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BOY SCOUT ERIC Hanby talks with (from left) Dick Witkovsky, Sue Sattelberg and Elaine Witkovsky prior to presenting his Eagle Scout project, which focused on organ donor awareness. Sattelberg and Witkovsky, both Caro residents, were both saved by liver transplants. (Story, page 4)

Evergreen cooperative

Nichols: voluntary QDM yielding results in Sanilac

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The battle over mandatory antler point restrictions in the Thumb a couple of years ago may have left some deer hunters thinking there is little common ground between the United Sportsmen's Alliance (USA) and the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA). Not so, according to area resident Phil Nichols. Nichols is a member of QDMA, but he also attended the annual USA banquet Saturday night in Ubyly. Nichols says it's unfortunate the battle over mandatory point restrictions overshadowed the real benefits of quality deer management. He should know. Nichols is a founding member of the Evergreen Deer Management Cooperative in Sanilac County, where a number of

landowners have organized a voluntary quality deer management program covering thousands of acres. Nichols, who will talk about the program's success during the fourth annual Thumb Area Branch of QDM banquet in February (see related story), said the voluntary effort is yielding some nice bucks and has resulted in improved habitat and a healthier ratio of does to bucks. "It really started, probably, I'm going to say in 1995. That's when (Frankenmuth dentist) Frank Piesko approached me. He has about 320 acres and he talked to me about letting the smaller (bucks) go," Nichols recalled. "The next year, he made a mistake and shot one of the ones we thought we were going to let go, and everything went back to the way it was. "Then, he approached me

at the end of the 1997 season," added Nichols, who said they contacted a conserving officer in northern Michigan who has enjoyed success with managing land, and he agreed to talk to a group of local landowners about quality deer management. The 2-hour presentation included a display of several shed antlers from a captive deer, starting as a young buck and including racks as the deer aged. "It now started to make some sense in that he talked about the importance of taking the does. He talked about the importance of letting the smaller bucks go," Nichols said. "It's amazing, the transformation they (bucks) go through each subsequent year." Nichols and the other landowners then went to work, devising a plan in which hunters/landowners were

asked to take bucks with at least 8 points and a minimum 15-inch spread. They also agreed not to shoot button bucks, and to work towards a doe-to-buck population of 2 to one. "Our initial goal was 3 to one, but we had no idea what it was," Nichols said, adding the group later took a field census to get an idea of how many does were in the herd. Although quality deer management is designed to yield bigger bucks, the cooperative's success was slow in coming. "We started the program the season of 1998. The first season is definitely the toughest because you've shot off 90 percent of the year-and-a-half-old bucks" the previous season, Nichols explained. "But we got

NEW MARKING SYSTEM?

Because Sue Frederiksen, guidance director, was not able to attend the meeting, a discussion about changing the marking system at the school was postponed until the next meeting. A paper that Frederiksen has prepared was presented by Jon Good, high school principal, to each board member. According to Good, the proposal points out that a system of marking that may raise scores will allow students to possibly receive scholarship money that would not be available under the current system. Since students could earn points beyond a 4-point it would certainly reduce the number of valedictorians at the school. Frederiksen is expected to attend the next board meeting. Another curriculum presentation by Chad Daniels, debate-forensics advisor, was also postponed.

Students face stiff hike in driver's ed fee

Students that want to take driver education this year will be facing a sharp increase in costs that will up the fee into the \$300 range, the Cass City School Board decided at its regular meeting Monday at the school. The increase is the result of the cash crunch in Michigan that has resulted in the elimination of support for the program at the state level. The board voted to charge enough to make the program self-sustaining. Much of the rest of the short session was devoted to discussion. One that has faced the board for several months was a use for the empty Deford School Building. At the December meeting a request was made by members of the Deford Country Church to lease the building. That fell through, Supt. Ken Micklash told the board and read a letter received from the church. Micklash then said that perhaps the school could be used for alternative education. He said that he has compiled information about alternative education schools. A committee of Teresa Rabideau, Beverley Auten and Jim Turner will examine the information and will report to the board at a future meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Four bids for a new bus were received and the low bidder was Hockstra Company. The bid was for \$55,336 for a Thomas body and Freightliner chassis. A Freightliner chassis is not in use at the school now. A trade-in offer of \$1,750 for a 1991 bus, 13 years old, was received. The board has the option of taking or refusing the trade-in. The board will send a letter of appreciation to Elaine Crane and the First Presbyterian Church, Cass City, for

the donation of clothing, shoes and boots for Campbell Elementary students. The student council and Supt. Micklash presented balloons and certificates to each board member as part of school board recognition month. Micklash said that the board has provided stable leadership and acted in accord. It's reflected in the operation of the school, he asserted. It all starts at the top. Nina Davis, Cass City, was selected to represent Cass City Schools as a person who

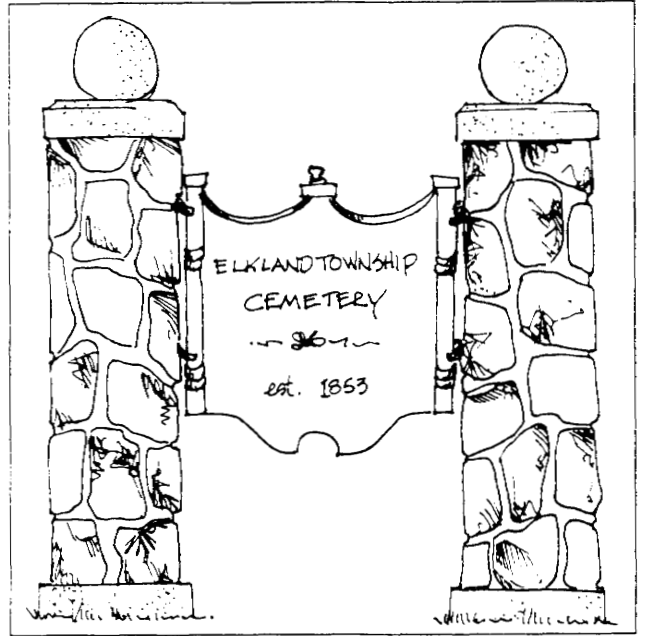
has made special contributions to children. She will be honored at the Thumb Meet of Champions. Previously the board had voted to grant high school diplomas to students who left school to enter World War II (No takers, yet). Monday the board voted to grant the same privilege to students who entered the Korean War. Michelle Biddinger, Jim Turner and Randy Severance were appointed to a committee to study wages for the school's non-union personnel.

M-53 closed for hours Multi-vehicle crash fatal

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies are continuing their investigation into a fatal traffic crash involving several vehicles Monday morning on M-53 in Marlette Township. The accident, which closed the highway for several hours, occurred between Cooper and Walker roads at about 7 a.m. According to early reports, a car driven by Rachel Sutphin, 31, of Marlette, was northbound on M-53 when the vehicle and a semi truck hauling a propane tanker, driven by Henry Ciesielski, 52, of Cass City, collided in zero visibility conditions. The Sutphin car was spun around and was immediately struck broadside by a northbound semi truck pulling a cargo trailer, killing her instantly, said deputies, who identified the semi driver as Terrill D. Henry, 49, Detroit. The northbound semi struck the southbound Ciesielski semi, and another southbound semi pulling another propane tanker. That driver was identified as Michael J. Alexander, 29, of Caro. Deputies said the chain reaction collision was so dramatic that the diesel engine of the Henry semi was knocked out of the vehicle and landed in the middle of the highway. Both semis ended up in a ditch on the west side of the road. The Henry semi came to rest broadside in the road, completely blocking traffic. Two other northbound drivers observed the truck blocking the roadway, but were unable to avoid contact and collided with the truck, according to deputies, who said the semi drivers sought their own treatment for minor injuries.

Rachel Sutphin was believed to be on her way to her first day of work as a nurse at Covenant Cooper Hospital in Saginaw. traffic was restored at about 3:30 p.m., he noted. Deputies are asking that anyone who witnessed the accident contact the sheriff's

The victim, Rachel Sutphin, 31, was believed to be on her way to her first day of work as a nurse at Covenant Cooper Hospital in Saginaw.



THIS IS AN artist's rendering of the 6-foot fieldstone pillars that will support the Elkland Township Cemetery sign, although organizers have selected a different design for the sign itself.

Thumb cops help lower the boom on drivers

There were no breaks for motorists breaking the law in December as Michigan law enforcement officers arrested a combined 2,712 drivers for alcohol related offenses dur-

ing the "You Drink and Drive, You Lose" crackdown. The results, which include figures reported by several Thumb police agencies, revealed an increase from

July's crackdown, when 2,583 motorists were arrested for alcohol related offenses. The December campaign - Dec. 19 through Jan. 4 - was the first one under

Michigan's new, tougher drunken driving law that took effect Sept. 30. The new law lowered the limit at which a motorist is considered a drunken driver to .08

blood alcohol content (BAC). "Despite the celebratory nature of the holidays, drunk drivers did not get any breaks," said Michael L. Prince, Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) division director. "There was strict enforcement of the state's drunk driving laws by law enforcement officers across the state."

More than 500 agencies participated in the statewide crackdown, and according to the 311 agencies reporting statistics to OHSP, a total of 51,467 vehicles were stopped during the mobilization. In addition to alcohol arrests, police arrested 697 individuals for felony charges and 4,241 for misdemeanor offenses. They also wrote 11,438 speeding citations and issued 2,274 safety belt citations for motorists over the age of 15, and 146 child restraint citations.

Group seeking cash, stone for new cemetery sign

A small group of Cass City citizens has launched a fundraising campaign in hopes of raising the \$2,700 still needed to complete construction of a sign at the Elkland Township Cemetery. Two 6-foot fieldstone pillars will support the sign, which will be placed at the south side of the cemetery, adjacent to the road leading to the chapel. Elkland Township officials last year approved plans to purchase the sign, but decided that taxpayers should not be saddled with the added expense of the pillars. The group is working with Elkland Township Supervisor Dan Erla, Clerk Norma Wallace and cemetery Sexton Don Erla, as well as Gagetown artisans Brian and Renee Mallory, who will be constructing the pillars using fieldstone from this area. The total cost for the pillars and electrical service to light the sign is \$5,400, according to VanAuken, who noted that the Pinney Foundation has agreed to pay half, providing the citizens group can raise the rest. Tax-deductible donations should be made out to Elkland Township, with a memo stating the money is for the "cemetery sign", and mailed to Norma Wallace. Please turn to back page.

You Drink and Drive, You Lose campaign							
	Vehicles stopped	Drunken driving	Other alcohol	Speeding	Other misdemeanors	Other felonies	Total citations and arrests
MSP Caro	118	3	2	17	7	1	58
Tuscola County Sheriff's Dept.	331	5	8	46	11	0	143
MSP Bad Axe	104	1	0	22	0	0	50
Ubyly P.D.	21	0	0	4	4	1	17
Huron County Sheriff's Dept.	203	4	4	21	8	0	56
MSP Sandusky	198	3	2	19	8	0	111

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
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Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gracey attended the funeral of Mrs. Leonard (Betty) Beulla at the Marsh Funeral Home, Sandusky, Saturday, Jan. 17.

Leone Doerr of Argyle and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hurford of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Depcinski, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mazure and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski went to the Bad Axe airport Sunday to see Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Depcinski take off for Mayo Clinic in Minnesota.

Doris Western and Mr. and

68 donate blood in Cass City

Sixty-eight donated blood during a recent blood drive sponsored by the Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary and the Cass City VFW.

