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SNOWMOBILE HEAVEN - Kyle Hartwick, 15, and Kevin Ouvry, 16, both of Cass City, are among dozens of area residents putting their snow machines to good use this winter, thanks to an abundance of snow and cold weather. Forecasters were calling for another one to 3 inches of snow early this week.

"Career Pathways"

Howard, Ill co-author book

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Elaine Howard and Pam Ill are both veteran educators who share a passion and desire to change the ways high schools prepare each and every student for the future. Right now, many schools are not doing a good job, according to the pair, whose new book, "Career Pathways: Preparing Students for Life", was published just last month. The book focuses on a new innovative approach to education called Collaborative Career Pathways, which has

won a number of state and national education awards. Area schools currently utilizing the program include Cass City Middle School and Vassar, Kingston, Akron-Fairgrove and Mayville high schools. The purpose of the approach is 2-fold: to provide an instructional model where students and teachers use interest and aptitude for teaching and learning about career options, and to provide students with specifically designed classes and experiences that help them to focus and define their

goals for the future and help them make a smooth transition from high school to postsecondary options. "Pam and I have been in high schools all of our lives, and we really feel our high schools are not meeting the current needs of the student," said Howard, a Cass City resident with 25 years in education, including 5 years as community education director in Cass City and 10 years at the Tuscola County Intermediate School District, where she retired as director of public instruction last June.

"Our kids are floundering and we believe high schools have an accountability for students' success after they leave high school," Howard cited statistics that reveal just 20 to 30 percent of college students earn their diploma nationally, "and out of that percent, only 20 to 30 percent will get a job in their major." Ill, also an educator for 25 years who currently teaches Career Pathways and language arts at USA High School, said the new book focuses on how to restructure high schools so that students are more involved in their own educational experience. Students begin in the ninth grade by looking at what

they are interested in, exploring their own skills and their personalities, and then looking at various career options, according to Ill, who noted students then begin to map out a strategy to prepare for their chosen field. "What happens is, suddenly what the kids are studying becomes relevant." "They learn how their academics connect to their aptitude, interest and dreams," agreed Howard, who has a bachelor's degree in history, a master's degree in school guidance and a specialist degree in educational leadership with an emphasis in curriculum. Please turn to page 4.

State cuts hit TNU manpower

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Like many other agencies in Michigan, the Thumb Narcotics Unit (TNU) has been hit by the state's financial woes, but TNU officials managed to maintain the same level of activity in 2003 as they did the year before. "The big issue for me is personnel," said TNU Commander Detective/Lt. Mitch Krugielki, who said one TNU position remains unfilled as result of state cutbacks.

Krugielki's staff includes 3 state police personnel, compared to the normal complement of 4 officers, along with a deputy each from Huron, Tuscola and Lapeer counties, and an officer from the city of Lapeer.

In spite of the shortage of one officer, Krugielki said he's very pleased with the unit's success last year.

"I think in general we're pretty much at the level we were at the year before. The cases investigated, arrests, are about the same."

During TNU's fiscal year, Oct. 1, 2002, through Sept. 30, 2003, the drug unit arrested 42 felons and made another 30 arrests on misdemeanor charges. Officers also took 5 fugitives into custody.

During the period a year earlier, the unit's arrests included 52 felons, 23 suspects on misdemeanor charges and 5 fugitives.

Last year's suspects were charged with a combined 104 drug/narcotics charges and 12 "other" charges, compared to 99 drug/narcotic and 17 "other" charges the year before.

Original complaints - those reported to and investigated by TNU - remained about the same at 135 complaints last year and 137 complaints in 2001-02.

TNU officers seized drugs valued at a combined \$1,753,758 in 2003. The

total includes one unit of ecstasy valued at \$30, 8 ounces of hallucinogens (\$480), 1,671 marijuana plants (\$1.67 million), 80.69 pounds of marijuana (\$80,693), 14 grams of amphetamine (\$1,400), and one gram of cocaine (\$110).

In 2001-02, the unit seized \$1.39 million worth of drugs, including 1,310 marijuana plants and 74 pounds of marijuana valued at a combined \$1.38 million.

Although marijuana makes up the bulk of drug seizures, Krugielki said a number of other very dangerous drugs are making their way into the Thumb area.

"Community concerns with cocaine and marijuana usage and trafficking now include crack, ecstasy, GHB (date rape drug), hashish, LSD, illegal prescription drugs and methamphetamine," he said, noting an investigation last year in Lapeer uncovered a methamphetamine lab about 3 miles south of I-69 near a dairy farm.

Officers from TNU and FANG (Flint Area Narcotics Group) arrested a suspect for the manufacturing and selling of methamphetamine. The case began when TNU investigated some thefts of anhydrous ammonia at a Lapeer County grain elevator.

"Methamphetamine is like no other drug we have seen before due in part to the dangers it places the entire community in," Krugielki said.

"From first responders and community workers who might stumble across a meth lab and find themselves in instant and serious health risks and harm, to the landlord and motel owners who must deal with the costly toxic waste site cleanup of a meth lab, or the user who faces becoming instantly hooked on a drug that has the lowest successful recovery

rate - only 6 percent - of all abused drugs, methamphetamine is a drug we cannot ignore."

Krugielki encourages all citizens to become educated on the signs of methamphetamine activities, such as thefts of anhydrous ammonia, and to report such activities through 911 or the Michigan State Police Methamphetamine Hotline at 1-866-METH TIP.



D/Lt. Mitch Krugielki

TNU is a multi-jurisdictional unit that has been in existence for about 15 years, making it more challenging to stay ahead of drug traffickers and dealers. "I'd say it's gotten extremely difficult, especially with the turnover of officers," said Krugielki, who noted the unit typically has an officer for 2 years, and half of that time is spent in training. "Sometimes we only get an officer for 3 or 4 months," he added.

"Drug dealers are getting smarter and we have to keep up with them," Krugielki continued. "A unit like this depends on the media" to promote the drug unit's activities and success to area communities that help financially support the drug team. "But it's a double-edged sword. The flipside is we also educate the drug dealers."

Bulldog royalty...



OWEN-GAGE'S 2004 Snowball Queen and King are seniors Randi Glaza and Cody Howard. The pair highlighted Friday's halftime ceremony against visiting Dryden.

Hull named "officer of year"

Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern honored several officers during the department's recent annual meeting.

Topping the list was the 2003 "Officer of the Year", Deputy Ted Hull, who started with the department as a law enforcement explore in 1986 and was hired full-time in 1992.

"Deputy Hull has received numerous commendations over the years and continues to do an excellent job," Kern said. "His work with the public and his fellow officers is very positive."

Hull, who resides in Reese with his wife and 2 children, also received a Commendation for Professional Excellence for his work on a larceny complaint from a trailer park near Caro. Hull worked with a Michigan State Police trooper who was investigating a similar complaint in the same area.

"The 2 officers were given names of possible suspects, they went to the park together and interviewed the suspects," Kern said. "After several interviews, the officers were able to recover much of the stolen property and seek warrants for the suspects on both complaints."

Kern presented the following officers with commendations:

• **Deputies Steve Anderson and James Hook**, Commendation for Professional Excellence, for their investigation of a burglary at a Millington grocery store.

"There was significant loss to the business," Kern noted. "Deputies Anderson and Hook spent countless hours and interviewed numerous witnesses and suspects as they conducted their investigation. As a result of their investigation, several suspects were arrested and charged. Both officers handled this investigation in a very professional and efficient manner."

• **Deputy Mike Scarborough**, Life Saving Commendation.

"On Nov. 9, 2003, Deputy Scarborough was working third shift inside the jail. Around 2 a.m. his partner was having lunch and began choking on a piece of food that lodged in her throat," Kern said. "Deputy Scarborough noticed she was having problems, and soon realized she could not breathe. (He) started the Heimlich Maneuver and was able to dislodge the food from her airway."

• **Corrections Officers Kirk Dutcher and Rodney Bertsch**, Life Saving Commendation, for their response to a Nov. 11 incident in the

jail.

