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Swamped

Hospital averages 60 patients a day in ER

Dr. Kathleen Skeley, emergency room director at Hills and Dales General Hospital, is hoping that the worst is over. After 4 weeks of averaging about 60 patients a day in the ER, the load appears to be tapering off.

While most of the patients have been treated on an out-patient basis, there has also been a marked increase of hospital patients. During the Christmas holiday period there have been as many as 16 patients in the hospital, more than double the usual 5 to 7 receiving treatment.

Influenza is just one reason for the influx of hospital patients. Also adding to the hospital load are patients suffering from heart disease and pneumonia.

Dr. Skeley says that persons suffering from the flu can help themselves by following well-known remedies.

Tops on her list is drinking lots of water. Persons with the flu need more rest and more water than usual. They should take a minimum of 8 glasses of water a day. She suggests that over the counter flu medications are helpful and stresses that washing hands is vital. Almost anything you touch,

including shopping carts at stores, can spread the virus.

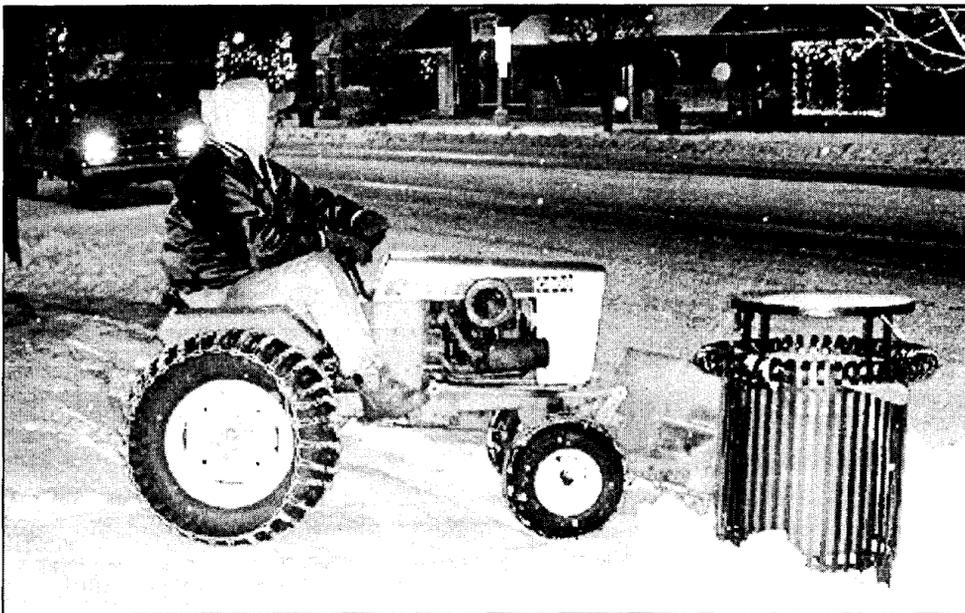
According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, Michigan is on the verge of widespread outbreaks of flu.

Each year as many as 40,000 people, especially the elderly, in the United States die from complications of influenza. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that approximately 1,200 deaths will occur in Michigan.

The flu is especially dangerous for the elderly and young children, but for the vast majority of people, influenza is unpleasant, but not serious or life threatening.

Flu symptoms can include coughing, sneezing, sore throat and runny nose. High fevers and intense muscle aches are typical flu indicators.

Aspirin or non-aspirin pain relievers can relieve patients' pain. However, aspirin should not be given to children under 18 because of increased risk of getting the potentially deadly Reye's Syndrome. Use medications such as ibuprofen or acetaminophen to reduce fever.



Winter is back.....

DENNIS HURLEY, Cass City, was up before dawn Monday clearing sidewalks near the Wash King Laundromat and in front of the Cass City Municipal Building after a storm dumped one to 3 inches of snow in the area.

USA marking 2nd anniversary

It isn't uncommon for sportsmen to unite for a common cause, but many newly formed organizations fade away after they've accomplished their goals.

Count the United Sportsmen's Alliance (USA) among the groups that continue to thrive in the Thumb. Members of the organization, which formed a couple years ago in Sebawaing to fight a proposed mandatory Quality Deer Management (QDM) plan in the Thumb, are gearing up to celebrate their second anniversary this month.

USA's annual banquet is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Uby Foxhunters Club in Uby. The doors will open at 5 p.m., with the banquet slated to get underway at 7 p.m.

"This is going to be our second annual banquet and it's a fundraiser for us," said Cass City's Tom Lounsbury, an outdoors columnist and president of USA.

"We're going to have an auction and a raffle, and state Rep. Tom Meyer and Sen. Jim Barcia are going to be there," Lounsbury added, noting last year's banquet drew more than 260 people.

The event will mark not only an anniversary, but also

the end of another successful year for USA, which continues to branch out in its effort to preserve hunting opportunities, according to Lounsbury.

"What we've been doing is, we're putting on every fall in mid-September a 'youth day'. We show the kids archery and shooting, blood trailing and things like that," he explained. The first youth day, held at the Cass City Gun Club, drew 70 youngsters.

"We're interested in the youth. The youth are the real key to the future of hunting. And there are other issues that concern us. We made a proposal for the fall turkey hunt season that we just had," Lounsbury continued, referring to the Thumb's first fall turkey hunt in recent memory.

At the same time, USA members, who now number some 300, are continuing to keep a close eye on any efforts to establish mandatory QDM restrictions in the state.

A QDM proposal launched 2 years ago is what sparked formation of USA. Under the proposal, hunters in the Thumb would have been prohibited from harvesting bucks with less than 4 points

on one antler.

"Originally, what had happened is some of us had gotten in touch with each other. We knew there was a lot of opposition, so what we did is put together a think tank," Lounsbury recalled.

With only word of mouth and less than 48 hours of planning, more than 100 sportsmen showed up at an informational meeting. The group quickly came up with its name and formed as a non-profit organization.

One of the group's first moves was to circulate petitions in an effort to inform Thumb area deer hunters and landowners about the QDM plan, which targeted Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties.

QDM officials said their proposal would cut back on the number of young bucks harvested and at the same time maintain an adequate harvest of does to improve the overall health of the deer herd and increase the number of mature bucks.

USA members, however, opposed mandatory point restrictions and questioned QDM's assessment of the Thumb deer herd.

USA, which collected some 5,000 signatures, took its

case to the Michigan Natural Resources Commission, which later rejected the QDM plan following a survey in which a clear majority of 2,000 landowners and hunters failed to support the plan.

USA's annual banquet is slated for Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Uby Foxhunters Club.

Last year, the local sportsmen's group helped formed a USA chapter near Ludington in Mason County, where a similar QDM proposal was on the table. "They defeated their proposal right on our heels," Lounsbury noted.

Lounsbury said USA hasn't lost sight of its first goal and will continue to work for hunter's rights in the future.

"We're a watchdog group and we're ever vigilant of what could affect our rights in Michigan - this area specifically. We always have representation at the Natural Resources Commission meetings," he said.

"We just want to make sure we're aware of what's going on with the Natural Re-

Citizens file suit against ethanol plant

Michigan Ethanol, LLC, has been touted as a significant financial boost for the Thumb and area corn producers, but a group of Caro residents claim the plant amounts to a nuisance that has negatively affected their quality of life.

A number of citizens who own property south of and adjacent to the plant, located in Caro, recently filed suit against Caro Manufacturing and Processing, LLC, which operates the plant, and the village of Caro, alleging noise, truck traffic, lighting and noxious odors have hurt their property values.

The suit, filed Dec. 30, also alleges village officials did not follow proper procedures in rezoning the property.

The group, which calls itself Concerned Citizens of Caro, is seeking damages in excess of \$25,000.

According to the suit, the ethanol plant property was previously zoned "light industrial" under the village of Caro zoning ordinance, which doesn't permit operation of an ethanol plant in that land classification.

The suit states that the village's planning commission held a public hearing in May 2001 to consider rezoning the land to "general industrial". The plaintiffs claim insufficient notice was given related to the hearing and as a result, the commission did not receive the "required public input."

The planning commission recommended re-zoning, and the village council subsequently approved that recommendation May 14.

In August 2001, it was determined that the public didn't receive adequate notice, according to the suit, which states a second public hearing was held Sept. 6.

"However," the plaintiffs claim, "it was stated that the decision to rezone the property had already been made and that the second hearing was being held to meet technical requirements and to, simply, reaffirm the prior decision."

The suit also alleges that a site plan was approved "without regard to the requirements of the zoning ordinance related to landscaping, lighting, buffering, noise and other considerations pertaining to the requirements of the ordinance and protection of the property values and interests" of the plaintiffs.

Specific complaints listed in the suit include loud noises associated with operation of the plant and truck traffic, glare of lighting, fumes and noxious odors, unsightly nature of the operation, and potential dangers and general disruptions caused by industrial activity occurring in a residential neighborhood.

Caro Village Manager David Murphy declined

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\$20,000 grant goes to Huron County

Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm last week announced \$20,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding for Huron County.

