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Special school board meeting

No decision following grading system debate

Advocates for a change in the marking system currently used at Cass City High School and defenders of the system now in use sparred for an hour and a half at a special meeting before the school board Monday at the Cass City Middle School.

When it ended nothing changed and the board will mull the facts presented and is expected to reach a decision at the next regular meeting of the board on April 26.

Presenting the case for adopting the new system was Susan Frederiksen, di-

rector of guidance at the school.

She advocates changing to a point-system with an A equaling 4 points; A- =3.666 points; B+ =3.333 points; and B =3 points. The marks would descend downward until a D- is reached that is worth 0.666 points.

Currently, a plus or minus is dropped in the final grading, helping the students with minus grades and hurting the students with plus grades.

Frederiksen said that changing the marking sys-

tem would make the students work harder because an A- would be recorded as less than a perfect 4-point. She has strong support from high school teachers. Trustee Michelle Biddinger read a letter signed by all the high school teachers urging that the new system be adopted. The new marking system would make students work harder, according to Frederiksen, to strive for excellence, not mediocrity.

An estimated 75 persons attended and judging by their statements to the school board appeared to be about evenly divided on the issue.

Challenging the change was Wayne Dillon, retired school counselor. He feels that the current system that allows more students to become valedictorians enables families to receive added scholarship money.

Backers of the change presented an example of a student with plus grades that worked out to a 3.5276 average as compared to 3.458 average under the present system. That could result in the loss of any scholarship that requires a 3.5 average and a loss of \$4,000 if the student attended Saginaw Valley State University for 4 years.

Dillon acknowledges that there is no perfect system. But he says the families save more under the present system than they would under the proposed changed system. He points out that in the last 10 years 80 students benefited from the current system, compared to 20 if there were one valedictorian and one salutatorian per class.

Scott Richards, a former member of the school board, asked the board if any data had been collected to compare how we (the school) are doing in comparison with other schools. That's something that should be determined, he feels.

Jerry Cleland, a former member of the school administration staff who now works for SVSU, says he has reviewed numerous applications and says he feels that Cass City has the best students and the best teachers.

Supt. Ken Micklash pointed out that Cass City rates at the top in comparison with other area schools in all of the basic subjects.

Kyle Swanson, a student, said that in the whole controversy no one has asked the students what they would like. He feels that they should have a voice.

If the new system is adopted as proposed it would not affect students this year. Beginning next school year the formula would be adopted.

REGULAR MEETING

After the special meeting, the regular meeting of the board was held.

The board approved the purchase of 125 marching band uniforms. Three bids were received. The bid of Orefue Uniform Co. was low at \$40.175 with a cash discount bringing the price down to \$38.225.

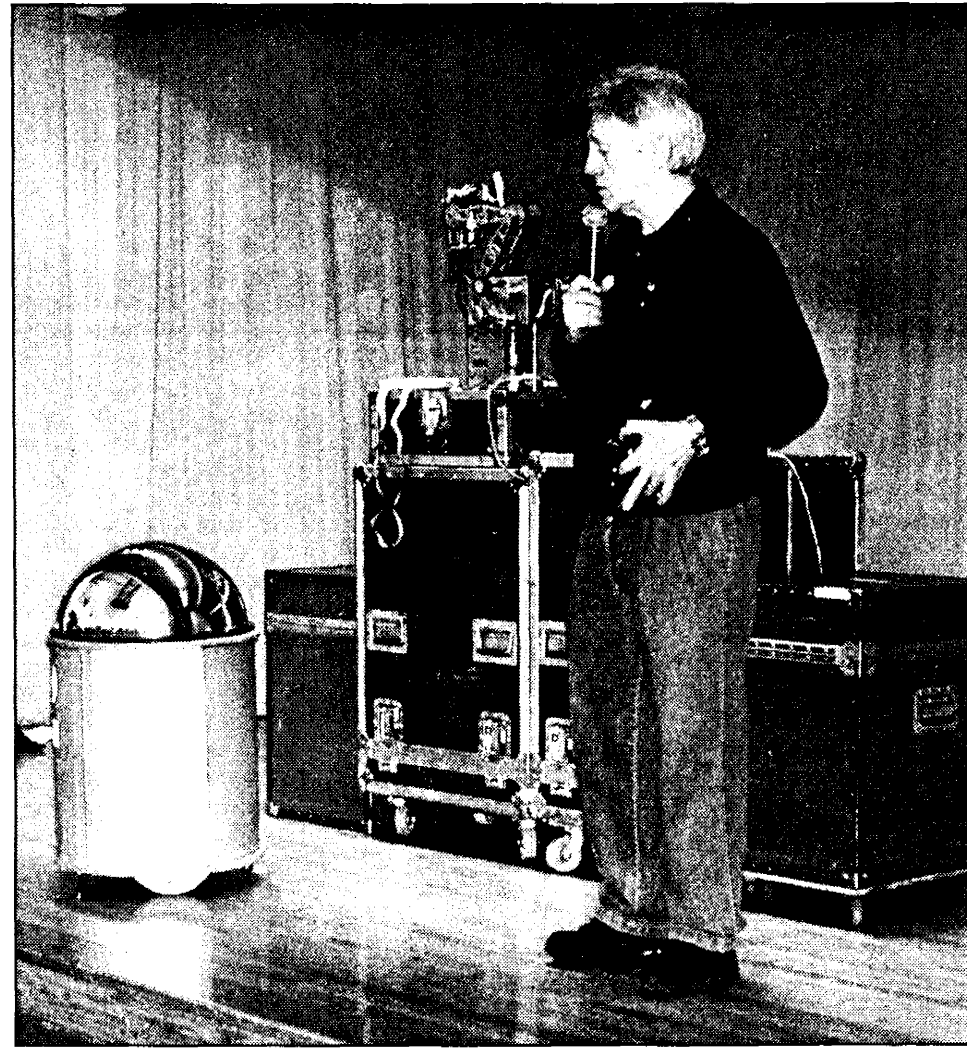
An "after prom" all night party will be held April 24. The event was held for the first time last year and was an unqualified success.

Voters will be asked to renew an 18-mill non-homestead millage for 10 years and elect two members of the board. Petition deadline is 4 p.m. Monday, April 12, in the superintendent's office.

Named election inspectors were chairperson Pat Wells, Iva Hartwick, Naomi Barnes, Arlene Paladi and alternate Joan Little.

A policy change concerning no smoking was reviewed and will be voted on at the April 24 regular board meeting. Pushed by the Teens Against Tobacco Us-

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R2-D2 returns....

JACKSON PYLE with Mobile Ed Productions Inc., Redford, demonstrates one of his robots in front of Campbell Elementary School students during an assembly entitled, "Our World of Robotics" Monday morning. (Related photo, page 5)

Half-pound of cocaine seized

Drug probe ends in chase

The Sanilac County Drug Task Force continued to hit Thumb drug traffickers hard last week, seizing more than a half-pound of cocaine and arresting 3 Detroit area men during an undercover drug buy in Marlette Township.

The undercover operation capped a series of drug buys made by Deputy Mark Siemen during an 8-month investigation involving several related street level drug trafficking investigations in northwestern Sanilac County.

"The investigation began

during the summer of 2003 with investigative leads provided by the Huron County Prosecutor's Office and the Bad Axe Police Department on suspects in northern Sanilac County believed responsible for street level marijuana trafficking in the Bad Axe area," said Bill Gray, Sanilac County Drug Task Force director.

"Deputy Mark Siemen was assigned as the lead investigator for the drug task force and soon began making a series of marijuana purchases in northern and west-

ern Sanilac County. The Cass City, Marlette, Brown City and Peck police departments provided additional investigative leads over time," Gray said. "Ultimately, Deputy Siemen's investigation expanded to include a series of cocaine purchases and ultimately identified the cocaine supply source to be a 23-year-old drug dealer operating in Detroit near the Fort-Green area."

Gray noted Siemen's investigation eventually led to the identification of the Detroit suspect's wholesale level cocaine suppliers - A 43-year-old Romulus area man and his 23-year-old son.

"Deputy Siemen was successful in making a cocaine purchase from the Detroit subject and began negotiating the purchase of 10 ounces of cocaine from the suspect. Through a series of conversations, the Detroit suspect agreed to sell 10 ounces of cocaine to Deputy Siemen for \$10,000," Gray continued.

A meeting was set for the morning of March 8 with the exchange of money and cocaine scheduled to take place in a mutually agreed location in Marlette Township.

Gray said the drug task force arranged for surveillance and arrest teams to cover the Marlette location.

"One suspect vehicle was driven by the Romulus cocaine suppliers and appeared to be conducting counter-surveillance cover for the second vehicle driven to the meet spot by the Detroit suspect. The Detroit suspect met with Deputy Siemen to discuss the exchange but appeared to be extremely agitated and nervous and began to make additional demands to be fulfilled to complete the purchase."

When those demands were not met, Gray said, the Detroit suspect left without completing the drug sale, followed by his Romulus suppliers in the second vehicle. Drug task force surveillance crews followed

Driver hits, kills man lying on road

Tuscola County Sheriff's Department investigators are continuing their probe into a fatal traffic accident that claimed the life of a Mt. Morris man Saturday night in Fremont Township.

The victim was identified as Jeremy Keith Cummins, 21.

The accident was reported at 11:14 p.m. on Saginaw Road, just east of Washburn Road.

Sheriff Tom Kern said Cummins was lying in the westbound lane of Saginaw Road and was struck by a vehicle driven by Timothy K. Griewahn, 43, of Vassar. He noted deputies determined the victim had been at a party for several hours at a residence not far from the crash scene.

"Just prior to the crash an occupant of the residence had called 911 to report the victim being intoxicated, fighting and was refusing to leave," Kern said.

"The owner of the residence reported he broke up a fight between the victim and a friend," he added. "The owner of the residence took

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REV. GERALD MEYER, pastor of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Cass City, presented a missionary service certificate to Joshua McNaughton Sunday for his volunteer service in Mexico. He received a round of applause from appreciative members of the congregation.

McNaughton home after year of missionary work

Joshua McNaughton has returned home to Cass City ready to begin studies to become a missionary or a pastor for the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

McNaughton graduated from Concordia College, Ann Arbor, and immediately volunteered for a year's service at Ysleta Lutheran Mission in Mexico.

McNaughton's headquarters was in El Paso, Texas, a stone's throw across the river into Mexico. Actually, there was little difference working in El Paso or in Mexico.

The El Paso church was in a poor section, McNaughton pointed out, and was primarily populated by Mexican-Americans. We held 2 services on Sunday, one in English and the other in Spanish. The English services were attended by 10 to 20 worshippers and the Spanish services drew 70 to 80.

Those 2 services were just a start for McNaughton and the volunteer missionaries in El Paso. A quick bus ride across the border enabled McNaughton to attend 2 church services in Mexico, one at 2 p.m. another at 3:30 p.m., and sometimes a third service at 6 p.m.

McNaughton was right at home at these services. He majored in Spanish at Concordia and spent some time in Spain. He is as proficient in Spanish as he is in English, with no need to transfer Spanish in his mind to English to understand conversations.

McNaughton was one of a group of volunteers, each with special talents. McNaughton's was music in the "Sounds of Ysleta Music Ministry".

Possibly the highlight of his year was that he was selected to help with the installation of a pastor at one of the churches.

Volunteers work without pay and receive financial support from various Lutheran churches. Lutheran Church Missouri Synod World Missions and, McNaughton noted, from mom and dad. Dave and Connie McNaughton, Cass City.

He was presented a plaque Sunday at the morning service at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church commemorating his year's service at Ysleta Mission.

He feels that he learned a great deal in his year away

and made a host of good friends. At the conclusion of his mission he was given a send off party and friends from 2 or 3 countries attended.

McNaughton started his mission right after college graduation in 2002. He graduated from Cass City High School in 1996. Now it's back to school again.

On the immediate horizon are a couple of courses at Saginaw Valley State University, Algebra and writing. Long term he wants to earn his Master of Divinity degree.

His career choice would be as a full-time missionary or, if not, a pastor at a Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod.

While McNaughton's emphasis was in the music ministry, during the week he and the rest of the volunteers were busy helping the poorest Mexicans by building houses and distributing food baskets.

In the Mexican culture, he points out, no one does anything unless they receive something in return. They are extremely grateful for the gifts the Lutherans provide. It's a costly program and any

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Holbrook
Area News



Mrs. Thelma Jackson
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Weekend guests of Mrs. Mary Beardsley were Mr. and Mrs. David Beardsley and Trinity of Dryden, Debra Wills of Fruitport, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Wills and sons Thomas and Michael, and Rose Wills.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roe of Snover visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr on Wednesday.

Mrs. Allen Depcinski was a Wednesday dinner guest of Mrs. Violet Holdwick and later Alice and Violet visited Leona Mausolf at Harbor Beach.

Bob Andersen of Livonia, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Britt, Mr. and Mrs. David Hacker and Mrs. Schenk visited Mrs. Earl Schenk last week.

Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly attended the Lions Club dinner and meeting at

Cass City Social Items

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Sylvia Ketterer of Cass City was visited by her daughter, Susan and husband, Ron Heilner of Oxford last Saturday and traveled to Laker High School where they cheered on grandson J.T. and the Cass City band to their Division I rating.

On Wednesday, daughter June Sucher of Clarkston, visited and they attended the Jazz Night Concert 2004. Both daughters remarked how very much they enjoyed the talent of Cass City's band and choir.

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It's a boy!



Ryan Root

Engaged



Bryanne Bensinger
and Kurt Siemen

Stephen and Maggie Root of Gagetown announce the birth of their son, Ryan Michael.

Ryan was born Feb. 6, 2004 at 2:26 a.m. at Covenant Healthcare, Saginaw. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Ryan joins big brother Matthew James, age 3 1/2, at home.

Grandparents are Jim and the late Crystal Mosack of Gagetown, and Mike and Phyllis Root of Gagetown. Great-grandparents are Richard and Glenola Root of Cass City, and the late Joe and the late Mildred Mosack of Gagetown.

It's a girl!

Michelle Essex and Edward Boyle of Caro announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Rose Essex.

Abigail was born Feb. 25, 2004 at Lapeer Regional Hospital, Lapeer.

Her grandparents are Mike and Rona Essex of Cass City, and Raymond Boyle of Caro and Kimberly Boyle of Wisconsin.

Schneiders in concert April 4

David Schneider, a gospel singer and songwriter who, together with his wife Sharon, ministers the love of Jesus through music, will be in concert at the Faith Free Methodist Church, located at the corner of M-19 and Deckerville roads in Snover, Palm Sunday evening, April 4 at 6 p.m.

A free-will offering will be received. Call (810) 672-9242 for additional information.

Bryanne Bensinger, daughter of Betty and the late Kirk Bensinger of Ubly, and Kurt Siemen, son of James and Lillian Siemen of Harbor Beach announce their engagement.

Bryanne is the granddaughter of Evelyn Bensinger and the late Clayton Bensinger and the late Lorn and Belva McIntosh. Kurt is the grandson of Ferry and the late Marcus Siemen and Fabian and Laura Clor.