First time donors were Delores Rabideau, Amanda Edwards and Allison Ellis; two-gallon donor was Joann Martindale; 5-gallon donors were Jim Kranz, Larry Wood and Ronald Voss; 6-gallon donors were Gary Barnes and Nancy Shrock; and 7-gallon donor was Gary Gliniecki.

The next blood drive is scheduled for April 13.

McGrath compliments Parrish



Meg's Peg

Michigan history

by Melva E. Guinther



Roger Parrish of Cass City has received a video tape entitled "Mission on the Mountain", which features the late Mother Teresa on her visit to the Sisters of Charity Mission in Jenkins, Ky.

The film was directed and produced by Ned McGrath, director of communications of the Archdiocese of Detroit, and a staff writer for The Detroit Free Press. Recently, at the time of Mother Teresa's beautification in preparation for her sainthood, McGrath's article and pictures of him with Mother Teresa were featured in The Free Press.

At this time, Parrish sent him a letter of compliment, expressing an interest in his article and personal experience of meeting and filming Mother Teresa and her visit to Kentucky. Included in his letter to McGrath was a copy of the lyrics of Parrish's original song, "A Tribute to Mother Teresa", composed at the time of her death. In response, McGrath sent him a complimentary copy of this unique and special video, with a personal note of acknowledgment.

Winters like this make it more of an effort to promote our great state - glorious, snow-covered, frozen-up Michigan. I write this huddled in front of the computer in a heavy sweatshirt, wearing 2 pairs of socks and wondering if I could type with gloves on.

My e-mail buddy enjoys reporting the temperature at his home in Georgia, especially when it's 10 below up here.

I have to believe, though, that a part of him still misses his native state, cold though it may be. Otherwise, why would he send this Michigan Quiz?


It might help if you paid attention in Dave Ackerman's Michigan History class.

1. At what Detroit intersection was the world's first traffic light installed in 1915?
2. During the lumber boom era, what name was given to the row of saloons that lined Water St. in Bay City?
3. What U.P. city processed 100,000 sq. ft. of bird's eye maple in 1936 for use on the Queen Mary luxury liner?
4. What town was selected as capital when the territory of Michigan was created Jan. 11, 1805?
5. Bloomfield Hills was first known by what name?
6. Where is the world's only marble lighthouse?
7. Approximately how many

Two Cass City residents have been named to the first semester dean's list at Hope College, Holland, Mich.

They are seniors Melissa A. Homakie and Grant Gould, who both earned minimum 3.5 grade point averages.

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Tractor safety class set

The 4-H Tractor Safety course will be offered in 2004 with the first class being Jan. 28. There will be a small cost of \$5.

For those who will turn 14 or older before Dec. 31, the Tractor Safety course will meet all of the requirements for "certification" needed for agricultural employment off the family farm to operate a tractor. Youth under 16 may not operate a tractor or most farm equipment for anyone other than their parents. The Tractor Safety class will meet for 14 hours - 2 hours/week for 7 weeks.

Please call the Michigan State University Extension office and ask for Linda to register youth at (989) 269-9949.

Camburn on duty in Egypt

Army National Guard Spec. Terrance S. Camburn has deployed on temporary duty assignment to Sinai, Egypt, to serve as a member of the Multinational Peacekeeping Forces and Observers.

The Multinational Forces and Observers (MFO) of the U.S. military contingency consists of infantry and logistics battalions. The service members operate checkpoints, observation posts, conduct reconnaissance patrols, and perform other aerial and ground-based monitoring functions to ensure and enforce peace treaty agreements.

The MFO, formed in 1982, is a multinational peace-keeping force composed of military and civilian contingencies from the United States and several other countries.

Camburn is an infantryman/saw gunner with 8 years of military service. He is the son of Robert and Linda Camburn of Snover.

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, January 28
Thumb Retired Officers of Police Service (TROOPS) meets at Franklin Inn, Bad Axe at 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 29
American Red Cross Blood Drive, noon to 5:45 p.m., St. Elizabeth Catholic Church Parish Hall, 6785 W. Marlette St., Marlette. For information, call the Community Relations Department at (989) 635-4012. Sponsored by Marlette Hospital Auxiliary.

Friday, January 30
Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Sunday, February 1
Super Bowl Extravaganza, starts at 4 p.m., Shabbona United Methodist Church. The Men's Group will provide free pizza, pop, sloppy Joes and prizes. Alternative activities are also planned in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited, admission is free.

Monday, February 2
Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 3
Fifteenth Annual United Hospice Service Pancake Supper, 4-8 p.m., Harrington Inn, Brown City. \$6 all you can eat pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee, tea or milk. Children under 5 eat for free. Sponsored by the Brown City Rotary Club. Proceeds directed towards the Hospice Residence.

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JAN. 30

Friday - Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, whole baby carrots, dinner roll, pudding.

FEB. 2-3

Monday - BBQ chicken breast, corn, tossed salad, stuffing, fruit.


Tuesday - Salmon patty with white sauce, asparagus, carrot raisin salad, parsley egg noodles, fruit.

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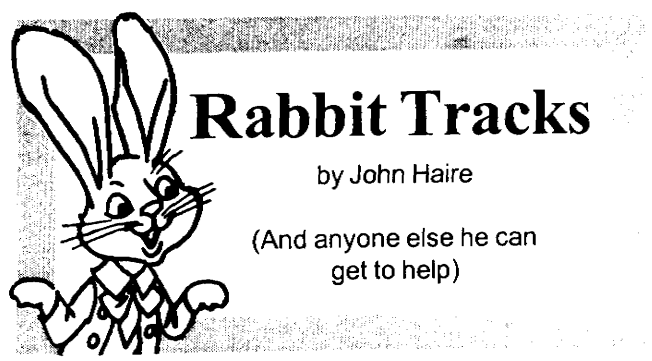
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Regular readers of this trivia will recall that any mention of the severe snowstorms experienced in the last half century are not easily available via the internet.

Barb Hutchinson read the item and then tried to get details on her computer, but was unsuccessful. Hutchinson was the person in charge of switching Chronicle newspaper files onto the computer and when she found no mention of the storms after she finished a computer search, it's an odds on favorite that they are not noted.

I suppose that if we went year-by-year, page-by-page in the files of the Chronicle, or of a major Michigan daily, the storms would be mentioned.

There were 2 major storms that closed down the community in addition to the one in 1947. Anyone who finds out about either on the computer, please clue us in.

Friday was one of the coldest days of the year. I was sure that the weather would hold down attendance at the basketball game between Cass City and USA.

In addition to being miserable outside, the game wasn't a marquee attraction that would decide the championship of the league.

Despite that, the USA gym was comfortably filled.

Speaking about attendance got me to thinking about the attendance at the girls' basketball games. It's increasing rapidly, but is far short of what the boys draw.

One major reason is that the girls compete with the Cass City Junior Varsity football team for fans.

It would take awhile, but if there were no competition on game nights the fan interest would increase and it wouldn't be long before both bleachers would be needed, instead of one that is used now.

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Electors who wish to vote in the General Election must be registered no later than Monday February 9, 2004. To register, visit any Secretary of State Branch Office, County Clerk's Office, Elkland Township Clerk's office or Village Clerk's Office.

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4 appear on charges

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

- Thomas C. Darby Jr., 30, Saginaw, pleaded guilty to carrying a concealed weapon Nov. 14 in Caro.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$20,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Paul D. Robinson, 28, Vassar, pleaded guilty to possession of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 50 grams) with intent to deliver July 16 in Juniata Township, and to being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$15,000. Sentencing is to be set.
- Fred L. Earls, 47, Millington, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 8 and Dec. 12 in Millington Township.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered.

License deadline nearing

Sanilac County Treasurer Kathy Dorman and Animal Control Officer Jim Matson would like to remind country residents that the deadline to purchase 2004 dog licenses is fast approaching.

If a license is not purchased by March 1, 2004, a \$20 penalty will be added to the license fee. The 2004 license deadline has been extended due to the last day of February falling on a Sunday.

License fees for 2004 remain at \$7.50 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$15 for male or female dogs. Seniors, 65 years and older, are eligible for reduced dog license rates, \$5 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$12.50 for male or female dogs.

Licenses may be purchased through the mail or over the counter at the county treasurer's office, Room 204, county courthouse, Sandusky, or the animal control department, 35 S. Stoutenburg Rd., Sandusky.

Michigan law requires that all dogs 4 months old or older be licensed by the county in which the owner resides. All dog license applications must be accompanied by a valid certificate of current rabies vaccination from a licensed veterinarian.

For an application or more information regarding dog licenses, contact the county treasurer's office at (810) 648-2127 or the animal control department at (810) 648-4831.

Sanilac man hurt in weekend crash

A Sanilac County man suffered minor injuries in a one-vehicle accident Sunday afternoon in Evergreen Township.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies reported Evaristo Munoz, 34, of Decker, was driving east on Robinson Road at about 4:30 p.m. when he lost control, spun out and struck a tree.

Deputies said Munoz sought his own treatment at Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

The Haire Net

Thoughts that occur on a snowy Wednesday afternoon as we watch the snow fall and marvel again how accurate weather forecasting has become. It's hard to believe, but according to a story in one of the metro papers there has been LESS snow this year than we experienced in a corresponding period last year.

Maybe that's because last year the snow came and went, this year it just keeps piling up.

One thing is sure. In this presidential election year, 99.9 percent of the United States population will agree that by the time November rolls around they will have had it up to here with the barrage of promotions, promises, pledges and predictions all designed to show you how great it's going to be.

Great, that is, if you adopt these great plans of the Republicans or the Democrats.

It's the start of wave the wand time, where positive spins are placed on popular programs.

Both parties promise that what they say will solve the problems of universal health care, a healthy social security program and other popular, but expensive, wanted programs.

Yeah, and then wave the wand and they are miraculously paid for. With no increase in taxes.

It's not often that a person as outspoken and opinionated as Jackie Freiburger, who the community lost last week, can survive and prosper, especially in a school setting. Perhaps opinionated is the wrong word to use. Jackie studied the issues and

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The back forty
by Roger Pond

We got a pile of snow in my area last week, and it surprised a lot of people. Most surprised were folks who haven't lived here very long, but the old timers took it all in stride. I would see people in town, and they would say, "Hey, this is like the winters we used to have!"

We're told that global warming is making snow a thing of the past. One news report states a United Nations committee of more than 2,000 scientists predicts warming temperatures will put many ski resorts out of business by the year 2080. The U.N. committee says this would impact economies of countries like Switzerland and might influence site selection for the Winter Olympics.

I was shocked and appalled, not only about the Winter Olympics having to worry about snow, but also about 2,000 scientists agreeing on anything. Then I realized I won't be skiing much in 2080, anyway, and we've got enough snow to keep everybody busy for quite awhile.

I remember the big storm we had in the Midwest when I was six years old. We had a snowdrift nearly as tall as the chicken house, and my brothers used the grain shovels to dig tunnels so we could play Eskimo.

A grouse hunting friend once told me he had some sheep in his pasture when that storm hit. He went out later and couldn't find his livestock.

Then he noticed some bumps in the snow. When he began digging he found there was a sheep under each bump!

Some folks think nasty weather helps build character, and I tend to agree with them. Our local farmers used to say, "The weather's pretty bad around here, but it keeps the riffraff out."

Sometimes I think we'd be better off if we got one big snow every winter. That way we could remember how to deal with it.

We might learn how to shovel the sidewalks, for example. I drive down the street in our little town and find kids, elderly people, and able-bodied men walking in the street — because the side-

walk is full of snow! What's the matter? Doesn't anybody own a shovel? Have we become so dependent upon machinery that we've forgotten how much can be accomplished with a shovel and a small amount of sweat?