The grant, made available through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), will help fund a biomass energy study to identify value-added business solutions to livestock waste management issues.

"This progressive study will help the county identify new ways to handle waste disposal while determining the feasibility of creative, earth-friendly spin-off businesses," Granholm said.

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regions.

"Huron County is blessed with a strong agricultural base," said Don Jakeway, president and CEO of the MEDC. "Leveraging this base by finding ways to explore technology and create jobs is a good investment for the future."

Each year, Michigan receives roughly \$50 million in federal block grant funds. There are 1,655 local governments within the state that are eligible to apply for the money.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation, a partnership between state and local communities, promotes smart economic growth by developing strategies and providing services to create and retain good jobs with a high quality of life.



VETERAN CASS City Village Clerk-Treasurer Joyce Bemus, pictured above with Village Manager Frank Sheridan, is retiring in the spring after more than 26 years on the job.

After 26 years of service Veteran clerk-treasurer retiring

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Joyce Bemus has been a key gear in the village of Cass City's financial machinery for more than 26 years, making sure the books are balanced and keeping tabs on the latest accounting rules.

Starting next spring, the veteran clerk-treasurer plans to slow down a bit and enjoy retirement with her husband, Cliff.

"That's the plan - June 1 will be my first day of retirement," said Bemus, who will be closing out a local government career that began in 1977 when she was hired as the village's bookkeeper.

"In 1978, I was appointed as treasurer. Lynda McIntosh was clerk at the time," Bemus recalled. "Then, in '79, Lynda left and I was appointed clerk also."

Bemus was first elected as

both treasurer and clerk the next year, and continued to win reelection until village officials made the jobs appointed rather than elected in 2000. "I have a real good elected record - no one ran against me," she joked.

A Cass City native, Bemus has always worked in the bookkeeping field. "The 1962 Cass City High School graduate worked at Hudsons after she and her first husband, Jim, moved from the community for his job at Pontiac Motors in 1964.

The couple returned to Cass City 3 years later. "I worked at General Cable for about 5 years as bookkeeper. Then I went to Schneberger's and was their bookkeeper for 14 years," she said. "Then, this job opened up and I've been here ever since."

"So, I've worked in retail/wholesale and government, and I'll take government any

day. It's more of a challenge because it just changes all the time."

Bemus said it would be difficult to recall the many changes she has seen on the job over the years.

"I would say mainly the accounting standards set by the feds and the state," she added. "They're more stringent. The hardest thing to do is to keep on top of everything so you are accountable, and without the staff, I wouldn't do it."

"To me, the hardest thing about the job is working with the public and not taking things personally," Bemus continued. "I enjoy working with the public, but it's very hard to go anywhere and not be confronted - it could be anything from, why did my water bill go up, to a zoning issue."

Still, she has enjoyed the job, although there have

been some difficult years.

"The toughest times for me were the 2 years following the death of my husband (Jim), and management change," said Bemus, who first worked with former long-time village manager Lou LaPonsie, then Jane Downing, and now Frank Sheridan.

"Whoever sits in this chair, you have to work hand in hand with the manager. You have to have a good working relationship," she said, adding communication is the key. "It just makes the job so much easier."

For Bemus, retirement will fulfill a promise she made to herself. "I decided many years ago that once I reached the age of 60, I want to be done working," she said.

And, she and Cliff, who have been married for 4 years, are looking forward to having

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Holbrook Area News

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Mr. and Mrs. Tony Tittjung of Sterling Heights, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Holcomb of Shelby Township, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Klein and family of Ann Arbor, Jeff Bukowski and friend of Shelby Township, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bukowski and family and Mandy Bukowski of Chicago, Ill., Sue Mergyl of Oakland, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Hope and family of Utica, Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Myer and Ann Mergle of Oakland, Tina Grika and family of Davison, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rumpzt and Becky, Marie Grika, Mr. and Mrs. David Grika and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, all of Uby, and Thelma Jackson were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpzt.

Walled Lake, Bob Cleland Sr. and Bob Cleland Jr., Andy and A.J., and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Osentoski were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Kevin Sweeney of South Lyon and Mrs. Martin Sweeney were Christmas guests of Dr. and Mrs. Tom Collins and family from Wednesday till Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Doerr and Savana, Jamie Doerr and Courtney, and Wendy Rickett, Cory and Caitlyn, and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Christmas breakfast guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Allen Farrelly visited Mrs. Gordon Farrelly at Caro Hospital Dec. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpzt were Monday afternoon and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Taylor and Brian, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Thiel, Theresa and Cheryl Laming, Dan Gibbard, Mr. and Mrs. Marty Wagoner and 3 sons were Christmas Eve dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Moore and family at Snover.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were brunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Depcinski and Brooke; and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Osantoski, Matthew, Bradley, and Kristin and friend, Josh.

Randy and Mary Smith, Nicholas and Brian of Ohio, Nancy Carpenter and Dean Jr., Michael, Jessica and Timothy of Caro, Bob and Carol Osantoski of Bad Axe, Kristin and friend Josh of Kalamazoo, Matthew who attends Saginaw Valley, and Bradley of Bad Axe, Greg and Susan, Ryan and Samantha of Filion, Sharon Depcinski and friend, Jeff from Grand Rapids, Charles and Theresa Depcinski, Richard and Cindy Depcinski and Brooke of Bad Axe, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe and Betty Myers and Ryan at Gladwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland took Anna McCartney of Bad Axe and Mrs. Curtis Cleland to the China Buffet in Bad Axe for lunch Monday.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka were Mark and Rosalind Particka, Adam and Ashley of Humble, Texas, Dr. Melanie Particka, Laura and Amy of Lincolnshire, Ill., Mechelle and Greg Reid and Ethan of Clinton Township, Matt and Christie Particka, Jenny, Matt, and Andrea of Adrian, Ted and Kim Particka, Ashlee and Stephanie of Madison Heights.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the funeral of Harley Burkhart at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bad Axe. Lt. Colonel and Mrs. Dale Cleland, Mara Dale, Emma and Clara of Fort Leavenworth and Edith Jackson visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka and their family attended a Christmas party for Alex Particka at Lamotte Hall Sunday Dec. 28, where they also celebrated Melvin Particka's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hurford, Grant and Jenilee of Attica, Clara Bond of Cass City, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Katz and family of Wayland, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Damm of Pigeon, Kristy Damm of Alexandria, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker of Freeland, Debbie Siebel, David and Becky of Mayville, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson of Uby, and Thelma Jackson were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Ruby and Paul in Cass City on Saturday.

Chuck Allen of Bad Axe and Allen Farrelly visited Cheryl Allen at an Alpena hospital on Sunday.

Doris Western of Bad Axe, Sharon Franzel of Atlanta and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel visited Mr. and Mrs. John Nicol at Mt. Pleasant for a few days.

Kevin Sweeney of South Lyon and Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Mr. and Mrs. Bud Day at Grand Rapids on Saturday and Thelma Jackson on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Christmas morning brunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Depcinski and Brooke; and later went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Osantoski and Bradley for supper. Others attending were Kristin Depcinski and friend, Josh, of Kalamazoo, and Matthew Depcinski and Matthew Depcinski who attends Saginaw Valley State University and Bradley Depcinski.

Forty-five members of the Cleland family met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland for a potluck Christmas dinner on Sunday. Guests attended from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Virginia Beach, Algonac, Midland, Ohio, Bad Axe, Uby and Cass City. They finished off the evening with homemade ice cream, cotton candy, and popcorn.

Allen Farrelly, Kim Koroleski of Saginaw, Tanya, Katie and Jennifer of Uby were Christmas day guests of Julie Koroleski at Bad Axe.

Guilds earns degree



Sheila Guilds

Sheila Guilds, daughter of Glenn and Kim Guilds of Cass City, recently graduated from the St. Clair County Community College Nursing School.

While attending the school, Guilds became a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Sorority. She graduated cum laude.

A 2000 graduate of Cass City High School, she has accepted a full-time position at Tendercare, Cass City.

Volunteers planning fundraiser

The Tuscola County Faith-In-Action Volunteers will host an all-you-can-eat chili and hotdog supper Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Caro United Methodist Church.

The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3.50 for kids ages 4 to 12, and \$1.50 for children 3 and under. The event is open to the public and take-outs will be available.

All proceeds will go to the volunteer program's services, which include transportation, telephone reassurance, respite care, visits, assistance with shopping and more for the elderly, frail and disabled in Tuscola County.

Church to host Williams

Country Gospel artist Jim Williams will be in concert at the Deford Church Sunday, Jan. 25, at 11 a.m.

The church is located at 5903 Main St. in Deford.

More information is available by contacting Pastor Dan Strength at (989) 872-5158.

Still time to sign up for Writer's Workshop

There is still time to sign up for the Writer's Workshop that will meet the second Tuesday of each month from January through May at Rawson Memorial Library.