Bryanne is a graduate of Ubly High School. She has attended Grand Valley State University and is currently completing her degree at Saginaw Valley State University, majoring in special education. Kurt is a graduate of Harbor Beach High School and attended Universal Technical Institute of Chicago, Ill. and Phoenix, Ariz. He is currently employed with Bavarian BMW of Shelby Township.

The couple plan to marry July 24, 2004.

Summers named to national list

Melinda L. Summers, a Gagetown resident who attends Delta College, and Kevin E. Clinesmith, a Saginaw Valley State University student from Kingston, have been named to the "National Dean's List".

The list, published by Educational Communications Inc., Austin, Texas, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving college students.

Students are selected for the honor by their college deans, registrars or honor society advisors and must be in the upper 10 percent of their class, on their school's dean's list or have earned a comparable honor.



Meg's Peg
Irish stew
by Melva E. Guinther

What would St. Patrick's Day be without a few Irish stories? I'm sure the reputation of the typical Irishman and his appetite for spirits is exaggerated.... isn't it?

Three Irishmen, Paddy, Sean and Shamus, were stumbling home from the pub late one night and found themselves on the road that led past the old graveyard.

"Come have a look over here," says Paddy. "It's Michael O'Grady's grave. God bless his soul. He lived to the ripe old age of 87."

"That's nothing", says Sean. "Here's one named Patrick O'Toole. It says here that he was 95 when he died."

Just then Shamus yells out, "Good Grief! Here's a fella that got to be 145!"

"What was his name?" asks Paddy.

Shamus stumbles around a bit, awkwardly lights a match to see what else is written on the stone marker and exclaims, "Miles, from Dublin."

Another Irishman who had a little too much to drink was driving home from the city one night and his car was weaving violently all over the road. A cop pulled him over.

"So where have ya been?" asks the cop.

"Why, I've been to the pub, of course," slurred the drunk.

"Well," said the cop. "It looks like you've had quite a few to drink this evening."

"I did all right," the drunk said with a smile.

"Did you know that a few intersections back your wife fell out of the car?" asked the policeman.

"Oh, thank heavens!" sighed the drunk. "For a minute there, I thought I'd gone deaf."

Brenda O'Malley was home making dinner when Tim Finnegan arrived at her door.


"Brenda, may I come in?" he asked. "I've somethin' to tell ya."

"Of course, Tim, but where's my husband?" she asked.

"That's what I'm here to be tellin' ya, Brenda. There was an accident down at the Guinness brewery..."

"Oh no!" Brenda cried. "Please don't tell me..."

"I must, Brenda, your husband is dead and gone. I'm sorry."



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"How did it happen?" she asked.

"It was terrible, Brenda. He fell into a vat of Guinness Stout and drowned."

"Did he at least go quickly, Tim?"

"Well, no, Brenda. Fact is he got out 3 times to pee."

Mary Clancy went up to Father O'Grady after his Sunday morning service in tears.

He asked, "So what's bothering you, Mary dear?"

"Oh Father, I've got terrible news. My husband passed away last night."

The priest said, "Oh, Mary, that's terrible. Tell me, did he have any last requests?"

"That he did, Father."

"What did he ask, Mary?"

"He said, 'Please, Mary, put down that darn gun!'"



Mr. and Mrs. Keith Lowe

Lowes celebrate 50th anniversary

Keith and Mary Ann Lowe will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on March 20.

They were married in Cass City in 1954 and have lived in the area ever since.

They have three children, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

They spend their winters in Lakeland, Fla., where they were honored by the park residents at a coffee hour.

Senior movies Friday

Senior Movies will be shown at Rawson Memorial Library Friday, March 19 at 1:30 p.m.

Seabiscuit: Seabiscuit is the remarkable tale of a thoroughbred racehorse and a down-and-out jockey that together became 2 of the most celebrated sports figures of the 20th century.

The story of Seabiscuit's unlikely rise is extraordinary - from his humble beginnings as an underferd, overworked 3-year-old, to his triumphant match-race victory over the triple crown winner, War Admiral, to his astonishing comeback in the 1940 Santa Anita Handicap. Equally remarkable is the team that made Seabiscuit a legend - his owner, automobile magnet Charles Howard, the famously silent and stubborn trainer, Tom Smith, and the lightning-fast rider George Woolf. His primary jockey

was John "Red" Pollard, a hard-bitten ex-prizefighter with an enormous vocabulary and a wry wit, whose fierce loyalty to his horse and fearlessness in the saddle would make racing history. (60 minutes)

Dear America, Dreams in the Golden Country: Twelve year old Zipporah (Zippy) Feldman is a Russian Jewish immigrant living with her family in a crowded tenement on Manhattan's Lower East Side. While Zippy faces the challenge of learning English and making new friends, her older sister Tovah fights to improve the working conditions of her sweatshop and struggles to hide her forbidden romance with a handsome Irish boy. When old traditions clash with modern ideals, family tensions begin to escalate. To save her family, Zippy must find a way to respect their heritage while following her

own dreams of the future. (30 minutes)

Refreshments will be served. This Older Adult Program is offered free of charge.

U-M women meet

Twenty-four members and guests of the United Methodist Women met for brunch March 6 to hear a program by Cathy Cooper on her trip to Haiti.

Guests attending were Linda Derfiny, Dorothy Knight and Jaunita Burk.

Group 2 prepared and served the brunch. Shirley Wisenbach and Connie Schwadcrer were the chairpersons.

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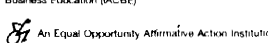
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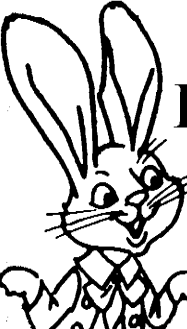
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

At the St. Patrick's Day party sponsored by the Cass City Rotary Club there are a series of fund-raising drawings. In the "silent auction" participants buy tickets to bid on items and place them in a can, from which one of the tickets is drawn to determine who gets the prize.

Breaking all of the gambling odds was Don Warner. There were 4 drawings for golf ball sets and Warner won 3 of them.

Add another name to the first robin derby. Lois Whittaker of Deford spotted a few robins Wednesday, Mar. 10 in her yard.

Speaking of robins, let me say that a boo-boo in naming robin spotters has left me as red-faced as a robin's breast.

It's one thing to blow a name of a stranger and it's another (much worse) when it's someone known for well over a quarter century and a business associate when he owned and operated a grocery store in Cass City, Robert McArthur was one of the first to drop in and tell he spotted a robin. Duly noted and recorded. Except when it was written it came out Alpine rather than McArthur.

Now isn't that a "senior moment" deluxe?

Two Cass City Middle School teachers were awarded mini-grants from DTE Energy Foundation. Barbara Kirn received \$310 to fund a number of math and science projects. Jenifer Green's grant of \$321 will be used to help students study river ecosystems.

17 teachers in Tuscola County schools received mini grants totaling \$4,800 from the foundation.

3 suspects arrested

TNU seizes cocaine, pot in Lapeer probe

Thumb Narcotics Unit officers wrapped up an investigation Friday that resulted in numerous seizures of both powder cocaine and marijuana in Lapeer County.

TNU Commander Detective Lt. Mitch Krugielki said the investigation began in January after the unit received tips from the Imlay City Police Department. Those tips led to more than 7 seizures of cocaine and marijuana, which were in gram and ounce amounts.

The investigation ended Friday when officers arrested 3 Mexican males. Two of the suspects were immediately turned over to the U.S. Border Patrol, which assisted in the investigation.

"Further investigation revealed that one of these suspects provided an alias and, when identified, revealed he was wanted on a nationwide extradition warrant for distribution of dangerous drugs," Krugielki said.

"The suspects were arrested and lodged in the Lapeer County Jail, where one will face arraignment on several TNU charges of delivery of cocaine and marijuana. The other 2 suspects will remain in the custody of the U.S. Border Patrol pending prosecution and deportation."

Krugielki also reported that the Fraser Police Department, in cooperation with TNU and another drug team, arrested 2 Mexican males from Imlay City 2 1/2 weeks ago. The men, who had one kilo of powdered cocaine in their possession, are currently lodged in Macomb County and will face an additional charge of delivery of marijuana in the TNU case.

After the initial arrest in Imlay City, Imlay City officers from the Flint Area Narcotics Group, TNU officers, the Lapeer County Sheriff's Department, Michigan State Police, a K-9 unit and the U.S. Border Patrol executed 3 search warrants in Imlay City and a fourth outside of Dryden, all in Lapeer County, in connection with the investigation.

In another recent investigation, TNU officers executed a search warrant in Huron County's Caseville Township early last week following a month-long investigation.

Krugielki said the investigation began with TNU officers receiving tips that a suspect residing in an apartment was using and/or selling illegal drugs.

"The search warrant was executed March 8 at approximately 2:30 p.m.," he said. "The search resulted in TNU officers seizing a quantity of suspected marijuana from the location."

No arrests were made and TNU officials said no additional information would be released pending submission of warrant requests to the Huron County Prosecutor's Office.

The Huron County Sheriff's Department assisted in the investigation.

Krugielki reminds citizens that suspected drug activity in Sanilac, Huron, Tuscola and Lapeer counties can be reported anonymously to TNU by calling 1-877-868-8477 or 1-877-TNU-TIPS.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

I always get a kick out of wine writers. They are such inventive fellows, you just have to like them.

A recent newspaper column is a case in point. The writer describes a red dinner wine as, "A gorgeous wine, supple and muscular, with deep roasted flavors of meat, smoke, and espresso."

This wine has been lifting weights — before it was roasted, of course.

Another \$16 wine is depicted as, "Perfumed and elegant, with pinpoint precision to the tart fruit, and lingering grace notes of citrus rind and wet stone."

I'm not saying \$16 is an expensive wine, but I can get Grace's notes (as well as citrus rinds and wet stones) a lot cheaper than that!

The wine writers' comments always take me back to my wine tasting experience in the mid-70s. I was a county extension agent at the time, and each county with any kind of wine grape industry was asked to send an agent to the research station for the annual meeting.

Imagine my chagrin when I learned this conclave consisted of a couple of hours of research reports, followed by an afternoon of wine tasting.

This was a real tasting, too. Where each person is given a couple of glasses, some water for rinsing his mouth, and a little can to spit in.

The idea is to take a sip of wine, taste it, and spit it into the can. Then, you rinse your mouth with water before the next sample. It seemed a horrible waste to me, but I figured the organizers knew what they were doing.

This wasn't just a bunch of sheepherders, either. The gathering included winemakers, growers, and wine writers, and a few plain old county agents like Fred and me.

Fred sat across the room, but I could see he wasn't any more comfortable with this shindig than I was. He wasn't much of a wine drinker, and probably hadn't consumed an entire glass in years.

We had barely begun tasting when the wine critics began waxing their adjectives. "This one might be O.K. with cheese, but I would like to see a little more am-

biance and a bit more nose," one fellow said.

"I sense the flavors of black cherry and anise, mingling with undertones of smoked bacon, spice, and vanilla," another added.

"That's what folks need," I thought. "A good breakfast wine."

This went on for some time — until we had tasted 30 wines or more. Then, a man from British Columbia's Okanagan Valley stood up and said, "I have a couple of cases in my car I would like for each of you to try."

He returned from his car with a case of white wine made from the Riesling grape. Eyebrows began to quiver as our Canadian friend poured his wine.

The connoisseurs swirled it, and sniffed it, and held it up to the light. Someone commented the wine was a tad fruity and lacking in aroma.

That's when I glanced over at Fred. I could see he was still sipping, but he obviously stopped spitting a long time ago.

Fred took a sip of that Okanagan Valley wine and said, "What a bunch of baloney! As far as I'm concerned this is the best darned wine we've had all day!"

Levine honored by Special O

Doreen Levine of Sandusky was recently honored as Special Olympics Michigan Area 10 Coach of the Year.


Area 10 consists of Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac and St. Clair counties.

Levine has coached Special Olympic athletes for 23 years in athletics, snowshoe, bowling and cross country skiing. She is known as a giver, always thinking of others and what she can do for them. Levine is a mother figure, a trusted friend and a mentor as well as being a coach.

She was recognized at the Annual Big Heart Banquet sponsored by Michigan District Civitan Clubs. The banquet was held in conjunction with Civitans Mid-Year Convention where they joined with hundreds of Civitans and guests from across the state.

The Haire Net

Retirement— or not?



It's a question I can't answer. When queried about my current status, or asked when I retired, my answer usually starts with a long pause as I consider the correct answer.

Actually, the correct answer is probably maybe. It depends on the viewpoint. My wife says that I am not retired, I say almost retired.

Most of the time I hang around the office for brief periods doing what I want to, which when boiled down amounts to not much.

Last week's output included my 2 columns, 3 basketball stories and one about the Rotary shindig held Saturday. Most weeks you can add stuffing flyers in the paper. Another key duty is buying soap, paper towels and toilet paper when needed. That almost makes me indispensable.

Now there are some weeks that I earn my keep, but they don't come often enough for me to throw in the towel. If there were too many times that reporting the school board news found me at the computer at midnight I'm sure I'd be out of here.

Special sections that periodically are published are times when I no longer am retired. Tired yes, retired no.

In 1990 at my high school class reunion, I told my story about doing what I want to do at the office and a friend hooted. "You're retired and don't know it."

There's a difference between then and now. Then I was responsible for the business, now all I do is write.

In a way, I envy the guys that quit working and thrive. They have hobbies or enjoy

working in the garden or lawn or what have you. One guy I know is happy as a lark since he took over the cooking and house cleaning at his house.

The truth is that for no provable reason I'm afraid that if I didn't have anything to do I would sink more mentally than I have. Besides that, sitting around doing nothing is really BORING.

Now at 81 years old would you say I'm retired, semi-retired or just a little nuts? Don't answer that question.

The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
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Red Hawk Talks

by Kristi Fluegge

Opinions tend to vary from student to student and especially from parent to parent. However, it was consensual by the seniors that sex education should be offered at our high school. Forty-two of the fifty-three seniors that responded to my questionnaire felt it should be offered. Issues that should be addressed in this class varied, but one thing remained apparent. Along with a variety of health related issues this awkward topic definitely needs discussion. Parents and authoritative figures may not want to admit this, but students feel they need to. Just recently, I was randomly selected to participate in the 2004 Tuscola county schools adolescent health survey, which prompted me to research this issue. These results are not yet tallied, but the past surveys make a few issues evident.

In the 2002 Health Survey for Tuscola County there were a few results I believe many parents and adults would find shocking. It is important to remember that the results included high school students any age from 12 through 18. A variety of questions are asked. Sometimes a statement was given and your opinion was asked. You had to state whether you strongly agreed, agreed, were unsure, disagreed, or strongly disagreed. One opinion on the survey stated, "Most teenagers do not use alcohol these days." The highest percentage was 38, and these students disagreed. The following statement was "Most teenagers do not use other drugs these days." Again, 40.5% of the students questioned disagreed with this statement.

