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## Ad hoc committee formed O-G to look at closing building

Owen-Gage School officials will take another look at possibly consolidating the district's school into one campus in an effort to further cut expenses.

The Board of Education Monday decided to form a 7-person ad hoc committee to review the proposal. Board President Randy Howard along with trustees Mike Mandich and Tom

## Northwood Meadows probing allegations

Hills and Dales Healthcare Corporation officials are investigating what they described as "allegations related to personnel issues" at the Northwood Meadows Assisted Living and Dementia Care Facility in Cass City.

In a written statement issued Monday morning, Hills and Dales President and CEO Dee McKrow said the corporation's administrative staff received knowledge of the allegations Tuesday, Feb. 3.

"The staff took immediate action to conduct an internal investigation related to the truth of the allegations," stated McKrow, who declined to address the nature of the allegations.

"Due to individual privacy rights and labor laws," she added, "these issues cannot be discussed."

McKrow said she wants to assure that patient care remains the number one priority and that there will be no interruptions in the operations of the resident and dementia care units. "The resident and patient care are number one and we have the best healthcare personnel giving that care now."

McKrow said she will be meeting with facility patients, residents and their families when the investigation is completed.

Mellendorf will serve on the committee along with a certified and non-certified member of the school staff and 2 community residents.

The board last year discussed closing the district's elementary school in Gagetown, but later tabled the proposal for the 2003-04 school year.

However, it was the board's consensus that another look is warranted due to a continued financial struggle fueled by a shrinking enrollment and rising expenses.

School officials earlier estimated that closing the Gagetown school could save an estimated \$100,000 annually, although that figure did not take into account the initial cost of renovations at the junior-senior high school to accommodate the elementary students.

School officials have already taken a number of steps to offset red ink the district's budget. They include approving incentive retirement packages for 3 teachers, downsizing administration by utilizing a part-time superintendent with support staff in place, a general spending freeze, including no wage increases for certified and non-certified staff, and selling a district-owned residence in Owendale.

Those measures have improved the school's financial situation this year.

A revised budget review in December revealed total expenses estimated at \$2,060,092, down by \$71,000, while revenues increased by nearly \$93,000 to \$2,054,170.

School officials projected a deficit of nearly \$170,000 when the budget was first adopted. In December, that figure had decreased to just under \$6,000, and. The year-end fund balance projection also improved, from \$261,016 to \$424,944.

However, enrollment projections indicate it's like student numbers will continue to shrink, costing the district

thousands of dollars. The district has lost about 68 students over the past 6 years, from nearly 300 students in 1999-2000 to 225 students this year. The loss translates into some \$425,000 in state revenue.

### REPORT CARD

Turning to other matters during the monthly meeting, Peggy Randall from the Huron Intermediate School District addressed the board regarding the new Michigan school report cards released by the state.

The report cards are designed to provide parents, teachers, school administrators and the general public with a comprehensive view of school performance and student achievement.

The report card incorporates federal achievement requirements continued in the federal No Child Left Behind Act with Education Yes!, Michigan's accreditation.

Many of the state's schools Please turn to page 9.



15-YEAR-OLD DOUG Irelan of Cass City took advantage of fairly mild weather and some clear pavement to practice his skateboarding skills Sunday afternoon in Cass City.

## Sugar officials blast CAFTA

Michigan Sugar and Monitor Sugar company officials held a joint news conference Thursday at the Monitor Sugar plant in Bay City to take on the Bush administration's Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA).

The competing sugar companies have joined forces to collect more than 10,000 signatures on petitions to be sent to President Bush in opposition of the agreement and other pending free trade agreements which, they say, threaten the U.S. Sugar Industry.

As a show of solidarity Thursday, area farmers along with company and union representatives were backed by a wall of Pioneer Sugar and Big Chief Sugar bags,

and were surrounded by the thousands of signatures that will be sent to the president and congressional leaders.

"We are determined to fight this all the way," said Mark Flegenheimer, president and CEO of Michigan Sugar Company.

"CAFTA and other free trade agreements may provide access to an already oversupplied sugar market and will have ruinous effects on the U.S. sugar industry, eliminating thousands of jobs, taking away millions of dollars and debilitating farming communities. Consumers would also lose their trusted local suppliers."

As the only sugarbeet processors east of the Mississippi River, Michigan Sugar and Monitor Sugar compa-

nies generated total revenue of some \$280 million in the 2000-2001 crop year in Michigan alone. The companies employed 883 full-time workers, with a peak of 2,250 persons during the same period.

"While Michigan Sugar and Monitor Sugar are fierce competitors, we are putting that aside in order to save the U.S. sugar industry as a whole," said Bob Hetzler, president and CEO of Monitor Sugar Company. "The entire U.S. sugarbeet and cane industry is completely unified on this critical issue."

The pending Central American Free Trade Agreement would immediately allow Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and possibly the Dominican

Republic to sell 250,000 tons of sugar in the United States, compared to the 125,000 tons the nations sell today.

The United States produces about 80 to 85 percent of the sugar it consumes, importing the remainder from 41 foreign countries, making the U.S. one of the world's largest importers of sugars.

Michigan Congressman Dale E. Kildee offered the sugar companies support last week by introducing a resolution to protect the domestic sugar industry from being exploited during what he called unfair trade negotiations.

Kildee's House Resolution 501 discourages the Bush Please turn to page 9.

## Rutkowski seeks prosecutor's job

Area native Timothy J. Rutkowski hopes to return to the Huron County Prosecutor's Office - this time as the county's top prosecutor.

Rutkowski last week announced his candidacy for Huron County Prosecutor. A Republican, his name will appear on the Aug. 3 Republican primary ballot.

Rutkowski has 10 years of prosecution experience. He was an assistant prosecutor in Huron County from 1994 to 1999 and in Sanilac County from 1999 to 2000. Since 2001, Rutkowski has been chief assistant prosecutor in Tuscola County.

"As the chief assistant prosecutor, I have assisted in the administration of a prosecutor's office through the oversight of 3 other assistant prosecutors and 5 support staff besides my regular trial docket," he said.

Rutkowski, a lifelong resident of the Thumb area, graduated from Ubyly High School and then attended Saginaw Valley State University. After graduating from Thomas M. Cooley Law School, he worked as a law clerk for Judge M. Richard Knoblock.

Rutkowski, whose family has lived in the Ubyly area for more than a century, grew up and worked on the family's dairy farm.

"One of the strongest assets for me is my strong work ethic that I learned from my parents, Clarence and Christine Rutkowski, and my growing up on a dairy farm," he said, adding if elected he will bring that same work ethic to the office.

Rutkowski said the issues that prompted him to seek the Republican nomination in August are protecting children, an elected prosecutor in court and trying cases, plea-bargaining, and fiscal responsibility.

"Huron County has seen an increase of drugs and drug-related activity in our communities," he said. "To those individuals who wish to peddle their poison to our children and in our communities, my message is clear, 'no more. Not on my watch.'"

Rutkowski added he would take a tough stance with drug

dealers, including the use of forfeiture proceedings against drug dealers' assets, which he has done effectively in Tuscola County.

Rutkowski also vowed to improve the Huron County



Timothy Rutkowski

Prosecutor's Office by appearing in court and trying cases as the elected prosecutor.

"The elected prosecutor must appear in court on a regular basis," he said. "Crime victims, police and citizens want you there. They want a prosecutor in court fighting for them. By appearing in court and trying cases, you send a message as to what is acceptable behavior in the community."

Rutkowski said that, as prosecutor, he will work to maintain a cost efficient and effective office for county taxpayers.

"In these tough economic times, Huron County taxpayers want to know that their elected prosecutor is looking to run the most efficient office possible. As elected prosecutor, I would return to a 3-prosecutor office, which would save the Huron County taxpayers about \$40,000 per year plus benefits."

"Because of the reduction in the number of cases and trials in Huron County since 1997 and because I will be in court, trying cases, this will enable the Huron County Prosecutor's Office to operate more efficiently with the tax dollars that it receives without compromising the safety of the residents," he added.

Rutkowski said he will also improve the office by end Please turn to page 9.



CASS CITY AREA resident Dave Bartnik has started his own independent contracting business, delivering propane and related services to Thumb Energy customers throughout the upper Thumb.

## Climbing the ladder Bartnik enjoying being his own boss

Dave Bartnik has climbed the ladder to independent success in the propane business.

Bartnik, 45, of Cass City, started at the bottom rung, literally, with a broom in his hand. Today, the area resident is enjoying being his own boss as an independent contractor.

"I've been in the business almost 27 years. I started with the original Fuelgas Company," recalled Bartnik, a 1977 Cass City High School graduate. He worked in maintenance for the company, but quickly began moving up.

"I had a 100-pound cylinder route. From there, I went to driving trucks. From there I went to setting tanks, service and installation," he said. "Through the years I've done just about every conceivable job."

Bartnik remained with Fuelgas for 11 years before

taking a job as manager of the propane division of Cass City Oil and Gas. He left there last summer after 16 years on the job.

Bartnik said he decided to take the plunge from employee to employer because of his years of experience and business relationships he had developed with officials at Thumb Energy, a subsidiary of Ubyly-based Thumb Electric Cooperative.

"The customer base was already there," he said of Thumb Energy. "I always wanted to start my own propane company, and this was the best opportunity I had."

"I had (other) job opportunities. I did have job offers, but I would have to leave the area, and I didn't want to leave the area because of my kids," noted Bartnik, who began contracting with Thumb Energy last July to deliver propane and related services to customers

throughout Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties.

"We deliver all of Thumb Energy's propane, set all the new propane tank accounts and service the equipment," said Bartnik, who is assisted in the business by his wife, Shelly.

"We employ 2 people with myself, and we're probably going to add a fourth this coming fall. Shelly's in charge of accounting, I do pretty much everything, whatever needs to be done, and then I have a driver/tank setter."

Bartnik noted that Thumb Electric Cooperative has been in business for 68 years and has 13,000 electric accounts. Today, the company also has 1,200 LP accounts.

"They're a co-op, which means they're member owned," Bartnik explained, adding member requests for propane delivery over the years prompted company of-

ficials to branch out. "That's why they decided to diversify into propane - customer demand."

"Thumb Electric has kind of a niche in the propane industry. They (members) have a meter on their house so that they pay only for what they use," Bartnik continued. "So, instead of getting a \$400 or \$500 bill (when their tank is filled), they just pay for what they use."

"People just absolutely love the metered service - 90 percent of the members are metered," he said. "That's why we're setting so many tanks."

The metered service also decreases the likelihood of an empty tank, and enables company officials to detect and promptly repair problems such as a tank leak, according to Bartnik.

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# Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
Phone 989-269-6994



Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski attended the funeral of Gerald Roggenbuck at Our Lady of

Lake Huron Catholic Church at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday morning at Harbor Beach.

Mrs. Allen Depcinski visited Thelma Jackson Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Depcinski for Eugene's birthday.

Mrs. John O'Henley, Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Clara Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hurford, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Robinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson Sunday.

Allen Farrelly visited Don Rackoff at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe on Saturday.

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

Bob Andersen of Livonia and Ann Andersen of Brighton spent Saturday with Mrs. Earl Schenk.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Zurek and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski

attended the Our Lady of Lake Huron Church ham and sausage breakfast Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pechett and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson on Tuesday.

Peggy Horton spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Dick Peterson, Allen Farrelly, Jack Kennedy, Lyle Rochefort and Bernard Morley met at McDonald's Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Doerr were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hacker and Leola Britt visited Mrs. Earl Schenk on Sunday.

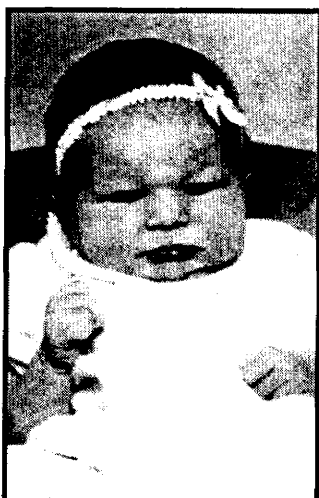
Allen Farrelly visited Eleanor Koskie at Caro Wednesday.

Don and Carolyn Carpenter of Caro and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Carpenter and family at Caro.

Bob Britt of Bad Axe visited Mrs. Earl Schenk on Friday.

Six members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill for breakfast Thursday morning in Bad Axe. They will meet at McDonald's Food and Family Deli next week.