The first class, slated for 6:30 p.m., Jan. 13, will include an orientation/get acquainted meeting with speakers (who will be brief) and tips from a published author. By the time the last class meets in May, the participants will have a manuscript, a short story or that



Meg's Peg
The quiet after
by Melva E. Guinther

It was downright eerie. After 2 1/2 weeks of constant coming and going, running, shouting, arguing, crying and laughing, I came home from the airport to an empty, extremely quiet house.

The washer, dryer and dishwasher were strangely silent for the first time in ages. There was no football, basketball or hockey game blaring and not a cartoon, video or DVD to be heard anywhere.

I'd left our California kids at the airport, and a note said my husband had gone fishing with a friend.

I hardly knew what to do! The holidays worked out perfectly, noise, clutter and all. Everybody had a place to sleep - although you could never be quite sure where a sleeping body might be found.

There was enough snow for the boys to build forts, go snowmobiling at Cousin Dave and Karen's and have a snowball fight with Uncle Andy and Aunt Sandy.

Thankfully it came when none of us had to be on the highways or worried about getting where we needed to be.

Two-year-old Gretchen had been praying for snow along with her brothers while still in California. Of course, she hadn't the foggiest idea what snow was. She was only 6 months old the last time they visited Michigan. But if it was going to be fun for her brothers, it was going to be fun for her!

It was a priceless picture to see her trying to catch snowflakes on her tongue. Our daughter and son-in-law's cats were extremely well behaved and were a constant source of amusement without creating any problems.

After the busy, bustling, noisy, fun holiday, it's just the 2 of us again, and the house seems a lot bigger as well as quieter. Things are gradually getting back to order.

We can listen to our favorite radio station once more. Objects now stay where we put them - if only we could remember where that was.

It's quiet, but echoes and visions remain.

When I pick up the not-quite-empty cheese ball tin, and wonder what in the world we're going to do with

all those leftover Pop Tarts, I hear Drew asking, "Can I have a snack?"

Give that kid enough ravioli, hot dogs, peanut butter with crackers, and cheese balls and he doesn't need another thing. It's so small wonder that he's grown 6 inches and a corresponding number of pounds since he was here last.

Spencer explaining the scenes in "Lord of the Rings" echoes back as I replace videos found under and behind the couch, along with Drew's endless "Spencer, be quiet!"

When I pick up a misplaced CD, I see Gretchen dancing while listening to music on her headphones. I don't know where she learned her moves, but she has them down pat, bending, kicking, twisting and an occasional squat, all the while with the most intense frown on her face. Did I mention that she's extremely cute?

It's hard to say when we'll all get together again, but we have enough good memories to sustain us for a little while. For that I'm thankful.

Church adding service

The Goodland Country Church of Brown City launched a new church in Deford, Oct. 19, with almost 100 people attending.

The Deford church, located at 5903 Main St., has reached out to the entire Thumb area. Because of such growth and success, the church is adding its second service, which will be held Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m.

The first service, Sunday, Jan. 11 at 4 p.m., will feature a Gospel concert with the RoyalHeirs Quartet and the Strength Family.

Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, January 8

Senior Citizens Luncheon, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.
Friends of the Library, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Friday, January 9

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.
Grief Support Group, 10-noon, Country Gardens, Pigeon. There is no charge to attend. For more information, call United Hospice Service at 800-635-7490 (ext. 4134).

Monday, January 12

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

Tuesday, January 13

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.
Tuscola County Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Family Support/Education Group meeting, 1:30 p.m., Adult Day Services building, 435 Green St., Caro. For additional information, call (989) 672-2273.
Writer's Workshop, 6:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library. You must register in advance.

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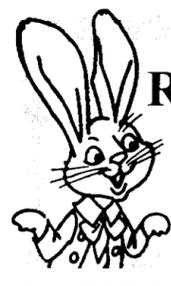
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

About 20 ladies board the bus to spend a day at the casino in Mt. Pleasant. It costs \$25 for the trip. The casino picks up the cost with \$20 in casino tokens and \$5 in meal money.

Nina Davis, who organizes the once a month trips, says that a lucky winner doesn't necessarily come home with the money.

When we get back to Cass City the winner has to buy lunch for the ladies in the group. You can't beat it, Davis smiled, it's a fun day for very little cost.

By the family barometer it's been a mild year in Michigan. Our barometer is Lake Charlevoix. Most years it freezes over a week or so before Christmas and the ice shanties dot the lake sometime between Christmas and New Year. As of Monday the lake was not frozen. It's probably happened before but I can't remember when, certainly not in the last few years.

Teen ready to audition

Fifteen-year-old Racheal Lynn Biebel, daughter of Bob and Donna Biebel of Cass City, left for Hollywood, Calif. Jan. 5. There she will perform in front of many producers, scouts and agents.

She will try out for Soap Operas, sitcoms, TV commercials, magazine modeling, jean runway and other jobs.

Biebel has attended

Barbizon Modeling School in Birch Run, which prepared her for Aero Modeling School in Southfield, run by SHERAL STOKES. Not only does Stokes run the operation of the Aero School, but, along with many other instructors, she also prepared Racheal and other girls for their trips to IMTA (International Model and Talent Association).



CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE prize giveaway winner Ron Ouvry, of Cass City, poses in front of his new bike.

The Haire Net



Now, where was I? It's almost like I have been gone for an extended vacation, instead of a week and a half.

Certainly, when you have been out of the main stream for even a brief period it's hard to pick up the tempo again.

Of course, some things never change that much. Take last week's column as a case in point.

It was first published in 1987, and was to be explained on a note that was to accompany the pickup, but somehow wasn't published. I would hazard a guess that I could use it again in 2007 without being terrifically outdated. When it's a pickup it should be revealed. We didn't, but once the story hits the print there's no backing off and all you can do is admit the goof and go on from there.

When I should have been writing last week's column I was goofing off at Hills and Dales General Hospital with the flu.

The number of patients put a strain on the facility. Normally, Christmas is not a busy time at hospitals, but this year was an exception. I was told that at Christmas 5 new patients were received as the flu took its toll.

There has been a noticeable improvement in one area of service. You order meals from a menu, picking the food you want when you want it. I would think that eating what you want, when you want, instead of what they give you when they want to give it to you, would result in much less waste.

I can say that for me the system worked. Now, all hospitals are notorious for high costs for pills, for service and the flood of red tape required to meet government regulations. But there is an exception.

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The back forty

by Roger Pond

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I still enjoy watching basketball, although it's really not much of a game anymore. Some folks marvel at the big college players and the pros who go flying through the air and slam the ball through the hoop, but that doesn't do anything for me.

We used to make shots like that everyday when I was a kid. We didn't call it the "high lob" or the "Alley Oop," but the play was the same.

We had a special signal for that play in the old dairy barn. One kid would holler "off the wall" and another would run up on the hay bales, grab a rafter, and lean toward the hoop.

He takes the high pass and jumps for the basket, stuffing the ball through on the way down. It was just one of those plays a guy had to make if he wanted to play in that league.

Our barn had a big hayloft with a wood floor and baskets at both ends. The off-the-wall play was good in the early part of the season when there was still plenty of forage on the court.

By January, the hay near the basket had been fed, and nobody could climb high enough to get the slam-dunk. That's when the pure shooters came into their own. And in those days we had shooters!

There were two-handed set shots and several variations of the hook. Our barn had cows below the court, and the ball would go down the ladder or through the manger. Everyone learned to shoot with a wet ball, as well as a dry one.

Each kid had his own shot. It wasn't like today when they just jump up in the air and let fly. A kid's shot was dependent on what kind of barn his goal was in, as well as all of the stuff his dad had stored there.

You could see it at the high school games. The guy with the high-arching set shot had a barn with a beam about six feet in front of the basket. He learned to arch it over the beam.

The player with the driving hook shot was used to shooting around the corn-picker when going to his right. The

kid who took all of his shots from 19 feet practiced with a hay rake on the barn floor and was limited to lay ups or the long bomb.

Scouting reports described what kind of barns were common in the community, how much hay the players baled (strong under the basket) and how many cows they milked (quick hands). We could shoot from anywhere, and quite often we did!

Barnyard basketball could be rough, but it was nothing compared to what we faced in those old gymnasiums. Most courts had bleachers clear down to the floor and an uneasy crowd.

The in-bounds play was called "excuse me - two". The ref gave you five seconds to in-bound the ball, but the fans often permitted less than that.

Each gym was different. Some had a stage at one end, and the home team would fill that with junior high kids and other sorts of undesirables.

Ceilings were low. Sometimes you could arch your shot at the end with the stage.

Size and brawn meant nothing in those days. We did it all with finesse. Those big guys playing today would have brained themselves on the light fixtures.

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Red Hawk Talks

by Kristi Fluegge

As the new year of 2004 comes around, an exciting season of basketball has begun. The resolutions of this new year aren't the only changes taking place. Every year as a new varsity team arises players come together from different grades and different teams. They are challenged to form one team that has to work together. Being a varsity player I know how hard it can be to adjust to your new teammates and learn their strengths or weaknesses. However, our varsity basketball team must be adapting really well.

After reading about the games our varsity basketball team has played you already know how well they are doing. You know who was the top scorer, or who had an outstanding performance. But I thought I would share with you how the players feel about their season so far.

