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Village voters tap Zdrojewski, Thabet, Richards Monday

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City residents elected 4 new trustees and a new village president during Monday's village elections.

In all, 192 residents, or about 11.7 percent of registered voters in the village, cast ballots in the spring election.

The winners of the 3 available 4-year trustee terms were Jon K. Zdrojewski with 130 votes, Donald B. Richards (102 votes) and Dwight D. Thabet (80 votes).

Zdrojewski, 37, is a Cass City native and middle school teacher for the past 15 years. Richards, 70, serves as an adjunct professor at Baker College and is a retired educator with more than 30 years in his field, including several teaching positions. Thabet, 46, has been involved in the funeral home business for 30 years and recently opened Thabet Funeral Home in Cass City.

Also vying for the 4-year terms were Elizabeth K. Reehl (78 votes), Jeff Gillig (65 votes) and Dwaine J. Peters II (60 votes).

Bert Althaver, a former long-time councilman and village president, will return to the president's seat after winning a 2-year term. He ran unopposed and garnered 122 votes. Also running unopposed was Jenny Zawilinski, a Cass City native who works as a dental hygienist in Sandusky. She won a 2-year term with 133 votes.

The new councilmen replace several outgoing, veteran members of local village government.

Village President Les Karr opted not to seek reelection,

as did trustees Cathy Kropewnicki, Steve Wright and Matt Prieskorn. The seat won by Zawilinski Monday was previously held by Don Ball, who resigned last fall.

In other area villages:
•**Kingston** - There will be no vacant seats on the Kingston Village Council, although only one of 3 incumbents filed a nominating petition last fall to seek another term.

That incumbent, Trustee Robin L. LaFond, won reelection with 18 votes. Write-in candidates filled the other 4-year terms, which were won by incumbent Laura Davidson (4 votes) and newcomer Cory J. Skinner (16 votes).

Running unopposed for 2-year terms were Village President Arlo Ruggles, who received 15 votes, and Beverly J. Heron, who garnered 16 votes for the office of Clerk and 15 votes for treasurer.

Just 23 residents, or about 5 percent of registered voters, cast ballots.

•**Ubly** - In the village of Ubly, residents returned all incumbents to their seats on the village council.

Winning 4-year terms were Mark Brown, who garnered 97 votes, Steven Romzek, who received 84 votes, and Dennis West, who received 77 votes. Also vying for the seats were newcomers Mark Kumas (35 votes) and Alger A. Lemke (57 votes).

Re-elected to 2-year terms were Village President David Jaroch (75 votes), Clerk Judy A. Messing (108 votes) and Treasurer Florence E. Schrader (98 votes).

Winning 6-year seats on the Sleeper Public Library Board

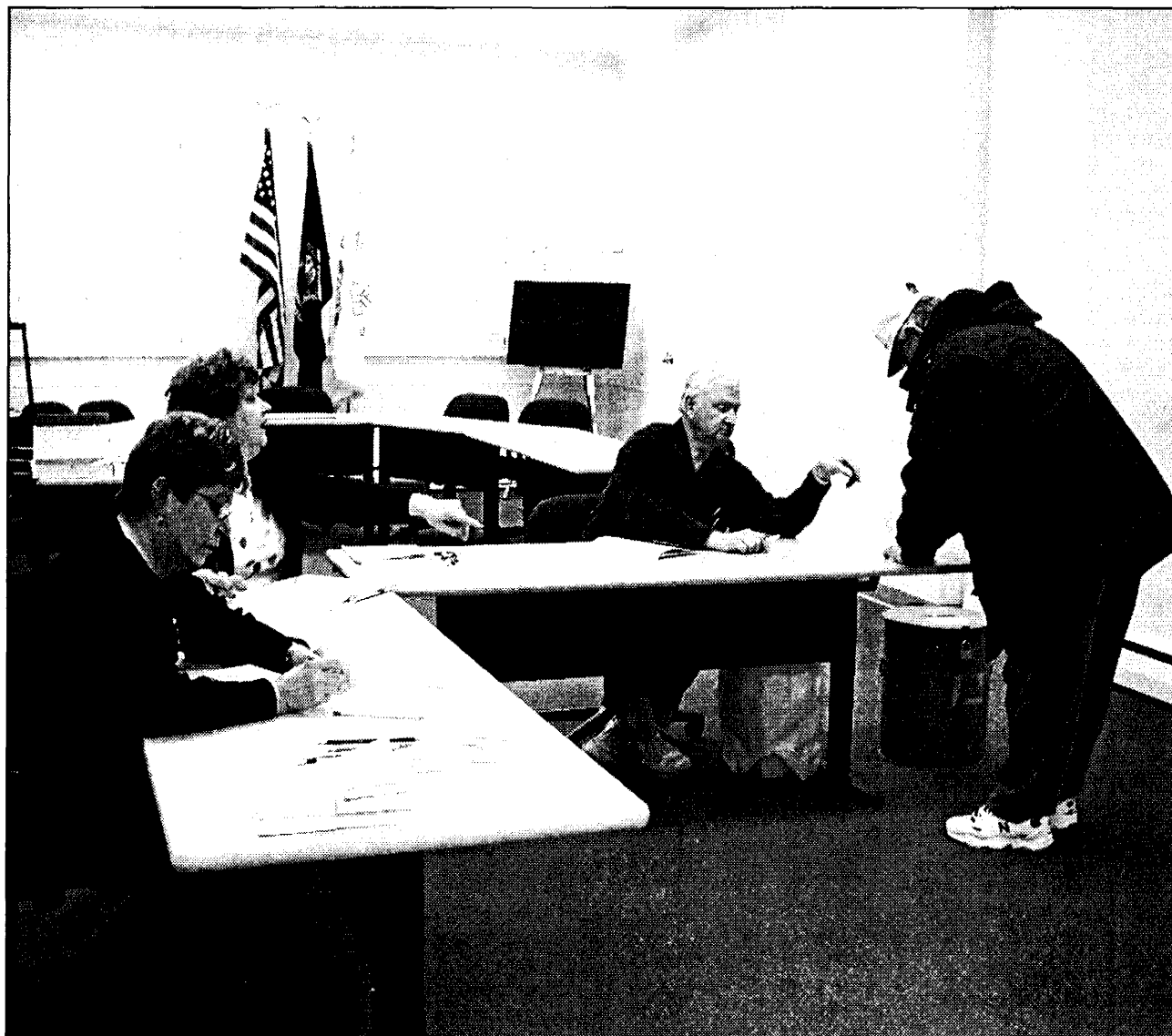
were Judy Harrington and Marilyn Schneider, who both ran unopposed.

Village residents also approved an increase in the library millage of .7 of a mill for 3 years to fund operations. The measure, which is expected to generate \$10,612 in the first year, passed by a vote of 91 to 53.

There were 138 votes in all for a voter turnout of about 22 percent.

Village officials in Gagetown and Owendale did not report the results of their elections by press time.

In Gagetown, 4 residents were vying for 3 available 4-year trustee terms, while the village clerk-treasurer ran unopposed. In Owendale, 2 newcomers and one incumbent sought a trio of 4-year trustee seats. In addition, another newcomer ran unopposed for the treasurer's seat. No candidates filed last fall for a 2-year trustee seat and the clerk's seat.



JIM MASTIE CASTS his vote Monday morning at the Cass City Municipal Building. Assisting him are election inspectors (from left) Doris Jones, Marge Feebish and Steve Lutzky. Thumb area residents went to the polls to fill a number of village council seats, including 5 terms in Cass City.

O-G's Howard forced to leave board

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Finances continued to be the focus of discussion at Monday's regular Owen-Gage Board of Education meeting, but the board had to proceed with President Randy Howard seated in the audience rather than at his usual place at the head of the table.

Howard told the board he had been forced to leave office due to a property transfer appeal submitted to the

Michigan Department of Education.

Howard explained that he purchased a 40-acre parcel at the edge of the Owen-Gage-Cass City School District boundary a few months ago, and that his requests to transfer the land out of the Cass City School District and into the Owen-Gage District has been rejected by both the Cass City and Tuscola Intermediate School District boards.

In order for the appeal to proceed, Howard continued,

he must certify that he has established residence on the property in question, meaning he is no longer a resident of the Owen-Gage School District. The bottom line, Howard added, is "I am no longer eligible to be on this school board."

Howard, who has served on

the board for 6 years - the past 3 as president - said he is hopeful his appeal will be approved by state officials. "Hopefully, it will go well, and I will run for my seat" in June.

New Supt. Bob Peterson noted the board is required by state law to appoint some-

one to fill the vacancy within the next 30 days. The 2-year seat will then be filled during the annual school election this summer. District residents will also fill a pair of 4-year board terms now being completed by Mike Mandich and Deb Quick.

The board agreed to hold a special meeting Monday, March 29, at 6 p.m. in the Owendale Junior-Senior High School library to approve the appointment.

FINANCES

Peterson recommended that

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Charges sought against 21 suspects

Drug team seizes pot, cocaine

The new year is shaping up to be a busy one for Sanilac County's drug enforcement team.

"The Sanilac County Drug Task Force has begun 2004 with a very busy first 2 months of enforcement actions," said task force Director Bill Gray.

"During January-February, the drug task force has conducted 12 search warrant executions, seizing more than 7 pounds of marijuana and 2 ounces of powder cocaine, with criminal charges being formalized against a total of 21 suspects."

The latest search warrants were executed last week in marijuana trafficking locations in Worth and Lamotte townships and the city of Marlette.

Gray said officers executed a warrant Tuesday in the 6000 block of Gardner Line Road in Worth Township, where a 26-year-old Detroit man who had recently moved into the location was arrested. The task force is seeking charges of possession with intent to deliver marijuana, maintaining a drug house and habitual offender against the man.

"Twenty-seven separately packaged baggies of marijuana, scales and other drug trafficking paraphernalia were seized from the residence," Gray said. "The Worth Township suspect was booked at the Sanilac County Jail and released on bond pending a March 26 scheduled arraignment in district court."

The next day, officers executed a search warrant in the 2000 block of Decker Road

in Lamotte Township, where task force members seized multiple pre-packaged bags of marijuana, suspected cocaine, firearms, multiple sets of scales, packaging materials and other drug-related paraphernalia.

"The 24-year-old Lamotte Township suspect was investigated and released at the scene pending lab analysis of the suspected cocaine," Gray said.

"A late March arraignment date is anticipated in district court on charges of possession with intent to deliver marijuana, possession of cocaine, possession of firearms in the commission of a felony and maintaining a drug house."

On Friday a search warrant was executed in the 3000 block of Fenner Street in Marlette.

"Numerous prepackaged bags of marijuana, 2 sets of scales, a rifle, tally sheets, drug task force undercover buy funds and other drug trafficking paraphernalia were seized," Gray said.

"A 19-year-old Marlette suspect was questioned at the Brown City High School where he was a student, and an additional small amount of marijuana and a weapon were seized."

The suspect is expected to be arraigned later this month on charges of possession with intent to deliver marijuana, possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, maintaining a drug house, possession of marijuana on school property, and possession of a weapon on school

property.