## It's a girl!



Erin Laurie

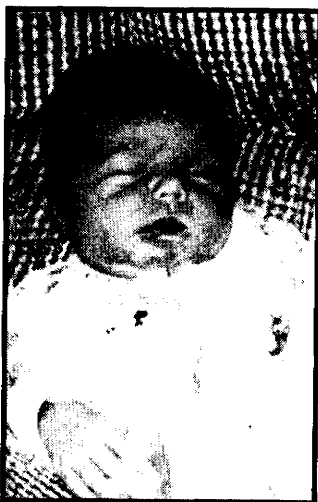
David and Stephanie Laurie of Cass City announce the birth of their daughter, Erin Ann.

Erin was born Jan. 3, 2004 at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe at 4:25 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 1/2 ounces and was 21 1/4 inches long.

She joins her siblings Maegan and Whitney.

Grandparents are Eugene and Melanie Kady of Owendale, and Jack and Betty Laurie of Cass City. Great-grandparents are Anna Kady of Gagetown and Stanley and Ruth Morell of Cass City.

## It's a boy!



Seth Spencer

Matt and Shelly Spencer of Cass City announce the birth of their second son, Seth William Spencer.

Seth was born Jan. 16, 2004 at Covenant Health Care, Saginaw. He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

His grandparents are Gary and Linda Mellendorf of Cass City and Ed and Glenna Spencer of Hillman. Great-grandparents are Veron and Lenora Gingrich of Cass City and Iva Webb of Hillman.



Meg's Peg

Come again?

by Melva E. Guinther

Having worked for a newspaper, I understand how easily boo-boos can happen, especially with headlines. You have a very limited space in which to get across the gist of the news story.

Often a headline is not actually incorrect, but confusing.

A few examples appeared in a crossword puzzle recently:

- \* Farmer Bill dies in house (Better than in the barn, I guess.)
- \* Red tape holds up bridge (That can be even stronger than duct tape!)
- \* O'Neill is fed secretary (And a tasty dish she was!)
- \* Iraq heads fight arms (Now that's a confusing picture.)

Here are some others that might make you scratch your head:

- \* Crack found on governor's daughter (Who authorized that search?)
- \* War dims hope for peace (That'll do it!)
- \* Juvenile court to try shooting defendant (That's one way to prevent repeat offenders.)

## Sanilac 4-Hers working

A group of determined 4-Hers are working hard to finance their way to Washington, D.C. this summer.

Eight Sanilac county 4-Hers and their families hosted a soup and sandwich lunch Feb. 1. The youths prepared the soups, sandwiches and desserts as well as served meals and drinks to approximately 65 supporters in attendance. The 4-Hers also organized a silent auction with many items donated from area businesses.

The 4-Hers were rewarded for their efforts by making over \$800 towards the cost of their trip to Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington, D.C. this summer.

The 4-Hers will host a scotch doubles bowling tournament March 7 at the Brown City Lanes. There will be 2 shifts, at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., and the cost is \$20 per couple. Call (810) 648-2515 for more information.

## Engaged



Erin Venhuizen and Brandon Hartel

Frank and Chris Venhuizen of South Holland, Illinois announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Michelle, to Brandon Scott Hartel, son of Scott and Mollie Hartel of Caro.

Erin is a recent graduate of Grand Valley State University.

Brandon is currently pursuing a Construction Management degree at Ferris State University.

A July 10, 2004 wedding is being planned.

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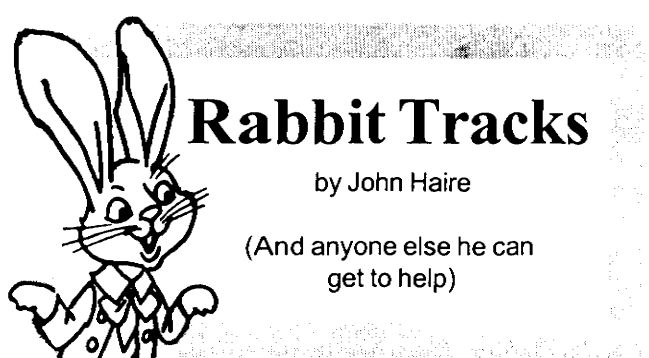
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# Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

There's a picture elsewhere in this issue depicting the snow-storm of 1975 with details about it that we failed to find for ourselves. The story was found because Al Klcio, Cass City, remembered it happened in the first week of April and Bev Rockefeller, Cass City, contributed the picture.

Klcio remembered the storm and the date because of the troubles he encountered bringing his ill child to Hills and Dales General Hospital.

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It's almost like old times. The snow has brought the pheasants to the sides of the roads. I spotted a half dozen or so in several spots in the Colwood area and on M-81 west of Cass City.

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Stillwater Grill started in Brighton in 1997 and later opened a second restaurant we visited on a Saturday at about 5:15 p.m. It's on the corner of Okemos and Jolly roads. The actual address is 3544 Meridian Crossing Drive.

It's a large place with average decor. The restaurant's best feature was the excellent service.

I ordered salmon with a Parmesan cheese coating, garlic mashed potatoes, Caesar salad, small draft beer (\$4.25!) and bread. Esther's was a seafood pasta with shrimp, lobster, etc., salad, bread and coffee. At the motel where we stayed a card was given us for a free spinach artichoke dip with chips.

Total cost was \$44.68 plus tip. For us it rated a 5 on the 1-10 scale. It is evidently a popular place, by the time we left at 6 p.m. there were at least a dozen people waiting to get in.

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**WINNERS OF the recent Knights of Columbus district level Free Throw Shoot competition were: (front row, left) Zac Coles, 9, Sandusky Council; Nick Kappen, 10, Taylor Nicol, 11, Amber Warju and Chelsea Green, 11, all of the Cass City Council; (back row, left) Toni Klaus, 12, Sandusky Council; Chris Summersett, 12, Brent Doerr, 13 and Marissa Summersett, 14, all of the Cass City Council; Tiffany Mendoza, 14, Sandusky Council; and Mike Orzel, 14, Marlette Council. The students all move on to the Diocesan Level competition, slated for Feb. 28 at the Boys and Girls Club of Bay City.**

## Disaster declaration

# Farm loans now available

Seventy-five Michigan counties, including Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac, have been designated as primary disaster areas due to damages and losses caused by drought last summer.

The announcement was made last week by John Sarno, acting state executive director for USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Michigan.

Conditions in the affected counties qualify farm operators for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency, provided eligibility requirements are met.

Farmers in eligible counties have 8 months from the date of the declaration to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses.

FSA officials will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

In addition to the emergency loan program, FSA offers emergency conservation programs, federal crop insurance and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

Interested farmers may con-

tact their local FSA service center for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures

for these and other programs. Additional information is also available online at: <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.



Former Gov. John Engler will rightly never be remembered as a friend to conservationists in Michigan.

When push came to shove, he nearly always came down on the side of development when it clashed with saving the pristine areas of the state revered by folks who favor keeping them inviolate for their enjoyment and for the generations that follow.

Decision after decision by Engler was dismaying, but environmentalists owe him for a little-remembered decision he made in 1992.

He vetoed a bill for the small town of Lowell, Ind., to replace poisoned well water with piped-in Lake Michigan water.

The federal Water Resources Development Act prohibits Great Lakes basin water diversions unless all eight Great Lakes governors approve it.

Engler used the law to avoid the diversion of the water that actually would have been an insignificant amount, but avoided setting a precedent that water-hungry western states could use to legally siphon water.

Democratic presidential candidates were asked about basin water diversion and the answers of 2 front-runners, Sen. John Kerry and Sen. John Edwards, were scary.

In his response Kerry said, in part, it calls for a "delicate balancing act, guided by court decisions." Edwards said it's critical for the Michigan resource to continue to meet the needs of Michigan people.

Both statements are really politically correct answers designed to please as many voters as possible in the basin states and in the bone-dry west.

Because of the Michigan reaction, Kerry's Michigan spokesperson came out with the answer Michiganians

wanted to hear. "He is absolutely opposed to diversion of Great Lakes water. Period."

Meanwhile, the pressure for water diversion increases with each passing day and a change in the law on the national level could open the water floodgates.

While it's probably foolhardy to put any stock in the answers of candidates on the election trail, the past record of Kerry may be hopeful.

He co-sponsored a bill that would send \$6 billion for Great Lakes restoration.

That's not much to hang your hat on, but it's all we have trying to discern what's best for the preservation of our water by holding fast against the pressure from the west.

As long as we can.



# The back forty

by Roger Pond

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I guess I'll never be an economist. Just when I think something makes perfect sense, I mull it around for a while and realize it doesn't.

Just last week I read that a nearby town has approved an application for a 130,000 square-foot Home Depot store. The city planner reminded them in opposition to this behemoth, "It's not government's role to decide who competes with private business."

That made perfect sense to me. We don't need the government meddling around with private business.

Then I read about another town, 20 miles down the road, where they rejected a 186,000 square-foot Wal-Mart store. "How can they do that?" I wondered.

County commissioners talked about flood concerns and other worries, but the truth is the town already has a smaller Wal-Mart and they don't want a bigger one. (We're talking 4 acres under roof and a lot more in the parking lot.)

Then I read about a larger city that's trying to replace 360 jobs that went south, east, or west when a call center closed this month. The city has been paying this business \$140,000 per year to provide those jobs. Now the jobs are likely headed for India or the Philippines. (So much for deciding who competes with whom.)

Governments are always deciding who competes with private business: Sometimes with grants and incentives, and sometimes with taxes or regulations that affect where and how people shop.

I recall a government hearing back in the '70s where the setting of a small industry was under discussion. Folks in this little town remembered their mill closing, and other jobs leaving the area. They were looking for most anything that might provide employment.

Most of the opposition centered on the unique piece of land where this business would be located. Some folks thought that land would make a nice park. Others wanted it preserved for the birds. Local folks just wanted some jobs.

One speaker explained the

many forms that economic development might take. He was knowledgeable, honest and sincere.

The speaker suggested the piece of land in question might become part of a package to encourage tourism. More tourists and increased recreation could have spin-offs for other types of business.

"More visitors might lead to a nice restaurant opening here," the speaker said. Everyone laughed.

Even the man who ran the only restaurant in town laughed. This man was a good sport, so he laughed,

too.

Then the speaker recognized his faux pas. "Well, maybe you could run the new restaurant?" he said. Everyone laughed again.

You could tell the audience knew the situation. They understood this man's restaurant had been serving food in that little town for more than 20 years. Nothing fancy, but you could go there and get something to eat.

They also knew the fancy, new restaurant the speaker was dreaming about wasn't serving anything — unless you wanted some pie in the sky.

## The Weather

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Friday .....	31	16	5"
Saturday .....	24	-10	0
Sunday .....	29	0	0
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## Cass City Public Schools PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

### SNOW DAYS--MAKE-UP OR NOT??

Michigan is a wonderful state to live in and it has been nice to have a winter with snow. But, with more snow than we have been used to in recent years, comes more time off due to "SNOW DAYS". Several people have asked me where we stand with the snow day make-up issue. So, in order to keep you informed, here is the answer to that question.

This year the State of Michigan has allowed 30 hours to be forgiven due to school closures as a result of "Act of God" days. Additionally, if schools schedule more than the minimum 1,098 hours of required instruction time, and Cass City does, then these hours also are not required to be made up.

So, to cut to the chase and make what could be a long story short, at this point in time, Cass City Schools do not have to make up any snow days yet. In fact, we could be closed for one partial day before we would be required to begin making up time. With us being only near the middle of February, there are several more weeks of potentially difficult weather ahead of, so we will just have to wait and see how the remainder of our winter treats us.

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

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## Red Hawk Talks

by Kristi Fluegge

"On a man's coat, which way are the button holes cut and which way are they cut on a man's shirt?" This was one of the many questions asked at Saturday's Quiz Bowl Competition. It was definitely not one of the hardest questions but certainly one of the most unusual, which caught the team members by surprise. Do you know the answer to this question? Last week I noticed a number of students studying flash cards. I figured they must have been having another one of those English 11 CP exams! I later found out they were studying their Quiz Bowl questions for the meet held on Saturday.

Not knowing too much about this event I asked Mr. Green, their coach, what it really was about. "It is comparable to team 'Jeopardy' where questions are about trivia and general knowledge in a multitude of topics. Teams are made up of four individuals who take on another school in a match that lasts about 30 minutes," he explained.

I found out how good Cass City's Quiz Bowl Team really is. This year the team's record is 3-0 so far, taking two 1st place finishes at our Cass City Invitational. Some of you may be wondering how we could take two 1st places at one invitational. Well, the Quiz Bowl team actually has three teams, the A, B, and C teams. Each team consists of four players. I interviewed each of these players and found out a lot of different concepts I never knew. I learned that Quiz Bowl is offered in the 7th and 8th grades, therefore many high school students have been involved for a few years.

