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## Fiery crash claims 3 near Bad Axe

by Tom Montgomery Editor

Huron County Sheriff's deputies are continuing their investigation into a fiery 2-vehicle crash that claimed the lives of 3 Thumb residents and left 4 others seriously injured late Saturday

engulfed in flames, and 3 occupants were still trapped inside. "Police tried to rescue one of the drivers and used 7 fire extinguishers in an attempt to put out the flames. Police were forced back by the intense heat and had to give up on the rescue." The Bad Axe Fire Depart-

A. Stager, 17, and Jenni L. Guigar, 16, all escaped. Deputies said Nicol and Guigar suffered serious injuries, while Rambo and Stager's injuries were less severe.

Huron County Medical Examiner Richard Lockard was called to the scene and pro-

County Victims' Services assisted officers in notifying family members.

### OBITUARIES

#### Michael S. Wark

Michael S. Wark was born April 24, 1985, in Pigeon to

William and Joyce Wark of Akron; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Andrew Wark. Visitation was scheduled for Tuesday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Funeral services are scheduled for today (Wednesday) at 11 a.m., with the Rev. J.T. Mabe of the Mizpah Missionary Church officiating. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by

Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

#### Drew L. DeLong

Drew L. DeLong was born Nov. 20, 1981, in Pigeon to Duane and Denice (Parker) DeLong.

DeLong graduated from Kingston High School in 2000. He attended Central Michigan University one year following high school. He worked at Northwood Modular Homes and later with Zito's Excavating Co.

DeLong is survived by his parents, Duane and Denice DeLong of Kingston; siblings, Dennis (Melissa) DeLong of Kingston, Dana (Nadeene) DeLong of Kingston, Dirk (Misty) DeLong of Cass City, Denelle (Todd Falko) DeLong of West Bloomfield, and Davon DeLong of Kingston; grandparents, Donald (Geraldine) Parker of Mio; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Donald (Lucille) DeLong, and cous-

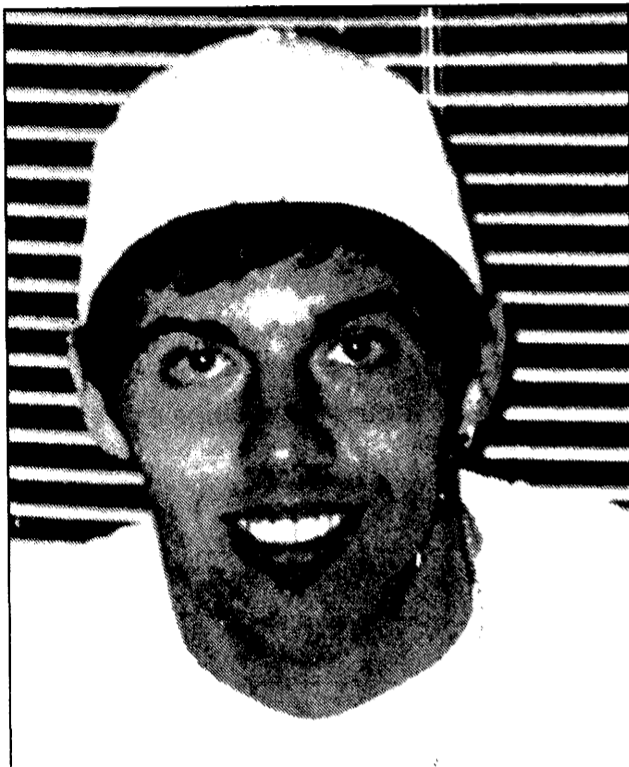
ins Paul DeLong and Noah Obermiller.

Visitation was scheduled for Tuesday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

A memorial service is scheduled for today (Wednesday) at 10 a.m., with the Revs. Ron and Darlene Kuenzli of the Caro Community of Christ Church.

Memorials may be made to the Paul DeLong Memorial Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home.



Michael Wark



Drew DeLong

night. Investigators identified the victims as Michael Shane Wark, 19, of Cass City, Drew Lee DeLong, 22, of Kingston, and James Richard Morell, 16, of Bad Axe. Saturday was Wark's 19th birthday. He and DeLong were cousins.

According to reports, the 3 were killed in a head-on collision on Scott Road, about one mile south of M-142 in Huron County's Verona Township.

Huron County Sheriff Kent D. Tibbits said a caller reported the crash, saying there were people still trapped in the vehicles.

"Just prior to police arriving at the scene, a fire started and quickly spread to both vehicles," Tibbits said, adding both vehicles were fully

ment arrived on the scene and extinguished the flames in both vehicles.

Tibbits said a preliminary investigation revealed that a northbound pickup truck driven by DeLong and carrying 2 other people had crossed the center of the gravel road and struck a southbound pickup truck head-on at the top of a hill. That vehicle was driven by Morell, according to reports.

DeLong and Wark were trapped in the front seat of DeLong's vehicle. A passenger in the backseat of the pick-up, Alesia A. Nicol, 21, was pulled to safety by one of the passengers from the Morell vehicle.

Tibbits said there were 4 occupants in all in Morell's pickup. Three passengers, Tyler A. Rambo, 15, Joseph

nounced the 3 victims dead. An autopsy was conducted Sunday morning at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe.

Tibbits said Huron County Prosecutor Mark Gaertner was briefed on the accident and will review the investigation upon its completion.

Deputies were assisted at the scene by officers from the Bad Axe Police Department, Ugly Police Department, Michigan State Police and Department of Natural Resources along with the Bad Axe Fire Department, Huron Central Ambulance, East Huron Ambulance and Bingham Ambulance. Huron

Andrew and Kimberly (Zagorski) Wark.

Wark graduated from Cass City High School in 2003. He was employed as a construction worker and, through IBEW Local #876 of Grand Rapids, was anticipating beginning school at ALBAT in Ohio to be trained as a lineman.

Wark is survived by his mother, Kimberly Wark of Cass City; brothers, Joshua Wark of Chicago and Kelby Rowell of Cass City; a sister, Logan Rowell of Cass City; grandparents, Donna Zagorski of Cass City, Jim McDonald of Cass City, and

## Making the grade

### Still no decision in marking system debate

Around and around they go, and where they stop nobody knows.

That seems to be the direction of the Cass City Board of Education on the highly controversial grading system currently being used in the district following Monday's regular meeting at the high school.

After discussion on the topic dominated most of the 1 hour and 45 minute gathering, the board tabled any action on the subject until its next meeting scheduled for May 24.

However, during the one-hour sparring match between advocates and opponents of the current grading system, 2 motions were presented, each failing to receive the required support of the board.

One of the biggest stumbling points for the board during the meeting was should students be able to earn the grade of A+.

current grading system drops pluses and minuses in the final grade, helping students with minus grades and hurting students with plus grades.

Student representative Leah Sherman told the board that many of her classmates feel that if pluses and minuses are considered in computing a student's grade point average, that an A+ grade should cancel out an A- grade. This would allow students to achieve a 4 point average, despite earning an A- grade during their careers.

The first motion, presented by board secretary Michelle Biddinger, proposed an 11-point grading system where the top grade that could be earned would be an A. This system wouldn't allow students to earn an A+ grade.

The board was split on Biddinger's motion, as she received support from trustees Jim Turner and Teresa Rabideau while board presi-

dent Danny Haag and trustees Randy Severance and David Knight voted against the motion. Four votes are required to pass a motion.

A second motion was presented by Severance, who proposed a 12-point system where an A+ would be considered in computing a student's grade point average. However, in the absence of trustee Beverley Auten, Severance decided to withdraw his motion.

Either proposal would need to be converted to a 4 point grading system for college scholarships, reported Susan Frederiksen, director of guidance at the school. And although Severance's proposal allows students who earn an A- to achieve a 4 point grade average, that may not be enough to earn valedictorian status of the graduating class.

Although the board's choice of a grading system couldn't be reached, it was unanimous in one fact.

Said Rabideau, "This has been a topic for the past 2 years and we won't satisfy everyone. However, we all have the best intentions of the students in mind."

One of the board's biggest dilemmas was addressed by Haag who asked, "How can we tell in 5 years if this (changing the current system) is an improvement?"

