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FIFTY CENTS



THE 2003 TUSCOLA Stars award winners include the Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary, represented above by (from left) Nina Davis and Mary Ann Hirn, and Jim and Johanne Luth, owners of the McDonald's restaurants in Cass City and Caro. Susan Andrus (right) presented the awards Thursday morning in Caro.

Super Stars

Auxiliary, Luths among honorees Thursday

Groups and individuals that have made Tuscola County a better place to live through their dedication and actions were honored during the second annual Celebrating Tuscola's Stars Awards Banquet last week.

In all, nearly 40 nominees for the awards were honored during the event, held Thursday morning at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro. Two of the 4 award "star" winners this year have close ties to Cass City - the Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary and McDonald's franchise owners Jim and Johanne Luth.

Named the 2003 Group Community Service Award winner was the Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary, which is 30-members strong and has raised thousands of dollars to buy equipment for the hospital.

The auxiliary's efforts have resulted in the purchase of automatic sliding front doors and 2 sleeper recliners. The group also partially

funded renovation of one of the hospital's lobbies. Members also volunteer their time at the hospital.

well as the Tuscola County Economic Development Board.

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This year's Business Community Service Award went to the Luths, who own the McDonald's restaurants in Cass City and Caro.

The Luths' contributions to the community include sponsoring a Christmas for Kids promotion involving coupons distributed to customers who donate cash or gifts for needy families. Jim Luth has been active in both the Cass City and Caro cham-

bered renovation of one of the hospital's lobbies. Members also volunteer their time at the hospital.

Honored in the Individual Community Service Award category was Millington area resident Bernice Gray, who has volunteered her

time to help the less fortunate over the past 50 years through various efforts such as the Millington Needy Families program, a Christmas charity drive. She also ran a second-hand shop for many years, using the proceeds to fund her Christmas Boxes project.

This year's Above and Beyond Award went to Sandy Gaudreau, who is currently executive director of Thumb Area Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Gaudreau has been active in Caro Rotary, the Human Services Coordinating Council, Destructive Behavior Committee, Child Abuse and Neglect Council, Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, and Habitat for Humanity.

Other individuals and groups nominated for the 2003 awards are:

Tina Bacon, Connie Bishop, Kary and Sandy Bogdan, Sharon Brandibur, Daniel Bristol, the Cass City High School Hearing Impaired Program, Cass City High School National Honor Society, Cass River Pet Friends, John Chapin, Roxanne Colburn, Jane Cole, John Crump, Doris Dalton, Steve Gean, Walter Gleason, Heather Hampel, William (Bill) Hausler, Robert (Bob) Hirn, Jane Hitler, Doug Hyatt, Gary Jones, the Kingston Veteran Service Organization, Knights of Columbus Caro Council, Mayville Area Share Shop, Don McCrumb, Nancy Mills, Edward Nemeth, Suzann Petersen, Beverly Radabaugh, Patricia (Patty) Spencer, the Tom Thumb Singers, Charles Volz, John Voss, James M. Welke, and Wingerts Food and Variety Center.

Each of the nominees received a "Celebrating Tuscola's Stars" certificate and lapel pin.

The Celebrating Tuscola's Stars Committee was established in 2003 by the Tuscola County Community Foundation, the Tuscola County Human Services Coordinating Council and Tuscola 2011.

The goal was to honor individuals, groups and businesses that make a difference in the community by donating their time and effort to benefit others in the county.

O-G chief: part-time position is not working

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Owen-Gage Board of Education may very well be headed back to the drawing board in its effort to cut costs and at the same time maintain an adequate administrative presence in the district.

The board last January downsized the administrative staff by establishing a part-time superintendency, supported by a new position, "dean of students". At the time veteran Thumb educator and retired administrator Bob Peterson agreed to fill the superintendency position, which involved working an estimated 2 1/2 days per week, at a pay rate of \$44,000 annually.

However, Peterson made it clear during a monthly school board meeting Monday night that the arrangement has turned out to be more difficult than either he or the board had anticipated. Peterson noted he agreed to serve as part-time superintendent until the end of June, and he suggested that board members begin looking at its options soon.

Board Secretary Brenda Kretzschmer asked if Peterson would consider extending his contract, and the administrator's reply was "not under the current circumstances."

Peterson said that working 2 1/2 days a week might be feasible if his duties focused only on maintaining what the district has, but with all the financial and other pressing needs in the district, it simply isn't possible. "It hasn't worked out that way at all. There's too much going on to get it all done in 2 1/2 days," he added, noting he has had to work 3, sometimes 4 days a week to even come close to meeting his responsibilities.

"My desire is that you try to make some permanent-type arrangements in your district."

As for the dean of students, Peterson continued, the position has served a purpose. However, he said, the job cannot address many administrative matters such as those involving personnel.

Board members discussed referring the matter to its administrative committee, but then opted to go into executive session under the stated purpose of a "performance

review" of the superintendent. The board returned to open session about 45 minutes later, but took no formal action, and there was no further discussion.

FINANCES

Finances again dominated the board's agenda during Monday's 3 1/2-hour monthly meeting, with considerable time spent discussing the findings of an ad hoc committee established in February to investigate the feasibility of consolidating the district's buildings by closing the elementary campus in Gagetown and moving students in grades K-5 to the junior-senior high building in Owendale.

Committee members indicated the proposal could be

accomplished. However, many questions remain, including the need for renovations at the junior-senior high to accommodate the elementary students, and options for financing the work.

At a recent meeting, the committee discussed the possibility of taking out an interest-free loan to accomplish that goal as well as to address an aging school bus fleet. Another option, Peterson said, is for the board to go to the voters with a bonding request.

Board Trustee Deb Quick said Monday that she has a problem with borrowing money when the district is struggling to meet expenses. "Where are going to come up with the money to pay off the loan?" she said.

"I'm a little gun shy about

the whole thing, too," Peterson agreed. "I have a little trouble with that as to whether we can handle that down the road."

The ad hoc committee is scheduled to meet again April 27. In the meantime, Peterson urged the board's budget committee to convene "so you can come back with something a little harder" in terms of expenses.

Peterson also presented a list of possible cost-cutting options, noting most of them focus on reductions in personnel. Others include cutting transportation for certain activities, and adopting a "pay to play" policy. He emphasized the options are just that, and he is not advocating any of them at this

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Theft conviction prompts judge to bar library patron

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Rawson Memorial Library is known for always having the "welcome mat" out for its library patrons, but library director Kate VanAuken has put out the "no trespassing" sign to a former Cass City man.

And, based on VanAuken's recommendation to Tuscola County District Court Judge Kim D. Gaspie, the man won't be entering any other library for the next year.

Gaspie ordered Joe D. Mills-Terrell, 20, formerly of Cass City, now a Caro resident, to not enter any library during his year-long term of probation following his conviction on a charge of larceny from a library. The charge stems from more than 20 video tapes prosecutors allege the man stole from the Cass City library late last year.

Mills-Terrell was also ordered to pay \$2,220 in court costs and fines. The total includes \$1,680 in restitution to the library. Gaspie ordered the defendant to spend 30 days in jail if he fails to pay on time.

Mills-Terrell pleaded no contest to the charge, which isn't an admission of guilt but is treated the same as a guilty plea for sentencing

purposes. He was initially charged with larceny in a building, a felony punishable by up to 4 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

VanAuken, who attended Mills-Terrell's April 1 sentencing, said library officials weren't even aware the videos were missing until they were contacted by the Cass City Police Department.

"It (theft) started in November, and we know that because that's when he (Mills-Terrell) first got a library card," she said.

According to Cass City police, the tapes - 21 in all - were discovered in early December by Justin and Sierra Briggs, who rented a house in the village to Mills-Terrell and his girlfriend. Justin Briggs told police that he ordered the couple to move after failing to pay rent, and that Mills-Terrell and his girlfriend left the video tapes behind.

Based on interviews with those involved, investigators believe the suspect and his girlfriend would take their baby into the library and check out one movie, and that Mills-Terrell would also take other videos and put them into the couple's large diaper bag.

"I think he just took them for the sport," said VanAuken, who noted the

tapes, which included titles such as "Oceans Eleven", "Twister", "Analyze This" and "Good Fellas", were not damaged.

VanAuken asked the court to award the library \$1,680 in restitution. "That amount was based on the lost income the library never received for not being able to rent these movies out," she explained.

VanAuken also wrote a letter to Gaspie, noting public libraries are based on a "borrowing" system funded in part through penal fines and property taxes.

"When someone steals materials which were purchased with taxpayer dollars, we all lose. The library is out the material that will not be enjoyed by patrons in our district and the voters and taxpayers of our district have been cheated," she wrote.

"He stole from every taxpayer in the (library) district," VanAuken said later. "He stole from all of us."

Trio vying for seats in Cass City

Three candidates, including 2 newcomers, will vie for a pair of 4-year terms on the Cass City Board of Education this summer.

Longtime incumbent Trustee Beverly Auten along with 2 other district residents, Doug Lautner and Cathy Kropewnicki, met Monday's 4 p.m. deadline for filing nominating petitions. Incumbent Trustee Dave Knight opted not to seek reelection to the board.

Voters will cast their ballots during the annual school election, which is scheduled for Monday, June 14.

In addition to selecting candidates, voters will be asked to renew the district's 18-mill non-homestead property tax levy, which was created under Proposal A in 1994 and provides the school with \$6,700 per student, or about \$750,000 annually, in funding for operations.

The 10-mill renewal will have no impact on primary residences. School officials emphasize that the request is a renewal and will not in-

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Proposed performing arts center focus of meet today

Cass City High School Band Director Doug Burch knows something about the design and construction of performing arts centers.

Burch watched as a new facility was raised in the Bullock Creek Schools and, more recently, served on the committee for development of new music facilities for Standish-Sterling High School, where he was assistant band director for 6 years before coming to Cass City.

It's not surprising, then, that Burch quickly took the lead to explore the possibility of building a performing arts center for Cass City High School after some parents of his band students approached him with the idea recently.

Those parents and others in the community are invited to offer their input during an informational meeting planned for today (Wednesday) at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band room. "This meeting is strictly

informational - to get the word out, just generate some interest and see what's out there," Burch said. "It's an informational meeting where we're going to get people signed up for fundraising and promotion."

"It's (the project) in the very early stages," Burch said, adding the group is planning to make a presentation to the Cass City Board of Education in June. After being approached by a handful of parents, Burch accompanied them on tours of performing arts centers in the Bullock Creek, Standish-Sterling and USA school districts.

Burch said a performing arts center would offer dozens of uses, not only school programs such as instrumental and vocal music, but also forensics and drama.

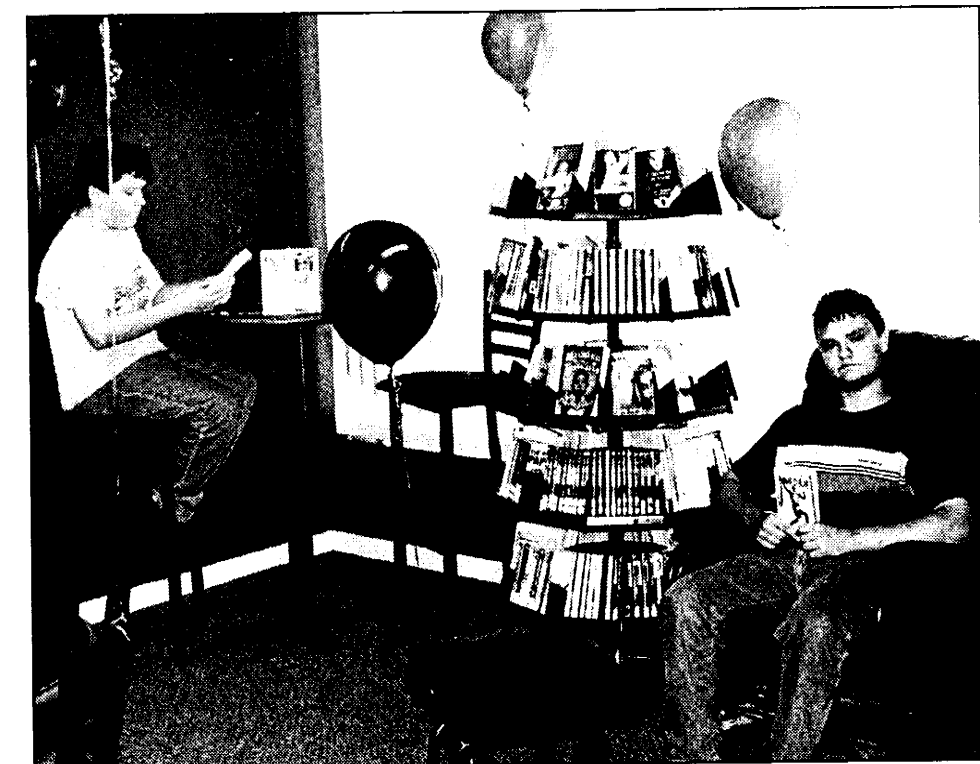
The facility would be ideal for hosting band festivals, he added, and offers many

other opportunities for the community, such as a venue for theatre groups, community choirs and programs such as the Bach Festival, held for many years in Cass City.

"There are just endless possibilities for a facility like this," said Burch, who said fine arts facilities and programs are a big draw for families considering using the Schools of Choice law to send their children to a particular school.

"This is one of the things, because Cass City is centrally located, our community could benefit from," he added.

Burch, who hopes to put his past experience to work on a new facility in Cass City, said he believes there could be ample support for the proposal. He also believes the time to act is now as the local band and vocal music programs continue to grow, expand and thrive.



