	6:00 p.m. A
Jan. 3	North Branch Invite	9:00 a.m. A
Jan. 8	Frankenmuth / Millington	6:00 p.m. A
Jan. 10	Cass City Invite	9:00 a.m. H
Jan. 14	USA / Brown City	6:00 p.m. H
Jan. 17	Mayville Invite	8:30 a.m. A
Jan. 21	Lakers / Valley Lutheran	6:00 p.m. A
Jan. 24	Imlay City	8:30 a.m. A
Jan. 28	Marlette / Nouvel	6:00 p.m. H
Feb. 4	Sandusky / Mayville	6:00 p.m. A
Feb. 7	Standish Sterling Invite	TBA
Feb. 14	League Invite (Sandusky)	TBA
Feb. 19	Districts	TBA

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BASKETBALL
January 27
Cass City vs. Mayville

GYMNASTICS
February 17
Cass City vs. Vassar/
Cadillac

VOLLEYBALL
January 22
Cass City vs. Valley Lutheran

WRESTLING
January 28
Cass City vs. Marlette/
Nouvel

Cass City Red Hawks 2003-2004 Volleyball		
Dec. 13	Laker Invite (F/JV)	9:00 a.m. A
Dec. 15	Caro	6:00 p.m. A
Dec. 19	Caro Invite (JV)	4:15 p.m. A
Dec. 20	Caro Invite (V)	8:30 a.m. A
Dec. 27	Alma Invite	8:30 a.m. A
Jan. 9	Bad Axe Invite (F/JV)	3:30 p.m. A
Jan. 10	Bad Axe Invite (V)	8:30 a.m. A
Jan. 12	Sandusky	6:00 p.m. H
Jan. 15	BCAS	6:00 p.m. A
Jan. 17	Cass City Invite	10:00 a.m. H
Jan. 17	Lakers Invite (JV)	9:00 a.m. A
Jan. 22	Valley Lutheran	6:00 p.m. H
Jan. 23	Millington (F)	6:00 p.m. A
Jan. 24	Birch Run Invite (JV)	8:00 a.m. A
Jan. 29	Lakers	5:30 p.m. A
Jan. 31	Northwood Invite (V)	8:30 a.m. A
Feb. 5	USA	6:00 p.m. H
Feb. 7	USA Invite (V)	8:30 a.m. A
Feb. 12	Reese	6:00 p.m. H
Feb. 14	Laker Invite (V)	9:00 a.m. A
Feb. 14	Northwood Invite (JV)	8:30 a.m. A
Feb. 14	USA Invite (F)	9:00 a.m. A
Feb. 19	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m. A
Feb. 21	League Invite (F)	TBA
Feb. 21	League Invite (JV)	TBA
Feb. 26	Ugly	6:00 p.m. A
Feb. 28	League Tourney	TBA
Mar. 1	Yale	6:00 p.m. A

Cass City Red Hawks 2003-2004 Gymnastics		
Dec. 16	Vassar	6:00 p.m. A
Jan. 3	Traverse City	11:00 a.m. A
Jan. 13	Midland / Hartland	6:00 p.m. H
Jan. 24	Vassar Invite	12:00 p.m. A
Jan. 31	Troy Athens Invite	11:00 a.m. A
Feb. 11	Midland / Freeland	6:00 p.m. A
Feb. 17	Vassar / Cadillac	6:00 p.m. H

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Still time to make 'Stars' nominations

There's still time to submit nominations for the second annual "Tuscola Stars" awards program, slated for Thursday, April 8, at 7 a.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro.

Nomination forms, available by contacting Don Hahn at (989) 673-8223 or Susan Andrus at (989) 659-2805, must be submitted by Jan. 31 to: Tuscola County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 534, Caro, MI 48723.

The "Celebrating Tuscola's Stars Committee" was established in 2003 by the Tuscola County Community Foundation, the Tuscola County Human Services Coordinating Council and Tuscola 2011.

The committee is seeking nominations of individuals, groups or businesses whose efforts have made a difference in the community.

The awards are open to any individual, group or business that has donated time and effort to provide a humanitarian benefit to residents of Tuscola County during the past year. The effort must be voluntary and not involve personal or monetary gain. However, minimal out-of-pocket reimbursement, such as mileage, would not disqualify an honoree, and stipends are not counted.