Gray said the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department Road Patrol, Marlette and Brown City police departments, Michigan State Police and the Thumb Narcotics

Unit, based in Caro, all assisted the drug task force.

Residents can report suspected drug trafficking activity anonymously by calling toll-free, 1-800-544-DRUG (3784).

Hospital worker drops lawsuit

A former Hills and Dales General Hospital facility manager has dropped his lawsuit against the Cass City hospital.

Paul A. Schuster, who filed suit last fall, claimed hospital officials had violated the Michigan Whistleblowers Act when they fired him.

"There was no basis for the suit," said Hills and Dales President and CEO Dee McKrow, who indicated she was pleased the suit was dropped. "I had no doubt we would win, but you know how much it would cost" to go through a lengthy court battle.

In his suit, Schuster claimed he was fired after reporting what he alleged were several safety and regulatory violations to various state and federal agencies since last spring.

Schuster's suit alleged problems with the hospital's TB isolation room, outpatient operating room, and failure to obtain building and other required permits. He also claimed he told hospital officials that their safety and regulatory compliance was "severely lacking" in a num-

ber of areas, and he admitted to filing reports to various state agencies regarding "suspected wrongdoing at the hospital."

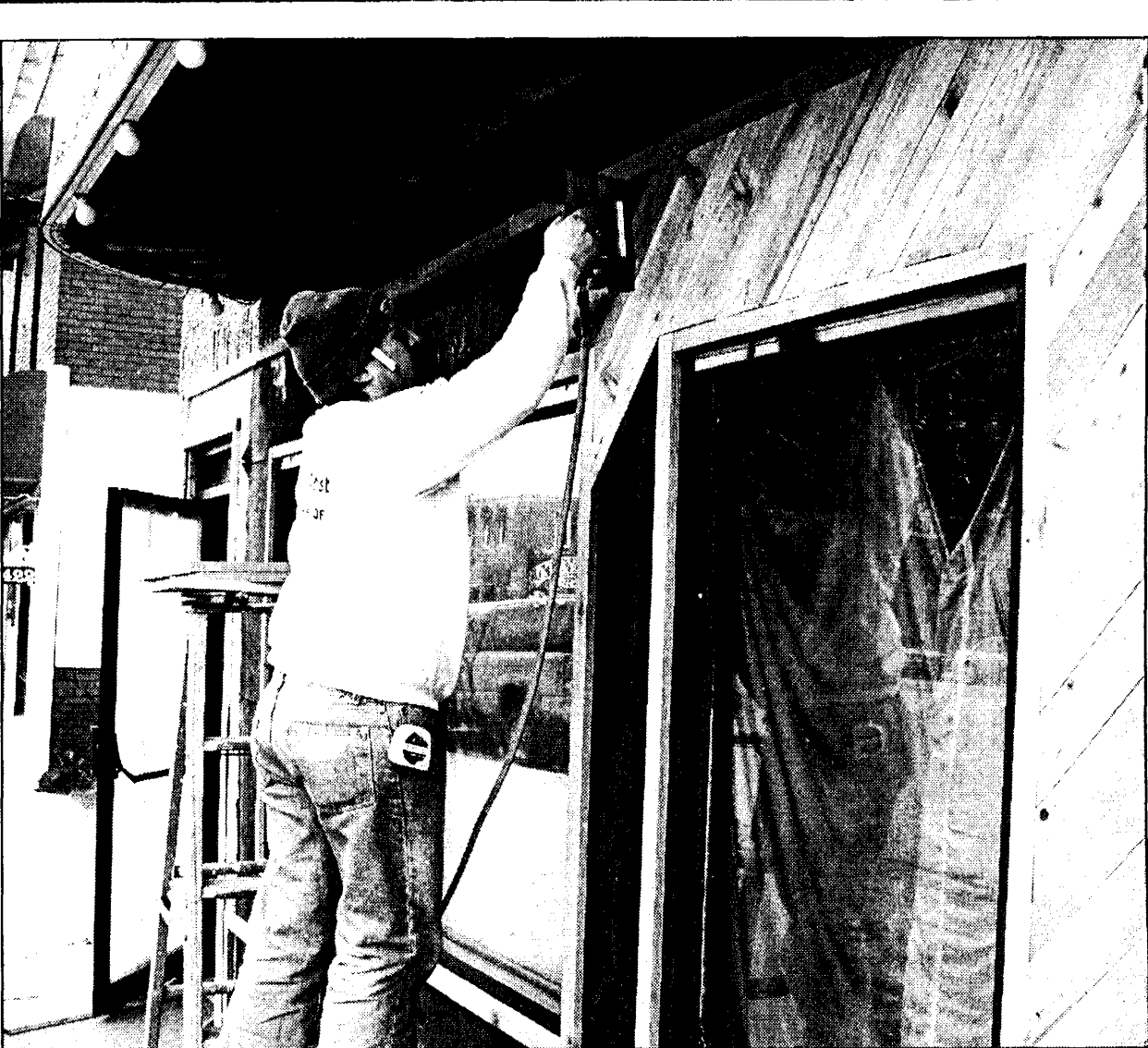
McKrow responded publicly just days after the suit was filed, saying none of Schuster's claims had been proven. She also emphasized "there has never been an employee terminated here because of trying to do the right thing."

According to McKrow, the hospital has undergone several inspections stemming from anonymous complaints filed with various agencies since April 30.

Those agencies include the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Michigan Licensing Division, the Michigan Health Facilities Division, the Michigan Consumer and Industry Services Employee Discrimination Division, the Michigan Consumer and Industry Occupational Health Division, the National Institute for Occupational Safety, and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

None of the inspections re-

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New eatery in Cass City

CONTRACTOR JAMIE Cummings installs wood trim on the front wall of a building that previously housed Tommy's Pizza and Continental Rental on Main Street in Cass City. The new owner, Korey Regnier of Cass City, plans to open a restaurant later this year featuring pizza and other Italian fare.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 989-269-6994



Twenty-seven members of the Dillon family met Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Dillon for a fish fry and birthday party. The birthday cake was made and decorated by Tanya McNeil. After the fish fry, birthday cake was served to celebrate the birthdays of John Dillon and Mick Bartosh.

Brandon, Nicole and Brent Sweeney spent Tuesday with Jim and Kay Sweeney.

Al Kincaid visited Allen Farrelly on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Van Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Robinson of Caro visited Thelma Jackson Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hacker and Bailey, Josh Hazzard, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim McLean visited Mrs. Earl Schenk.

Mrs. Chuck Rubey and Clara Bond of Cass City and Mrs. Bob Damm of Pigeon and Mrs. and Mrs. Bob Jack-

son visited Thelma Jackson. Mrs. Curtis Cleland and Mrs. Jim Doerr visited Leone Doerr at Argyle.

John Schenk visited his grandmother, Mrs. Earl Schenk, on Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Schmitsch of Mayville visited Charlotte Lapeer on Wednesday. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Franzel, a 7 pound, 10 ounce daughter, Nora Rae. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Franzel.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland spent Tuesday with Mrs. Curtis Cleland and made homemade ice cream.

Mrs. Ronnie Gracey of Bad Axe and Mrs. Kevin O'Connor of Minden City visited Thelma Jackson.

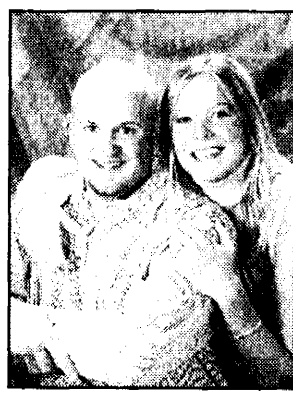
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sageman and Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen had supper at the Big Boy in Bad Axe on Sunday.

Six members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at the same place next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hanley and Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Thelma Jackson Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen visited Donelda Meske at the Huron County Health Center Sunday.

Engaged



Betsy Drury and Chad Diegel

Chad Diegel and Betsy Drury announce their engagement.

Chad is the son of Mike and Christine Diegel of Cass City. Betsy is the daughter of Robert and Leslie Drury of Pigeon.

The groom-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Cass City High School. He is currently employed at J.R. Heineman in Saginaw as a journeyman carpenter.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Laker High School. She is currently employed at Davenport University as a biology instructor.

A June 5, 2004 wedding at St. Pancratius Parish, Cass City is being planned. The reception will take place at the Franklin Inn, Bad Axe.

C. Volz a CFP

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans financial associate Charles H. Volz recently earned the CFP (Certified Financial Planner) designation granted by the CFP Board of Standards, Denver. He also is authorized to use the mark CFP in accordance with CFP Board certification and license renewal requirements.

A resident of Cass City, Volz is a registered representative of Thrivent Investment Management Inc., a subsidiary of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, a Fortune 500 financial services organization. Volz serves Lutherans and their family members in his hometown and surrounding areas.

The CFP designation identifies individuals who have met the rigorous experience and ethical requirements of the CFP Board and have successfully completed coursework on the financial services industry. CFP licensees also must agree to meet ongoing continuing education requirements and to uphold the CFP Board Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility.

Engaged



Shelly Ulfig and Nathan Klein

Danny and Peggy Ulfig of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Shelly Rae Ulfig, to Nathan Daniel Klein, the son of Marvin Klein and Leslie Kanyak.

Shelly is a graduate of Cass City High School. She has a Bachelor of Science degree from Alma College. The bride-to-be is currently applying to Wayne State University's physician assistant program, where she hopes to specialize in cardiology.

Nathan is also a graduate of Cass City High School. He has an associates and bachelors degree in HVACR engineering from Ferris State University. The groom-to-be is currently employed as a design engineer for Rush Air Incorporated in St. Clair.

Shelly is the granddaughter of Mary Rabideau and the late Ray and Helen Ulfig, all of Cass City, and Carl Yens of Kingston. Nathan is the grandson of Ralph and Geraldine Klein of Atlanta, and Bruce and Betsy Farver of Elkton.


A Sept. 18, 2004 wedding is planned.

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MARCH 12-15-16

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Monday - Country fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, Key West blend, fruit.
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Spring break

by Melva E. Guinther

We flew the coop recently, fed up with the interminable snow and ice, and went south. Not too far south - only to Dayton, Ohio, where our daughter and son-in-law live.

But it was far enough that we could walk on dry ground without a coat and gloves for the first time in many months, see tulips and daffodils growing and robins hopping around the yard.

It's been a long, hard winter in Michigan and it gave us renewed hope to see all the signs of spring a little south of us.

To return home and find our own yard bare was more than we dared hope for. I wouldn't have dreamed that all that snow could vanish so quickly.

Of course, reality returned Sunday morning with the snow.

Nevertheless, Norma Freville reported seeing 2 robins in their yard in Caro last week, so spring must be coming.

Besides the pleasant weather in Ohio, we enjoyed spending time with daughter Sandy and her husband Andy and their 3 cats - Sam, the old-timer Sandy's had since before they were married, and the KMD (kittens of mass destruction) Badger and Danika.

To the KMD, the world and everything in it is either to be eaten or played with.

After watching them for a week, I began to think they have the right idea - just enjoy life as it happens. They don't worry about what anybody thinks of them or where their next meal is coming from. Someone has always

provided their needs and taken care of them. Why would tomorrow be different?