### OTHER BUSINESS

Turning to other matters, the board approved coach Josh Stern's request for a 2005 spring girls' softball trip to Florida. Stern said that the trip will be made available to seniors, juniors and sophomores and that the players will be raising money through fundraisers to help pay for the trip. The trip would be used for a full week of outdoor practice in a warm climate, a team building experience, and a great time on spring break for the Cass City softball players.

The board also: •Approved as presented a tobacco free school policy that prohibits all students, staff members, or school visitors to smoke, inhale, dip, or chew tobacco at any time, including non-school hours, on school grounds, athletic grounds, or parking lots.

•Rejected the lone bid of \$351 from Deford County Church for the sale of a used school bus, as the trade in allowance on the vehicle totals \$1,750.

•Agreed to raise the gate price of middle school athletic admission from \$2 to \$3 beginning in April of 2005. Athletic director Aaron

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## Barcia charged in federal indictment

State Sen. James A. Barcia, D-Bay City, was indicted Thursday on 2 federal charges alleging federal campaign finance violations.

Also indicted by a federal grand jury in Detroit were Macomb County Prosecutor Carl Marlinga, who is charged with trading legal favors for campaign contributions and faces 9 felony charges, and Warren real estate agent Ralph Roberts, who faces 3 charges.

According to published reports, the allegations against Barcia, 52, involve about \$4,000 that was exchanged between Barcia and Marlinga during Marlinga's unsuccessful campaign for Congress in 2002.

All 3 men have stated they are innocent of the charges. "Senator Barcia is innocent of the charges brought against him today," Barcia's Detroit attorney, Harold Gurewitz, said in a statement issued Thursday.

"In well over 20 years in public office he has earned a reputation as a public official of the highest integrity and has done nothing to vio-

late the trust the voters have put in him," Gurewitz said.



James Barcia

"We look forward to establishing his innocence of these charges that have been wrongfully brought against him."

The indictments stem from an investigation of Marlinga. Federal authorities allege he had a hand in reopening a criminal case involving a convicted rapist in exchange for campaign contributions.

The counts against Barcia include a misdemeanor

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## Anhydrous theft ends in arrest

Thumb Narcotics Unit (TNU) officials announced Friday that a Caro man had been arrested and lodged in the Tuscola County Jail for stealing anhydrous ammonia and possessing precursors used to manufacture methamphetamine.

TNU officers began surveillance at a cooperative in Fairgrove for the third time since May of last year, attempting to arrest a suspect(s) believed to be stealing anhydrous ammonia.

"In the early morning hours of April 23, TNU officers observed the suspect steal anhydrous from a tank located at the cooperative that resulted in a short foot chase and the suspects were arrested," said TNU Commander Detective Lt. Mitch Krugielki.

"The suspect will be arraigned later today (Friday) on felony charges of possessing/transporting precursors used to manufacture methamphetamine."

Both the suspect and a TNU officer were treated at Caro Community Hospital for minor injuries resulting from contact and inhalation of anhydrous as well as the struggle with the suspect during his arrest.

A second suspect was also identified and interviewed, according to Krugielki, who said the suspect is believed to have dropped the first suspect off with a plan to pick the suspect up after he stole the chemical.

"When the second suspect's vehicle was searched, lithium strips as well as ephedrine was located and seized," Krugielki said.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro assisted in the investigation and conducted a consent search of the suspect's residence in Caro.

Krugielki said manufacturing methamphetamine is dangerous and deadly not only to the individuals who make it, but also to the surrounding public and residential areas.

"Explosions can sometimes occur during methamphetamine production, gasses can be released and hazardous waste runoff can result from residual chemicals left by meth labs," he added.

"Stealing anhydrous ammonia just shows what length suspect(s) are willing to go to obtain the precursors needed to manufacture methamphetamine," said Krugielki, who commended the officers involved in the investigation for their hard work, dedication and response to solving what is a dangerous crime.



## Soaring like an eagle...

ERIC HANBY STANDS ready to receive his Eagle rank from his mother, Rita, as his father, Jim, looks on Sunday afternoon during his Eagle Court of Honor at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Cass City. Hanby is the first Eagle Scout from the 1 1/2-year-old Cass City Boy Scout Troop 500, which is chartered by the Knights of Columbus.

# Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
Phone 989-269-6994



The Young Ideas Farm Bureau group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Holz Thursday evening. After a video was shown, a meeting was held. Following the meeting, cards were played. High prizes were won by Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Joe Sweeney. Low prizes were won by Dorothy Heleski and Joe Wolschlag. The hostess served a lunch. The next meeting will be held at the home of Pat and Clarence Heleski in May.

McDonald's in Bad Axe Monday morning. Carol Osantoski of Bad Axe, Eugene and Molly Depcinski, Clarence and Leona Depcinski, Jardene and Bob Zurek were Sunday supper and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski for Mrs. Ray Depcinski's birthday. The evening was spent playing cards.

Wednesday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr were Jim and Carol Dolicki of California, Mrs. Curtis Cleland and Wendy Rickett and Caitlyn.

Doris Western and Allen Farrelly were Wednesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel.

Friday evening visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen were Mary Hagen and friend Jim, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hagen and Jim Hagen.

Cheryl Egress of Ortonville spent Saturday afternoon and Sunday with her aunt Charlotte LaPeer.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel attended the funeral of Dennis Pivalowski at Holy Trinity Church at Smith's Corner Tuesday.

Allen Farrelly visited Jack Kennedy Thursday afternoon.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Allen

Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the funeral of Helen Weber at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church Saturday.

Mrs. Ken Osentoski visited Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming last week.

Allen Farrelly visited Eleanor Koskie at the Caro Lighthouse Rehab Center Monday.

Ellen and Mike Moorman, Keith and Erin Hagen and Charlene Hagen were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland was a Tuesday lunch guest of Mrs. Hiram Keyser.

Don Reckhoff and Allen Farrelly had supper at the Cass City Stockyards restaurant Tuesday.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson last week.

## Engaged



Terri Moore and Derek Hamp

Duane and Marsha Moore of Bay City announce the engagement of their daughter, Terri Moore, to Derek Hamp, son of John Hamp of Grand Rapids and Lorna Holland of Spring Lake.

Terri is a graduate of Cass City High School and will be graduating from Grand Valley State University with a Master's Degree in physical therapy in April 2004.

Derek graduated from Bear Lake High School and attends Northwestern Community College.

A June 26, 2004 wedding is being planned.



Meg's Peg

Screwy glasses

by Melva E. Guinther

I've been having some problems with my glasses. Not the ones in the dishwasher. I think we've licked that problem. It's the glasses perched on my nose that are giving me trouble now.

To begin with, I'm trying hard to conquer the bad habit of placing the glasses on the bed when changing clothes. Invariably I end up sitting on them. In spite of the fact that the bed is soft and the glasses are sturdy, they can take only so much of that kind of stress.

The last time it happened, not only did it bend the frame, the doohickey that holds the bow to the other part snapped.

I was able to hold them together for a while, but eventually it became clear I needed new frames.

I had hoped to replace them locally, but since I got them in the year 2000, styles have changed considerably and no one had frames that would fit.

So I ended up sending them to the manufacturer in hope that they'll be able to find an old-fashioned pair that will work.

I really miss those glasses. They may not be stylish, but they're considerably better than the backup pair I'm now wearing, held together with a paper clip.

They have transition lenses, a feature I love. You don't have to fuss around with separate sunglasses. They simply adjust to the light conditions.

While waiting for their return, I came across several pairs of sunglasses that had

### Breakfast scheduled May 9

The St. Columbkille Parish Breakfast will be held Sunday, May 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the St. John Parish Center, 1935 Hamilton St., Uby.

The prices are: adults \$5, children \$3, and under 5 free. Proceeds will go to benefit the Capital Campaign.

## Foundation offering free trees

Ten free shade trees will be given to each person who signs The National Arbor Day Foundation during April 2004 as part of the non-profit foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The 10 shade trees are red oak, sugar maple, weeping willow, green ash, thornless honeylocust, pin oak, river birch, tulipree, silver maple and red maple.

"These trees were selected to provide shade and beauty, and a variety of forms, leaf shapes, and beautiful fall colors," John Rosenow, the foundation's president, said.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in April or May with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Shade Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb. 68410, by April 30.

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## One-room schoolhouse reopens

After being closed to classes for 56 years, the one-room Huckins Schoolhouse will reopen its doors for actual classes May 12.