BROTHERS JOE, 12, and Rob Packard, 14, of Cass City, are pictured in Rawson Memorial Library's new Young Adult Area, which was recently featured in the national library publication, Voice of Youth Advocates. (See story, page 8)

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 989-269-6994



Pre-Easter get together at Bryce and Bettie Hagen's Saturday, April 3. Grace and Paul Aardal of Howell, their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Harold Aardal (Barbara), and three daughters, Anna, Sarah, and Lily of Traverse City, Mrs. Clare (Janet) Hagen of Grosse Pointe Woods, Dennis, Sharlene, Bradley, Melissa (Clints) and 2 sons, Dylan and Cole Hagen, Mary Hagen and friend Jim, Mike and Ellen Moorman, Jim, Doreen, Nicholas and Jennifer Hagen, Eric, Jenette, Merissa and friend Grant Hagen. Dinner was served and children attended the Easter egg hunt at the Village Park in Ubyly, sponsored by the Ubyly Lioness Club. Doreen Hagen had another egg hunt at the farm and later visited Alpaca Heights farm to see the animals.

Bettie and Bryce Hagen at-

tended the funeral of Anne Fritz in Elkton Methodist Church of Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly were among a group who attended the breakfast at St. John's Catholic Church Hall in Ubyly on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the first fry at the K of C Hall in Bad Axe Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Mrs. Chuck Rubey and Clara Bond visited Thelma Jackson Thursday.

Bill Cleland of Walled Lake, Alice Lezert of Bloomfield Hills, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Richardson and Mrs. Ken Osentoski visited Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming Sunday and later attended the funeral of Jack Pelton at Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubyly at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Zurek and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the breakfast at St. Anthony's Church at Helena on Sunday.

Josephine Green, Margaret Cook, Allen Farrelly and Ed Schember met at McDonald's in Bad Axe on Wednesday.

Shelly Weiderhold of Caro and Mrs. Ronnie Gracey visited Charlotte LaPeer on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly attended a birthday party for Nelson Spangler and son Miles at Fire Mountain Restaurant in Saginaw on Saturday and later visited Eleanor Koskie at the Caro Lighthouse Rehab Center.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mrs. Allen Depcinski had dinner with their Aunt Margaret Maurer at Harbor

House at Harbor Beach and later visited Evelyn Learman at Helena.

Ann Fay of Goodrich and Millie Romain of Cass City visited Charlotte LaPeer last week.

Mrs. Alex Cleland and Bob Cleland Jr. visited Phyllis Pelton on Tuesday.

Rick Shuart, Jim Lewis, Wayne Kennedy and Allen Farrelly met at Burger King in Bad Axe Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hurford, Mrs. Champagne and Kay Sweeney visited Thelma Jackson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ervin, Margaret Cook and grandson Trevor, and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Tuesday morning.

Edith Jackson visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland and Reva Silver was a Thursday visitor.

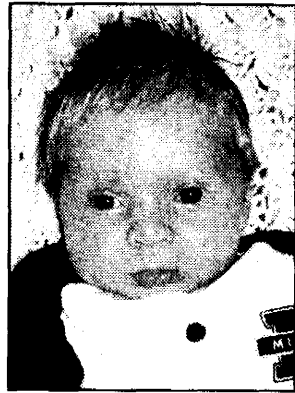
Mrs. Ray Depcinski visited Lois Wolschlagier at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe on Tuesday.

Gordon Farrelly spent Thursday with Allen Farrelly. Five members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Franklin Plaza Thursday morning. They will meet at the Peppermill next week in Bad Axe.

Cass City Social Item
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Roger Parrish attended the Community Church of Christ in Sandusky Easter Sunday morning to hear his friend, Elder and minister, David Smith, preach his Easter sermon. After an early morning worship service and Easter breakfast, Parrish was a guest soloist at the late morning church service when he sang and played his new original music entitled, "Oh, Glorious Morn, Oh Glorious Day!" which portrays some of the first Easter morning events, happenings, and the resurrection of Christ. He also was an Easter dinner guest of the Smiths and family at their home. In recent years, Smith has been the lyricist, co-writing gospel songs with Parrish.

It's a boy!



Vaughn Severance

Vaughn Steven Severance was born February 29, 2004 at Lapeer Regional Hospital to Lyle and Heather Severance of Cass City.

Vaughn weighed 7 pounds and was 19 inches long. He was welcomed home by his brother, Logan.

Vaughn's grandparents are Leslie and Kay Severance of Decker and Steve and Sandi Wright of Cass City. His great-grandparents are Esther Severance and the late Lloyd Severance of Decker and Lena Teller of Cass City. His great-grandmother is Sadie Chambers of Caro.

It's a girl!



Gabriella Stoinski

Jenel and Jim Stoinski of Waterford, announce the birth of their daughter, Gabriella Nicole Stoinski.

Gabriella was born March 18, 2004 at 1:04 p.m. at St. Joseph Hospital. She weighed 3 pounds, 15 ounces and was 16 1/2 inches long.

Her grandparents are the late Alfred and Norma Connolly of Cass City, Bruno Stoinski of Lincoln and Arlene Stoinski of Tulsa, Okla.

Dean's list

Brandon J. Albrecht of Owendale has been named to the dean's list at the University of Northwestern Ohio following the winter quarter.

Students named to the dean's list have earned a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a scale of 4.0.



Meg's Peg
Tradition
by Melva E. Guinther

We defied tradition and ate Chinese for Easter.

I haven't seen any statistics, but I'd bet the majority of Americans had ham for Sunday dinner. In the words of Teyve in Fiddler on the Roof, "It's tradition!"

Turkey for Thanksgiving, ham for Easter.

Speaking of tradition, you probably heard about the young bride whose husband asked her why she cut the ends off the ham before putting it in the oven. She really didn't know why. It's what her mother always did.

The next time she saw Mom, she questioned her about it. Her response was that her mother always did it that way.

When Grandma came to visit, she was asked why she cut the ends off the ham. Grandma looked at her quizzically and finally said, "Because my baking pan was too small."

I wonder how many mindless habits are perpetuated just because "we've always done it that way."

Tradition isn't a bad thing. In fact, as our memories fail us, if it weren't for rote, some of us would have a hard time accomplishing anything. But there can be a fine line between a tradition and a rut.

Obviously we consider our way of doing something the best way, or we wouldn't keep doing it. Sometimes, we go so far as to insist that anybody who uses another method is wrong!

That's when we can, and often do, run into trouble.

One of my best friends has taught me that you can be different and still get along.

I tend to like everything planned and organized in advance, no spur of the moment impulsiveness for me.

She's more a "live life as it happens" type.

It takes me a good hour before I'm ready to be halfway sociable in the morning. My husband has learned to accept this. I have to go through my ritual - shower, coffee, makeup, hair, dress (preferably in clothes laid out the night before), make the bed...

My friend can hop out of bed and be rarin' to go - anywhere.

And you know, she's okay. Her life isn't out of control. Her kids are well and happy and she's gainfully employed.

It's made me reconsider how I view others who are "different" in more obvious ways. We don't have to do

as they do, but maybe we could muster up a bit more understanding.

Could those kids with multi-colored hair, piercings and rings in every visible body part (and most likely in the few that aren't visible) actually be worthwhile, intelligent people underneath it all?

Might that guy in the leather jacket riding a Harley be a loving husband and father?

The expressionless person sitting immobile in a wheelchair - Is it possible she's really a vibrant personality who has simply lost the ability to communicate?

One thing is sure. Everybody wants to be loved and accepted.

Maybe we should take a chance, venture out of our rut and get to know them.

Children's Engaged concert April 24



Joy Peters and Paul Langmaid

The Sanilac Community Symphonic Band will present a special children's concert Saturday, April 24, at 1 p.m.

This free concert is made possible by a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Huron County Economic Development Corp.

Every child who attends will receive a free toy instrument to take home. Kids can also learn the "Chicken Dance" and how to play hopscotch. Those who come at noon will be able to handle some of the band instruments at the "Instrument Petting Zoo."

The concert will be at the Sanilac County Career Center, located south of Sandusky at 175 E. Aitken Rd., just west of M-19.

For more information, contact Music Director Everett R. Kalceec at (810) 376-3615.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Langmaid of Cass City announce the engagement of their son, Gerald Paul, to Joy Peters of Ankeny, Iowa, the daughter of Linda Love of Pennsylvania and Hal Peters of Virginia.

Paul will graduate from Faith Baptist Bible College with an assistant pastor major/youth concentration degree in May.

Joy works in Ankeny, Iowa. An August 2004 wedding is being planned.

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TOWNSHIP OF NOVESTA WASTE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE Ordinance No. 2004-01

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.

Section 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect as of the date of publication hereof.

The undersigned Supervisor and Clerk of the Township of Novesta hereby certify that this ordinance was adopted by the Township Board on the 5th day of March, 2004 and was published in the Cass City Chronicle on the 14th day of April, 2004.

Ronold Palmer, Supervisor

Karen M. Mozdén
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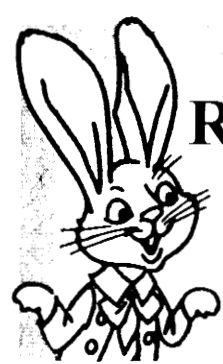
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

A group of Cass City Cub Scouts visited the Chronicle Monday and just for fun I asked Kyle Hanby what was the most interesting to him? After seeing the computer-generated pictures and similar tech equipment he answered, "the cutter".

Another boy immediately became concerned and asked why he didn't get his name in the paper. He was modified when I said that his name and picture would be printed, although right now I explained that I couldn't guarantee just what week it would be published.

In the coming events section this week there is a listing of the dates that the show, "The Mild, Mild West", will be presented at the Cass City United Methodist Church. Forget it. The 3 performances of the show are sold out. We were told too late to remove it from the calendar.

It's still with mixed feelings that I read the listing of the 6 students that received valedictorian honors at Cass City High School.

They may well be the last students selected under the present marking system. Certainly the students that earned the honors this year appreciate the present system that allows more families to share in the achievements.

Realistically, the change will have little long-term affect on the school or the students.

Either way it goes it will be long forgotten when the honor students are selected in 2005.

I know this will make columnist Thelma Jackson pleased. Thelma, of course, has been writing for the Chronicle longer than anyone, including this writer.

Anyway, Aleta Wills, now of Bad Axe, writes: "I was not going to renew my subscription because many of the people I knew are gone. However, since Thelma Jackson is now at home and writing the Holbrook News I just had to subscribe. Thank you, Aleta Wills".

Bob Holcomb, one of the boys in the "Little Rascals" picture, circa 1950, called to "positively identify" the unidentified boy in the group picture that appeared in the April 7 Chronicle. He's Harold Patterson, one of my best friends. He moved with his family to Drayton Plains a couple of years after this picture was taken.

Spent a week in a couple summers visiting after he moved. Holcomb said.

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CASS CITY HEAD START AND MSRP PRE-SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS FOR 2004

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Head Start serves ages 3-5 years old by Dec. 1st.
MSRP serves 4 years old by Dec. 2nd, who live in the Cass City School District.

TO ENROLL, PLEASE BRING:

1. Child's birth certificate
2. Child's shot record
3. Proof of income: 2003 tax return or current check stubs
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5. Social security numbers for parents and child
6. Doctor & dentist address and phone #
7. Employer's address and phone #

CHILDREN NEED NOT ATTEND

RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

APRIL 20, 2004

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Cass City Public Schools

PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

WELCOME CHILDREN TO KINDERGARTEN AND PRE-SCHOOL ROUND UP

Our school district continues to focus upon the need for strong early childhood education programming opportunities. As we plan for next year, it is very important to know what our anticipated enrollment will be for the upcoming school year. Please make note of the following dates and times in order to register your children. If for some reason you are not able to attend the registration session, please call Campbell Elementary School at 872-2158 to provide some needed information about your child in order for staff to plan appropriately for the upcoming school year.

CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Kindergarten Registration)
Thursday, April 22, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. in the Campbell School Cafeteria. This is a session for parents. Please bring your child's immunization and birth records to this meeting. For answers to your questions, please call 872-2158.

RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY (4 year old Pre-School Registration)
Tuesday, April 20, 2004, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please bring a copy of your child's birth record. For answers to your questions, please call Mr. Ed Pasant in the afternoon at 872-4397.

On behalf of our entire staff, I offer a warm and sincere welcome to all of our new incoming students for the 2004-2005 school year.
Questions can be sent to me at 4868 N. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726. Thank you.

Kern announces bid for another term as sheriff

Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern last week announced he will seek reelection to the office he's held for more than a decade.

"I have spent the last 34 years in the judicial system working in law enforcement. I know I'm only one man, but I feel I have made a difference because of the dedication and hard work of everyone in my department," said Kern, 60.

"We have some tough times ahead in the county economically, and I feel my dedication, experience and lead-



Tom Kern

Driver charged in fatal crash

Saginaw County authorities have charged a driver in connection with the traffic death of a Cass City woman last fall.

Michael S. Darling, 40, of Vassar, was charged with negligent homicide in the death of 18-year-old Megan C. Cronk Nov. 30 in Saginaw County's Blumfield Township, near Reese.

Darling's next appearance in court will be a hearing, which has been scheduled for May 7. If convicted, he could face up to 2 years in prison.

According to troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Bridgeport, the accident occurred at about 10:30

p.m. when an eastbound pick-up truck driven by Darling crossed the centerline of M-81 and struck Cronk's westbound vehicle head-on.

Cronk, who was on her way to work in Saginaw at the time, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Both drivers were wearing seatbelts, according to reports. Darling was transported to St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw for treatment of facial and leg injuries.

ership ability will be a help in these challenging times."

Kern earned his Associates Degree in criminal justice from Delta College and his Bachelor of Arts Degree in police administration from Saginaw Valley State University, graduating Magna Cum Laude, and has been with the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department since 1970. He was first elected sheriff and took office in 1989.

Kern was raised on a farm in the Reese area and has been a resident of Tuscola County his entire life.

He served 4 years in the Army National Guard and was employed for about 8 years as a machinist before going into law enforcement.

Kern served on former Gov. John Engler's Board of Ethics, has been a volunteer for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, a member of the Human Services Board, served on the Community Mental Health Recipients' Rights Board, served on the board of directors of the Michigan Sheriff's Association, is a past president of the Caro Rotary Club, and received the Red Cross Life Saving Award.

He has been married for 39 years to Junanne (Stoick). The couple has 3 children and 3 grandchildren.