They sleep when they're tired and eat when they're hungry. The rest of the day is spent investigating the world around them and playing with whatever they find.

Occasionally they get into trouble, but they're too cute to punish with any severity. We also did some shopping, and discovered the fun of Thrift Store bargains. There are several big thrift stores in the city that sell good stuff at wonderfully low prices.

Sunday we attended Far Hills Community Church, probably the largest church I've ever been in. It features a café, guest center and book store, and probably a lot more that we didn't see.

Sandy took us to the Krohn Conservatory in Cincinnati one day, where we saw a variety of tropical plants, including coffee and vanilla trees. I purchased a tropical plant, which I'm hoping will live until it blooms in the fall. (My thumb is not very green.)

The Second Street Market in Dayton is always a fun experience, with lots of ethnic foods to sample, crafts and entertainment.

We were a bit disappointed that the "flower man" wasn't on hand this time. He's quite a character. You can hear him all over the market giving his flower spiel, which always ends with "Thank you, Flower Man!" Sometimes he jumps up on a table hawking his wares. A far less colorful fellow was manning the flower stand that Saturday.

As usual when visiting our kids, we enjoyed some fine dining, and overate.

All in all, it was a welcome break from the monotony of the tail end of winter. I think we can make it till spring now.

It's twins!



Grace and Emma Freeman

Josh and Maria (Garety) Freeman of Flint announce the birth of their twin daughters, Grace Elizabeth and Emma Lynn.

They were born Feb. 4, 2004 at Genesys Regional Medical Center, Flint.

Grace (left) was born at 7:51 a.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Emma (right) was born at 7:52 a.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grace and Emma join brother Jordan at home.

Their grandparents are James and Terry Vandrasek, and Randy Freeman, all of Flint; and Raymond and Delores Garety of Cass City. Great-grandparents are Elmer and Patricia Vinton, and Duane and Alida Freeman, all of Flint.

It's a girl!



Kendall Hicks

Brian and Melissa Hicks of Deford announce the birth of their daughter, Kendall Marie Hicks.

Kendall was born Feb. 16, 2004 at Covenant Health Care, Saginaw. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Her grandparents are Fred and Carol Hicks and Chuck and Marge Harms, all of Deford, and Rob and Nancy Veldman of Harbor Beach.

Kendall's great-grandparents are Gerald and Elsie Hicks and Jennie Mozdzen, all of Deford.

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

Cass City Social Item

Linda Volz, daughter Jocelyn Solo, and friend Elaine Thies, spent the weekend in Gaylord cross-country skiing at "Inn The Woods" golf course and ski lodge.

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Students named to dean's list

Several area residents were recently named to the dean's and president's lists at Baker College, Cass City.

Students who earn a perfect 4.0 grade point average during a quarter in which they completed 12 or more credit hours qualify for the president's list and are invited to attend a special dinner in their honor.

Among those named to the list are:

Brandy Hein, Peggy Pitcher and Julie Vargo, all of Cass City.

Among those named to the full-time dean's list for earning a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.99 are:

Laura Auten, Jeannie Beckrow, Jeri Linderman, Rose Martin, Sheri Spencer, Kimberly Vincent and Shirley Yax, all of Cass City; Sarah Dore, Amanda Mar, Monica Rushlo and Teresa Webster, all of Decker; Lisa Deel, Mary Klimek and Melissa Woodward, all of Deford; Cynthia Gibson, Gagetown; Roberta Corlis, Trevor Julien and Meagan Prusinski, all of Kingston; and Jean Grifka of Ubly.

Part-time dean's list students, who earned a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0, include:

Rick Champagne, Hubert Coleman, Rochelle Dohn, Kathy Gamet, Johanna Hancy, Dennis Hill, Lourie Johnson, Carol Kroetsch, Virginia Mills, Denise Mosey, Dawn O'Connor, Wendy Timko, Constance Wedge and Michelle Wooters, all of Cass City; Jessica Smith, Argyle; Connie Navarro, Decker; Debra Kidd, Elizabeth Stewart and Jared Thane, all of Deford; Jill Geister and Dawne Prochilo, both of Kingston; Jodie Peruski, Shanna Turnbull, Andrea Wiederhold and Loretta Wiererton, all of Owendale; and Nancy Booms, Julie Helewski, Pamela Jaworski, Kay Particka and Denise Warner, all of Ubly.

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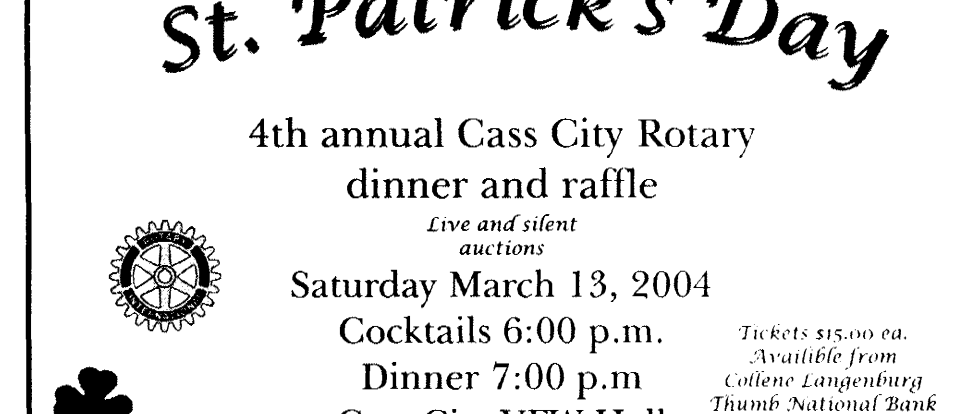
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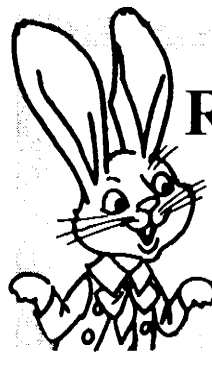
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

It isn't often that electors can have a direct impact on the operation of the school system. One of the rare opportunities to do so is on the agenda Monday at a special meeting at the Cass City Middle School starting at 6:30 p.m.

That's when a proposed change in the marking system will be open for public input. The school board appears to be divided on the issue and a decided majority either for or against change could very easily decide the issue.

A stranger might have a little trouble finding just where Vulcan Street runs in the village. It starts adjacent to the walking trail in southwest Cass City, starting at Seventh Street. All is well as it proceeds north past Garfield to Fourth Street.

Here there is an abrupt change to Brooker Street, for no apparent good reason, and proceeds as Brooker Street to Third Street (one block). There it supposedly ends and Vulcan Street mysteriously returns and combines with Third Street for about a half block to a curve in the road.

Then Brooker Street returns and runs past Main Street to Church Street.

Robins, Robins, Robins everywhere.

We noted last week that a first Robin report had not been received even though the weather was spring-like. That opened the floodgates.

Lester Auten, Greenland Road, Cass City leads the pack reporting he saw 8 to 10 Robins in his front yard Mar. 1.

Robert McAlpine spotted 3 Robins on Doerr Road near Garfield.

Genevieve Bessler saw two Robins Sunday.

Doloris Hartsell observed 2 Robins last week, Monday. A Robin was observed by a group that included K. Martin, Elizabeth Bigham and Esther Allen-Haire.

Division I rating Cass City band shines at district III festival

Doug Burtch continues to orchestrate a revitalization of the Cass City High School band program.

The Cass City High School Concert Band proved that Saturday at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) District III Band Festival at Laker High School, where the band earned a Division I rating, the highest mark possible.

The band will now advance to the MSBOA State Festival, which will be held the weekend of April 23-24.

"This rates the band as one of the best in the district," said Burtch, director of bands, who noted this was the band's first Division I rating in Class C in 21 years.

Among the judges' comments were:

"The band has a great overall sound and it is evident you are receiving fine instruction, congratulations on a job well done."

"You have selected a challenging and well varied and thought out program, congratulations on a job well done."

The Cass City Bands are now gearing up to present their "Jazz Night Concert", slated for today (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. at the high school. The program will feature the high school jazz band, high school concert choir and a percussion ensemble.

Admission is free and the public is welcome to attend.

"This is the first in a series of concerts being presented in honor of 'March is Music in Our Schools Month'," said

Burtch, who added the jazz ensemble will feature Sarah Hobbs on vocals, singing the standard "Georgia On My Mind." Other selections will include "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" and Louis Armstrong's "Wonderful World" by the high school concert choir.

A gala concert for students, faculty and the public will take place Friday, March 19, at 1:45 p.m. in celebration of this month's activities.

Cass City woman injured in accident

A Cass City woman suffered minor injuries in a one-vehicle accident Sunday morning on Elkton Road near Rescue Road in Huron County's Grant Township.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Bad Axe reported Rebecca S. Bird, 46, was driving north at about 9:30 a.m. when she lost control and her vehicle went into a ditch. The ditch was partially filled with water and Bird was trapped inside her vehicle, but she was able to

escape with the help of other motorists who stopped to help.

Slushy road conditions contributed to the accident, according to troopers, who noted Bird was wearing a seatbelt.

Elkton Ambulance personnel transported Bird to Huron Medical Center, where she was treated and then released.

Elkton/Oliver Township fire fighters also assisted troopers at the scene.

The Haire Net

*Blame yourself,
not the restaurant*



Remember how most of us felt that it was ridiculous that a woman could sue McDonald's after she burned herself by spilling a cup of hot coffee?

Now the fast food chain is girding for another legal attack because of the food it serves.

It is a predicted result from a new documentary "Super Size Me" by Morgan Spurlock. Spurlock eats only McDonald's foods for 30 days. In the film there are segments about obesity and processed food. Spurlock gains about 25 pounds and has wild mood swings. He receives a warning from doctors about his rising cholesterol levels and liver toxicity. The film is expected to be released by the end of May.

Now let's grant that hitting McDonald's exclusively for food for 30 days is not the way to go for better health. It's hard to believe that anyone would restrict themselves to a menu at McDonald's, or any other fast food restaurant, for a month. If they did they deserve what they get.

Because of the danger and the expense of a class action suit, McDonald's is preparing healthy food information that will be in its stores. Management also points to the new salads that have been a hit for customers and last year moved to an all-white-meat chicken McNugget. Other changes are on the way.

When I first read about the hot coffee accident I was amused, feeling that any rational person could not hold a company responsible because the victim couldn't hold a cup of coffee without spilling it.

Now the cry is that eating too many cheeseburgers makes people fat and McDonald's should be held accountable. Accountable as in dollars for the customers and for the lawyers.

The point of this whole incident is where does personal responsibility for our actions enter the picture?

How many times a week a French fry or hamburger lover should indulge is an individual thing.

Individuals usually know, or certainly can find out, what's healthy for them. And I realize that sticking to a healthy diet is tougher for many (including me) than quitting smoking. Once you kick the nicotine habit you aren't tempted time and time again. Everyone has to eat and when you are hungry a burger looks awfully good.

But I digress. The point here is that eating too many cheeseburgers is definitely a matter of choice.

If your choice is to stock up and pack on the pounds why should we blame the restaurant?