"Deputy Dutcher responded to the cell and discovered an inmate who had tied something around his neck and was turning blue. Deputy Dutcher called for an ambulance and Deputy

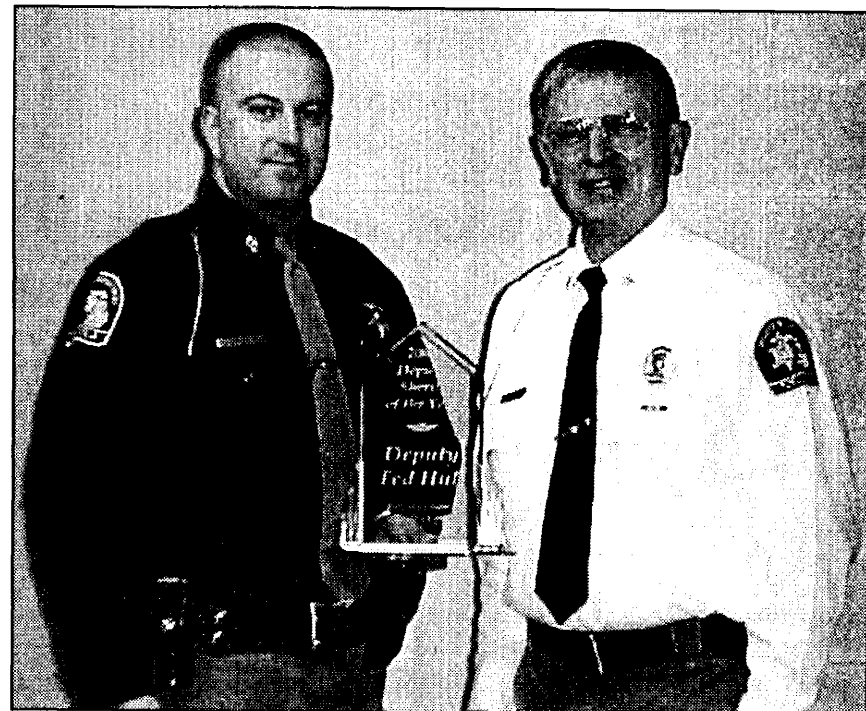
Bertsch responded to the call for assistance," Kern said.

"The material around his neck was so tight they had to run and get a cutting tool to free the material from the victim. Both officers worked very fast and efficiently to

save the victim's life."

• **Deputies Chris Rogner and Ryan Herford**, Commendation for Professional Excellence, for their investigation of a missing child.

Kern noted the child was Please turn to page 4.



TUSCOLA COUNTY Sheriff Tom Kern (right) presents Deputy Ted Hull with the 2003 "Officer of the Year" award during the department's annual meeting.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 989-269-6994



Dennis and Charlene Hagen, Mike and Ellen Morgan and Bryce and Betty Hagen attended the Ruth St. Peter and Paul Fish Fry school on Friday and later visited Mary Hagen on Friday.

Allen Farrelly was a Monday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the dance at the K of C Hall in Bad Axe Saturday evening where the Polish Power Band from Wisconsin played.

Myrna Izzo and Beatrice Hunderson visited Mrs. Earl Schenk on Saturday.

Mrs. Bob Jackson, Marie and Gracie Grifka were Wednesday lunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz.

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

Jared Lackowski, Jeff Sample, John Schenk, Denise McLean and Randy Schenk visited Mrs. Earl Schenk last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Kincaid and Allen Farrelly had dinner at Zenders in Frankenmuth on Saturday.

Courtney Doerr spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hagen, Nick and Jennie took Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen to the

Franklin Inn for brunch for Mrs. Bryce Hagen's birthday Sunday.

Karen Damm of Pigeon and Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Thelma Jackson Saturday.

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

Mike and Ellen Moorman, Jim and Dorene, Nick and Jennie Hagen, Dennis and Charlene Hagen and Brad met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen on Sunday for a light lunch and birthday cake on Sunday for Mrs. Bryce Hagen and Jim Hagen's birthdays. Ellen Moorman made and decorated the cake for the birthdays.

Brooke Depcinski spent Monday and Tuesday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski.

Visitors of Mrs. Earl Schenk last week were Mr. and Mrs. Jim McLean, Randy Schenk, Ethel Ross, Leola Britt and David Hacker.

Allen Farrelly visited Eleanor Koski at Light House Rehabilitation at Caro Sunday afternoon.

Arlene Ritch of Deckerville visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland on Friday.

Eight members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Big Boy in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at the Peppermill next week.

Engaged



It's a girl!



Andrea Rea and Kenneth Goward

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rea of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Shelda, to Kenneth Robert Goward, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Goward of Westland.

Andrea is a 1998 graduate of Cass City High School and a 2002 graduate of Taylor University with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education. She is an elementary teacher.

Kenneth is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy. He is an applications engineer for Prosig, USA in Southfield, and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in engineering at Oakland University.

A July 2004 wedding is planned.


Bezemek completes training

Army National Guard Pvt. Edward A. Bezemek has graduated from the automated logistical specialist advanced individual training (AIT) course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va.

The soldier was trained to establish and maintain stock records and other documents such as inventory, material control, accounting and support reports, automated and manual accounting records; review and verify bills of lading, contracts, and purchase orders; repair and construct shipping crates for equipment and supplies; and perform prescribed loads and shop stock lists in manual and automated supply applications.

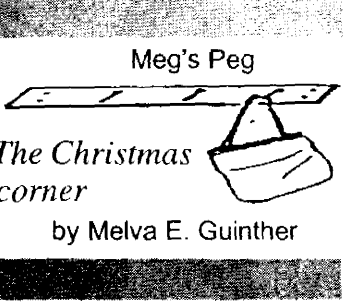
Bezemek is the son of Edward E. and Val Bezemek of Snover.

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Meg's Peg

The Christmas corner
by Melva E. Guinther



In the 35 years we've lived in our present home, the Christmas decorations have always been kept in a corner of the basement. Over the years that corner has expanded and threatened to take over.

What with those irresistible after-Christmas bargains and the old frugality of never throwing anything away, it was truly getting out of hand. Something had to be done.

Another factor is that the basement stairs have strangely become steeper and the boxes heavier over the years. Hauling them upstairs was a formidable task.

With great determination, we cleared out a first floor closet that contained such treasures as the boxes for the first computer and printer we ever owned, a whole lot of goose clothes and some curtains left over from a garage sale 10 years ago.

Even I had to admit that if the curtains hadn't sold for 50 cents then, the prospects were pretty dim that anybody would want them now.

Eventually we managed to take down, box and label this year's Christmas decorations and fit them all in the closet. Hallelujah! Next year we

won't have to haul boxes up from downstairs!

There is one small problem. Although all this year's decorations are now on the first floor, the Christmas corner in the basement doesn't seem to have diminished in the least.

When the weather warmed up briefly above single digits, I went down there and started the task of getting rid of the excess.

If I could bring myself to toss the boxes without looking inside, it would go much faster. It takes a steely resolve to throw away things you've had since the kids were little while you're looking at them. It doesn't matter how ratty those things have become.

I managed to discard a couple of boxes, then came across a centerpiece that must be 20 years old. But it's still pretty! A new candle and bow would make it look like new.

Then I found a wall hanging that's pretty well shot, but it has some neat little gold ornaments on it. Those might make nice package decorations. Back it goes.

It doesn't help that my husband has become an enabler. When he intercepts me en route to the trash with something, he'll suggest how and where we could use it next year.

And so it goes. Slowly - - very slowly.

Sometimes I wish I were one of those carefree individuals who can discard possessions casually, without giving it a second thought. Life would be much less cluttered.

Maybe one day, I am determined that we will conquer the unruly Christmas corner. We're making progress.

And there is hope. Just last week I threw away half a can of mushroom soup without putting it in the frig for a couple weeks until it turned green and fuzzy.



Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Schuster

Bullock and Schuster wed

Open Door Missionary Church of Sandusky was the setting for the 5 o'clock ceremony in which Cori Bullock became the bride of Christopher Schuster.

Pastor Larry Van Slambrook officiated. The bride is the daughter of Dale and Fay Bullock, and the groom is the son of John and Carol Schuster, all of Sandusky.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her grandfather, Ernest Bullock of Decker, while her father served as pianist for the ceremony. Her father then gave her hand in marriage.

A reception for 175 guests was held at the VFW Hall of Sandusky immediately following the ceremony.

Following a wedding trip to Niagara Falls, the couple is making their home in Sandusky.

Kaylee Anderson, daughters of the bride.

Best man was Jamie Kreger of Snover, close friend of the groom.

Serving as ushers for the ceremony were David Tallmadge of Port Huron, nephew of the groom, and Nicholas Bullock of Warren, brother of the bride. Debbie Bullock of Warren, sister-in-law of the bride, served as hostess. Bethany Ferguson of Saginaw, friend of the bride, was soloist.

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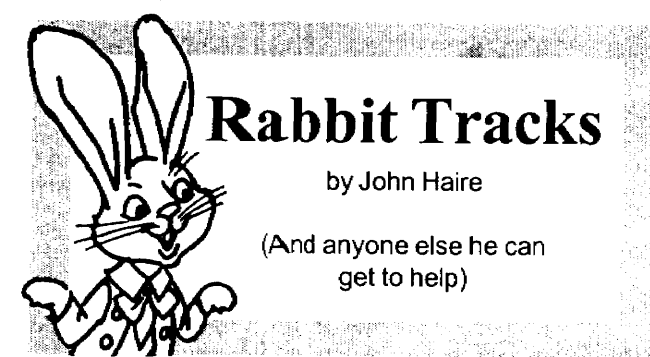
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Now, for the rest of the story.

In Friday's Detroit Free Press a lengthy feature story told about Port Hope's 6-player varsity basketball team.

The story went on to say that other teams come in with 15 players and the Blue Stars have only one person on the bench. The team registered its second win of the season against Gagetown (Owen-Gage) Jan. 16.

It said that in the game the Blue Stars were down to just 3 players at the finish. What wasn't disclosed is that when Owen-Gage played Port Hope the teams started on an even basis.

The Bulldogs also have a 6-player squad and finished one game this year with 4 players on the floor.