The Haire Net

Jack and Jill Relays done



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Exclusively Cass City's. Like the "locomotive" cheer at basketball games. So ingrained that the cheer survived without any cheerleaders and always generates the greatest response from Hawk fans.

It's secondary, I guess, but I always felt that the Jack and Jill served as a continual reminder of all the projects that the Gavel Club has worked at over the years that benefit the school and the community.

Thirteen was an unlucky number for a unique Cass City High School track meet. The 13th meet last year marked the end, at least temporarily, of the Jack and Jill Gavel Club Relays.

Over the years, up to 12 schools competed in the event that featured boys and girls on teams with the total score determining the winner of each event.

Cass City finished second several times, but never won. In the last 4 years Yale has dominated, winning each year.

The tournament is dropped this year because there just wasn't enough schools interested in participating.

The competition for dates increases each year. There are invitational meets this spring at USA, Uby, Brown City, Reese, Akron-Fairgrove, Caro and Bad Axe.

While the original Jack and Jill Relays is kaput at least for this year, the concept lives on. The Relays will be a feature of the middle school track schedule and is scheduled May 6.

While there's definitely no assurance that the Gavel Club Relays will ever see the light of day again, it certainly is a shame if it doesn't.

The Relays provided a special touch to the track season, something found in Cass City and nowhere else in the Thumb and likely nowhere in Michigan.

Sort of a trademark, an event fans immediately recognize as exclusively Cass City High School's.

It would be great if it is revived next year and the year after that and the year after that until it reaches a cult sta-

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The back forty

by Roger Pond

Talk about a bad hair day! Animal behavior expert Temple Grandin says studies have shown that cows with high hair whorls on their heads are more flighty, and bulls with unsightly hair whorls on their heads have a lower sperm count. Fifty percent of bulls with hair whorls that were ugly or off-center failed the fertility test in Grandin's studies.

Farm World newspaper correspondent Nancy Lybarger reports these findings from a presentation Grandin made in Evansville, Indiana. One of Grandin's students also found that cattle with hair bones tend to be more high-strung.

I can't quibble with these conclusions, but linking sperm counts to bad hair is a bit of a stretch, it seems to me. Who knows why bulls with rumpled hair are less fertile? Maybe they stayed up all night fighting?

Maybe the bulls with off-center hair whorls are the older ones? They're just trying to cover up a bald spot.

Or maybe that's the bull you hit with a 2x4 every time he gets too close? Look and see if the bull's eyes are crossed. That should tell us something.

I would expect finer boned cattle to be more flighty. They're less clumsy. They run faster.

That's why I've always thought Angus cattle are more skittish. They disappear into the darkness quicker.

That's the problem with using physical characteristics to predict animal behavior. It's hard to say what's related to what.

We should take another look at the theory that cows with higher hair whorls tend to be more flighty. This was determined by running 1500 cattle through a squeeze chute, with one student looking for harebrained tendencies while a second student checked for hair whorls. Nobody mentions the breeding behind these cattle.

I suspect the cattle with the big hair and flighty tendencies have some Charolais blood in them. They're blonde, for heavens sake!

This isn't the first time animal scientists have come up

with new ideas for producers. I remember back in the '70s when scientists decided cows with longer necks were more fertile.

That's probably true. They can reach through the fence further. They get more to eat.

Then scientists at Texas A&M University learned pigs who had their ears scratched on a regular basis grew faster than those who didn't. (Nobody knows how they found this out.)

Animal scientists seem to forget this kind of information is only good at a university. You've got to have a

lot of graduate students around if you want to try something like that.

Can you imagine advising a man with 4,000 hogs he needs to scratch his pigs' ears? Or telling the head cowboy, "O.K. Earl, here's the plan. We'll run all these heifers through the squeeze chute, and you watch for the ones with high hair whorls. Then, we'll sort those out and sell 'em."

"But, Boss," Earl says. "You know we can't get them cattle anywhere near a squeeze chute!"

The Weather

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Wednesday	58	35	0
Thursday	49	27	0
Friday	53	26	0
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(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)

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Red Hawk Talks

by Kristi Fluegge

There is a common conception that our senior year is not very challenging compared to the torture of that junior year. Yet, there is also one major misconception. Every student forgets to mention how busy your senior year is.

To name a few, from the beginning of filling out college applications, senior meetings, scholarships, Prom night, Seniors' Award night, Baccalaureate, Graduation, and then the numerous "open house" parties! For every senior this makes a busy schedule, but for class officers who have to help with the organization of these events you may even hear them say it is a little hectic.

For the past month the scholarship applications have been handed out in the government class. This is the common ground for every senior, so if you hear of a scholarship that is available you know you can find it in Mrs. Tuckey's room! One senior commented, "Free money is a great thing! But scholarships are a lot of work!"

For the juniors coming up, you should know that nearly every scholarship has at least one essay and a few pages of information to fill out. The National scholarships are the first to be available and, like myself, you question yourself whether or not to put the time in. But then you say, "Somebody has to win! Give it a shot! I've worked hard as any other!" Usually these require a lengthy essay, and as soon as you think you have those mastered then come the local scholarships.

Our local applications are due in the Guidance office by this Friday, April 16th. What makes scholarships so time consuming is that you must write every essay with the intent of it being your very best every single time. Our school is very fortunate to have the chance for students to get tired of filling out scholarships. Without these monies many students would be further in educational debt, or it possibly gives them that extra opportunity to go to college.

The MEAP, Michigan Educational Aptitude Test, is also a scholarship. Last year the state thought of taking away this scholarship and many seniors are so thankful they didn't. In order to receive

the MEAP you must pass all the required subjects with acceptable scores. You would have been notified if you would be receiving this money, which is \$2,500 over a two-year period. For those who may not have passed all areas, there is a re-take date coming up in a couple weeks. (Check with Mr. Pasant)

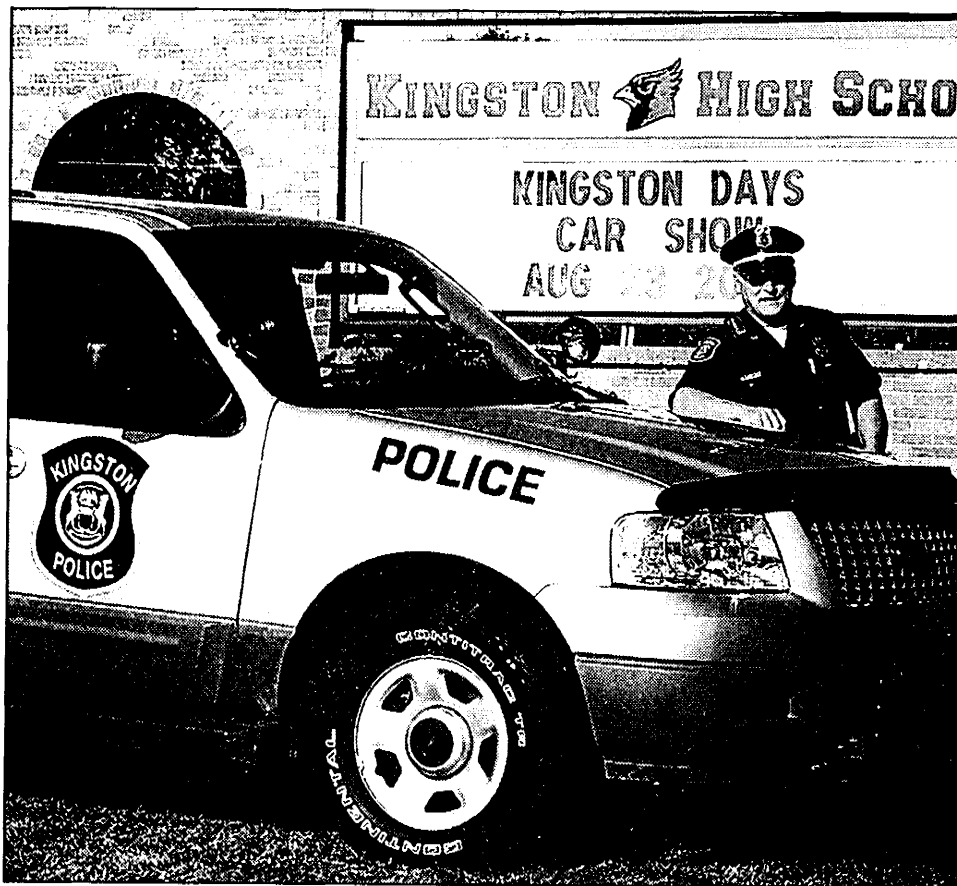
Every year the seniors put together a book that has everyone's class will, class prophecy, class motto, color & flower, and the senior poll questionnaires. After a lot of typing, information is then looked over by Mr. Good to receive his approval! (Not that any would need "editing") This information has been put on a disk and is now in the hands of Christina Montgomery who has volunteered to put everything together.

Seniors' Award Night, Baccalaureate, Graduation and Prom take some preparation. Prom is the special event the juniors work very hard at planning and the seniors simply get to enjoy. Don't worry juniors, you will have your turn next year to relax! Prom is right around the corner on April 24th at Ugly Heights. And don't forget the after prom party at the high school! I attended last year and it was a great place to continue the fun!

Seniors' Award Night is going to be held May 12th, along with academic honors, some of the scholarships are announced during this ceremony.

Baccalaureate is traditionally the Sunday before graduation, May 23rd, however the time has not yet been set. Every year a few students have to miss this event because they attend the "Best of the Class." Mallory Powell and Sarah Hobbs are the two seniors that earned this honor and we would like them to have the opportunity to attend both of these events.

Finally, the BIG DAY of Graduation, is on May 28th @ 8:00 p.m. Words alone cannot explain all the feelings this day brings to many seniors. Now that you know all the dates it would be great if you could attend some of these events and share in our excitement!



KINGSTON POLICE Chief David W. Lich has announced his candidacy for the District 3 Tuscola County Commission seat.

Kingston police chief eyes District 3 seat

Kingston Police Chief David W. Lich has again thrown his hat into the political ring in hopes of securing the opportunity to serve area residents as a Tuscola County commissioner.

Lich, a Democrat, recently announced his candidacy for the District 3 seat now held by Mayville Republican Donald P. McLane, who has served on the board for 12 years. Lich previously lost a bid to unseat McLane in 2002.

District 3 is comprised of Dayton, Fremont, Kingston, Koylton, Novesta and Wells townships, and includes areas of Kingston, Cass City, Deford, Wilmot, Dayton, Mayville, Silverwood and Clifford.

Lich said he believes a commissioner should serve the people of the county in an honest, fair and equal way.

"People have said to me that the county is in a financial crisis and how am I going to get us out of this situation. I advise them, ask our current commissioners, they have permitted our county to achieve this financial crisis for the past 10 years," Lich said.

"Living in the past and/or present is not what we as commissioners should be doing. We need to look to-

wards the future and prepare ourselves and others," he added.

"Like most people, I have not achieved all of my goals in life, but I am determined not to give up. I fought a long, hard and clean campaign against my challenger last time, and I am preparing for this upcoming election."

Lich said his objectives have remained the same; maintaining the type of county government that the citizens want, and to make the road commission board more accountable to the general public.

Lich retired from employment with the state in 2002 after more than 32 years of service, including several years with the Department of Mental Health. He completed his tenure with the Department of Corrections.

He has been a certified police officer for 25 years, work-

ing for several years part-time for the villages of Caro and Kingston. He was named full-time police chief in Kingston 2 years ago.

In addition, he serves on the Kingston Township Planning Commission, is the current secretary for the Democratic Party of Tuscola County, secretary for the Great Thumb Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, a member of the Kingston Lions Club and the Caro Moose Lodge, and is a Bronze Leader for the Commanders Club of the Disabled American Veterans.

Lich resides in Kingston Township with his wife, Cheri. The couple has 4 grandchildren.

This year's primary election is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 3, with the general election slated for Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Rep. Meyer votes "no"

State Rep. Tom Meyer recently voted against an amendment that would increase fees for Michigan businesses that discharge wastewater.

Meyer feels that it will hurt local businesses and farmers. "A business owner in my district received a letter from the Department of Environmental Quality, denying him

a permit," said Meyer, R-Bad Axe. "When I looked into the matter, nowhere did it indicate why the permit was denied. There are so many fees that are built into this bill that we may have to go back in and clean them up."

"I am disappointed this amendment was approved during a time when Michigan's farmers are struggling and can't afford these fees."

SB 560, with the approved amendment, now goes back to the Senate for consideration.



Bulldog Beat

by Laura Enderle

"Creating Environments That Assure Learning" is the simple goal the Owendale-Gagetown elementary staff is trying to establish while using the new Positive Behavior Support (PBS).

This new disciplinary system is actually a way to balance the positive behavior with the negative behavior. The plan is to focus more on the children's good actions enough to gradually eliminate most negative behavior.

The idea of focusing more on positive behavior then negative behavior has been growing more and more over the past years, especially with young people constantly in the news. This new system originated at the University of Oregon with the idea to start teaching new principals young to prevent bad behavior in youth. PBS is now being used in over 2,000 elementary schools nationwide.

This past October the program started in various schools in Huron County including North Huron Elementary, Green Elementary (Bad Axe), Bad Axe Junior High and High School, Laker Junior High, Ugly Elementary, Caseville Elementary, and starting this fall in full bloom, Owen-Gage Elementary.

The staff at O-G elementary does not expect the transition to be difficult because many of the principals used were already in place.

There are 3 areas of behavior the O-G staff chose to emphasize: Respect, Responsibility and Safety. The specific expectations of students will be placed in each area of the school. For example, in the hallway, students are expected to use a quiet voice to show respect, walk directly to their destination to show responsibility, and follow emergency procedures to be safe. During the morning assembly the students are expected to be attentive to the presenter (respectful), stay in their personal space (responsible), and walk up the stairs one step at a time and in single file (safety). When caught carrying out these and many other expectations appropriately, at anytime, they could receive personal recognition or could receive praise as a whole class or group.