Or be able to sue and make them pay for our bum decisions.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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goals for attendance and accountability would face a loss of funding, and their soldiers should be allowed to transfer to other units. (These units would be notified the new soldiers are coming, so they won't be left behind, again.)

The Guard should have a rigorous testing program, with commanders responsible for the performance of

their charges. Someone could be assigned to search the Armory on Mondays to make sure no soldier is left behind anything.

That's what the Democrats should be doing: Proposing programs, instead of just carping about the President's attendance record.

Who knows? Maybe there's some hope for this campaign after all.

The Weather			
	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	44	36	tr.
Wednesday	41	34	.03"
Thursday	43	35	.78"
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from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

IS WINTER OVER YET???

We are now moving toward the middle of March, but I am not sure it is safe to say winter is over. There have been times when we have gotten some nasty weather in late March and early April, but let's hope it doesn't happen this year. At this point in time, our district does not have to make up any snow days. In fact, we still have a couple of hours left that could be used toward "Act of God" school closures or delays. With winter coming to a conclusion, I recently came across some information that Shirley McIntosh, our high school secretary, has been maintaining. The following lists each of the past 30 years with the number of "NO SCHOOL SNOW DAYS" for each year. Enjoy reviewing this information. Maybe it will remind you of some interesting memories from the past.

1974-75	No Snow Days	1989-90	4 Snow Days
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1976-77	8 Snow Days	1991-92	4 Snow Days
1977-78	5 Snow Days	1992-93	3 Snow Days
1978-79	10 Snow Days	1993-94	5 Snow Days
1979-80	1 Snow Day	1994-95	3 Snow Days
1980-81	7 Snow Days	1995-96	6 Snow Days
1981-82	6 Snow Days	1996-97	4 Snow Days
1982-83	2 Snow Days	1997-98	1 Snow Day
1983-84	2 Snow Days	1998-99	4 Snow Days
1984-85	15 Snow Days	1999-00	2 Snow Days
1985-86	5 Snow Days	2000-01	5 Snow Days
1986-87	No Snow Days	2001-02	3 Snow Days
1987-88	2 Snow Days	2002-03	3 Snow Days
1988-89	No Snow Days	2003-04	6 Snow Days (So Far)

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

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Red Hawk Talks

by Kristi Fluegge

Two years ago they placed third at their state competition. Last year they were the state champions for class C/D. This year our Forensics team is expected by many to repeat as champions. What a record!

Obviously, with results like this they must be a very talented team and have a dedicated coach. With half of their season remaining this year they have already earned over 64 awards. I felt these students definitely deserved some recognition.

I asked Mr. Daniels, their coach, and all the members what Forensics is all about and how much time they put into it. Kyle Swanson helped me out by explaining some of the details. "Forensics can be simplified into two categories: Public Speaking and Acting. In the Public Speaking portion participants write an original speech on their topic. In Acting, participants choose an acting selection and are able to perform it." I was also informed that there are 14 events and the competitors work for individual and team honors. A few of the events include Sales, Broadcasting, Poetry, and Informative.

Oratory is another event that Stephanie Richards participates in. "I give a 10 minute speech on 'bullycide', which is when people commit suicide because of bullying. I present the problem, provide several statistics and then introduce solutions."

It was made obvious everyone puts in a different amount of time depending on the results they want. For Leslie Hacker, who expects only her best, she usually

practices at least an hour after school everyday and then she spends from about 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. every Saturday competing. I know from volleyball Saturdays are a hard thing to give up and I applaud every one of them who manage waking up those early hours.

Eric Hanby and nearly the entire Forensics team would agree with Courtney Rabideau on what she likes the least about Forensics. "When we are going to away tournaments, we have to get up SUPER early to get there on time." For any student in high school a normal early Saturday would probably be around 8:00. Well, for these students when they say early, they mean by 5 a.m.! They have traveled to tournaments at Sterling Heights, Beverly Hills, Roscommon and Mio. Wow! Talk about a long day! Every one of the team members admitted that forensics takes up a lot of time, including Kyle Swanson. "It takes a big time commitment because you have to practice a lot!"

Many of them will be admiring the streets of London, England just a few short weeks from now. For Spring Break, Mr. Daniels will be taking his theatre class on quite a trip. "While in London, we will be seeing the sights as well as experiencing various plays and shows. I will also be planning strategies for Regional competition, which will take place in April." Mr. Daniels never loses sight of his goals, even while in London.

I feel one of the most interesting questions you can ask someone is what their favorite memory is and what they find the most enjoyable. One answer seemed to be repeated. Sarah Langmaid, Leah Sherman and Leslie Hacker were a few that stated the obvious memory, winning the state championship! Yet, I was very surprised by the answer I heard repeated even more, even by coach Daniels. "Most people would probably guess that my favorite memory would be raising the State Championship trophy above my head. But actually my favorite memories are the ones in which the members of the team have demonstrated that they are more than just a team, but more like a family. They do "bicker" but they also defend each other, support each other, and above all have been there in time of need for each other."

The strength in this team is found in their support, but also in this saying Kurt Hanby expressed, "Accept no excuses and demand perfection and a commitment to one self and his team equals back to back championships!"



THIS GROUP OF Ubley High School Band students recently performed at a district solo and ensemble festival. The students earned a pair of Division I ratings (the highest mark possible) and 11 Division II ratings for their solos and duets. Two clarinet soloists, senior Carrie Pichla and junior Meghan Kubacki earned the Division I ratings, qualifying them for the state festival to be held March 27 at Central Michigan University. The girls will be required to perform scales as well as solos and also sight-read a new selection.

Guilty to CSC

Fairgrove teen pleads

A Tuscola County teen pleaded guilty to 3 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct last week.

Gary J. Shaver Jr., 15, Fairgrove, entered the pleas in Tuscola County Circuit Court. Court records indicate the crimes occurred in the Caro area from 1998 up to the time of his arrest and involved a victim under the age of 13 years.

He was originally charged with 8 counts of first degree and 2 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct.

If sentenced as an adult, Shaver must face up to life or any term of years in prison.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered by the court, which continued bond at \$500,000 and remanded the defendant to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

In other circuit court proceedings last week:

•Jason S. Matuszak, 28, Vassar, pleaded guilty to attempted second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years during the summer of 1991 in Denmark Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$100,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Terrence L. McClain, 27, Flint, pleaded no contest to second degree home invasion and assault with a dangerous weapon May 16, 2001, in Arbel Township.

The plea was taken under advisement by the court, which ordered a pre-sentence investigation and continued bond at \$50,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Roy D. Nichols Jr., 26, Flint, pleaded no contest to

second degree home invasion and assault with a dangerous weapon May 16, 2001, in Arbel Township.

The plea was taken under advisement. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Dallas G. Schiestel, 42, Fostoria, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Aug. 9 in Millington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.

•Charles D. Dost, 44, Caro, pleaded guilty to assault with dangerous weapon and domestic violence Feb. 8 in Wells Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$25,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Daryl L. Periso, 39, Deford, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 25 in Kingston Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.

•Shane K. Orton II, 30, Gagetown, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of uttering and publishing involving checks for \$778 and \$1,150, both drawn on Chemical Bank, and one count of forgery last September in Caro and Cass City.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$5,000 and the

defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Derek A. Smith, 20, Caro, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to second degree home invasion Oct. 2 in Dayton Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,280.

•William J. Leach III, 22, Millington, was found innocent on all charges following a one-day jury trial.

Leach had been charged with second degree home invasion and domestic violence Oct. 11 in Millington.

Leach represented himself during the trial. Following the verdict, the court ordered his bond returned and the case dismissed.

Chase ends in driver's arrest

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies arrested a Sebawaing man last week after he stole gasoline in Cass City and later led officers on a 4-hour chase on foot.

The March 1 incident began at about 6 a.m. when deputies responded to a stolen vehicle complaint at the Fish Point Game Area. An earlier report indicated the driver of the vehicle had stolen \$50 worth of gas in Cass City.

"At approximately 8 a.m., the suspect vehicle was reported in the ditch in the area of M-81 and Cedar Run Road. Before officers could arrive on the scene, the vehicle was removed with the aid of a farmer who had no knowledge of the vehicle being stolen," said Tuscola

County Sheriff Tom Kern.

"At approximately 3:30 p.m., a Tuscola County Road Commission driver spotted the vehicle in the Deford area. Officers found the suspect and vehicle parked in a DNR parking lot near Dodge and Deckerville roads."

The suspect fled on foot, according to Kern, who said a 4-hour search ended when a tracking dog from the Vassar Police Department flushed the suspect out to awaiting deputies.

The suspect, Jacinto D. Aguilera, 19, Sebawaing, is being charged with unlawfully driving away an automobile, fleeing and eluding a police officer and resisting and obstructing a police officer.

The Cass City and Kingston police departments, a DNR officer and the Vassar K-9 Unit all assisted deputies.



Bulldog Beat

by Laura Enderle

Reading is **FUNDamental** for everyone. That is why the Owen-Gage elementary puts so much emphasis on challenging young students to excel in their reading skills. It has been over a 9-year tradition at O-G to celebrate March as Reading Month. I can remember doing the great activities when I was in school, and over the years, the enthusiasm has only grown.

This year they kicked the month off by celebrating Dr. Seuss' 100th birthday on Monday with a special morning assembly to explain the events of the month to the students. During the assembly 96 attentive students listened to the timeless classic, "The Cat in the Hat" like it was their first time hearing it. Following the story they had a great discussion relating the book's lesson to their own lives. They talked about how they should listen to their parents and how they shouldn't lie to them either. They even talked about why they wouldn't let The Cat in the Hat into their own home. During this time Mrs. Warack expressed how it is equally important to understand the lessons of books as it is just to simply read them.

Every year para professionals Patty Rogers and Jennifer McClaren fill out a calendar of reading encouraged events to promote reading. Some of the individual activities include making a list of ways a family uses reading every day, writing about your favorite cartoon character, reading something that comes in the mail, and circling words they can read on a cereal box or on a newspaper page.

They also organize group activities to take place in school like Button Day (students wear their favorite button for others to read), bring a snack to school to eat while you read, and my favorite, D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) Day. The students carry a book around school all day and every time a certain bell rings they have to D.E.A.R.

This year in addition to the calendar of events, Mrs. Warack, Mrs. Rogers and

Mrs. McClaren have made a deal with all the students. They agreed to get a pie in the face at the end of the month's Hawaiian Party Reading Celebration if each student reads 2 books and will fill out a short book report. The staff at Owen-Gage believes that if they make reading fun for the students, then the students are going to want to read.

Although March is recognized as Reading Month with numerous exciting activities, the elementary uses many incentives throughout the year to promote reading.

Every month each student is encouraged to participate in Reading Magic. This program has a different theme every month. Students must read and fill out the short coordinating book report to receive special recognition by putting their book report on the wall. They also get small prizes like bouncy balls, stretchy characters, yo-yos and more.

The school participates in Pizza Hut's Book-It Club too. The students receive individual pizza certificates for reading books each month.

Owen-Gage has also had different loyal retired teachers, such as Janet Retford and Pat Enderle, who understand the importance of reading, come in and read to students. In the past there has been a program called Reading Buddies, where high school student volunteers give up their lunch hour to read with underdeveloped elementary students 3 times a week. All these programs help make reading amusing rather than frustrating.