It was also pretty interesting to learn the expectations of some of the players. Their goals made me realize how much talent their team must have. For Lysa Knight, she thought one of the team

goals was to get all their teams to the state finals. However, Jessica Lange and Leah Sherman have even higher expectations that include winning the state championship! I think it is great that our team plans to do so well this year.

I enjoyed hearing what members liked about the event and why they decided to play. Mr. Green finds it amazing how smart some students are. Leah Sherman had something interesting to say. "I like using my brain. It's the most fun muscle to exercise." Bryan Hill's brother passed on the passion for the game and now the team leader, Bryan, loves to show off his knowledge & his fast thumb!

Jessica Lange likes meeting new people and she also really loves the competition. She joined Quiz Bowl because she likes to test her knowledge. Kyle Swanson's experiences in the middle school are what made him come back for more. He likes it so much because it makes him feel really confident to know that he knows an answer. It's amazing these students can know such a wide range of answers. "All you need to do is live in the world, pay attention to people, read, look at almanacs, talk to adults and watch some television!" Simple...huh?

It is obvious the players are having a lot of fun and just like other school activities there are those fond memories. "I've been to only one meet, but it certainly was a happy one," replied Lysa Knight. Some memories have been carried from the past. "My favorite memory is two years ago when we won first place at the final meet. We received a cool trophy and I had a lot of fun," commented Jessica Lange.

I definitely know much more about our Quiz Bowl team and the competition itself. I give each competitor a lot of credit for studying for so many topics, which can range from academic topics, movies, media, or just how a button lays on a shirt! Like Mr. Green said, Quiz Bowl is pressure packed for the competitors. I wish good luck to the entire team and I hope all your goals come true. Thanks for taking the time to fill out my questionnaire and educate all of us on Cass City's Quiz Bowl team.

See you next week in the Red Hawk Talks.



**AREA RESIDENTS** who attended "The Good Death, Good Grief and Good Funerals" symposium included (front row, left) Sue Mellendorf, Pat Britt, Debra Kranz, Jean Anthony, Sharon Brandibur, Grace Janowski, (back row, left) Joe Mellendorf, Chuck Emmert, Kerri Brown, Lynn Ferris, Rachael Kluz, John Mulrath and Jim Kranz. Missing are the Rev. Terry Butters, Brenda Strickler, Sue Simmerlein, Lori McLeod, Judy Britt and Margaret Burns.

## Good grief

### Area residents attend symposium

Several area residents recently attended "The Good Death, Good Grief and Good Funerals - A Symposium for Clergy, Caregivers and Families".

The symposium was held in 6 different cities across the state.

"Rarely do those professionals on the continuum of care to the dying, the dead and the bereaved have an opportunity to discuss common interests and ideas," said Debra Kranz, owner of Kranz Funeral Homes in Cass City and Kingston. "There was a wonderful attendance at each, with nearly 500 attending the Frankenmuth location."

Each symposium featured internationally known writers and lecturers, Dr. Thomas G. Long, Thomas Lynch and David Techner.

Kranz said the conferences were of particular interest to those in pastoral care, hospice work, funeral service and family counseling.

"Caring for the dying, the dead and the bereaved are uniquely human enterprises," said Lynch, an essayist, poet and author of "The Undertaking", which won the American Book Award, and "Bodies in Motion and at Rest", which won the Great Lakes Book Award. "Professionals, caregivers and families are all in this together. We can learn from

each other."

Unfortunately, Kranz noted, opportunities to interact with other professionals in a stress free environment are infrequent.

"These symposia offered a unique opportunity for professionals in one field to interact with those in another," she said. "It was a chance to build working relationships and gain insight."

"As a funeral director, I'm in constant contact with hospice workers, grief counselors and clergy," said Techner, author of "A Candle for Grandpa" and producer of the Emmy Award winning documentary, "Generation to

Generation - Jewish Families Talk About Death".

"Often times our roles as professionals overlap," he added. "But rarely do we have the opportunity to share our experiences."

The day-long conferences were an excellent way to reach and teach professionals about the important role each play in providing the very best of care, according to Kranz. "It was also a chance for laypersons and family members to take on these difficult topics in a supportive and educational venue."

"A death in the family engages our faith, our spiritu-

ality and our humanity in ways that few other events do," said Long, professor of homiletics with the Chandler School of Theology at Emory University. "It can be an occasion for real growth, real goodness."

Long is the former editor of Theology Today, an ordained Presbyterian minister and the author of dozens of books and articles on pastoral care, worship and ritual, and preaching.

"Because the response to the first 6 symposia was so good, plans are underway for additional symposiums to be held in the spring," Kranz said.

## HHW collection on tap

Tuscola County Recycling officials are looking for residents to participate in their household hazardous waste (HHW) collections in April.

The program is being offered to residents in Tuscola County in an effort to reduce the waste going into local landfills as well as the negative impact these products can have if commingled with the regular waste stream.

Residents will be required to pre-register and be assigned an appointment in order to participate in the program, but this information will be kept confidential. Due to budget limitations, participants will be accepted on a "first come, first served" basis.

A charge of \$2 for up to 50 pounds and \$5 for 51 to 100 pounds of material will be collected at the time of the collection. Contact your lo-

cal coordinator today to sign up. The deadline to register is April 9.

These materials need to be diverted from the regular waste stream for various health and environmental reasons. If a rubbish handler unknowingly spills a container with corrosive fluid they pick up at the curb, their health and physical abilities may be permanently changed. If these materials make it into our municipal landfills, they can mix with other chemicals and cause the containment systems to fail and then leak into our

drinking water supply.

"Residents should feel encouraged to dispose of hazardous materials they have in their home through a HHW program," said Jerry Snider, recycling coordinator. "Not only is it safe but by getting rid of it now, the homeowner can prevent a future incident, when a pet or a small child comes in contact with these products that are often poorly stored in a basement or garage."

Residents should contact Snider for further information or to register for an appointment by calling (989) 672-1673.



## Bulldog Beat

by Laura Enderle

The holidays are through and exams have passed. Before we know it the snow will be gone and another senior class will have graduated from Owen-Gage High.

By now, most seniors throughout the nation have started a countdown of days left of school and "senioritis" has become prevalent. For the senior class of 2004 here at Owen-Gage, these normalities of finishing high school began our first day of being titled "seniors". Everyone in the school will probably agree that this class of seniors, more than any other class before them, is the most anxious group of students ready to leave school. Nobody is quite sure why we are so eager to leave, but we do know our time has come.

Most all seniors in the nation experience the same excitement as they try to prepare for their future. Every classmate I talked to can't wait to leave home, not only to get away from their parent's rule, but also to get out of this small town. One classmate joked, "I want to go meet people who are not related to me." We all want our independence and we can't be fully independent if we are still living off of our parents and can't support ourselves. My classmates and I are all anticipating the chance and looking forward to the new opportunity to grow and learn about the "real world" on our own.

Every day that passes, graduation is nearer and the excitement grows, but there is still an inner fear inside all seniors that we can't help but admit. Since we are all so anxious to leave our nest, everyone's biggest fear is failure and having to return home. We are afraid of not having enough money or simply not managing it well. We also don't want to miss out on our dreams. Some seniors are afraid that if times get too rough then they will simply settle for second best instead of striving for full success. Other students are afraid of not getting the personal attention and help that they received here at Owen-Gage. One classmate of mine is afraid of the simple things like not having anybody to take care of her if she gets sick, physically or mentally. One thing I think we all need to remember is that every year, students graduate from high school with these same fears, and if they can succeed, so can we.

Growing up together, my senior class and I have grown to be very close. We

treat each other like brothers and sisters. We have learned so much together and have learned a lot from each other. Because of this, we have a few words of advice we would like to pass down to underclassmen so that they will make the most of their next 4 years.

First, don't get caught up in the rumors and gossip. Be true to yourself and don't be too greatly influenced by your peers, especially if they are not your true friends. Second, take in all opportunities as they come along and challenge yourself every day. Third, don't sweat the small stuff. Have fun and enjoy being young and care-free. Last and most important, care deeply about your schoolwork starting as a freshman. Try your hardest and do not slack off, because this is the basis of your education and you will regret not applying yourself to school. High school is a big part of your life, but it is only the beginning.

The Bulldog senior class of 2004 would like to send out a huge thank you to all of our parents for trying to teach us right from wrong, but also letting us learn from our own mistakes. Also for your support in everything we attempt to achieve. Thanks to all of our teachers for challenging us and teaching us to set high goals for ourselves. We may only be another senior class to you, but you have made a lasting impression on our lives to be everything we can be in the future.

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## Kern: decisions key in crashes

Pointing to recent statistics that show fatalities on the rise on America's roadways for the first time in over a decade, public safety officials are urging motorists to exercise extreme caution this winter.

According to the Department of Transportation, 42,815 people died in traffic accidents in the U.S. last year, the most since 1990. With the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) citing traffic accidents as the leading cause of death during winter storms, the Tuscola Sheriff's Department is reminding travelers that despite adverse conditions, many accidents can be avoided.

"What a lot of people need to understand is that a high percentage of traffic fatalities are a result of poor decision-making," said Sheriff Tom Kern.

"In bad weather, it may come down to something as simple as postponing travel for a day. If you do have to brave the elements then watch your speed, don't try to drive too far if you're tired, and make sure your vehicle is equipped with the necessary equipment for the conditions. Most importantly, always wear safety belts and never get behind the wheel after having too much to drink."

In 2002, nearly 18,000 Americans died in alcohol-related accidents, the most since 1992. Most of these victims were not wearing seatbelts. Despite statistics showing that seatbelt usage in the U.S. has increased over the years with about 4 out of every 5 travelers now buckling up, there is still room for improvement.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that if all drivers and passengers wore seatbelts, approximately 8,000 lives a year would be spared nationwide.

Even with improved safety technology, such as airbags in a majority of vehicles, the United States, once the safest country in the world for driving, has fallen to ninth

among industrialized nations based on fatalities per 100 million miles traveled, according to a recent study conducted by the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development.

The organization, which collects a variety of health and safety data worldwide, indicated that the U.S. has been surpassed by countries such as Great Britain, Canada, and Australia in traffic safety.

America's declining rating can be attributed to the higher incidence of casualties from speeding, drunk driving, and seatbelt negligence, as well as a greater number of deaths among motorcyclists - many of whom do not wear helmets. Another factor is the proliferation of sport utility vehicles and pickup trucks, which present a greater danger to smaller vehicles in accidents, and which roll over more frequently.

Traffic deaths and injuries are a growing concern all around the globe. The World Health Organization has recently published a report indicating that traffic accidents will become the world's third-leading cause of death and disability by 2020. In fact, automobile accidents will be the main subject at the World Health Day conference to be held April 7. The event will mark the start of a global campaign for traffic injury prevention.

In the U.S., federal and state lawmakers are trying to do their part by allocating funds to improve conditions of the nation's roads, creating electronic weather advisory signs, and banning driver cell phone use.

Nevertheless, said Kern, safe travel ultimately comes down to the people on the roads.

"The individuals behind the wheel are not only responsible for themselves and their passengers, but responsible for all the other travelers they share the roads with at a given time. Every thought and every action counts."

## Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



### 5 YEARS AGO

There will be a new business in Cass City that is scheduled to open sometime this spring in the building that formerly housed the Ben Franklin Store. Ben Franklin store co-owners Gerald and Geraldine Prieskorn announced the sale of the building to Fairway Distributing of Vassar. The store in Cass City will be the 11th operated by the company in mid-Michigan.

Cass City High School seniors Becky Oesch and Rose Hoelzle brought home the third place trophy from the state Class B varsity debate tournament held Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Novi.

Public transportation affords independence - that's the message HDC officials hope to get out as a pilot transportation program continues, offering rides between Cass City and Caro and within both villages at a nominal cost.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Cass City area resident Tricia Brzuchowski, 23, gave birth to her first child Thursday in Cass City, about 5 hours after an auto accident started her labor prematurely. Anthony Ross was born at 6:15 p.m., weighing in at 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

Business was up at the Cass City Food Closet in 1993. Officials at the local emergency food pantry, housed in the basement of the First Baptist Church, recently reported 91 families, or 332 people, received a combined \$8,066 in food plus federal surplus commodities last year.

Farmers here in Michigan boosted production of cantaloupes last year by 55 percent. But output of onions, carrots and celery went down.

### 25 YEARS AGO

The old bones were those of a young Indian. Cass City police have received the re-

port from the state police crime lab in Bridgeport about some old bones discovered Nov. 13. They were found by James D. Tuckey when he was digging along the north side of his home with a backhoe. In addition to the bones, he also found a skull. Police Chief Gene Wilson said Tuckey later discovered bones of another skeleton but in the process of being unearthed, they disintegrated.