A story in the Chronicle featuring Louise Ponder and the first Michigan Adoption Day will be on the web site of the Michigan Supreme Court. Family Court Probate Judge Wallace Kent sent the story to the Supreme Court and a court representative called and asked permission to reprint it on the web.

We were delighted to say yes, yes, yes.

I took a call from Phil Nicols intended for editor Tom Montgomery. He wanted to compliment Montgomery for his "very excellent story" about him in connection with the Quality Deer Management Association.

We passed it along to Tom, and now to you. We don't get too many positive commentaries about stories. The compliments are usually dwarfed by the complaints.

Craig Emmert, remembered in Cass City for his basketball talent during 4 years on the Cass City High School hoop squad, is now a junior at Milligan College.

The son of Amy and Chuck Emmert, Cass City, is spearheading the hoop team at the college. He led the team in a victory over Bryan College Jan. 24 with a game-high 23 points and 13 rebounds.

Milligan is 8-2 in the Appalachian Athletic Conference.

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Voters must register soon for March election

Area residents planning to vote in the spring village elections have until Monday to register.

Residents can register at a Secretary of State branch office, county clerk's office, township clerk's office or village clerk's office. The election is scheduled for Monday, March 8.

In Cass City, 8 residents are seeking 5 council seats.

L.E. Althaver, a former longtime Cass City Village President, is seeking the 2-year president's seat, while 6 candidates are vying for a trio of 4-year trustee seats. The candidates are: Jeff Gillig, Dwaine J. Peters II, Elizabeth K. Reehl, Donald B. Richards, Dwight D. Thabet and Jon K. Zdrojewski.

Deputies seeking fatal crash witnesses

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies are seeking the public's help in locating witnesses to a multi-vehicle accident that claimed the life of a 31-year-old Marlette woman early last week.

The accident occurred at about 7 a.m. Jan. 26 on M-53, between Cooper and Walker roads in Sanilac County's Marlette Township.

Deputies are asking anyone who witnessed the accident to contact Deputy Kevin Nowiski or Sgt. James Wagester by calling the sheriff's department at (810) 648-2000.

"Investigating deputies are specifically attempting to locate the driver of a red pickup that possibly was forced to take evasive action, due to whiteout conditions, to avoid the victim's vehicle, a green Chevrolet Impala, just prior to the accident and may not be aware that the accident occurred," said Wagester.

"The pickup is believed to have been traveling northbound on M-53," he said. "The driver is not believed to be involved in the accident but may be able to provide important information to the investigating officers."

Jenny Zawilinski is the lone candidate for one, 2-year trustee term.

The election will bring a facelift to the council, as current village President Les Karr and trustees Cathy Kropewnicki, Steve Wright and Matt Prieskorn did not seek reelection. A fourth trustee, Don Ball, resigned last year.

In other area villages:

*In Owendale, newcomers Steve Story and Bryan Baker, and Trustee Gerald Radabaugh are seeking a trio of 4-year terms on the village council.

No candidates filed for a 2-year trustee seat, and there were no candidates for the treasurer's seat following the filing deadline last fall.

Three incumbent trustees, Martin Blondell, Richard Glidden and Robert Ricker, and longtime Treasurer Lois

Blondell are not seeking reelection.

*In Gagetown, 4 residents are vying for 3 available 4-year trustee terms. They are incumbents Thomas A. Reehl and Mary Ann Tenczer, both Republicans, and incumbent David J. Abbe, Democrat, and newcomer Edward C. Rievert, Republican.

Seeking reelection unopposed is village Clerk-Treasurer Maggie Root, Republican.

*In Kingston, Clerk Beverly J. Heron reported incumbent Robin LaFond was the only person to file for one of 3 available 4-year trustee terms.

Incumbents Laura Davidson and Donald "Randy" Lyons did not file. Heron, the village's clerk and treasurer, is running unopposed for a 2-year term, as is village President Arlo Ruggles.

The Haire Net



A lot of folks spend a few wishful minutes every day thinking how nice an 80-degree day would be as they shovel drifts or battle slippery, snow-covered roads.

Very few would rejoice moving from southern Texas to the northern tip of the eastern Upper Peninsula.

One who is very happy to be stationed at Sault Saint Marie is James Palmateer, 37, a member of the United States Border Patrol. Palmateer, the son of Joyce and Carl Palmateer, requested a transfer to a northern post and hit the jackpot when he was sent to the Sault in January. The family, his wife, Nicole and 3 children are house hunting now and nothing would suit Palmateer better than to spend the rest of his career at his current post.



James Palmateer

James is a native Cass Cityian, a graduate of Border Academy, Ferris University and the only service person at the Sault who is a Michigan native.

That's a great break for him, said his father. He was previously stationed for 6-years at Brownsville, Texas.

During his tour he was shot at 5 times from persons in Mexico and in addition to capturing illegal refugees there was a constant battle with the drug traffic. Carl Palmateer reports that his son says it's a lonely feeling to be in the middle of the river at night on single patrol. Shots echoing across the river from Mexico were com-

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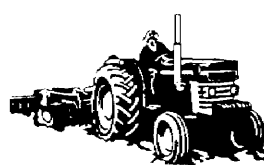
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The back forty

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by Roger Pond

You know it's a small town when you dial a wrong number and recognize the voice on the other end of the line. But what do you know when someone calls a wrong number, and you talk for five minutes before recognizing the mistake.

That's what happened to me recently. I wasn't the one who made the call, but I felt pretty silly, anyway.

It was one of those mornings, two calls — both telemarketers. The phone rang again around noon.

The caller told me her first and last name and asked if Russ was here. Telemarketers do that sometimes, give you a first and last name, hoping you'll believe they are nice people who want to make sure the siding is still on your house.

It kind of threw me when the caller asked for Russ. My son Russell just turned 30 and hasn't lived here since high school.

I didn't know what to say. "Russ is grown up and gone," I told her.

"Well, I guess you'll be my contact then," she said. She was talking about some type of membership — and none of it made any sense to me.

I almost hung up on her before I remembered the sign company in Post Falls, Idaho. That company has the same telephone number as we do — except for the area code. Last spring I learned the sign company has an employee named Russ.

I explained this to the caller: "I have a son named Russ, and the sign company has an employee named Russ. Maybe you dialed the wrong area code?" (She had, of course.)

I hung up thinking, "I don't suppose that company wants me telling folks their employees are 'grown up and gone'."

There's only one way to avoid this type of mix-up. The first thing we should say when we call someone is, "Who is this?"

That would have helped a woman who described an incident to me several years ago. She had school age children and was concerned about a new testing program in the schools.

Local officials told her and other parents the testing program was state mandated. The only way to make changes was to convince state officials it was a bad idea.

This woman decided to make an appointment with the State Superintendent of Schools. She called the state office and talked with the secretary, Debbie. After four or five weeks of calling and no luck in getting an appointment, this was a very frustrated mom.

Finally, she decided to get tough. She called again, and Debbie answered.

The parent identified herself and said, "Look Debbie,

I don't understand why you can't get me in. I keep getting the run around. I just need to get in."

Debbie said, "What??" "I'm getting tired of waiting," the parent said. "I don't see why you can't get me in."

Finally, Debbie asked, "Who are you trying to call?" "The State Superintendent of Schools," she answered. "Hold on, I've gotta tell the other girls," this Debbie said.

After considerable laughter in the background, Debbie came back on the line.

"I'm sorry," she said. "You've dialed a wrong number. This is the State Penitentiary!"

The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	29	11	6.5"
Wednesday	24	-1	0
Thursday	11	-1	0
Friday	15	4	.5"
Saturday	21	-10	0
Sunday	24	-8	0
Monday	33	30	1.6"

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)

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Cass City Public Schools PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

DIPLOMAS FOR WORLD WAR II AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS

The Cass City Board of Education approved to participate with new legislation which authorizes a Board of a Michigan school district to award a high school diploma to World War II and now Korean War veterans who left high school for immediate military service who did not receive their high school diploma because of this service to our country. Additionally, specific family members may also apply on behalf of a living or deceased veteran.

Applications for the high school diplomas for World War II and Korean War veterans are available in the Cass City Superintendents Office located in Cass City High School. Anyone interested in this wonderful program is encouraged to request an application. Please feel free to stop by or call 872-2200 for an application or for more information. Questions can be sent to me at 4868 N. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726. Thank you.

NOTICE

LAST DAY TO REGISTER

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

All electors are hereby given notice that a General Election will be held in the Village of Cass City on Monday March 8, 2004.

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

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Red Hawk Talks

by Kristi Fluegge

Many students woke up a little early for school last week to watch T.V. or listen to the radio. For students with a parent working in the school system they woke up to that wonderful phone ringing around six o'clock. Every one was waiting to see or hear that they were free for the day! The great news is starting on Tuesday of last week we had three snow days in a row! I didn't talk to one student of the Cass City high school who wasn't thrilled about the break!

Many seniors felt they were in heaven only having two school days last week and knowing no matter how many are canceled they don't have to make them up. I know I was! Underclassmen probably don't find this concept too fair but don't worry, your year will come too.