Mrs. Warack stated, "A good foundation helps students succeed and that is our goal."

The O-G elementary staff does an outstanding job working together to encourage the importance of reading. Their expectations have grown since I was in the elementary. They now have kindergarten age students reading and writing phonetically. I will end this article with a quote from Dr. Seuss, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you will go." Have a great week!

Farmers to discuss concerns

Area farmers will have a chance to discuss state and national issues of concern with Michigan Farm Bureau President Wayne Wood, MFB Director Carl Bednarski, MFB National Legislative Counsel Sarah Black, and the following legislators or a representative from their office have also been invited: Rep. Tom Meyer and Senator James Barcia. Senator Carl Levin, Senator Debbie Stabenow and Rep. Dale Kildee.

This free breakfast meeting will be held Monday, March 22, from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at

the Brentwood in Caro.

According to State and National Affairs Committee Chairman Dennis Engelhard, this meeting really shows how the grassroots of Farm Bureau works. Local farmers will have an opportunity to voice their opinions. Farm Bureau members and non-members are welcome.

For more information, contact Engelhard at (989) 674-2766. Individuals planning to attend need to RSVP to the county Farm Bureau office by Wednesday, March 17, at (989) 673-4155.

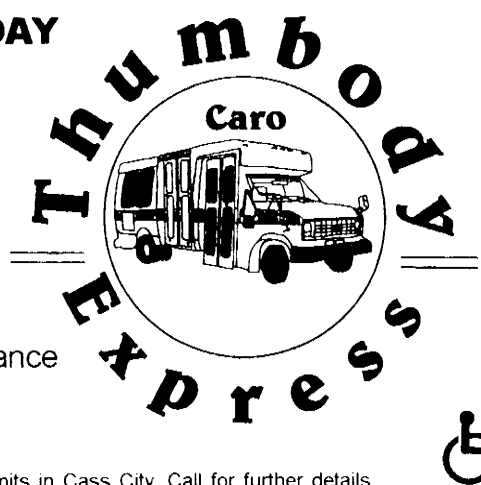
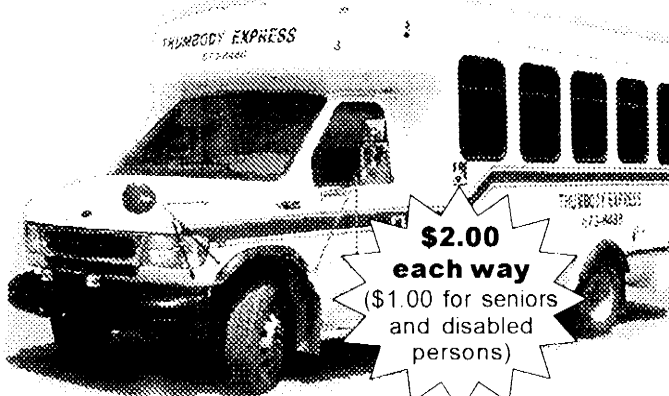
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Juveniles arrested in break-in

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Bad Axe have apprehended 2 juveniles who confessed to breaking and entering buildings in the Unionville-Sebawaing Area School District last week.

A school employee discovered someone had broken into the USA Elementary School during the morning hours of Feb. 29.

The Huron County Sheriff's Department, Sebawaing Police Department and a trooper from the Michigan State Police post in Caro assisted in the investigation, which revealed the district's middle and high schools had also been entered.

The suspects damaged property and removed some items from the buildings, according to investigators, who reported recovering some \$1,600 in cash believed to have been stolen from the schools.

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Way back when....

DEFORD AREA resident Dale Churchill provided this January 1949 photo of students at the Crawford School. The students are: (front row, from left) Eddie Chapin, Larry Malace, Dicky Spencer, Jimmie Walmsley, Bruce Fields, Stanley Spencer, (second row, left) Clarence Spencer, Paul Lerner, Dorthy Kay Anthes, Janet Peck, Carol May, Mary Salas, Lupe Salas, Janet Walmsley, Diane Lerner, (third row, left) Geraldine Fry, Donnie Cox, Norman Peck, Jean Fields, Nancy Paladi, Anna Salas, Nancy Walmsley, Ronnie May, Janice Caister, Miss Betty Feuster, (fourth row, left) Geraldine Warner, Janet Fields, Allan Fields, Vernon Churchill, Sheldon Peck, Dorthy Fry, Ethel Fry, Vern Peck and Fanny Salas.



CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY School students who represented Cass City Schools in the 2003-04 Tuscola County Spelling Bee were: (front row, left) Kelsey Dillon, Ethan Nicol, Jared Weidman (third place), Hayley Thorp (alternate), Alexandra Pena (alternate), (back row, left) Shannon Stec (fifth place), Macey Messing (alternate) and Courtney Thompson (alternate). Two Reese Elementary students claimed first and second place at the annual bee, held Feb. 27 at USA High School.

Sheriff clarifies CCW law

Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern Friday offered gun owners some clarification regarding Michigan's carrying a concealed weapon (CCW) law.

"There have been many questions asked about the CCW renewals, specifically the class requirement," Kern said.

"After conferring with our prosecuting attorney, who chairs the gun board, it was determined that renewals under the law must take a 3-hour refresher course to comply with the law. Everything else will remain the same with the exception that the renewal will be for 5 years rather than 3 years."

Wood craft show on tap at library

Area residents who enjoy making cabinets, furniture and other projects from wood are invited to share their craft with the community at the Rawson Memorial Library Woodworking Show slated for March 29-April 10.

The last woodworking show held at the library was in 1996, before the building was renovated, so we are excited about offering this event again. Items will be displayed in the Pinney Room and throughout the library.

Articles for this show may include furniture pieces, such as cabinets, tables, chairs; or small items such as clock cases, candlesticks, bowls, picture frames and shelves, etc. Projects must be finished.

Items do not need to have been constructed recently. Residents with a family piece that was handmade are welcome to include it in the display. Please include information about who made it, when, and any interesting background information.

Because of space limitations, it may be necessary to limit the display to 2 or 3 pieces per person. Items for the show should be brought to the library beginning March 22.

Those interested in participating are asked to call 872-2856 or stop in at the library.

Dillon, Khoury on list

Two Cass City residents have been named to the dean's list at Michigan Technological University. Houghton, for earning a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

They are: Joshua V. Dillon, a senior majoring in computer engineering, and Jalal K. Khoury, a senior majoring in engineering technology.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

Cass City MMR Supervisor Ron Pawloski has welcomed 4 new emergency medical technicians to his staff, including Mark Hoffman, Carol Kubacki, Sandi Wright and Kim Johnson.

Cass City youngsters joined millions of other students across the country in celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday March 2 as part of "Read Across America". Campbell Elementary School Principal Jody Miklovic got into the spirit by donning a Cat in the Hat costume and reading to students.

Cass City 3rd grader Tommy Parrish designed the logo that is to be used on all correspondence involving the community's playground project. Tommy is the son of Decker residents Brenda and Kevin Parrish.

10 YEARS AGO

Sixty volunteers are taking part in the VIP Listener/Reader program at Campbell Elementary School, where all 550 students have the opportunity to read to someone as part of March is Reading Month.

Computers are a necessity these days, but sometimes their use brings weird results. Computers can't think. Last week a news release from Taylor University informed me that Amie Paladi of Deford was a graduate. That's true, said her folks when we called for more information. However, we don't feel that it's really newsworthy, they said. Why no? Amie graduated 2 years ago and is now doing social work in Ft. Wayne, they explained. (From Rabbit Tracks)

The Cass City Rotary Club, represented by Dave Milligan and Rotary president Jim Bolton, presented a \$1,500 check to Randy Hauk of the Cass City Mercy Ambulance Service Tuesday towards the purchase of a mobile oxygen testing unit.

That gift and a grant from General Cable Corp. secured the unit that will be added to the company's ambulance.

25 YEARS AGO

He who hesitates pays more. Editor Mike Eliasohn was in a town where one station was still selling regular gasoline for 70.9 cents per gallon; the rest for a penny more. He decided to take care of some other business before getting gas there. He got to the station an hour later, during which the price had been increased to 71.9 cents. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Announcement that a site in Kingston Township won't be one of the proposed locations for a minimum security Department of Corrections work camp drew cheers Monday at a special meeting called by the township board. The site had been a "poor third choice," with the Planning Commission's top two choices being on Caro Regional Center property, south of the Cass River in Indianfields Township.

Does Cass City need a \$6 million expansion and improvement at its sewage treatment plant? Does Cass City have a choice. Those are the questions facing village residents, who go to the polls Tuesday to vote on whether the village should be allowed to sell bonds for up to \$1.2 million to finance the local share for the project. Provided a majority votes "yes," it will mean property owners will have to pay as

much as 4.5 mills early in the repayment process, but during the 40 years of the bond issue the amount will decline each year.

35 YEARS AGO

It was completed almost casually...without fan fare, without commotion...almost as if the matter had little importance. Art Holmberg, 57, Dean of the Thumb's principals, resigned as he worked, quietly and efficiently. He presented a letter to the board and it was read by Secretary Elwyn Helwig. Board President Horace Bulen tried to express the feelings of the board, but how do you sum up a lifetime of service with a few words? You can't effectively, and Bulen didn't.

Easter time is fast approaching...and here is Haire's gift for you...a giant rabbit. This 24-inch long monster is partially housebroken (spread old Chronicles) and has adopted Mrs. Ann Bassett. It's obviously somebody's pet and I keep hoping that the owner will claim it, she reports, before I find it's a mamma and not a papa rabbit. (From Rabbit Tracks)

The first Master Mason degrees conferred in the new Masonic Temple at the corner of Maple and Garfield streets, went to Charles Wright, Arthur Randall and Edwin Comber. Worthy Master William Schram congratulated the three men. An estimated 100 persons attended from Caro, Gagetown, Uby, Bad Axe and Cass City.

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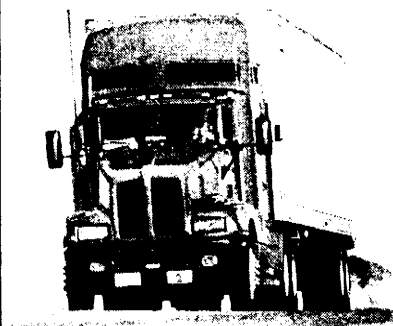
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Hawks fall in district opener

It's hard to defeat a team 3 times in a year and the Cass City Red Hawks found that out Monday when they fell to the Bad Axe Hatchets in the opening round of the district class C tournament at Bad Axe, 58-54.

The Hawks had their worst shooting night of the year as

shot after shot failed to fall. The 3-point hoops that carried the Hawks to wins in its late season drive were sadly missing and Cass City failed to cash in on nearly a dozen open looks at the hoop.

There was just a little over a minute remaining in the first half before Justin Glaza

connected from the corner for the first 3-pointer of the night. It put the Hawks ahead 9-5.

Unfortunately for Hawk fans that was the last trey for the Hawks until Tyler Erla hit one midway through the third quarter.