The office will keep track of all the good behavior and when their goal is reached a prize will be given to the whole elementary. Staff decided not to make goals

competitive between individual students, or even grades. Instead, the school will work together in reaching their goals to emphasize teamwork and to have more positive peer influence among the students.

Just like most things, this new system mainly needs time to get everything working efficiently. The money that was needed to get the program up and running was received from grant money through the HISD. In the fall, PBS will be used at all times with all elementary students at O-G. Because this system utilizes a team approach, it will require the support and cooperation of all staff, students, families and administrators. The sooner the system is in place, the sooner we can start preventing problematic behavior. All students are entitled to a fun and safe learning environment, and with this system in place, O-G hopes to improve the quality of the education they provide to our children.

Thank you for reading the Bulldog Beat, if you have any comments please contact me at lauralouise85@hotmail.com. Have a marvelous week.

U-M women air meeting

Fairgrove Country Church will host its Spring Revival Thursday through Sunday, April 22-25, at 7 p.m. nightly and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Fairgrove is a new church mothered by the Deford Country Church.

Speakers nightly will be ministers of the country churches and special music will be featured in each service.

Call the Deford church for more information at (989) 872-5158.

Wildfire big risk in spring

Many Michigan residents believe that autumn is the worst season for wildfires, but spring is really the "hot" season - most of the state's 6,000 to 8,000 wildfires occur between March and May. During Michigan Wildfire Prevention Week, April 18-24, residents can take stock of their outdoor burning practices to make their yards and homesteads more accessible to emergency vehicles. Spring is the worst wildfire season because dead and brown vegetation can easily ignite. While a homeowner starting a fire might think that soggy spring ground will limit the chances for a fire to spread, grass and leaves dry out quickly, making them unintended tinder. "Also in the spring, people are outside raking and burning yard waste," says Mark Hansen, Michigan State University (MSU) Extension wildfire specialist. "These fires often escape when floating embers called 'firebrands' ignite nearby fields and brush. Even burn barrels can be sources of firebrands." Homeowners can help prevent wildfires by following local burning ordinances. Never burn any debris without a burning permit. The township office or fire department alerts residents to unsafe fire conditions when a permit is requested. Always follow this advice. There are a number of protective strategies that homeowners can use to prevent wildfires or limit potential damage to their residences. To learn about these, visit the MSU Extension Emergency Management website at www.msue.msu.edu/emergency/. For more information on protecting a home from wildfire, pick up a copy of "Protect Your Michigan Home from Wildfire" (MSU Extension Bulletin E-2831) and "Understanding Wildfire Behavior in Michigan" (E-2882) at your country Extension office.

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THE KNIGHTS OF Columbus Council in Cass City recently named Leroy and Nancy Simms the 2004 Family of the Year. The couple, pictured above (right) with their children and grandchildren, were honored during the annual K of C banquet for their service to their church, community and the council.



ALSO HONORED by the local Knights of Columbus Council was Steve Zimba, named 2004 Knight of the Year for sharing his talents with the church, community and the council. He is pictured above with his wife, Josephine, and the couple's children and grandchildren.

Area senior volunteers are needed

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is a community-service program composed of volunteers who have the time and the desire to help others solve community problems.

RSVP volunteers are bound by no restrictions, other than they must be 55 years of age or older. Anyone in this age bracket, regardless of income or other circumstance, is eligible for the program. Participants receive no financial incentives, but choose to serve because they have valuable skills and time to offer.

Some typical services that RSVP volunteers may perform can include providing food for the homeless and hungry, building housing for low-income neighbors, helping local law enforcement officials make communities safer, and mentoring and tutoring young people.

RSVP stations could include any Huron, Sanilac or Tuscola county organization, neighborhood, or community, and the host sites should be prepared to extend a warm welcome to friendly, skilled people who are eager to help them succeed.

Stations may choose to contribute to RSVP's support, but this is not required. Stations may also create a project or projects specifically for their volunteers, in coordination with Program Manager Julia DeGuise, and these could be either short- or long-term projects. The mature individuals who will provide volunteer services offer a wide range of skills and experiences, and will expect to be appropriately challenged to address critical human and social needs within the community.

Typical volunteer workplaces can include hospitals, food banks, schools, shelters, parks and recreational areas, nursing homes, prisons, and others.

Potential volunteers or host sites for the expanded RSVP are invited to contact DeGuise for more information, and may do so by calling (989) 673-4121 or toll-free at 1-800-843-6394.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

General Cable Corporation has entered into an agreement to acquire all the assets and certain liabilities of BICC plc's worldwide energy cable and cable systems businesses at a purchase price of \$440 million. According to Stephen Rabinowitz, chairman, president and chief executive officer of General Cable, the plan is to combine BICC's European, North American, Middle Eastern, Asia/Pacific and African operations with General Cable's worldwide operations, creating the third largest wire and cable company in the world and the second largest in North America.

The Owen-Gage School District will be honored by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) next month for a program that recognizes positive characteristics in students. The district will receive a 1999 Education Excellence Award for its "Adult Role Focus Student of the Month" program, which honors a student in each grade, nominated by the teaching staff for best exemplifying characteristics such as being respectful to others, setting goals, being productive citizens, and using technology.

Members of American Bikers Aiming Toward Education (ABATE) have earned a reputation for lending a hand when a need arises in Thumb area communities. The group's causes are varied, including an annual Christmas toy run in Owendale and the popular Evergreen Park Benefit, held each summer, that has raised thousands of dollars to help cover operational expenses and improvements at the Sanilac County park.

10 YEARS AGO

High winds fanned a large wildfire that raged across some 60 acres just west of Deford Saturday afternoon. The blaze, one of nearly a

dozen reported in the Cass City area since Thursday, was among several grass fires handled by fire departments and the DNR throughout the Thumb and across the state over the weekend.

Thumb National Bank, represented by Executive Vice-President Curt Strickland, recently donated \$1,000 to the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation, represented by board member Geraldine Prieskorn.

After working nearly 2 years without a contract and without a raise, Owen-Gage teachers were given both during a monthly school board meeting Monday night. But they weren't alone. The district's non-certified staff also received a pay hike, as did the elementary and high school principals. The board approved the teachers' contact after meeting behind closed doors for 90 minutes. The 2-year-labor agreement, okayed by teachers in a vote held April 5, is retroactive to the 1992-93 school year.

25 YEARS AGO

The biggest casualty of the severe windstorm that started last Thursday night was electricity as some area residents had to go without it for almost 72 hours. Officials of the two power companies serving the upper Thumb said it was the worst storm to hit this area in terms of power outages since the ice storm in spring, 1976.

Louis Salas, Jr. called to ask me about a Prieskorn he heard mentioned while watching a lady pro golf tournament on the tube Sunday. One of the participants said that she had improved because she took lessons from Elmer Prieskorn in Michigan. I asked Cass City's Gerald Prieskorn about it. "No relation," he replied. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Gagetown's application for \$330,000 in federal funds for a proposed industrial devel-

opment project has been rejected. The money would have been used to buy two parcels of property, including an unused industrial building, along the railroad tracks on the north side of the village, plus renovation and expansion of the building. Once the building was completed, it would be sold or leased to someone to set up a business. A Detroit auto company engineer was interested, for the purpose of establishing his own tool and machine shop there.

35 YEARS AGO

Officials at Walbro Corporation this week released details about its new wholly owned subsidiary at Whithouse, Ohio, a suburb of Toledo. The subsidiary, Allied-Walbro, has been owned by Walbro since last July and has been in operation for several months in a new building on a six-acre site in the Industrial Parkway at Whithouse. Allied produces semi-pneumatic steel and plastic wheels for lawnmowers and kindred vehicles and is an addition to the Walbro product line.

A small pile of burning slab went out of control Wednesday morning at the Peters Bros. Saw Mill northeast of the city and caught fire to a large pile of scrap lumber. Only limited damage was done to the structure of the mill when a section of its exterior was charred by the nearby blaze. A tanker and a pump truck from the Elkland Township Fire Department and a tanker from the Gagetown-Elmwood Fire Department came and brought the blaze under control.

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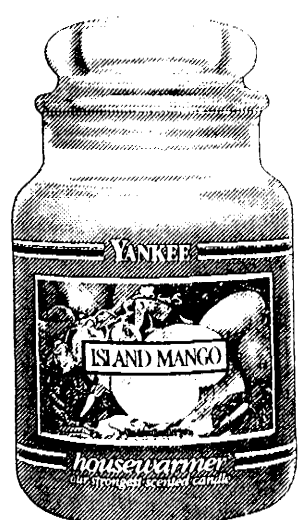
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Rivard sets new mark to highlight Bearcat track victories at Caro

Cass City's track teams opened their season last Wednesday at Caro with a quad meet that included Ubyly and Unionville-Sebewaing Area schools.

The Bearcats, highlighted by Jackie Rivard's record-breaking time of 11:39.34 in the 3,200-meter run, topped both the girls and boys division with 100 and 88.5 points, respectively.

The complete team results, among the boys, saw USA with 87 points, Cass City with 45 points and Caro with 39.5. Pursuing the Bearcats, in the ladies division, was USA with 94 points, while Caro tallied 51 points and Cass City, 14.

Hatcher with a time of 1:40.54.

The Red Hawks also recorded a 3rd place finish in the 400-meter relay and a pair of 4th place finishes in the 3,200-meter and 1,600-meter relays. Cass City's 400-meter relay team consisted of Bitzer, Kevin Ouvry, Kyle Sieradzki and Hatcher who recorded a time of 49.26.

The Hawks' 3,200-meter relay team included Kyle Reif, Leon Sullins, Gavin Mills and Jessup Hoyt who recorded a time of 9:39.97, while the 1600-meter team of Toner, Sullins, Andrew Schinnerer and Danny Mittlestat notched a time of 3:53.70.

Individual efforts for Cass City had Schinnerer with a pair of 2nd place efforts in the high jump (5' 10") and Pole Vault (10' 6"), while Toner placed 3rd in the 200-meter and 400-meter dashes. Other 3rd place finishes for Cass City were recorded by Reif in the 3,200-meter run, Bitzer in the 110-meter hurdles, Jordan Mozdzen in the pole vault and Hatcher in the long jump.

competitors earn points in individual events. Cass City's best finish came in the discus with Klyn Puterbaugh's toss of 88' 6" that resulted in 3rd place. Puterbaugh also placed 5th in the shot put with a mark of 27' 07.25".

Cass City also had Tara Sherman with a 4th place finish in the 100-meter hurdles (17.93) and Courtney Rabideau with a 5th place finish in the 1,600-meter run (6:33.87). Mirrissa Curtis' leap of 4' 04" earned her a 5th place finish in the high jump.

The Hawk relay teams also earned points on the day. Sherman, Courtney Hacker, Puterbaugh and Kayla Morrish placed 3rd in the 800-meter relay with a time of 2:02.98. Also earning a 3rd place finish for Cass City was the 400-meter relay team of Hacker, Puterbaugh, Sherman, and Morrish with a time of 58.44.

Cass City finished 4th in the 3,200-meter relay with a time of 12:18.33 recorded by Erika Karavas, Krista Homakie, Carrie Hillaker and Tara Whittaker, while the 1,600-meter relay team of Karavas, Leah Whittaker, Hillaker and Homakie turned in a time of 4:59.14 also good for 4th place.

BOYS' RESULTS

Coach Scott Cuthrell's thincads earned one first place finish that was recorded in the 800-meter relay by Red Hawks Dustin Bitzer, Zac Toner, Ricky Hartwick and Gordon

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Split Conversions: K. Ewald 4-7-9; C. Brown 3-10; D. Williams 4-10.

Team High Game & Series: Charlie's Angels, 720 (1979).