Thinking about the seniors' exemption made me wonder what were the rules for snow days. So I asked Mr. Good, our principal, a few questions about these much appreciated vacations.

I always wondered who goes out to check our roads and at what time the decision is made. Bob Kozan, our bus supervisor, is the lucky driver and the decision is made between 5:00 and 6:00 o'clock a.m. I know Leslie Hacker, who starts her work experience job at 6:00, is grateful they make it early enough for her to know before she leaves so she can go into work a little later. The man in charge with the final decision on school closing is our superintendent, Mr. Micklash.

For the students' sake a little more vital question was how many days do we get before making them up at the end of the school year? This decision has recently been changed from a certain number of days to thirty hours. Since we normally have approximately 6 hours in a school day that would allow five days of freedom before the days are transferred to the end of the school year. This decision is one we would have a hard time changing, since this is determined by

the state. When this decision mattered to me last year I remember being very upset. I was upset because the days you were allowed off went by district and we got the short end of the deal. Districts right next to us allowed their school systems more days off than ours. Who was to say more snow would fall ten miles from our school? Hopefully it isn't decided that way anymore.

Another interesting topic many parents became aware of last week is that just because school is cancelled doesn't mean sporting events or practices are. The roads were too bad for students to drive to school, but good enough for the coach to feel there should be practice. Many times school has been canceled and the game still held that night. So for the fans that think the game is off because school is canceled, my advice is to call the school and talk to someone who is usually in the office. This is entirely up to the staff if they would like to come in to work or take a day off along with the students. "Makes a little paycheck, when we have all snow days off in the same week!" commented my mom. She enjoys having off a day now and then, but it would be nicer to have them spread out!

I thought my senior class was getting pretty lucky with all these snow days, but I found out we have a long way before we catch up to the years of 1975-76 and 1984-85. During these years, students had 15 snow days. What is strange was that the school year prior to 75-76 had NO snow days! I feel for the graduates of 1975. The average snow days are approximately five or six.

So for now the students will pray for the one snow day they have remaining and the seniors will pray to break the record of 15! A big thank you goes to Mr. Micklash and Mr. Kozan, looking out for our best interest and not putting our life in danger (and of course having the extra days off is nice too).



EDUCATORS AND new authors Elaine Howard of Cass City (left) and Pam Ill of Vassar display their book, "Career Pathways: Preparing Students for Life".

Educators pen new book

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"It also concentrates on what we call life skills - communication, problem solving, conflict resolution, goal setting, decision making, teaming and technology integration."

The Career Pathways model focuses on 6 general "career pathways". They are:

*Arts and communication - careers such as architecture, graphic, interior and fashion design; writing; film; journalism; and public relations.

*Business, management, marketing and technology - careers such as sales, marketing, computer/information systems, accounting personnel and management.

*Engineering/manufacturing and industrial technology - careers such as engineering, manufacturing and construction.

*Health sciences - careers such as research, prevention, treatment and related health technologies.

*Human services - careers such as education, government, law and law enforcement.

ment, military, religion, childcare, social services and personal services.

*Natural resources and agriscience - careers such as agriculture, earth and environmental services, fisheries, forestry and wildlife.

The key components of the Career Pathways approach are counseling, classroom and community.

School counselors collaborate with classroom teachers, working with students on academic success skills, personal skills and employment/career skills. The community is then integrated into the classroom as a "laboratory" for students to practice skills such as problem solving and self-management.

Ill, who is completing her master's degree in education with an emphasis in curriculum, explained that the community activities begin in the ninth grade with field trips and speakers. In later years, students participate in job shadowing, internships and/or technical center experiences.

"The community is so important that it becomes a part of the school. Without the community, it's just bookwork," Howard noted.

Ill pointed out that Career Pathways is designed for all students. "The reason our model has won so many awards is, this is for every single kid in the school," she said.

And, Howard added, "Every single kid knows what they have to do to reach their goal. They're going to have a skill."

Howard, who has her own consulting business, "Curriculum Connections", and has partnered with Ill to form another consulting business "Career Pathways Consulting", dispelled some myths about Career Pathways.

They include the idea that students are being trained for jobs. The truth is, they are being exposed to a variety of careers and guided to make

a choice based on their own personality and skills, Howard said.

Another myth is that students in the program spend less time taking high-level courses to prepare for college. Just the opposite is true, she said.

Finally, some believe the students are not old enough to make career decisions for themselves at this age. Howard pointed out, however, that young people do make their own decisions, and many of those choices are not positive ones.

Career Pathways, she said, is a way of encouraging sound decisions that affect students' futures for the good.

"We feel that helping kids make positive decisions for themselves, even if they change their minds - which they have the right to do - is a step towards enriching their lives."

Funding available

After reviewing all applications and extending 2 grants, the Tuscola County Community Foundation's Healthy Youth/Healthy Seniors Advisory Committee currently has \$4,888 remaining from Michigan's share of the national tobacco settlement.

The funding is limited to support for qualifying charitable healthy youth and healthy senior programs of nonprofit organizations, schools, or local units of government that are dealing with the issues of tobacco use prevention and cessation.

To obtain an application for the current amount available, write to: Tuscola County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 534, Caro, MI 48723 or call (989) 673-8223. Completed applications must be postmarked on or before March 1. Applicants will be notified by June 30.

Sheriff honors officers

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playing with a puppy near the Cass River, and the parents were fearful that their son may have fallen in the water.

"Deputy Rogner went to Chippewa Landing and asked 2 boaters to help with the search," he said, adding the deputies accompanied the boaters to the scene.

"While they were searching the river, the parents found their son hiding under a ramp near their garage. Deputies Rogner and Herford had the foresight to seek immediate help from nearby boaters rather than wait for the Marine Division. During this search they conducted themselves in a very professional manner."

*Sgt. Glen Skrent and Deputies Ted Hull, Steve Anderson, Steve Roland and Josh Herman. Commendation for Professional Excellence.

"On March 13, 2003, the above listed officers were sent to a residence on Phelps Lake Road to handle a call where a distraught female had barricaded herself in a room that had several firearms in it," Kern said.

"After some time the officers were able to force their way into the room and safely secure the woman, and help her get into a hospital. A short time later, the suspect's husband contacted our officers to say how professional our officers acted while assisting his wife."

*Deputy Steve Roland, Commendation for Professional Excellence, for his handling of an arson complaint at a Vassar Township business.

"Deputy Roland, through persistence and his own intuition, was able to identify 2 juveniles as the most likely suspects. He conducted extensive and repetitive interviews in the presence of parents, and eventually the suspects admitted to the crimes," Kern said.

*Records Clerk Deanna Marshall. Commendation for Professional Excellence. "In June 2003 a LEIN/NCIC audit was conducted by...the Michigan State Police in Lansing," Kern explained. "Not only were we listed as satisfactory compliance, the auditor remarked that Ms. Marshall was extremely helpful and accommodating. He also commented that she was very well prepared and had all files arranged in an orderly fashion which made the audit much easier."

*Deputy Steve Anderson. Commendation for Professional Excellence, for his investigation of a 17-year-old male who was threatening to harm himself in Arbutus Township.

"A description was given out, also information that the suspect had left the residence and was on foot," Kern said. "As Deputy Anderson continued to the location, he spotted the suspect standing next to a pine tree with a chain around a tree branch and putting the chain around his neck."

"Deputy Anderson sprang into action. After wrestling with the suspect, he was able to take the chain from him. Shortly thereafter 2 more officers arrived to help calm the suspect down."



Bulldog Beat

by Laura Enderle

This past week at Owen-Gage, Snowball 2004 festivities were held, or at least partially held. The bad weather cut into some of the spirit week activities.

When school convened again on Friday, I went early to randomly ask students and staff if they preferred the snow days or spirit week and the results were deadlocked. Many students agreed they like snow days, but it was a bad time for mother nature to drop heavy snow down on us because it took away from the excitement of the week. Not one class had time to decorate posters and many of the spirit week days were missed. Despite the 3 snow days between Monday and Friday, the show did go on as scheduled.

Friday morning surely proved the strength of our student council. President Stephanie Dorsch arrived at school early to make up for lost time and many upper classmen volunteered to help her out (to get out of class, of course).

The votes for king and queen had to be cast, balloons and flowers needed to be ordered, the gym needed to be set up, sashes were arranged to be delivered, the seniors were busy making the deadline for the school newspaper, and Mr. Peterson was contemplating how long the afternoon assembly should last.

Right before the pep-assembly, I asked Stephanie how her day was going and she replied, "Pretty hectic from all the last minute Snowball preparations."

At 2 p.m. the gym filled and the band serenaded everyone while the glamorous representatives strutted down the runway. Everyone held their breath as the popu-

lar Cody Howard was announced Snowball King of 2004. Then the basketball team gave their predictions for the big game and the rest of the pep-assembly was full of games for everyone.

The daytime excitement concluded with the spirit cheer and then students were released early because the roads began to drift shut. Evening came, along with some more snow. Our team suited up for the game and so did our Bulldog mascot. The J.V. boys won and the varsity got off to a great start. At halftime, the varsity game enthusiasm grew as the shining faces of the snowball court made another dazzling appearance. And then, the moment everyone was waiting for (drum roll please)....Randi Glaza was crowned queen of the night.