Things looked bright for the

Hawks in the early moments of the second quarter. With Erla hitting 4 hoops, the Hawks went on a 9-4 run to post what was to be their largest lead of the night, 20-11. Jason Iskow connected for a pair of baskets to net the Hatchets 4 points in the Cass City run.

The Hatchets then rallied and started the spurt that took them into the lead that they never lost.

Four for 4 from the free throw line by Josh Schultz and a 3-pointer by David Smith at the whistle moved Bad Axe to within 2 points, 22-19, at the intermission.

A 20-6 run to open the third quarter pushed the Hatchets in front 40-28 and the Hawks never recovered.

The Hawks cut the lead to 4 points going into the last quarter, but never got any closer.

With 2:16 left in the game the Hatchets were in front 47-42 and went on an 8-2 run to lead 56-44 with less than a minute to play. The Hawks finally hit a pair of treys, but Bad Axe had a comfortable lead, 58-46, and the shots that finally found the mark only succeeded to make the final score closer. The Hatchets were great from the free throw line, converting 8 of 10, as the Hawks fouled to try and catch up.

Erla made his final game for the Hawks a very good one as he burned the nets for 26 points to lead all scorers. Another senior, Jake Brinkman, was also in double figures with 11 points.

Three Hatchets were in double figures, Dave Smith, 16, Meinhold, 11, and Dan Lasceski, 10.

The game ended the careers for 8 Hawk seniors: Erla, Brinkman, Nick Swanson, Zac Toner, Chris Dillon and Craig Holmgren.



RED HAWK Jake Brinkman goes to the hoop against Bad Axe defender Jason Iskow in Monday's district opener.

Cass City disposes of All Saints

Cass City Red Hawks ended the regular season on a positive note with a win at Bay City All Saints Friday, 58-46. It was another victory in a late-season turnaround that also included wins over Lak-ers and Valley Lutheran. The 3 teams defeated Cass City in games played earlier this year.

The Hawks, 12-8 for the season, used a tight defense to post the win. It resulted in the lowest point total of the season for the Cougars.

The Hawks pushed off to an early lead and at the half had the game well under control. Brad Langenburg connected for a pair of threes and a 2 pointer in the first period to

pace Cass City to a 15-9 lead.

It was in the second quarter that the Hawks pushed into an almost insurmountable lead. Two seniors carried the load for Cass City in the period. Jake Brinkman ran up a pair of treys and 2 regular hoops for 10 points and Tyler Erla added a 3 and a 2. The Cougars went stone

cold and netted just 4 points on a pair of hoops by Pike. At the intermission Cass City was in front, 33-13.

All Saints came to life in the last half, but it was too little, too late. In the third period, paced by Andy Spyhalski with 9 of his 11 points, the Cougars outscored Cass City, 17-14.

All Saints also outscored the Hawks 16-11 in the final 8 minutes to make the final score closer. Cass City converted 7 of 11 shots from the charity stripe in the last period.

Three Hawks were in double figures. Brinkman netted 16, Langenburg, 13 and Erla, 15.

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Bulldogs handed defeat in regular season finale, 52-38

If Owen-Gage anticipates advancing from tonight's (Wednesday) district semifinal match up against Port Hope, the Bulldogs will need a much better start than the ones they have become accustomed to during the final stages of the season.

It was the Bulldogs' lack-luster opening that doomed the visitors during Friday's regular season finale against Dryden. For the 2nd time during the last 3 outings, the guests dug themselves into a hole that they would never escape from, and eventually fell 52-38 in North Central Thumb League play.

Owen-Gage was limited to a solo field goal, from sopho-

more Levi Adams, during the initial period and found themselves trailing 10-2 entering the period before the intermission. For Owen-Gage, its first quarter offensive production, or lack of, matched their total a week earlier in a loss against Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

To the Bulldogs' credit, they were able to outscore the Cardinals over the middle 2 stanzas and trailed just 34-31 entering the game's final 8 minutes.

Aaron Faist sparked the Owen-Gage comeback with 17 of his game-high 19 markers during the span. The Bulldog junior connected on 3

shots from behind the 3-point arc and recorded 12 of the visitors' 16 third period points.

However, the hosts were able to withstand the Bulldog rally and used an 18-7 run in the final period to emerge victorious.

Dryden's Allen Ferrett shared the game's scoring honors with Faist, netting 19 tallies on 3 triples and a 4 for 4 showing at the foul line. The game's only other double-digit scorer was Cardinal Nick Furgerson who posted 15 points.

The Bulldogs' class D district semifinal game in North Huron is scheduled for a 6 p.m. tip off.

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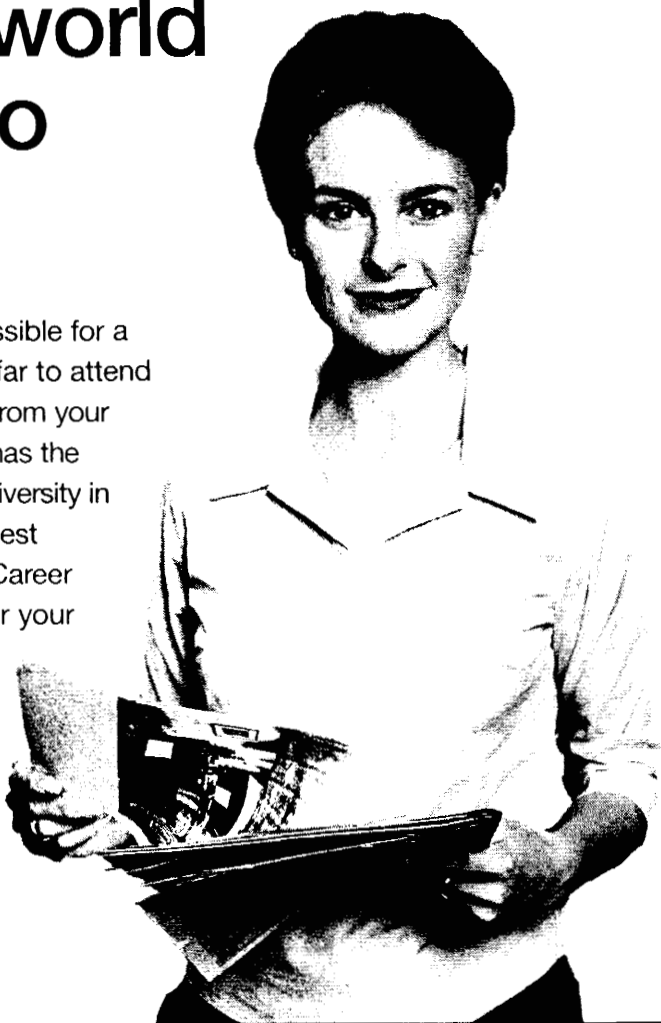
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Reese too much for Hawks

For the second time this season Reese took control in the last half to defeat Cass City Tuesday, 63-51, in the second of 3 games played last week.

The Rockets moved into a narrow first quarter lead, 17-13, paced by Blaise Zimmer who counted 9 of his team-high 15 points in the period.

The Hawks opened up from 3-point range in the second quarter to move within a





point, 31-30 at the intermission. In the rally Justin Glaza hit a pair and Brad Langenburg connect for the first of his 3 hoops from long range for Cass City.

Drew Saylor led the Rockets to the win in the last half. He scored 2 hoops and a free throw in the third quarter and the Cass City offense was limited to 2 treys by Langenburg and a bucket by Tyler Erla. Going into the fi-

nal quarter Reese was in the lead, 44-39.

Saylor added 4 more hoops in the final 8 minutes to protect the lead for the Rockets. Erla scored a trey and a deuce on his way to a team-high 14 points. Langenburg was also in double figures with 11 points for the Hawks. Saylor and Zimmer shared scoring honors for Reese with 15 each.

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

	 John Haire	 Clarke Haire	 Tom Montgomery	 Doug Hyatt
Last week's results	19-5	19-5	17-7	19-5
Season's results	162-59 (73%)	173-48 (78%)	162-59 (73%)	173-48 (78%)

Cass City Bowling

Thursday Nite Trio
As of March 4

Schmaltz Construction	16
JEBCo	16
Riversbend	14
United Building Centers	13
Doerr Landscaping	13
Mycogen Seeds	11
Martin Electric	10
Dairy Queen Braz-Caro	9
CSS Contract. Co, Inc.	9
T. Furness Res. Blder.	9

Individual High Games & Series: D. Beecher 244-236 (655); S. Osentoski 234-232 (650); E. Schmaltz 215-211 (618); D. Doerr (611); J. Dennis 249 (606); J. Baker 232 (583); K. Martin 236 (583); T. Czeka 212; G. Robinson 211.

Team High Game: Dairy Queen Brazier, 687.
Team High Series: JEBCo, 1848.

Merchanettes League
As of March 4

Crowley Chiropractic	21
Gagetown Cutting Corners	21
Charlie's Angels	21
Osentoski Realty/Auct.	18
F.B.I. Gals	16
Thumb Octagon Barn	13
Cablettes	10
Empty Pockets	9
All Season Video	7
Langenburg Plumb/Heat	4

Individual High Games & Series: J. Morell 210-200-200 (610); P. Bauer 213-176-176 (565); D. Williams 209-162-182 (553); K. Ewald 190-161-165 (516); L. Hanson 188-166-159 (513); J. Bemus 190-161-154 (505); S. Buschlen 178-162 (498); B. Watson 179; J. Krol 175; J. Dickinson 174-162; M. Haley 167; L. Pabst 166-152; R. Diaz 164; N. Wallace 159-158-157; J. Koch 156; L. Riddle 154; P. Hellwig 152; E. Romain 151; C. LaJoie 151.

Split Conversions: J. Bemus 5-7; J. Morell 4-7-10; C. Wallace 3-7; M. Opanasenko 4-10.
WIBC Awards J. Morell 125+ pins over average, 600+ series.
Team High Game & Series: F.B.I. Gals, 673 (1954).

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As of March 3

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Stafono's	44
Lee Morgan Painting	40.5
Patrick's Flooring	27
Curtis Chrysler	22

Individual High Games & Series: R. Salcido 231-237-265 (733); S. Nauka 222-255 (655); T. Pattengill 238 (627); R. Wright 255 (611); M. Zawilinski 232 (608); E. Dombroski 219 (606); D. White 233 (596); R. Byrnes 215 (594); K. Zawilinski (581); R. Hull 212 (579); T. Furness 233; R. Witherspoon 229; A. Reed 225.
Team High Game: Lee Morgan Painting, 1000 (actual).
Team High Series: Charmont Motel, 2821 (actual).



BULLDOGS MEAGAN MENTOR (left) and Katie Swiastyn converge on a shot during class D district play in Owendale. The hosts won their 13th consecutive district crown with wins of 15-9 and 15-0 over Bay City All Saints.

Cass City falls to powerful Hornets Friday in class C district semifinals

New Lothrop showed visiting Cass City why it's considered one of mid Michigan's top volleyball programs Friday with an easy 2 game victory in district play.

The Hornets cruised to the semifinal win by the scores of 15-3 and 15-0 at its own class C district en route to the championship. The Hor-

nets will play Freeland this Saturday in regional action in Bad Axe.