The award categories are:

- *Individual - includes individuals, couples and families whose volunteer efforts deserve public recognition. This includes activities such as village councils, school boards, hospital boards and auxiliaries, church work, etc.
 - *Group - includes service clubs, churches, student groups, charities and other groups of unrelated persons whose volunteer efforts are worthy of praise.
 - *Business - includes for-profit businesses, non-profit organizations and public agencies whose volunteer efforts are changing lives for the better.
 - *Above and Beyond - a special category to recognize someone in a paid or volunteer position whose efforts exemplify the spirit of giving.
- Representatives of the sponsoring groups, Tuscola County Community Foundation, the Tuscola County Human Services Coordinating Council and Tuscola 2011, will serve as the selection committee along with representatives from all area school districts.
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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 February 19, 2004.

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

The North Half of Parcel "A": Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast Quarter of Section 15, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, Watertown Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the East Quarter corner of said Section 15; thence along the East line of said Section 15, South 02 Degrees 00 Minutes 54 Seconds East, 424.00 Feet; thence South 87 Degrees 46 Minutes 03 Seconds East, 1318.50 Feet to the West line of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section; thence along said line North 02 Degrees 04 Minutes 28 Seconds West, 424.00 Feet to the East-West Quarter line of said Section; thence along said East-West Quarter line North 87 Degrees 46 Minutes 03 Seconds East, 1318.50 Feet to the East Quarter corner of said Section 15 and the point of beginning, and subject to the use of the Easterly 33 Feet thereof as Edward Road, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: January 21, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #00N464F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard F. Hendrick, a single man (original mortgagor), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 15, 2002 and recorded on March 21, 2002 in Liber 871 on Page 31 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Two and 25/100 Dollars (\$105,352.25), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on February 12, 2004.

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

Commencing at a point on the North Section line that is 971.1 feet West of the Northeast corner of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East; thence South on the Section line 77.27 feet; thence South at right angles to said Section line 237.34 feet to the Southwesterly line of Lot 10, Block 3 of Oakwood Addition to the Village of Caro, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 14B; thence Southeasterly along the Southwesterly line of said Lot 56.85 feet to the Southwesterly corner of said Lot; thence Northeasterly along the Southeasterly line of said Lot 45.37 feet to the Northeasterly corner of said Lot; thence Southeasterly as an extension of the Northeasterly line of said Lot 6.63 feet; thence North 250.24 feet to the place of beginning. Right of Way for Gifford Road over the Northerly side thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: January 14, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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1-14-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rose Clouse, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank FSB, mortgagee, dated August 5, 2003 and recorded August 12, 2003 in Liber 948, Page 587, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Five and 63/100 Dollars (\$112,495.63) including interest at the rate of 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 29, 2004.

The premises are located in the Township of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of fractional Section 30, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, Kingston Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 30; thence along the South line of said Section 30, North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 957.18 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 348.44 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 137.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 104.07 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 88.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 452.51 feet to said South line of Section 30; thence along said South line of Section 30, South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 225.00 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: December 31, 2003

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Mortgagee
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Anthony Delduca and Kimberly K. Delduca, husband and wife, to Saxon Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 16, 2001 and recorded March 2, 2001 in Liber 822, Page 1226, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas f/k/a Banker's Trust Company, as Trustee and Custodian by assignment dated February 16, 2001 and recorded on September 17, 2001 in Liber 842, Page 1259, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Seventy Thousand Six Hundred Four and 41/100 Dollars (\$70,604.41) including interest at the rate of 9.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 12, 2004.

The premises are located in the Township of Arbelia, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

A parcel of land described as beginning as a point which is North 89 degrees 16 minutes East, 1101.9 feet from the Southwestern corner of Section 31, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbelia Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence North 0 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds West, 250.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 16 minutes East 100.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds East, 250.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 16 minutes West, 100.00 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: January 14, 2004

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys For Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas f/k/a Banker's Trust Company, as Trustee and Custodian, As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Hugh J. Cain, and Monica Marshall, a single man and a single woman (original mortgagors), to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated January 31, 2000 and recorded on February 2, 2000 in Liber 793 on Page 922, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated September 1, 2000 recorded on December 28, 2000 in Liber 818 on Page 433, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand One Hundred Six and 48/100 Dollars (\$70,106.48), including interest at 4.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 29, 2004.

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

Parcel 1: Lot 29 of Cat Lake Hills Subdivision according to the plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plat, Page 18.