What do these results show? The majority of the students in high school feel most teenagers use drugs and alcohol. Results prove again there is an issue at hand when 42.1% of high school students feel alcohol abuse is a problem with youth. This is a huge percent! How can teachers and parents not recognize this when even the students can? However, if it is recognized, then why has nothing been done to help? I found many statistics completely mind boggling as I read on. Nearly 35% of the Tuscola County students thought a lot of people get

high or drunk because there is nothing better to do! This trend yet again continued with support. 39.7% of these same students feel there is a lot of pressure to do alcohol and other drugs.

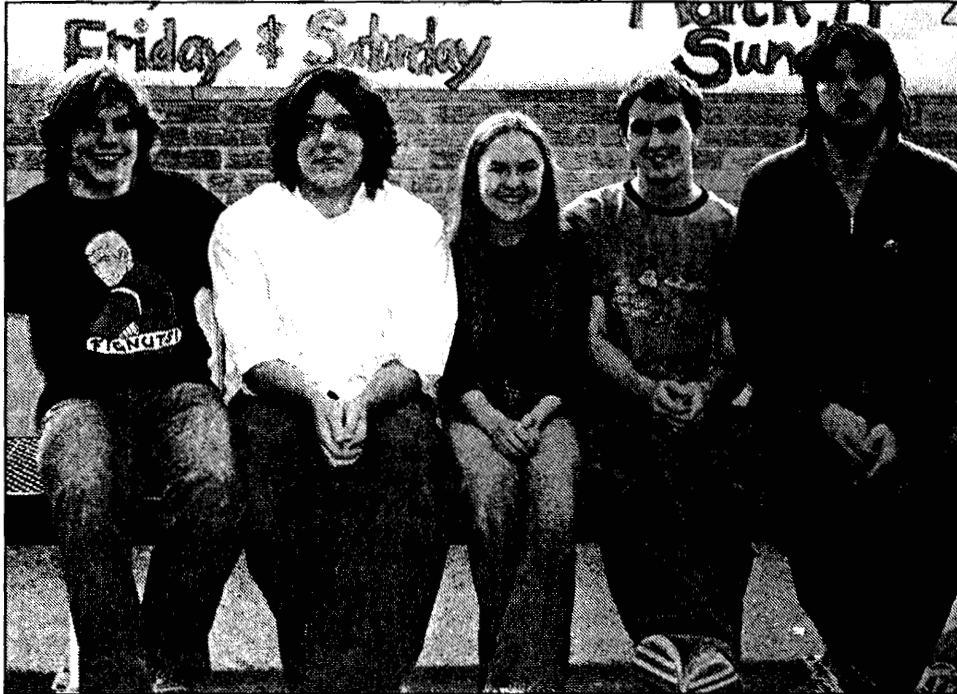
These issues are definitely a problem, but the survey results showed that these weren't the only issues. Over 31% never talked with parents about their personal problems. Even 24% never talk with friends about their problems. With the students who have been pregnant only 30% kept their child, 30% adopted, 10% had abortions, and 20% had miscarriages. Although all of these numbers were low, the message is still not good. "Have your parents, or other adults in your family ever talked with you about what they expect you to do or not to do when it comes to sex? 39% answered NO. For the parents out there who think that sex isn't an issue until their children are 16 years old; you could be wrong. 9% of the students who filled out this health survey were 14 to 15 years old when they had sex for the first time, 9% may be a low percentage, but what if this was your child in that percent?"

Society has been leading us into so many directions sometimes we don't know what to believe or what to accept. On television we see lesbians and gays pushing for their rights and even the Super Bowl had to be censored! For the students who don't have parents responsible enough to care, who will teach them what is dangerous and wrong.

I offered a questionnaire for the seniors to get their perspective on the option of a sex education class. The support for a class of this nature was overwhelming. Sex related issues, STDs and ways to prevent them; many students felt should be addressed. Others mentioned were abstinence, contraception, AIDS, STDs and awareness information.

Critics of a Sex Education class may argue that it isn't up to teachers to enforce morals. However, if parents and society don't tell adolescents the consequences of decisions being made, who will? A class such as this might not have a huge impact on every student, however wouldn't it be worth it if even one teen pregnancy could be prevented, or an alcohol/drug related death? One in every four college students has an STD. Statistics like these need to be shared.

Please think about these statistics. If you are the parent, student, teacher, or school board member it should be an issue you consider. Thank you.



THE CASS CITY Varsity Quiz Bowl Team recently captured first place at the Bad Axe Invitational, improving the team's overall league record to 14-4. Team members are (from left) Chancey Balk, Corey Brooks, Leah Sherman, Jesse Rader and Bryan Hill.



THE J.V. TEAM also clinched first place in the Bad Axe tourney, improving its overall record in league play to 15-3. Team members (from left) Philip Nahernak, Alex Hiatt, Donna Bushong and Ashley Puterbaugh.

Right to Life dinner slated

The Huron County chapter of Right to Life of Michigan will hold its fifth annual benefit dinner March 30 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bad Axe. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a social hour, followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

The dinner's keynote speaker is Jill Stanek, who has become a national figure in the effort to protect both born and pre-born infants. She has been quoted in the national media and has testified before state congressional committees and the U.S. Congress. On Aug. 5, 2002, President Bush invited Stanek to his signing of the Born Alive Infants Protection Act, which protects live aborted children from infanticide. In January 2003, she was named by World Magazine as one of the 30 most prominent pro-life leaders in the movement over the past 30 years.

The dinner will feature several other speakers as well. Father Jim Carlson of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe and the Rev. Bob Smith of Evangel Life Church of Bad Axe will be offering prayers, and the Rev. Jerry Sutton of Bad Axe Free

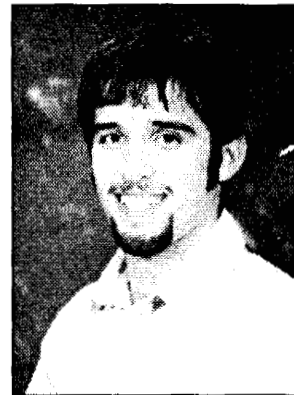
Methodist Church will be emceeing the night. Also, Right to Life of Michigan representatives will be on hand to present an update on the statewide education campaign.

Proceeds from the dinner will be used locally for educational purposes, for promoting the toll-free hotline that men and women involved in crisis pregnancies and post-abortive situations may call for assistance, and for other local projects.

For further information about the dinner or the Huron chapter of RTL, contact Deanna Bingham at (989)

269-5047 or Jeanne Gusa at (989) 658-8701.

McCloreys honored



Shawn McClorey

Shawn McClorey has been named Owendale-Gagetown Schools' "Senior Student of the Month" for March.

During high school, McClorey has been involved in sports as a member of the football team all 4 years. He also played basketball as a freshman and sophomore.

McClorey has served as student council representative of his class as a junior and senior.

Currently, McClorey serves as a teacher's aide. He also is a member of the school's newspaper and yearbook staff.

McClorey is the son of Sharon McClorey of Gagetown and Larry McClorey of Saginaw. His future plans are to attend Ferris State University to major in construction engineering.



Bulldog Beat

by Laura Enderle

The National Honor Society was established in 1921 to recognize outstanding high school students. Since the beginning there have been 4 main qualities that have guided each chapter of NHS "to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary school" (taken from NHS constitution).

In 1970 chapter number 14881 was established here at Owen-Gage with 28 original members. Today the Owen-Gage NHS is 10 members strong and growing with 4 more being inducted this Thursday night.

It is not an effortless achievement to be accepted as a member of the National Honor Society. A student must prove to have the 4 main qualities upheld by NHS.

First, a 3.0 GPA or higher is required to represent their scholarship. Second, students must show their service to the community by their willingness to help in any way with a courteous and positive attitude. Third, a student needs to have obvious leadership skills by promoting school activities and successfully holding positions of responsibility. Last, a student must have great character by showing concern for others. They need to be able to cooperate with school regulations and know how to demonstrate high standards of honest reliability.

Each of the nominees is then evaluated by all staff members based on these 4 qualities. From there, each student's evaluation is reviewed by our NHS deciding committee, which includes 5 staff members and excludes the advisor. Ms. Sutter, who is also our history teacher. Our committee uses an extensive standardized rubric that does not show favoritism nor discrimination toward any student. After the committee tallies up the points, the decisions are final. This year 4 well-rounded students passed the test—senior, Randi Glaza, and sophomores Michelle Brown, Trace Lopez and Nathan Rogers (membership is not open to freshmen).

Being accepted as a member of the National Honor Society was a great fulfillment for each of these worthy students for individual reasons.

Randi Glaza wrote, "NHS was something way out of my league after all the slacking

off I did my underclassman years. My sophomore year I decided I really wanted to go to college, so I worked very hard getting my GPA up; slowly, but surely. This year as a senior I realized it's not only the collar you wear during the graduation ceremony that counts, it is really the helping hand you lend. Even though I'm getting inducted my senior year I still feel like I earned that last chance, excited for the ceremony."

Being accepted into NHS is important to Trace Lopez because his aunt was a part of the NHS, so that is something they share as the only 2 in his family to be accepted. He is also proud to be part of a group that will give him great opportunities to help others.

Michelle Brown expressed, "Being a part of NHS is important to me because I always wanted to be a part of a program that is so prestigious, now I can help the school and community in ways I never realized were possible. Also, I am the first in my family to be accepted and I want to set a good example for my younger siblings."

Nathan Rogers is glad to be part of NHS not only because it looks good on college applications but also because it will give him the chance to help out in the community. He believes he was accepted because of his outstanding grades and because the teachers like him.

Current members include President Tim Kain, Vice President Laura Enderle, Secretary Stephanie Dorsch, Treasurer Justin Rogers, Publicist/Historian Candi Rhodes, Mary McKee, Nicole Schmidt, Nashia Prich, Katie Swastyn and Amanda Pillsbury. There is no doubt these students deserve their position in NHS. We can trust that 9-year advisor, Ms. Sutter, will do her best to challenge each of these individuals to be all they can be.

Ms. Sutter told me she enjoys being a part of NHS because she gets to work with highly motivated, goal oriented students that get an unequalled opportunity to make a difference in the world through serving with the National Honor Society. Nationwide NHS has an estimated one million members and through their current active duty we can assume that these young adults are developing great skills that will have a positive influence in this great country for many years to come.

Owendale voters fill 5 seats

Owendale residents filled 5 uncontested village council seats in last week's general election.

Newcomers Steve Story and Bryan Baker, and Trustee Gerald Radabaugh won 4-year trustee terms. Also re-elected were Village President Walt Howard and newcomer Tina Smith, who ran unopposed for the office of treasurer. Both will also serve 4-year terms.

In all, 33 residents, or about 25 percent of the village's registered voters, cast ballots.

Preschool Expo set in Sanilac

The second annual Preschool Expo will be held April 17 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Sanilac Career Center, 175 E. Aitken Rd., Peck.

Families with children ages 0-6 are invited to come to this event to learn about the various resources available for young children in Sanilac County. This expo is sponsored by Success by 6, a coalition of local educators with a mission "to support transition efforts of early childhood education through collaboration, communication and team work."

Studies show that early childhood development is crucial for the health and well being of children as they prepare to enter formal education settings.

The expo will feature agencies that will share information about health, nutrition and education.

Door prizes, such as books, educational toys, other items related to young children, will be awarded throughout the event. There will be projects to entertain the children while parents speak with representatives from the various agencies.

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Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5YEARSAGO

A Cass City High School senior is among just 300 teens nationwide who have been selected to receive full-ride scholarships for a year-long study program in Germany. Danielle Laming, 18, Ubly, recently learned she was chosen to receive the scholarship, valued at more than \$7,000, through the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program. She leaves for a month-long, intensive orientation session this summer.

Cass City Athletic Director Russell Biefer has announced coaching changes for 3 Red Hawk varsity sports. The first change will start this spring when Cass City teacher Chad Daniels will head the Red Hawk baseball program. In the fall, the Hawks' gridiron hopes will fall on the shoulders of teachers Don Markel and Jeff Hartel. Also this fall, John Maharg will take the reins of the girls' basketball program. "We like to hire teachers whenever possible," said Biefer of the new staff.

Matt Borek of Kingston has been recognized by the U.S. Achievement Academy as a National Leadership and Service Award winner. Borek attends Kingston High School. His name will appear in the U.S. Achievement Academy's official yearbook, which is published nationally. "Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, executive director of the academy.

10YEARSAGO

The Hawks celebrated after winning the district title Saturday on their home floor. Now it's on to the regionals at Sandusky with the hopes of adding a regional crown to the district crown. Matt Hoppe, Cass City se-

nior, finished an outstanding wrestling career by finishing 5th in the 130-pound class of the state class C finals at Battle Creek Friday and Saturday. Hoppe won 3 of 5 matches, starting with a pin in 1:42 over Jim Sanford of Mason County Central.

Owen-Gage sports teams will play North Branch Wesleyan in 1994-95 as scheduled, but future meetings between the schools after that will be canceled if problems with unfair refereeing persist. That was the decision aired by the Owen-Gage Board of Education during its monthly meeting Monday night in the Owen-dale High School library. The board last month received a letter signed by nearly 3 dozen parents and supporters who asked the district to no longer schedule games with North Branch Wesleyan because of what they described as "continuous and persistent unjust refereeing."

25YEARSAGO

The Board of Directors of General Cable Corp. voted March 6 to present a corporate name change for approval of shareholders. General Cable Corp. will become GK Technologies, Inc., if shareholders of record March 16 approve the change at the company's annual meeting in New York City April 25. Robert P. Jensen, chairman and chief executive officer, explained, "The name General Cable Corp. no longer describes the high technology company we are today...with cable accounting for only about 35 percent of our business."