A Peck Elementary second-grade class under teacher Dianne Mercaw will be the first since 1948 to learn their "readin'", "writin'" and "rithmatic" in the 157-year-old school. Several other area teachers this spring will also be bringing their students to the school.

With help from a genuine turn-of-the-century curriculum, students and teachers will learn what classes were like 100 years ago—the clothes they wore, games they played, lessons they learned, songs they sung and even the lunches they carried from home in little pails.

Teachers can opt for a half-day session at \$1 per student or an entire day (approximately 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) at \$2 per student. Volunteer teacher's aides are also available through the historic village and museum. The curriculum is available by mail ahead of time so teachers can prepare for a memorable turn-of-the-century experience.

The historic village and museum is located on M-25 at the south end of Port Sanilac. For more information, call (810) 622-9946.

## Engaged



Kara Mellendorf and Jeffery Grove

Connie Osentoski, of Cass City, announces the engagement of her daughter Kara Lynn Mellendorf to Jeffery Alan Grove, son of Morris and Judy Grove, of Gladwin.

Both are recent graduates of Saginaw Valley State University. Kara has a bachelor's degree in finance and is currently working at Northstar Bank in Bad Axe. Jeff has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

A July 31, 2004 wedding is being planned.

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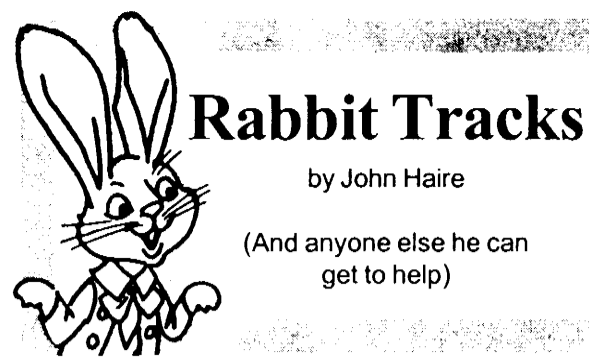
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# Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The Cass City School Board and persons interested in the school will be the losers when trustee David Knight leaves the board after the June elections. It's likely that a recent health problem weighed heavily in his decision.

Whatever the issue, he did the necessary study to become informed. He never voted on significant issues simply by listening to board discussion.

Naturally, there were times when his decisions differed and his vote was in the minority. But he never backed away in public from conclusions reached in private.

Every district resident should appreciate that and for that alone he leaves a big pair of shoes to fill.

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On the agenda for Monday night's Cass City School Board meeting is increasing the gate prices for middle school athletic contests. At first jolt it appears to be a stiff 50 percent increase from \$2.00 to \$3.00, starting April 1, 2005. Seems like a lot until you start comparing costs with other schools where students have to pay to play.



CASS CITY HIGH School junior Bryan Hill has been a featured artist at the school this spring. He is pictured above with examples of his work that are on display in a showcase.

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## Kingston graduate presents

More than 160 Alma College students participated in Alma College's eighth annual Kapp Honor's Day program April 1.

In sessions spanning 9 hours, students perform in music, theatre and dance productions, give oral presentations of scholarly research, and lead poster discussions. With over 12 percent of the student body participating, other students are encouraged to attend as many presentations as possible both to support their fellow students and to learn from them.

Student presenters from this area include:

\* Senior Ethan Dereszynski of Caro gave a presentation titled "Neural Networks in Robotic Object Recognition." A 2000 graduate of Kingston High School, he is the son of Gerald and Deborah Dereszynski of Caro. He is majoring in computer science.

**The Haire Net**  
One fish made it worthwhile

You are never too old to learn.

For 50 years or so now I have been fishing the trout streams in Michigan and in several states as well as Canada and New Zealand. After the first year or so I disdained fishing streams loaded with hatchery trout.

Where is the fun in hauling out a fish that had been fed since hatching and had none of the wiles of a wild trout?

I still feel that way most of the time. Put and take fishing is only slightly better than going to the fish market.

In blue ribbon trout streams, eliminating hatchery fish plants is heartily endorsed here. Blue ribbon streams are those capable of sustaining the fishery through natural reproduction.

I was on one of these blue ribbon streams (the Manistee) this spring and what I learned changed my mind. There are times when fish planting is money well spent.

Planted in the river sometime during the summer are rainbow trout that migrate to Lake Michigan to stay, feed and grow for 2 years before returning to the river at spawning time.

We caught a steelhead on the trip, a fighting fish that was a male about 30 inches long. It took about 15 minutes or so to land despite pressure applied constantly using heavy monofilament line.

There is a good deal of natural reproduction in the Manistee, but this fish wasn't one of them.

It's a planter, said our guide. He then pointed to a clipped fin that indicated that it was a hatchery fish.

Steelheads differ from salmon because they do not automatically die after spawning. But our guide said that the vast majority of them succumb after they spawn. After 2-plus years in

the wild, catching a hatchery trout is no easier than catching a native.

I don't know if there is any reliable statistic about survival rates, but it must be good. There were plenty of steelheads in the river despite a galaxy of boats and bank fishermen all along the 5 miles or so of the river that we fished. This was on Thursday and it's worse on the weekend, our guide proclaimed.

It proved to be a slow fishing day, but this one steelhead made the trip worthwhile and convinced me that certain types of fish planting is well worth the expense and the effort.



# The back forty

by Roger Pond

Living in the country has always meant a certain amount of isolation. You are a little further from the store than the folks who live in town, and the kids have to ride a bus to school.

This may seem like isolation to the modern generation, but some of the old-timers remember when going to town was an experience. You didn't just head to town every time you needed a loaf of bread.

The automobile changed all that, of course, and with the advent of good roads people started going to town anytime they felt like it. They didn't all go in the same way, however.

A friend's story about two old bachelors going to town on their tractor reminded me of the strange things we used to see on country roads. My friend says one of the bachelors would drive the tractor into town; but because he couldn't see more than 30 feet ahead, the other brother rode on the back to give directions and point out obstacles.

This brought to mind the old man we used to see walking down our road when I was a kid. Old Man Johns must have followed Teddy Roosevelt up San Juan Hill, and he had the uniform to prove it.

The old fellow lived alone several miles from town and never drove a car. About once a month you would see him marching up the road in full uniform, looking like a captain in the cavalry who had somehow been separated from his horse.

We always figured the old guy was going to town after groceries — and he would be seen walking back home that afternoon with a bag under his arm. You could tell from his uniform and the tall leather boots that he wasn't just going for groceries.

The old fellow walked briskly, with each step of measured length and cadence. From his strident pace and look of determination, you'd think the old guy was drill sergeant for the toughest outfit in the Union

Army. To us kids he was going for groceries, but to Old Man Johns he was marching through Georgia.

Then there was Frank Parker, who lived a few miles to the North. Frank never drove a car, either, but relied upon his horse to get him to town and back.

Everyone knew Frank could have driven his Ford to town, but without the horse he never would have gotten home. Frank's horse was like a designated driver — only a lot more dependable.

That horse never touched a drop of alcohol and could find the barn in the worst of storms. After that, it was up to Frank to find the horse.

The only problem with the

horse was that he couldn't jump sideways when he felt Frank's weight starting to slide. Then, not being a camel, the horse couldn't get down low enough for Frank to climb back aboard.

On these occasions a good Samaritan would happen along to extract the old fellow from a snow drift and give him a boost back aboard his steed.

It seems that most of the old guys are gone, or have moved into town. Sometimes when I see an old man in the city, I say to myself, "Hey, there's Frank Parker! But where's his horse?"

Without that horse Frank would have been on the streets for sure.

### The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	56	39	.04"
Wednesday	56	37	.01"
Thursday	57	35	0
Friday	61	33	0
Saturday	48	36	.04"
Sunday	67	40	.36"
Monday	62	32	.20"

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IMPORTANT DATE OF OUR STUDENTS

Several years ago when the school funding laws were changed, the state sales tax became the primary source of funding for Michigan schools. Some taxes are still collected locally which also help to fund schools. Cass City has a millage RENEWAL scheduled for the annual June 14th school election, which is extremely important for our students.

This renewal affects non-homesteads and is not a tax increase. Home owners and renters do not pay this tax on their home of residence. The approximate \$750,000 of funds from this renewal will help to fund many classroom programs for our students and is essential to the overall operation of our school district. This is especially true during these times of school funding reductions that Michigan schools are experiencing.