LADY RESULTS

Coach Jon Zdrojewski's lady Red Hawks had only 4

Cass City Red Hawks 2004 Track

Date	Team	Time
April 7	Caro / USA	4:00 p.m.
April 13	Marlette	4:00 p.m.
April 14	Reese JV Invite	4:00 p.m.
April 16	USA Invite	4:00 p.m.
April 19	Bad Axe / Lakers / CL	4:30 p.m.
April 21	Ubyly Invite	4:30 p.m.
April 23	Brown City Invite	4:00 p.m.
April 26	Millington	4:00 p.m.
April 28	Mayville / Marlette	4:00 p.m.
May 4	Reese / Ubyly / BC	4:00 p.m.
May 7	Reese Invite	4:00 p.m.
May 11	Sandusky	
May 14	Akron-Fairgrove Invite	4:00 p.m.
May 18	League Invite	4:00 p.m.
May 22	Regionals @ Bad Axe	
May 25	Huron Meet @ Bad Axe	
June 1	Caro Meet of Champs	
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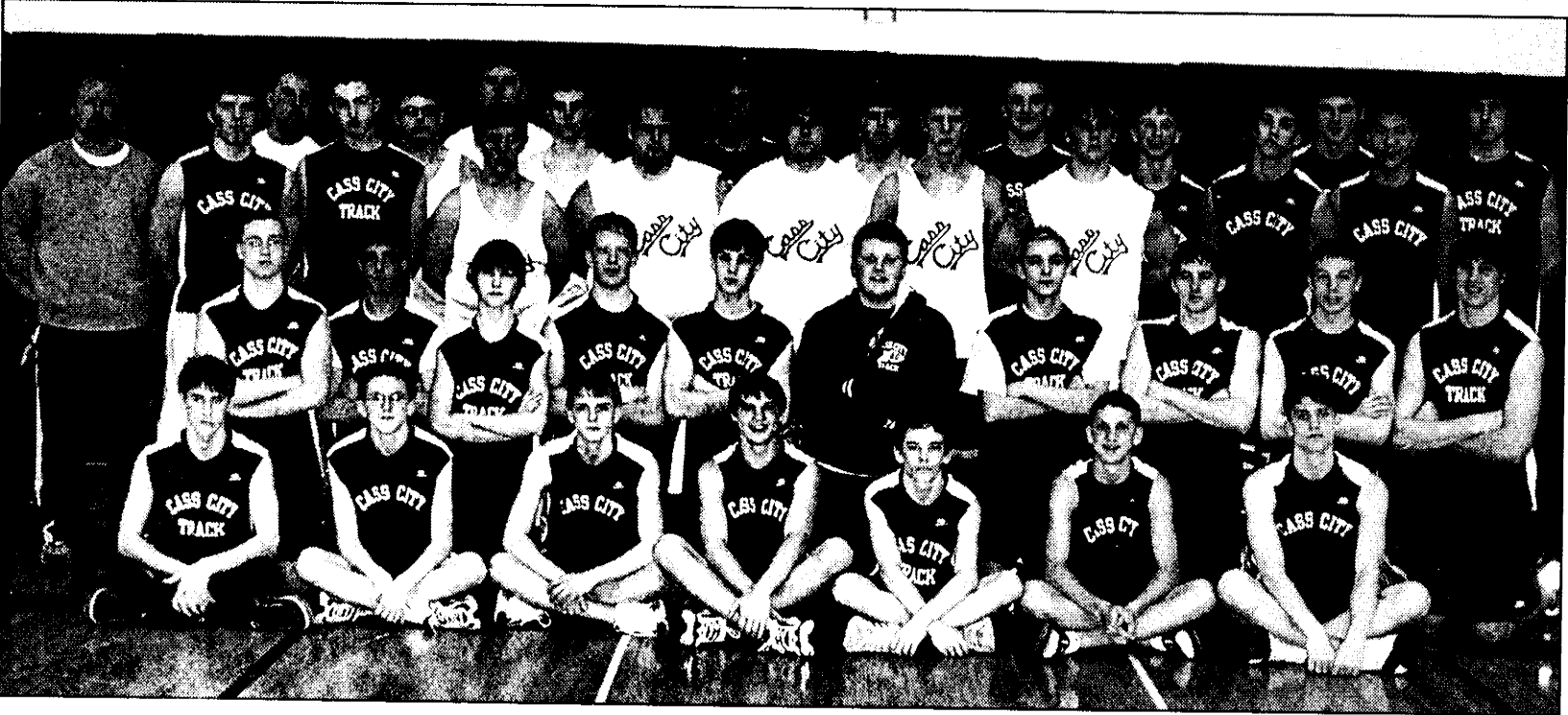
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THE CASS CITY 2004 Red Hawk girls' track team members include (front row, l-r) Leah Whittaker, Kayla Morrish, Tara Whittaker, Carrie Hillaker, Courtney Hacker; (second row) Erika Karavas, Krista Homakie; (third row) Gail Hartwick, Marissa Curtis, Jerica Fenningsdorf, Valerie Scasny, Coach Jon Zdrojewski, Klyn Puterbaugh, Tara Sherman and Ashley Puterbaugh. Missing: Ashleigh Rabideau and Courtney Rabideau.

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THE OWEN-GAGE BULLDOG baseball team members include: (front l-r) Josh Powell, Levi Adams, Aaron Faist, Zak Sutter, Eric Zaleski, Andy Dronsella, Mike Mentor (back l-r) Assistant Coach Matt Gaeth, Grant Champagne, Josh Leinweber, Mike Pawlak, Trace Lopez, Charles Martin, Stan Krug and Coach Mac McKee.

Cass City ladies drop pair on soccer field

The Cass City Red Hawks suffered a 6-0 loss at home to Lakeville, and a 5-2 loss at Swan Valley. The Hawks played two very

similar games, and although they are showing steady improvement, the results were still two losses.

Against Lakeville, Sarah Hobbs started in net and played a solid game, recording 19 saves, but lack of any offense kept the ball in the Hawk end too much of the time, resulting in multiple scoring chances for the opponents. The Hawks generated only two shots, with Mary Lima having the best scoring chance.

Whitney Braun had another good game as did Ashley Timon and Raven Clemens. Defensive play from Katie McIntosh, Ally Bell and Erica Delamarier was solid, but they wore down late in the game. The first 20 minutes was good, solid soccer. After that, things got a little ragged, said Coach Chuck Reed.

The Hawks matched up very well against Swan Valley, and with Jenna Timko back and starting in net, expectations were high. Timko had 14 saves and played well, but had to leave the game in the second half after being kicked in the head.

Hobbs started at forward and scored her first goal and Lima got the second on a nice rebound shot, but the offense still lacked aggression late in the game and had trouble getting shots. Freshmen Lysa Knight, Katie Kleo, Katie Hill and Kristen Curtis all played well on defense, at times being on the field together.

Even with 7 seniors, this is a young team and has not come together yet. Mental mistakes and lack of hustle at times are the two biggest problems right now. They generated 6 shots against Swan Valley, a marked improvement, but need to double or triple that number in order to be competitive.

Defense needs to be more consistent, and the offense needs to control the ball and keep it in the opponent's end. With league games starting soon, the Hawks are going to have to raise their intensity level and play like they are capable of for the entire game, not just in spurts, said the coach.

Bulldogs start season with pair of wins over Lakers, fall at Ubly

Coach Barb Adams' lady Bulldogs, the defending North Central Thumb League champs, opened their season on a high note last Tuesday, earning a sweep over host Elkland-Pigeon-Bay Port.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the opener and cruised to an 11-1 win. Kayla Zaleski picked up the

win on the mound where she fanned 9 while allowing just one hit.

Mary McKee led the Bulldogs' 12-hit attack with 3 singles, while Laura Enderle, Michelle Brown and Katie Swiastyn each slapped out a pair of safeties.

"For the opening of the season they played exceptionally well," said Adams.

The hit parade continued for the Bulldogs in game 2 as they scored at least one run in each frame en route to a 6-2 decision.

Brown, Candi Rhodes, Stephanie Dorsch and Zaleski each collected 2 singles for the winner. Zaleski tossed a 2-hitter in the nightcap, while striking

out 9.

On Thursday, the Bulldogs traveled to Ubly and suffered a pair of defeats by the scores of 9-6 and 14-2.

Kim Lackowski collected the win in game one, helping her own cause with 3 hits.

In the nightcap, Carrie Pichla picked up the win, while slugging out 2 hits including one round tripper.

Hawks perfect in opening 3 games

Cass City Red Hawks served notice that they will be one of the teams to beat this season as new softball coach Josh Stern's charges opened with 3 wins in the first 3 games of the season.

Hawk fans will get to see the team at home in non-league action Thursday against Brown City and Monday against Ubly. Brown City has a young team with 13 returning veterans from the squad that finished 17-15 last season.

It took a last inning rally for the Hawks to get off on the right foot last week, Monday, against Vassar.

It was a see-saw game that saw the Hawks jump in front 5-0 before the Vulcans

charged back with a big fourth inning to tie the game. Cass City went back in front in the fourth inning with a run. The Vulcans rallied for 2 runs in the seventh to take the lead, 7-6, but the Hawks came back to win it in their half of the inning. Key blow was a triple by Gail Hartwick to knock in the tying run and she later scored the winning run to end the game.

Mallory Powell started for Cass City and was relieved by Ashley Hendrick with 2 outs in the fourth inning. Powell allowed 6 hits, walked a pair and struck out 5. Hendrick allowed one hit, walked one and struck out 4 to get credit for the win.

Leading stickers for the

Hawks were Megan Toner, 2 for 3; Kristi Fluegge and Kristina Spaulding, 2 for 3 each.

CARO GAMES

The Hawks had little trouble running roughshod over the Caro Tigers in a twin bill Thursday. The Hawks defeated the winless Tigers 10-3 in the opener and 15-1 in the nightcap. Both games were called after 5 innings.

Hendrick went the distance in the opener, striking out 5 while allowing 4 walks and 7 hits. She was pitching despite struggling with a sore back.

Karmen Jackson was charged with the loss, giv-

ing up 9 hits. Toner was a perfect 3 for 3 and Krystee Dorland 2 for 3 to pace the Hawks.

Powell picked up the win in the second game. She allowed just 4 hits. Toner continued her torrid hitting with 3 more hits in as many trips to the plate.

Coach Stern said that he was pleased with the hitting that his team has produced in the early games. It's probable that the Hawks will need all the offensive power that the team can generate when the wide-open Greater Thumb West competition starts. The first conference game is on the road April 22 against Valley Lutheran.

Despite poor start, Pritchett sees promise

While the Cass City Red Hawk baseball record is not too shiny after the first 3 games, coach Ryan Pritchett is far from unhappy with the team that has won once in its first 3 games.

The Hawks swung into action last week with a victory Monday against Vassar and a doubleheader loss Thursday against Caro.

Pritchett said that his team showed promise and should be a factor in the league race as practice and competition eliminates some of the early season mistakes.

The Hawks undoubtedly will need to be at their very best to score an upset against one of the state's best class A teams, Bay City Central, Wednesday (today). It will

be a win-win situation for us, Pritchett said. Playing a team of this caliber should benefit us against teams on our regular schedule even if we lose. Thursday the Hawks play Brown City and Monday they meet Ubly, both games at home.

Cass City was a definite underdog against the Vassar Vulcans, the team that went to the quarterfinals in the state last year. But they jumped on the Vulcans early and then withstood a Vassar rally for a 9-6 decision.

Pacing a first inning attack was Chris Dillon who smacked a 2-run homer. The Hawks lead evaporated in the third inning when Vassar rallied to tie the game at 4-all. The Hawks countered in

their half of the inning to score 4 times to lead 8-4 and then coasted in for the victory.

Jon Bennett rapped 4 hits in 4 tries and batted in 4 runs. The Hawks showed good speed with 11 stolen bases, led by Jake Brinkman who collected 2 hits in 3 tries, scored 3 runs and had 3 stolen bases.

Tyler Erla pitched the win, allowing 4 hits and 4 runs in 3 innings. Brad Langenburg mopped up, allowing 2 runs on 5 hits.

CARO GAMES

The Caro Tigers won a 6-4 decision in the opener, led by Kevin Skidmore whose home run and double ac-

counted for 3 Tiger runs. Victim of the blast was Mike Havens who went the distance and took the loss. Jon Roddy got the win with relief help from Ryan Downing who shut down the Hawks without a hit in the final 2 innings.

A key play for the Tigers was a fine defensive play to throw out Justin Glaza at the plate to stop a Hawk rally after Craig Holmgren had lashed a double.

The Tigers opened with a 3-run rally in the second game against Tyler Erla and then made the lead hold up for a 4-2 decision. Downing hurled a 4-hitter. Roddy cracked a 2-run home run for the winners.

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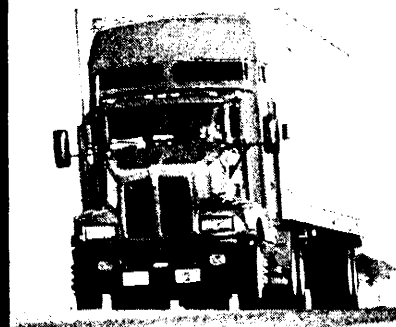
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Obituaries

Alexis Carpenter

Alexis Ellen Belle Carpenter died Friday, April 9, 2004 in the Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe. She was born still April 9, 2004, the daughter of Cindy Lou Copeland and Alfred Lee Carpenter II. She is survived by her parents; a sister, Elizabeth M.

Carpenter; two brothers: Alfred III and Keith Carpenter; grandparents: Donald and Ruby Copeland of Cass City, and Debra and John McCallister of Nampa, Idaho; a great-grandmother, Sandy Betzold of Bay City; and aunts and uncles: Trevor Copeland, Jennifer Carpenter, Jamie (Craig) Park, Belinda Alderman, Terry Carpenter, Dawn Jolly,

Jorgene (Steven) Carpenter, Bonnie Adams, Becky Dietrich and Jennifer Adams. She was preceded in death her grandfather, Alfred L. Carpenter Sr., and great-grandparents: Blanche and Leonard Copeland, Jack Betzold, and Patricia Skrzypczak. Private funeral services were held Monday, April 12, at her graveside in the Novesta Township Cemetery, with Debra L. Kranz, funeral service celebrant, officiating. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Movies for senior citizens Friday at Rawson Library

Movies for senior citizens will be shown at Rawson Memorial Library Friday, April 16 at 1:30 p.m. **Touring Austria:** This video tours a land of spectacular beauty, sound of music, taste of strudel and Sachertorte, touches of history and the pleasant smell of a winter's fire after a day in the Alps. In Vienna, marvel at the Hofburg and Schoenbrunn palaces, St. Stephen's Cathedral, the Vienna Boys' Choir and an evening of waltzes. Cruise the Blue Danube. Visit Mozart's Salzburg with its delightful parks and gardens. Visit Piber where the famous Lippizaner stallions are bred. See Europe's oldest glacier, The Pasterze, and Krimml Falls, highest waterfall on the continent. View it all and you'll know why Austria is the land of Alpine splendor. (60 minutes)

San Francisco: Explore the city's ethnic neighborhoods, including the historic Mission District, the "beat" generation's North Beach, the Castro District and the world-famous Chinatown. Behold the renowned Golden Gate Bridge and visit its sister span the Bay Bridge. Ride a cable car past twisted Lombard St. to Fisherman's Wharf and purchase fresh-cooked seafood from sidewalk vendors. Cruise around infamous Alcatraz Island before seeing the Ferry Building where thousands boarded boats to flee after the 1906 earthquake. Tour Golden Gate Park, making stops at the DeYoung Museum and Steinhart Aquarium with its Tide Pool and Fish Roundabout. (34 minutes) Refreshments will be served. This Older Adult Program is offered free of charge.

Marge Rice

Marge Rice, 84, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., formerly of Gagetown, died Thursday, Dec. 30, 2003. She was born Nov. 18, 1919 in Bad Axe, the daughter of Roy and Dorothy LaFave. Rice and her husband, Sherwood, were owners/operators of Michigan Industrial Gas Corp. and Sherwood Forest Country Club, for 29 years. She was a member and officer of the Federation of Women's Clubs, and the St. Agatha's Altar Society. Rice belonged to the St. Sebastian Council of Catholic Women, and was a volunteer of Hospice Care for Broward County. She was a member of the St. Sebastian Catholic Church. Rice is survived by a daughter, Cheri Rice of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; a twin sister, Marian (Bill) Stanton of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; a sister-in-law, Lee LaFave of Gagetown; and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sherwood; and a brother, Jim LaFave. A memorial mass will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 17, at St. Agatha's Catholic Church, Gagetown. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Agatha's Catholic Church, Gagetown.