I wondered why they thought their team was winning and so far having a successful season. Every player I interviewed felt it was because they played well together and as a team. A few players, including Craig Holmgren, felt it was because of the way their bench plays. I found this comment rather strange, but as Craig and Tyler explained I realized they thought their strength came from every player's talents and the depth their team finds from this. I was impressed that these "starters" give the credit to all their teammates for the victories and strength.

Actually, one player was mentioned in every questionnaire but his own. As a sophomore, Justin Glaza impresses even the seniors on the team. It seems he has been a consistent scorer and played strong defense.

Mr. Fernald (their coach) also mentions, "everyone has done a great job. It doesn't matter who scores the points or plays the most minutes, everyone is working hard and making important contributions."

It was really interesting to learn a few memorable events from games this year. For Jake Brinkman it was at Sandusky when his team

made 28 out of 30 from the free throws. Or at Harbor Beach when Tyler hit a jump shot to put them up by 5 at the end of the game. Justin Glaza had a memory not too many players will ever share. "My most memorable event was making 4 three-pointers in my first varsity game." Wow! I think that shows talent! With not every memory being a good one; Craig's was when he and Tyler both sprained their ankles but still won their game.

A few players completely surprised me with their outlook. Justin Glaza felt the reason their team continually improves is because all players go hard in practice. I have to admit this is something many players, including myself, usually take for granted. Justin probably agrees with the old saying "you play how you practice." The boys are making this statement come true. Another surprising comment came from Jake Brinkman who thought one of the reasons the team was doing well was because they are well coached. Jake wasn't the only player to compliment his coach. Numerous players gave credit to Mr. Fernald for their achievements. He must be doing a tremendous job to not only earn respect but admiration from his players.

It doesn't really matter who deserves credit for the success of the team. Even the players admit it takes everyone on their team to win games. It is obvious the coach and players are enjoying their season. Mr. Fernald said it all when he explained why the team is doing so well. "Attitude - we have a good group of guys who are always positive and encourage one another to excel. Our work ethic is very good, we practice hard and long."

Just hearing what is important to these players and their coach I feel they definitely have a winning season ahead, as they showed they're already winners in their interviews. Thank you for your time and I wish you good luck in the games ahead.



LAST WEEK'S relatively warm weather was ideal for area youths itching to get outside with their Christmas presents. Above, Kelton Roth, 14, and Kelby Rowell, 9, both of Cass City, give their new scooters a workout in front of the Cass Theatre.

With Central American countries

Sugar company officials blast federal trade deal

Michigan Sugar Company officials are criticizing a new federal free trade agreement which, they say, represents a significant threat to the state's sugar industry.

In an agreement reached Dec. 16 in Washington, D.C., President Bush's top free trade negotiator, Robert Zoellick, announced the outline of a free trade agreement with 4 Central American countries: Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Nicaragua, known as the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA).

The agreement will allow 85,000 metric tons (93,695 short tons) of sugar to enter the U.S. sugar market the first year of the agreement and will increase 2 percent of the base amount each year for 15 years.

The amount is in addition to a World Trade Organization (WTO) obligation to import 1.25 million metric (1.38 million short tons) from 41 countries, which already includes the CAFTA countries. The CAFTA agreement will add sugar to an already over-supplied U.S. market, and a USDA official has stated that the sugar provisions in the Farm Bill will need to be amended to accommodate the free trade agreements.

Mark Flegenheimer, president and CEO of Michigan Sugar Company, stated, "It is unthinkable that the Bush negotiators would craft an agreement that will subject Michigan farmers to competition from sugar subsidized by foreign governments. The world production cost ranges between 17 and 19 cents per pound and yet the sugar that will be imported into the U.S. market has a world subsidized value of only 7 cents per pound."

Currently, the U.S. is negotiating free trade agreements

with 23 other sugar-exporting countries. If the U.S. negotiators use CAFTA as the template with these other countries, the U.S. will be awash in foreign subsidized sugar and the domestic sugar industry will be lost - along with 146,000 sugar-producing and related jobs and \$10 billion in annual economic activity, Flegenheimer said.

Thomas Zimmer, Sebewaing, chairman of the Michigan Sugar Company Board of Directors, commented, "In 2002, 1,000 family farmers banded together to form a cooperative, committing \$26 million of their money, plus another \$37 million in debt, to purchase Michigan Sugar Company. Now, not 2 years later, the Bush Administration is trying to pull the rug out from under us by sacrificing the U.S. sugar industry for other commodities. That purchase was based on a sound sugar program and we will do whatever it takes to make sure CAFTA is not implemented." Michigan Sugar Company provides 360 full-time and 1,000 seasonal jobs and adds \$180 million yearly in base economic impact to the State of Michigan.



Bulldog Beat

by Laura Enderle

The gym has been busy over our 16 day winter break, but not just because the hustling of basketball players, excitement of cheerleaders, or the determination of the volleyball girls.

There is a new group of Bulldogs making their mark at Owen-Gage and they are stepping to their own beat. In the past few years the popularity of dance teams has grown throughout area high schools. The girls at Owen-Gage felt the need to develop with the times, so this year we have a new dance team.

Leading the team is computer technology teacher Kathy Sutton. Her go-go-girls include eighth graders Britany Parks and Kayla Neal; freshmen Heather Collins and Kendra Guilds; sophomores Amy Powell, Tiffany Glaza, Nicole Nowacyk and Michelle Brown; and, finally, seniors Natasha Sprague, Randi Glaza and Samantha Brown.

With 12 years of dance experience behind her, Randi Glaza is the dancing queen who choreographed the whole show. These 11 talented individuals have a lot of enthusiasm for the school and they know how to express it through their skill!

The dedicated girls have put their routine together in about 4 weeks of hard practice. They started practicing

in a teacher's room then graduated to the cafeteria and during break they finally found time to practice on the gym floor. During their 2-hour practices they designated time to create a simple, but effective ensemble, which includes a red tie-died T-shirt, tennis shoes, and a hat, which is all brought together by the traditional full-length blue jeans.

I had the privilege of seeing a sneak peak of the show and was easily impressed. After the girls warmed up, their bodies quickly adjusted to the deep beat of Jock Jams hit "Let Me Clear My Throat". While the young performers took a brief break, their spirits shined as they expressed their enthusiasm.

Britany Parks said it will be fun to show everyone how well they can dance. Heather Collins stated how it is nice to have something different in school. Tiffany Glaza let me know how proud she was to be from a "small school that does do stuff." All the girls hope the fans are looking forward to the performance as much as they are.

The new dance team will first take center stage this Tuesday night during half-time of the varsity boys' basketball game against Bay City All Saints. The same routine will be performed 3 other nights during the basketball season.

The tentative schedule is Jan. 13 against Caseville, Feb. 6 against Memphis and Parents' Night, Feb. 24 against C.P.S.

Good luck to all the girls; it seems you have everyone's support to get on the court and cut a rug!

Thank you for reading the Bulldog Beat. If you have any comments, please feel free to contact me at my e-mail address lauralouise85@hotmail.com. I hope you have a wonderfully warm week!

Letters to the editor

Village can be very proud

Dear Editor,

The community at large can be proud to know of the superb talent that pervades the Cass City High School Concert Band. I recently learned by first hand experience.

I regularly seek out many forms of musical entertainment for Northwood Meadows. In December, Cass City High School's musical director, Doug Burch, accepted our invitation to perform at Northwood Meadows. He didn't hesitate, even though it was a bit of a short notice.

The performance was fantastic. This band proved to us that characteristics like courtesy, professionalism and great musical talent are still alive and well in the heartland. The selections they played were exemplary, and our residents were thrilled with every moment.

I applaud each of the young people in this band. And Doug Burch is to be complimented over and over again. Under his direction, Doug has the students' full attention and it is easy to see his vision for this exceptional program in their eyes.

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Sincerely,
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Happy New Year!
SOME 600 area residents brought in the new year at the 37th annual New Year's Eve Gospel Sing, held in the Cass City High School gymnasium. Above, the members of One Destiny takes their turn on stage. Pictured at right are the Calvarymen Quartet, which has been on hand every year since the annual Gospel sing was started.



Decorating winners announced

Cass City Chamber of Commerce officials recently announced the winners of the holiday Home and Business Decorating Challenge.

A team of guest judges from outside the village scoured the community and named the following entries the best of the best:

Winners of \$25 Detroit Edison certificates — 6655 Third St. and 6457 Garfield Ave.

Winners of \$25 in "Cass City Cash" - 4853 Spruce St., 4693 Seeger St., 6306 Pine St. and 6350 Houghton St.

The winners in the business category were the Cass City Antique Mall and Cass City Floral.

FriendZ offering pet help

If anyone has had a stray show up on his or her doorstep and decided to keep it, now is the time to get it altered. If anyone is contemplating taking their cat for a "ride" because it gave birth last spring, now is the time to do something about it, according to the Cass River Pet FriendZ.