Amy Howard and Ashley Hendrick each posted a pair of kills and assists to pace Cass City. Mallory Powell recorded a team-best 5 digs for the Red Hawks, while Kristi Fluegge and Elizabeth Sobczak split 8 digs, and Sara Meeker added one

block.

The loss ended the brilliant high school careers of seniors Howard and Powell.

Howard, a 4-year performer, played in a total of 364 games over her career where she set school records in kills (994), aces (287), blocks (402) and assists (1,415). She was named to the all-region team and has been nominated

to the all-state team.

Powell has played in a total of 298 over her 3-year varsity career. She posted over 400 kills during that time, to complement 942 receptions, 937 digs and 194 aces. Both Powell and Howard had a career serving percentage of 84%.

LUCKY 13

Owen-Gage spikers collect another district title Saturday, advance into Akron-Fairgrove regional

There's nothing unlucky about number 13 for the Owen-Gage volleyball team. In fact, luck had nothing to do with the Bulldog's performance over the weekend at its own Class D district.

Coach Kaye Swiastyn's Bulldogs captured the school's 13th consecutive district crown Saturday in Owendale with wins of 15-9 and 15-0 over Greater Thumb West foe Bay City All Saints.

The Bulldogs will now seek to add a regional crown this Saturday in Akron.

The hosts breezed their way through the 6-team tourney without a hiccup. In their opening match, the Bulldogs

turned back Saginaw Grace Baptist, 15-3, 15-2. Then in the semis, the Bulldogs eliminated rival Akron-Fairgrove, surprisingly easy, 15-5, 15-0, to reach the finals.

All Saints advanced into the championship match with wins over Saginaw Arts and Science and Caseville.

In the finals, the Bulldogs rallied from a 3-point deficit to defeat BCAS in game one, before Bulldog junior Katie Swiastyn took over in the deciding game.

Swiastyn recorded all 15 points in the final game, 9 coming by way of ace serves.

Swiastyn led all scorers on the day with 35 points and

13 aces. She also turned in 24 assists and 14 kills. Senior Stephanie Dorsch was next in the scoring parade for the champs, recording 16 points, 9 aces, 17 digs and 4 kills, while Meagan Mentor had 15 points, 6 aces and 11 digs, Kayla Zaleski had 41 kills, 7 blocks and 3 saves, Laura Enderle had 21 assists, 4 kills and 12 digs, and Candi Rhodes had 16 digs.

NCTL

Owen-Gage completed a perfect NCTL season Thursday with a straight 2-game victory over visiting Akron-Fairgrove.

The Vikings battled their hosts throughout the open-

ing game, before bowing 15-12. In game 2, the Vikings committed too many service errors and bowed 15-3.

Mentor paced the winners with 12 points and 4 aces, while Zaleski recorded a team-high 14 kills. Enderle had a team-best 8 assists.

Earlier in the week, on Monday, Owen-Gage turned back visiting Carsonville-Port Sanilac by the scores of 15-4 and 15-8.

Individually for the Bulldogs, Dorsch posted 10 points, 6 aces and 4 kills, while Mentor added 8 points and 4 aces. Swiastyn had 5 points and 3 aces.

For the season, Owen-Gage stands at 37-4-3 overall.

Rotary auction set in Cass City

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Obituaries

Marshall Sowden

Marshall D. Sowden, 70, of Cass City, died Friday, March 5, 2004.

He was born Aug. 2, 1933 in Cass City, the son of Francis and Myrtle (Hill) Sowden.

Sowden was a former installer with General Telephone.

He is survived by his mother, Genevieve Kappen of Cass City; four siblings:

Clifford (Glenna) Sowden of Yale, Myrtle (Dean) Rabideau of Cass City, David (Pat) Sowden of Almont, Susan (Russ) Healy of Cass City; a sister-in-law, Betsy Sowden of Vassar; and many nieces and nephews.

Sowden was preceded in death by his parents; siblings: Delores Karr Baker, Morris Sowden, Nancy Lee Brown, Donald Sowden, Billy Sowden, Mason Spencer and Wayne Spencer; and

grandparents: William and Emma Moore, and Jessie and Lona Sowden.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 8, at Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Burial was in the Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Julius Wilding

Julius Wilding Sr., 69, of Fairgrove, died Thursday, March 4, 2004 at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw.

He was born Jan. 2, 1935 in Futok, Yugoslavia, the son of Franz and Mary (Unterreiner) Wilding.

He married Barbara Jean Haag Dec. 13, 1959.

Following WWII, Wilding moved from Germany to the United States. As a young man he joined the U.S. Army and served from 1954 to 1965 in Germany and Korea. During that time he received his U.S. citizenship. Wilding worked for GM Powertrain in Bay City for 30 years, retiring in 1997. He was a life-member and former chaplain of the Fairgrove VFW, a member of the Fairgrove Presbyterian Church, and a Boy Scout leader for over 30 years.

Wilding is survived by his children: Franz (Toni) Wilding of Caro, Julius (Melba) Wilding of Akron, Stephan (Rose) Wilding of Akron, Chris (Monica) Wilding of Texas, and Denise (George Fry) Humphress of Akron; 12 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a son, Walter James.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 8 at the Fairgrove Presbyterian Church, with Pastor Rich Lawther officiating.

Cremation will follow. Memorials may be made to the Fairgrove Presbyterian Church.

William Zimba

William E. "Bill" Zimba,

78, of Deford, died Thursday, March 4, 2004 in his home.

He was born May 10, 1925 in Dearborn Township to Lawrence and Theresa (Korte) Zimba.

He married Rita D. Mathis Sept. 9, 1950 in Our Lady of Grace Mission Church, Dearborn Township.

Zimba served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Before his time in the Army, he was a truck farmer, raising potatoes to sell at the Eastern Market in Detroit. After moving to Deford in 1950, he was a truck and dairy farmer. Zimba was a lifetime member of St. Michael Catholic Church, serving on the Parish Council, and was a member of their Ushers Club. He helped draw the plans for the zoning of Kingston Township. He was a member of the zoning board of Kingston Township and the Kingston Township Board of Review.

Zimba is survived by his wife, Rita; seven children: Bernadette (James) Walters of Bay City, Rita (Eugene) Kaake of Gagetown, W. Jesse (Sally) Zimba of Deford, Lisa (Victor) Johnson of Saginaw, Jennifer Zimba of Gagetown, Edward Zimba of Deford, and Matthew (Jan) Zimba of Deford; five grandchildren; two brothers: Leo (Mary) Zimba and Richard (Dot) Zimba, all of Dearborn Heights; two sisters: Marie (William) O'Connor of Webberville and Virginia Zimba of Okemos; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers: Verus and Lawrence Zimba; and two sisters: Rita and Veronica Zimba.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 8, at St. Michael Catholic Church, Wilmot, with the Rev. Rick Bokinskie and Sr. Riccardina Silvestri officiating.

Interment was in the church cemetery. Military services were under the direction of the VFW Post #3644.

Memorials may be made to the United Hospice of Marlette.

County F.B. members attend meet

Hundreds of farmers-turned-lobbyists from across Michigan met with lawmakers last week by taking part in Michigan Farm Bureau's annual Lansing Legislative Seminar, Feb. 24. The annual event provides an opportunity for one-on-one contact between legislators and working members of their districts' agricultural community.

Capital City Ringers set to perform

The Capital City Ringers, Inc., a performing handbell ensemble from the mid-Michigan area, will be in concert at the Cass City United Methodist Church, March 13, at 6 p.m.

Their Spring 2004 program features selections from Chopin to Glen Miller. Included this season are: "In the Mood," "The Maple Leaf Rag," "He Never Said A Mumbly Word," a piece from Handel's Water Music Suite, and an arrangement of PDQ Bach entitled "PDQ Bells!"

What makes this group unique is their handling of 6 octaves of handbells and 6 octaves of handchimes and their performance of any style of music imaginable.

Directing the "Capital City Ringers" is Jane Wright, who is currently serving as the director of Worship and Fine Arts at Westwood United Methodist Church in Kalamazoo.

The 13 ringers come from the extended Lansing area. They volunteer their time and are committed to community service projects and concert performances. Their concerts include 2 tours each year, taking them frequently to Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin. They have also performed in Disney World, Fla., and most recently toured extensively in the state of Pennsylvania.

Representing the Tuscola County Farm Bureau this year were Dave Milligan, Greg Daily, Myron Ortner, Greg Ackerman, John Somerville, Bill Gray, Don Keinath, Dorothy Keinath, Anthony Bierlein, Bryan Bauer and Jonathan Findlay. Alongside counterparts representing every facet of Michigan's diverse agricultural economy, these local farmers discussed current agriculture-related issues with their Lansing lawmakers. Particular emphasis this year was placed on water use issues and pending reforms to the state drain code, property taxes and the potential for continued state-level cuts to ag-related budgetary items.

During a brief luncheon program, MFB President Wayne H. Wood presented the organization's Silver Plow award to 4 Michigan

lawmakers who over the past year have fought for the interests of the state's food and fiber producers. Silver Plows this year went to Rep. Larry Julian (R-Lennon), Rep. Dale Sheltrown, (D-West Branch), Rep. John Moolenaar (R-Midland), and Sen. Patricia Birkholz (R-Saugatuck).

The luncheon also featured the presentation of the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Award. Larry Mallar, the group's general manager, presented the honor to MFB President Wood in recognition of the organization's work championing Agriculture Enhancement, a package of legislation aiming to bolster the state's horse-racing industry in the face of competition from casinos and to help support underfunded ag programs.

The luncheon's keynote speaker was Michigan Environmental Policy Advisor Dana Debel.

Four afternoon sessions brought participating Farm Bureau members up to speed on ag-related legislative issues before they met with state senators and representatives during the late afternoon reception.

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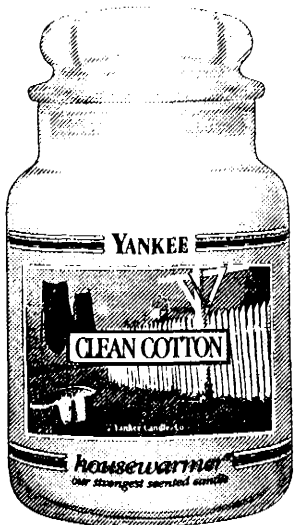
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NOVESTA TOWNSHIP

The Novesta Township Board will consider the following Waste Management Ordinance at its April 2004 meeting:

An ordinance to provide for a waste management project involving garbage collection services for dwelling units within the Township; to provide for the taking of bids and entering into contracts for garbage collection services; to provide for the setting of fees for garbage collection services; to establish a garbage collection fund; to provide for the collection of fees on the tax roll; and to collect delinquent fees.

THE TOWNSHIP OF NOVESTA ORDAINS:

Section 1. AUTHORITY. The Township Board, pursuant to the authority contained in the Michigan Waste Management Act, being Act 60 of the Public Acts of 1995, as amended, shall provide for garbage collection services for the residents of the Township in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 2. GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICE. Garbage collection service shall be provided on equal terms to all dwelling units within the Township. Owners of commercial, industrial, or institutional enterprises within the Township shall be responsible for providing their own garbage collection service.