In order for our district to provide the quality of education at its current level, community support for this renewal is essential.

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

**BENEFIT CAR WASH**

Saturday, May 1, 2004  
From 10 a.m. till 4 p.m.

**Mr. Chips**  
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## Red Hawk Talks

by Kristi Fluegge

Last Friday started the weekend for many seniors with the "official" senior skip day. Some of us girls began a little early with Thursday night going to Mt Pleasant to check out what a casino was all about. None of us came home with enough to pay off our college education, but some additional memories to add to our senior year.

Getting into town in time for softball practice and getting together again Friday night with friends reminiscing about old times was the introduction into the weekend. By 3:00 Saturday most were ready to visit family and friends with special hair-dos, fancy dress, and shined up vehicles.

This year's prom theme was "Hollywood" and Ugly Heights was packed. At 5:00 a red carpet welcomed every student as they entered the doors. Life Touch took pictures this year, and you could leave the night with a memory key chain with that special picture. Dinner was served at 6:00 and many compliments were made.

Soon after stuffing ourselves, (since many of us were too busy to eat that day), the dancing began. The evening air chilled everyone, but soon things were heated up by the D.J. Our class song was played near the end of the night and that will always be a special memory. All of the seniors got together and pictures were taken. Shouts of joy, hugs, smiles, and a few tears could be seen and heard by everyone.

Next, due to the high demand, Cole Mellendorf was called to the stage by the D.J. With only a beat, he rapped a song in honor of all his classmates. One of the last events was the senior prophecy. The head committee person this year was Jamie Robinson and was helped by Sarah Hobbs & Kaylene Ziehm. This job is not an easy task, predicting the fu-

ture for every single senior. These are reviewed and edited by Mr. Good.

The last event of the night, the one all were looking forward to, turned out to be a disappointment. The senior slide show got stuck and wouldn't continue to play. But we are definitely going to look into fixing it and possibly during graduation practice we will all get to watch it.

Approximately sixty people continued their night by going to the after prom party held at the high school. Free food, games, gambling and great prizes were enough to attract a crowd. As you arrived you were given 200 dollars of casino chips.

We even had an actual human foosball tournament! This was great fun! I was one of the lucky seven players on the winning team, which received an award of an additional 200 chips. Every player was attached to a cord surrounded by an inflatable cage. You really had to be there to see it. If you run into Randy Severance or Jon Good, ask them how they enjoyed playing the game! The big money was won at the blackjack tables or the roulette wheel. Sarah Hobbs apparently caught onto the blackjack, as she was the high winner!

As the night approached 3:45, everyone had to turn in their chips and count their winnings. Kyle Swanson was a tremendous help with keeping track of everyone's balance during the auction.

Finally, after 11 hours from the beginning of the night the auction took place. Some of the prizes were a computer, DVD players, bicycles, Playstation 2, CD players, guitar, free food gift certificates, and I happened to be the lucky bidder receiving an envelope with \$50.00 cash! It only cost me 2000 chips! Everyone went home with a prize.

I feel this year's prom and after prom party were a great success. To all the juniors who worked so hard with the planning and decorating, and the teachers and chaperones that helped at the prom and after prom party - THANK YOU! Because of your time and the very generous donations of local businesses many will remember this night.

# Several appear in circuit court on felony charges

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

•Joseph W. LaCourse, 32, Kinde, was found guilty by a jury of assaulting a police officer and furnishing false identification to a police officer Oct. 11 in Gagetown.

The jury found him innocent on charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$20,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Steven C. Joy, 47, Fostoria, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 180 days in the county jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense, Sept. 1, 2002, in Watertown Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$500.

•Lonnie S. Ellis, 41, Vassar, was sentenced to 12 months probation and 60 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to attempted manufacture of marijuana Sept. 15 in Tuscola Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,600 in costs and fines.

•Kelli K. Kriel, 20, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 18 months probation for her plea of guilty to second degree home invasion March 24-25, 2003, in Kingston Township, and to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny April 3 in Caro.

She was also ordered to pay \$1,690 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$1,200.

•Alfredo Ramirez, 17, Akron, stood mute to a charge of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny March 31 in Akron.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case, bond was continued at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Charles D. Dost, 44, Caro, stood mute to a charge of aggravated stalking March 15-21 in Wells Township, and to being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled, bond was continued at \$500,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Ryan D. Malkowski, 26, Mayville, stood mute to charges of kidnapping, aggravated domestic violence and 2 counts of domestic violence March 5-12 in Dayton Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled, bond was continued at \$100,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•John C. Landers, 36, Frankenmuth, pleaded guilty to tampering with evi-

dence and driving with a forged license March 24 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$10,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Jason S. Comer, 29, Reese, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, July 18 in Denmark Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Christopher P. Bolzman, 29, Cass City, stood mute to charges of forgery and uttering and publishing involving a \$50 check drawn on Chemical Bank April 1 in Cass City, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled, bond was set at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•David D. Northern, 21, Vassar, was sentenced to 92 days in jail and 24 months probation for his plea of guilty to assaulting a police officer Sept. 30 in Vassar.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$2,120 plus \$500 in attorneys fees.

•James A. Howse, 45, Vassar, was sentenced to 5 to 15 years in prison for his plea of guilty to 2 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years between July 2001 and December 2002, and in April 2003 in Arbel Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$250 in costs and fines.

•Scott A. Heckroth, 35, Sebawaing, was sentenced to one year and 6 months to 8 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to larceny in a building last October in Columbia Township, and to forgery involving an \$85 check drawn on State Savings Bank of Caro Dec. 19.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$240 plus restitution of \$1,016.96.

•Thomas R. Mester, Cass City, pleaded no contest to second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years Jan. 21 in Cass City, and no contest to assaulting a police officer June 21 in Elkland Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at a combined \$8,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Keith R. Fritz, 58, Mayville, pleaded guilty to attempted fleeing and eluding a police officer, fourth degree, Sept. 26 in Mayville.

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

•Manuel G. Soto, 32, Clio, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 27 in Arbel Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Thomas M. Alampy, 35, Silverwood, pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense, Dec. 3 in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be set.



## Bulldog Beat

by Laura Enderle

Prom. This 4-letter word brings back many memories for almost everyone. This past week it seemed "prom" was the only word in most upper classmen's minds. We were anticipating making our own magical memories as a final formal good-bye to everyone we grew up with. The excitement grew with each passing day.

"I can't wait!" expressed Senior Meagan Mentor. "I love to get dressed up and get my hair and nails done. It makes me feel pretty. And I'm excited to spend this special night with all my friends. It will be an unforgettable night!"

Finally, the time had come. It was 6 in the evening and the Hidden Harbour Golf Club in Caseville was filling fast. Sophomore greeters Michelle Brown and Nicole Nowaczyk warmly opened the door for each smiling guest. The hallway entrance was filled with red and gold (2004 seniors' class colors) balloons and stars, which set the mood for the theme of the night, "A Walk Through the Stars." Then each couple was met with "ooing" and "aahing" in reaction to their fabulous dresses with tuxedos to match. Everyone's individuality was expressed through his or her elegance and glamour. Thankfully, the weather permitted us to have outdoor photos by Green's Photography with a unique lake, light-house and fountain background.

Soon after all the 52 students, 31 parents and 8 chaperones arrived, junior class President Aaron Faist welcomed everyone to the Owendale-Gagetown Prom of 2004. Dinner got underway with a buffet style meal, which included roast beef, mashed potatoes, breaded chicken, gravy, red potatoes, corn, salad, fruit and bread. For dessert, we devoured cherry chip and chocolate cake made by Tanya Evans. It was covered with gold stars and it was as delicious as it was appealing to the eye.

After dinner was when everyone really started to have a good time. First, I read a "thank-you" to our class advisors, Mrs. Schutte and Ms. Sutton, in place of Randi Glaza, our class president, followed by Meagan Mentor, who read our class prophecy (a prediction of where each member of the class will be 15 years from now, written by the girls of the class and approved by the others). It prophesied that, even though our class is close now, there is a lot of diversity yet to be seen. We had predicted anything from a Dallas Cowboys cheerleader to a Peace Corps volunteer, and a famous novelist to a Wal-Mart salon professional.