Parcel 2: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, described as: Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 29 of Cat Lake Hills Subdivision, which is North 01 degrees, 06 minutes, 00 seconds East 873.43 feet along the West line of Section 7 and along the South line of said Cat Lake Hills Subdivision, North 86 degrees, 17 minutes, 30 seconds East 183.62 feet (platted as North 78 degrees, 54 minutes, 00 seconds East 183.09 feet) and along the South line of said subdivision North 78 degrees, 54 minutes, 00 seconds East 115.45 feet (platted as North 79 degrees, 08 minutes, East 115.28 feet) and along the South line of said Subdivision, North 82 degrees, 22 minutes, 30 seconds East platted as North 82 degrees, 39 minutes, East 300.00 feet from the Southwest corner of Section 7; thence continuing along the South line of said plat North 82 degrees, 22 minutes, 30 seconds East 100.00 feet to the Southeast corner of said Lot 29; thence East right angles South 07 degrees, 37 minutes, 30 seconds East 70.70 feet; thence South 82 degrees, 22 minutes, 30 seconds West 100.00 feet; thence North 07 degrees, 37 minutes, 30 seconds West 70.00 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 29 and the point of beginning.

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

Dated: December 31, 2003

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #003149F02

12-31-4

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Bruce Day and Becky Day, husband and wife, Mortgagee, to Source One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated the 28th day of May, 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 7th day of June, 1999 in Liber 773 of Tuscola County Records, Page 858, said Mortgage having been assigned to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., its successors and assigns, as nominee for Household Finance Corporation, its successors and assigns, said Assignment having been recorded on the 14th day of December, 1999 in Liber 790 on Page 782, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Seventy Two Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety and 78/100 (\$72,919.78), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of February, 2004 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 10.700000% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Village of Caro, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the East and West 1/4 line of said Sec-

tion 3, which is North 88°38'15" West, 1145.65 feet from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 3; thence continuing along said East and West 1/4 line, North 88°38'15" West, 63.00 feet to a point, which is South 88°38'15" East, 113.52 feet from the Northwest corner of said Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 3; thence at right angles to said East and West 1/4 line, South 01°31'45" West, 165.00 feet; thence North 88°38'15" East, 63.00 feet; thence North 01°21'45" West, 165.00 feet to the said East and West 1/4 line and the Place of Beginning.

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

Dated: 12/31/03

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Jonathan L. Engman (P56364)
Attorney for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470
Troy, MI 48064
248-362-2600

12-31-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott E. Sholes, single man (original mortgagors), to Community Mortgage Services, Inc. DBA, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 20, 1999 and recorded on May 20, 1999 in Liber 772 on Page 47, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fidelity Bank, a federally chartered savings bank as assignee by an assignment dated August 2, 2000 recorded on September 8, 2000 in Liber 810 on Page 411, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Eight and 27/100 Dollars (\$75,788.27), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on February 5, 2004.

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 22, Town 12 North, Range 11 East; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 55 seconds West, 928.22 feet along the North Section line to the point of beginning; running thence South 01 degrees 24 minutes 53 seconds East, 270.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 55 seconds West, 90.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 24 minutes 53 minutes West, 270.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 55 seconds East, 90.00 feet along the North Section line to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: January 7, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC F (248) 593-1313
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Attorneys For Fidelity Bank, a federally chartered savings bank
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
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File #008096F01

1-7-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian Asselm, a single man (original mortgagors), to National City Mortgage Services Co, Mortgagee, dated December 7, 2000 and recorded on January 30, 2001 in Liber 820 on Page 773 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-One and 29/100 Dollars (\$139,691.29), including interest at 7.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on February 12, 2004.

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

Lots 7 and 8, Block 6 of Village of Caro, formerly the Village of Centerville, according to the plat thereof recorded in 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: January 14, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys For National City Mortgage Services Co.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #010214F01

1-14-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Henry Gouine and Sonia Gouine, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Honor State Bank, Mortgagee, dated February 6, 2001 and recorded on March 27, 2001 in Liber 826 on Page 494, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Mercantile National Bank of Indiana as assignee by an assignment dated March 21, 2001 recorded on November 16, 2001 in Liber 848 on Page 1073, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Eight and 72/100 Dollars (\$78,408.72), including interest at 8.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on February 12, 2004.

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

Lot 7 of Cooper Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 25 of Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: January 14, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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1-14-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas Palasty and Marcy Palasty, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 23, 2000 and recorded on July 3, 2000 in Liber 805 on Page 002, and assigned by said Mortgagee to CitiMortgage Inc. as assignee by an assignment dated June 23, 2000 recorded on July 3, 2000 in Liber 805 on Page 009 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Forty-Eight and 76/100 Dollars (\$124,048.76), including interest at 9.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on February 19, 2004.

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

Commencing at a point 18 rods West and 14 rods North of the Southeast corner of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East; thence West 160.38 feet; thence North 8 rods; thence East 160.38 feet; thence South 8 rods to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: January 21, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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File #009597F01

1-21-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Thomas H. Boodway and Marina A. Boodway, husband and wife, to Resource One Mortgage, a Pennsylvania Corporation Mortgagee, dated November 27, 1999 and recorded December 10, 1999 in Liber 790 Page 477, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, said mortgage was assigned to Bank One, National Association, as trustee, by assignment dated November 27, 1999 and recorded December 21, 2000 in Liber 817, Page 1247, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and Ninety-Four Cents (\$68,548.94), including interest 11.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00AM, on Thursday, February 12, 2004.