THE DTE ENERGY Foundation has awarded nearly \$5,000 in grants this year to Tuscola County teachers who proposed creative energy-related projects to supplement their lesson plans. Cass City teachers Jenifer Green and Barbara Kirn were among those presented grants recently at an awards ceremony at the Tuscola Intermediate School District. Pictured above are (from left) Sally Washington of the Tuscola ISD, Green and Kirn, and Ray Bollaert, DTE Energy Regional Relations manager.

Library in spotlight

Rawson Memorial Library's new Young Adult (YA) Area is featured in a 2-page spread in the April edition of Voice of Youth Advocates, a national library publication. The YA Area was unveiled last September and is specially furnished with modern tables, chairs and a variety of reading materials selected for library patrons in the 12- to 18-year-old age group. The opening of the area increased the library's recreational YA collection from 50 to 500 volumes, including fiction, science fiction, fantasy, non-fiction and graphic novels housed in 384 square feet of shelving. Magazines reside in 2 wall racks. "As library director, one of my philosophies is to ask others what they feel about matters that pertain to the library - always including the library board and staff, and often patrons and voters of our district," library Director Kate VanAuken told the magazine. "I encourage all to voice

their ideas, concerns and suggestions. Through this positive interaction, many fabulous ideas have come about in the short time - less than 2 years - in which I have been director. "One idea was to do something for young adults in our community," VanAuken continued. "In a rural area such as ours, opportunities for outside activities are quite limited. I believed that we could help change this situation by providing an area in the public library specifically geared toward 12- to 18-year-olds. "My first step was to get support from my library board, which was very interested. The next step was to contact our middle school librarian to ask for help in forming a YA advisory group. We needed their ideas to visualize what they would want in a YA area at the public library," VanAuken said.

She and a small group of students began meeting in October 2002. Over the next few months, the students not only offered their input, but also raised some \$500 during a pair of bake sales to purchase library materials for the new area. "The grand opening was wonderful, and traffic has been steady ever since," VanAuken told the magazine. "Comments have been very complimentary, circulation continues to rise, and I am seeing faces in the library that I haven't seen before. Our new YA space is a great accomplishment for our library and our community," she added. "I encourage all who haven't done the YA thing in their libraries to do it - but seek ideas from others, especially teens. They have great ideas and boundless energy, and they bring inspiration to all they do."

Something's fishy at Hills and Dales

Part of the goals for the staff of the foodservice department at Hills and Dales General Hospital is to put together a theme meal for the employees. This month, Kris Powers, a cook and aide in the department, put together Ocean Week. April 4-April 10 was National Ocean Week, so Powers played off of this theme. Each day there was a seafood item on the menu along with cookies and punch and some trivia activities. For decorations, Powers contacted an art teacher at Cass City Elementary School. She agreed to have her one through 4 grade classes make ocean theme artwork. Her first grade classes made paper plate fish with do-a-dot markers, the second graders did paint-over crayon pictures, the third graders constructed sea creatures out of construction

paper and twisted tissue paper, and the fourth graders did cut and paste ocean scenes with paper. Altogether, there were some 400 pieces of artwork to display in the hospital cafeteria and dining room. With the collaboration between the school and hospital, a large, colorful display of artwork completed this theme meal.

Gospel Concert slated

Deford Country Church will have as its guest at the monthly Gospel Concert, The Joyful Noise of Port Huron. Sunday, April 25, at 6 p.m. Deford Country Church is located at 5903 Main Street in Deford. A free-will offering will be received.

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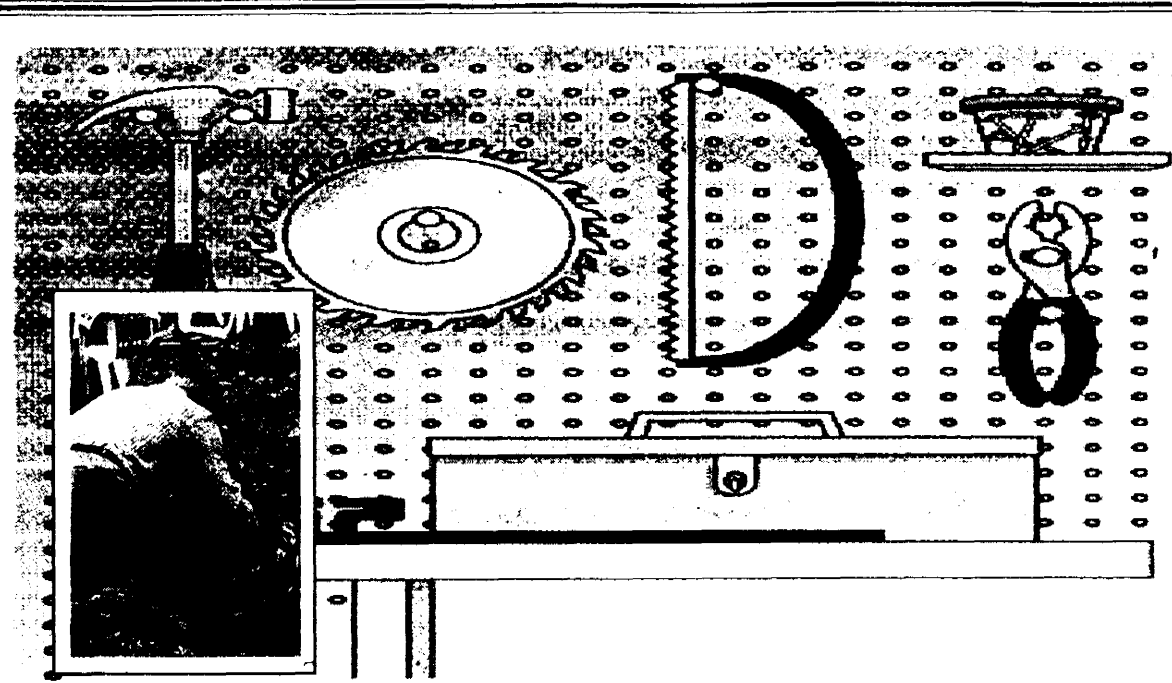
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DAINGEROUS BUILDINGS ORDINANCE
Ordinance No. 2004-2

An ordinance to protect the public health and safety by providing for the repair, demolition, and making safe of dangerous buildings; to define dangerous buildings; to provide for inspections of dangerous buildings; to provide for notices, hearings, and appeals for persons having interests in buildings determined to be dangerous; and to provide for the tax roll assessment of the cost of making dangerous buildings safe.

THE TOWNSHIP OF EVERGREEN ORDAINS:

Section 1. DANGEROUS BUILDINGS DEFINED.

As used in this Ordinance, "dangerous building" means any building or structure which has any of the following defects:

- (a) Whenever any portion has been damaged by fire, wind, flood, or by any other cause in such a manner that the structural strength or stability is appreciably less than it was before such catastrophe and is less than the minimum requirements of the township building code for a similar new building or structure.
- (b) Whenever any portion of the building or structure is likely to fall or to become dislodged, or to collapse and thereby injure persons or damage property.
- (c) Whenever for any reason whatsoever the building or structure or any portion is manifestly unsafe, including unsafe conditions caused by faulty electrical, mechanical, or plumbing facilities.
- (d) Whenever the building or structure is so deteriorated that the interior of the building is exposed to elements and is accessible to entrance by trespassers and may become an attractive nuisance to children who might play therein to their danger.
- (e) Whenever a building or structure used or intended to be used for dwelling purposes, because of dilapidation, decay, damage, faulty construction or otherwise, is unsanitary or unfit for human habitation or is in a condition that is likely to cause sickness, injury, or otherwise impair the health, safety or general welfare of those living in or near it.

Section 2. INSPECTION.

The building inspector, zoning administrator, or other inspector designated by the Township shall conduct an inspection of any buildings or structures which the inspector has reason to believe may be dangerous buildings as defined in this Ordinance. The report shall specify the nature of the dangerous conditions and the repair or demolition necessary to make the building or structure safe.

Section 3. NOTICE.

When any building or structure is found to be in a dangerous condition, the Inspector shall file the inspection report with the Township Clerk and the Clerk shall issue a notice of public hearing which shall be accompanied by a copy of the inspection report and a copy of this ordinance.

- (a) The notice shall specify the time and place of a hearing before the Township Board at which any interested persons shall have the opportunity to contest the findings of the Inspector.
- (b) The notice shall be directed to the person or persons in whose name the building or structure appears on the most recent township tax assessment records.
- (c) All notices shall be sent by regular mail or otherwise delivered at least (10) days before the date of the hearing described in the notice.

Section 4. HEARING.

The Township Board shall conduct a hearing reviewing the findings of the Inspector. All relevant information provided by the owners or other persons interested in the property and all relevant information provided by the Inspector shall be considered.

- (a) If it is determined by the Township Board that the building or structure is not dangerous or unsafe, no further action shall be taken.
- (b) If it is determined by the Township Board that the building or structure should be repaired, demolished, or otherwise made safe, it shall so order, fixing a time within which compliance must be completed.
- (c) A copy of the decision of the Township Board shall be sent by regular mail or otherwise delivered to the person or persons to whom the original notice was sent.

Section 5. COMPLIANCE.

Complying with a Township Board decision to require the repair, demolition, or making safe of a building or structure shall be the responsibility of the duly notified persons having an interest in the property.

Section 6. FAILURE TO COMPLY; LIEN.

If the responsible persons do not comply with the Township Board's decision within the time specified, the township may arrange to have the required repair, demolition, or other work completed. The cost of such required repair, demolition, or other work shall be a lien against the real property on which the building or structure is located and shall be assessed against said real property on the next tax roll.

Section 7. APPEAL.

A Township Board decision requiring the repair, demolition, or other work on a building or structure may be appealed by any person having an ownership or financial interest in the property. An appeal of the decision shall be made to the Circuit Court by filing an action within 21 days from the date of approval of the minutes of the meeting at which the decision was made by the Township Board.

Section 8. ENACTMENT AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon the day following the date of publication specified below.

The undersigned, Supervisor and Clerk of the Township of Evergreen, hereby certify that this Ordinance was adopted by the Evergreen Township Board at a meeting duly held on the 8th day of April, 2004, and was published in the Cass City Chronicle on the 14th day of April, 2004.

Audrey Leslie
Audrey Leslie, Supervisor

Arthur Severance
Arthur Severance, Clerk

Trio vying for 2 seats

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crease taxes.

In other area districts:
•Owen-Gage Board of Education trustees Mike Mandich and Deb Quick are seeking reelection to 4-year terms, while newly appointed board member Kathy Champagne filed to run for a 2-year term.

Champagne was appointed to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of former board President Randy Howard, who was forced to leave the board due to residency issues.

The board is also asking residents to reinstate the district's full 18-mill non-homestead property tax levy as provided for under Proposal A. The levy has been reduced over the years by provisions of the Headlee Amendment, which restricts increases in property tax revenue.

Currently, the levy stands at 17.5047 mills. Reinstating the full 18 mills would gen-

erate an additional \$2,800 annually.

•Kingston Community School District resident Dennis Zyrowski was the only candidate to file for one of 2, 4-year board seats. Incumbents Bernard Bishop and James VanAllen are not seeking reelection.

School officials said any

district resident who is a registered voter may seek one of the seats provided they file a "declaration of intent" to run as a write-in candidate by the Friday preceding the election.

•Uby Community School officials could not be reached Monday afternoon.

License plate transfer easier

Vehicle owners transferring a license plate from the family car to a pickup truck or van will find the process simpler under a new Department of State policy.

With the change, owners can transfer a passenger plate to any individually owned or leased pickup truck or van not used for commercial pur-

poses. Furthermore, the department will issue a passenger plate rather than a commercial plate when such vehicles are purchased or traded in.

Existing commercial plates can be renewed. New passenger plates will be issued if a replacement plate is needed or when vehicle ownership transfers.

Company-owned and leased pickup trucks and vans will continue to be registered with commercial plates.

In addition to convenience, the policy is estimated to save approximately \$300,000 annually by reducing processing time for plate transfers and decreasing the number of commercial plates needed.

Law enforcement also benefits. Commercial vehicles are afforded certain parking privileges, and the new policy will make it easier to distinguish commercially used vehicles from those that are not.

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BLIGHT ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 2004-1

An ordinance to protect the public health, safety and general welfare by eliminating blight within Evergreen Township, to define and prohibit blight; and to provide penalties for violation hereof.

THE TOWNSHIP OF EVERGREEN ORDAINS:

ARTICLE I
Blight Defined and Prohibited

Section 1.1. It is hereby determined that the uses of land described in this Article constitute blight which, if allowed to exist, will result in unsafe, unsanitary and undesirable conditions.

Section 1.2. No person shall maintain or permit to be maintained any of the following types of blight upon any premises owned, rented, or occupied by such person:

- (a) The outdoor storage of any junk motor vehicle. The term "junk motor vehicle" shall include any motor vehicle which is not currently licensed, which has been inoperable for any reason for a period in excess of thirty (30) days.
- (b) The storage or accumulation of garbage of any kind, except domestic refuse originating on the premises and stored in a sanitary manner for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days. The term "garbage" shall include food waste matter and discarded food containers, as well as any other household refuse.
- (c) The outdoor storage or accumulation of junk. The term "junk" shall include machinery parts, tires, containers, motor vehicle parts, tin cans, unused appliances, metal remnants, cast-off materials, inoperable farm machinery, discarded building materials, and any other inoperable or discarded machinery or materials. This section shall not apply to farm machinery which is located on a bonafide, operating farm, provided the farm machinery is needed for farming operations.
- (d) The dumping or landfilling of any junk, garbage, or junk motor vehicles. The term "dumping or landfilling" shall include burying or otherwise disposing of items on property not licensed as a landfill pursuant to the Michigan Solid Waste Management Act.