A proposed addition would be built onto the rear of the Tuscola County courthouse, as proposed by the consultants who prepared the county building study. First level of the addition would be level with the basement, which would require excavation of the lawn. The upper floor would be level with the ground floor of the courthouse.

After more than 40 years of playing the piano and organ Sunday mornings at Salem United Methodist Church, Esther McCullough is leaving the playing to someone else. Mrs. McCullough doesn't remember the year she started playing the piano at the church, only that it was in the 1930s. She had been playing for various programs for Lilian Ricker, the choir director. When the previous pianist for the Sunday morning services quit, Mrs. McCullough got the job.

### 35 YEARS AGO

In today's high-cost labor market there are very few newspapers in communities with 456 persons and fewer yet which are owned and operated by a woman. An exception is the Kingston Enterprise, published by Mrs. Marguerite Caswell who has been at the helm of the 550 circulation weekly for a decade. Making a living in a paper as small as the Enterprise means that you do most of the work yourself and depend heavily on commercial printing or "job" work. "We haven't been out of job work in five years,"

Mrs. Caswell said proudly. A city project to replace diseased and dead trees with new plantings has started. The city has budgeted \$1,000 at \$10 per tree with which to replace cut trees. Village Engineer William Schram reports many residents have requested tree cutting and about 50 have been cut in the city. Assisting to do the cutting is Joseph Gruber, Frank Guilds and Ed Anthes.

## Campbell Honor Roll announced

Campbell Elementary School announces the third marking period honor roll.

### GRADE 4

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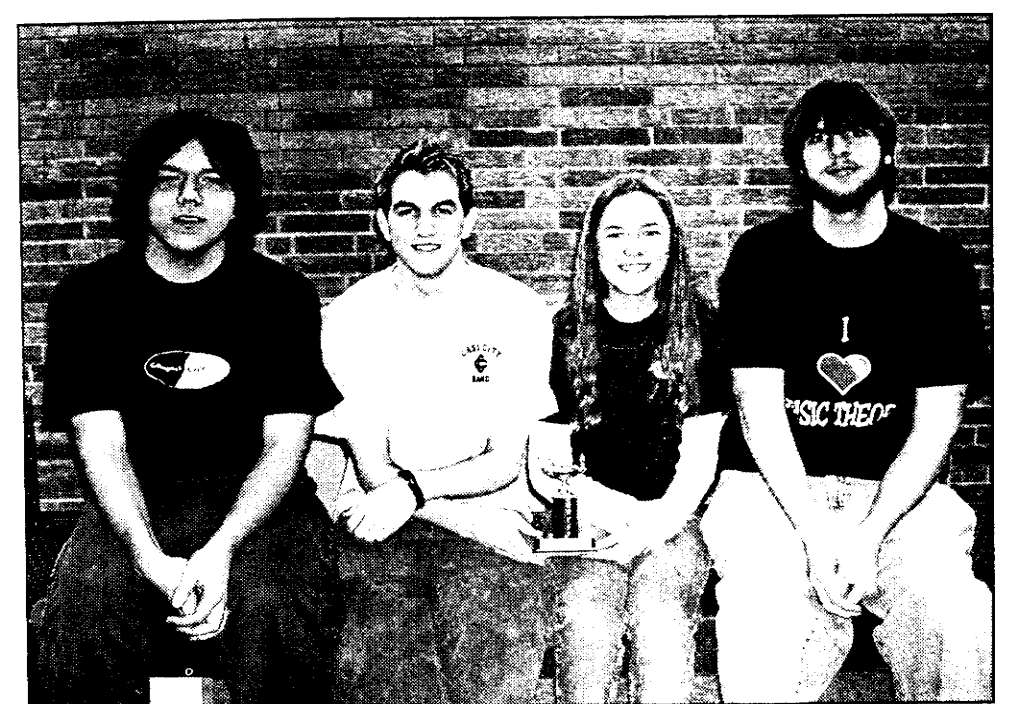
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SIX UBLY Band students recently participated in the MSBOA District III Honors Band in Ortonville. Lisa and Eric Rutkowski (top photo) worked with MSU Director of Bands John Whitwell in the high school section of the honors day. Jane Church, director of bands at East Lansing High School, served as conductor for the junior high students, including Tricia Heleski, Patrick Murdock, Nikki Peplinski and Tammy Rutkowski. Students were chosen to participate based on their performances at solo and ensemble and the recommendation of their band director, Jennifer Nicol.



THREE STUDENTS from the Ubyly High School Band participated in the Tri-County Honors Band Sunday at Laker High School. Lisa Rutkowski, a junior, earned first chair honors with her audition. She was joined in the baritone section by freshman Shelby LaBuhn. Michael Koglin, another freshman, earned a spot in the trombone section. Students from Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties auditioned for the honors band in November.



## STATE TOURNAMENT BOUND.

The Cass City Quiz Bowl team qualified for the state tournament, to be held April 16 and 17 at Michigan State University, by recently winning its own 8-team tournament. Team members are: (l-r) Cory Brooks, Jesse Rader, Leah Sherman

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# Memphis, North Huron cagers post easy NCTL wins over Owen-Gage

In the end, Memphis simply had too much for host Owen-Gage Friday during its 68-44 North Central Thumb League crossover win.

The Yellowjackets, who opened the final half with a 22-10 spurt to seal the victory, had too much strength, too much height, too much quickness and too much talent for the Bulldogs to overcome.

Despite being outmatched, the hosts remained within striking distance of Memphis - a team that featured several of the same players from its NCTL football championship squad - throughout the opening half.

After the visitors doubled the score, 16-8, on the Bulldogs in the game's opening 8 minutes, Owen-Gage played the Yellowjackets even for the remainder of the half and trailed just 29-20 at the break.

Josh Diaz and Jeff Phillips took control for the Yellowjackets after the intermission, combining for 18 third period points that ended with the visitors leading, 51-30. Despite sitting out the final period, Diaz finished with a game-high 17 points, while Phillips added 13.

For Owen-Gage, Aaron Foster recorded 13 points while Mike Pawlak tallied 10.

## NORTH HURON

Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, the Bulldogs traveled to face NCTL foe North Huron and were outscored in each quarter during the 70-39 setback.

The Bulldogs trailed 20-10 after one period and 37-19 at the half.

A balanced attack by the Warriors had 3 players reach

double digits. Corey Krinkie led the way for the winners with 17 points, while Ryan Simmons and Andy Ruth split 26 markers.

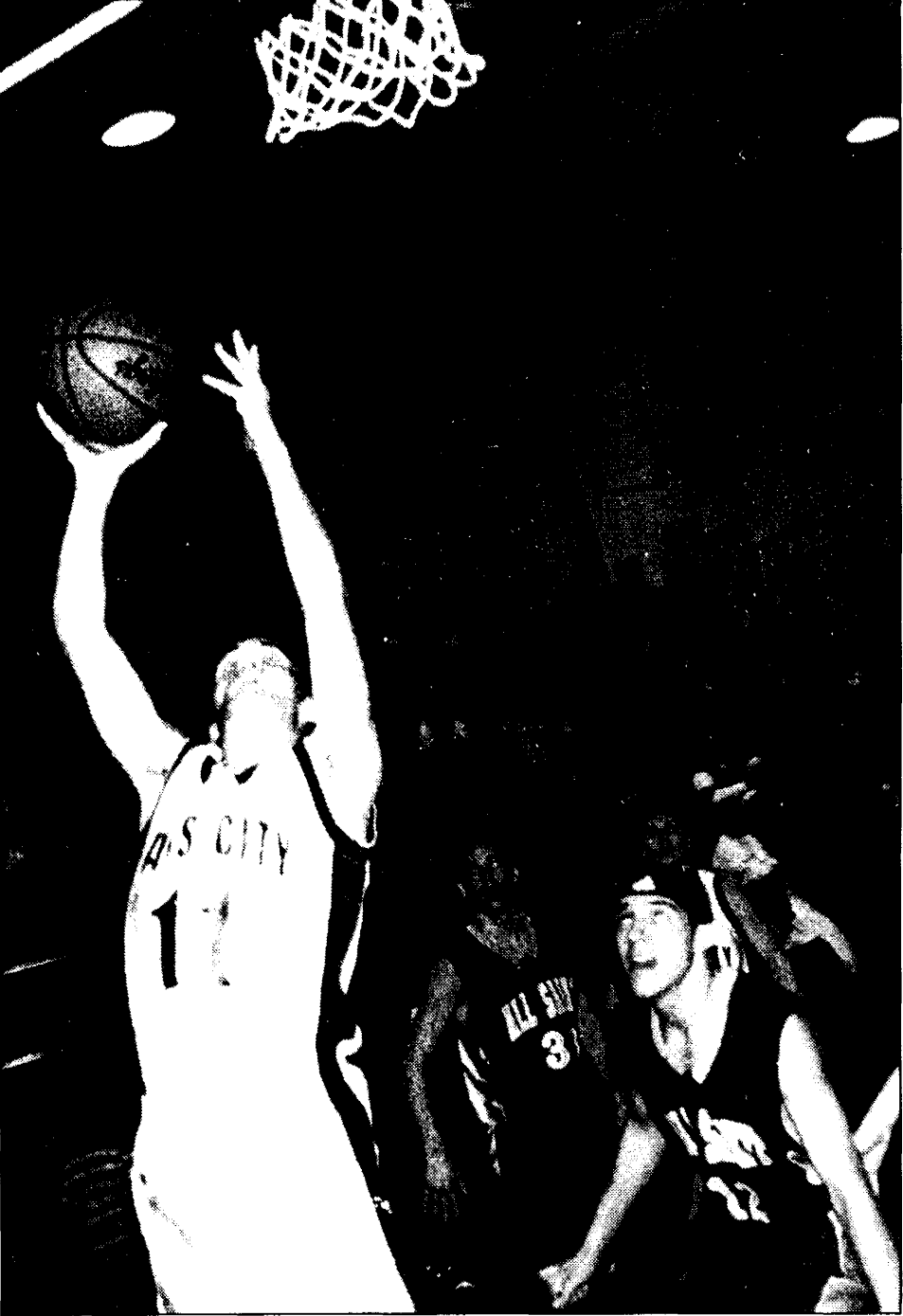
Eric Zaleski was the lone Bulldog to post double figures and tallied 10 points.

**OWEN-GAGE** - J. Rogers 2-0 (0-0) 4; Zaleski 0-0 (1-3) 1; Howard 3-0 (2-4) 8; N. Rogers 1-0 (0-0) 2; Faist 4-1 (2-4) 13; Adams 1-0 (4-4) 6; Pawlak 3-0 (4-7) 10.  
**TOTALS - 14-1 (13-24) 44.**

**MEMPHIS** - Dewilde 0-0 (1-2) 1; Phillips 3-0 (7-8) 13; Jock 2-1 (0-0) 7; Wilton 1-0 (0-2) 2; Sutton 2-1 (3-7) 10; Thompson 1-0 (2-4) 4; Arnold 4-0 (0-3) 8; Ponder 1-0 (1-4) 3; Diaz 5-1 (4-6) 17; Potter 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hanley 0-0 (1-2) 1.  
**TOTALS - 20-3 (19-38) 68.**

**OWEN-GAGE** - Zaleski 2-1 (3-7) 10; Kain 4-0 (0-2) 8; Howard 1-0 (2-2) 4; N. Rogers 2-0 (1-2) 5; Faist 1-0 (0-0) 2; Adams 3-0 (1-2) 7; Pawlak 1-0 (1-2) 3.  
**TOTALS - 14-1 (8-18) 39.**

**NORTH HURON** - Miller 2-1 (0-0) 7; Krinkie 1-5 (0-0) 17; Simmons 6-0 (1-4) 13; Ruth 2-2 (3-4) 13; Schramski 1-0 (0-1) 2; Osantoski 3-0 (0-0) 6; Dobson 0-1 (1-2) 4; Schmidt 1-0 (0-0) 2; Polega 3-0 (0-0) 6.  
**TOTALS - 19-9 (5-11) 70.**



RED HAWK NICK SWANSON shoots from close range in Friday's 76-74 heartbreaking loss to All Saints.



BULLDOG TOM THORP puts up a shot over Memphis' Josh Diaz during Friday's NCTL battle in Owendale.

# RECURRING PROBLEM

## Hawks fade in final half to visiting All Saints

It's not because the Cass City Red Hawk basketball team is not meeting expectations, it has - the frustration for Hawk fans is what might have been.

Cass City has lost 6 games and in 4 of them had a narrow lead at the half before bowing to last half rallies. That was the story Friday as co-league-leading Bay City All Saints posted a 76-74 decision.