"Tuscola County has a serious, ongoing problem with animals being abandoned to fend for themselves. The calls that come in to the Cass River Pet FriendZ requesting help with stray cats in particular, far exceeds the space and resources that are available," said Patricia Trisch, the group's public relations director.

Through the month of January, the Cass River Pet FriendZ is offering the opportunity for residents of Tuscola County to get their cats spayed or neutered free of charge. This is limited to 2 cats per household and to the first 25 applicants.

To apply, residents must send a postcard to: Cass River Pet FriendZ, P.O. Box 513, Caro, MI 48723. The card must contain the owner's name, address and phone number.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

Thumb residents and road crews alike Monday continued digging out of a winter storm that blasted the Midwest over the weekend. The storm, packing heavy snowfall and gusty winds, arrived Saturday and dumped several inches of snow throughout Michigan, paralyzing travel and canceling a host of weekend events.

A random, unscientific survey of 4 stores in Cass City revealed that business was good this Christmas season, in most instances better than the previous year.

It was a busy December in the Cass City Post Office also, Postmaster Gary Drabek reports. The trend for automated first class mail increased sharply and Drabek predicts that the trend will accelerate in 1999.

Sparked by an \$8,000 Thumb Area Michigan Works! grant, bus service between Caro and Cass City will start on a trial basis Jan. 11. Human Development Commission Director Dale Perz of Caro announced this week. When it starts, Perz continued, it will be a depot to depot operation on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

10 YEARS AGO

If you're feeling lousy - fighting a fever, coughing and basically feeling achy all over - you're not alone. Area health and school officials report they've seen an unusually high number of flu cases since the start of the holiday season. Apparently no age group is immune to the illness, which typically requires a few days of bed rest and, in a few cases, hospitalization.

The 1993 Cass City Toys for Tots campaign was deemed a big success by program Coordinator Sue Werschky. "All the children on our list received wonderful gifts," she said. "(It was) a very successful campaign for all concerned." In all, 461

children from 175 families in the Cass City, Deford and Gageton areas were served through the local program.

The Cass City Area Historical Society will meet at Rawson Memorial Library, Monday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. to explore reorganizing. The society, a valuable asset to the community for many years, is inactive at present. Library spokesmen say there is a great need to preserve and record the "living history" of the area. The library would like to work with the society to accomplish several worthwhile projects.

25 YEARS AGO

Artis M. Noel took the oath of office Tuesday afternoon as the new prosecutor for Tuscola County. He was sworn in by Circuit Judge Martin E. Clements. Noel, 30, replaces Patrick Joslyn, who was elected a circuit judge in November. He was one of six candidates interviewed for the position by Clements, Joslyn and the third circuit judge for Tuscola and Lapeer counties, Norman A. Baguley.

Bar and grocery owners in Cass City aren't crying in their beer over the month long strike by beer delivery drivers in the Saginaw area. The only persons who might be crying are those beer drinkers whose favorite brew is Budweiser, Busch, Michelob or Stroh's - the brands that aren't being delivered here because of the strike.

PILED UP - The Human Development Commission collected an estimated 30-35 tons of newspapers during their nine months of the recycling business. Collection boxes were in Cass City, Bad Axe and Lapeer. Loading of the papers into a semi-trailer to be hauled to a Lansing area insulation manufacturer began Tuesday. They were stored near Caro.

35 YEARS AGO

The new county board of

supervisors organized itself in opening sessions at Caro during the week, naming Harold Johnson, chairman and Shuford Kirk, chairman. Johnson, of Caro, is from district 2 and had been next in line for the chairmanship of the former board of supervisors.

A Snover resident, Mrs. Freda Auvil, will be a winner on the "Personality" show that appears over NBC-TV Friday. Her name had been drawn for an all expense trip to Miami, Fla., by Jack Cassidy, the show's MC. Mrs. Auvil was notified by letter of her free trip. Complete details will follow after the show, the letter said. Mrs. Auvil is not sure how long or when the trip will take place.

Many homes in the Cass City area were still without electrical service Friday, but Clayton Bensinger of Uby's Thumb Electric Cooperative (REA) said that most power was restored Saturday, Jan. 4. "We are in the area hardest hit," Bensinger said. "We've had a lot of crews from all over out there, and we should have everything done by tomorrow (Saturday)."

Spaghetti supper set

The Tuscola County Faith-In-Action Volunteers are planning an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper.

The event is slated for Thursday, Jan. 29, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Caro United Methodist Church.

The supper is open to the public. The menu will include salad, green beans, garlic bread, dessert and beverage. The cost is \$5 per person and take-outs will be available.

All proceeds will go to the volunteer organization's services, which include providing transportation, telephone reassurance, visits, respite care, shopping assistance and more to the elderly, frail and disabled in Tuscola County.

Democrats have several options

Sanilac County Democrats are being provided an historic variety of options for voting in the party's primary caucus, which began Jan. 1.

Residents can vote now by absentee ballot or on the Internet, or wait until Saturday, Feb. 7, to vote in person, county Democratic Chairman Ray Denison announced.

Registered voters who choose to vote by absentee ballot or by Internet may ap-

ply now for a ballot. Special sites in libraries in Crosswell, Sandusky and Port Sanilac have been set up for Internet voting by residents who do not have home computers.

The Michigan Presidential Caucus ballot lists the names of 9 Democrats seeking the nation's highest office. Those voters who declare themselves as Democrats and who appear in person Saturday, Feb. 7, between 10 a.m.

and 4 p.m. at the meeting room in Liberty Lanes, 100 Kristian St., Sandusky, will be able to cast ballots. Proof of residency, such as a driver's license or library card, will be required.

Application by registered voters for an absentee ballot or to vote by Internet is to be made to the Michigan Democratic Party, 606 Townsend, Lansing, MI 48933. Application can also be made by fax at (517) 371-2056 or via email to midemparty@midemocrats.com. To apply, one need only provide name and address (as they appear on the voting registration), date of birth and place of birth.

An absentee ballot will be provided as well as instructions for voting via Internet. The voter can then make a choice as to which method to use. The deadline for absentee or Internet applications is Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. Ballots will be received via mail or Internet until 10 a.m. Feb. 7.

On Feb. 7 at the county Liberty Lanes voting site, a print-out of all who have voted absentee or on the Internet will be checked against the

names of those who apply in person as a safeguard against multiple voting. Only the first ballot cast will be counted.

Michigan will choose 153 delegates and 22 alternates in 15 district conventions to be held April 3 based on the results of the February caucus vote. The 10th Congressional District convention, which includes Sanilac County, will name 5 delegates and one alternate.

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& 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: dcooca@tband.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
Tim Wells, Associate
WSNL 600 AM, Saturday noon

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
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Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

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872-2770
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Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
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872-3658 or 872-1195
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Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Youth Group & Sunday Evening Services 6:00 p.m.
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Youth Minister: Brad Speirs
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872-5186
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: F. Robert Tucker

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Sunday Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Parish Administrator: Joan Wyskiel

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872-3336
Saturday Liturgy 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Pastor: Father Steve Fillion

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4455 North Decker Rd., Decker, MI 48426
810-672-9929 (parsonage)
989-872-8094 (church)
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Youth Group Sunday Evenings 5:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ellen Burns
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- Exploring your PDA
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- Introduction to Computers
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- QuickBooks Pro
- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe PageMaker
- Microsoft Works

Personal Development Classes

- Beginning Guitar
- Papermaking
- Wedding Floral Design
- Knitting & Crocheting Basics
- Water Color Painting
- Camping Chairs, Table & Lantern
- Slab wood Signs
- Scrap Booking & Brag Boards
- Sign Language & Signing for Babies
- Therapeutic Water Exercise
- Home & Personal Safety
- Boaters Safety Course
- Thai Cooking

Senior Citizen Classes

- Senior Computer I & II & III
- Therapeutic Water Exercise
- Microsoft Works

Youth Activities

- Water Baby Swim (1-3 yrs)
- Babysitting Training
- Karate for Kids
- Tiny Tots Swim (4-6 yrs)
- Swim-Red Cross Level I & II
- Beginning Guitar
- Mom & Me Scrap booking
- Scrap booking for Kids
- Kids in Action Exercise Program (18 mo-4 yrs)
- Boater Safety

Career-Technical Classes

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Cass City and Owen-Gage cage teams set to open 2004 campaign

The basketball season for area high schools swings back into high gear with games slated Tuesday and Friday for Cass City and Owen-Gage.

The Hawks missed a rare chance to enter the new year undefeated when they lost at Saginaw Valley Lutheran in the last game before the holidays. Before that the team notched 3 straight victories over highly regarded teams, Harbor Beach, Sandusky and Brown City.

Unfortunately for

Hawk fans the victories were against teams in the Greater Thumb East and the loss was in the Greater Thumb West, leaving the Hawks with a 0-1 record while Valley Lutheran is perched on top of the league with Reese, each with a 2-0 record (4-0 overall).

Cass City was expected to be tested by visiting Ubyly in another battle with a GTE squad Tuesday. Ubyly has a 3-1 record.