The words can come back to haunt you. Kim Anthony called last week to ask if I remembered saying that since Crawford Road was repaired my "sure" source of flood pictures would disappear. No longer will it flood after every heavy dew. I naively asserted. When I acknowledged that I remembered, you know what followed. "It's over the road right now," Kim said. (From Rabbit Tracks)

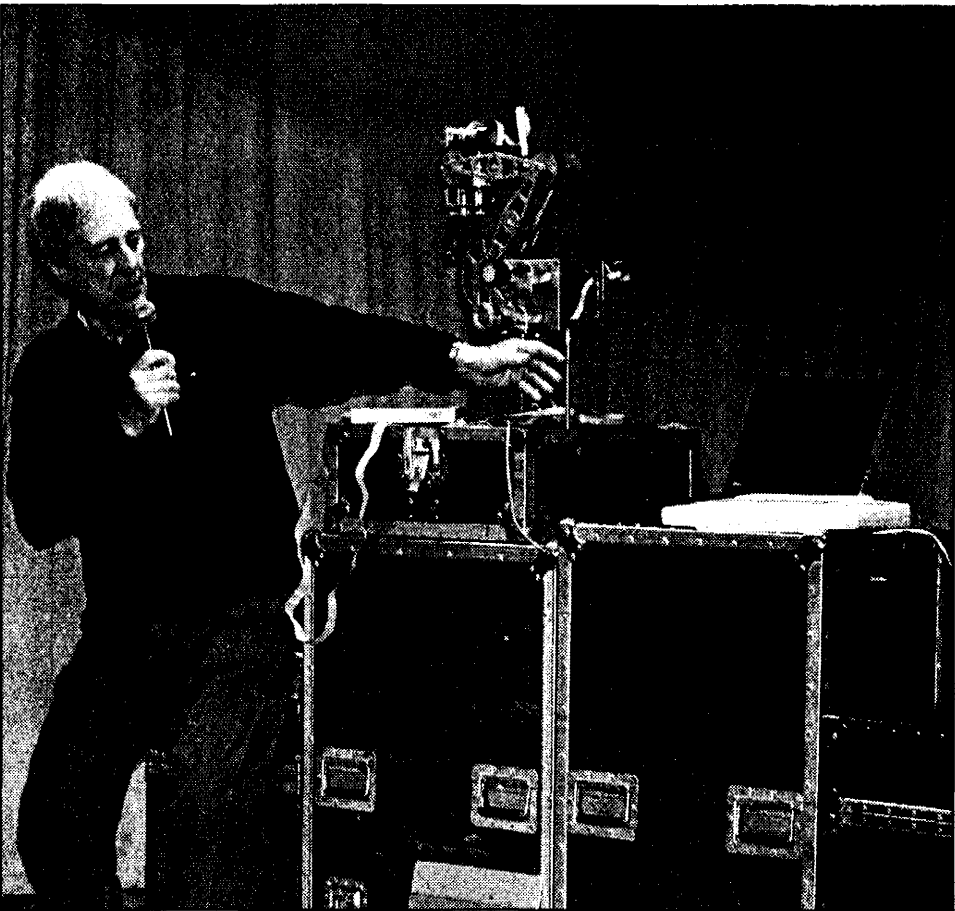
General Telephone Co. will spend \$57,500 this year for various improvements at its Cass City exchange. Improvements at the Kingston exchange will total \$16,300. Included will be work on eventual elimination of the use of operators to request the caller's telephone number on long-distance calls.

35YEARSAGO

Bridge needs are far ahead of available financing, says Robert Wellington, Tuscola County Road Commissioner. One of the few bridges receiving improvement is the McArthur Road bridge over White Creek. In 1967, a guard rail and under trusses added safety and support to the bridge, but it remains a one lane bridge and Wellington said its needs as a two lane bridge remained an open question. Cost of the 1967 project was \$1,584.90.

The Michigan Historical Commission has recently designated the farm owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Esau, northwest of Cass City, as a centennial farm. To qualify, the farm must have been in the same family for 100 years or more. Today the fourth generation of the Schenck family (Mrs. Esau) makes their home at the farm. While the farm was purchased from David Wright and his wife, the Schencks are the only family that has lived at the farm at the corner of Koepfgen and Milligan roads.

It was one of Gagetown's biggest parties ever...The March of Dimes Birthday Ball held at the Gagetown Opera House. Though the host doesn't remember exactly how much was collected, she said that for the times, "it was a great deal of money." The host? Mrs. C.P. "Tilly" Hunter, 90 years old and still entertaining. The birthday was the annual March of Dimes, which was initiated by President Roosevelt. And Mrs. Hunter, a staunch Roosevelt fan, hosted with Ray Toohey (now deceased) a historically recognized Gagetown event that turned out to be its biggest party.



PYLE DEMONSTRATES a robotic arm for Campbell Elementary School students and staff members during Monday's assembly. (Related photo, page one)

At Rawson Memorial Library

Story times scheduled

Spring story times are scheduled for both toddlers and preschoolers this April at Rawson Memorial Library.

Designed for the youngest library users (age 18-36 months) and their caregivers, Toddler Story Times give children opportunities to enjoy stories, songs, and finger plays in a positive and supportive atmosphere. Adults participate fully, joining their child in all activities.

Toddler Story Times encourage parents and toddlers to begin regular visits to the library, which may lead them to become lifelong readers and library users. Join us for this fun introduction to the library on Thursdays, April 1, 8, 22 and 29 from 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Preschoolers, age 3-5 years old, are invited to explore the wonderful world of language with stories, songs, rhymes, finger plays and crafts at the

Preschool Story Times offered Wednesdays, April 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 10 to 11 a.m.

This program provides an opportunity for children to develop listening skills.

learn to love books and reading, and have fun with others in their age group.

Both programs are free, but children must be pre-registered. Parents may register their children at the library or by calling 872-2856.

Estrada finishes training

Air Force Airman 1st Class Charity L. Estrada has graduated from the satellite systems operator initial qualification training course at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Lompoc, Calif.

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Estrada is a data systems operator assigned to Buckley Air Force Base, Aurora, Colo.

She is the daughter of Bonnie J. Marker of Unionville, and Michael R. Gasczynski of Cass City.

The newly promoted airman is a 1996 graduate of Cass City High School.

Parenting day slated April 17 at Laker High

Christian Parenting Day is set for Saturday, April 17, at Laker High School. The event is for all mothers, fathers, teachers, grandparents, day-care providers, neighbors and babysitters.

Participants will gather from across the state to share in a day set aside with the purpose of strengthening the home. The event (formerly known as Christian Mothering Day) is sponsored by Thumb Christian Outreach Ministries, a non-profit organization in Huron County.

The keynote speaker will be Noel Leithart of Moscow, Idaho, who has just given birth to her tenth child. She is a midwife, a home-schooler, wife of Peter - a Presbyterian pastor, author, professor of theology, and grandson of Otto Woelke, and a former teacher at Cross Lutheran School in Pigeon. Leithart was raised in Atlanta, Ga., has a B.A. in history from Hillsdale College, is interested in health, nutrition, sewing and drawing. Along with her keynote speeches, "What Does It Mean to Mother" and "Hospitality", she will have 2 breakout sessions - "Encouraging Mother's Who Stay at Home" and an informal session for new mothers, "Questions and Answers".

There will be sessions for fathers, too. Dan Heitzman, a father and educator from Grand Rapids, will speak on "Fatherhood - A Learning Process with Christ at Your Side!" "Dad and Mom: the Parenting Team" will be presented by Todd and Misty Cramer of Akron. Steve Fletcher (executive director of Bluewater Youth for Christ) - "Tackling Teenage Issues", "My Weakness and God's Strength (Special Needs)" - Leanne Smith of Caseville, "In-laws Are Gifts from God—Right?" - Vickie VanSteenhouse, instructor at Delta College, "Raising Sexually Healthy Children in a Sick World" - Cindy

Bridgman, social worker from Burton, "Making Mentoring a Part of Your Christian Life" - Vickie VanSteenhouse, and "Discipline and Setting limits" - Cindy Bridgman.

Praise and worship will be led by Jan Eggers of Saginaw and her son Ben Eggers of Big Rapids. There will be children's ministry all day with qualified care givers for children of all ages. An offering will cover all expenses except hot lunch, which will be available if pre-registered by April 12.

Praise and worship with introductions are at 8:45 a.m., Keynote is 9:30 a.m. Breakout session one is 10:45 a.m., Noon-lunch, Breakout session two is 1 p.m. Praise and worship is 2:15 p.m., Keynote is 2:30 p.m. and departure blessings at 4 p.m.

For further information, contact Bernice at (989) 269-8443 or Patty at (989) 453-2558, or on the web at www.thumbmin.org.

M. Shaw listed in Who's Who

Decker resident Matthew L. Shaw's name has been included in the second annual edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students - Sports Edition."

The publication, published by Educational Communications Inc., Austin, Texas, is part of the largest recognition program in the nation honoring high school students, including outstanding student-athletes.

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Owen-Gage students honored

Owen-Gage School officials recently honored several students.

School officials have named Shawn McClorcy the "Senior Student of Month" for March.

In addition, a student in each grade was recognized for best exemplifying the district March "adult role focus" of being critical, creative thinkers.

The students, in grades K-12, are: Jacob Wright, Joey Littlepage, Rudy Nuncio, Michael Mandich, Hunter Champagne, Ashley Abbe, Carin Seibel, Drew Howard, Joshua Starks, Alec Powell, Nicole Nowaczyk, Katie Swiastyn and Shaun Fiebig.

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The Thumb Rose Society is hosting Paul Begick of Begick's Nursery and Gardens, Bay City, Monday, April 5, at 7 p.m. in the Bad Axe Intermediate School cafeteria.

Following Begick's presentation, Thumb Rose Society members will review spring plans for the Medical Care Facility Rose Garden. Wrapping up the evening will be a consulting rosarian report by member Larry Kanaby, a question-and-answer session, and refreshments.

There is no charge to attend this meeting and it is open to everyone. The Thumb Rose Society meets March through November and welcomes everyone to its informational meetings and activities. To find out more about the Thumb Rose Society, its activities, programs, or rose show, call Jim at (989) 269-7154.

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Wells enjoy involvement with Red Hawk sport teams



CASS CITY'S Clyde and Pat Wells.

Household hazardous waste collection scheduled in April

Tuscola County Recycling will be collecting pesticides along with other household hazardous waste April 24.

Space is limited so make your appointment today. The deadline is April 9.

No material will be accepted without an appointment. Cost for the program is \$2 for 0 to 50 pounds and \$5 for 51 to 100 pounds.

Registration forms can be obtained at the Recycling Center, MSU Extension Office, (Environmental) and the Tuscola County Soil Conservation District. For more information, contact (989) 672-1673.

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Pesticides include insecticides, herbicides, rodenticides, fungicides, wood preservatives, molluscicides, and disinfectants.

Household pesticides usually contain a small amount of chemicals designed to kill the pest, called active ingredients, and a number of inert ingredients, which are added to enhance the effectiveness of the application or use. All household pesticides have some degree of toxicity and the potential to harm human health and the environment.

These chemicals need to be disposed of properly and safely. The proper disposal of unused and unwanted pesticides is the goal of the Clean Sweep Program in Michigan. The Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program, in cooperation with county and local units of government, has established 12 permanent Clean Sweep Sites located throughout the state.

Need to know the scores of the girls' or boys' freshmen or junior varsity basketball games that Cass City has played since 1998, including the recently concluded season? It's easy.

Don't call the Chronicle, don't call the school, don't visit the library, just call Clyde and Pat Wells, who live in Cass City, root for Cass City and work for Cass City teams.

Pat Wells has the scores of every Cass City JV and freshmen game jotted neatly in little notebooks.

The Wells sort of drifted into helping out at basketball games, just like Clyde drifted into substitute teaching. I was helping out at odd jobs at the school when Jeff Hartel (now middle school principal) asked why I didn't start substitute teaching, Clyde said, and I looked into it, found I was qualified and I have been doing it ever since. Started a new career at 71 years old, Wells smiled.

Keeping score records is the least of the jobs that the Wells took over. When at home, members of Cass City teams have their own private water

bottles neatly personalized with their names attached and furnished by the Wells.

Cass City basketball team members have really clean towels. Pat gathers the used towels after each game, brings them home and washes them. Before when they were cleaned, she asserts, they sort of looked dingy. Clyde chips in with gum and mints for the players.

Although the couple is not actively involved in other sports at the school, they are fans of games played in other seasons.

It's not surprising that the Wells are active in sports. Clyde earned 4 letters in 4 different sports when he was a key player for the Allegan Tigers. Pat graduated from Cass City High School and was a member of the cheerleading squad for 5 years, starting in the eighth grade.

Although she doesn't have notebooks filled with details about Cass City, she knows about Cass City's business district and all of its changes. She started working at Tate's Grocery Store, owned by her

dad, when 11 years old.

After that she worked part time in stores in town until she joined Kritzmans' Clothing and worked there until it closed 34 years later. Clyde is a relative newcomer, he came to town to work for Walbro in 1955.

During the years, which of the teams were special? The team my daughter played on was special, of course, but other than that, Pat said while Clyde nodded in agreement, they were all special. Each of them different, each of them special. Being around the kids is where it's at for them.

The pair is special to the players also. At the start of the current season Clyde regretfully announced that they would not be attending most away games because he wanted to avoid driving after dark.

That problem was quickly solved. The Wells were invited to ride to the games on the team bus.

It's an unusual perk earned by unusual service, appreciated by the teams and enjoyed by the Wells.

MSU entomologists research control of emerald ash borer

Michigan State University (MSU) entomologists spent much of 2003 evaluating methods to control emerald ash borer (EAB), an exotic pest that threatens ash trees in Michigan. A report that summarizes the results from their insecticide trials is now available in hard copy or on the Web.

The report provides a summary of the insecticide products and application techniques tested, including the advantages and disadvantages associated with specific products and techniques. The study evaluated the ability of insecticides to control EAB adults and larvae and assessed the persistence of the insecticides over time. The insecticide research occurred in Washtenaw and Livingston counties in 2003.

Entitled "Evaluation of Insecticides to Control Emerald Ash Borer Adults and Larvae," the report is available in hard copy at MSU Extension offices and on the Internet at www.emeraldashborer.info in the "EAB-infested trees" link, under "Treatment".

"We evaluated several products that are commonly used to control similar borers in other trees. We also identified factors to consider when selecting a method to control EAB in shade and ornamental trees," said Deborah McCullough, MSU forest entomologist. "The report includes a list of the products we tested, the timing we used for each application, and other information that should be helpful for landscapers, arborists and homeowners."

MSU researchers worked cooperatively with scientists from the USDA Forest Service and the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to test the products and collect the data. Research on insecticides and other potential controls for EAB will continue in 2004.

EAB, a wood-boring beetle, was first discovered in 6 southeastern Michigan counties in May 2002, but it may have been here for the past 5 to 10 years. To minimize the spread of this pest, the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) quarantined these 6 counties, restricting the movement of ash trees, branches, logs and firewood. In August 2003, the quarantine area expanded to include 7 counties surrounding the initial core of quarantined counties.

The adult EAB beetle is dark metallic green, one-half inch long and one-sixteenth inch wide. The EAB larvae tunnel under the ash tree bark and create S-shaped galleries as they feed. This pest appears to have a life cycle of one year, with adults emerging from the ash trees beginning in late May and peak emergence occurring in mid-June.

For more information about EAB, contact your county MSU Extension office or check the Michigan EAB website at <http://www.emeraldashborer.info>. To report possible infestations, contact the MDA EAB hotline at 1-866-325-0023.

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BULLDOG CODY Howard records 2 points on this break away in district play.

Caseville's experience proves too much for Owen-Gage cagers

In any sport, championship games are an ideal measuring stick to separate the men from the boys.

And the Class D district basketball final in North Huron between the Caseville Eagles and Owen-Gage Bulldogs was no exception. However, that distinction had been made long before the game's opening tip.

The Eagles, the North Central Thumb League - North champs, captured their 2nd straight district crown with an easy 77-47 victory over the Bulldogs.

Coach Jim Quinn's Eagles, a squad that features plenty of experience with 4 senior leaders, dominated play from the beginning and will seek to add a regional crown this week at Saginaw Heritage.

Conversely, the Bulldogs fielded a team with just 2 seniors, a pair of freshmen, 2 sophomores, one junior and 2 eighth graders.

And although the time for the Bulldogs to shine may come in the near future, Friday's luster belonged to Caseville.