I used to get letters from an old-timer in southern Michigan who said the farmers in his area used to shovel snow off the county roads. Folks didn't have big machinery in those days, so the men just

divvied up sections of the road and went to work. Most of them went to work, anyway. There was one guy who never did his part, and his section of road was generally full of snow. (Much like the sidewalks in town.) His neighbors took a philosophical approach to the whole thing. My correspondent says everyone just figured this fellow would get to do plenty of shoveling where he was headed - and it would probably be coal.

The Weather			
	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	10	-8	0
Wednesday	27	-6	2.2"
Thursday	11	-4	0
Friday	12	-2	.5"
Saturday	9	-16	0
Sunday	16	-17	0
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Red Hawk Talks

by Kristi Fluegge

"We are men in tights....tight tights!" I can still remember these words that the boy's quartet sang in eighth grade. However, their song is not the only thing I remember. Their green tights were a sight to behold! Academic Track is still making memories for many students currently at the middle school. It is something many students can participate in. There are eighteen written events including art w/ graphite and art w/dry color. There are also nine performance events including four relays. If you are already confused because you have no idea what Academic Track is, don't worry, many people don't.

The name, Academic Track, basically says it all. In a way, it is a sport for subjects. Eighteen out of the 26 categories you can compete in are tests on school subjects. These categories range from Arithmetic and Music History to Word-O-Clock and Spelling. I remember trying Word-O-Clock, and recall it being a lot of fun! I actually didn't do too badly, even though it was very frustrating at times. You have twenty minutes to go through and find as many words as you can in a word search. Then to make it more time consuming you have to write the number of the row & column on your answer sheet. I remember one per-

son who always did well was Tim Martin. He was good, and normally took first place! Actually this added to the fun because you not only were competing with other schools but also your own. Secretly, I always wanted to beat Tim - but just couldn't quite do it. For those students who don't necessarily enjoy athletic sports this is a perfect way to get involved.

The Performance events are another way you can participate and usually draws the crowd. The Boy's Quartet is just one of the groups I remember. There are five individual events that include Interpretive Reading, Vocal Solo, Dramatic Reading, and Instrumental Solo, with and without a keyboard. Just listing these categories brings back so many hilarious memories. The Boy's Quartet, Girl's Trio, Skits, and Instrumental groups are all relays. "Jeremiah was a Bullfrog" is a song I recall our Instrumental group played along with an awesome performance. I can also picture our Girl's Trio in seventh grade. I know many seniors who will never forget Ally Bell, Alison Emmert and Mallory Powell putting on ridiculous costumes and singing an amusing song. Everybody always had a great time and many times made new friends from other schools.

There are a few names that you should look forward to and a few that you can look back on. We have three returning students who placed in the finals last year. Trey Helwig received an honorable mention in Geography, Adam Kranz received an honorable mention in Ancient History and Kelton Roth was part of the boy's quartet that received first place at the finals. It is obvious that Academic Track has done very well at our middle school.

Former competitors I had the chance to talk with were Kaylene Ziehm, Shanna Spencer, and Jenny Sweeney. They all enjoyed watching the performances the most. Kaylene and Jenny both competed in communications and Shanna participated in Geography and Art history testing. Academic track is definitely a fond memory many students can look back upon, or may be looking forward to.

If you haven't seen a meet yet you should come to the middle school on Wednesday, March 17, for their home meet. You will definitely be entertained and surely be impressed!

See you next week in the "Red Hawk Talks".

Hanby eyes highest rank

Lifesaving decision focus of Eagle Scout project

A Cass City teen took a major step towards earning Boy Scouting's highest rank over the weekend and at the same time raised awareness of the need for donor organs.

Eric Hanby, 17, a member of Cass City Boy Scout Troop 500, presented his service project Saturday afternoon at Rawson Memorial Library. The project, one of the final steps required to earn the coveted Eagle rank, featured 2 Tuscola County organ recipients.

"I am very, very grateful to be here today. I'm grateful for each day I can be alive," Caro resident Sue Sattelberg said as she spoke about her battle with cirrhosis of the liver. She underwent a liver transplant 4 years ago.

"I'm one of those people who had to wait and wait (for a donor organ). I waited over 2 years, and I got sicker every day," recalled Sattelberg, who noted she had not abused drugs or alcohol, and yet found herself facing a certain death sentence without a donor.

Sattelberg now serves as a volunteer for Gift of Life Michigan, a full-service organ and tissue recovery organization that acts as an intermediary between donors, physicians and hospitals.

She noted the agency's theme is "Share Your Life, Share Your Decision", which encourages everyone to consider donating their organs and to discuss that decision with their families.

Organ donations are a gift, and there is no cost to the donor family, according to Sattelberg, who said donation does not interfere with funeral arrangements and does not change the appearance of the donor's body.

Most importantly, she added, organ donation is the gift that keeps on giving, often to many recipients.

For example, Sattelberg said the man who donated her liver was a total organ donor, meaning his corneas, liver, kidneys, heart and lungs were all donated.

"How many lives did that one man touch?"

Elaine Witkovsky, another Caro resident who also faced a life-threatening fight with cirrhosis, also shared her story. She successfully underwent a liver transplant 10 years ago.

Witkovsky said she was one of the lucky ones. At the beginning of this month, she noted, there were more than 1,886 people in Michigan waiting for a kidney. Another 394 people were wait-

ing for a liver transplant, 94 waiting for a lung, 86 waiting for a heart and 86 waiting for a pancreas.

And each day, she added, 13 people die from a lack of donor organs.

It's easy to become a donor, according to Sattelberg and Witkovsky, who explained donors should first sign a Michigan Donor Registry card, available at Secretary of State branch offices, or call the Gift of Life agency at 1-800-482-4881. Making sure family members are aware of that decision is also important, they said.

Although transplant surgery is an ordeal, both women agreed they are very thankful that someone else was willing to share their life by donating organs.

"While I was celebrating life, another family was planning a funeral, so it was quite an emotional experience," Sattelberg said. "I've been very lucky these past 4 years and very blessed."

"Was it worth it? It certainly was," Witkovsky said. "I've been able to share my husband's retirement. I saw my daughter graduate."

EAGLE SCOUT

For Hanby, the son of Rita and Jim Hanby, Saturday's program was a culmination of years in the Boy Scouts that started when he was in kindergarten.

Before long, his mother became involved as a leader, and his brothers, Kurt, 14, Brad, 12, and Kyle, 10, have all followed in his footsteps.

The Cass City High School senior said the variety of activities has kept him in scouting. "The different camping opportunities," he added, "and we get to earn merit badges. Some of them are very interesting, like aviation. Whatever your interests are, you can go after."

Hanby said he decided on organ donor awareness as his Eagle project at the suggestion of former Deford scout leader Lora Kulinski.

He first logged onto the Gift of Life website, then contacted the organization's public education coordinator, who told him about Witkovsky and Sattelberg. "And they said they'd be more than happy to speak," he said.

Organ donation, Hanby added, "was something that you knew was out there, but you didn't really have any more information on it. It was really educational."

As for Hanby's pursuit of the Eagle rank, his next step will be going before an Eagle

Board of Review, which will review his years in scouting as well as Eagle project.

When he formally receives the rank at his "Court of Honor" sometime in the near future, he will be joining an elite group - only 4 percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle rank. Well-known Eagle Scouts include former president Gerald R. Ford, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, former Olympian Willie Banks, H. Ross Perot, and Pulitzer Prize winning Author Harris Salsbury.

To earn the rank, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service and outdoor skills. Although many options are available to demonstrate the proficiency in these areas, a number of specific skills are required to advance through the ranks.

To advance, a scout must pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges.

Merit badges signify the master of certain skills as well as helping boys increase their skills in an area of personal interest. Of the 120 badges available, 21 must be earned to qualify for Eagle Scout. Twelve of those are required, including citizenship, first aid, communications, environmental science, personal fitness, camping and family life.

"For me, it's just really a big accomplishment because there's so much you can do with the rank," Hanby said of the Eagle. "It just says so much about you as a person."

"(Scouting) gives people an opportunity to do things, like instead of going out partying, you can go out camping. It gives you an opportunity to better yourself," he added.

"I think it's made me a better person."

Church to host party

The Shabbona United Methodist Church will be hosting a Super Bowl Extravaganza Feb. 1.

The big game will be shown on the 88-square-foot big screen with surround sound. The Men's Group will provide free pizza, pop, sloppy joes and prizes.

Alternative activities are also planned in the fellowship hall. Activities will begin at 4 p.m.

Everyone is invited and welcome. There is no admission charge.



Bulldog Beat

by Laura Enderle

The first semester of school is now behind us and the second semester will kick off with a new positive change. Mr. Gleeson has left us and even though he was only with us a short period of time, I know he made a great impression on our school and his absence will be sincerely noticed.

To fill his shoes is Bob Peterson from Caseville. Just like Mr. Gleeson, Mr. Peterson has found time for a quick interview with me early in the game.

I think Mr. Peterson is a great guy to have with us because he is very experienced in all aspects of school administration. After graduating from Central Michigan University he taught math, health and physical education at Muskegon Oak Ridge. Three years later he went on to teach and administer Millington Area Schools, and in 1998 he retired with 29 years of dedication behind him. From then on he has served as an interim principal at different schools such as Caseville, Marlette, Crosswell-Lexington and 2 years ago he was here at Owen-Gage. It seems Mr. Peterson did not hesitate to return here when asked by the board. He will be our part-time principal/superintendent until June.

Judy Winchester, our principal's secretary, expressed how it was great having Mr. Gleeson here, but at the same time she is looking forward to working with Mr. Peterson again. She said they remind her a lot of each other because they both know what they are doing.

Mr. Peterson has only been with us for about one week, but has already set some goals for Owen-Gage.

He knows we have an urgent financial problem and that there is no way to get more money. That is why he is only part-time and Josh Hahn, our athletic director,

has been newly titled the dean of students. There has been a freeze on all spending unless it is a demanding need. He stated, "I want to operate this school as effectively and efficiently as possible with the limited funds."

When I asked Mr. Peterson what he likes so much about his job, he quickly pointed straight at me. It took me a minute, but I soon realized he meant all the students in general. Like most teachers and staff employed at schools, he likes being around people. He enjoys it here at Owen-Gage because the whole community cares for and supports the school.

There is a lot of individual attention for everyone. It also comforts him to know names with faces. It is a general fact for almost everyone; people like to hear their name being called out loud. He said it is a great feeling to be able to pass someone in the hall and hear, "Hello, Mr. Peterson," and he can respond in the same way.

Mr. Peterson knows what it takes to be prosperous. He said a successful school needs supportive parents, effective and caring teachers, sound administration, leadership, a board of education with a vision, and last but not least, students that are eager to accept challenges and expand their minds. He knows he has achieved a productive outcome when he sees people receive their diplomas, and when he hears laughter in the hallways, and when people express a positive manner about themselves and toward others.

Mr. Peterson certainly has great intentions for Owen-Gage. His bright and blissful manner and positive attitude have already improved the atmosphere throughout the school. May we all work with him to achieve one common goal during his short time here.

Paving project to improve alley

A planned paving project in Cass City next summer is expected to become a beautification project of sorts for some local businesses downtown.

The Cass City Village Council Monday approved plans to hold a public hearing for a special assessment district to pay for portions of the work, which will include some landscaping and sidewalk.