Friday Cass City will play its first home league game of the year when

Lakers comes to town. The Lakers (1-2) are off to a slow start but are still expected to be a factor in the league race.

OWEN-GAGE

Owen-Gage, realistically, was given little chance in its first post-holiday game against Bay City All Saints. The Cougars have one of the better teams in the Greater Thumb West and pounded the Bulldogs in the opening game of the season. Owen-Gage had just 5 players ready to

play in the opener and at one time had just 4 players on the floor.

Tuesday the Bulldogs were expected to have 8 players ready to compete. While that may not be enough to make a difference in the final outcome it should give coach Arnie Howard's charges a step forward in its rebuilding battle.

Friday the Bulldogs play at Akron-Fairgrove and the game is one that could be the springboard that vaults Owen-Gage into the win column for the first time this season.



OWEN-GAGE JUNIOR VARSITY volleyball team, from left: Mindy Errer, Heather Collon, Becky Schmidt, Kendra Guilds. Second row: Amber Pillsbury, Lamia Varner, Coach Karen Gaeth, Michelle Brown. Missing are Nicole Nowaczyk and Courtney Finkbinder.

Meeker perfect in 5 matches Hawk wrestlers finish 4th at North Branch

Cass City finished fourth in the 6-team North Branch tournament Saturday with 5 wrestlers finishing with winning records.

Lapeer East won the

title posting an undefeated 5-0 mark, closely followed by Cros-Lex who finished 4-1. Other teams finished in the following order: North Branch (3-2), Cass City

(2-3), Warren Woods Tower B team (1-4) and Saginaw Nouvel (0-5).

Steve Meeker, 215 pounds, led the way for the Hawks with a 5-0 record. Marcell Helland

wrestling at 112 and 119 pounds was 4-1. Also at 4-1 was Wes Becker wrestling at 171 pounds. Finishing with 3-2 marks were Kyle Sieradzki, and Eric Hollis.

Veterans to receive timelier healthcare

Veterans should receive timelier healthcare under a new federal directive recently announced by officials at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Under the new rule, all veterans with service-connected medical problems will receive priority access to healthcare services, officials said.

"Caring for veterans with service-connected medical problems is a major reason VA exists," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi. "This directive should ease the minds of veterans who no longer have to wait for health care appointments."

The new directive provides that all veterans requiring care for a service-related connected disability - regardless of the extent of their injury - must be scheduled for a primary care evaluation within

30 days of their request for care. If a VA facility is unable to schedule an appointment within 30 days, it must arrange for care at another VA facility, at a contract facility or through a sharing agreement.

The directive covers hospitalization and outpatient care. It does not apply to healthcare problems not related to a service-connected disability. However, veterans needing emergency care will be treated immediately.

The new provision is an extension of rules that took effect in October 2002 for severely disabled veterans. Under the earlier rule, priority access to health care went to veterans with disabilities rated at 50 percent or more. For the severely disabled, the priority includes care for non-service-connected medical problems.

The number of veterans us-

ing VA's healthcare system has risen dramatically in recent years, increasing from 2.9 million in 1995 to nearly 5 million in 2003.

Although VA operates more than 1,300 sites of care, including 162 hospitals and more than 800 outpatient clinics, the increase in veterans seeking care outstrips VA's capacity to treat them.

"VA provides the finest healthcare in the country, but if a veteran cannot see a doctor in a timely manner, then we have failed that veteran," Principi said.

"I will work to honor our commitment to veterans," he added. "But when it comes to non-emergency healthcare, we must give the priority to veterans with service-connected disabilities."

Lyle Melkerson, service officer for VFW Post 3644 in Cass City, said the new directive is good news. How-

ever, he indicated veterans will still have to be patient because the VA is underfunded.

The key to accessing services, he said, is to seek out a veteran's organization.

"It all boils down that you have to make contact," he said. "The best thing you can do is to contact the service officer of the VFW or go to the nearest VA facility and take a copy of their honorable discharge with them and/or their DD214 form."

Melkerson noted local VFW service officers serve as liaisons between veterans and the VA, and help to "smooth things out" when there is conflict.

Melkerson said veterans in need of services can learn more by attending a monthly meeting of VFW Post 3644. The meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

| This week's match ups | John Haire | Clarke Haire | Tom Montgomery | Doug Hyatt |
|--|--|---|---|---|
| January 6 Deckerville at Bad Axe Marlette at Lakers Ubyly at Cass City Mayville at USA V. Lutheran at Swan Valley Reese at Harbor Beach Sandusky at Brown City BCAS at Owen-Gage | Bad Axe Lakers Cass City USA Valley Lutheran Reese Sandusky BCAS | Deckerville Lakers Cass City USA Swan Valley Harbor Beach Sandusky BCAS | Deckerville Marlette Cass City USA Valley Lutheran Harbor Beach Sandusky BCAS | Bad Axe Lakers Cass City USA Valley Lutheran Harbor Beach Sandusky BCAS |
| January 7 Memphis/Kingston (Palace) | Kingston | Kingston | Kingston | Kingston |
| January 9 Bad Axe at Valley Lutheran Lakers at Cass City BCAS at Reese Saginaw Nouvel at USA Marlette at Sandusky Deckerville at Mayville Ubyly at Brown City Owen-Gage at A-Fairgrove Dryden at Caseville CPS at Memphis Port Hope at North Huron Peck at Kingston | Valley Lutheran Cass City Reese Saginaw Nouvel Sandusky Mayville Ubyly A-Fairgrove Caseville CPS North Huron Kingston | Valley Lutheran Cass City Reese USA Sandusky Deckerville Brown City A-Fairgrove Caseville CPS North Huron Kingston | Valley Lutheran Cass City Reese Saginaw Nouvel Marlette Deckerville Ubyly A-Fairgrove Caseville CPS North Huron Kingston | Valley Lutheran Cass City Reese USA Sandusky Mayville Ubyly A-Fairgrove Caseville CPS North Huron Peck |
| Last week's results | 12-10 | 17-5 | 13-9 | 15-7 |
| Season's results | 26-16 (62%) | 33-9 (79%) | 27-15 (64%) | 30-12 (71%) |

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| BOYS BASKETBALL GREATER THUMB WEST | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Team | W | L | W | L |
| Reese | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Valley Lutheran | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| BCAS | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| USA | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Cass City | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| EPBP | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Bad Axe | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 |

| GREATER THUMB EAST | | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Team | W | L | W | L |
| Harbor Beach | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Ubyly | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Marlette | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Brown City | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Sandusky | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Deckerville | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Mayville | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |

| NCTL NORTH | | | | |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|
| Team | W | L | W | L |
| North Huron | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Caseville | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| A-Fairgrove | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Port Hope | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Owen-Gage | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 |

| NCTL SOUTH | | | | |
|------------|---|---|---|---|
| Team | W | L | W | L |
| Peck | 3 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| Kingston | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| CPS | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Memphis | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Dryden | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 |

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Obituaries

Nellie Anthes

Nellie Mae Anthes, 87, of Cass City, died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004 at Caro Community Hospital.

She was born June 10, 1916 in Elmwood Township, the daughter of Fred and Christie (Hutchinson) Seeley.

She married Edward Anthes Dec. 18, 1934 in Caro. He died Nov. 21, 1981. Anthes retired from General Cable after 20 plus years. She was a member of the Novesta Church of Christ.

Anthes is survived by her children: Tim Anthes of Caseville and Mary Ann (Keith) Lowe of Cass City; 5 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 2 great great-grandchildren; a sister, Aileen Price; a brother-in-law, John Anderson; sisters-in-law: Donna Seeley, Isabelle Seeley and Clara Seeley; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, William J. Lowe; and siblings: Oscar (Lydia) Seeley, Alfred Seeley, Hollis (Hazel) Seeley, Clark Seeley, Earney Seeley, Clarabell Anderson and Ralph Price.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 5, at Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City, with Chuck Emmert officiating.

Interment will be in the Novesta Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Novesta Church of Christ. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Mary Czerny

Mary Czerny, 95, of Cass City, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2004 at Covenant Health Care-Harrison, Saginaw.

She was born Dec. 5, 1908 in Washington to Frank and Anna (Koshosnoski) Roman. Czerny worked at Chrysler in the mailroom.

She is survived by a brother, Sylvester Roman of Cass City.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Johnny Roman. Cremation took place with interment in the Elkland Township Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

Anna Mae Doyle

Anna Mae Doyle, 27, of Snover, died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004 at Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

She was born Nov. 13, 1976 in Lapeer, the daughter of Kay (Grifka) Muma and the late Raymond Muma.

She married Christopher J. Doyle Aug. 28, 1999 in Ruth. Doyle was a 1995 graduate of Ubley High School. She worked at Deckerville Die Form for 4 years, and at the Voltron Corporation in Bad Axe. She was a life long parishioner of St. Ignatius Catholic Church of Freiburg.