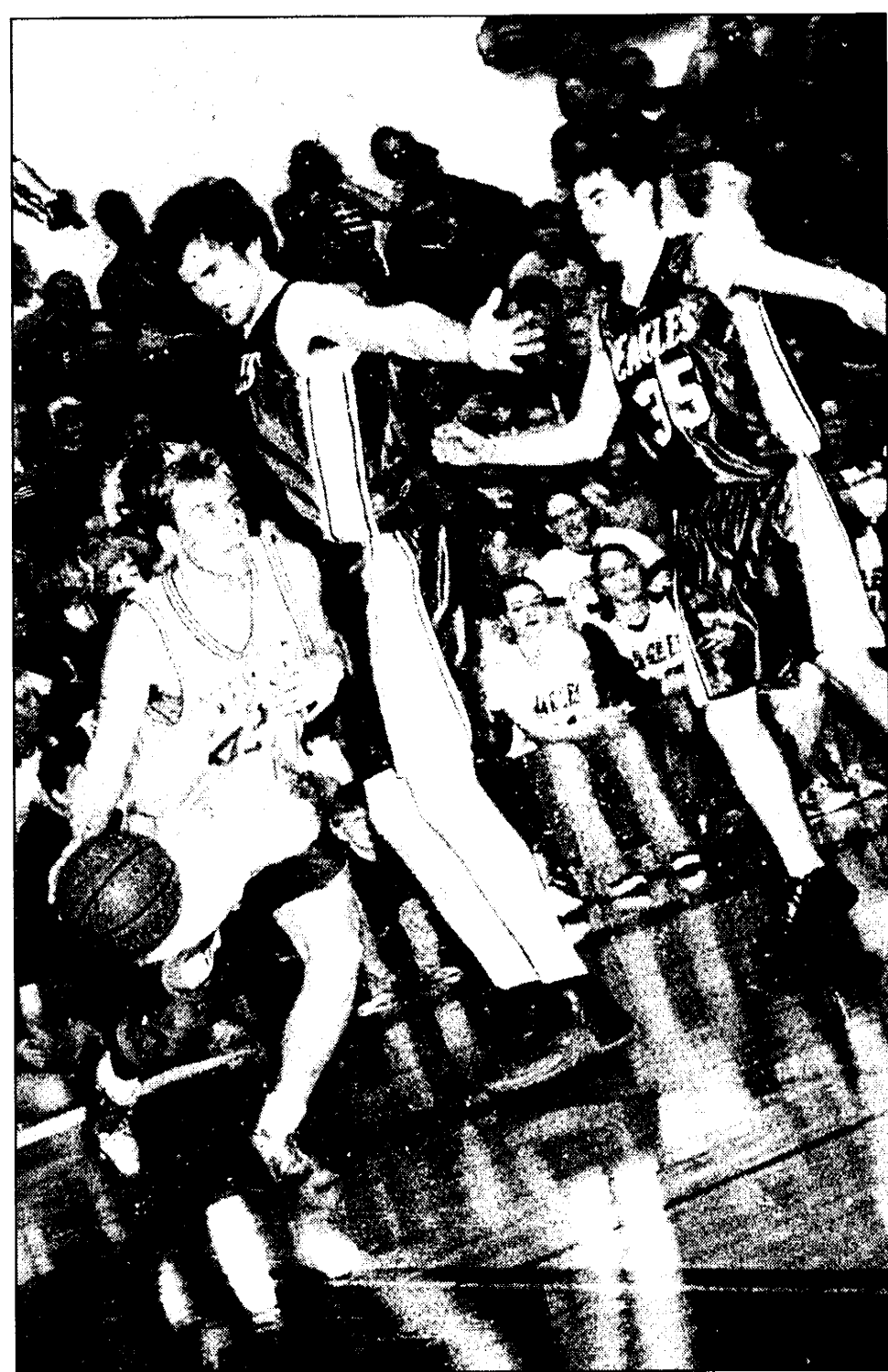
The Eagles leapt out to a 6-0 lead on a pair of hoops from Kyle Quinn. After a basket from Aaron Faist, on a nice short-range jumper, put Owen-Gage on the scoreboard, the winners staged a 13-2 run. Jon Patterson connected for 3 field goals during the spurt, 2 coming off steals near the half court stripe that resulted in easy lay ins.

Quinn ended the scoring for Caseville in the opening stanza when he completed a pretty, old fashioned 3-point play with a strong move in the paint with an opposite hand lay in.

Leading 22-8 entering the 2nd stanza, the Eagles continued to pressure the Bulldogs and outscored them 16-6 in the frame to enjoy a 38-14 advantage at the intermission.

Quinn recorded game scoring honors with 18 points, while Chad Davis contributed 15 points and Patterson added a dozen.

Cody Howard led the Bulldogs with 13 markers, while Faist accounted for 11 points.



OWEN-GAGE sophomore Levi Adams works the baseline against the defensive pressure of Caseville's Kyle Quinn.

Bulldog effort comes up just short in regional volleyball championship

Like a prize heavyweight boxing bout, Owen-Gage and Oakland Christian exchanged blows Saturday afternoon during the Class D regional volleyball championship in Akron.

In the end, however, the Lancers delivered the deciding punch with a 15-13 decision in what had become a one-game, winner take all, showdown.

Both squads had an easy time advancing from the semis, as the Bulldogs defeated Burton Genesee Christian in straight games by the scores of 15-3 and 15-2. Oakland set up a promising final with their victory over North Central Thumb League foe Kingston, 15-2 and 15-9.

Then in the finals, spectators were treated to an exciting 3-game match that remained tight until the final point.

In the opening 2 games of the championship, Owen-Gage started fast and enjoyed big leads.

Coach Kaye Swiastyn's Bulldogs leaped out to a 6-2 advantage in the initial game before Oakland rallied. The Lancers scored the game's final 6 points to steal a 15-13 victory from the Bulldogs.

Then in game 2, the Bulldogs built a 9-3 edge before Oakland would rally again. This time, however, the Bulldogs would score the game's final 4 points and even the match with a 15-12 decision.

"This group has a lot of determination. They don't like to lose and neither do I," said Swiastyn.

In the deciding rubber game, the 2 schools exchanged points on numerous long rallies until, leading 14-13, Oakland recorded the game winner.

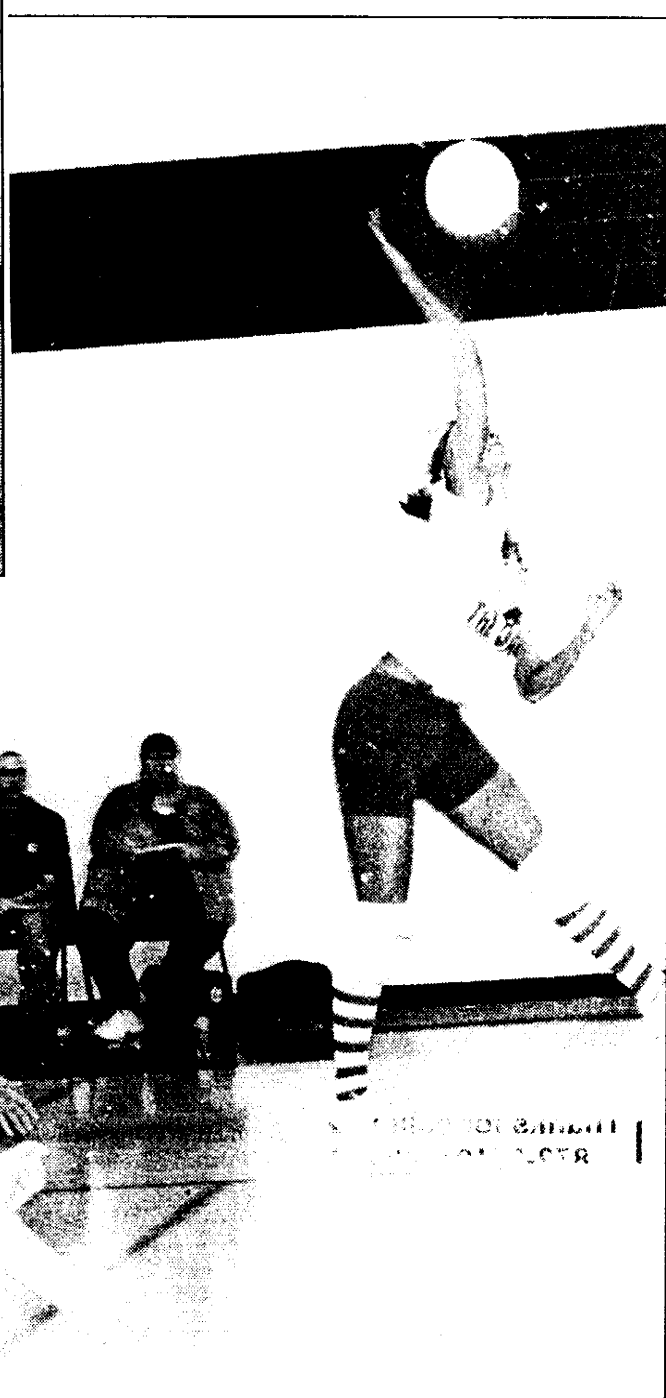
Individually for Owen-Gage, Katie Swiastyn recorded 19 points, 7 aces, 12 assists, 13 kills, 12 digs and 2 blocks, while Stephanie Dorsch had 16 points, 9 aces, 8 kills, 15 digs and 3 saves. Meagan Mentor had 12 points, 6 aces and 11 digs. Kayla Zaleski had 11 points, 4 aces, 44 kills, 26 digs and 2 blocks. Laura Enderle had 25 assists, 7 kills, 13 digs and 3 saves. Candi Rhodes had 17 digs and 2 saves.

Owen-Gage finishes its season with a lofty mark of 38-5-3.

"I was very pleased with the girls' effort all season long," said Swiastyn.



OWEN-GAGE SENIOR Laura Enderle (left) makes a serve during regional action Saturday in Akron. Below, Bulldog Kayla Zaleski delivers one of her team high 44 kills.



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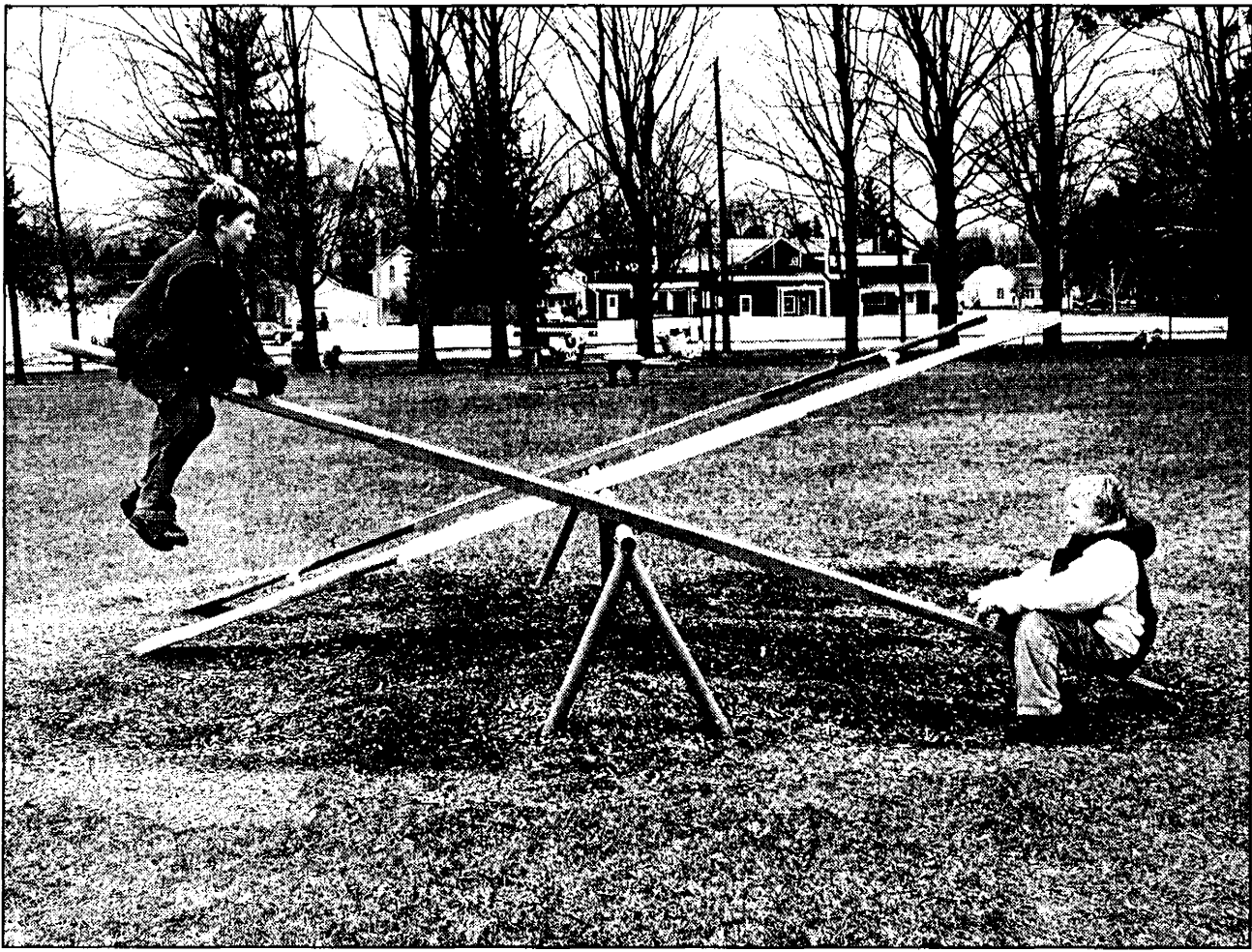
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Samuel Champion

Samuel A. Champion, 65, died Friday, March 12, 2004 at Marlette Community Hospital.

He was born April 20, 1938 in Cass City, the son of the late Clifton and Goldie (Parson) Champion.

He married Mary Lou Waterkutter June 19, 1976 in Caseville.

Champion was a 1956 graduate of Cass City High School. He lived in the Kingston area for the past 21 years, and was previously from Caseville. He was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Marlette. He worked for Carl Thom Farm and Drainage.

Champion is survived by his wife, Mary Lou; two sons: Gerald (Alice) Petty of Lapeer, and Mark (Judy) Champion of Marlette; two daughters: Marci (Blake) Brooks of Honor, and Samara (Dan Paling) Champion of Grand Rapids; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, March 16, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Marlette, with the Rev. Eric Kilmer officiating.

Burial was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

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Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Inc., Marlette.

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Cass City, died Sunday, March 7, 2004.

He was born Feb. 22, 1905 in Centerville, Tenn., the son of John P. and Bessie (Taylor) Durham.

He married Martha A. Tonn Oct. 14, 1933 in Kentucky. She died Feb. 5, 1999.

Durham retired from Uniroyal-Goodrich Corporation in Detroit in 1965, following 37 years of service.