Section 1.3. This Ordinance shall not apply to junkyards or salvage yards which are zoned I-Industrial and have been granted special approval under the Evergreen Township Zoning Ordinance.

ARTICLE II
Penalties and Enforcement

Section 2.1. Any person, firm, or corporation, or anyone acting in behalf of said person, firm or corporation, who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall upon conviction thereof be subject to a fine of not more than Five Hundred and no/100 (\$500.00) Dollars and court costs, or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period of not to exceed ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day such violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense. The imposition of any sentence shall not exempt the offender from compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance.

Section 2.2. As an alternative to criminal proceedings under Section 2.1, the Township may seek injunctive relief through Circuit Court to abate the violation and clean up the property.

Section 2.3. Any violation of this ordinance shall constitute a public nuisance.

Section 2.4. Any person found responsible for blight shall eliminate such blight and shall be liable for the cost of elimination of the blight. If such blight is not eliminated by the responsible party, the Township may cause such blight to be eliminated and bill the cost to the responsible party. The cost of such blight elimination, if it is not voluntarily paid for by the responsible party, shall be assessed against the property on the next tax roll.

ARTICLE III
Enactment and Effective Date

Section 3.1 This Ordinance was adopted by the Evergreen Township Board at a meeting duly held on the 8th day of April, 2004.

Section 3.2. This Ordinance was published in the Cass City Chronicle on the 14th day of April, 2004.

Section 3.3. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after the date of publication specified in Section 3.2.

Audrey Leslie
Audrey Leslie, Supervisor

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Arthur Severance, Clerk



THE EXCEL Competitive Dancers include (front row, left) Jennica Richards, Kelton Roth, Ariel Veneziano, Megan VanVliet, (middle row, left) Kelli Lautner, Allie Richards, Amanda Langenburg, (back row, left) Sarah Taylor, Jessica Bellew, Jeanna Byers and Stephanie Richards.

Inaugural "Music in Motion" slated Sunday in village

If you appreciate outstanding music and dance, you will not want to miss this opportunity to support the community's youth.

The first annual "Music in Motion" will showcase the talents of the Cass City High School Concert and Jazz Bands, and the competitive dancers of Excel Dance Studio, Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Cass City High School.

Under the direction of Doug Burch, director of bands, the Cass City High School Concert Band is experiencing steady growth in membership and renewed popularity.

The band is gearing up for its first state festival performance in 21 years.

The jazz band, also under the direction of Burch, will perform a wide variety of selections, including Top 40 hits from the 50s to today. The lively group of saxophones, brass, guitars and percussion plays several familiar medleys.

Competitive dancers from Excel Dance Studio, taught by Jeryln Herp and Amanda Bennett, will be providing the dance numbers in Music in Motion. The dancers, with extensive training from instructors from New York to California, will demonstrate exceptional technical skills while performing challenging choreography. The audience will be treated to bal-

let, jazz, expressive lyrical, tap, and modern hip-hop.

Proceeds from Music in Motion will help to support future competition events for the dancers, and a trip to Florida for the high school band, which will be participating in a music clinic with the Walt Disney World music staff.

The cost for the performance is \$5 per person, with children under 5 free. Tickets are available at Thumb National Bank, Excel Dance Studio, from band students or dancers, or at the door.

Revival slated

Nineteen United Methodist Women met April 5 for a noon luncheon, which was served by Group 2, Bea Baker and Laura Bryant, chairpersons.

The Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held May 8 at 6 p.m. Patti Ward from the Nazarene Church will be the speaker.

Elaine Proctor announced the Pearl Collection will be at Midland.

Health kits to be filled for Liberia were distributed by Marge Dickinson.

Sherry! Seeley gave the program on Easter entitled "Reflection of the Cross."



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Kern: beware of calls from phone solicitors

Telephone solicitors continue to annoy Tuscola County residents, some with promises that donations will "help take drunks off the road" or "help the county" in one way or another.

The trend recently prompted Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern to issue a warning of caution: beware of solicitors who say they are collecting on behalf of law enforcement organizations.

Kern, who said his office has received numerous complaints from citizens and local businesses regarding telemarketers, noted his professional organization, the Michigan Sheriff's Association (MSA) does not conduct such solicitations, nor do the Michigan Chiefs of Police or Michigan State Police.

"The Michigan Sheriff's Association adamantly opposes telemarketing," said Terrence L. Jungel, executive director of the MSA. "If your phone is ringing, it's not us."

"People should be aware of questionable phone solicitations by supposed representatives of law enforcement organizations," Kern said, adding although there are reputable organizations soliciting, any calls of from supposed law enforcement groups should be handled carefully.

"The people that are using these very questionable tactics are doing great damage to reputable law enforcement associations," Kern added. Residents are advised to obtain the following information from solicitors: their name and specifics on who they represent, including a state issued license number.

"Ask if they have any literature they can send, ask for their phone number, and don't talk to solicitors if they call after 9 p.m.," said Kern, who warned against giving out credit card information or agreeing to let anyone come to your home to pick up cash.

Two governmental agencies provide protection from abusive and deceptive telemarketing sales practices: the Federal Communications Commission with the Consumer Protection Act, and the Federal Trade Commission with the Telemarketing Sales Rule.

These rules protect consumers by making it illegal for telemarketers to:

- *Call if you have clearly stated that you want to be added to their "Do Not Call List."
- *Call before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m.
- *Tie up your home telephone line with auto-dialed and pre-recorded messages.
- *Neglect to tell you their company name and what they are selling at the beginning of the call. Prize promotions must be disclaimed, saying no purchase or payment is necessary to enter or

win.

- *Misrepresent any information.

- *Ask for payment before telling you the total cost of goods, whether a sale is final or non-refundable, the odds of winning a prize, and any restricted/conditions on getting a prize.

- *Withdraw money from your checking account without expressed, verifiable consent.

- *Request a fee before providing the service for credit repair or loan promotion, lie to get a payment, and transmit unsolicited ads to fax machines.

More information is available by contacting the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office at 1-877-765-8388. Complaints can be filed with the Federal Communications Enforcement Bureau for Consumer Complaints by calling 1-888-225-5322.



CASS CITY'S NEW village council members officially took office April 1, although their first meeting won't be held until later this month. They are (back row, left) trustees Don Richards and Jenny Zawilinski, Village President Bert Althaver, and trustees Dwight Thabet and Jon Zdrojewski. Also pictured are (seated, from left) trustees Dawn Hollis and Dale McIntosh, and outgoing council members Les Karr, Cathy Kropewnicki and Matt Prieskorn.

Notes from Northwood Meadows

By Becky Barr, Activities Coordinator/Receptionist

It's amazing how fast things are moving along this year. February and March have both flown by. Here's a brief review -

The month of "Hearts" saw nearly all of our residents participate in the "Candy Hearts Contest." Harold Green guessed the closest number without going over and won a lovely silver photo frame. We watched classic movies (and ate a lot of popcorn) - National Velvet and The Fig Tree, we tapped our toes and perked up our ears while listening to the wonderful music of legends like the Jackie Gleason Orchestra and Julie Andrews.

Residents dined on a beautiful Valentine's dinner of beef medallions in red wine sauce, oven roasted red potatoes, carrot coins, and ice cream with sprinkles (lovingly prepared by one of our fabulous cooks, Karla Kidney). Delicious!! Birthdays celebrated in February were residents Etta Auten and Eldon Stoutenburg, employees Judy Hammett, Sandy Stewart and Kaylene Vandermark also got a year older.

The month of "Shamrocks" allowed us to welcome the talented young adults of Cass City High School's Jazz Band. What a wonderful treat to be entertained by these soon-to-be stars! St. Patrick's Day offered up a traditional dinner of corned beef and cabbage and all the trimmings.

Free hearing tests were available for all our residents - provided by Ann Weidman - Board Certified Hearing Instrument Specialist - and the Miracle-Ear Center of Saginaw. Thanks Ann for donating your time and services to the elderly. There was the Chocolate Sundae Sunday Dessert special, and church services, and Don Greenleaf's music magic, and a Tea Party, and the terrific Tailwaggers (a great bunch of 4-H kids who train rescued dogs), and the first day of spring!

Birthdays celebrated in March were residents Louella Parrott, Alice McComb, Jim Milligan, and Theresa Volmering, and employee Kay McLellan.

A warm welcome to our newest residents Peg Harrington, Betty Jozwiak, James Rainey, Ruth Simmons and Al Tunstall. The more the merrier!

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Kids' fun fair on tap at Huron Tech Center April 24

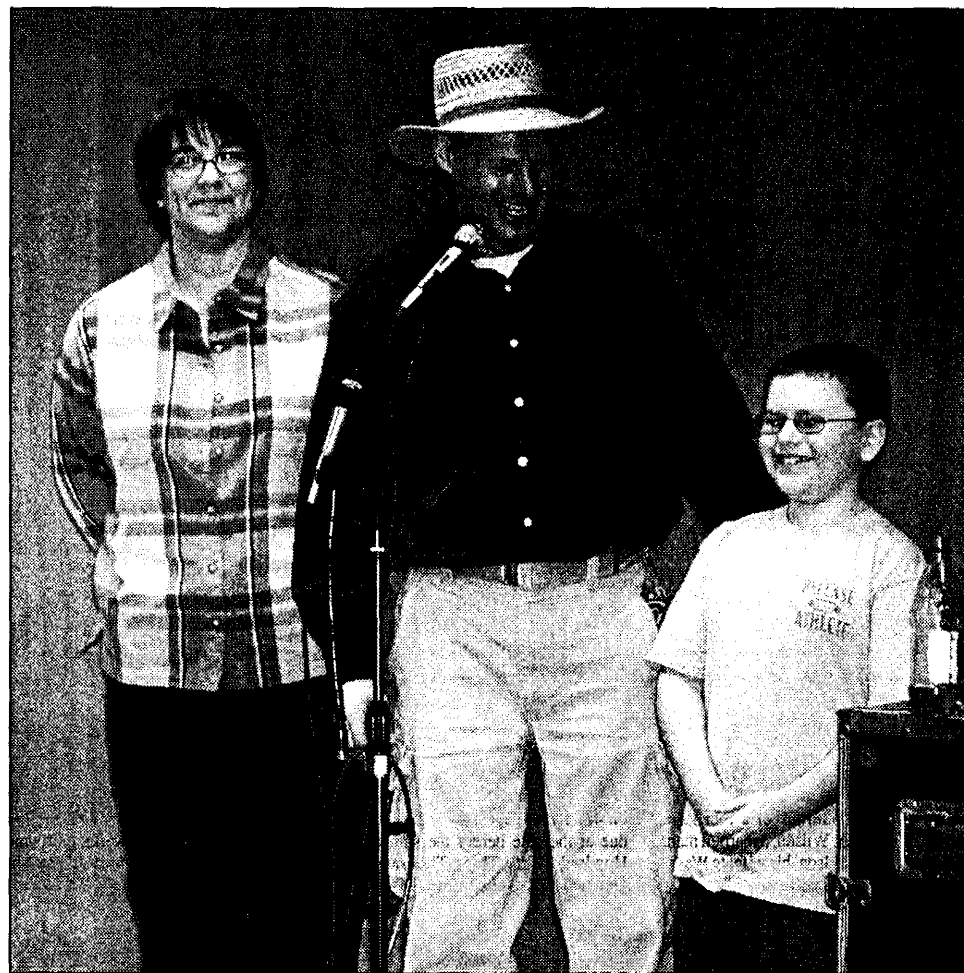
Jump out of those winter blues with a day full of fun for the whole family at this year's Children's Fun Fair Saturday, April 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Huron Area Technical Center in Bad Axe.

Highlights of this year's fun fair include entertainment by September Productions, which will entertain with songs and storytelling. These performers will entertain with a show entitled, "Hats Off to Reading," as well as act out several different children's stories. They will provide a fun, interactive and humorous show for individuals of all ages. September Productions will be performing at 1 p.m.

Also taking place throughout the day are children's games and activities, door prizes, and free information made available from a wide variety of local organizations. Lunch will be available for purchase.

This free event is sponsored by Huron County Early On, the CA/N Council, Strong Families/Safe Children, the Huron Intermediate School Districts, and many other local organizations.

For more information on this event, call the Huron Learning Center at (989) 269-9274.



VENTRILOQUIST Dave Parker of Dynamic School Assemblies, Clawson, invited Campbell Elementary teacher Mary Jo Mantey and first grade student David Pitcher to get in on his act by serving as live ventriloquist dummies during a recent assembly.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donald A. Teddy and Sandra L. Teddy, his wife (original mortgagors), to Citizens Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 17, 1998 and recorded on July 6, 1998 in Liber 744 on Page 035, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Nine and 87/100 Dollars (\$60,239.87), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on May 6, 2004.

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

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, thence West 210.00 feet, thence North 230.00 feet, thence East 210.00 feet, thence South 230.00 feet to the place 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: April 7, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC C (248) 593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Citizens Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, successor by merger and/or name change to Citizens Commercial and Savings Bank
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #020054F01

4-7-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Blake A. Wilson, a married man, and Melinda J. Wilson, his wife, to Washington Mortgage, mortgagee, dated November 12, 1999 and recorded November 19, 1999 in Liber 788, Page 006, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Provident Consumer Financial Services by assignment dated November 18, 1999 and recorded on January 28, 2002 in Liber 860, Page 204, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Nine and 52/100 Dollars (\$18,509.52), 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 May 13, 2004.

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

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

The redemption period shall be 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: April 14, 2004

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Provident Consumer Financial Services, As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48067-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 210.1575

4-14-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Bossick, a single man, and Jessica Welch, as joint tenants (origi-

nal mortgagors), to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 18, 2001 and recorded on January 19, 2001 in Liber 819 on Page 1116, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage as assignee by an assignment dated January 18, 2001 and recorded on January 19, 2001 in Liber 819 on Page 1128, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Three and 40/100 Dollars (\$60,543.40), 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 22, 2004.