Village Manager Frank Sheridan explained the village is planning to pave the alley behind Main Street, from Leach Street to Seeger Street. The project began to expand, however, during discussions with business owners in that block, he said, adding they were in favor of some additional paving leading up to their businesses, as well as putting in sidewalk and allowing some space for landscaping. Also planned is construction of a dumpster enclosure.

"The owners have expressed interest in 'piggy-backing' onto our paving contract as part of sprucing up the rear entrances of their businesses," Sheridan told the council. "We are jointly working on finalizing a plan for some improvements on the private property that abuts the alley."

Sheridan said no cost estimate is available yet, but that the business owners have a rough idea of what the expense will be, and at this point are still in favor of proceeding. More specific figures will be available next month.

The council approved holding the public hearing during their regular February meeting, which is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

In other business during the monthly meeting, the council:

- Approved purchase of a new pickup truck from Curtis Chrysler at a cost of up to \$21,900. The truck will replace an older model, which will be sold via a sealed bid auction.
- Sheridan said dealer rebates available at this time make it economical to purchase locally, as opposed to purchasing through the state, and that he would like to keep the village's business local if possible.
- Approved a policy addressing discrimination and harassment.

Sheridan explained that Cass City currently has no such policy in place, leaving the village open to possible penalties should a problem arise. The new policy states that complaints be taken to the village manager or a member of the village council, who will then report the complaint to the village's attorney.

Post office hours set to change

Cass City Post Office officials Monday announced new hours for retail (window) services effective Saturday, Jan. 31.

Monday through Friday, the retail services counter will be open between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and between 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. The Saturday hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The hours were changed to adjust to a decline in retail service transactions and mail volume at the local post office.

"A team of experts from the postal service reviewed our retail operations against service and operations targets," explained Cass City Postmaster Stacey Middleton. "They recommended that, by adjusting hours, we could increase productivity and still meet the need for retail services for the vast majority of our customers."

According to Middleton, the recent review of retail operations in Cass City was part of a standardized procedure to help post offices match the availability of retail services to their actual workload.

The postal service is reviewing all aspects of operations, including processing and distribution, delivery and administration in an effort to cut costs by \$1 billion annually over the next 5 years.

"Finding ways to improve efficiency will enable us to meet customer expectations for service while driving costs out of our system," Middleton said. "Keeping our operating costs as low as possible will allow us to maintain universal mail service at affordable rates for all Americans."

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Eagle Scout Dustin Mallory

Cass City teen honored during "Court of Honor"

An Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held recently at the Cass City United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, recognizing Dustin Mallory, a Boy Scout with Cass City Troop #594.

Scouts from Troop #594 and Caro Troop #570, as well as friends and family, were in attendance.

Jim Kranz gave the welcome, introductions and closing. The Rev. Charles Kuhl gave the opening and closing blessings. Jim Baker gave the Eagle charge. Scoutmaster Brian Mallory presented the Eagle pin and certificate.

State Rep. Tom Meyer presented the Government Resolution signed by himself, Senator Jim Barcia and Governor Jennifer Granholm. As-

sistant Scoutmasters Gordon Wills and Ken Spencer read congratulatory letters from President George Bush, Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow and Congressman Dale Kildee.

Mallory gave a speech thanking all of his past Cub and Boy Scout leaders, committee members and fellow scouts. He then added that he would like to thank someone who was directly involved in him receiving his badge. That person was Nancy Weippert, who passed away recently from a long battle with cancer. Her son, Jeremy, had received his Eagle Scout award in 2000, ending the Eagle Scout drought in Cass City that lasted more than 10 years.

Mallory chronicled his years in scouting, starting at

age 6. He talked of adventures, accomplishments and of his fondest memories. He ended with a message for current scouts and scouts of tomorrow: "Being involved in scouting is definitely something to brag about. Any of you who have camped out in nature know that when you sit around the campfire you are experiencing life in one of its truest, purest forms," he said.

Mallory is the son of Brian and Renee Mallory of Gagetown and the grandson of Walton and Fran Kuhl of Sebewaing, and Jim and Bev Mallory of Kingston.

The Eagle rank is scouting's highest award. Mallory is currently a junior assistant scoutmaster with Troop #594.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

There's a new game (player) in town, and his name is Cliff Bemus. Bemus, who is new to the Cass City area, is interested in forming a local chess club.

If there was ever a question about Cass City's growing reputation as a power in high school debate competition in 1998, chances are good there won't be any doubt in 1999. The Red Hawks finished among the top 6 schools at the first-ever state junior varsity tournament, held Friday and Saturday in Utica, and senior Becky Oesch was named the best individual speaker among all competitors in classes A, B, C and D.

The council approved a pair of ordinances that establish the posts of village clerk and treasurer as administrative offices, making both appointed rather than elected positions. Also adopted were a pair of resolutions accepting long-time Clerk-Treasurer Joyce A. Bemus' resignations from both posts, and simultaneously approving her appointment to both posts as recommended by the village manager. Bemus has served as village treasurer since 1978 and as village clerk-treasurer since 1979.

10 YEARS AGO

The Cass City School Board voted to go full speed ahead with plans for a nearly \$8 million project for a new middle school building and addition of 7 classrooms, a library and media center for Campbell Elementary School. The vote was 5 yes, one no. Trustee Danny Ulfig was not able to be present, but wrote a letter to the board saying that he favored a new building rather than renovation of the present middle school.

BRUTAL - The Thumb National Bank sign in Cass City read minus 15 degrees Wednesday morning, but a stiff breeze made it feel as

cold as minus 30 to minus 50 degrees.

Twenty-three Michigan farms, including 2 in the Cass City area, have been certified by the Michigan Historical Commission as centennial farms. Secretary of State Richard Austin recently announced. The family farms owned by Leslie Beach, Gagetown, and Josephine Marie Anthes, Cass City, are among the newly certified centennial farms.

25 YEARS AGO

A new office and warehouse complex will be constructed this spring at the Wickes Agriculture elevator in Cass City, according to Manager Robert Wischmeyer. The building project will also include a new bulk dry fertilizer storage building, installation of a 30,000-gallon storage tank for liquid fertilizer and a new drive-on platform scale 70 feet long capable of weighing up to 100 tons.

This is a building year for the Cass City High School gymnastics team, according to its new coach, Patricia Holt. "We're a small team and new and everyone is working hard to build it together." Because it is a young team, with some members never having participated in gymnastics before, many are practicing only one event until they get more experience. Ideally, they should be working on two or three.

Suzanne Little and Kari Witherspoon didn't win a trip to New York, but their entries in the Scholastic Arts Awards competition at Hampton Square Mall did. Their works will be judged in New York in national competition for high school students.

35 YEARS AGO

Harry Whiteley, president of Michigan Press Association, presented awards to John Haire and Larry Werner. Werner's feature story about marijuana in Cass City was

judged the best feature written by a weekly or semi-weekly in the state. It was in competition with weeklies with circulations of 40,000 and more and against the works of large editorial staffs. It was the only first place writing award won by a Thumb newspaper. In addition, the Chronicle was judged third in the state in news coverage among papers in circulation Class C.

Jerome Root Jr. was elected chief of the Elkland Township Fire Department, replacing Nelson Willy who was in charge for five years. While he was chief, the department secured a new pumper and a new truck for the water tank. Willy is also credited with establishing the stand-by system for payment of fire protection by sections and helping the department to a more sound financial position.

The council's raise of village employees brings the hourly rate from a top of \$2.63 per hour to \$2.84 per hour. In addition to the eight percent boost the council raised the two lowest paid employees an additional eight cents. The lowest village rate is now \$2.77. All department heads were raised at the same level.

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Democratic caucus marks a first for voting via Internet

Registered voters may request an Internet or vote by mail ballot by visiting the Michigan Democratic Party's website at www.mi-democrats.com or www.applytovote.com.

Application requests can also be made through the MDP's mail, fax, or e-mail. A ballot will be mailed to those who apply and are registered to vote. All vote by mail ballots must be returned to a designated location in Lansing by Feb. 7.

For the first time in a Democratic caucus, Michigan citizens will be able to vote via the Internet.

Internet voting applications will follow the same procedures as voting by mail. The vote by mail ballot will contain instructions on how to vote using the Internet. Voters may cast their ballots over the Internet any time before 4 p.m. Feb. 7. Safeguards will be in place to pre-

vent multiple voting on the Internet and vote by mail.

Voters choosing not to vote by mail or Internet can cast their ballot at a caucus site. The Feb. 7 caucuses will be open between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Ballots will be available in Spanish and Arabic as well as English. All voters must provide proof of residence and complete a ballot.

There will be nearly 600 caucus sites statewide, with at least one caucus site in every county. The Caucus sites and zones are posted at www.mi-democrats.com.

MDP Executive Chair Mark Brewer will oversee the entire voting process. "This will be the earliest, easiest to participate in and best-attended caucus in the history of the Michigan Democratic Party and will play a tremendous role in our effort to choose the best Democratic candidate to defeat President Bush in November," said Brewer.

Cass City Area Church Directory

Cass City Church of Christ

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

Cass City Church of the Nazarene

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

Cass City Missionary Church

4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2729
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:30 p.m.
Pastor: David Edwards

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

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: dcodca@band.net
website: defordcommunitychurch.org

Deford Country Church

Assemblies of God
5903 Main St., Box 224, Deford, MI 48729
989-872-5158
Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Dan Strength Sr. Pastor
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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
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Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould



First Baptist Church

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

First Presbyterian Church

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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

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
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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.
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Pastor: F. Robert Tucker

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4618 South St., Gagetown, MI 48735
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OWEN-GAGE'S Michael Pawlak heads down the lane in Tuesday's contest against visiting Peck. The Bulldog freshman scored 7 points during the hosts' 80-35 setback.

Patriots rally to defeat Hawks

Unionville-Sebewaing showed why it is considered to be the team to beat in the Greater Thumb West this year as they came from behind in the last half to defeat Cass City, 62-52, Friday.

CASS CITY - Glaza 0-2 (0-0) 6; Swanson 1-0 (1-1) 3; Schinnerer 1-0 (0-0) 2; Brinkman 3-0 (5-6) 11; Holmgren 1-0 (0-0) 2; Stoutenburg 1-2 (0-0) 8; Langenburg 2-0 (0-0) 4; Martin 1-0 (0-0) 2; Erla 6-0 (2-2) 14.
TOTALS - 16-4 (8-9) 52.

USA - Stoeckle 1-0 (1-2) 3; Strieter 1-0 (0-1) 2; Bitzer 5-0 (1-1) 11; Retzler 2-0 (0-0) 4; Koch 9-0 (7-11) 25; Alegria 2-1 (0-1) 7; Travis 4-0 (2-2) 10.
TOTALS 24-1 (11-18) 62.
Freshmen scores: (Jan. 13) Cass City 54, Marlette 46. (Jan. 16) Bad Axe 51, Cass City 33. (Jan. 23) USA 70, Cass City 51.
Junior Varsity scores: (Jan. 13) Cass City 38, Marlette 32. (Jan. 16) Cass City 41, Bad Axe 35. (Jan. 23) USA 44, Cass City 38.

After a game with Mayville Tuesday the Hawks face another top team in the GTW when Cass City hosts the Reese Rockets. The Rockets are the only team this year to defeat USA.

Behind balanced scoring the Hawks played the Patriots on even terms in the first half. Steve Koch kept the Patriots on the heels of the Hawks. He scored 11 of his 25 points in the first 2 periods and USA trailed, 23-22, at the intermission.

After a slow first quarter Cass City trailed 12-7, but made up the deficit in the second period, led by Tyler Erla who netted 5 of his team-high 14 points for the night.