He is survived by two sons: Edward (Edith) Durham of Shelby Township, and Robert (Janet) Durham of Grand Rapids; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; siblings: Jack (Nancy), Eugene (Hilda), Ada Anderson, and Neola Patterson, all of Tennessee, and Sammy Joe (Willene) of Sterling Heights; and a sister-in-law, Edith Durham of Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Virginia Shemko, in 2003; a brother, Newt Durham; and two sisters: May Street, and Carliss Bratcher.

A memorial service will take place at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Tendercare Cass City or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Local arrangements were made by the Gagetown Funeral Chapel, Gagetown.

Louis Geiger

Louis E. Geiger, 83, of Marlette, formerly of Deford, died Friday, March 12, 2004 at Marlette Community Hospital.

He was born June 27, 1920 in Harbor Beach, the son of the late Joseph M. and Martha (Michalski) Geiger.

He married Josephine Jeanguenat on June 28, 1941 at Assumption Grotto Catholic Church, Detroit. She preceded him in death Jan. 20, 1979. He then married Emma Tschirhart Bugai on Oct. 6, 1979 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Smith Corners.

Geiger was an eighth grade graduate of Ubyly Elementary. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1945. Geiger lived in the Novi area and was employed at Ford Motor Company, Wixom, for 25 years as a relief engineer in the Power House. He retired in 1982 and moved to Deford. He was a former parishioner at Holy Family, Novi. He was a former parishioner and usher at St. Michael's, Deford.

Geiger is survived by his

wife, Emma; two step-sons: Marvin and Frank Bugai, both of Hamtramck; a brother, Raymond Geiger of Oscoda; a sister, Angeline Deachin of Ubyly; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers: LaVern Geiger on Nov. 26, 1984, and Rudolph Geiger in 1926; a sister, Bertha Geiger in 1920; and two step-sons: David and John Bugai.

Funeral mass was held at 1 p.m., Monday, March 15, at St. John Catholic Church, Ubyly, with the Rev. Paul Bala, pastor of St. Mary Catholic Church, Port Sanilac, officiating.

Burial will be in the St. Francis Assisi Cemetery, Lewiston, in the spring.

Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubyly.

Fredrick LaPeer

Fredrick D. "Butch" LaPeer, 60, of Packwood, Wash., died Tuesday, March 9, 2004.

He was born April 3, 1943 in Cass City, the son of W.R. and Effie LaPeer.

LaPeer attended school in Cass City and moved to Washington state after being stationed in the Army at Ft. Lewis, near Tacoma. He was a retired truck driver.

LaPeer is survived by three children: Scott LaPeer, John LaPeer, and Lisa (Jeremy) Tuntland, all of Washington; three grandchildren; three brothers: Walt LaPeer of California, John LaPeer of Decker, and Al LaPeer of Cass City; three sisters: Dorothy Putnam of Caro, Dianne Hempton and Pat Guilds, both of Cass City; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Dick LaPeer.

Albert Clifford Martin

Albert Clifford Martin, 97, of Cass City, died Friday, March 12, 2004 at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

He was born Sept. 26, 1906 in Grant Township to Albert and Jennie (Doerr) Martin.

He married Hazel Merchant Nov. 1, 1931 in Cass City. She died Dec. 1, 1992.

Martin was a dairy farmer. He was a member of the Cass City Presbyterian Church and a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge #90.

Martin is survived by a

daughter, Jean (Bill) Ewald of Cass City; a daughter-in-law, Kathryn Martin of Cass City; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Erma Martin of Caro; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Frederick, on May 18, 1992; and eight siblings: Howard Martin, Hazel (Haskett) Blair, Edith (Louis) Harris, Gertrude (Earl) Beyete, Claude (Mary) Martin, Eva (Phillip) Moore, Grace (Herman) Charter, and Beatrice (Donald) Miljura.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 14, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Dale Byers officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Gideon Bibles International or the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Jessie Wilson

Jessie Marguerite Wilson, 95, of Deckerville, formerly of Cass City, died Wednesday, March 10, 2004 in Autumnwood of Deckerville, after a long illness.

She was born Oct. 28, 1908 in Elkland Township to James and Bertha (Root) Wilson.

She never married.

Wilson worked for Harold Hendrick at his store in Wickware, which she eventually bought. She owned and operated the Wilson Country Store for many years.

She is survived by her niece, Margaret Wilcox and her family; Etselene and Jim Dorland of Deford; Shelly and Bill Chambers of Deford; Shane Bloomfield and Shania Chambers.

Wilson was preceded in death by her sister, Lorena A. Wilson; and three brothers: Pete, Jim and Leigh Wilson.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 13, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor David Mercer of Deford Community Church officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

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Bill would cancel insurance fine

The Senate Appropriations Committee has voted to cancel the \$300 fine for motorists who are ticketed for failing to produce proof of insurance, provided they can demonstrate that they were insured at the time of the infraction.

The legislation, House Bill 4308 (HB 4308) amends Public Act 165 of 2003, which assessed certain "driver responsibility" fee increases for people who have 7 or more points on their record or who commit serious moving violations. Included in PA 165 was a fine of \$300 for drivers who cannot produce proof of insurance when requested to do so by a law enforcement official.

"Penalizing law abiding citizens for an honest mistake is no way to make public policy or balance the budget," Barcia said. "I strongly support this measure to put

common sense back in Michigan law and am happy that my colleagues agree that we should refund the fines already imposed on those citizens that can prove they were insured when they were ticketed."

HB 4308 is now headed to the full Senate for approval.

"In hindsight, the legislature should have given more scrutiny to the 'driver responsibility' package when it was passed," said Barcia. "It was never my understanding that we would punish people who are already paying a high price for auto insurance. I am glad we have an opportunity to correct this mistake."

Farmers attend program

A group of Tuscola County farmers were among the more than 140 young farmers from across the state who recently gathered in Midland for a 3-day conference highlighting topics as diverse as Michigan's agriculture industry.

Michigan Farm Bureau's annual Young Farmer Leaders' Conference targets producers ages 18 to 35, offering a combination of leadership training, idea exchanges, informative workshops and social activities meant to build unity among the state's new generation of farmers.

Attending from Tuscola County were Tonya Barriger, Steve Orner, Sam Barriger, Jonathan Findlay and Steve Reinhold.

"The leaders' conference aims to provide a balance of professional and social activities," said Matt Smego, manager of Michigan Farm Bureau's Young Farmer Department. "Besides the obvious benefits of the workshop presenters, the weekend gives young farmers a chance to exchange ideas and learn from each other. That helps us build a real community atmosphere among the state's young producers."

Workshops at the 2004 Leaders' Conference covered a wide range of agricultural issues, including chemical use and safety, land and water use, public speaking, estate planning and governmental affairs.



THE FLOODING of Crawford Road just east of Cass City is a tradition, and that tradition continued following a recent winter thaw. Temperatures have cooled down again, but spring can't be too far away.

Huron Medical joins diabetes program

Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe, has joined with the National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP) to urge the 18.2 million people with diabetes to manage their blood pressure and cholesterol, along with blood glucose (blood sugar) - an approach that will help prevent heart attack and stroke, the leading killers of people with diabetes.

The groups are joining forces to inform people with diabetes that good diabetes management is more than lowering blood glucose. Managing blood pressure and cholesterol is also crucial. New studies show a strong link between diabetes and heart disease and the vast majority of people with diabetes don't know about their very high risk of cardiovascular disease.

Huron Medical Center is urging people with diabetes to take care of their hearts by focusing on three numbers: blood glucose, blood pressure and cholesterol. People with diabetes should ask their doctors or other health care providers three important questions: What are my blood glucose, blood pressure, and cholesterol numbers? What should my target numbers be? What do I need to do to reach and maintain my target numbers?

Recommended Targets: Blood glucose - less than 7 percent on the A1C (or hemoglobin A1C) test. Check at least twice a year; Blood pressure - below 130/80. Check at every doctor's visit; Cholesterol (LDL) - below 100. Check at least once a year.

The same steps needed to manage blood glucose work for managing blood pressure and cholesterol: follow a healthy diet and get daily physical activity to avoid being overweight and take prescribed medicines. People with diabetes should also avoid smoking and ask their health care providers about aspirin therapy.

Huron Medical Center invites area residents to "Know Your Numbers," at their monthly diabetic support group Thursday, March 18, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the HMC West Campus. This program

focuses on the numbers that are key to your diabetes control. The recommendations by the American Diabetes Association will be discussed and how these numbers relate to prevention, detection and treatment of diabetes complications. This group will give participants the knowledge they need to take responsibility for their regimens and partner with their doctor in managing their diabetes.

Participants will receive an easy-to-understand booklet that covers all of the information covered in the program. The booklet also includes a log sheet for recording results and frequency of laboratory tests and physical exams.

A diabetes educator will lead this adult diabetes support group and is designed for everyone who has diabetes, regardless of their current treatment regimen.

CPR class slated

Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe, is offering a Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) class Thursday, March 25, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., at Huron Medical Center's West Campus, 1142 S. Van Dyke Rd.

Instructors certified by the American Heart Association will teach techniques for adult CPR, rescue breathing, and obstructed airway (choking). There is a \$15 charge for the class.

To register, call the Huron Medical Center's Health Management Department at (989) 269-2882 before Friday, March 19. Class size is limited.

Boat owners can renew watercraft registrations now

In spite of ol' Man Winter's cold grip on Michigan, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land has announced that boat owners can now renew their watercraft registrations online at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

The web-based program provides watercraft owners with the ultimate convenience of renewing from their homes or office anytime of the day or night. Residents may also renew watercraft registrations by touch-tone telephone or mail, or at a branch office. Online and touch-tone renewal options end Aug. 31.

"It may be winter now, but warmer weather and the boating season will be here before you know it," Land said. "I encourage all boat owners to take advantage of renewing online. It's easy and quick, and the registration decals are mailed within 7 to 10 days."

Colorful "Don't be left at the dock" inserts included with the notices remind customers of the convenience of online and touch-tone renewal. Instructions and the personal identification numbers needed to login to the system are also provided in the notices. Payment is by VISA, MasterCard or Discover credit cards.

About 256,000 renewal notices were mailed this year.

All watercraft on Michigan waters, including privately owned lakes and waterways, must be registered except:

- * Watercraft 16 feet or less, propelled by oars or paddles, and not used for rental or commercial purposes.
- * Non-motorized canoes and kayaks not used for rental or commercial purposes.
- * Rafts, surfboards, sailboards, and swim floats, regardless of length.

* Watercraft registered in another state and used only temporarily in Michigan.

For most watercraft the registration fee is based on

length. Registrations expire on March 31 in the third year of issuance. There are nearly one million watercraft registrations on file with the Secretary of State.

Web-based watercraft renewal is part of Land's campaign to increase public awareness about the department's online services. Her "Skip the Trip!" Save Time, Renew Online!" promotion, which was launched early last year, included listing the department's web address on branch office signs.

Recycle hazardous waste

Your home may be an accident waiting to happen. Many preventable accidents, injuries, illnesses and fires occur in homes due to unsafe storage of hazardous products.

Tuscola County Recycling is offering residents an opportunity to dispose of these unwanted and unused chemicals April 24. Residents must have an appointment to dispose of these materials in a safe manner.

Tuscola County Recycling will be accepting registration forms until April 9. Forms can be picked up at the Recycling Center, MSU Extension Office, Tuscola County Health Department (environmental) and the Tuscola County Soil Conservation District, or by calling (989) 672-1673. No material will be accepted without an appointment.

The location of the collection is given only to those who register. Cost is \$2 for 0 to 50 pounds and \$5 for 51 to 100 pounds.

Genealogy program scheduled

Attention genealogy buffs: A special program is planned for you Saturday, April 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Pinney Room at Rawson Memorial Library.

Carol Collard from the Genealogy Department of the Library of Michigan will present a program entitled "Genealogy Potpourri - Everything You Need to Know and More."

Collard is an interesting speaker and will present a lively and informative program that will give direction and answer questions about genealogy work.

A fee of \$5 will be charged to help defray costs. Light refreshments will be served. Tickets may be picked up in advance at the library.

This program is sponsored by the Cass City Genealogy Group and the Friends of the Library.

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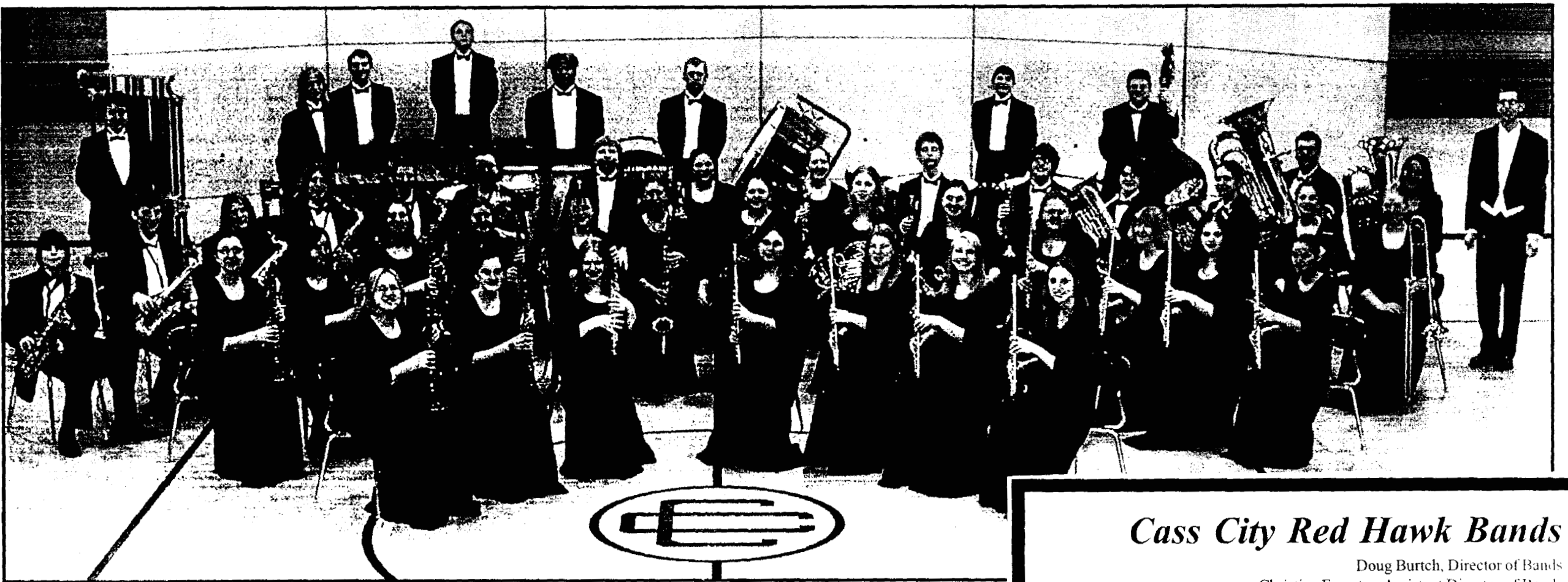
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Monday, March 15, 2004

Dear Cass City Community Members,

It is with sincere appreciation that I write this letter to all of you who have so graciously supported the Cass City School Bands in their efforts to become the best. With your support, the students' talent and our administration's commitment to our band program we have attained our goal. The Cass City High School Concert Band is now ranked among the best in the district!