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

Lot 24, and the East half of Lot 25, Block 7 of Charles Montague's Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, now being page 11A, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: March 24, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #017932F01

3-24-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lyle J. Salisbury, Jr. and Lynette Marie Salisbury, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Equifirst Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 5, 2002 and recorded on January 29, 2003 in Liber 912 on Page 1409, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JP Morgan Chase Bank, as Trustee as assignee by an assignment dated December 16, 2002 and recorded on July 7, 2003 in Liber 940 on Page 423, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Eight and 15/100 Dollars (\$133,488.15), including interest at 9.2% 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 22, 2004 V

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

All that certain parcel of land situated in Tuscola County, State of Michigan, being known and designated as part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 30, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the North line of Section 30, which is North 89 degrees, 41 minutes, 35 seconds West, 945.34 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 30; thence continuing along said North line North 89 degrees, 41 minutes, 35 seconds West, 176.33 feet; thence parallel to the East line of said Section, South 247.00 feet; thence parallel to said North line South 89 degrees, 41 minutes, 35 seconds East, 176.33 feet; thence North 247.00 feet to the North line of Section 30 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 24, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC H (248) 593-1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For JP Morgan Chase Bank, as Trustee
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #017623F01

3-24-4

Estate of Pearl C. Loper, Jr.
File # 03-3113-DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The decedent, Pearl C. Loper, Jr., who lived at 5875 Arbelia Rd., Millington Twp., Michigan, died October 17, 2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kimberley L. Burns, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan 48723 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: April 14, 2004

Kimberley L. Burns
Personal Representative
5380 Arbelia Road
Millington, MI 48746
(989) 871-3176

Stacey N. Brancheau (P-49743)
Attorney
110 Trealtout, Suite 202
Fenton, Michigan 48430
(810) 629-8571

4-14-1

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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 Anthony Burdick and Katherine Burdick, a wife and husband, joint tenants with right of survivorship (original mortgagors), to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 27, 2001 and recorded on November 9, 2001 in Liber 848 on Page 115, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Ninety-One and 06/100 Dollars (\$159,091.06), 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 29, 2004.

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

Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 2, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, running thence South 89 degrees 17 minutes 47 seconds West, 1320.0 feet along the East-West 1/4 line; thence South 330.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 17 minutes 47 seconds East, 1320.0 feet; thence North 330.0 feet along the East Section line to the Point of Beginning. Being part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2, Town 11 North, Range 11 East

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

Dated: March 31, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC C (248) 593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #019278F01

3-31-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Byron L. Pohold, a single man (original mortgagor), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 30, 2003 and recorded on July 10, 2003 in Liber 941 on Page 254 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Three and 09/100 Dollars (\$59,303.09), 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 May 13, 2004.

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

Commencing 1515 Feet South of the Northeast corner of Section, thence West 380 Feet, thence South 120 Feet; thence East 380 Feet; thence North 120 Feet to point of beginning. Section 29, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, Kingston Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Dated: April 14, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #021000F01

4-14-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Larry D. Manwaring and Penny S. Manwaring, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Associates Home Equity Services, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 4, 2000 and recorded on December 7, 2000 in Liber 816 on Page 1420, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Seven and 10/100 Dollars (\$74,007.10), including interest at 10.19% 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 22, 2004.

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

The South 1/2 of the following described pieces of lands: Commencing on the East Section line at a point 59 rods South of the East 1/4 of the Section 32, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, thence West 230 feet; thence North 190 feet; thence East 230 feet; thence South 190 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 24, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC M (248) 593-1306
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Citifinancial Mortgage Company, Inc., f/k/a Associates Home Equity Services, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #018307F01

3-24-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by SHAWN RIVARD & MICHELLE POOLE, JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP to FREMONT INVESTMENT AND LOAN, Mortgagee, dated June 17, 2002 and recorded on June 20, 2002 in Liber 882 on Page 884, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgage to DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, by an assignment dated July 26, 2002 and recorded on February 23, 2004 in Liber 980 on Page 1356, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty-five thousand two hundred seven and 56/100 Dollars (\$55,207.56), including interest at 12.050% per annum with an adjustable rate rider.

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 mortgage premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola, MI, at 10:00 AM on May 21, 2004.

Said premises are situated in VILLAGE OF FAIRGROVE, TUSCOLA County, Michigan, and are described as:

COMMENCING 846 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 16, TOWN 13 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST; THENCE EAST 198 FEET; THENCE NORTH 61.5 FEET; THENCE WEST 198 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 61.5 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 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: April 14, 2004

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE
Assignee of Mortgagee

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

4-14-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Vickie K. Curtis, an unmarried woman of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagee to Bank One, N.A. dated the 17th day of August, A.D. 2000 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 18th day of August, A.D. 2000 in Liber 808 of Tuscola County Records, on Page 1267, which said mortgage was thereafter, on-to-wit the 11th day of October, A.D. 2000, assigned to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., thru mesne assignments and recorded on September 10, 2002 in the office of Register of Deeds in Liber 893 for said County of Tuscola Records, on Page 243, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$65,898.72 (Sixty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars and Seventy-Two Cents), including interest there on at 9.75% (Nine Point Seven Five Percent) per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of April, A.D. 2004, at 10:00 o'clock, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

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

Commencing 42 Rods West and 11 Rods North of the Southeast corner of Section 29, Township 13 North, Range 11 East,

running thence West 4 Rods; thence North 8 Rods; thence East 4 Rods; thence 8 Rods to the place of beginning. Located in Tuscola County, Michigan.

Tax ID: 018-529-100-2200-00

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

Dated: March 24, 2004

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
By: Daniel E. Best (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1820
Troy, Michigan 48064
WWR # 03282879

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Janet Moore, a married man, and Jamie Moore, his wife (original mortgagors), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 27, 2001 and recorded on January 28, 2002 in Liber 859 on Page 1082 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Thousand Eight Hundred Seven and 09/100 Dollars (\$60,807.09), including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on May 13, 2004.

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

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, thence North along the East line of said Section 4, 534.0 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence West and parallel to the South line of said Section 4, 200 feet; thence North and parallel to the East line of said Section 4, 50 feet; thence East parallel to the South line of aforesaid Section 4, 200 feet; thence South along the East line of said Section 4, 50 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: April 14, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #020971F01

4-14-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steven J. Wynn and Susan L. Wynn, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Great Lakes Bancorp, a Federal Savings Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 7, 1992 and recorded on July 10, 1992 in Liber 628 on Page 497 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Two and 58/100 Dollars (\$12,722.58), 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 May 13, 2004.

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

Commencing at Southwest corner of Section 25, Town 14 North, Range 9 East; thence East 13 1/3 rods; thence North 15 rods; thence West 13 1/3 rods; thence South 15 rods to the point of beginning. Tuscola County Records

The redemption period shall be 12 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: April 14, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC F (248) 593-1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For TCF National Bank successor by merger and/or name change to Great Lakes Bancorp, a Federal Savings Bank
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #021009F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Maria Dickinson, a/k/a Marla Ann Dickinson, a single woman (original mortgagors), to Icon Financial Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 11, 2001 and recorded on October 31, 2001 in Liber 846 on Page 306, and assigned by mesne assignments to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as assignee by an assignment dated December 12, 2001 and recorded on March 4, 2002 in Liber 868 on Page 526, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Nine and 19/100 Dollars (\$130,959.19), 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 29, 2004.

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

The East 10 acres of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 12, Town 12 North, Range

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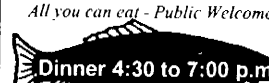
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April 9, 16 & 30
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6106 Beechwood Rd., Cass City
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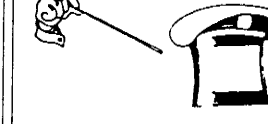
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Pichla, Klee top Ubly H.S. grads

Ubly Community School officials have named Carrie Pichla the valedictorian and Theresa Klee the salutatorian of the school's graduating Class of 2004.

Pichla, daughter of Ken and Karen Pichla, earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average. She has earned numerous academic medals during her high school career, was named "Co-Student of the Month", received a MEAP Merit Award and was nominated for the Wendy's Heisman Scholarship. She has also earned her academic letter each year.

Pichla has played on Ubly's basketball, volleyball and softball squads for 4 years. In basketball, she was co-captain of the varsity team and was named an All-Conference Scholar Athlete twice while also earning All-Conference Honorable Mention and Co-Defensive

Player honors. In addition, she served as an assistant coach for the elementary girls basketball program for 2 years.

In volleyball, Pichla earned All-Conference Honorable Mention, All-Conference Scholar Athlete and Team Athlete of the Week honors. For 2 consecutive years, her



Carrie Pichla

team has been Greater Thumb East Conference champions and Class C District champions.

Pichla also earned All-Conference Scholar Athlete and All-Conference Honorable Mention honors in softball.

Her other activities have included Ubly's marching, pep and concert bands the



Theresa Klee

past 4 years. She held the first-chair clarinet position and has received Division I ratings in state solo and ensemble as well as in district solo and ensemble competitions. As a junior, she attended the concert band festival in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

For the past 13 years Pichla has been a member of the New Neighbors 4-H Club, earning numerous honors, including the 2001 Independent Bank Senior Clothing Award and Fall Achievement medals in photography and video, and clothing and textiles.

She served as president of her club one year and as vice president for 2 years. She also worked at the Huron Community Fair as a judge's clerk.

Pichla was inducted into the National Honor Society as a junior and served as an honor

guard at last year's graduation ceremony. Currently NHS secretary, she has served in the same position in her class and for the Student Council. Pichla also is a 2-year member of Teens Against Tobacco Use and participated in Quiz Bowl.

She has volunteered for MDA events, Relay for Life, Walk for Warmth, Family Fun Night, and Aviation Day with the NHS. In addition, Pichla participated in Adopt-A-Family, the Child Abuse and Neglect Council and Care and Share.

She is a member of St. Columbkille Church, where she has served as a Eucharistic minister for the past 2 years.

Her future plans include attending Ferris State University, where she plans to be a pharmacy major.

Klee, daughter of Irvin and Cheryl Klee, has also received several academic medals throughout her high school years as well as an academic award all 4 years.

Klee has served as a student aide, high school office aide and athletic director's aide. Last year she was a member of the yearbook and news-

paper staffs, and she co-edited this year's yearbook.

Her extracurricular activities include 3 years of Quiz Bowl, including 2 as captain. She was a member of the Ubly FCCLA chapter and also served as Region 6 president and vice president. Klee also has been a member of the National Honor Society for 2 years, participating in the graduation honor guard last year.

She has participated in track and cheerleading, earning her varsity letter as well as Athlete of the Week honors. In addition, she has been a member of the Competitive Cheer Team since it was formed 2 years ago. She has earned All-Conference Scholar Athlete awards in all of her varsity sports.

Klee has spent many hours volunteering for various events, including local blood drives, the FCCLA Teddy Bear Drive and the Cathy Klee Benefit Breakfast. Last summer she was also employed at Verona Hills Golf and Country Club.

A member of St. Peter and Paul Church, Klee plans to attend the Lyman Briggs School at Michigan State University to major in pre-medicine.

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, April 14
Chicken dinner with all the trimmings served family style, noon, Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd. Take outs are available, 872-4604.

Friday, April 16
Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.
Senior Citizen Movies, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Saturday, April 17
"You can't do that at the Library" program for Young Adults, 6-8 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Please register, 872-2856.
Windy Hill Players Mystery Dinner "The Mild, Mild West", Cass City United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$20, including dinner.

Monday, April 19
Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 12:45 p.m., Northwood Meadows.

Cass City Area Historical Society meets, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Tuesday, April 20
Thumb Area Parkinson's Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Wednesday, April 21
Preschool Story Time, 10 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Please call to register, 872-2856.

Part-time post not working out

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IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday, the board:

- Approved a revised driver's education fee schedule, with the rates increased to \$225 for Segment I and an additional \$50 for Segment II. The district previously charged \$75 for Owen-Gage students and \$150 for out-of-district students.
- "This puts us a little on the low end from places around here, but it does meet expenses," said Peterson, who explained the hike stems from the state's decision to no longer subsidize driver's education.
- Adopted several minor policy revisions as well as a new policy governing possession and use of cell phones by students.
- The policy allows students to use cell phones at after-

school activities provided the phones remain off during school hours. Cell phones or any other electronic communication devices are prohibited in locker rooms, backrooms and any other places designed to provide privacy.

Board members indicated the policy is designed to restrict use of the devices but at the same time give students the ability to contact their parents in order to arrange for transportation.

- Approved a third year of probation for sixth grade teacher Shannon Marion.

- Authorized a band trip to Chicago June 5-7 and a senior trip to the Detroit Zoo and Hard Rock Café May 4.

- Approved an annual resolution extending Owen-Gage's football cooperative with the Caseville Schools. The agreement, approved by the Michigan High School Athletic Association, enables Caseville athletes to

play football at Owen-Gage.

- Approved the nomination of Hope Hunt as the "Senior Student of the Month" for April.

- Recognized a student in each grade level, all nominated for best exemplifying the district's April "adult role focus" of having a positive

self-image.

The students, in grades K-12, are: Gloria Armstead, Courtney Gajewski, Crystal LaPratt, Courtney McCreedy, Lacie Prich, Tyler Kain, Devin Prich, Stephen Roemer, Eric Zaleski, Rebecca Schmidt, Barbie Littlepage, Nashia Prich and Robert Giddings.

Check Out These Web Sites:

The American Gastroenterological Association at www.gastro.org.
For information on irritable bowel syndrome, visit www.NuLev.com.
The GoGirlGo program for girls, 10 to 14, at www.GoGirlGo.com.
For information on Ocean Mist Farms baby artichokes, visit www.oceanmist.com.
For information about 5 A Day The Color Way go to www.5aday.com and www.aboutproduce.com.
For information on fresh fruits from Chile, visit www.cffausa.org.
Heineken USA at www.heinekenusa.com.
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