Doyle is survived by her husband, Christopher; children: Sara Kay Muma, Joan Doyle, Sara Nicole Doyle and Jason Doyle, all at home; her mother, Kay Muma of Snover; her maternal grandmother, Olive Grifka of Snover; 3 sisters: Angela (Jim) Weeks of Alabama, Tina (Mike) Siemen of Harbor Beach, and Marlene (John) Whittenburg of Florida; a brother, Gordon (Jennifer) Muma of Saginaw and Rick (Debbie) Doyle of Carsonville; 4 sisters-in-law: Penny (Al) Haacke of Crosswell, Debra (Joseph) Albrecht of Carsonville, Brenda (David) Bartley of Applegate, and Bobbi (John) Warczynski of Deckerville; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Linda Muma. Funeral mass was held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 7, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church of Freiburg, with the Rev. T.J.

Fleming, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubley.

Elizabeth Igielski

Elizabeth Anne "Beth" Igielski, 21, died Dec. 24, 2003.

She was born May 16, 1982, the daughter of Robert and Monica Igielski.

She graduated from Sandusky High School in 2000.

She is survived by her parents: Monica (Jim) Igielski and Robert (Debbie) Igielski; two brothers: Jason and Nick Igielski; a sister, Aimee O'Connor; 4 nieces and nephews; grandparents: Bruce and Joan Warner of Ubley, and Joseph and Rita Wojcik; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were held Dec. 29, at Griffin Funeral Home, Westland, with Deacon Robert Fitzgerald of St. Michaels Catholic Church officiating.

Interment was in the Knollwood Cemetery, Canton Township.

Mary Strump

Mary Strump, 92, of Cass City, previously of Imlay City, died Thursday, Dec. 25, 2003, in Saginaw.

She was born May 28, 1911 in Harrisburg, Pa., to Louis and Mary Nagy.

She married Anthony Patrick Strump Feb. 14, 1931 in Detroit.

Strump lived in Imlay City most of her life. She was a former member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Imlay City; and of St. Cornelius Catholic Church, Dryden. She was an active member of Rosary Altar Society, Webster Community Group and Michigan Extension Service. She was also a member of the Society of Hope and Charity.

Strump is survived by a son, Anthony (Susan) Strump of Lapeer; four daughters: Margaret (Edwin) Pavey of Cedarville, Marlene (Daniel) Erla of Cass City; Marion Strump of Cass City, and Marcia (Robert) Spencer of Stanton; 8 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Charles (Madeline) Nagy of Rockwood.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony; 3 brothers; and 2 sisters.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 29, at St. Cornelius Catholic Church, Dryden, with Father Wayne Ureel officiating.

Interment was at Mr. Calvary Cemetery.

BASKETBALL - GYMNASTICS - VOLLEYBALL - WRESTLING

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

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

CATCH THE HAWKS AT HOME

BASKETBALL
Fri., January 9
Cass City vs. Lakers in Cass City

GYMNASTICS
Tues., January 13
Cass City vs. Midland/Hartland

VOLLEYBALL
Mon., January 12
Cass City vs. Sandusky in Cass City

WRESTLING
Sat., January 10
Cass City Invitational

| 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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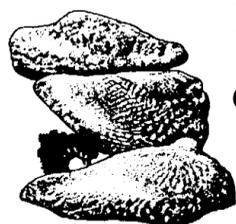
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State consolidating services

The state is consolidating its unemployment insurance services and has moved those services from its Bad Axe office, 40 Cook Dr.

"While jobless workers in the area will no longer be able to file their unemployment claims at our Bad Axe location," David Plawecki, deputy director for the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services and responsible for the Bureau of Workers' and Unemployment Compensation, said, "they can now apply by Internet, telephone or mail."

To file by telephone, callers can dial a special toll-free telephone number - 1-866-500-0017. The number is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Callers must, however, follow a call-in schedule based on the last 2 digits of their Social Security numbers when filing by phone.

"Those with Internet access can apply online," he noted. "Our website - www.michigan.gov/bwuc - accepts applications for jobless benefits weekdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Internet users, however, must have filed a Michigan unemployment claim within the last 10 years in order to file online.

Unemployed workers who prefer can still apply for their unemployment benefits by mail, although the process is slower and there is less immediacy in learning if an application has been accepted.

"We will continue to accept mail applications for a short while yet," Plawecki said. "The application forms are available at our website at www.michigan.gov/bwuc

Unemployment benefit applications are also available at the office in Saginaw, 614 Johnson St.

"Our Saginaw location serves as a regional problem resolution office," Plawecki.

noted. "The office is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, and offers one-on-one help in resolving problems and in answering questions about individual unemployment claims."

Those who have filed claims by telephone or Internet within the past 60 days and have a problem or question about their unemployment claim can call the telephone filed claims hotline (1-866-500-0017) for assistance. The bureau also operates a general question toll-free customer service telephone hotline at 1-800-

638-3995 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Michigan's unemployment program is consolidating its Bad Axe office as the bureau converts to telephone and Internet processes for accepting unemployment claims. As the telephone process expands statewide, the bureau will close its remaining local unemployment offices.

"The telephone-filed claims and Internet-filed claims processes will be major conveniences to our customers," Plawecki said. "They will save jobless workers the time and expense of

traveling to an office and applying for unemployment benefits in person. In fact, we found that in some areas of the state it took jobless workers about 6 hours to file an unemployment claim at an office when you included time for their travel, waiting in our office, filing out the application and learning about their rights and responsibilities."

The Bad Axe office has been providing limited unemployment insurance services since November, following the loss of almost 40 percent of the bureau's statewide staff to retirement.



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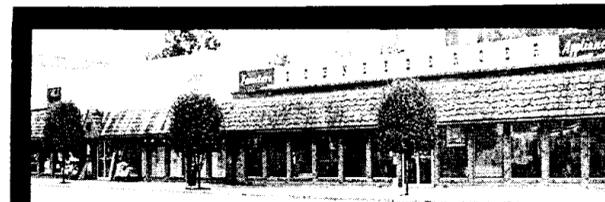
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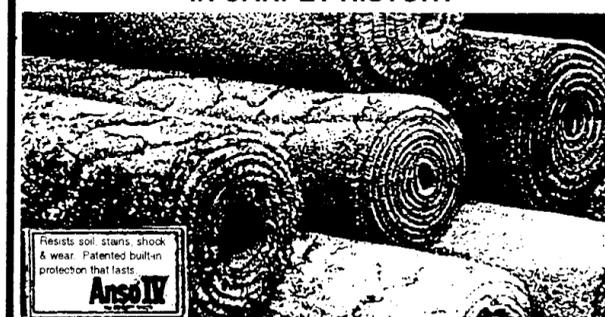


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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth Lewis Lickly Jr., a single man (original mortgagors), to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 15, 2001 and recorded on January 16, 2001 in Liber 819 on Page 687, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated January 15, 2001 recorded on February 1, 2001 in Liber 820 on Page 1372, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Six and 75/100 Dollars (\$81,996.75), including interest at 8.5% 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 January 22, 2004.

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

A part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 13 North, Range 9 East, Almer Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, beginning at the Northeast corner of said Section 13; thence continuing South 1 degrees, 18 minutes, 14 seconds East on said East line of Section 13, 466.28 feet; thence North 86 degrees, 45 minutes, 12 seconds West on the Northernly line of Hume Drain, 169.64 feet; thence North 56 degrees, 38 minutes, 05 seconds West continuing on the Northernly bank of Hume Drain, 273.41 feet; thence South 72 degrees, 41 minutes, 42 seconds West continuing on the Northernly bank of Hume Drain, 255.36 feet; thence North 1 degrees, 18 minutes, 14 seconds West, 382.24 feet; thence South 90 degrees, 00 minutes, 00 seconds East on the North line of said Section 13, 639.60 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: December 24, 2003

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FC S (248) 593-1304

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy W. Beckett and Karen A. Beckett, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Emergent Mortgage Corp., dba Homegold, a Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 9, 1997 and recorded on September 17, 1997 in Liber 720 on Page 329, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wachovia Bank f/k/a First Union National Bank of North Carolina as Trustee for the registered holders of Emergent Home Equity Loan Pass through Certificates Series 1997-03, as assignee by an assignment dated September 24, 1997 recorded on November 7, 1997 in Liber 723 on Page 1328, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Four and 64/100 Dollars (\$58,954.64), including interest at 12.979% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 15, 2004.

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

Commencing at a point 784.75 feet East of the Southwest corner of Section 33, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, running thence North 417.00 feet; thence East 200.00 feet; thence South 417.00 feet; thence West 200.00 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: December 17, 2003

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Attorneys For Wachovia Bank f/k/a First Union National Bank of North Carolina as Trustee for the registered holders of Emergent Home Equity Loan Pass through Certificates Series 1997-03.
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File #005832F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dennis P. Lawler and Elsa M. Lawler, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 19, 2001 and recorded on September 18, 2001 in Liber 843 on Page 201, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Two Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Three and 22/100 Dollars (\$202,663.22), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 22, 2004.

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

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 12, Town 12 North, Range 8 East; thence West 30 Rods 12 feet; thence North 32 Rods 4 feet, East 30 Rods 12 feet; thence South 32 Rods 4 feet to the place of beginning.