To add icing on the cake, our boys came out on top with a victory over Dryden. I believe it was the hopeful spirits of everyone that kept the game from being cancelled, but there was one more let down to add to the week.

After much deliberation, Mr. Peterson and his advisors called off the dance. About half way through the game the bad weather let up and many disappointed students approached Mr. Peterson about his decision, but the damage had already been done. As a compromise though, he agreed that spirit week could be continued into this week with a short pep-assembly on Friday and a dance Friday night after the home game against Memphis.

Even with a few minor setbacks the whole community was pleased with the results of Snowball 2004. It certainly was a "snow" ball.

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TWO SETS OF 5 generations are pictured in these photos. Pictured above is great-great-grandmother Iris Morrish of Cass City (seated), with baby Cheyanne Fritz. From left to right are grandmother Darlene Mattis, mother Michelle Mattis and great-grandmother Linda Bedore.



REPRESENTING 5 generations above are great-great-grandmother Iris Morrish (seated) and (from left) grandmother Jackie Ketola, mother Cassandra Ketola with Jordan Redd, and great-grandmother Linda Bedore.

\$74,250 grant to target health in the Thumb area

The Office of Rural Health Policy recently awarded a \$74,250 grant to the Thumb Rural Health Network, which was established last year to provide a network of healthcare providers that focus on sharing and developing resources.

"The network is in the early stage of development and the grant will cover a planning project which will cost \$87,810. Network members are contributing \$13,560 of their own in-kind resources and, as planning progresses, the network will be prepared to apply for additional grants," said Kay Balcer, network project director. "These grants will result in more money for quality healthcare in the Thumb of Michigan."

Balcer noted network members are conducting a community health assessment that will be used to develop programs and demonstrate a need for grant funding.

"The assessment includes community meetings, physician surveys, a telephone survey being conducted by Michigan State University, and a review of death and disease trends," Balcer explained.

"The results of the assessment will be used to plan effective programs that have incorporated input from the community, physicians, network members and other human service providers."

The goal of the network is to address the highest priority healthcare needs in Sanilac, Huron and Tuscola counties through collaborative projects.

The network was established by 4 Thumb Critical Access Hospitals - Harbor Beach Community Hospital, Scheurer Hospital, McKenzie Memorial Hospital and Deckerville Community Hospital, through a Michigan Center for Rural Health Networking Grant.

Current membership includes the original hospitals, Hills and Dales General Hospital, Huron Medical Center, Marlette Community Hospital, the health departments of all 3 counties, 3 tertiary care providers - Covenant Healthcare, Genesys Health Systems and Mercy-Port Huron Hospital - and the Tuscola County Human Services Coordinating Council.

ACT testing date set

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment April 3, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is Feb. 27. Late registration postmark deadline is March 12 (an additional fee is required for late registration).

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The test fee is \$26. Colleges use ACT scores, along with a student's high school GPA, high school courses taken, extracurricular activities and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course placement for new

students.

The ACT Assessment is an achievement test in English, reading, math and science. It measures what students have learned in high school, and the skills required for success in college. It is not an aptitude test. Some students find it more comfortable than an aptitude test because it reflects their high school curriculum. The ACT was administered more than 2 million times last year.

Students who have already taken the ACT can take it again and try for a higher score. Juniors can use their scores to examine academic weaknesses, take courses to correct those weaknesses and re-take the exam as seniors.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

The Octagon Barn Festival will be back this year with a different name and a different look, but crowds will find the same kind of summer fun at the annual summer celebration. "Two weeks ago it wasn't going to happen. This week it's going to be there," said Gagetown area resident Joan Koch, one of about 25 village residents who gathered at the village hall last Wednesday and decided they weren't going to let the festival die. In fact, those in attendance wasted no time in divvying up the responsibilities and making plans for a bigger and better festival.

The stately white house at 6580 W. Main St. in Cass City has served as a residence and beauty parlor during its 90-plus years existence, but the building is best known as the old funeral home. Jeff Bader would like to change all that. Soon, he hopes, area residents will refer to the building as the new Cass City-Kingston Youth For Christ Center. "I wanted a place for our kids...and this building suits our needs very well," Bader commented Friday as he continued the task of moving into the building.

Could it be, or was it a practical joker's idea of a great scam? What is not in doubt is that there was a white Blazer in Cass City Sunday afternoon between 3 and 4 p.m. with a sign saying Publishers' Clearing House Prize Patrol. The truck was spotted by Charlie Wallace at her home at Houghton and Maple Streets. The sweepstakes winner was to have been revealed during Sunday's super bowl. (From Rabbit Tracks)

10 YEARS AGO

Slick roads contributed to a number of property damage accidents last week, including a one-car mishap Friday at the corner of Main and Oak Streets in Cass City. No one was injured, but 2 ve-

hicles and the Chronicle building sustained damage.

Walbro Engine Management Corporation, an international designer and manufacturer of small engine fuel system components, has signed an agreement to form a joint venture in China to manufacture carburetors for 2-wheeled vehicles. The new joint venture company will be located in Fuding, Fujian Province, China. Walbro Engine Management Corporation will be the majority partner, owning 60 percent of the venture.

LeeAnne Luckadoo of Ubyly, employed by the Thumb Employment Training Consortium, Marlette, was recently honored as an Alumnus of the Year of Michigan Works!, the state Job Training Partnership Association.

25 YEARS AGO

There is still a father living in the St. Agatha's Catholic Church rectory, but he is not a priest. "I'm a father five times, but still not a reverend father," explained Lambert (Bud) Kuhr, the new full-time deacon at the Gagetown church. He takes over at St. Agatha's for Father Norman Van Poppelen, who retired at the end of last year. Officially, Kuhr serves under Father Joseph Morales of St. Pancratius Church, Cass City, who will be performing mass and hearing confession in Gagetown.

The Tuscola County Planning Commission will make its recommendation on a site for a state Department of Corrections work camp in March. The recommendation will be submitted to the county Board of Commissioners. Presuming it gives the recommendation its okay, it will be forwarded to the state.

Ingham County Circuit Judge James Kallman Friday lifted his restraining order barring the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners from allocating the 1978

Goslin parcel school operating taxes. Technically, the judge issued an opinion stating that the injunction will be removed. An order allowing the county board to meet and allocate the taxes was signed Tuesday by Circuit Judge Ray Hotchkiss, substituting for Kallman, who had gone on vacation.

35 YEARS AGO

Masonry work is nearly complete in the new Kingston High School. Steel construction is starting at the \$1,250,000 school building projected for completion January of 1970, though contractors are pushing for a September completion.

Major Bruce B. Hurry received a certificate, which accompanied the Army Commendation Medal for exceptional duty at First Army Headquarters at Fort Meade, Md., from Lieutenant General Jonathan O. Seaman, Army Commander.

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Owen-Gage spikers pick up NCTL win Monday

Visiting Dryden surrendered to Owen-Gage Monday, but not without a fight, in North Central Thumb League crossover volleyball play.

The NCTL-South Cardinals started slow, but gained momentum in the opening before falling 15-5. In game 2, the visitors' battled the Bulldogs the entire way before falling 15-9.

With the win, Coach Kaye Swiastyn's NCTL-North Bulldogs improve to 4-0 in conference play and 17-3-2 overall.

Senior Laura Enderle led all scorers in the match with 9 points, including 5 aces. The winners also received a team-high 6 kills from Kayla Zaleski, while Katie Swiastyn added 4 digs and

one assist. Owen-Gage will travel to face NCTL foe Peck on Thursday, before competing at the USA Invitational on Saturday.

LAKER INVITE

A week between games didn't seem to bother the Owen-Gage spikers Saturday, as the Bulldogs advanced into the semis before bowing at the Klinger-Dast Invitational.

The defending North Central Thumb League champions compiled a 2-1 record in pool play games at Pigeon, defeating Bay City All Saints (15-2, 15-10) and Sandusky (15-7, 15-10), while suffering losses of 15-6 and 15-5 to Michigan

Lutheran Seminary.

In the single elimination rounds, the Bulldogs disposed of Almont 15-4, 9-15, 15-13, and Reese 9-15, 15-11, 15-13, before Michigan Lutheran ended the Bulldog run in the semi-finals by the scores of 15-13, 11-15 and 4-15.

Meagan Mentor led the Bulldogs with 40 points, while Swiastyn added 36 points and Zaleski and Nicole Schmidt each accounted for 28 points. Swiastyn also pitched in 19 assists, 34 kills, 47 digs and 5 blocks, while Zaleski recorded 10 blocks, 46 digs and 74 kills.

Owen-Gage also had Candi Rhodes with 31 digs and Enderle with 32 assists.



OWEN-GAGE'S CODY Howard puts in 2 of his season-best 18 points Friday over the outstretched arm of Dryden's Jeremy Dulac. The Bulldogs broke into the win column with a 66-55 victory.