Then came the moment everyone was waiting for. For the remaining seniors, it was our last chance to become Owen-Gage royalty. The ballots of all juniors, seniors, and staff members were counted and the honorary title of prom king and queen was handed to Zak Sutter and Hope Hunt. The rest of the night was filled with celebrating, dancing and countless pictures.

After all the anticipation of prom, the night went fast, as most good times do. The juniors presented each guest a picture frame clock along with souvenir beer mugs, wine glasses and mints. These traditional gifts were personal and adored by all. The parents slowly started to disappear and after a while so did the students. D.J. Scotty Topham played the last song at 11 o'clock and then the hall quickly cleared out. Before the night was over, I asked junior class Advisors, Mrs. Falkenburg and Mrs. Sattler, how they thought prom went. They quickly replied, "From what we can tell everyone had a great time, but you did this all for you (the seniors), so only you can answer that question."

I have to speak on behalf of my class, we thank you for giving us an amazing prom! We will never forget this night, and we hope it was as special to you as it was for us!

## Traffic deaths down

Michigan traffic deaths resulting from alcohol and/or drug involvement reached record lows in 2003, according to figures compiled by the Michigan State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center (CJIC), which is responsible for collecting and processing the state's traffic crash forms.

During 2003, 442 people died in alcohol and/or drug involved crashes, a 4-percent decrease from 2002. The percent of alcohol and/or drug-involved fatalities fell to 34.5 percent of all fatalities, a 27-percent decrease since 1990 when it represented nearly 47 percent of all traffic deaths.

"Strong laws, strict enforcement and intense publicity have contributed to our positive decline in deaths attributed to alcohol or drugs," said Michael L. Prince, division director of the Office of Highway Safety Planning. "We also know that increased safety belt use is having an impact on alcohol-involved fatalities."

Prince added that it is difficult to tell what role the state's new drunk driving law played in the decline, given that it took effect Sept. 30, 2003.

"It's only speculation at this point, whether or not the new, stricter drinking law contributed to the drop in traffic deaths involving alcohol or drugs," he said.

The new law lowered the level at which a person is considered a drunk driver, from .10 blood alcohol content to .08.

Overall, Michigan reported 391,488 traffic crashes in 2003, 1,172 fatal crashes and 76,598 injury crashes. The number of people killed increased slightly, from 1,279 in 2002 to 1,283 in 2003. Injuries went down by over 6 percent from 2002, and represented the lowest number in the past 15 years.

## Letters to the editor

### Meg's Peg provided a laugh

Dear Mr. Editor, I got quite a laugh from Meg's Peg: "Why it takes so long." One line in the article said, "you check for feet under the stall doors." I will tell of an experience I had.

I was in an airport bathroom somewhere in the USA. I checked for feet under the stall door. There was a pair of shoes. No legs, no feet, just shoes. I checked again, still only shoes. Somewhat perplexed, especially finding the door locked, I waited for any other door to open. Then, "that" door opened up. A Japanese lady came out. Of course! Having lived in Japan, there was the custom of a different "stance." Except in Japan it was more like standing over a hole in the ground. I always handled it fine, except when I went to the ice skating rink in Hiroshima.

Anyway, the mystery of the empty shoes was solved. Except I could hardly picture in my mind "that" balancing act.

Ellen Beach  
Leesburg, FL

### Elementary support appreciated

The Campbell Elementary School is fortunate in having a community that supports the arts and enrichment areas of education.

The third and fourth grades have had the opportunity to attend The Heritage Theatre in Saginaw to see Beauty and The Beast for the third graders and The Wizard of Oz for the fourth. These have been professional productions and have given the boys and girls of Campbell Elementary a great opportunity to see theatre.

The AAUW and the Rotary clubs of Cass City have generously donated money to enable each and every third and fourth grader to attend these productions.

These are not the only benefits the donations have funded. We have just had Science Alive at Campbell and every grade level, including the 4-year-old class, was able to have a hands on experience with a variety of exotic animals.

The help of our community and these organizations have made it possible for our children to experience both educational and artistic programs. We sincerely appreciate the involvement of our community for our children.

Jody Miklovic, principal  
Campbell Elementary School

### Correction

A story on the Rebuilding Together with Christm in July, published in last week's Chronicle, incorrectly listed this year's work date as July 17. The work date will be July 10.

## Branch office in Caro open longer

The Caro Secretary of State branch office located at 130 Millwood St., Caro will now be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Beginning Monday, May 3, the branch office will be open to serve customers during the lunch hour. Currently, the branch is closed during this time.

"It is my hope that extending our business hours over the lunch hour will result in improved services and more convenience for our customers," said Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land.

Secretary of State branch offices are closed on the weekends and state holidays. The branch offices will be closed for:

- \* Memorial Day on Monday, May 31,
- \* Independence Day on Monday, July 5, and
- \* Labor Day on Monday, September 6.

Motorists receiving license plates can "skip-the-trip" to the branch office by renewing by Internet, mail, or touch-tone telephone. Easy to follow instructions can be

found with the renewal notice. License plate tabs will arrive by mail within seven business days.

For more information about the Secretary of State Office, visit the department on the Internet at [www.Michigan.gov/Sos](http://www.Michigan.gov/Sos).

## Collection set for tires and batteries

The Sanilac County MSU Extension Office and Sanilac County Soil Conservation District will be sponsoring a tire and vehicle battery collection Saturday, June 5, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Tri-City Landfill, 426 N. Ruth Rd.

The cost will be \$1.50 per tire, \$2.50 for light truck tires, \$5.50 for semi-tractor and implement tires, and \$1.50 per inch width for tractor tires. Vehicle batteries will be recycled at no charge.

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**Class of 2004**

# Dorsch and Kain top O-G grads

Owen-Gage School officials have announced their top graduates in the Class of 2004.

Leading the class are Stephanie L. Dorsch, who has been named valedictorian with a grade point average of 3.99, and Timothy J. Kain, this year's salutatorian.

of the school's 3.0 Honors Club and on the honor roll throughout high school. She has also been a member of the National Honor Society since her sophomore year and currently serves as the organization's secretary.

As a freshman, Dorsch was her class' representative on

air, read-a-thons, Penny Wars for Cystic Fibrosis and the Octagon Barn Festival.

After graduation, she plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University, where she has received a Presidential Scholarship to pursue a Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing.

Kain, son of Tim and Ruth Kain of Owendale, has also participated in various sports throughout high school, including football, golf, basketball and baseball, earning several awards.

As a sophomore, Kain served as class secretary and as class treasurer his junior year. He has been a member of the 3.0 Honors Club and on the honor roll each year, and earned membership in the National Honor Society as a sophomore. He currently serves as that organization's president.

Kain has been selected as a "Focus" student 3 years and as a senior was named "Senior Student of the Month."

He has been active in the Drama Club and currently serves as a teacher's aide and an after-school tutor. As a senior, he was chosen as a class representative to the homecoming and snowball courts. He attends the Huron Area Technical Center and currently works at Gemini Plastics through his co-op program in the mechanical engineering field.

Kain has also been an active volunteer for various community projects, including Family Enrichment Night, Penny Wars for Cystic Fibrosis, kindergarten round-up, the Owendale Carnival, and painting of the school's playground equipment.

Kain, who has also received a Presidential Scholarship from Saginaw Valley State University, plans to attend the university after graduation to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering.

Also recognized as honor graduates this year at Owen-Gage are:

Laura L. Enderle, daughter of Frank Enderle of Bay City and Ron and Arlene Jamieson of Cass City; Randi L. Glaza, daughter of Randy and Denise Radabaugh of Owendale; Cody M. Howard, son of Arnold and Loretta Howard of Owendale; Hope N. Hunt, daughter of Karen Hunt and Jon Waldorf; Candi M. Rhodes, daughter of Charles and Jeanne Rhodes of Owendale; and Justin J. Rogers, son of Brian and Patti Rogers of Gagetown.



Stephanie L. Dorsch

with a grade point average of 3.96.

Dorsch, the daughter of Charles and Nancy Dorsch of Gagetown, has participated in various sports throughout high school, including basketball, volleyball and softball. She has received numerous awards and served on the NCTL Student Sportsmanship Committee the past 2 years.

As a freshman, Dorsch served as class vice president and as class president to the Student Council in her sophomore year. As a junior, she was Student Council vice president. She currently serves as president.