The Hawks bounced out to a first quarter, 18-12, lead sparked by Brad Langenburg, who burned the net with a pair of treys and 2 free throws on the way to his best scoring night of the year with 22 points, including 4 treys, 2 regular hoops and 4 of 5 free throws.

Craig Holmgren carried the scoring load for Cass City in the second quarter. He whipped in 4 hoops from the low post to keep the Hawks in front at the intermission, 32-30.

The Cougars' height and strength started taking its toll in the third quarter as 6-5 Andy Spyhalski crashed the boards and 6-foot sophomore Ryan Janer helped while netting 6 of his 24 points for the night. Spyhalski converted 7 of 8 free throws in the period.

All Saints went into the lead for the first time in the game, 36-34, with a 6-2 run in the opening minutes of the third quarter. The Hawks tied it at 37-all before the Cougars went ahead with 5:01 left in the quarter, 39-37 and Cass City never was in the lead after that.

All Saints took control of the boards to preserve the win, especially after Holmgren picked up his fourth foul and in the last quarter fouled out.

All Saints was in control in the final 8 minutes and the Hawks never got closer than 6 points behind until time was running out and a trey

by Jake Brinkman and 5 points by Langenburg made the final score a deceptively close, 76-74.

Tyler Erla netted 19 points for the Hawks. Three Cougars were in double figures, Ryan Janer, 24, Jason Brzezinski, 21, and Spyhalski, 17 points.

**CASS CITY** - Glaza 1-1 (0-0) 5; Swanson 2-0 (0-1) 4; Brinkman 2-1 (1-1) 8; Holmgren 6-0 (0-0) 12; Langenburg 2-4 (4-5) 22; Erla 4-1 (8-8) 19; Schinnerer 1-0 (2-2) 4.  
**TOTALS 17-7 (15-17) 74.**

**ALL SAINTS** - Lukowski 1-0 (1-3) 3; Brzezinski 4-2 (7-9) 21; Fritz 3-0 (1-2) 7; Trepkowski 2-0 (0-0) 4; R. Janer 7-1 (7-8) 24; Spyhalski 5-0 (7-10) 17.  
**TOTALS - 22-3 (23-31) 76.**

Junior varsity-Cass City 51, BCAS 49.  
Freshmen-BCAS 56, Cass City 34.

# Hawk veterans key win over host Deckerville

The Deckerville Eagles' big front court promised to be a challenge for Craig Holmgren and the Cass City Red Hawks Tuesday behind a pair of 6-4 seniors, Andrew Palmer and Scott Cambell, flanked by 6-3 senior Tim Stutterheim.

Holmgren met the challenge with his best night of the year. He swept the boards for 15 rebounds and scored 8 points.

Coach Aaron Fernald pointed to several easy baskets on turnovers and fast breaks as one of the keys to the 62-45 victory.

The Hawks bounced out to a 16-8 lead in the first quarter, paced by 3 of the team's senior veterans. Jake Brinkman cashed a trey and a deuce, Holmgren and Tyler Erla each contributed a pair of baskets.

The Eagles and Hawks traded baskets in the second

quarter. Deckerville was led by James Spaetzel who netted 6 of his 11 points while the Hawks shared the scoring load among 6 players. At the half the Hawks were in front, 33-24.

Cass City stretched its lead to a comfortable 46-32 in the third quarter. Erla paced the splurge with a pair of hoops and 3 of 3 charity tosses. For the night he led all scorers with 17 points.

The Eagles posted a 13-12 advantage in the last quarter, but any comeback rally was snuffed before it began because of some horrendous free throw shooting. Deckerville hit just 4 of 10 tries at the line.

In contrast, it was a very good night from the foul line for Cass City that converted 14 of 16 tries.

Following Erla in the scoring parade that was spread among 8 Hawks was Nick

Swanson in double figures with 10. Three Eagles were in double figures: David Hosey, 12, James Spaetzel and Andrew Palmer, 11 points each.

**CASS CITY** - Glaza 0-1 (0-0) 3; Swanson 3-0 (4-6) 10; Brinkman 3-1 (0-0) 9; Holmgren 4-0 (0-0) 8; Langenburg 0-2 (3-3) 9; Martin 0-0 (2-2) 2; Erla 7-0 (3-3) 17; Schinnerer 1-0 (2-2) 4.  
**TOTALS - 18-4 (14-16) 62.**

**DECKERVILLE** - Hosey 3-1 (3-4) 12; C. Spaetzel 0-1 (0-2) 3; Stutterheim 1-0 (2-2) 4; J. Spaetzel 3-0 (5-6) 11; Palmer 5-0 (1-3) 11; Kirkpatrick 0-0 (1-2) 1; Cambell 1-0 (1-1) 3.  
**TOTALS - 13-2 (13-24) 45.**

Freshmen Scores: Deckerville 47, Cass City 38.  
Junior Varsity Scores: Cass City 55, Deckerville 50.

## BASKETBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST					
Team	W	L	W	L	
BCAS	5	1	11	2	
USA	5	1	11	2	
Reese	5	1	10	2	
Valley Lutheran	2	4	6	7	
EPBP	2	4	5	8	
Cass City	1	5	6	8	
Bad Axe	1	5	3	10	

GREATER THUMB EAST					
Team	W	L	W	L	
Brown City	6	0	10	2	
Harbor Beach	4	1	8	4	
Ubly	4	2	10	2	
Sandusky	3	3	5	7	
Deckerville	2	4	2	10	
Marlette	1	4	2	10	
Mayville	0	6	1	11	

NCTL NORTH					
Team	W	L	W	L	
Caseville	8	2	9	2	
North Huron	6	4	6	6	
A-Fairgrove	4	7	5	7	
Port Hope	1	9	2	9	
Owen-Gage	1	10	1	12	

## Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

### This week's match ups



John Haire



Clarke Haire



Tom Montgomery



Doug Hyatt

**February 10**  
Reese at Bad Axe  
BCAS at USA  
Valley Lutheran at Lakers  
Ubly at Marlette  
Mayville at Harbor Beach  
Deckerville at Brown City  
A-Fairgrove at Owen-Gage  
Caseville at Dryden  
Kingston at Peck  
Memphis at CPS  
North Huron at Port Hope  
**February 12**  
Lakers at Deckerville  
Mayville at Marlette  
CPS at Caseville (make up)  
**February 13**  
Reese at USA  
Valley Lutheran at Cass City  
Ubly at Harbor Beach  
Brown City at Sandusky  
Owen-Gage at Caseville  
A-Fairgrove at Port Hope  
Kingston at North Huron  
Memphis at Dryden

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Last week's results

Season's results

16-5  
97-41 (70%)

17-4  
111-27 (80%)

16-5  
99-39 (72%)

17-4  
106-32 (77%)

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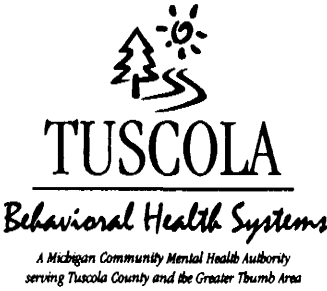


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**OWEN-GAGE'S KATIE** Swiastyn makes a good reception during pool play at Saturday's USA Invitational. The Bulldogs advanced to the semis where they suffered losses of 15-2 and 15-10 to Marlette.

## Hawks split pair of Greater Thumb Conference matches

The Cass City Red Hawks split a pair of Greater Thumb Conference matches in a double dual meet with Mayville and Sandusky at Sandusky Wednesday. The Hawks fell to the talented Mayville squad, 36-31, and then rebounded to defeat Sandusky, 66-15.

The loss dropped the Hawks from a first place tie to a tie for second with Mayville with a 5-1 GTC record.

The competition doesn't get any easier for Cass City. Today (Wednesday) the Hawks face league-leading Marlette at Marlette in a conference clash.

Based on previous meets, the match figures to be a toss-up. In non-conference matches Marlette and Cass City split, with the Hawks taking the first match 45-33 and losing the second, 40-36. In the tight conference competition Marlette defeated Mayville by 2 points earlier in the season.

Double winners for Cass City were: Jeremy Farr, 103/112 pounds; Marcel Helland, 112/119 pounds; Kyle Sieradzki, 145/152 pounds; Micah Randall, 145/152 pounds; Jeff Tenbusch, 160 pounds; and

Steve Meeker, 215 pounds.

### INVITATIONAL

Cass City placed third in an 8-team Standish-Sterling Invitational tournament Saturday. The tournament was won by Mio and Standish-Sterling was second. Other teams finished in the following order: Tawas, Hemlock, Breckenridge, Hale, Brown City.

Cass City won 3 and lost 2 matches. The scores, Cass City 42, Hemlock 26; Cass City 66, Brown City 18; Cass City 18, Standish-Sterling, 57; Cass City 18, Mio 65; Cass City 39, Tawas, 33.

Hawk wrestlers with 3 or more victories for the day were: Helland, 112/119, 3-2; Kyle Reif, 125/130, 3-2; Randall, 145/152, 3-2; Sieradzki, 145-152, 4-1; and Lee Hutchinson, 275, 4-1.

Coach Don Markel is very pleased with the progress made by the team. He points out that half of the starting lineup consists of freshmen or first year wrestlers that have a 16-18 dual meet record.

The team, Markel points out, has made tremendous strides since opening the season with a 2-9 record.



**CASS CITY'S Amy Howard makes a save during the USA Invitational. The Hawks bowed to eventual champion Caro during a semifinal matchup.**

*Coaches please remember to report your results. Call 989-872-2010 or fax results to 989-872-3810.*



## CENTURY MARK

**CASS CITY'S ERIC HOLLIS** recorded his 100th career win during Monday's double dual match with visiting Unionville-Sebewaing and Elkton-Pigeon-Bayport. Complete details were not available at press time and will be reported in next week's Chronicle.

# Hawks, Bulldogs fall in semis

Favorites Cass City and Owen-Gage bowed from the USA Invitational volleyball tournament Saturday, suffering upset losses in the semifinals.

Both schools posted 7-1 records in their pools, with the Red Hawks defeating Marlette (15-6, 15-3), Kingston (15-6, 15-3) and All Saints (15-8, 15-9), while splitting games with Akron-Fairgrove (15-6, 13-15). The Bulldogs knocked off host USA (15-3, 15-6), Harbor Beach (16-14, 15-1) and Caro (15-11, 15-6), while trading decisions with Deckerville (15-7, 12-15).

Then in the semis, eventual champions Caro sent the Hawks home early with wins of 15-6 and 15-11, while the Bulldogs bowed to Marlette 15-2 and 15-10.

Amy Howard led Cass City with 37 kills, 38 assists, and 7 blocks. Ashley Hendrick added 19 kills, 32 assists, and 8 blocks, while Mallory Powell had 13 kills, 21 digs and 16 aces.

For the Bulldogs,

Stephanie Dorsch had 32 points, 10 aces, 12 kills, and 25 digs; Katie Swiastyn recorded 29 points, 6 aces, 26 assists and 13 kills; Kayla Zaleski had 22 points, 10 aces, 52 kills, 26 digs, and 6 blocks; Laura Enderle had 24 assists and 28 digs; and Meagan Mentor added 22 points and 5 aces.

### GTW

Cass City moved to 4-0 in Greater Thumb West conference play Thursday, downing visiting Unionville-Sebewaing in straight games with decisions of 15-3, 15-9 and 15-7.

Howard led the winners with 13 kills, 28 attacks, 15 assists and 4 blocks. Hendrick recorded 8 kills, 20 attacks, 14 assists and 13 digs, while Sara Meeker added 5 kills, 8 attacks, 3 digs and 3 blocks. Powell had 7 kills, 15 attacks, 8 digs and 9 points, Elizabeth Sobczak had 9 points and 12 digs, Kristi Fluegge recorded 13 points and 3 digs and Luann

Laming added 15 digs.

The Hawks will complete their home schedule this Thursday against visiting Reese.

### NCTL

Owen-Gage kept on track to claim the North Central Thumb League volleyball title Thursday, winning in straight games at Peck. The Bulldogs posted victories of 15-9 and 15-4 over the Pirates, while running its league mark to 5-0.

Dorsch recorded a game-high 9 points for the winners, which included 2 aces. Also helping the Bulldog cause were Nicole Schmidt with 6 points and 2 aces, while Swiastyn contributed 5 points, 2 aces, 5 assists, 4 kills and 4 digs. Zaleski recorded 14 kills and 2 blocks, Enderle had 9 assists and 3 digs, and Mary McKee added 5 digs and 2 saves.

After facing visiting North Huron on Monday, the Bulldogs will entertain Port Hope on Thursday.