Cass City's Craig Holmgren scored the first basket of the third quarter and the Hawks were in front by 3 points, but the lead didn't last long.

The Patriots went on a 16-1 spree to lead 42-28 with 2 minutes left in the quarter. In the spree, sophomore Koch netted 3 baskets and senior Ben Alegria added a pair of hoops, one a 3-pointer.

Any chance that Cass City might rally was quickly

eliminated when the winners opened the fourth quarter with 7 quick points to up the

lead to 52-35.

Paced by a pair of treys by Justin Glaza and 2 hoops by

Erla, the Hawks whittled away the lead to 10 points at the final whistle.



TYLER ERLA scores from close-in against USA. Defending is Steve Koch. Erla led Cass City with 14 points and Koch had a big night for the Patriots with 25 points.

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Reese	3	1	7	2	A-Fairgrove	3	4	4	4
EPBP	2	2	4	4	Port Hope	1	8	2	6
Valley Lutheran	2	3	5	5	Owen-Gage	0	7	0	9
Cass City	1	3	5	4					
Bad Axe	1	4	2	7					
GREATER THUMB EAST					NCTL SOUTH				
Team	W	L	W	L	Team	W	L	W	L
Brown City	5	0	8	2	Kingston	7	1	9	1
Harbor Beach	4	0	7	2	CPS	6	1	8	1
Ublly	3	2	7	2	Peck	6	2	7	3
Sandusky	1	3	3	6	Memphis	2	6	2	8
Marlette	1	3	2	7	Dryden	1	6	1	8
Deckerville	1	3	1	8					
Mayville	0	4	1	8					

Calahan paces Tigers over Owen-Gage

For Owen-Gage cagers who broke into the win column anytime soon, this Friday's snowball contest would be the perfect opportunity.

The match-up pits a pair of Northern Michigan Thumb League basement dwellers, as the hosts invade Owen-Gage and the Bulldog's celebration against. Collecting points, however, will be no cakewalk. The Cardinals will be looking into the afternoon posting its maiden victory over Port Hope on

Friday, a team that defeated the Bulldogs earlier in the season.

To be successful against the Cardinals, Coach Arnie Howard's Bulldogs will need an effort similar to the opening half performance of Friday's tilt against hosts Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

Despite suffering an 84-40 defeat, the Bulldogs played the NCTL-South co-leaders even for most of the initial half and trailed just 29-23 at the intermission.

Aaron Faist paced the Bull-

dogs in the early stages, pouring in 4 field goals en route to a team-high 12 points.

The Tigers heated up in the final half and scored 29 third quarter points to take a 58-28 advantage into the final 8 minutes. The hosts continued their offensive attack in the final frame, closing the tilt with a 26-12 scoring advantage.

Kevin Calahan led the winners with a game-high 24 points. Calahan displayed why he is considered one of the league's best big men

from the perimeter as he knocked down 3 shots from behind the 3-point arc.

The winners also received 13 tallies from Ted Falcon, while Markus Steeb and Kris Willis added 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Bulldog Levi Adams was the game's only other double-digit scorer and finished with 10 markers.

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PECK

Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, the Bulldogs entertained Peck and suffered an 80-35 setback.

The host trailed just 13-7 after one period, but were outscored 34-11 for the remainder of the opening half. Peck removed any comeback hopes by the Bulldogs when they went on a 23-10 run after the intermission.

Peck used 7 treys and a 15-3 scoring advantage from the foul line to register the easy win.

Matt Hall recorded game scoring honors for Peck with 21 points, despite sitting out much of the final period. The visitors also had Brandon Fairman with 15 points, while Brent Turner added a baker's dozen.

Faist was the lone Bulldog to reach double-digits and netted 11 points.

OWEN-GAGE - Kain 1-0 (1-4) 3; Howard 3-0 (0-0) 6; N. Rogers 1-0 (0-0) 2; Thorp 1-0 (0-0) 2; Faist 5-0 (1-2) 11; Adams 2-0 (0-0) 4; Pawlak 3-0 (1-3) 7.
TOTALS - 16-0 (3-9) 35.

PECK - Hall 6-2 (3-3) 21; Curry 1-2 (0-0) 8; Turner 1-3 (2-2) 13; Vuylsteke 3-0 (0-0) 6; Sheridan 3-0 (1-2) 7; Fairman 5-0 (5-7) 15; Wellnitz 2-0 (4-5) 8; Schell 1-0 (0-0) 2.
TOTALS - 22-7 (15-20) 80.

OWEN-GAGE - Kain 0-0 (2-2) 2; Howard 1-0 (7-9) 9; N. Rogers 0-0 (2-4) 2; Faist 6-0 (0-1) 12; Adams 3-0 (4-5) 10; Pawlak 2-0 (1-1) 5.
TOTALS - 12-0 (16-22) 40.

CPS - Fraser 3-1 (0-0) 9; Kress 0-0 (4-4) 4; Falcon 4-1 (2-3) 13; Calahan 6-3 (3-4) 24; Bopra 0-0 (2-2) 2; Bezemek 2-0 (0-0) 4; Steeb 4-0 (4-4) 12; Willis 5-0 (0-0) 10; Landrith 3-0 (0-0) 6.
TOTALS - 27-5 (15-19) 84.

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Last week's results Season's results	16-4 74-33 (69%)	16-4 85-22 (79%)	17-3 75-32 (70%)



OWEN-GAGE SNOWBALL COURT representatives are (front, l-r) Andy Dronsella, Mindy Errer, Trace Lopez, Amanda Byrd, Josh Powell, Nashia Prich. The King and Queen candidates include seniors: (back row, l-r) Randi Glaza, Zachary Sutter, Laura Enderle, Timmy Kain, Cody Howard, Meagan Mentor, Justin Rogers. Missing is Hope Hunt.

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Obituaries

Mildred Smith

Mildred "Millie" G. Smith, 88, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004 in Tendercare Nursing Facility, Cass City.

She was born June 25, 1915 in Brown City, the daughter of George and Lucie (McRae) Gleasure.

She married J.E. Smith Oct. 8, 1938 in Decker.

Smith graduated from Brown City High School. She worked at Universal Oil Seal in Pontiac for many years. She was a member of the Cass City United Methodist Church.

Smith is survived by her husband, J.E.; and a son, Robert Smith.

She was preceded in death by two brothers: Grant and Jule; and a sister, Iris.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 24, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. George Ward of Cass City United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment was in the Perry Mount Park Cemetery, Pontiac.

Memorials may be made to the Cass City United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

School supporters work to raise cash

Parents and supporters of Sanilac County Science and Math Center Accelerated High School are working diligently to raise funds to support the program. The Sanilac ISD Board of Education recently approved operation of the program in 2004-05 upon recommendation of Supt. Dr. Tony V. Parker.

At this time, it is still unclear what state revenues are to be expected for 2004-05. Parker indicated the ISD can provide a skeleton budget to cover teacher's salaries.

"There is still a pressing need to cover supplies, equipment and other expenses associated with providing the same high quality programs we have offered in the past," he said. "These hands-on, real-world connections our students engage in are the pivotal factors for many students and parents. Students have made career choices based upon the experiences provided through our programs. We want to continue these opportunities and will look to parent and community support to help."

Due to Michigan's slumping economy, the center's revenue was reduced by 75 percent this year. All Sanilac ISD staff agreed to wage/sal-

ary concessions for 2003-04, and other cutbacks were made to improve budget figures and offset the lost revenue. Fears about closure have also prompted parents to raise funds.

Parents agree that the importance of the learning that takes place at the Science and Math Center High School Accelerated Program cannot be measured in dollars and cents. The success can only be measured in terms of what is taking place to prepare Sanilac County's academically gifted students for careers in science, math and technology. Parents are also convinced that a successful future hinges upon the educational opportunities provided to these students today.

Grants have been written and tax-deductible donations are being collected and managed by a parent oversight committee. The largest event yet, a fundraising walk, is scheduled for Feb. 7 at 1 p.m. at the Sanilac ISD/Carer Center, 175 E. Aitken Rd., Peck.

Further information about the walk and other fundraising efforts underway is available by calling Joanne Hopper, director, at (810) 648-4700 (ext. 201).

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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	Ubley 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 62, CC 52		
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	Imley 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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February 17
Cass City vs. Vassar/Cadillac

VOLLEYBALL
February 5
Cass City vs. USA

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	Ubley	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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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 Steven L. Plummer and Deborah J. Plummer, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to King Financial, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 21, 1998 and recorded on February 11, 1998 in Liber 730 on Page 248, and assigned by mesne assignments to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee by an assignment dated February 10, 1998 and recorded on November 20, 1998 in Liber 756 on Page 364 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen and 35/100 Dollars (\$96,916.35), 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 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 04 Minutes 28 Seconds East, 424.00 Feet; thence South 87 Degrees 46 Minutes 03 Seconds West, 1318.05 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 #008464F01

1-21-4

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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 mortgagors), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagees, 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 Five Thousand Three 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 West 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 Northeast corner of said Lot; thence Southeasterly as an extension of the Northeast 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.

Dated: January 14, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #009559F01

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, 88.00 feet; thence South 00 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
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000

File No. 287.0170

12-31-5

ASA DEBT COLLECTOR. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Gilbert Varela, Jr., married to Amy J. Varela, his wife, of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Flagstar Bank, FSB, dated the 5th day of January, A.D. 2001 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 12th day of January, A.D. 2001 in Liber 819 of Tuscola County Records, on Page 479, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$70,346.86 (seventy thousand three hundred forty-six dollars and eighty-six cents), including interest thereon at 11.12% (eleven point one two percent) per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of February, A.D. 2004, at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Fremont, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, and described as follows to wit:

Parcel B: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 9 East, Fremont Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning in the North section line distant West 535.74 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 16; thence South 01 degree 10 minutes 42 seconds East, 290.47 feet; thence East 150.00 feet; thence North 01 degree 10 minutes 42 seconds West, 290.47 feet to said section line; thence East 150.00 feet along said section line to the Point of Beginning. Subject to the use of the North 33 feet for O'Brien Road, so-called.

Tax ID: 011-016-000-0250-03

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

Dated: January 28, 2004

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
By: Daniel E. Best (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
Welman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1820
Troy, Michigan 48064
WWR #03305716

1-28-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Terry Pinkoski and Debbie Pinkoski, husband and wife, to Advanta National Bank, Mortgagee, dated February 8, 1999 and recorded February 16, 1999 in Liber 763, Page 110, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Custodian or Trustee f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California N.A., by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Four and 56/100 Dollars (\$50,874.56), including interest at the rate of 8.55% 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 26, 2004.

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

All that certain parcel of land situated in the Village of Gagetown, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan being known and designated as Lots No. 4 & 5, Block 1, also alley lying adjacent to said Lots and Block 101 the Helen Gate Annex Subdivision recorded in Tuscola County Records, Liber 1, Page 57 of Plats.

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

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

Dated: January 28, 2004
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys For Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Custodian or Trustee f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California N.A., As Assignee

P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000

File No. 209.3526

1-28-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas Hartman and Marsha Hartman, husband and wife, to Cresleigh Financial Services, LLC, Mortgagee, dated August 27, 2002 and recorded August 4, 2003 in Liber 947, Page 288, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by JP Morgan Chase Bank as Trustee by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Nine and 41/100 Dollars (\$58,759.41), including interest at the rate of 7.56% 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 26, 2004.