Although the festival day is over, the celebration continues in the hearts and minds of all of our music students. We continue to receive kind letters of congratulations and notes of encouragement. These are truly appreciated by each and every band member. Perhaps most encouraging was the overwhelmingly large crowd that followed the band to Lakers High School and cheered as the band played a very musical performance.

I am confident that good music can and will be a crucial part of the curriculum at Cass City Public Schools. We are building a tradition here, a tradition that will bring many years of fond memories and musical success to many students as they pass through the Cass City band program.

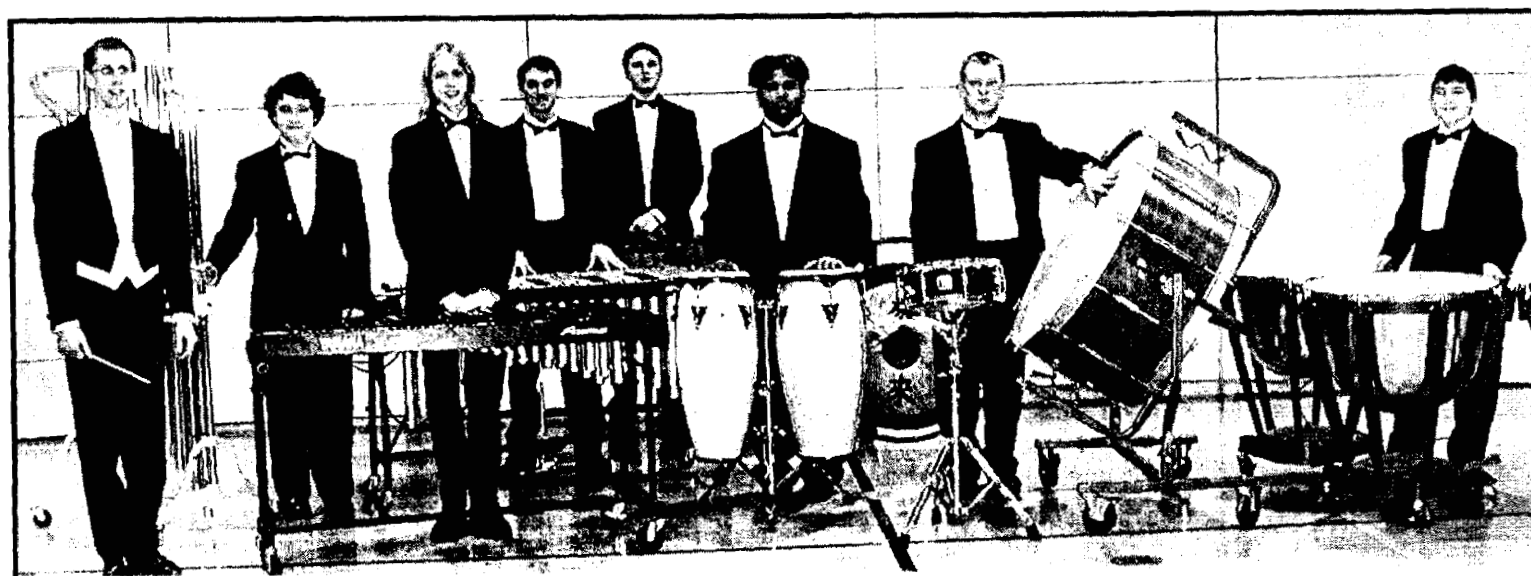
Again, thank you for your continued support of our band program where we are proud to say that everyday is "A Great Day To Be A Red Hawk!"

Best Wishes,

Doug Burtch
Director of Bands
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THE BRASS SECTION includes: (front, l-r) Alex Walsh, Kristen Curtiss, Lysa Knight, Alex Hiatt, Eric Helwig; (back, l-r) Jason Maynor, Jessica Chappel, Sarah Hobbs, Sam Howard, Dustin Mallory, Allyson Bell, Chelsea McCallum, Eric Hanby, Stephanie Nizzola and Director Doug Burtch.



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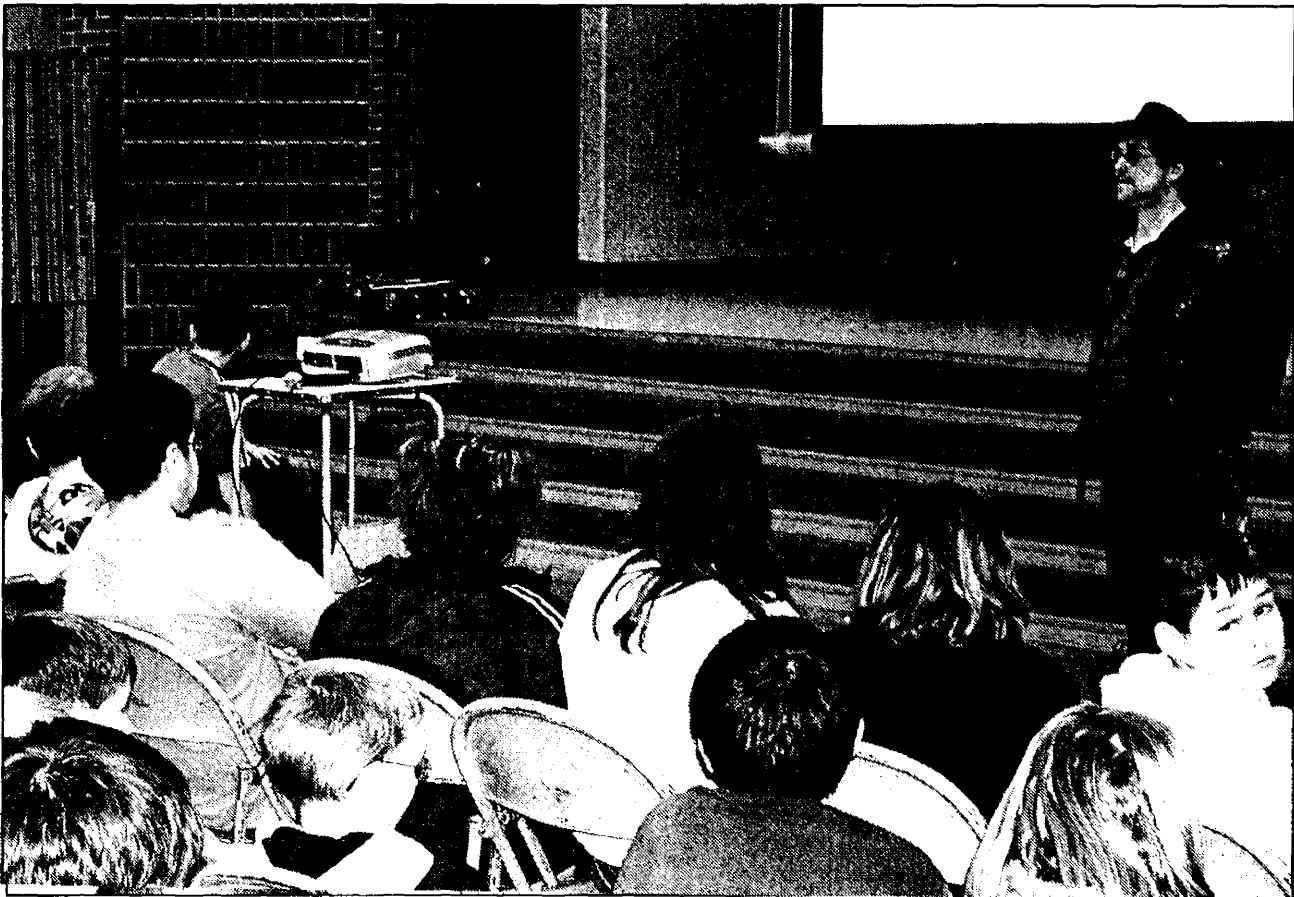
THE WOODWIND SECTION include: (front, l-r) Nicole Albrecht, Katie McIntosh, Donna Bushong, Amanda Williams, Christina Montgomery, Stacy McCallum, Rachael Biebel; (middle, l-r) Deanna Newby, Laura McComas, Kari Spencer, Erin Witkovsky, Tiaja Lowery, Kati Hill, Monica Cronk, Becky Wass, Meredith Kirn, Sheena Furtah, Terra Czekai, Director Doug Burtch; (back, l-r) Galen Kuebli, Chad Sparks, Whitney Kirn, Bobby Windsor, Marcel Helland and Krysta Boyce.



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**Friday, April 23rd
Manistee High School**



CASS CITY Middle School students enjoyed a presentation by authors Charles David (right) and David Anthony (not pictured) Thursday in conjunction with March is Reading Month. The students were treated to music, dress and a program engaging them in the history of the Middle Ages and the presence of Knights. The assembly was sponsored by the Cass City branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

Owen-Gage registering students

Owendale-Gagetown Area School officials are currently registering children for the kindergarten and preschool programs March 1-31. Parents are asked to enroll their child at the Owen-Gage Elementary School office. Children who will be 5 on or before Dec. 1, 2004, are eli-

gible for kindergarten. Please come to the Elementary office between 8 and 11 a.m. or 1 to 3 p.m. to register your child. If you are unable to come to the office, you can call the school at (989) 665-9921. To register, you will need to bring your child's birth

certificate, immunization record, and social security card. There will be a kindergarten/preschool meeting for parents who would like to meet the teacher, review the programs, and register their child. A program will take place for the children, which

will include a bus ride and tour of the school. Meeting times are Wednesday, March 31, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 7:30 p.m. Please call to sign up for the meeting time that will work for you at (989) 665-9921. Refreshments will follow the meeting.

Legal Notices

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

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 Douglas S. Stewart and Julie A. Stewart, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to North American Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated August 12, 1998 and recorded on August 27, 1998 in Liber 748 on Page 1259, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as assignee by an assignment dated October 23, 2003 and recorded on October 28, 2003 in Liber 961 on Page 950, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Five and 92/100 Dollars (\$122,565.92), 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 April 1, 2004.

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

A Parcel of land in the East part of the South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Fractional Section 31, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, being a part of the so-called Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Fractional Section, described as follows: Commencing on the South line of said Fractional Section 31 at a point 198.00 feet, South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, from the Southeast corner of said Section; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, on said South Section line, 152.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 197.13 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel to said South Section line 133.48 feet; thence South 05 degrees 22 minutes 00 seconds East par-

allel to the East Section Line, 198.00 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: March 3, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC J (248) 593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #014415F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donald E. Hansen and Robin L. Hansen, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Standard Federal Bank, a Federal Savings Bank, Mortgagee, dated April 1, 1999 and recorded on May 3, 1999 in Liber 770 on Page 151, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Three and 92/100 Dollars (\$72,293.92), including interest at 7.125% 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 April 15, 2004.

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

The West 330 feet of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 34, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: March 17, 2004

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Brandy Martinez, a married woman, and Mark E. Martinez, her husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc., a Delaware Corporation Mortgagee, dated June 13, 2003 and recorded June 26, 2003 in Liber 938 Page 868 Tuscola County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Two Dollars and

Thirty-Six Cents (\$86,902.36), including interest 7.37% 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 County Courthouse steps in Bad Axe at 10:00AM on Thursday March 11, 2004.

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

Lot 12, Supervisor's Plat of Fish Point Resort, as Recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 22, Akron Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, except easements and rights of way of Record. Commonly known as 8970 Miller, Unionville MI 48767.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948C1 600 3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 12, 2004

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc. Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potesitivo & Associates, P.C.
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dave Killinger and Lori Killinger, husband and wife, a/k/a David J. Killinger and Lori J. Killinger (original mortgagors), to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated June 8, 2000 and recorded on June 8, 2000 in Liber 802 on Page 1409, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp., a New Jersey Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated February 22, 2001 and recorded on March 30, 2001 in Liber 826 on Page 1027 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Six and 64/100 Dollars (\$99,276.64), including interest at 9% 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 April 15, 2004.

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

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point in the centerline of East Dayton Road, which is Southeastly 80 feet along said centerline from the intersection of the East, North and South 1/8 line of said Section with said Road centerline, thence South, parallel with said 1/8 line to Railroad right-of-way line; thence Southeastly along said Railroad right-of-way line to a point South of a point in said Road centerline, which is Southeastly along said road centerline 324 feet from the intersection

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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: March 17, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC S (248) 593 1404
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp., a New Jersey Corporation
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
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File #017017F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Cynthia A. Nowlen and Jeffrey G. Nowlen, wife and husband (original mortgagors), to Mortgage America, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 17, 1996 and recorded on October 28, 1996 in Liber 699 on Page 1282, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Standard Federal Bank as assignee by an assignment dated October 17, 1996 and recorded on October 28, 1996 in Liber 699 on Page 1288, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Eight and 97/100 Dollars (\$16,388.97), including interest at 9% 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 25, 2004.

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

Lot 1, Block 1 of assessor's plat of the Village of Akron, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 78, now being Page 30B 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: February 25, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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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 Kisanne Waske, a single woman (original mortgagors), to National City Mortgage Services Co., Mortgagee, dated July 14, 2000 and recorded on July 18, 2000 in Liber 806 on Page 260, and modified by agreement dated December 1, 2000, and recorded on February 16, 2001 in Liber 821 on Page 1319, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Two and 02/100 Dollars (\$74,592.02), including interest at 7.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on April 1, 2004.

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

Part of the North 40 acres of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 4, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 4, South 89 degrees 45 minutes 29 seconds East, 1327.86 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 4; thence continuing along said North line South 89 degrees 45 minutes 29 seconds East, 665.61 feet; thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 52 seconds East, 1466.67 feet along the North section line to the point of beginning, thence continuing along said North line South 89 degrees 45 minutes 29 seconds East, 1660.67 feet along the North section line to the point of beginning, thence continuing along said North line South 89 degrees 45 minutes 29 seconds East, 332.81 feet; thence South 00 degrees 14 minutes 52 seconds West 655.09 feet; thence North 89 degrees 45 minutes 29 seconds West 332.80 feet parallel with said North line; thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 52 seconds East 655.09 feet to the point of beginning, Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of 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: March 3, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC F (248) 593-1313
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Attorneys For National City Mortgage Services Co.
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Leroy O. Islets, III and Heidi J. Islets, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated August 2, 2001 and recorded on August 7, 2001 in Liber 840 on Page 610, and assigned by said Mortgage to Chase Mortgage Company, an Ohio Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated August 2, 2001 and recorded on November 20, 2002 in Liber 903 on Page 328 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Eight Hundred and 23/100 Dollars (\$121,801.23), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

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

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

Lot 24, and the West half of Lot 25, Block 6 of Harrington's Addition to the Village (now the city) of Vassar, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 23, now being Page 23A 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: March 17, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Barton M Long, a married man, and Renee S. Long, a married woman, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, to Amerquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated July 20, 2001 and recorded August 28, 2001 in Liber 841, Page 983, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Eight and 03/100 Dollars (\$43,738.03), including interest at the rate of 14.182% 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 April 1, 2004.