## SOCCER Registration

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For all who are interested in Soccer for the Spring and Fall of 2004, we will be having registration on the following dates:

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\*\*Deadline for early registration is Saturday, February 28, 2004.

Any questions call Wayne @ 989-665-2414 or Nancy @ 989-658-2486.

Note ALL U14 and up (age 12 and older) games will be in the Spring. NO Fall season for U14 and up.

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## Feb. 14 ski run postponed

The Huron County Park trustees have cancelled their Candlelight Cross-County Ski Runs at Wagener County Park that was scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 14.

The event has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 6, from dusk to 9 p.m.

The trail is located 5 miles south of Harbor Beach at the Wagener County Park Boy Scout cabin. A bonfire will be part of the evening activities and refreshments will be available.

The activity will be held weather permitting and it is free of charge. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

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## Owen-Gage students on honor roll

Owen-Gage Schools announce the first semester honor roll.

### Grade 6:

Ryan Francis, Amanda Franzel, Devin Prie, Kelsey Quick\*, Ashley Rockefeller, Christine Schmidt\*, Carin Seibel\*, Erin Seibel and Jordan Sprague.

### Grade 7:

Amy Aldrich, Stacie Dorsch, Mariah Francis, Alisha Kovach, Lucas Powell, Samantha Radabaugh, Katie Rhodes, Stephen Roemer and Desirae Sprague.

### Grade 8:

Lea Aldrich, Bethany Kovach, Courtney Lester, James Lyman, Nathan Minkler, April Nowaczyk, Brittany Parks, Josh Starks and Matthew Volk.

### Grade 9:

Heather Collon, Mindy Errer\*, Rose Faupel, Josh McLaren\*, Amber Pillsbury, Alec Powell and Becky Schmidt\*.

### Grade 10:

Michelle Brown\*, Tiffany Glaza, Trace Lopez, Nathan Rogers and Ashley Shepherd.

### Grade 11:

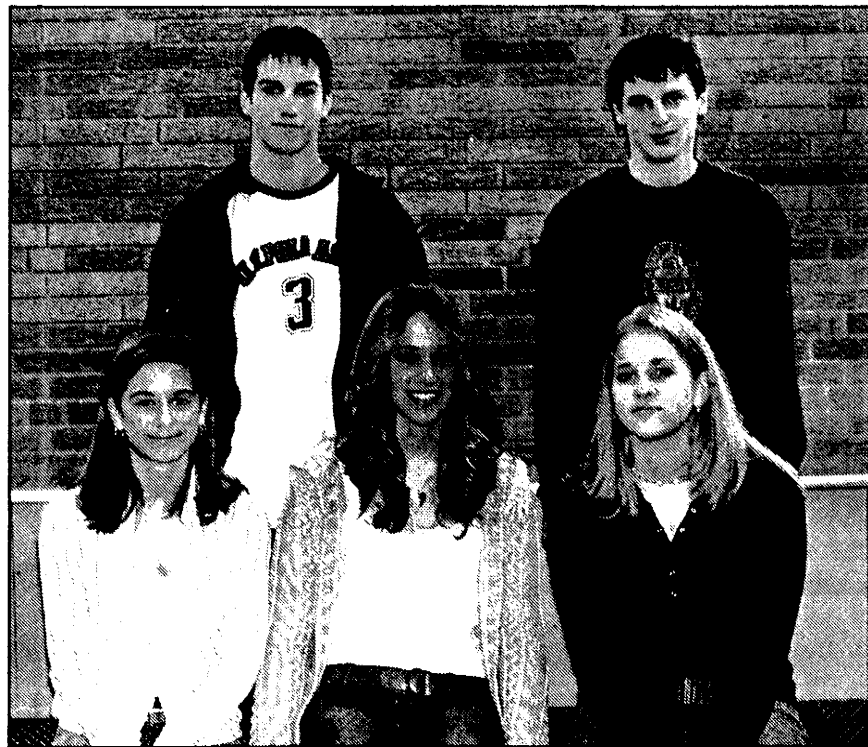
Wendy Errer, Carol Littlepage, Mary McKee\*, Jessica Neal, Tabatha Perdue, Amanda Pillsbury, Josh Powell, Nashia Prie, Nicole Schmidt\*, Katie Swiastyn\* and Kayla Zaleski.

### Grade 12:

Samantha Brown, Stephanie Dorsch\*, Laura Enderle\*, Robert Giddings, Randi Glaza, Cody Howard\*, Timmy Kain\*, Meagan Mentor, Candi Rhodes, Justin Rogers, Heidi Scott, Natasha Sprague, Zachary Sutter and Amanda Wise.

\* Denotes all "A"s.

# Snow Coming 2004



CASS CITY'S SNOWCOMING Court members include underclassmen: (front l-r) Leah Whittaker, Caitie Barnes, Jessica Bellew (back l-r) Kyle Sieradzki and Mike Havens. Missing is Nick Nanny.



CASS CITY'S SNOWCOMING King and Queen candidates are seniors: (front l-r) Missy Erla, Nate Laming, (middle l-r) Elizabeth Sobczak, Kristi Fluegge, Jake Brinkman, Cole Mellendorf, (back l-r) Maegan Laurie, Megan Toner, Jenny Sweeney, Tyler Erla, Steve Papp and Craig Holmgren.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY, 13 Cass City Red Hawks -VS- Valley Lutheran Chargers

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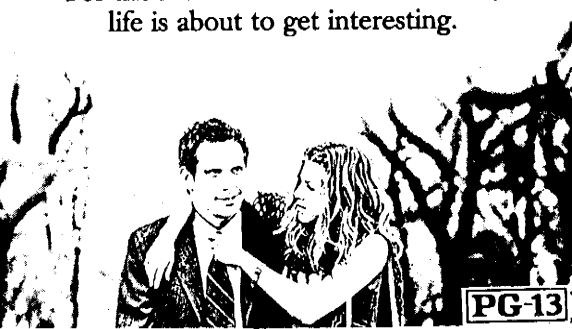
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Notes from Northwood Meadows

By Becky Barr

New year - new fun! 2004 rang in at Northwood Meadows in Cass City (even if it was c-c-c-cold). Our Lite & Lively Senior Aerobics continues to be a big favorite here. Every Tuesday and Thursday, instructor Angie Holder gives everyone a workout. From a seated position - residents and other seniors from the area are building up their strength and having a great time doing it. Reverends George Ward and Garold Steele presented two insightful services, and we had our biggest resident turnout yet. Everyone is always invited to attend. We're grateful to Cub Scout Pack #3594 for building two terrific snowmen for us as we celebrated our "There's Snow Place Like Home - Theme Meal." Our frozen friends are now on display for all to see just outside the dining area windows. The boys were typically rambunctious and really enjoyed themselves. Hot chocolate made the day, and our thanks to Jim Baker for arranging this for us. Volunteer Jeannie Klinkman (with help from our talented Food Service staff) prepared a lovely Tea Party for residents complete with shortbread and delectable treats! It's a wonderful time of year to sip tea, visit with friends in front of the fireplace, and feel right at home. Residents gave our movies rave reviews in January, and they love that hot buttered popcorn too! "Remember When" (our twice monthly music program) was well attended too, featuring Les Brown and the Big Bands, as well as George Gershwin on the piano. The Michigan Cardiovascular Associates held their first Community Screening Day here. Many of our residents took advantage of the free health risk assessment which was available to them. A big welcome to our newest resident, Mr. Allison Green!

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IT WAS TRULY a storm to remember. According to the story in the April 3, 1975 Chronicle, the community was buried after 17 inches of snow fell and whipped into huge drifts by a strong wind. Hospital officials put out pleas to snowmobilers to help doctors and nurses get into the hospital. The Chronicle won't tell how old Bev Rockefeller of Cass City (in this picture) is now, but she reports that she was 12 when the photo was snapped.

## FriendZ help prevent cat births

The Cass River Pet FriendZ, recently helped prevent the births of over 600 kittens for this upcoming year by paying for 25 cats to be spayed or neutered. In a recent spay/neuter promo for cats, the rescue organization paid the entire cost of sterilization for the first 25 families who sent a postcard into their P.O. Box. The response was overwhelming. More than 25 postcards were received the first day. The organization put the first day's postcards into a hat and the 25 drawn received the spay/neuter certificates. In all, there were 74 postcards submitted. According to Patricia Trisch, spokesperson for the organization, the average cat can produce anywhere from 2 to 4 litters per year. Each cat produces an average of 4 to 6 kittens. Using the statistics of only 2 litters per year and taking 2 uncontrolled breeding cats plus all their offspring, if none are ever neutered or spayed, they can potentially produce over 420,715 cats and kittens by the seventh year. Many people feel that spaying or neutering an animal is cruel, it isn't, Trisch said. "The fact is that it is actually much healthier and more beneficial to your animal. The procedure is a very loving and positive thing to do for your pet. "Benefits to your pet after altering mean that females have less change of ovarian cancer or uterine infections if it is done before their first 'heat'. Each cycle they experience increases the chance of illness greatly, as much as 10 times each. The behavior benefits mean that your pooch or feline will be calmer and more reliable. You also won't have to chase the male dogs or cats away and deal with the fence climbing, dirt digging, fence destroying mongrels or yowling, prowling, spraying and fighting tomcats." Trisch added that males that are neutered have less of a desire to roam, fight, mark their territory and be destructive. They also have fewer problems with the prostate gland and testicular cancer. From a behavioral standpoint, neutered animals are more reliable, stable and have about 60 percent fewer problems than those that are not neutered.

**Rutkowski**  
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ing what he called the misuse of plea-bargaining of serious and violent crime. "Plea bargaining is part of the criminal justice system, and it helps to serve justice in minor cases," he said. "Serious and violent crime should be taken to court and not plea bargained for the sake of moving the case along. People want cases of serious and violent crime to go to court and the perpetrators of those crimes to be held accountable. We have an adequate amount of court time to deal with serious and violent crime, and as the elected prosecutor, I will use that court time to try more serious and violent crimes." Rutkowski and his wife, Victoria, live in Ubyly with their 2 children, Carissa and Isabelle.

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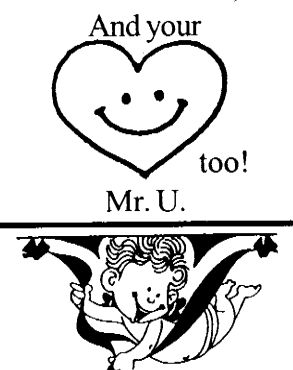


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received letter grades as a part of their report card, however, Owen-Gage did not. Randall explained that no grades were issued to districts with fewer than 30 students in class. The good news is that Owen-Gage did meet what state officials call Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), which is one of the cornerstones of the No Child Left Behind Act. AYP is determined by a number of factors, including a certain percentage of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the MEAP, participation in the MEAP (at least 95 percent of students taking the test), and attendance/graduation rates. In other business, the board: •Discussed but took no action on driver's education fees, which are expected to be increased for the 2004-05 school year. State officials reduced the school's reimbursement from \$100 to \$70 per pupil for segment one of the training this year, and have announced there will no reimbursement next year. •Nominated former long-time superintendent's secretary Bonnie Gaeth as "Friend of Youth" at this year's Thumb Meet of Champions. Gaeth remains active in the district as a member of the School Improvement Committee. Her other credits include writing the lyrics to the Owen-Gage school song. •Approved the hiring of 2 individuals who share varsity baseball coaching duties. They are former Owen-Gage varsity baseball coach Mac McKee and Aaron Dubs. •Noted seventh grade teacher Shannon Marion has been awarded a \$500 DTE Energy Foundation mini-grant for a class project related to electrical circuitry.