OWEN-GAGE JUNIOR Kayla Zaleski goes up for one of her 6 kills in Monday's North Central Thumb League win over visiting Dryden. The Bulldogs improved to 4-0 in conference play, winning in straight games by the scores of 15-5 and 15-9.

Bulldogs earn first win over Dryden in Snowball contest

A quick start and strong finish led Owen-Gage to its first win of the season Friday, as guests Dryden fell to the Bulldogs, 66-55, in North Central Thumb League crossover action.

Aaron Faist paced the winners to their best opening of the season as the Bulldog junior poured in 10 first quarter points en route to a career-high 22 markers. Faist used a variety of short jump shots, netting 4 field goals, to help lift the Bulldogs to an 11-2 edge.

That same type of start will be helpful this Friday if Owen-Gage hopes to make it 2 straight at home when Memphis travels to Owendale.

Despite its impressive start, Owen-Gage trailed at the intermission, 37-30. Cardinal guard Allen Ferrett put on a clinic from the perimeter, connecting on 4 consecutive shots from behind the 3-point arc, to give the visitors a 7-point advantage entering the final break.

Owen-Gage, however, evened the score entering the final 8 minutes and then outscored Dryden 21-10 in the final stanza to register the win.

Senior Cody Howard fueled the Bulldog offense after the break with 14 tallies. Howard

penetrated the Cardinal defense with ease off the dribble and was sent to the foul line much of the night after beating his defender. Howard, who was announced Snowball King during the intermission, made good on 12 of 14 charity tosses, including 6-6 in the final stanza. He finished the night matching his season-high with 18 points.

As a team, the winners made 13 of 16 charity tosses down the stretch and enjoyed a 27-8 scoring advantage at the line on the night.

Ferrett, who was held scoreless in the final half, led the Cardinals with 16 points.

Tim Kain chipped in 10 for the Bulldogs.

BOX SCORES

OWEN-GAGE - Zaleski 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kain 3-0 (4-11) 10; Howard 3-0 (12-14) 18; Thorp 0-0 (2-2) 2; Faist 7-0 (8-12) 22; Adams 0-3 (0-0) 9; Pawlak 1-0 (1-2) 3. **TOTALS - 15-3 (27-41) 66.**

DRYDEN - Tabaka 1-2 (0-0) 8; Ferrett 2-4 (0-0) 16; N. Furgerson 4-0 (1-4) 9; Drexler 1-0 (4-5) 6; A. Furgerson 2-1 (0-0) 7; Dulac 2-0 (2-4) 6; Short 1-0 (1-2) 3. **TOTALS - 13-7 (8-15) 55.**

Cass City Bowling

Thursday Nite Trio As of Jan. 29		FBI Gals 30
		Thumb Octagon Barn 29
		Langenburg Plumb/Heat 29
		Cablettes 28
		Gagetown Cutting Corners 27
		All Season Video 26
		Individual High Games & Series: J. Krol 221-164-161 (546); J. Dickinson 209 (517); S. Langenburg 209-159 (484); K. Ewald 208-182 (542); J. Bemus 184-178-157 (519); P. Bauer 184; D. Williams 183 (476); J. Morell 171-168 (477); L. Campbell 173 (466); M. Gray 167; C. Wallace 167-158; B. Doran 166; C. Brown 161; J. Cleland 160; C. Wright 160; T. Abbe 158-151; E. Romain 156; N. Wallace 156; M. Sieradzki 155; L. Pabst 155; D. De Rocco 152; R. Diaz 151; J. Montgomery 151; D. Bang 150.
		Split Conversions: J. Krol 3-8; J. Morell 3-10, 2-5-7; C. Wright 6-7-10, 5-10.
		WIBC Awards: Sharon Langenburg - 75 pins over average (game), 200 average less than 150.
		Team High Game: Empty Pockets 43
		Osentoski Realty/Auct. 36
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The program will feature information about controlling such pests as corn rootworm, soybean aphid, sugar beet cyst nematode and soybean cyst nematode. Participants can learn about MSU's new nutrient recommendations, corn nitrogen management research and herbicide-resistant weeds, and find out when to apply glyphosate on Roundup Ready corn.

There will be MSU Weed Control Guide for Field Crops recommendation updates and a demonstration of the Weedsoft computer program.

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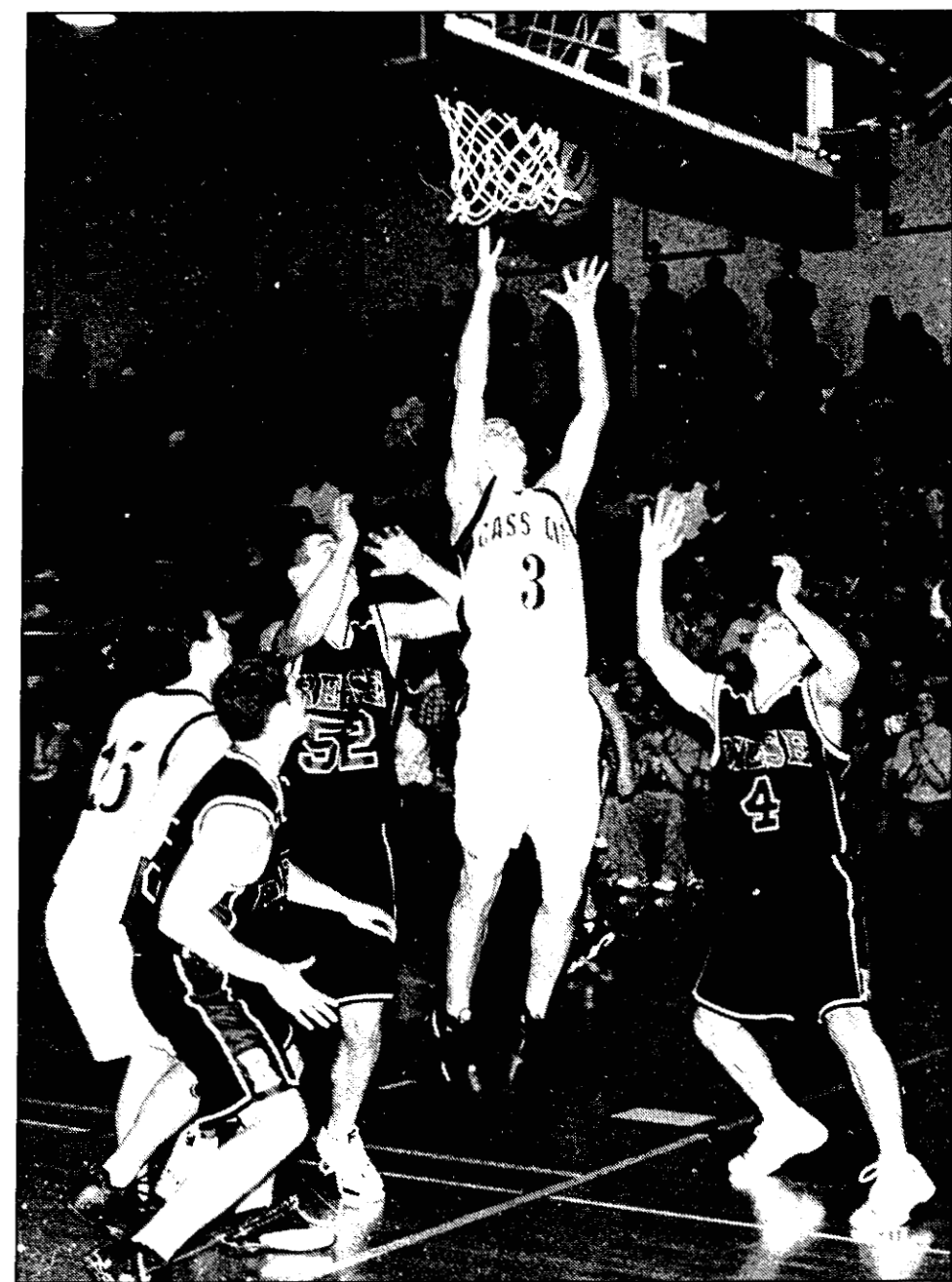
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CRAIG HOLMGREN works hard under the basket for the Hawks, usually against taller opponents. He was in excellent position to capture this rebound against 6'4" Andrew Saylor (52) and Dan Farver (4) of Reese.

All Saints visit Friday

Hawks fade in final half to Reese

The schedule doesn't get any easier in the Greater Thumb West this Friday as

the Hawks will entertain Bay City All Saints, one of 3 teams tied for the league lead.

Last week the Hawks lost to the Reese Rockets, 45-34, who are tied for the top spot in the GTW. It was the only game played as a contest with Mayville was postponed due to weather.

The Cougars (4-1 in league, 10-1 overall) will be favored over the Hawks. The Friday game will be the second of the week. Cass City was to have played at Deckerville Tuesday.

The Hawks held their own with the Rockets in the first 2 quarters, limiting turnovers

and leading for most of the half, despite missing 3 good shots in the last moments of the first quarter.

The Hawks remained in front for most of the second period and led 21-16 with less than 2 minutes to go. The Rockets scored the next 5 points to tie the game, the final 3 points netted by Blaise Zimmer as the half-time whistle sounded.