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

Part of section 15, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as commencing at a point that is North 90 degrees East 1983.68 feet from the West 1/4 corner of Section 15; thence North 90 degrees East 152.61 feet; thence South 00 degrees 12 minutes 32 seconds West 660 feet; thence South 90 degrees West 152.61 feet; thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 32 seconds East 660 feet to the point of beginning. (011-015-000-2100-08)

Part of section 15, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as commencing at a point that is North 90 degrees East 2477.20 feet and South 00 Degrees 09 minutes 04 seconds West 660 feet from the West 1/4 corner of Section 15; thence South 00 degrees 09 minutes 04 seconds West 667.13 feet; thence North 89 degrees 45 minutes 07 seconds West 659.84 feet; thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 32 seconds East 655.67 feet; thence North 90 degrees East 152.61 feet; thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 32 seconds East 660 feet; thence North 90 degrees East 340.90 feet; thence South 00 degrees 09 minutes 04 seconds West 660 feet to the point of beginning. (011-015-000-2100-09)

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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: March 3, 2004
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jose Pallen (original mortgagor), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 10, 2002 and recorded on September 23, 2002 in Liber 895 on Page 361 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Nine and 18/100 Dollars (\$40,199.18), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on April 1, 2004.

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

Parcel 4: Part of the fractional Northwest quarter of fractional Section 31, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, Novesta Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as Commencing at the West quarter corner of said Section 31; thence along the West line of said Section 31; North 111.58 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said West line of Section 31; North 206.25 feet to the North line of the Southwest quarter of said Northwest quarter of Section 31; thence along said North line of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 31; North 89 degrees 58 minutes 48 seconds East, 528.00 feet; thence South 206.25 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes 48 seconds West, 528.00 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: March 3, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC W (248) 593-1312
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30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
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File #014828F01 3-3-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John W. Boone, a single man (original mortgagors), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 9, 2002 and recorded on December 19, 2002 in Liber 907 on Page 1335, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Five and 61/100 Dollars (\$120,455.61), including interest at 8% 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 April 1, 2004.

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

Part of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 16, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West, North and South one-eighth line of said Section 16, which is North 89 degrees 23 minutes 16 seconds East, 1329.48 feet along the North line of said Section and South 00 degrees 30 minutes 58 seconds East, 455.90 feet along said one-eighth line from the Northwest corner of Section 16; (said point of beginning also being the intersection of the West, North and South one-eighth line and the South line of the Plat of Lakehill Farms as recorded with the Register of Deeds of Tuscola County, Michigan); thence continuing along said West, North and South one-eighth line, South 00 degrees 30 minutes 58 seconds East, 866.73 feet to the North, East and West one-eighth line; thence along said one-eighth, South 89 degrees 17 minutes 41 seconds West, 269.99 feet; thence North 00 degrees 30 minutes 58 seconds West, 865.97 feet to the Southwest corner of the Plat of Lakehill Farms; thence along the South line of said Plat, North 89 degrees 08 minutes 00 seconds East, 269.99 feet to said West, North and South one-eighth line and the point of beginning.

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

Dated: March 3, 2004
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bridget A. Babcock, a single woman, to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated November 7, 2001 and recorded January 7, 2002 in Liber 855, Page 539, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Six and 74/100 Dollars (\$55,636.74) including interest at the rate of 7.125% 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 April 1, 2004.

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

Lot 3, Block 28 of Village (now City) of Vassar, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 93 of 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 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: March 3, 2004

ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys For Flagstar Bank, FSB, As Mortgagee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 287.0134 3-3-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark S. Cooper and Kelle K. Cooper, husband and wife, as tenants by

the entirety to Banc One Financial Services, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 9, 1998 and recorded February 11, 1999 in Liber 762, Page 1210, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Bank One, National Association, as Trustee by assignment recorded on August 16, 2002 in Instrument Number 020817981, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand One Hundred Thirteen and 30/100 Dollars (\$13,113.30), including interest at the rate of 10.22% 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 April 8, 2004.

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

Lot 5, Block 4 of the Village of Mayville, Except the North 3 feet of the East 66 feet thereof, according to the plat recorded in Liber 15 of Deeds, Page 564, now being Liber 3 of Plats, Pages 35 and 36 of 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: March 10, 2004
ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys For Bank One, National Association, as Trustee, As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 207.1717 3-10-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Michelle R. Burch, an unmarried woman of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagee to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company dated the 10th day of July, A.D. 1998 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 16th day of July, A.D. 1998 in Liber 744 of Tuscola Records, on Page 1452, which said mortgage was thereafter on, to-wit the 23rd day of August, A.D. 1999, assigned to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., then nescio assignments and recorded on November 15, 1999 in the office of Register of Deeds in Liber 787 for said County of Tuscola Records, on Page 965, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$26,776.83 (Twenty-six thousand seven hundred seventy-six dollars and eighty-three cents), including interest there on at 7.30% (Seven point three zero 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 18th day of March, 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 Akron, in the county of Tuscola and State of Michigan, and described as follows to wit:

Commencing at a point 21 Rods North of the Southeast corner of Section 33, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, thence West 11 Rods; thence South 6 1/2 Rods; thence East 11 Rods; thence North 6 1/2 Rods to the point of beginning. Right of Way for Ringle Road over the Easterly side thereof.

Tax ID: 001-033-000-2300 00

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: February 18, 2004
WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
By: Daniel E. Best (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1820
Troy, Michigan 48064
WWR # 0342318 2-18-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Patricia Lynn Roehrig, survivor of herself and her deceased husband (original mortgagors), to Metropolitan Financial, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 12, 1998 and recorded on September 1, 1998 in Liber 749 on Page 130, and assigned by mesne assignments to Sovereign Bank as assignee by an assignment

dated May 17, 1999 and recorded on June 25, 1999 in Liber 775 on Page 138, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventeen Thousand Sixty-Three and 74/100 Dollars (\$17,063.74), including interest at 12% 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 25, 2004.

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

The West 6 acres of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 6, Town 11 North, Range 11 East.

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

Dated: February 25, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC J (248) 593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Sovereign Bank
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #013476F01 2-25-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James H. Bauer and Roxann S. Bauer, husband and wife, to Superior Bank FSB, Mortgagee, dated February 16, 2001 and recorded February 22, 2001 in Liber 822, Page 301, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by LaSalle Bank National Association as Trustee of Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust Series 2002-AFC1 by assignment dated February 27, 2001 and recorded on October 23, 2003 in Liber 960, Page 1421, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Seven and 67/100 Dollars (\$130,597.70), including interest at the rate of 10.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on March 18, 2004.

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

Lot 15 "Williamsburg Estates No. 2" as recorded in Liber 4, Pages 5 and 6 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.

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Dated: February 18, 2004

ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys For LaSalle Bank National Association as Trustee of Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust Series 2002-AFC1, As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 231.3384 2-18-5

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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 Five Hundred Seventy-Eight and 16/100 Dollars (\$44,578.16), 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 April 1, 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 12 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 25, 2004
Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Mortgagee
43252 Woodward Ave., Suite 202
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
(248) 355-9200
Our File No. 116.00022 2-25-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Blake A. Wilson, a married man, and Melinda J. Wilson, his wife, to Washington Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated November 12, 1999 and recorded November 19, 1999 in Liber 788, Page 006, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Provident Consumer Financial Services by assignment dated November 18, 1999 and recorded on January 28, 2002 in Liber 860, Page 204, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Five and 15/100 Dollars (\$117,355.15), including interest at the rate of 10.875% 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 April 8, 2004.

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

Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 34, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, thence West 1024.19 feet along the South Section line to the point of beginning, Running Northerly along the center of existing ditch, 660 feet, more or less; thence West along center of existing ditch, 210 feet, more or less; thence South along existing fence, 650 feet, more or less; thence East 295.8 feet along Section line to the point of beginning, Except 50% of all oil, gas and other minerals to the Federal Land Bank as set forth in Mineral Deed recorded in Liber 258 of Deeds, Page 11, any interest in subsequent instruments pertinent thereto.

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: March 10, 2004

ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys For Provident Consumer Financial Services, As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 210.1575 3-10-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Melany L. Hall and Kenneth L. Hall, husband and wife, Mortgagees, to The CIT Group/Consumer Finance, Inc., Mortgagee, dated the 25th day of November, 2000 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 27th day of

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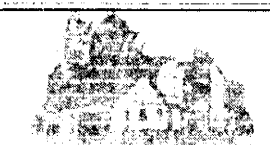
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Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, March 18

Genealogy Group meeting, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Friday, March 19

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.
Senior Citizen Movies, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.
Northern Lights Dance Club, 8 p.m., Ugly Heights Country Club. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 872-3724.

Monday, March 22

Cass City School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Hills and Dales Hospital Auxiliary meeting, noon, Charmont.

Wednesday, March 24

Ravenwood Readers' Book Club, noon, Rawson Memorial Library.
Hepatitis A-E, 2 to 3:30 p.m. and 5 to 6:30 p.m., Marlette Community Hospital Conference Room. Speaker will be Pat Fineis, Michigan Department of Community Health. For additional information or to pre-register, call Judy Mahaffy, R.N. by Monday, March 22.
Thumb Retired Officers of Police Service (TROOPS) meets at Franklin Inn, Bad Axe at 11:30 a.m.

McNaughton home

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The volunteers will make sure that the gift will be well used to expand the ministry in the poverty-stricken area the mission serves.

Alcohol crackdown targets partiers

The luck of the Irish runs out when motorists drive drunk this St. Patrick's Day.

Nearly 100 Michigan law enforcement agencies will be taking part in a special drunk driving crackdown that will put additional officers on the road. St. Patrick's Day poses a special threat because of day-long celebrations and free-flowing green beer.

And, it's the first time that the traditional drinking holiday will be celebrated under lower blood alcohol limits and tougher penalties for drunk and impaired offenders.

A 5-year average of alcohol-related fatalities in Michigan shows a dramatic increase in the number of people killed in traffic crashes on St. Patrick's Day. On a typical day, an average of 1.37 people die in alcohol-related crashes in Michigan. On St. Patrick's Day, the average surges to 2.36, an increase of more than 50 percent.

With St. Patrick's Day here and party plans underway, Michigan drivers should keep in mind the new .08 law and the statewide special enforcement.

"Federal funds will be used to increase overtime patrols and police presence with one

purpose - finding and arresting drunk drivers," said Michael L. Prince, Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) division director. "Special training and experience means there's no 'out-smarting' an officer if a person is driving drunk."

St. Patrick's Day party plans should include designing a sober driver or securing other transportation like a cab or bus.

Studies show that motorists are more likely to drive sober when patrols are combined with highly visible public awareness efforts, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). OHSP is coordinating the mobilization, providing federal traffic safety funds to boost pa-

trols in selected areas to ensure widespread awareness of the program. In the current fiscal year, OHSP will provide nearly \$2 million in federal money to law enforcement agencies for overtime patrols.

Michigan was the 44th state to adopt a .08 blood alcohol content (BAC) standard for drunk driving offenses. Prior to the change in law, .08 BAC was considered impaired driving in Michigan, a lesser offense. NHTSA estimates the country would save 400-600 lives each year if all states adopted .08 laws.

With the new drunk driving law, those convicted for a first drunk driving offense now face:

- * Up to 93 days in jail
- * Up to a \$500 fine
- * Up to 360 hours of com-

munity service

- * Up to 6 points on a driver's license
- * Up to 180 days' license suspension

In addition, convicted drunk drivers will be subject to a

new \$1,000 fee for 2 consecutive years, for a total of \$2,000 in additional costs. Anyone who refuses a breath test the first time is given an automatic one-year driver's license suspension.

HDC's Glamour Day benefits crisis center

The Human Development Commission (HDC), Brass Shutter Studio and Caro Area Mary Kay Consultants will be holding their 3rd Annual Glamour Day April 17 at the Brass Shutter Studio, 830 W. Gilford Rd., Caro, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Guests will receive a personalized color make-over, a quick fluff and curl by local hair stylists, and a 4 by 5 picture suitable for framing. Other photo packages are available for purchase as well, with prices starting at \$16.

Glamour Day tickets may be purchased from local independent Mary Kay beauty consultants, or by contacting Laurie Curtis at (989) 673-3831 or Judy Cockerill at (989) 673-0253. Tickets purchased in advance are \$20. Tickets purchased at the event are \$25 per person. In order to accommodate all participants, appointments are strongly encouraged but walk-ins are also welcome.

All proceeds from this event will benefit HDC's Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center and primarily assist with the replacement of severely worn floor covering. The flooring is in dire need of replacement due to years of use and the number of families that have been housed at the shelter.

"We are thankful that the Assault Crisis Center is the recipient of the funds raised from this event," said HDC

Executive Director Mary Ann Vandemark. "The shelter is a safe haven for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, and it is our goal to make it a comfortable and nurturing environment. We need to raise \$10,000 in order to replace all of the flooring, and this event will give us a head start toward meeting our goal."

The Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center is a program of the Human Development

Commission. The shelter provides a safe, supportive environment for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their children. Its goal is to provide services that will help survivors, their families, and communities to understand and overcome the effects of such violence.

For more information, contact HDC Fundraising Manager Olga Long at (800) 843-6394 or (989) 672-1750.

Fatal

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the victim outside and locked the door. When the owner was talking to 911, he saw the victim heading west-bound through his neighbor's yard, toward (the) Saginaw Road and Washburn Road intersection."

The driver of the vehicle told deputies he was west-bound on Saginaw Road with his wife, daughter and grandson when he saw an object in the road, and was unable to avoid impact. After hitting the victim, the driver stopped and returned to the scene.

An autopsy was conducted Sunday and official results are pending.

MMR Ambulance personnel and troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro assisted deputies at the scene.

Kern said no other information will be released at this time.

"The car-pedestrian crash remains under investigation by Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies and final disposition will be determined by the Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office.

Chase

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a sale value of more than \$68,500."

All 3 suspects are being held in the Sanilac County Jail on \$200,000 bonds.

The Romulus men face several charges, including possession with intent to deliver 263 grams of cocaine and conspiracy, both felonies punishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or a \$250,000 fine; possession of a stolen handgun, possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and carrying a concealed handgun in a motor vehicle.

The Detroit suspect also faces charges of possession with intent to deliver 263 grams of cocaine, conspiracy and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, as well as 2 additional counts of conspiracy and fleeing and eluding a police officer.

Residents can report suspected drug trafficking activity anonymously by calling toll-free 1-800-544-DRUG.

Debate

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age, the change, if adopted, will make the school tobacco free. Presently the smoking ban does not cover weekends, holidays and after 6 p.m. on school days.

Doug Burtch, band director, was given permission to hold a musical concert Sunday, April 18.

Veronica Fenningsdorf asked the school to endorse an equestrian team. Entry fee is \$40. The issue was taken under advisement and will be decided at a later meeting.

The board officially recognized Janie Kus for her "tireless effort and hard work in organizing and running this year's Campbell/Scholastic Book Fair." Nearly \$9,000 in books and goods were purchased from the fair.



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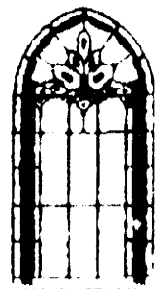
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