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

Lot 13, Block 6 of the "Assessor's Plat of the Village of Akron, Tuscola County, Michigan," as recorded in Liber 1, Pages 78, 79 and 80, now being pages 28B, 29B and 30B of Plats, Tuscola County Records.

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

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

Dated: January 28, 2004

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys For JP Morgan Chase Bank as Trustee, As Assignee

P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000

File No. 207.1536

1-28-5

RANDALL'S MILLER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Brian Reaver, a single man, and Angela Ann Gonzales, a single woman, to Citifinancial, Inc. Mortgagee, dated February 28, 2001 and recorded on March 8, 2001 in Liber 823, Page 888, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand

Eight Hundred Twenty-Seven and 39/100 Dollars (\$76,827.39), including interest at the rate of 8.004% 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 the Village of Caro, Michigan at 10:00 AM on March 4, 2004.

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

Section B, Township 13 North, Range 10 East, Commencing 29 Rods of South 1/4 corner, thence North 10 Rods; thence East 8 Rods; thence South 10 Rods; thence West 8 Rods to point of beginning, 2799 E. Dutcher Road.

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

Dated: January 28, 2004

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Mortgage
43252 Woodward Ave., Suite 202
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
(248) 335-9200
Our File No. 116.00018

1-28-5

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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
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Fidelity Bank, a federally chartered savings bank
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #008096F01

1-7-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian Asselin, 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 8.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, 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:
FC F (248) 593-1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
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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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:
FC J (248) 593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Mercantile National Bank of Indiana
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #009883F01

1-14-4

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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 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:
FC D (248) 593-1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Citimortgage, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #009597F01

1-21-4

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Thomas H. Broadway and Marina A. Broadway, 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 1246, 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

Legal Notice

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JEFF WIRTH, a married man, and JACQUELINE WIRTH, his wife, to STANDARD FEDERAL BANK, a Federal Savings Bank, Mortgagee, dated November 13, 1998 and recorded on December 16, 1998 in Liber 758 on Page 846, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy thousand seven hundred ninety-seven and 51/100 Dollars (\$70,797.51), 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on February 26, 2004.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GILFORD, TUSCOLA County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the North half of the Southeast quarter of Section 15, Town 13 North, Range 7 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Section, which is South 806.4 feet from the East quarter corner of Section 15, thence South 210.0 feet along the East line of said Section, thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 10 seconds West, 180.0 feet; thence North 210.0 feet parallel with said East line, thence North 89 degrees 36 minutes 10 seconds East, 180.0 feet to said East line of Section and the point of beginning.

Tax ID No. 012-015-000-1100-00

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

DATED: January 28, 2004

STANDARD FEDERAL BANK

Mortgagee

ATTORNEY FOR Mortgagee

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
For information, please call:
(248) 540-7701

1-28-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel M. Blossom, a single man (original mortgagor), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 29, 2002 and recorded on May 21, 2002 in Liber 878 on Page 1344 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Eight and 69/100 Dollars (\$75,858.69), including interest at 8.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front Entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on February 26, 2004.

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

Lot 14 and the West 1/2 of the Lot 13, A.M. Rogers First Addition to the Village of Gates, (now Reese), as recorded in Liber 1 on Page 25, now 26A of Plats.

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 28, 2004

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1-28-4

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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 Dawn Runboldt, a single woman (original mortgagor), to American Financial Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated June 18, 1999 and recorded on August 11, 1999 in Liber 779 on Page 450, and assigned by mesne assignments to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated June 18, 1999 recorded on April 17, 2000 in Liber 798 on Page 1291, and re-recorded on May 14, 2001 in Liber 831 on Page 1065 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Two and 48/100 Dollars (\$68,832.48), 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on February 26, 2004.

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: Commencing at a point which is North 89 degrees 49 minutes 23 seconds East, 36 feet from the Northeast corner of Lot 1, Block 1 of the Plat of the Village of Mayville, thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 23 seconds East, 94.88 feet; thence South 00 degrees 13 minutes 43 seconds West, 148.5 feet; thence South 89 degrees 49 minutes 23 seconds West, 94.9 feet; thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 15 seconds East, 148.5 feet to the point of beginning, 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 28, 2004

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1-28-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Anthony Deluca and Kimberly K. Deluca, 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/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 1299, 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 Arbel, 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 Southwest corner of Section 31, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbel 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/a Banker's Trust Company, as Trustee and Custodian, As Assignee

P.O. Box 5041
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File No. 244.0548

1-14-5

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE INACTIVE 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 Nineteen 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 10.70000% 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 13 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 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, PC
Jonathan L. Engman (P56364)
Attorney for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470
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12-31-5

Wild game dinner slated Thursday at Cass City's First Baptist Church

People who enjoy the outdoors are invited to a unique feast featuring an assortment of wild game dishes spiced with a roomful of hunting stories.

The wild game dinner, hosted by First Baptist Church will feature a variety of wild game dishes and other fun in a relaxed informal setting. The dinner will be Thursday, Jan. 29, at 6 p.m. at 6420 Houghton St.

The Rev. Larry Vincent, a veteran deer hunter, will share some of his own hunting stories and some of the things he has learned in a lifetime of hunting and ministry. Vincent and others will also display several trophy mounts of deer and other game.

"I have enjoyed hunting for more than 50 years," Vincent said. "I promote hunting as a great family activity, as a way to appreciate and enjoy God's creation, and as a great source of lessons about life and faith."

Vincent, director of Churches Unlimited, bagged his first whitetail buck in 1953 and has collected several other trophies since then, including whitetail bucks in Manitoba and his most recent trophy, an impressive mule deer buck in Montana. His display of mounts also includes a mountain lion given to him by a Montana taxidermist.

Vincent has served in the ministry for more than 30 years, working as a pastor and missionary before beginning his current ministry of enriching churches and encouraging pastors.

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Nichols: voluntary QDM works

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through that, and we found out some remarkable things along the way.”

One of those things, he said, was hunters were seeing more bucks - often following behind smaller bucks they might have shot a few years earlier. The next year, cooperative members also began to notice several bucks with broken antlers, a result of there being more older, dominant bucks fighting during the rut.

Nichols said the cooperative started with land in a 2-square-mile area, but by the 2000 season, neighbors, including some who were already practicing their own quality deer management

programs, started to ask questions about the cooperative.

The next year, members of the cooperative held a pair of informational meetings for landowners, and the cooperative area was expanded to some 8,500 acres, including 4,350 acres in an 8-square-mile area.

“It really does become a contagious thing,” Nichols said, adding the group’s low-key approach has been well received by landowners. “We’re saying, would you like to give it a try, (and) they’re willing to listen, they’re willing to give it a try, for the most part.”

Along the way, hunters have taken some bucks that didn’t meet the cooperative’s

guidelines. However, Nichols pointed out, those hunters have not been chastised.

“We know mistakes are going to happen, but we learn from those and we move on,” he said. The cooperative’s emphasis on voluntary quality deer management allows for flexibility, he noted. For example, the members have no problem with an older hunter, those who are disabled or youth taking smaller bucks.

Still, the cooperative is seeing results. In the first year, Nichols noted, hunters took 26 bucks that did not meet the cooperative’s guidelines. This year the number was reduced to 9, and hunters bagged 14 bucks that met or exceeded the guidelines.

One of the keys to the cooperative’s success has been a shift in thinking as sportsmen, according to Nichols, who explained the emphasis is management of the land.

But success also depends on research, some work in the field, cooperation and patience.

“You must have a vision and a plan. This isn’t a 3-month deal, it’s on-going,” he said.

“I think my motivation has got to be my desire to take a nice buck, but I’ve also realized that in order to do that, I’ve got to improve the habitat and get that buck-to-doe ratio under control.”

“I’m really enjoying this,” Nichols added. “I’m enthusiastic.”

Thumb QDM banquet set for Feb. 28

The Thumb Area Branch of the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) will host its fourth annual banquet Saturday, Feb. 28.

The event is scheduled to get underway at 4 p.m. at the Uby Foxhunters Club, located about 4 1/2 miles north of Uby on M-19. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

Area resident Phil Nichols, one of the founding members of the Evergreen Deer Management Cooperative in Sanilac County, is this year’s guest speaker.

“Phil will discuss the grass roots beginning of the Evergreen cooperative, along with providing insight and encouragement to individuals or groups interested in improving their hunting experiences by improving the quality of their local deer population,” said QDMA spokesman Paul Plantinga.

“Cooperative deer management areas are growing in popu-

larity as hunters and landowners realize that the lack of mandatory countywide antler restrictions will not deter them from banding together to produce their own quality deer herds - deer herds with improved buck-to-doe ratios, a greater number of mature bucks, and total populations that do not exceed the carrying capacity of their lands,” Plantinga said.

“The word is getting out. You don’t need thousands of acres and high fences to reap the benefits of a deer herd managed for quality. Landowner cooperation is the key.”

The annual QDMA banquet will include raffles and auctions featuring guns, bows, tree stands, food plot items, deer cameras and other hunting accessories. Those who purchase a ticket before Feb. 21 will be entered in an early bird drawing for a non-typical deer camera.

Ticket information is available by contacting Greg Andreski at (989) 874-5600 or Dan Guza at (989) 658-8015.

Group seeking cash and stone

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4693 Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726. Residents can also contact Wallace for more information by calling 872-2657.

In addition to cash, the group is seeking donations of fieldstone for the pillars. However, Brian Mallory asked that interested resi-

dents not drop off stone at the cemetery.

“We need to hand pick every piece because we’re going to need a lot of cornerstone,” he explained, adding he would prefer to receive permission from residents to inspect fieldstone on their property. Interested residents can contact Mallory at 872-4730.



THE THUMB AREA Branch of the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) recently presented the Michigan DNR with 3 packages of electronic equipment designed to enhance DNR law enforcement officers’ ability to enforce game laws in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties. Pictured above are (from left) Thumb Area Branch QDMA President Terry Muntz, Conservation officers Jason Haines, Scott Brown and Jason Smith, DNR Area Law Supervisor Sgt. Jann Gallagher and Thumb Area Branch QDMA Vice President Greg Andreski.



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Thurs. 8 am to 4 pm	Cass City, MI 48726	Thurs. 10 am to 6 pm (Phys. Ast.)	Cass City, MI 48726
Fri. 8 am to 12 noon		Fri. 8 am to 2 pm	






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Mon. 8 am to 4 pm	(989) 683-8065	Mon. 8:30 am to 4:30 pm	(989) 872-8503
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Be careful - avoid common wedding cake mistakes

The bride and the groom may be the stars of the big day, but the wedding cake deserves a nod for its time-honored supporting role.

In ancient Rome, guests broke a wheat bun over the bride's head to bring good luck and fertility. Fortunately, the buns sweetened up, and in the 17th century a creative French baker stacked and frosted them. Voila! The first tiered wedding cake was born. One cake tradition that is still under debate — saving the top tier for the first anniversary. "You can save a fruitcake," says Cheryl Kleinman, of Cheryl Kleinman Cakes in Brooklyn, New York. "Beyond that, I don't encourage it."

CAKEBAKE-OFF

White cakes, buttercream frostings, columns and dazzling sugar flowers are wed-

ding cake classics, but feel free to break from tradition. If you prefer a trendy design, try a colorful Southern red velvet cake, a mango creation that boasts Caribbean flair or even an Asian-inspired creation with red frosting.

BEYOND THE TASTE BUDS

So what's on top? Joining the ranks of the plastic couple, new toppers are simple and design-oriented: a slim, petite vase with a single rosebud; a layer of flower petals; a plain tiny top tier. Family is in, and some couples are choosing a portrait of themselves, a sentimental keepsake like a keychain or small stuffed animal, or their initials in royal icing, an egg white-based icing that can be sculpted into shapes.