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

Lot 18 of Hillcrest Subdivision, Township of Fairgrove, Village of Fairgrove, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 3 of Plats) 27-28, Tuscola County Records, Commonly known as 5187 Park Drive, Fairgrove MI 48733.

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Agencies that operate emergency food and shelter programs in Tuscola County will share in more than \$45,000 in federal funding.

Human Development Commission (HDC) officials announced the county has been chosen to receive \$47,167 to supplement area food pantries and shelters. The selection was made by a national board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and consists of representatives of the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., and the United Way of America.

A local board was charged with distributing the funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

The local board is made up of community agencies, including HDC, Church of the Sacred Heart, Gagetown Church of the Nazarene, Bethel Chapel Assembly of God, Jewish Faith, Saginaw Inter-Tribunal Association, American Red Cross, United Way of Tuscola County and Continuum of Care - Thumb Area.

The local board will determine how the federal funds awarded to the county will be distributed among emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies.

Under the terms of the federal grant, local agencies chosen to receive funds must be private, voluntary and non-profit or units of government; have an accounting system; practice non-discrimination; have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs; and, if they are private, voluntary organizations, they must have a voluntary board.

Qualifying agencies are urged to apply by contacting Sean Smith, local board contact person, at HDC at 1-800-843-6394.

Tuscola County has previously distributed emergency food and shelter funds to a host of organizations, including the Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, St. Agatha Food Pantry, Tuscola Place for Peace, Tuscola County Homeless Coalition, and Share Shop participating. These agencies were responsible for providing 16,681 meals and 36 nights of lodging.

HDC is one of 1,000 Com-

munity Action Agency members of the National Community Action Partnership.

Dedicated to "Helping People and Changing Lives," the agency offers more than

50 programs and services for individuals and communities, helping them to secure the resources necessary for self-sufficiency and an improved quality of life.

Cass City teen has big goals

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"I had a call-back the first day I got there for acting. On Wednesday I had a call-back for T.J. Stine. He's a huge producer and I had to do my commercial for him, too," she said. "At the end of the week, I had 2 more call-backs."

Even one call-back is good news, according to Biebel, who said the opportunity means performing in a room full of agents who might not otherwise have seen a particular actor during the week.

Although she enjoyed the experience, Biebel said the days were long, starting at 6 a.m. and ending around 11:30 p.m.

"One of the things it taught you was how to get ready really fast because you could have competitions 10 minutes apart," she noted.

When it was all said and done, Biebel's efforts were rewarded with a medal for finishing eighth among nearly 400 performers in the sitcom category. She also returned knowing it's possible she might have impressed an agent or producer.

At the same time, she understands the harsh realities involved in trying to make a living as an actor.

"It is very difficult because you have to put so much money into it to start off, and there are so many disappointments," she said. "They (producers) don't care about your feelings. All they're looking for is what they're looking

for.

"You have to go through a lot of rejections before you get that one 'yes', but it would be worth it, getting that one 'yes'."

Biebel confided there were times when she questioned her decision to pursue acting.

"In the beginning, I did. I didn't know if it was going to be worth all the work, but when you get call-backs and somebody tells you you did a good job, it's worth it."

And, she added, there's nothing like performing, which is why she plans to continue pursuing her dream.

"I'm not going to give up. I love to be in front of a crowd."



Digging out!

MORGAN ERLA, 9, AND Mason Erla, 6, were busy shoveling the sidewalk in front of the Seeger Street home of their babysitter, Barb McComb, following last week's snowstorm, which dumped 10.5 inches of snow in Cass City. The storm brought this year's snowfall total to 27.4 inches. According to figures recorded at the Cass City Wastewater Treatment Plant, the storm didn't set any records - the area received 11 inches of snow Dec. 11, 2000, and that December's total snowfall reached nearly 40 inches.

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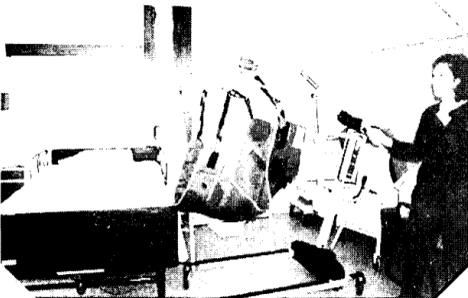
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