Reese took control of the game in the last half. In the third quarter the Rockets beat the Hawks down the floor for 3 easy fast break buckets to pace a 13-4 run to take a 34-25 lead.

But Cass City was far from through and went on a 9-0 run of its own, paced by a pair of hoops by Jake Brinkman and a trey by Brad Langenburg. With 6:50 left, the teams were tied at 34-all.

But the Hawks went stone cold and failed to score again. The Rockets scored the next 10 points in the game that was more hotly contested than the final score indicates.

Tyler Erla led the Hawks with 15 points. Nate Pike led all scorers with 17 for Reese.

(1-2) 1: Schinnerer 1-0 (0-0) 2; Brinkman 3-1 (0-0) 9; Holmgren 1-0 (2-2) 4; Langenburg 0-1 (0-0) 3; Erla 6-0 (3-7) 15.

TOTALS - 11-2 (6-11) 34.

REESE - Farver 1-0 (1-2) 3; Schumacher 3-1 (0-0) 9; Zimmer 0-1 (1-2) 4; Burnison 1-0 (0-0) 2; Bierlein 4-0 (0-1) 8; Pike 7-0 (3-3) 17; Saylor 1-0 (0-2) 2.

TOTALS - 17-2 (5-10) 45.

Junior varsity: Cass City 38, Reese 37 in double overtime. Freshmen- Reese 54, Cass City 45.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS AND RESULTS									
GREATER THUMB WEST									
Team	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W
BCAS	4	1	10	1	4	1	9	2	2
USA	4	1	9	2	4	1	8	2	2
Reese	4	1	8	2	4	1	8	2	2
Valley Lutheran	2	3	5	6	2	3	4	5	5
EPBP	2	3	4	5	2	3	4	5	5
Cass City	1	4	5	5	1	4	5	5	5
Bad Axe	1	5	3	8	1	5	3	8	8

GREATER THUMB EAST									
Team	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W
Brown City	5	0	8	1	5	0	7	2	2
Harbor Beach	4	0	7	2	4	0	6	3	3
Ubyly	4	2	9	2	4	2	8	3	3
Sandusky	2	3	4	6	2	3	4	6	6
Marlette	1	3	2	8	1	3	2	8	8
Deckerville	1	4	1	9	1	4	1	9	9
Mayville	0	5	1	9	0	5	1	9	9

NCTL NORTH									
Team	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W
Caseville	7	1	6	1	7	1	6	1	1
North Huron	4	4	4	6	4	4	4	6	6
A-Fairgrove	3	5	4	5	3	5	4	5	7
Port Hope	1	7	2	7	1	7	2	7	7
Owen-Gage	1	8	1	10	1	8	1	10	10

NCTL SOUTH									
Team	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W
Kingston	9	1	11	1	9	1	11	1	1
CPS	7	1	9	1	7	1	9	1	1
Peck	6	2	7	3	6	2	7	3	3
Memphis	3	6	3	8	3	6	3	8	8
Dryden	1	7	1	9	1	7	1	9	9

FRIDAY'S RESULTS									
USA 69, Bad Axe 47	9CAS 65, EPBP 61	Reese 45, Cass City 34	Saginaw Nouvel 80, Valley Lutheran 73	Ubyly 60, Mayville 20	Marlette at Harbor Beach (PPD)	Sandusky 52, Deckerville 43	Memphis 56, A-Fairgrove 33	Owen-Gage 66, Dryden 55	Kingston 77, Port Hope 41
CPS 65, North Huron 48									

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February 3	John Haire	Clarke Haire	Tom Montgomery	Doug Hyatt
Bad Axe at Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City
Lakers at Mayville	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers
Marlette at USA	USA	USA	USA	USA
Harbor Beach at BCAS	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS
Cass City at Deckerville	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Sandusky at Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Caseville at Akron-Fairgrove	Caseville	Caseville	Caseville	Caseville
Peck at Port Hope	Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck
Dryden at CPS	CPS	CPS	CPS	CPS
Owen-Gage at North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron
February 6				
Bad Axe at Ubyly	Ubyly	Ubyly	Ubyly	Ubyly
Lakers at Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
BCAS at Cass City	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS
USA at Valley Lutheran	USA	USA	USA	USA
Marlette at Deckerville	Marlette	Deckerville	Marlette	Marlette
Harbor Beach at Brown City	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
A-Fairgrove at North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron
Peck at Dryden	Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck
CPS at Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	CPS
Memphis at Owen-Gage	Memphis	Memphis	Memphis	Memphis
Port Hope at Caseville	Caseville	Caseville	Caseville	Caseville
Last week's results	7-3	9-1	8-2	8-2
Season's results	81-36 (69%)	94-23 (80%)	83-34 (71%)	89-28 (76%)

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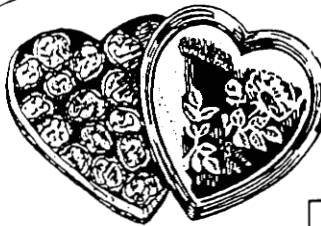
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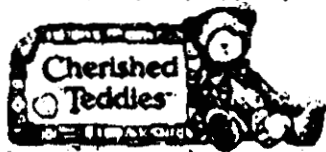


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Thursday, February 5

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

Friday, February 6

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

Sunday, February 8

St. Columbkille Parish Breakfast, 8:30 to 12:30 p.m., St. John Parish Center, Ubyly. Adults \$5, Children, \$3, under 5 are free. Benefit of Capital Campaign.

Monday, February 9

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
AYSO Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cass City High School Library.

Tuesday, February 10

Writers' Workshop, 6:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.
Watrousville-Caro Area Historical Society monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m., Juniata Township Hall, 1971 Ringle Rd., Watrousville.

14th Walk For Warmth on tap Feb. 21 in Caro

The Human Development Commission (HDC) will hold its 14th Annual Walk For Warmth campaign Saturday, Feb. 21.

There are many local families who cannot afford to heat their homes. This event will raise funds to pay for heat for hundreds of families. The typical Walk For Warmth recipient is a 2- or 3-person household with less than \$6,000 in annual income; 40 percent are elderly; 20 percent are handicapped; and 35 percent live below poverty levels in the 4-county area.

More than 75 percent of those who seek HDC help with fuel payments receive no public assistance, and nearly 40 percent are employed or have become only recently employed. HDC statistics show Walk recipients typically spend 30 percent more of their available income on heating, while the average household spends about 7 percent.

In Tuscola County, the event will begin and end at the HDC Office located at 429 Montague Ave. in Caro. A light breakfast will be provided for all participants following the one-mile walk. Pledge sheets may be turned in on the morning of the walk; all walkers are also required to register before heading out for the event.

Former State Senator Joel Gougeon will be helping to lead the walk. Those who raise over \$50 will receive a free Walk For Warmth T-shirt.

compliments of local car dealerships and Independent Bank East Michigan. Between all 4 counties, the net dollars raised in 2003 was nearly \$40,000. All those who walk in the event can register to win a new pair of shoes from Buckley Shoes of Caro (value \$65). This event is sponsored by DTE Energy Foundation, Caro Big Boy, Buckley Shoes, and individual donations.

The Tuscola County Walk For Warmth Committee is headed up by HDC Fundraising Manager Olga Long, co-chaired by Independent Bank East Michigan President/CEO Ronald Long, and supported by many volunteers. Schools, churches and businesses within the county will receive pledge sheets to help the fundraising efforts and are encouraged to get involved. Community support is critical to ensuring the event's success.

The Tuscola committee will be holding a W4W luncheon at the HDC Dining Center in March (the exact date to be announced).

Interested persons may become involved by donating time through volunteerism and monetary contributions. HDC is currently seeking additional Walk For Warmth Committee members. For further information or to receive a pledge sheet, call Olga Long of HDC at (989) 673-4121.