Cake presentation is also im-

portant. What's surrounding your cake is just as visible as the cake itself — especially in photos — so plan ahead. Possible cake surroundings include a nature-inspired display of twigs spread on the table, baby photos of the bride and groom or a handmade tablecloth from Grandma that matches the cake's colors.

CAKE MISTAKES

Cakes are beautiful, but they can go wrong. Here are several "don'ts" to keep in mind.

Don't:

- frost with buttercream at a summer wedding unless you want sticky hands (the icing melts quickly).
- put your cake in front of a bathroom or distracting wall ornament. It deserves center stage.

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There are several kinds of materials used to make cookware from stainless steel to glass. However, with all the choices, 85 percent of the world's cookware sales come from three types of materials: stainless steel, aluminum and hard-anodized aluminum.

When comparing pans, it is important to compare the same materials; aluminum to aluminum, copper to copper. The reason is aluminum requires three times the thickness of copper to get the same heat distribution.

STAINLESS STEEL

If you're looking for something that is shiny, resistant to dents and dings, non-reactive with foods like tomato sauce and is dishwasher safe, then stainless steel cookware is a good choice. Unfortunately, one of the material's biggest drawbacks is that it is not a good conductor of heat - a critical factor to cookware performance. In order to make a stainless steel pan conduct heat effectively, it is combined with another conductive metal like copper or aluminum. This is done either by attaching a disc to the bottom of the pan

or by combining layers of stainless steel with aluminum or copper to make a clad pan. Without the addition of copper or aluminum, some areas of the pan heat up faster than others allowing food to burn in the hotter spots.

Look for a thick disc that spreads to the edges of the pan. This will eliminate a ring of burnt food in the bottom as well as hot spots and improve heat distribution.

ALUMINUM

Aluminum cookware offers the advantage of being a great heat conductor, but it is a soft material that can be easily dented and may react with certain acidic foods like tomatoes. Unlike stainless steel cookware that only heats up on the bottom, aluminum cookware heats across the bottom and up the walls. Most restaurant kitchens use thick aluminum cookware because of the great heat conduction properties and low cost. A good rule of thumb to remember is, the thicker the aluminum cookware the better the heat distribution and cooking performance. Some aluminum cookware has designs on the base that claim to prevent warping and improve heat distribution. These processes might make a slight improvement in heat distribution but the primary factor in even heating is the thickness of the pan.

HARD ANODIZED ALUMINUM

This material is one of the fastest growing and most popular types of cookware material, as well as one of the most misunderstood. One common misperception is

that hard-anodized cookware is nonstick cookware. No cookware is called "nonstick" unless a nonstick coating has been applied to the surface. Hard-anodized aluminum cookware is plain aluminum cookware that has been processed in a series of chemical baths charged with an electric current. The process results in a material that has the same superior heat conductivity as aluminum but is non-reactive with foods like tomato sauces and twice as

hard as stainless steel. No hard-anodized aluminum cookware should be washed in the dishwasher with the exception of one brand, Anolon Titanium, a new line of hard-anodized cookware that is dishwasher safe when using a mild dishwashing gel detergent.

NONSTICK COOKWARE

More than 80 percent of all cookware sold nowadays is nonstick, hard-anodized nonstick aluminum being the fastest growing category. Nonstick cookware has made dramatic improvements in quality and durability since it was introduced more than 30 years ago.

There are a few things to look for when shopping for nonstick cookware. Look at the type of pan surface on which the nonstick coating is applied. A hard-anodized aluminum nonstick pan or stainless steel nonstick pan will last much longer than a plain aluminum nonstick pan. Why? Because hard anodized aluminum and stainless steel are harder and more durable than plain aluminum. While an inexpensive nonstick pan will probably perform as well as an expensive nonstick pan

on the first day of use, over time the cheaper pan will not last as long.

The second feature to examine is the thickness of the pan. The thicker the pan, the better the heat distribution that over time will protect the nonstick coating. As when comparing discs, it is important to compare the same materials - aluminum to aluminum, stainless steel to stainless steel - because each metal has different heat conductivity properties.

HOW LONG WILL IT LAST

If a claim seems too good to be true it probably is. Some manufacturers are now claiming it is safe to use metal utensils on nonstick cookware. But a pan that has only been subjected to plastic or wood utensils will retain its nonstick ability longer than a pan that has been exposed to metal utensils.

Many pans are guaranteed for life but read carefully. What is guaranteed are defects in the manufacturing of the pan, not the ability of the pan to remain nonstick. The bottom line is the quality of the pan is what determines the durability, not the warranty. The information provided here should arm you with the knowledge you need to make an informed cookware registry choice.



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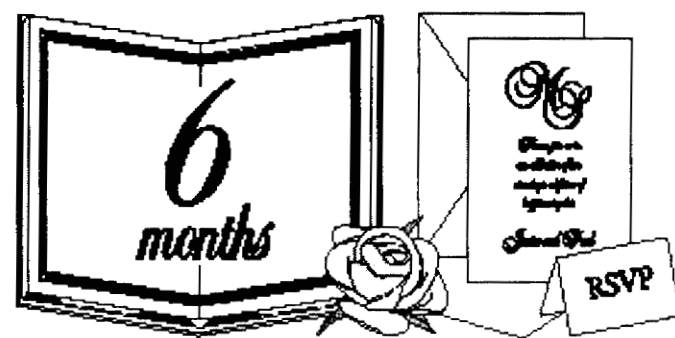
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- ☐ Begin your guest list.
- ☐ Submit your newspaper engagement announcement.
- ☐ Research honeymoon options and contact a travel agent.



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- ☐ Order your wedding invitations and announcements.
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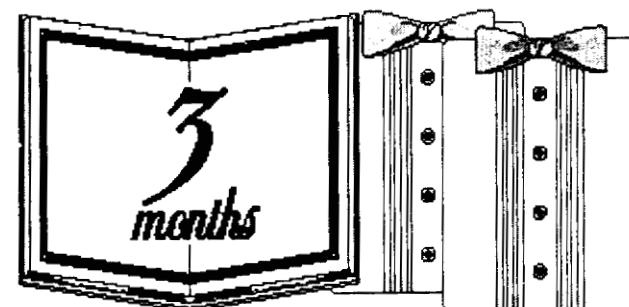
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Wedding jitters are normal

It's normal for the bride to get a case of "wedding jitters" before the ceremony. However, it is vital that all the last-minute details have been taken care of. Whether it be the bride, herself, or, most likely, a good friend assigned to the tasks at hand, it is important to get everything completed.

According to "The Wedding Organizer" (The Wedding Organizer Inc.), by Abigail Kirsch, creator of Abigail Kirsch Culinary Productions Ltd., one of the most successful wedding catering companies in America, the following are some helpful reminders of tasks that brides might forget need to get done.

- Place a note on the front door reminding the bride and her attendants to take gloves, pocketbooks and bouquets before leaving for the ceremony.
- Assign someone to check out the reception site to make sure that all the flowers have



3 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING:

- ☐ Purchase or rent groom's tuxedo and coordinate groomsmen's outfits.
- ☐ Order your wedding rings.
- ☐ Purchase or make reception favors.
- ☐ Check local marriage license requirements.
- ☐ Finalize details with florist and caterer.
- ☐ Schedule an appointment with your hairstylist.
- ☐ Schedule dress fittings for yourself and bridesmaids.
- ☐ Get passports and/or visas if you're honeymooning abroad.
- ☐ Finalize guest list and start addressing invitations.
- ☐ Send hotel information to out-of-town guests.



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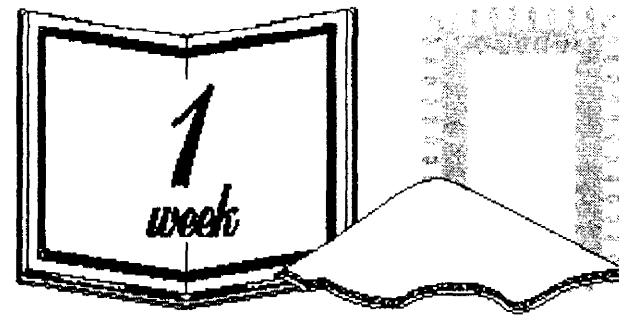
6-8 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING:

- ☐ Book your honeymoon arrangements.
- ☐ Mail your invitations.
- ☐ Buy your fiance's wedding gift.
- ☐ Purchase attendants' gifts.
- ☐ Pick up the rings.
- ☐ Order or make ceremony programs.
- ☐ Have your portrait taken.
- ☐ Have a final dress and headpiece fitting.
- ☐ Plan your bridesmaids' party.
- ☐ Begin writing thank you notes as you receive gifts.
- ☐ Submit your newspaper wedding announcement.



2 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING:

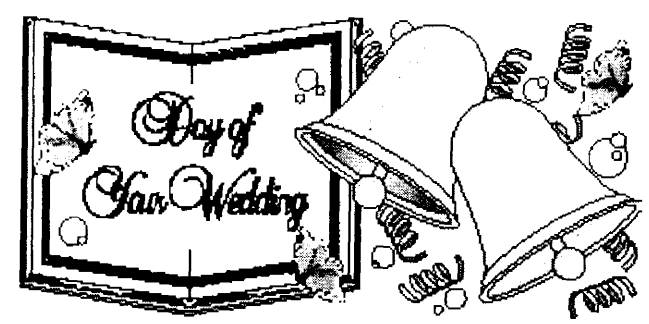
- ☐ Have final meetings with your florist, caterer and other wedding professionals.
- ☐ Finalize vows, readings and other ceremony details with officiant.
- ☐ Get your marriage license.
- ☐ Finalize seating chart and make place cards.
- ☐ Submit request list to photographer and musicians.
- ☐ Confirm honeymoon reservations and wedding-night hotel reservations.
- ☐ Begin addressing your wedding announcements.



1 WEEK BEFORE YOUR WEDDING:

- ☐ Pick up your dress and veil.
- ☐ Pick up groom's tuxedo.
- ☐ Pack for the honeymoon.
- ☐ Purchase traveler's checks.
- ☐ Throw the bridesmaids' party.
- ☐ Prepare toasts.
- ☐ Give the final guest count to your caterer.

Wedding jitters are normal



YOUR WEDDING DAY:

- ☐ Mail your wedding announcements.
- ☐ Relax and take a deep breath.
- ☐ Get married!

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been delivered, the cake has arrived and seating cards have been set out.

- If the bride or family members want centerpieces taken home, tell someone beforehand to be in charge of collecting them before the guests take them and there are none left.
- Give a list of special group photos to be taken, perhaps of cousins, classmates and

office mates to the photographer.