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Obituaries

Josephine Anthes

Josephine M. "Dolly" Anthes, 90, of Cass City, died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004. She was born April 3, 1913 in an apartment over the old Vance Store in Cass City, the daughter of Owen and Ethel (Warner) Kilbourn. She married Roy Anthes Sept. 21, 1940 in Cass City. He died June 16, 1992. Her mother died 3 days after her birth. At the age of one month, Anthes, along with her brother, Mark, were adopted by John and Ida (Hubel) Wright. Anthes attended the McConnell School. She worked for several people in Cass City and raised and sold strawberries and raspberries. She retired in 1972. She was a devout Christian and a member of the Mizpah Missionary Church. Anthes is survived by two half-brothers, William (Clara) Kilbourn of Marlette, and Clare (Lucille) Kilbourn of Guthrie, Okla.; a brother-in-law, Paul (Ludi) Anthes of Conway, Ark.; a sister-in-law, Alice (Edwin) Gottsleben of Bad Axe; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother, Ethel Kilbourn; a son, Lawrence Anthes who died Feb. 12, 1986; three brothers: Mark, Lester and Ernest Kilbourn; a sister-in-law, Lucille Bush; and a brother-in-law, Harold Anthes. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. JT Mabe of Mizpah Missionary Church officiating. Interment will be in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City, in the spring. Memorials may be made to the Mizpah Missionary Church. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Barbara Creason

Barbara Creason, 67, of Cass City, died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004 in Bay Medical Cen-

ter, Bay City. She was born Nov. 17, 1936 in Lincoln Park, the daughter of Thomas and Winifred (Schwaderer) Short. She married Charles Creason Sr. July 20, 1979 in Cass City. Creason is survived by her husband, Charles; children: Debbie (Harry) McAlpine of Macks Creek, Mo., and Dawn (Tom) Dewey of Cass City; step-children: Doreen Williams of Cass City, Leah Paps of Marlette, Paula (Steve) Osentoski of Utica, Krissy (Brian) Brown of Hemans, Charles (Tanya) Creason Jr. of Cass City, and Jimmy (Katie) Creason of Akron; two grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Stephanie Lyn Dewey; a son-in-law, Dan Williams; her parents; and her step-fathers: Lloyd Short and Clifford Seeley. Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 7, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Chuck Emmert of Novesta Church of Christ officiating. Interment will be in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City, in the spring. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

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**Friday, February 13**  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

**Monday, February 16**  
Cass City Area Historical Society meeting, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

**Tuesday, February 17**  
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**Grade 11**  
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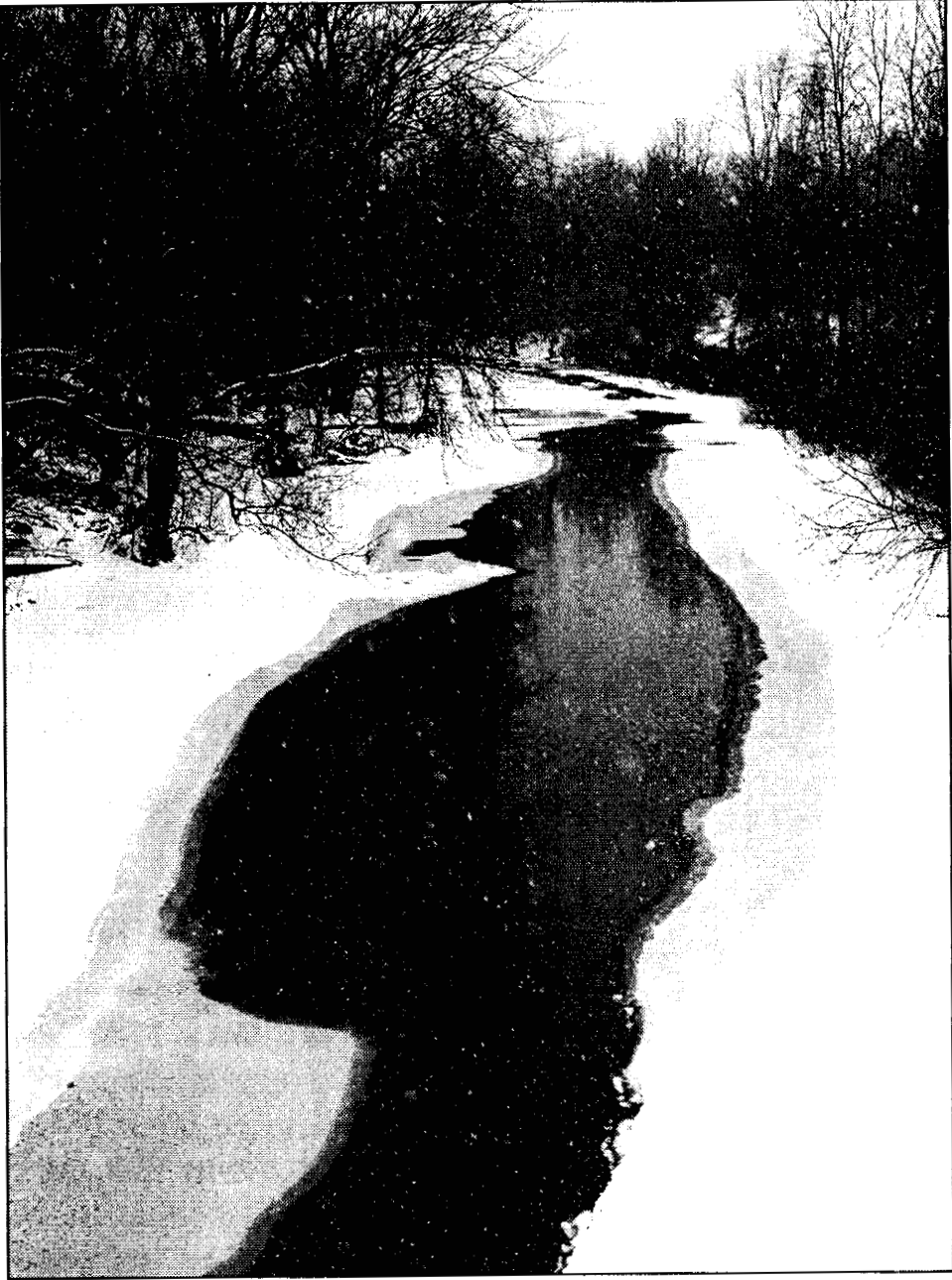
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on February 19, 2004.

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

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

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

Dated, January 21, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC X (248) 593-1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File # 0008464101

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

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dennis N. Deornellas and Betty A. Deornellas, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to National City Mortgage Services Co., Mortgagee, dated May 24, 2002 and recorded on June 12, 2002 in Liber 881 on Page 427, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand One Hundred Four and 38/100 Dollars (\$125,104.38), including interest at 6.25% 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 March 11, 2004.

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

Commencing at the North 1/4 of Section 24, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, thence West 868.88 feet along the North section line to the point of beginning, running thence West 334.43 feet along the North section line, thence South 0 degrees 50 minutes 11 seconds East, 1360.10 feet, thence South 88 degrees 56 minutes 32 seconds East, 333.72 feet, along the apparent South line of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4, thence North 0 degrees 48 minutes 02 seconds West, 1366.25 feet to the point of beginning, being part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 24, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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: February 11, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC F (248) 593-1313  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For National City Mortgage Services Co.  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #013626101

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

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles Taylor, a married man (original mortgagor), to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated September 21, 2001 and recorded on November 8, 2001 in Liber 847 on Page 1207, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Mortgage Company, an Ohio Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated March 1, 2002 recorded on March 5, 2003 in Liber 918 on Page 112, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-One and 55/100 Dollars (\$105,841.55), 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 March 4, 2004.

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

Part of the South half of the Southeast quarter of Section 29, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 29 that is 316.56 feet, North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West from the Southeast corner of said Section 29, thence continuing North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West on said South line of Section 29, 200.00 feet, thence North 0 degrees 28 minutes 40 seconds West 380.00 feet, thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 200.00 feet thence South 0 degrees 28 minutes 40 seconds East, 380.00 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: February 4, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation successor by merger to Chase Mortgage Company, an Ohio Corporation  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #005922101

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: January 28, 2004

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

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

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph M. LaFave, Sr. and Nancy J. LaFave, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Mayflower DBA AmeriStar Home Mortgage, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 7, 1995 and recorded on August 8, 1995 in Liber 677 on Page 276, and assigned by mesne assignments to Midfirst Bank as assignee by an assignment dated May 31, 2002 recorded on November 19, 2002 in Liber 902 on Page 1464 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Five Hundred One and 40/100 Dollars (\$66,501.40), 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 March 4, 2004.

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

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 15, Town 14 North, Range 9 East, thence North 89 Degrees 30 Minutes East, 351.14 Feet along the South Section line to the point of beginning, running thence North 01 Degrees 30 Minutes West 324.0 Feet, thence North 89 Degrees 30 Minutes East 268.86 Feet, thence South 0 Degrees 30 Minutes East 334.0 Feet, thence North 89 Degrees 30 Minutes West 268.86 Feet along the South section line to the point of beginning, being part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 15, Town 14 North, Range 9 East, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: February 4, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC M (248) 593-1306  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Midfirst Bank  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #011366101

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made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dawn Kumbold, a single woman (original mortgagor), to American Financial Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated June 18, 1999 and recorded on August 11, 1999 in Liber 779 on Page 450, and assigned by mesne assignments to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated June 18, 1999 recorded on April 17, 2000 in Liber 798 on Page 1291, and re-recorded on May 14, 2001 in Liber 831 on Page 1065 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Two and 48/100 Dollars (\$68,832.48), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

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

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

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

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

Dated: January 28, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC X (248) 593-1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #011366101

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**Mortgage Sale** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Sharon Carlisle, single woman, to Citifinancial, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 25, 2002 and recorded on October 30, 2002 in Liber 900, Page 749, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-One and 39/100 Dollars (\$44,381.39), including interest at the rate of 9.37% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Michigan at 10:00 AM on March 11, 2004.

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

The South One-Quarter of the South One-Half of the Southwest One-Quarter of the Northwest One-Quarter of Section 33, Township 13 North, Range 11 East, 758 N. Kingston Road

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: February 4, 2004

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys For Mortgagee  
43252 Woodward Ave., Suite 202  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302  
(248) 335-9200  
Our File No. 116.00022

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

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nathaniel R. Hazard and Nicole M. Hazard, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 10, 2001 and recorded on October 31, 2001 in Liber 846 on Page 240, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Four and 13/100 Dollars (\$77,884.13), 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 March 4, 2004.

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

Commencing at a point on the South line of Section 16, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, 63 feet West of the West line of the right of way of the Grand Trunk Railroad, formerly the P.O. & N. Railroad, running thence North 104.0 feet, thence East ap-

proximately 396 feet to the West line of the right of way of said Railroad; thence Southwesterly along the West line of the right of way of said Railroad to the South line of said Section 16; thence West along said South line to the place of beginning.

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

Dated: February 4, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC J (248) 593-1311  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #011450101

2-4-4

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

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by THOMAS S. HOWE, A SINGLE MAN, to CITIFINANCIAL, INC. UNDER THE LAWS OF MARYLAND now known as CITICORP TRUST BANK, FSB, Mortgagee, dated May 8, 2002 and recorded on May 10, 2002 in Liber 877 on Page 871, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty-six thousand four hundred seventy-nine and 76/100 Dollars (\$66,479.76), including interest at 11.004% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front Entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola, MI, at 10:00 AM on March 4, 2004.

Said premises are situated in TWP. OF ELMWOOD, TUSCOLA County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 11, T14N, R10E, Elmwood Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the South line of said SE 1/4 which is North 90° 00'00" West, along said South line, 1947.98 feet from the SW corner of said Section 11; thence continuing North 90° 00'00" West, along said South line, 248.53 feet; thence North 00° 00'00" East, perpendicular to said South line, 2285.08 feet; thence South 90° 00'00" East, parallel with said South line, 248.53 feet; thence South 00° 00'00" West, perpendicular to said South line, 225.00 feet to the point of beginning. Right of Way for Hobart Road over the Southerly side thereof.

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

DATED: January 28, 2004

CITICORP TRUST BANK, FSB  
Mortgagee

ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: January 21, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC D (248) 593-1309  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For CitMortgage, Inc.  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #009597101

1-21-4

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

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Thomas H. Boadway and Marina A. Boadway, husband and wife, to Resource One Mortgage, a Pennsylvania Corporation Mortgagee, dated November 27, 1999 and recorded December 10, 1999 in Liber 790 Page 477, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, said mortgage was assigned to Bank One, National Association, as trustee, by assignment dated December 21, 2000 in Liber 817, Page 1246, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and Ninety-Four Cents (\$68,548.94), including interest 11.99% per annum.

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

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

Lot 18 of Hillcrest Subdivision, Township of Fairgrove, Village of Fairgrove, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 3 of Page(s) 27-2, Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as 5187 Park Drive, Fairgrove MI 48733.

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 8, 2004

Bank One, National Association,  
as trustee, Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.  
36150 Dequindre Rd., Ste. 810  
Sterling Heights, MI 48310  
(586) 795-4400 Ext 129  
Our File No: 03-20051

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Christy Hutchinson, a single woman, to Franklin Mortgage Funding, Mortgagee, dated June 10, 2003 and recorded July 3, 2003 in Liber 940, Page 171, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage is now held by JP Morgan Chase Bank AS Trustee by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eighteen and 66/100 Dollars (\$72,718.66), including interest at the rate of 7.49% 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 March 4, 2004.