Section 3. BIDS. The Township Board shall solicit bids from persons interested in contracting to provide garbage collection services for the Township.

Section 4. CONTRACT. If a garbage collection bid satisfactory to the Township Board is received, the Township Board may enter into a contract with the successful bidder.

Section 5. GARBAGE COLLECTION FEES. The Township Board shall establish an annual garbage collection fee which shall be charged to each dwelling unit in the Township. The garbage collection fee shall be set at a rate designed to fully pay the cost of the garbage collection contract.

Section 6. FUND. A garbage collection fund shall be established into which all garbage collection fee payments shall be deposited and from which all contract payments shall be made. Any money collected in excess of the contract payments shall be retained in the fund and shall be used to defray the cost of future garbage collection services.

Section 7. TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL. The Township Board shall place on the December 1 tax assessment roll any garbage collection fees which have not been paid by September 1st of each year. Each parcel of property shall be charged a fee for each dwelling unit located on the parcel.

Section 8. DELINQUENT TAX ROLL PAYMENTS. All unpaid garbage collection fees shall constitute a lien on the property and shall also constitute a debt of the owner of the property. In case of delinquency, any such fees shall be collected in the same manner as delinquent Township property taxes.

Legal Notices

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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 Rick E. Paquette and Jill L. Paquette, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Rock Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 6, 1998 and recorded on February 22, 1999 in Liber 763 on Page 1250, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee by an assignment dated November 6, 1998 recorded on June 16, 1999 in Liber 774 on Page 478, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Seven and 55/100 Dollars (\$59,227.55), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 18, 2004.

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

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point in the centerline of State Highway M-15, which is South 87 degrees 01 minutes East, along the South line of said Section 33, 1446.42 feet to the intersection of said South line and the tangent line of a curve in the centerline of said highway (Curve data: 0 degrees 03 minutes, T=616.67 feet, Radius=144,591.11', L=1233.33 feet) and along said tangent line North 11 degrees 49 minutes West, 170.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence continuing along said tangent line, North 11 degrees 49 minutes West, 150.00 feet, thence South 87 degrees 01 minutes East, 250.00 feet, thence South 11 degrees East, 150.00 feet, thence North 87 degrees 01 minutes West, 250.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: February 18, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #005952103

2-18-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David McKnight, a married man, and Lisa McKnight, his wife (original mortgagors), to Geniess Financial, Mortgagee, dated March 16, 2001 and recorded on April 9, 2001 in Liber 827 on Page 1184, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated February 12, 2002 recorded on February 28, 2002 in Liber 867 on Page 1299, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Seven and 02/100 Dollars (\$77,807.02), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 18, 2004.

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

That Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 9, Township 11 North, Range 9 East, beginning at the Southwest corner of said section, thence North along the West line of said section 660 feet, thence East parallel to the South line of said Section 727 feet, thence South 660 feet to the South line of said Section, thence West along said South line 727 feet to the point of beginning. Except land being known as the School House Lot of School District No. 7 also known as One Square Acre in the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 9, Township 11 North, Range 9 East, Township of Fremont

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

Dated: February 18, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC X (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #013643F01

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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 Ameriquet 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 Fremont, 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 52 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, thence North 90 degrees East 165 feet to the point of beginning. (011-015-000-2100-09)

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

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

ORLAND ASSOCIATES, PC
Attorneys for Ameriquet Mortgage Company, As Mortgagee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000

File No. 214.1084

3-3-5

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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 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 1111.58 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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Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #014828F01

3-3-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John W. Boone, a single man (original mortgagor), 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 36, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West, North and South one-eighth line of said Section 36, 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 36, (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 40 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

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 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 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 3, 2004

ORLAND ASSOCIATES, PC
Attorneys for Flagstar Bank, FSB, As Mortgagee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000

File No. 287.0134

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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 0200817981, 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

ORLAND 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

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Krisanne Waske, a single woman (original mortgagor), to National City Mortgage Services Co., Mortgagee, dated July 14, 2000 and recorded on July 18, 2000 in Liber 806 on Page 260, 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 Arbela, 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 South 00 degrees 14 minutes 52 seconds East, 655.09 feet, thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 52 seconds East, 655.09 feet to the point of beginning, except commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 4, thence 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.

Dated: March 3, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC F (248) 593-1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For National City Mortgage Services Co.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #016044F01

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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-Six and 74/100 Dollars (\$17,066.74), 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.

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

Dated: February 18, 2004

ORLAND 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
43522 Woodward Ave., Suite 202
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
(248) 335-9200
Our File No. 116.00022

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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 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 (\$17,355.15), 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.

Legal Notice

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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 parallel 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 #014415101

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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 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:

FC C (248) 593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Standard Federal Bank
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #014956101

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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 1948CL 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: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
36150 Dequindre Rd., Ste. 810
Sterling Heights, MI 48310
(586) 795-4400 Ext. 129
Our File No. 04-21098

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 Joe Kennedy and Rhonda Kennedy, waiving dower rights, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Tranex Financial, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 11, 1999 and recorded on July 2, 1999 in Liber 775 on Page 986, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Continmortgage Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated June 11, 1999 recorded on February 9, 2000 in Liber 794 on Page 154, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Eight and 65/100 Dollars (\$47,728.65), 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 Township of Akron, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the intersection of center of Highway of M-25 and the East line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, the Township of Akron, County of Tuscola, and State of Michigan, and running thence North 330 Feet; thence West 120 Feet; thence South 394 Feet to center of M-25; thence Northeasterly along centerline of M-25 to the point of beginning, except commencing at a point 30 Feet South of the Northeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 14 North Range 8 East and running thence North 30 Feet; thence West 30 Feet; thence Southeasterly 42 Feet to the point of beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: February 25, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

FC X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Continmortgage Corporation
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #003651F01

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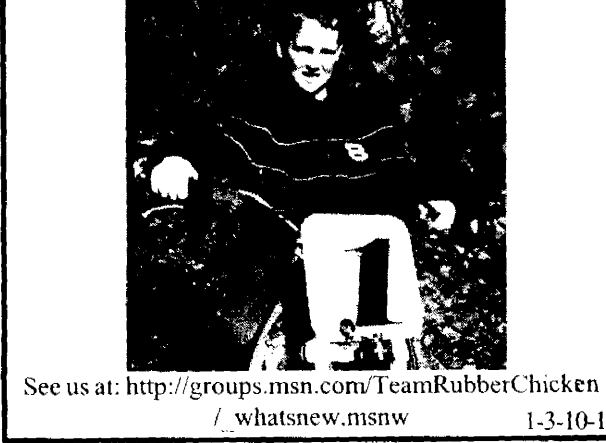
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Howard forced to leave board

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the board include a Headlee override request in the school election to help im-

prove the district's financial outlook.

The district is eligible to levy 18 mills on non-home-

stead property, but that total

has been rolled back to 17.5047 mills over the past several years due to the Headlee Amendment, which restricts increases in property tax revenue.

Peterson told the board that bringing the levy back up to 18 mills would mean an additional half-mill, or about \$28,500 in revenue.

Peterson also asked for guidance in making recommendations to further cut expenses in the district.

"I think there are some areas where there's the potential for savings," he said, citing personnel as an example. "I'd kind of like a little direction on what you want me to do there."

Board Secretary Brenda Kretzschmer asked Peterson to recommend specific cuts and the potential savings related to those cuts so that board members can review them and seek community input.

"I think we should listen to what they (district residents) want - what they are willing to give up, what road do they want to go down," she added.

The board last month formed a 7-member ad hoc committee to review several options, including taking another look at possibly consolidating the district's schools into one campus.

The proposal - closing the Gagetown Elementary building - was discussed last year, but later tabled for the 2003-04 school year. However, it was the board's consensus that another look is warranted due to a continued financial struggle fueled by state cuts and a shrinking enrollment.

School officials have estimated that closing the Gagetown building would save an estimated \$100,000 a year, although that figure did not take into account the initial cost of renovations at the junior-senior high school to accommodate the elemen-

tary students.

The ad hoc committee has met once and will meet again March 18.

Trustee Mike Mandich said a number of concerns were voiced at the first meeting, but he also felt several minds were changed during the discussion. "I think the direction was to get as much information as we could," he added. "I think the public wants to know what's going to happen."

Board members also agreed to incorporate the efforts of the district's School Improvement Committee, which has also been looking into the consolidation proposal. Members of the committee were invited to the next meeting of the ad hoc committee.

Board members all agreed something must be done to cut costs. A financial projection report reviewed Monday indicated the district will have just over \$103,000 by September, after paying off a \$250,000 loan that was taken out last year.

On top of that, Peterson noted, projections indicated health insurance costs will rise another 13 to 15 percent, and step salary increases will cost another \$18,000.

The impact of Gov. Jennifer Granholm's latest proposal would be even greater, according to Peterson, who said the plan would give equal weight to the annual student enrollment counts conducted twice each year, which means Owen-Gage would no longer be able to determine enrollment based on a 3-year average. That, he continued, would mean the loss of another 24 students.

Granholm is also talking about a per-pupil funding level of \$6,700, compared to the \$6,830 Owen-Gage receives now, which adds up to a revenue loss of nearly \$40,000 based on the current enrollment figure.

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, March 10

Roast beef and pork dinner with all the trimmings served family style, noon, Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd. Take outs available, call 872-4604.

Friday, March 12

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

Magazine & Book Sale, Rawson Memorial Library (continued Saturday).

Saturday, March 13

Cass City Rotary Club's 5th Annual St. Patrick's Day Auction/Dinner/Party, Cass City VFW Hall. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. \$15 per person. Tickets can be purchased at Thumb National Bank and at the door (if available). For more information, call Kay Warner at 872-4618 or Mike Sines at 872-4488.

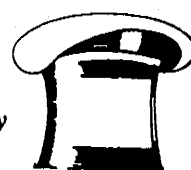
Tuesday, March 16

Thumb Area Parkinson's Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., Hills and Dales Hospital.

Watrousville-Caro Area Historical Society meeting, 7:30 p.m., Juniata Township Hall, 1971 Ringle Rd., Watrousville.

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Employee drops lawsuit

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sulted in citations. On the other hand, McKrow pointed out, the hospital spent some 500 hours of staff time and about \$20,000 on the suit.

"It really frustrates me. Do you know how much time we have wasted on inspections," McKrow said. "It is disturbing when an incompetent worker uses a federal regulation designed to protect patients and employees, such as the Whistleblower Act, as

a sword against the hospital. "We are all aware of the limited resources a rural hospital has and the state of Michigan has," she added. "Yet due to erroneous and baseless allegations, Hills and Dales General Hospital, the state of Michigan and the federal government have been required to spend countless time and limited resources investigating and justifying."

Schuster could not be reached for comment.

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In the afternoon Shaver will be introducing participants to "The World of Irises"

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Blaze

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No one was injured, and all of the animals escaped unharmed.

Pawloski said the pole barn was destroyed along with its contents, including a generator, air compressor and assorted tools. He described the residence as "unlivable." The family is insured, he noted.

The fire chief said the blaze started on the east end of the pole barn, but the cause has not been determined yet.

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