Dorsch has been a member



Timothy J. Kain

the snowball court and as a senior was selected as the 2003 homecoming queen. She has also been involved in the Drama Club and prom committee, and is currently a teacher's aide. She has been selected as a "Focus" student of the month each year in high school, has received the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Award and has participated in Health Occupations Students of America through the Huron Area Technical Center.

Dorsch has been active in many community activities, including Habitat for Humanity, Adopt-A-Highway, the elementary school fun

## Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



### 5 YEARS AGO

Construction is slated to begin soon on a new building just east of Cass City that will house the Michigan Department of Transportation's Thumb Service Center. State officials last week signed an agreement with developer Roy Tuckey, Cass City, to lease the building with an option to buy.

Frustration has turned into exhilaration for local Habitat for Humanity organizers, thanks to the generosity of a Cass City woman. The Cass City Habitat for Humanity group's search for property to build on has ended following an offer from local resident Pat Gee to donate a large lot. It was welcome news to Chuck Volz, who along with his wife, Linda, are spearheading the effort to build a Habitat for Humanity home in Cass City. "I was jumping up and down," Volz recalled. "It will be large enough for at least 2 houses, which is a tremendous asset for the future."

Cass City Downtown Development Authority officials are implementing a Façade Improvement Loan Program through a partnership with local banking institutions. "Chemical Bank Thumb Area, Thumb National Bank and Mutual Savings Bank will offer low interest commercial loans at 6.5 percent, to a maximum loan amount of \$20,000 for a period not to exceed 5 years, for improvements to the facades of buildings located in the downtown development district," Jim Kranz explained. As an added incentive, he said, the DDA will subsidize the interest rate lower for businesses seeking the improvement loans, to 5 percent.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Hopes for a new middle school building were dashed by voters in the Cass City

School District when they voted against a \$7.95 million bond issue Monday. The vote was 682 no and 563 yes with 3 spoiled ballots. The 1,248 votes cast is less than a third of the number of eligible voters.

Cass City High School juniors Tim Warneck, Brian Hicks and John Rea were among several students taking part in the School River Monitoring Program Thursday. The trio tested a Cass River sample for nitrates.

In case you haven't heard, sometime between July 1 and Nov. 1 there will be a change in the way to dial long distance within the local area code. For instance, instead of dialing Caro by dialing 1-673-000 it will be necessary to dial 1-517-673-000. For old-timers who can remember calling "central" and asking for "John Jones" house or when the Chronicle's phone number was 13, that's quite a change. (From Rabbit Tracks)

### 25 YEARS AGO

Did you catch the NBC news show on the tube that explained the doomsday procedure for using the atomic bomb? It showed what should happen if Russia launched atomic bombs and aimed them for all key points in the United States. The show also went through all the procedures for retaliation by the United States. The show also depicted the results of a nuclear holocaust with 130 million dead here and the same relative results in Russia. Since Russians are as smart as Americans, it's sure that they, too, can figure all of this out. It's hard to imagine that they would dream of starting a doomsday war. (From The Haire Net)

Harold Blehm of Gagetown has won \$5,000 in the Michigan Lottery instant game. He bought the winning ticket card at Don's Party Store in Elkton. Presumably, B.A. Elliott and Sam Wheaton never got

rich from their mining, but the banks of the Cass River weren't a place one would expect to find a gold mine. They did find gold, though, along with graphite, zinc, copper and lead, enough to make it worth their while to take leases on several pieces of land along the north shore of the Cass River, southwest of Cass City.

### 35 YEARS AGO

The Cass City Village received \$2,000 in cash and a pledge of some \$1,200 more for improvements at the Cass City Recreational Park at the regular session of the council Tuesday night at the Municipal Building. The \$2,000 was two-thirds of a previous Rotary Club commitment of \$3,000 for use in park expansion. The pledge of \$1,200 was made by Tom Proctor as president of the Cass City Community Chest and is earmarked for the purchase of a pool water heater. Money is available because of increased donations in the Chest drive this year, especially in industry payroll deductions, Proctor said.

We welcome to the Chronicle club of correspondents, Mrs. Frank Little who starts writing the DeFord news this week. We've said before and say again how dependent we are on our correspondents and how pleasing it is to have them volunteer to write. Certainly with the amount of money papers have for paying them the rewards have to be more than financial. (From Rabbit Tracks)

In exceedingly close competition before an appreciative audience Saturday night the Human Creed, a Cass City rock and roll band, walked off with top prize in the fourth annual Lions Club benefit show at Cass City Intermediate School. Because the band was judged best among the 15 acts participating, the players received \$50, the show's top prize.



## Library winner

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# Hawks post doubleheader wins over Valley Lutheran in Greater Thumb West play

The Cass City Red Hawk baseball team got off to a blazing start in Greater Thumb West competition Thursday with a pair of wins over the Valley Lutheran Chargers. The Hawks were slated to play at Harbor Beach Monday and then get back into the GTW war Thursday at home against Laker High.

Tyler Erla pitched a neat 6-hit shutout and the Hawks backed him with lusty hitting in the 10-0 Hawk victory. Erla walked one and struck out 4.

Jake Brinkman's 3 hits in-



Tyler Erla

cluded a double and triple, 2 stolen bases and 3 runs scored. Jon Bennett and Justin Glaza each drove in 2 runs and Nate Laming had 3

hits including a double. Taking the loss was Perlburg.

The Hawks swept the twin bill behind Brad Langenburg, 12-2. In 5 innings he allowed 2 runs and 6 hits with one walk and 3 strikeouts.

Brinkman was again the power at the plate with 3 hits including a triple. He drove in 2 runs and scored 4 times. Nick Stoutenburg and Mike Havens collected 2 hits each. Gnatkowski took the loss for the Chargers. J. Hamling had 2 hits for the losers.

# Ubly, Cass City exchange wins on ball diamond

Cass City split a twin bill with the Ubly Bearcats Monday. The visiting Bearcats took the opener in a free-hitting game, 7-6. Aaron Maurer went the distance for Ubly to get the win. Mike Havens pitched well through 5 innings, before being relieved by Tyler Erla. The Hawk mound staff was hurt by shoddy defense as Cass City committed 5 errors.

The Hawks pounded out 9 hits, but Maurer was tough in the clutch, striking out 12. Havens allowed 10 hits, struck out 8 and walked one. Erla allowed one hit and struck out 5 in relief.

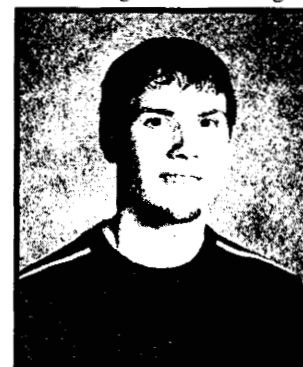
The Hawks bounced out to a 5-3 lead after 3 innings, only to have the Bearcats come back with a run in the fourth, 2 more in the fifth and another in the sixth. The Hawks scored in the seventh.

Jake Brinkman had a big game, slugging 3 hits that

included a pair of round trippers. Justin Glaza had one hit, a circuit clout and was credited with 3 RBIs. Cody Halasz collected 2 hits, including a double.

Eric Pichla rapped a home run and was one of three Bearcats to collect 2 hits. The others were Shane O'Connor and Kyle O'Connor.

Cass City teed off on Tyler Leipprandt for 5 runs in the first inning to win the night-



Jake Brinkman

cap 12-4.

Stec started for the Hawks and was touched for 4 runs before coach Ryan Pritchett went to Erla, who took charge. He allowed just 2 hits, no runs and struck out 7 in 5 innings. Brad Langenburg pitched the sixth and allowed no hits or runs.

Ubly was careful with Brinkman in the nightcap. He collected one hit, but was walked twice and scored 3 runs. Glaza was 3 for 3 and scored twice. Nick Stoutenburg had a pair of hits and a walk. He scored 2 runs and also drove in a pair.

Langenburg pounded out a home run and 2 hits and drove in 4. Halasz had 2 hits and drove in a run.

Pichla continued his heavy hitting for Ubly with a home run and a walk. Shane O'Connor hit a home run and was credited with 3 RBIs.

# Bulldogs split with Vikings

Owen-Gage split a North Central Thumb League doubleheader Thursday against visiting Akron-Fairgrove.

The Bulldogs cruised to a 5-2 decision in the initial game, but came up just short in game 2 as the Vikings recorded the game winner in the 6th frame during an exciting 7-6 setback.