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

Commencing 447.48 Feet North of the Northeast corner of Lot 7, Block 3 of the plat of the Village of Millington; thence West 8 rods, thence North 8 rods; thence East 8 rods; thence South 8 rods to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East

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

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

Dated: February 4, 2004

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC  
Attorneys for JP Morgan Chase Bank AS Trustee, As Assignee  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48067-5041  
(248) 457-1000

File No. 207.1642

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# Cass City Bowling Leagues

Merchants As of Feb. 4		(606); C. Mauer 239 (605); A. Reed 224 (583); M. Zawilinski 227 (580); R. Byrnes 226; C. Gruzowski 234; M. Hawrylo 215; S. Nauka 213; J. Reed 212. Team High Game & Series: Stafono's 1001 actual (2887 actual).	Damn Near Last 8 Pinheads 7 Minus 1 7 JebCo 7 Rolling Thunder 6 Deford Drifters 6 Par-T-Ranch 5 Crowley Chiropractic 5 CB's 1	Team High Game: Damn Near Last, 700. Team High Series: Pin-heads, 1953.
Charmont 32.5 Charmont Motel 29 R&H Body Shop 29 Lee Morgan Painting 26.5 Stafono's 24 Patrick's Flooring 16 Curtis Chrysler 9	Individual High Games & Series: E. Bombrowski 219-225 (643); D. White 213-227 (639); R. Wright 218-230	Sunday No Rollers As of Jan. 18	Sometimes 8	Individual High Games & Series: T. Potrykus 224; M. Mozdzen 219 (574); T. Betzold 213; D. Copeland 210; D. Witkovsky (517); D. Williams (509).
Grade 11		William Bennett, Margorzata Brynczak, Brooke Coenen, Katie Creguer, Kimberly Dekoski, Shawn Depcinski*, Maikie Dierks, Matthew Essenmacher, Derek Glaza, Adam Hill, Jessica Kaweck, Keri Klawon, Kristin Klawon, Evan Klee, Jared Kubacki, Meghan Kubacki, Paige Kulish, Gary Laming, Lisa Lamke, Eric Link, Paul Longuski, Joel Manning, Russel Marks, Andrew Maurer*, Clinton Maurer, Renee Maurer, Cherish Mausolf*, Theresa Mazure, Ashley Messing, Corey Messing, Peter Mignoni, Samuel Mignoni, Jason Oberski, Cris Parker, Matthew M. Peruski, Eric Pichla, Gina Pionk, Jaclyn Rivard, Brandon Roth, Nicole Rumpitz*, Alysha Rutkowski, Lisa Rutkowski, Kayla Stomack, Judith Susalla and Rhea Vatter.	Individual High Games & Series: D. Beecher 246-221-213 (680); O. Beecher 254-246 (670); S. Osentoski 258 (650); J. Mis (590); D. Dickinson 244 (580); R. Finkbeiner (576); K. Martin 260; D. Doerr 238; T. Czekai 215. Team High Game & Series: Dairy Queen Brazier-Caro 612 (1736).	
Grade 10		Jaimie Bolde*, Seth Briolat, Krysta Cleary*, Steven Depcinski, Bobbi Gentner, Jenni Guigar, Joshua Holdwick, Kimberly Lackowski*, Nicholas Lindquist, Matthew Lubeski, Jessica Maurer*, Megan Mellas, Stephanie Peruski, Sara Pettinger, Eric Pionk, Laura Pollum*, Jared Puvalowski*, Mark Recker*, Sarah Roberts*, Ashley Cournay Ney, Shawn Oberski, Faith Osentoski, Shelby Partaka, Lucas Priemer, Steven Rutkowski*, Ryan Simmerlein*, Paul	Merchanettes League As of Feb. 5	
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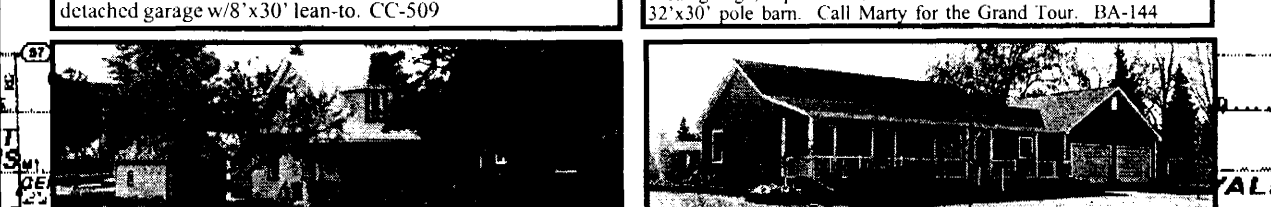
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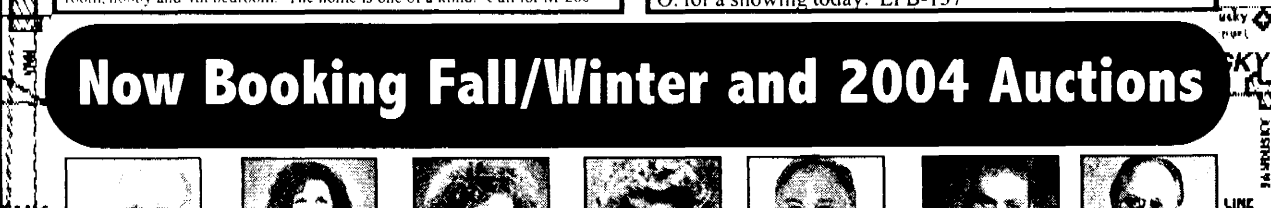
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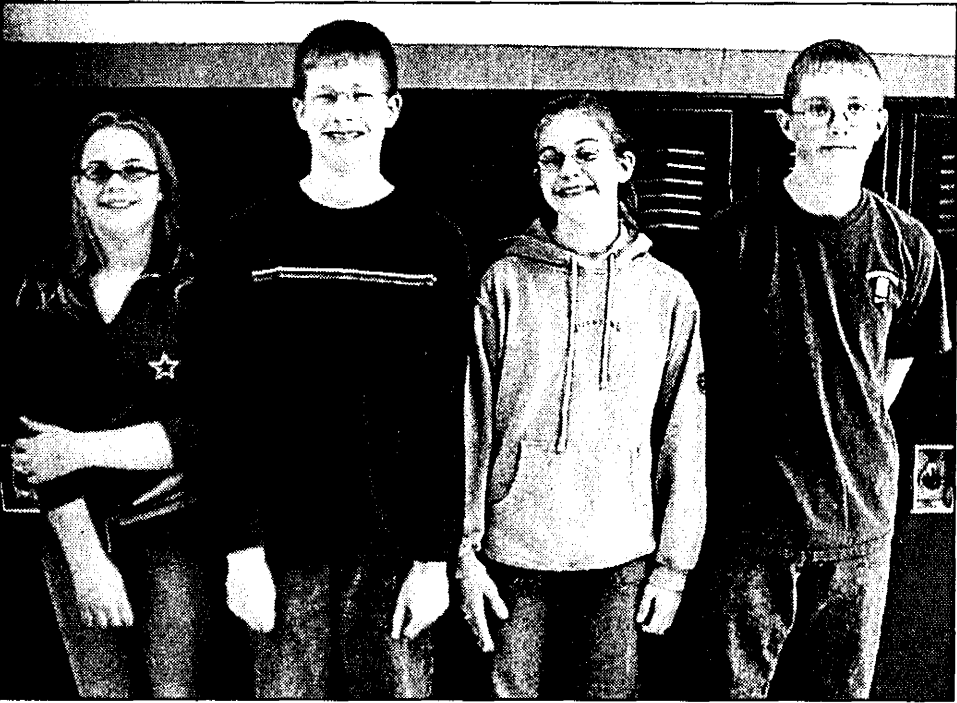
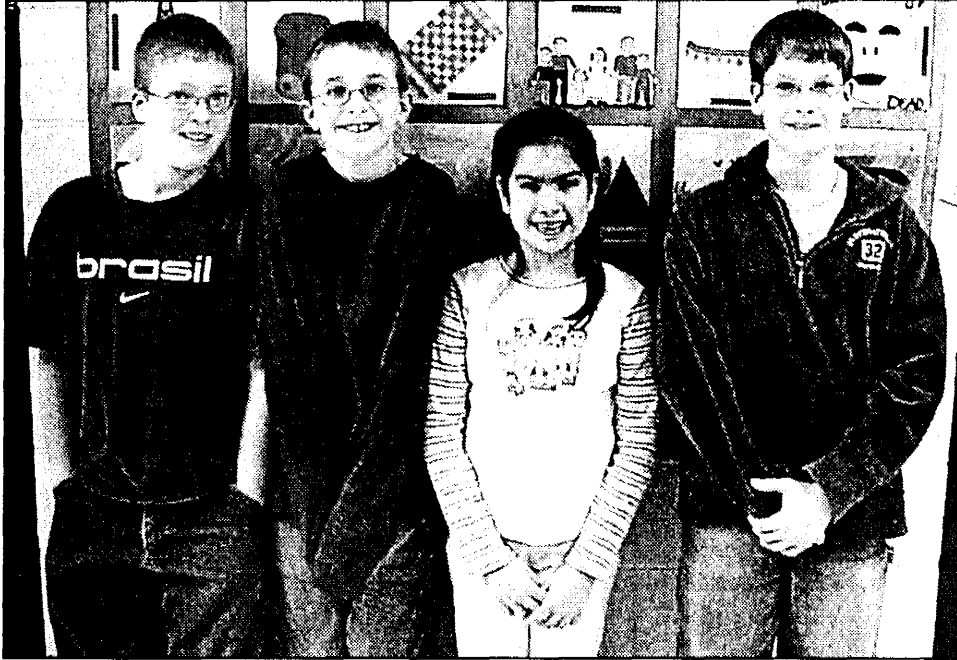
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Cass City spellers...

CASS CITY Middle School students recently participated in the Saginaw Area Spelling Bee, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The students and their placement in level one, featuring 20 competitors, are: (top photo, from left) Jalen Ferris, third, Logan Kausch, fifth, Angie Simpson, 11th, and Mason Doerr, 14th. In the second photo are students who competed in level 2, which featured 17 competitors. They are (from left) Scarlett Helland, seventh, Trey Helwig, 12th, Becca Doerr, eighth, and Adam Kranz, third.

Several appear on felony charges

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

- Ricky A. Yocic, 44, Saginaw, was found guilty by a jury of possession of marijuana Aug. 17 in Vassar. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Lonnie Ellis 41, Vassar, pleaded guilty to delivery/manufacturing marijuana Sept. 15 in Tuscola Township. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be set.
- Jared N. Tucker, 23, Millington, stood mute to charges of intent to pass a false motor vehicle title and making a false or fraudulent use tax return Aug. 2, 2000, in Vassar. A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$5,000.
- Karen L. Walters, 37, Atlas, stood mute to 3 counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and one count of domestic violence Dec. 13 in Millington Township. A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$10,000.
- James A. Howse, 44, Vassar, pleaded guilty to third degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years in April and between July 2001 and December 2002 in Arbella Township. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at a combined \$60,000. Sentencing is to be set.
- John C. Clor, 25, Caro, was convicted on 2 counts of writ-

ing a no-account check involving amounts of \$1,424 and \$150 last spring in Caro. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was set at a combined \$17,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

- Scott A. Heckroth, 35, Sebewaing, pleaded guilty to larceny in a building last October and forgery involving a \$75 check Dec. 19 in Columbia Township. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$3,500 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.
- Mark A. Smith, 23, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail for his plea of guilty to violating the state's Sex Offender's Registration Act by failing to notify law enforcement authorities of a change in address July 17 in Caro. He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$120.
- Joseph M. Deuman, 45, Flint, was sentenced to 9 months to 10 years in prison for his convictions on charges of receiving and concealing stolen property valued at \$200 to \$1,000 March 16, 2002, Almer Township, and to being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).
- He was also ordered to pay \$180 in fines and costs plus restitution of \$250.
- Jody M. Hall, 42, Bridgeport, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 180 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for a plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, April 30 in Indianfields Township. The defendant was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,160 plus restitution of \$235.
- Ronald W. Russell, 61, Reese, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm July 6-7 in Reese, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction). He was also ordered to pay \$5,620 in costs and fines.
- Craig O. Clark, 29, Millington, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 300 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Aug. 24 in Millington Township.

He was also ordered to enter residential substance abuse treatment and pay costs and fines totaling \$1,200.

- Adam J. Lalko, 23, Vassar, was sentenced to 3 years and 6 months to 20 years in prison for his plea of no contest to second degree home invasion April 16 in Millington Township, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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