Less and except: A part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 12, Township 12 North, Range 8 East, Juniata Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the South Section line that is North 86 degrees, 06 minutes 00 seconds West, 474.00 feet from the Southeast corner of Section 12; thence North 01 degrees 51 minutes 30 seconds East, parallel with the East Section line, 212.00 feet; thence South 86 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel with the South Section line, 92.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 51 minutes 30 seconds East, parallel with the East Section line, 320.00 feet; thence North 86 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds West, parallel with the South Section line, 125.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 51 minutes 30 seconds West, parallel with the East Section line, 532.00 feet to a point on the South Section line, thence South 86 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds East, along the South Section line, 33.00 feet to the point of beginning. Contains 1.08 acres, including that part reserved for West Caro Road (M-81), subject to an easement recorded in Liber 205, Page 462, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: December 24, 2003

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel S. Vasko and Constance M. Vasko, His Wife, to Pnnfund, USA, A California Corporation CFL#603-3977, Mortgagee, dated July 14, 1999 and recorded July 26, 1999 in Liber 777, Page 1073, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, formerly known as The Chase Manhattan Bank, successor by merger to Chase Bank of Texas, National Association, F/K/A Texas Commerce Bank, N.A., as Trustee and Custodian, 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 One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety and 44/100 Dollars (\$124,919.44), including interest at the rate of 8.74% 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 8, 2004.

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

Beginning 470 feet East of the Southwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 11 North, Range 10 East; thence North 838 feet; thence East 260 feet; thence South 838 feet; thence West 260 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 10, 2003

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Attorneys for JPMorgan Chase Bank, formerly known as The Chase Manhattan Bank, successor by merger to Chase Bank of Texas, National Association, F/K/A Texas Commerce Bank, N.A., as Trustee and Custodian By: Saxton Mortgage Services Inc., f/k/a Meritech Mortgage Services Inc., As Assignee
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Hugh J. Cain, and Monica Marshall, a single man and a single woman (original mortgagors), to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated January 31, 2000 and recorded on February 2, 2000 in Liber 793 on Page 922, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated September 1, 2000 recorded on December 28, 2000 in Liber 818 on Page 433, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand One Hundred Six and 48/100 Dollars (\$70,106.48), including interest at 4.25% per annum.

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: December 31, 2003

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Bruce Day and Becky Day, husband and wife, Mortgagee, to Source One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated the 28th day of May, 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 7th day of June, 1999 in Liber 773 of Tuscola County Records, Page 858, said Mortgage having been assigned to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., its successors and assigns, as nominee for Household Finance Corporation, its successors and assigns, said Assignment having been recorded on the 14th day of December, 1999 in Liber 790 on Page 782, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Seventy Two Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety and 78/100 Dollars (\$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 12 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the East and West 1/4 line of said Sec-

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

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

Dated: 12/31/03

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
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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

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File #008096F01

1-7-4

made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 15, 2004.

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

Commencing 395 feet East of the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 22, Town 10 North, Range 7 East; thence East 130 feet; thence North 325 feet; thence West 130 feet; thence South 325 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: December 17, 2003

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12-17-4

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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 (\$12,495.63) including interest at the rate of 6.625% per annum.

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

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

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

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless 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

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MORTGAGESALE
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Christine Bonnell, a married woman, and Duane Bonnell, her husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated October 25, 2001 and recorded December 10, 2001 in Liber 852, Page 156, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by BANK ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES, INC. ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-2b assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Eight and 22/100 Dollars (\$109,628.22) including interest at the rate of 11.75% 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 8, 2004.

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 16, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the North line of Section 16, North 89 degrees 35 minutes 55 seconds East 881.58 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said Section 16; thence continuing along said North line North 89 degrees 35 minutes 55 seconds East 443.93 feet to the East line of said Northwest 1/4; thence along said East line South 00 degrees 08 minutes 07 seconds West 989.07 feet; thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes 55 seconds West 441.30 feet; thence North 00 degrees 01 minutes 00 seconds West 989.05 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 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 10, 2003

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for BANK ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES, INC. ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-2, As Assignee
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Troy, MI 48007-5041
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File No. 199.1353

12-10-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JUDY L. DONNELLY A SINGLE WOMAN, to MORTGAGE AMERICA (INC), INC., a Florida Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 4, 1999 and recorded on August 12, 1999 in Liber 779 on Page 643, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to ALTEGRA CREDIT COMPANY, now known as NATIONAL CITY HOME LOAN SERVICES, INC. by an assignment dated August 4, 1999 and recorded on August 14, 2000 in Liber 808 on Page 671, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy-nine thousand seven hundred ninety-eight and 72/100 Dollars (\$79,798.72), including interest at 11.500% 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, MI, at 11:00 AM on January 22, 2004.

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Village of Cass City, Michigan (pop. 2643) seeks village clerk/treasurer to oversee \$2.3 million budget and all financial activities of the village. Position reports to the village manager. Duties include budgeting, investment management, payroll, accounts receivable and payable, elections, and records retention. Position provides highly responsible administrative support to the village manager and the board of trustees. This position is also responsible for completing a variety of financial reports, preparing council agendas, attending city council and various other meetings and recording minutes, developing resolutions and ordinances, and preparing legal notices for publication.

Requirements include responsible experience in similar field, proficiency with Microsoft Word and Excel and ability to quickly learn the various aspects of municipal operations. Experience with local government, knowledge of GASB 34, and Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation is desired. Desire college course work or equivalent experience in finance or accounting. Prefer either a two-year degree with major coursework in finance, accounting, or closely related field, or graduation from an accredited four-year college or university.

A complete packet of information is available from the Village of Cass City at (989) 872-2911. Closing date is 4:00 p.m., January 26, 2004. Send resume with cover letter and professional references to:

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40 Acres! Beautiful picturesque river property. 100% wooded with the Cass River along the west boundary. Lots of wildlife, deer haven. High enough to build on and wide road frontage. A-826

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LOOKING AT ALL OFFERS! NICE! 4 bedroom, 1 full bath, 1st floor utility. There is a large 2+ car garage attached. Property is bank owned and ready to buy. Call Marty or Lola for a showing with new price. EBP-137

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State Notary public process now streamlined

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land recently applauded a new law that updates and streamlines Michigan's notary public process.

House Bill 4938, signed into law as Public Act 238 of 2003, marks the first comprehensive revision of the notary statutes since they were enacted in 1846. Making the notary process more contemporary was among Land's first-year goals. She worked with lawmakers and county clerks to move legislation forward. HB 4938 is sponsored by state Rep. Shelley Taub, R-Bloomfield Hills.

"We must make sure that government evolves to meet today's needs," Land said. "Updating our notary laws complements my ongoing efforts to deliver better service. Bringing greater clarity and efficiency to this process benefits customers at all levels. This is a major accomplishment, and I commend Representative Taub for her leadership."

"Notaries public serve a vital role in our democracy," Taub said. "They are entrusted with significant responsibilities, and citizens depend on them for a variety of services. The process for appointing and regulating them must be as concise and effective as possible. I'm

proud to have ushered this initiative through the Legislature, and I appreciate Secretary Land's vision and guidance."

A notary public is someone who is legally authorized to witness signatures and administer oaths.

The new law:

- Creates the Michigan Notary Public Act.
- Extends the length of new appointments by an additional 2 years, resulting in less data-entry work for the state.
- Streamlines the application and appointment process. For example, commissions will now be mailed to applicants upon appointment, rather than going through a two-step process of identification and filing at the county clerk level.
- Establishes monthly reporting between county clerks and the secretary of state.
- Allows for use of electronic signatures already on file with the Department of State for future online processing.
- Clarifies rules, responsibilities and restrictions.
- Establishes a statewide appointment, which eliminates the need to reapply when moving within the state; and
- Creates new notary crimes, including sanctions for the notary's employer.



OUTDOOR WRITER Tom Lounsbury, Cass City, also serves as president of the United Sportsmen's Alliance, which is gearing up to celebrate its second anniversary.

Bemus planning retirement

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more time together and with their family.

"We have a home at Continental Country Club (near Leesburg) in Florida. We're planning on moving and spending our summers back here," noted Bemus, who has 5 grown children, 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Still, she has some mixed emotions about retirement, especially after being on the job for so many years.

"You've got to love it, and I love it," said Bemus, who acknowledged leaving

won't be as easy as simply walking out the door one last time, although she's looking forward to retirement.

Citizens file lawsuit

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comment on the suit. Phone calls to Michigan Ethanol were not returned.

Aside from damages, the citizens group is asking the court to order the ethanol plant officials to "cease and desist in their activities."

Michigan Ethanol, L.L.C. is a value-added cooperative

"It's a happy time, but it's a sad time, and I'm sure I'll be very emotional about the whole thing."

involving some 400 farmers from 30 different Michigan counties who each paid roughly \$10,000 to own a portion of the operation.

The \$63 million plant takes in an estimated 15 million bushels of corn and produces about 40 million gallons of ethanol and 120,000 tons of livestock feed annually.

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