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Cass City Red Hawks 2003-2004 Boys' Varsity Basketball

Dec. 9	Harbor Beach 57, CC 66	
Dec. 12	Sandusky 50, CC 620	
Dec. 16	Brown City 51, CC 54	
Dec. 19	Valley Lutheran 60, CC 51	
Jan. 6	Ubyly 50, CC 42	
Jan. 9	Lakers 58, CC 45	
Jan. 13	Marlette 38, CC 49	
Jan. 16	Bad Axe 45, CC 56	
Jan. 23	USA 62, CC 52	
Jan. 27	Mayville (postponed)	
Jan. 30	Reese 45, CC 34	
Feb. 3	Deckerville	5:00 p.m. A
Feb. 6	BCAS	5:00 p.m. H
Feb. 13	Valley Lutheran	5:00 p.m. H
Feb. 17	Lakers	6:00 p.m. A
Feb. 20	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m. A
Feb. 24	Caro	5:00 p.m. H
Feb. 27	USA	5:00 p.m. H
Mar. 2	Reese	6:00 p.m. A
Mar. 5	BCAS	5:00 p.m. A
Mar. 8-12	Districts	TBA

Cass City Red Hawks 2003-2004 Wrestling

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

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BASKETBALL

February 6
Cass City vs. BCAS

GYMNASTICS

February 17
Cass City vs. Vassar/Cadillac

VOLLEYBALL

February 5
Cass City vs. USA

Cass City Red Hawks 2003-2004 Volleyball

Dec. 13	Laker Invite (F/JV)	9:00 a.m. A
Dec. 15	Caro	6:00 p.m. A
Dec. 19	Caro Invite (JV)	4:15 p.m. A
Dec. 20	Caro Invite (V)	8:30 a.m. A
Dec. 27	Alma Invite	8:30 a.m. A
Jan. 9	Bad Axe Invite (F/JV)	3:30 p.m. A
Jan. 10	Bad Axe Invite (V)	8:30 a.m. A
Jan. 12	Sandusky	6:00 p.m. H
Jan. 15	BCAS	6:00 p.m. A
Jan. 17	Cass City Invite	10:00 a.m. H
Jan. 17	Lakers Invite (JV)	9:00 a.m. A
Jan. 22	Valley Lutheran	6:00 p.m. H
Jan. 23	Millington (F)	6:00 p.m. A
Jan. 24	Birch Run Invite (JV)	8:00 a.m. A
Jan. 29	Lakers	5:30 p.m. A
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Feb. 14	Northwood Invite (JV)	8:30 a.m. A
Feb. 14	USA Invite (F)	9:00 a.m. A
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steven L. Plummer and Deborah J. Plummer, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to King Financial, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 21, 1998 and recorded on February 11, 1998 in Liber 730 on Page 248, and assigned by mesne assignments to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee by an assignment dated February 10, 1998 and recorded on November 20, 1998 in Liber 756 on Page 364 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen and 35/100 Dollars (\$96,916.35), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

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

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

The North Half of Parcel "A". Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast Quarter of Section 15, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, Watertown Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the East Quarter corner of said Section 15; thence along the East line of said Section 15, South 02 Degrees 00 Minutes 54 Seconds East, 424.00 Feet; thence South 87 Degrees 46 Minutes 03 Seconds West, 1318.05 Feet to the West line of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section, thence along said line North 02 Degrees 04 Minutes 28 Seconds West, 424.00 Feet to the East-West Quarter line of said Section; thence along said East-West Quarter line North 87 Degrees 46 Minutes 03 Seconds East, 1318.50 Feet to the East Quarter corner of said Section 15 and the point of beginning, and subject to the use of the Easterly 33 Feet thereof as Edward Road, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: January 21, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
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File #008464F01

1-21-4

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: January 14, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304
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Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
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File #009559F01

1-14-4

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: January 28, 2004

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
By: Daniel E. Best (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
Welman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Terry Pinkoski and Debbie Pinkoski, husband and wife, to Advanta National Bank, Mortgagee, dated February 8, 1999 and recorded February 16, 1999 in Liber 763, Page 110, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Custodian or Trustee f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California N.A., by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Four and 56/100 Dollars (\$50,874.56), including interest at the rate of 8.55% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 26, 2004.

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

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

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

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

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

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File No. 209.2526

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

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 26, 2004.

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

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

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

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

Dated: January 28, 2004

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

Eight Hundred Twenty-Seven and 39/100 Dollars (\$76,827.39), including interest at the rate of 8.004% per annum.

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

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

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

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

Dated: January 28, 2004

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

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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 Amerifirst 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 0 Degrees 30 Minutes West 324.0 Feet; thence North 89 Degrees 30 Minutes East 268.86 Feet; thence South 0 Degrees 30 Minutes East 324.0 Feet; thence South 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.

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 0 Degrees 30 Minutes West 324.0 Feet; thence North 89 Degrees 30 Minutes East 268.86 Feet; thence South 0 Degrees 30 Minutes East 324.0 Feet; thence South 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: January 14, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC J (248) 593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Mercantile National Bank of Indiana

30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #009883F01

1-14-4

Lots 7 and 8, Block 6 of Village of Caro, formerly the Village of Centerville, according to the plat thereof recorded in Tuscola County Records

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

Dated: January 14, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC F (248) 593-1313
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Henry Gouine and Sonia Gouine, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Honor State Bank, Mortgagee, dated February 6, 2001 and recorded on March 27, 2001 in Liber 826 on Page 494, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Mercantile National Bank of Indiana as assignee by an assignment dated March 21, 2001 recorded on November 16, 2001 in Liber 848 on Page 1073, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Eight and 72/100 Dollars (\$78,408.72), including interest at 8.99% per annum.

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

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

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

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

Dated: January 14, 2004

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Attorneys For Mercantile National Bank of Indiana

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas Palasty and Marcy Palasty, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 23, 2000 and recorded on July 3, 2000 in Liber 805 on Page 002, and assigned by said Mortgagee to CiticMortgage 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

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

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will 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 1948CL 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.
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Sterling Heights, MI 48310
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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,

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JEFF WIRTH, A MARRIED MAN, AND JACQUELINE WIRTH, HIS WIFE, to STANDARD FEDERAL BANK, a Federal Savings Bank, Mortgagee, dated November 13, 1998 and recorded on December 16, 1998 in Liber 758 on Page 846, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy thousand seven hundred ninety-seven and 51/100 Dollars (\$70,797.51), including interest at 7.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front Entrance 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:
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DATED: January 28, 2004

STANDARD FEDERAL BANK
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ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee

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

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

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

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

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Dated: January 28, 2004

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dawn Rumbold, a single woman (original mortgagor), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., 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.

250.00 feet, thence South 89 degrees 16 minutes West, 100.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: January 14, 2004

ORLIANS ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys For Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas f/k/a Banker's Trust Company, as Trustee and Custodian, AS Assignee

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(248) 457-1000
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nathaniel R. Hazzard and Nicole M. Hazzard, 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 Truck Railroad, formerly the P.O. & N. Railroad, running thence North 1040 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

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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 1948CL 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.
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4-H essay contest underway

Four-H members between 12-13 years of age may participate in a 4-H essay contest that offers the opportunity to share their 4-H experience with other 4-H youth in their county and across the

state.

Interested 4-H'ers will write an essay focusing on the theme "Because of 4-H, I Can...". Each county may select up to 2 representatives to be recognized during the

State Awards Celebration at MSU in June during 4-H Exploration Days.

For more information and the entry deadline, please contact Linda at the MSU Extension office at (989) 269-9949.

Findlay in leadership program

Jonathan Findlay of Tuscola County is one of 16 Michigan young farmers chosen to participate in Michigan Farm Bureau's (MFB) 2004-2005 ProFILE leadership program.

The educational program is designed to mold the next generation of Farm Bureau leaders by strengthening leadership skills and offering insight into how to become more involved in the organization's activities. Selected participants, ages 22 to 35, are nominated by their county Farm Bureaus.

Graduates are encouraged to become county Farm Bureau board members and work their way up to take part in other MFB committees and activities at the state level. More than 170 Farm Bureau members have participated in the program since its inception in 1990.

Along side his father and uncle, Findlay helps raise 2,000 acres of certified organic corn, soybeans, and wheat near Caro. He hopes to expand the family's operation into more niche markets, raising unconventional crops such as popcorn, blue corn, spelt and vegetables. Making those moves will require the kind of leadership skills the ProFILE program provides.

"A farm, like any business, needs to have impeccable management," Findlay said. "I greatly look forward to different and new managing techniques."

"This group of young leaders represents the best and brightest of future potential Farm Bureau leaders," said ProFILE coordinator Deb Schmucker. "We're excited about this new class, and have an outstanding program prepared for them."

A Jan. 28 orientation meeting at the Farm Bureau Center in Lansing began the 15-month schedule of leadership training.

Programs in February and April include training in legislative procedure and politics, team-building, organization, priority-setting and meeting management. In the summer months, ProFILE

participants will help organize a golf scramble for MFB Young Farmers and continue training in leadership skills and agricultural issues.

Training resumes after the 2004 harvest season, with a

winter workshop focusing on organizational management, setting agendas, inspiring cooperation and building consensus. Related topics will include training in communication skills,

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A weeklong national tour in February 2005 will expose program participants to agriculture and Farm Bureau work in other states.

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Obituaries

Catherine Moore

Catherine M. Moore, 84, of Au Gres, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004 at Tendercare Nursing Facility.

She was born July 10, 1919 in Bad Axe, the daughter of Roy and Helen Jeffery.

She married James Moore Nov. 29, 1968 in Caro. Moore was a member of the Au Gres Lioness Club and the Garden Club.

She is survived by her husband, James; two daughters: Dorothy (James) Morell and Helen Magel; a brother, Roy Jeffery; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Moore was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be planned for a later date.

Arrangements were made by Forshee Funeral Home, Au Gres.

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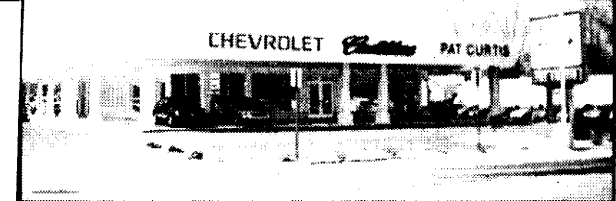
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