The Bulldogs received a strong performance from Zac Sutter in the opener as the Bulldog hurler tossed 6 innings, allowing 4 hits and

striking out 7 to collect the win.

At the plate, the Bulldogs were led by Josh Leinweber who collected 3 hits including a double and Aaron Faist who notched a pair of singles.

In game 2, Leinweber slapped out 3 singles to lead the Bulldog's offensive while Trace Lopez recorded a pair of singles.

Earlier in the week, on Monday, the Bulldogs earned a pair of NCTL wins over visiting Caseville.

The hosts scored 9 runs over the opening 2 innings in game one, and then hung on for a 10-9 win.

Sutter handled the pitching chores for the winners and struck out 11. He helped his own cause with 2 singles, while Lopez was perfect in 3 trips to the plate that included a pair of doubles.

Game 2 saw the Bulldogs score 9 times in the 2nd frame en route to the 11-10 victory.

Faist had a double and scored 3 runs to lead the Bulldog attack.



OWENDALE area resident Brandea Sieradzki bagged her first turkey on the second day of the season with the help of her finance, Arnie Fritz, who called in the bird.



FIRST TURKEY. Ryan Biddinger, Cass City 15-year-old, bagged his first turkey hunting over the weekend in Tuscola County. Biddinger's tom had a 9" beard, 1" spurs and weighed 21 pounds.

# Zaleski tosses no hitter in victory over Caseville

Owen-Gage rode the arm of Kayla Zaleski to a pair of North Central Thumb League wins Thursday as the Bulldogs swept visiting Akron-Fairgrove.

Zaleski struck out 13, walked one and surrendered just 3 hits in the opener as coach Barb Adam's squad escaped with a 3-2 decision.

"I don't feel as if the girls played to their potential. We were hitting the ball, but right to their players," said Adams.

Katie Swiastyn, Mary McKee, Stephanie Dorsch, Natasha Sprague and Zaleski all had safeties for the win-

ners.

In the nightcap, the Bulldogs' bats came alive and led the hosts to an easy 16-6 victory.

"The girls came out more aggressive in this game and were hitting the ball much harder," said Adams.

Several Bulldogs enjoyed a banner day at the plate. Swiastyn recorded a single and double that produced 2 RBIs, while Zaleski pounded a single and triple that also resulted in a pair of runs. Owen-Gage also had Kayla Kady who recorded a triple and single and McKee with a double and single.

Zaleski handled the pitching chores for the winners in game 2 where she whiffed 9, walked one and allowed 3 hits.

CASEVILLE

Owen-Gage had little problems with visiting Caseville Monday as the Bulldogs rolled to NCTL wins of 15-0 and 11-3.

Zaleski tossed her first no-hitter of the season in the opener while fanning 8 and issuing one free pass.

Zaleski was also the pitcher of record in game 2, where she struck out 7.

# Osentoski is Certified Safe

Jerry Osentoski, owner of Ubly's The Sports Section, a youth and sports photography company, and his daughter Janel, who is also an employee, have recently become Certified Safe.

The Sports Section (TSS) is an international franchiser in the youth and sports photography field, headquartered in Georgia. TSS photographs individuals and groups involved in team or sports-related activities, making awards and gifts, most of which revolve around photography. These items are designed to create lifelong memories-often connected to youth sports and always revolving around the idyllic days of childhood.

TSS's Certified Safe Program is the result of an innovative alliance between TSS and Southeastern Security Consultants, Inc. (SSCI), which provides coach and volunteer background checks for organizations across the country.

Osentoski and his daughter are among the first in the system to be certified. By Jan. 1, 2005, TSS is looking to fully implement the TSS Certified Safe Program, in which all of its 215 unit operators and their employees will undergo extensive background checks by SSCI. They will receive "TSS Certified Safe" photo ID badges to be worn at all photo shoots, verification that they passed a stringent criminal history search.

"Parents will have a visual confirmation that representatives of TSS can be trusted around their kids," Osentoski said of the screenings, which are to include about 1,000 full and part-time employees system-wide. "They'll have a peace of mind in seeing that badge around the photographer's neck and

know someone's looked out for the safety of their children. It's one less thing a parent has to worry about."

Through its alliance with SSCI, The Sports Section will offer the background check/photo ID package to youth leagues and schools to use as a screening process for coaches and volunteers.

TSS began taking school portraits last year with the start-up of a new division, and Osentoski said schools could use the service to help augment their current method of hiring and screening teachers, coaches, substitutes and parent volunteers. Organizations would qualify for discounts based on the extent of services used.

Instituting such a program sets TSS apart from its competitors, some of whom are national companies with no local ownership. Osentoski said. Often, such companies hire part-time photographers from outside the area, or even the state, for assignments, he added.

"We think that by being a franchise network, having local ownership, hiring from the local community and having the 'Certified Safe' criteria will separate us from anything else that is out there," Osentoski said. "We've always felt we have a social obligation to not just be a vendor for our organizations, but to be a solutions provider. I think we've done that here."

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# Cass City held scoreless in pair of soccer losses

Cass City's soccer team continues to struggle on offense, as the lady Red Hawks were held scoreless in a pair of recent defeats to hosts Millington and visiting Bad Axe.

In their latest outing, the Hawks bowed 1-0 last Wednesday to the Cardinals. Earlier in the week, on Monday, the Hawks suffered a heartbreaking 2-0 loss to the visiting Hatchets.

The wind was a factor again this past week, but the Hawks handled it better and played an aggressive, hard fought game against the Hatchets.

Jenna Timko started in net and played a strong game, making 19 saves, while the defense, led by Raven Clemens and Jerica Fenningsdorf, limited the guests to very few good scoring chances.

Offensively, Mary Lima paced the Hawks with 4 shots on goal and Sarah Hobbs had a breakaway opportunity that the Hatcher keeper managed to stop. The Hawks' offensive pressure was better, but total shots were still too low.

Coach Chuck Reed felt the midfield players stepped up and moved the ball well, keeping the Hatchets off balance for much of the game. However, 2 mistakes resulted in goals for the visitors and the Hawks couldn't recover.

"This was an improvement

in overall play and it should continue over the coming weeks," says Reed.

At Millington, the Hawks came out strong and aggressive, generating shots, and were in the game until the final whistle. Hobbs started in net and played extremely well, recording 24 saves. The game's only goal came when she got knocked down by a Cardinal attacker and was unable to get up in time to stop a rebound shot.

Katie Hill got her first start and was playing solid until a foot injury sidelined her. Whitney Braun and Lima both generated 3 shots, with Lima missing a penalty kick that would have tied the game. Overall, the Hawks got 14 shots and were still putting pressure on at the final whistle.

Millington played a very physical game and the field was small, but the Hawks responded well to the conditions, according to coach Reed.

Reed also felt the play was much better than in past weeks, despite suffering a pair of losses. "The defense is starting to gel and the offense is starting to get more shots. Keeper play is solid and overall aggressiveness is improving."

The Hawks will entertain Valley Lutheran tonight (Wednesday) in Greater Thumb Conference play.



**CASS CITY resident Jon Fahrner recently bagged his first turkey of the season, then returned to the woods a few hours later and bagged another. The first tom weighed in at 22 pounds and sported a 9 3/4-inch beard, and the second bird tipped the scales at 23 pounds.**



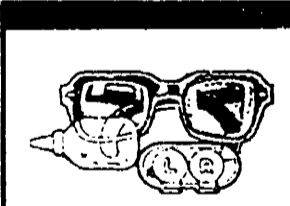
**NICE BIRD.** Cass City's Todd Gould bagged this nice tom hunting on private land in Huron County during the turkey season's opening week. The bird tipped the scales at 22 pounds, had an 8" beard and 1" spurs.

## Opening ceremony set for Saturday

The opening ceremony for the Cass City 2004 Little and Minor League season is slated for Saturday in the recreational park beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Besides the ceremonial first pitch, there will also be a 50/50 raffle, used equipment sale and food available at the concessions stand for the entire family.

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# Cass City softball team sweeps Ubly, splits with Valley Lutheran in GTW

The Cass City Red Hawks rolled to victory in 3 of 4 games played last week in a split of a double header with Valley Lutheran Thursday in the Greater Thumb West and a doubleheader win Monday at home against Ubly.