- Assign someone to signal the organist that the ceremony is about to begin.
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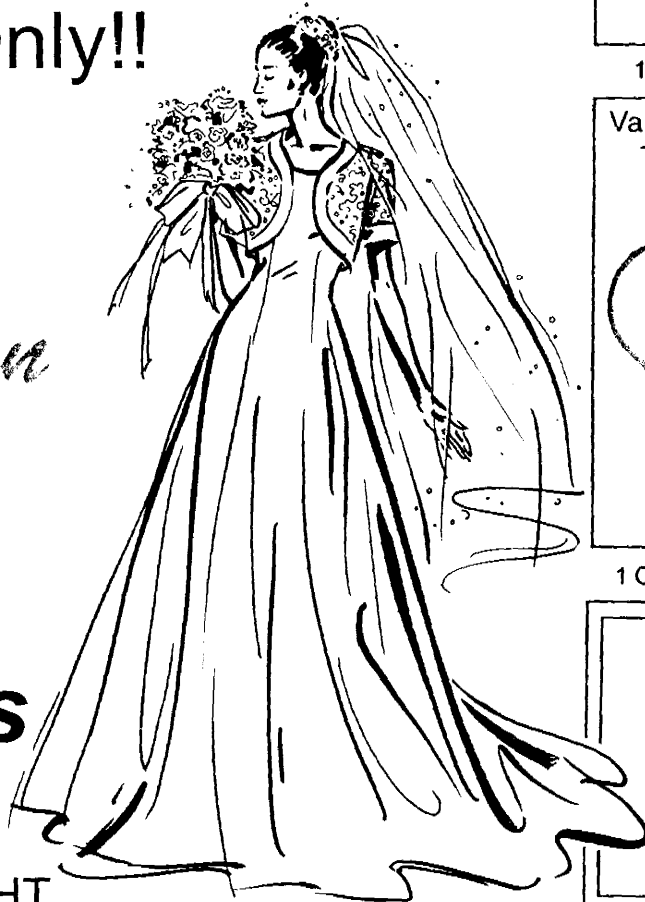
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33 years



Thomas and JoAnn Osantowski in 1970.



Thomas and JoAnn Osantowski today.

The Osantowskis were married June 6, 1970 at St. Pancratius Church in Cass City. The couple made Cass City their home. They are the parents of 4 children.

Take a day to relax

From the moment you announce your engagement, bridal magazines and wedding checklists pour in like wine glasses from your registry. The constant running around and planning can take a toll on almost any bride-to-be. The bride with the shiny hair, bright eyes and beautiful smile has taken a personal investment in herself and knows that allowing time to relax and rejuvenate is essential in the days leading up to the wedding. ThermaCELL offers some easy pre-wedding tips to help create that special "wedding glow" and alleviate stress for the bride on the go.

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Jerry and Jackie Guinther in 1972.



Jerry and Jackie Guinther today.

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She works at Walbro Corporation and he is employed by Gemini Plastics in Ubley. They have 4 children, Dan, Tim, Wendell and Shata O'Steen. There are 4 grandchildren.

Take a day to relax

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your wedding means first making a commitment to yourself. If your mind and body are rested, the days leading up to your wedding

will be met with boundless energy.

• **Last but not least.** On the day of your wedding, provide a basket for your brides-

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Adjust to using new last name

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must adjust to a new last name.

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26 years



Chuck and Amy Emmert in 1977.



Chuck and Amy Emmert today.

The Emmerts were married June 25, 1977 in Owosso. He is the pastor of the Novesta Church of Christ. The couple has 2 children, Craig and the late Alison Emmert.

have to get a new name — it's a matter of personal choice. Stacey Waldman, 26, of New York, New York, knew that her grandmother and mother took on their husbands' names. She called upon tradition when deciding to take on a new moniker. "I knew it was the thing to do," she said. Others offer multiple reasons for making the switch, like Jennifer Hopwood, 25, of New York, New York. "I changed it out of respect to my husband's family (he's the last male with that name), for tradition, to make it easy on our potential children, and — most importantly — to symbolize the union of our lives."

Where to begin? You can't start the paperwork until after your wedding, so make honeymoon reservations in your maiden name. When you return from the "R and R," wait for the copy of your marriage license, the legal permit you got to get married. Depending on your state, it takes a few weeks or months to get the copy. Once you get the certificate (and make a bunch of copies), contact the Social Security Administration to get a new Social Security card. Visit www.ssa.gov or call (800) 772-1213 for more information. Next, visit your Department of Motor Vehicles to change the name on your license. Each state's rules varies, so call or visit the Web site of your DMV to know what to bring with you.

Next, tackle anything dealing with finances. Change the name on your paycheck, checking and savings accounts, credit cards, loans (car or student), wills, insur-

ance policies and mortgages or leases. Contact phone, electric, cable and other utility companies, or wait until you get a change-of-name form with your next bill. Magazine or newspaper subscriptions, passports and alumni associations are less of a priority, so tackle those as they come in the mail.

Don't forget to tell your friends and family, too. Get new business cards, a new e-mail address and sign wedding gift thank-you notes

with your new name to reinforce your new title.

Don't think of changing your name as a hassle. Lori Lohmeyer, 25, of Astoria, New York, says it took her about 8 months to change her name. "It's easier than you'd think, except things keep popping up with your old name on them that you forgot to change."

Becky Sher, 26, of Bethesda, Maryland, said organization can make the transition to a new name smoother. "I wish I had made a list of all the

things that needed to be changed and just done them right away." Hit the bookstore or the Web for resources to help you out.

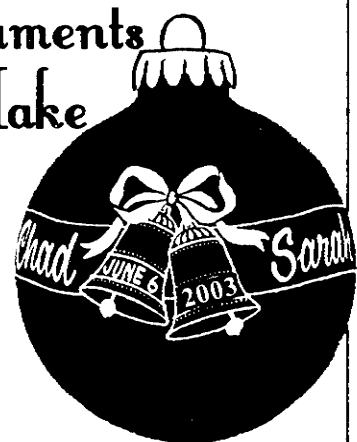
There is no time limit on how long you have to change your name. Don't stress: Take your time making your new moniker official. Despite any headache or hassles, it does reap rewards. Robyn Fields, 29, of Forest Hills, New York, says, "It's exciting to see your new name on everything once it's changed. I smile every time I see it."



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Questions to ask Tips for hiring band

The wedding day is one of the most exciting and memorable days in a couple's life. The bride and groom want everything, from the gown to the flowers to the food served at the reception, to be perfect. Most of all, they want the memories of the big day to be special.

The entertainment provided at the wedding reception is critical in determining the success of the event. The choice of music for the reception can make or break the entire party. Regardless of whether you use a live band

or disc jockey, lively music and a personable bandleader or DJ can help build a mood and play songs that can get the guests dancing.

Hiring the right band or DJ for your wedding can be confusing. Asking good questions, knowing the right answers and getting all guarantees in writing will ensure the selection of reliable, reputable vendors. The following questions and answers, courtesy of Modern Bride magazine, can help you hire the best musicians for the reception.

1. Can I determine the quality of a band's performance by listening to a tape or viewing its video? If you like the sound on the tape and/or the way the band delivers on video, inquire about where you can see the group play at a showcase, an actual wedding or some other place where it is booked.

2. How can I be certain that the band I book will be the one at my wedding? It is essential to get the name of the band in writing on your contract.

3. Does the orchestra have liability insurance? A reputable company will maintain such coverage. Most reception facilities require that the orchestra furnish them with a certificate of insurance.

4. Does the band take breaks? Most bands take a 15-minute break after a 45-minute set. Taped music can be arranged during the breaks or continuous music (at an extra charge) can be planned.

5. Are there additional charges for traveling time, playing during cocktails and overtime? Probably. Ask about that at your initial meeting, and be sure that those charges are clearly stated in your contract and understood before you sign it.

6. Is there a surcharge or sales tax? There is no sales tax on musical services, but there may be some surcharges (i.e. payroll, transportation). Be sure to ask.

7. Does the band have an extensive song list with selections that appeal to a wide range of guests? A good band will be able to play a range of music that spans the decades, from big band to Top 40 to Motown hits, as well as ethnic pieces.

8. Will the band members wear appropriate attire? Unless otherwise noted, and depending on the formality of the wedding, members should wear black tie.

9. Is there a way I can be sure the amplification will not be deafening? Tell the bandleader or DJ of your concern, so if this is not a place where the group has played before, he or she can check out the location to prepare ahead for any acoustical challenges that must be addressed to keep the decibels under control.

10. Does the bandleader or DJ act as master of ceremonies and coordinate the sequence of events at the reception, and if so, should I meet with mine about his before the wedding? The master of ceremonies is usually the bandleader or DJ, and you absolutely should have an in-person meeting to talk over the reception events.

Be sure to write thank you notes promptly

In the weeks prior to the actual wedding ceremony, the bride's house will start to look like it does at Christmas. Packages and boxes of all shapes and sizes from various guests and well wishers will be arriving daily. In this time of excitement, organization is needed to keep track of who sent what gift.

One of the most important tasks that the bridal couple must complete is the overwhelming job of writing thank you notes to all who sent gifts. The job of sending these notes is so time consuming, because they must be written; a verbal thank you is not enough. The only verbal note that can be sent is a telegram, which can get costly when sending to a large number of guests.

Wedding gifts are given to both the bride and groom. When writing a thank you note, be sure the signature reflects both of them. Writing the notes is not just the task of the bride, so be sure to put the groom to work. One idea is for the groom to write

to his friends and the bride to hers. It is fine to sign only one name, so long as the writer says, for example, "Tad and I thank you for the wonderful toaster."

Make sure the gift is specifically mentioned in the note, keeping in mind that monetary gifts should never be referred to by dollar amount. A guest should be able to see that the couple appreciated, as well as remembered, the gift that was given to them.

The note should say exactly how the gift will be used. Additionally, if the gift needed to be returned, either because it was a duplicate or it simply could not be used, never inform the sender; a simple thank you is enough.

Be prompt in sending thank you notes. Although it is per-

fectly acceptable to send a thank you up to three months after the wedding, couples should start writing before the wedding for gifts received in advance. This eliminates a lot of work and informs guests that the gifts were received and not lost during shipping.

Finally, couples should share any special memories they have of their guest from the wedding. Not only will they be thanking the guest for the gift, but most importantly, they'll be thanking him or her for coming to and celebrating the happy occasion with them.



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Marie and Bert Clincke in 1956



Marie and Bert Clincke today.

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The Mallorys were married in Kingston and make there home there now.

49 years



Hazen and Cleo Kritzman in 1954.



Hazen and Cleo Kritzman today.

Hazen Robert Kritzman and the former Cleo Fulcher will celebrate their 50th anniversary in June. They were married June 12, 1954 at Shabbona Methodist Church. Both graduated from Cass City High School.

Their children are Laurie and Jerry Ossewaarde of Merrillville, Indiana. Kerri

Kritzman of Frankenmuth and Kelly and David Malone of Wheaton, Ill. A daughter, Sharon Fasick is deceased. There are 6 grandchildren.

He retired from Saginaw Steering Gear in 1993 after 39 years and she retired from nursing in 1994.

Avoid wedding cake mistakes

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• forget to cut it with a knife suited to the cake's composition and texture.

• forget to talk with your florist about safe, edible blooms if you intend to have your wedding cake decorated with fresh flowers.

• let the photographer take distant photos of your cake. It's an important part of your ceremony, so get up close to capture details.

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Designing the perfect dessert can leave you with a not-so-perfect budget. Save on your cake with these tips:

• Have a small cake to cut in front of guests, while pre-sliced sheet cakes (or cute bakers' cupcakes) wait in the back to be served.

• Talk to your baker about extra costs — you can usually get delivery thrown in for free.

• Not everyone will eat cake — subtract 10 people from your guest total when calculating the slice count.

• Use fresh flowers or fruit garnishes and your own supplies as cake decorations to avoid handicraft fees from the cake designer.

• Skip a separate dessert — your wedding cake is enough.

• Serve half slices of cake for your guests, and enhance the plates with fresh fruit or sorbet.

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Alfred and Mary Burk today.

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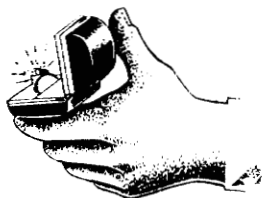
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