The Hawks were slated to meet Harbor Beach Monday and then head back into league action Thursday with the visiting Lakers.

It took a big inning to avoid a loss to Ubly in the opening game Monday. The Bearcats took a 3-run lead into the 5th inning behind Kim Lackowski when the Hawks exploded for 6 hits good for 6 runs and an eventual 6-5 victory. In the inning, Ashley Hendrick lashed a 2-run homer and Ashley Barrigar and Kristi Fluegge cracked doubles. Laura Puvalowski led the Bearcats with 3 hits in 4 trips including a double. Mallory Powell pitched a 6

hitter for the win. Powell had an easier time in the nightcap. She allowed 10 hits, but kept them well scattered. Meanwhile, the Hawks started slugging early and often to post the 15-10 decision. Two big innings were the difference. Cass City scored 4 runs in the third and 5 more in the fourth. The Hawks were led by Renee Czekai with 2 hits including a double and Krystee Dorland with a triple and 2 hits.

**VALLEY LUTHERAN**  
The Hawks started the GTW league season on a bright note with a 14-6 decision at Saginaw Valley Lutheran Thursday to give Powell the win over Kaul. Powell allowed 10 hits.

Cass City pounded the ball early and often to get the

win. The Hawks jumped into an early lead with 5 runs in the first inning, sparked by a lead off triple by Luann Laming and a triple by Czekai. Laming had 3 hits and Czekai had 2 hits for the night.

The Hawks were in front, 8-2, after 3 innings and a 4-run splurge in the sixth iced the game. Barrigar also had a big day at the plate. She was 4 for 4 with 3 runs batted in.

In the nightcap Cass City had plenty of hits (12) off the slants of Campbell, but she kept them well scattered and posted a 9-4 decision. Ashley Hendrick took the loss. She gave up 5 hits and walked 5. Toner and Dorland wielded the big sticks for Cass City. Dorland connected for 3 hits including a triple in 4 trips and Toner rapped 2 hits and drove in a run. Barrigar also had a pair of hits and drove in a run.



Mallory Powell



Krystee Dorland

## Lady Hawks need numbers Toner paces thinclads at Brown City

The Cass City boys' track team continues to exceed preseason expectations, while a lack of numbers hampers the lady Red Hawk thinclads.

Both squads were in action Friday at the Brown City Invite. The Hawk boys finished 3rd in the 8-school meet with 74.5 points, while the lady Hawks placed 7th with 33 points.

On the boys' side, Ubly took top honors with 135 points, followed by Harbor Beach at 93.5, Cass City, Almont at 54, Brown City at 51, Kingston at 48, Capac at 45, and Marlette with 25 points.

Senior Zac Toner paced the Hawks with the team's only first place finish that came in the 400-meter dash (52.67). Toner also posted a 3rd place finish in the 200-

meter dash with a time of 24:15.

Other individual points for the Hawks were recorded by Danny Mittlestat (2nd in the 300-meter hurdles and 5th in the 110-meter hurdles), Kyle Reif (3rd in the 3,200 meter run and 4th in the pole vault), Dustin Bitzer (4th in

the 110-meter hurdles), Leon Sullins (3rd in the 800-meter run), and Jordan Mozdzen (3rd in the pole vault).

On the girls' side, Ubly ran away from the competition with 169 points, followed by Harbor Beach with 93, Almont at 83, Brown City at

51, Capac at 45, Marlette at 44, Cass City, and Kingston with 9.

The Hawks had 7 top 5 individual finishes, led by Ashley Puterbaugh's runner-up finish in the shot put. Puterbaugh also placed 4th in the discus for the Hawks.

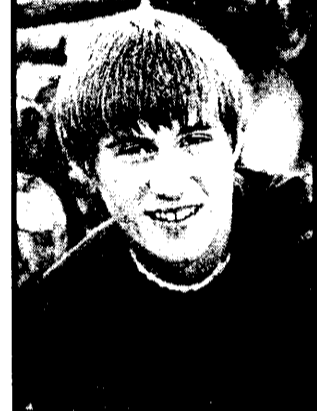
Also performing well for Cass City was Tara Sherman who finished 3rd in the 100-meter hurdles and Krista Homakie who place 3rd in the 400-meter dash.

The Hawks also received top 5 finishes from Mirrissa Curtis (4th in the high jump) and Ashleigh Rabideau (5th in the 3,200 meter run).

The Hawks will host their first meet of the season to night (Wednesday) when Mayville and Marlette in vade the recreational park track.



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# Obituaries

## Madys Auslander

Madys May Auslander, 92, of Cass City, died Saturday, April 24, 2004, at Hills and Dale's General Hospital, Cass City.

She was born Dec. 11, 1911, at home in Sanilac County's Greenleaf Township to William and May (Watson) LePla.

She married Clark C. Auslander July 27, 1934, in Cass City. He died Aug. 31, 1998.

Auslander was a member of the Shabbona United Methodist Church, County Extension and the Elmwood Yehlers.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Marie (Chuck) Desnoski of Flushing, June (Bill) MacDonald of Troy, Jean Cohen of Flint; a brother-in-law, Arthur Itchue of Cass City, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her son, Richard Clark Auslander, in 1956, and a brother, Wilford LePla.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 26, at the Shabbona United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Ellen Burns officiating. Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Shabbona United Methodist Church Building Fund. Arrangements were made by the Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Becca Halasz

Becca "Becky" June Halasz, 50, of Gageton, died Monday, April 19, 2004, at her residence.

She was born Sept. 25, 1953

in Cass City, the daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Keel) Creason.

She married Joseph Halasz Oct. 14, 1978.

Halasz worked for Walbro Corporation for more than 28 years, where she was an inspector.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph; children: Thomas (Charity) Halasz of Gageton, Janet Halasz of Akron, and Brandy (Jason Kzinowek) Halasz of Bay City; a granddaughter; two brothers: William (Jean) Creason of Virginia, and Jerry (Harriet) Creason of Deford; a sister, Nancy (David) Urban of Cass City; a brother-in-law, Robert Church; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Robert Creason; and a sister, Janet Church.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 23, at the Gageton Funeral Chapel.

Interment was in the Elmwood Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the ALS Foundation or Alzheimers Association. Arrangements were made by Gageton Funeral Chapel, Gageton.

## Phyllis Pelton

Phyllis Marjorie Pelton, 84, of Cass City, died Wednesday, April 21, 2004 in her home.

She was born Oct. 10, 1919 at home in Austin Township, Sanilac County, the daughter of Lloyd and Clara (Gibbard) Brown.

She married Frank Pelton Sept. 2, 1939 in Pinnebog. He died Feb. 13, 1975.

She graduated from Cass City High School in 1936. She worked for Walbro for 27 years retiring in 1982. She was a member of the Shabbona United Methodist Church and their United Methodist Women group.

She is survived by two daughters: Sherry (Robert) Rich of Deckerville, and Karen King of Cass City;

seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; three brothers: Robert Brown of Cass City; Clare (Georgene) Brown of Uby; and Keith (Joyce) Brown of Uby; a sister, Florence Dyett of Tucson, Ariz.; a sister-in-law, Sue Brown of LaMessa, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers: Billy and H. Jay Brown; a brother-in-law, Norris Dyett; and a sister-in-law, Marion Brown.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 23, at the Shabbona United Methodist Church, Shabbona, with the Rev. Ellen Burns officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Shabbona United Methodist Church Building Fund or United Hospice of Marlette.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Katherine Revis

Katherine Ann Revis, 65, of West Branch, died Saturday, April 24, 2004, at her daughter's home in Cass City.

She was born Sept. 19, 1938, in Detroit to Ernest and Catherine (Russell) Hollick.

She married Carl Revis Nov. 24, 1956. He died Aug. 21, 1995.

Revis is survived by her children, Susan Polena of Macomb Township, Carol (Alexander) Kessler of Cass City, Steven Revis of Warren, and Patricia (Tate) Thomas of Anchorage, Alaska; 5 grandchildren; and a sister, Mary Jo Steffers.

Cremation has taken place. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice, Bay City.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.



**MORE THAN 150 people turned out last week for the first "Premiere Days" event at Cass City Chrysler to see all the new models Chrysler has come out with. The show gave the local dealership an opportunity to show off all of the improvements the dealership has made as well as showcase the company's latest vehicles.**



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Cass City area residents were invited to the first "Premiere Days," that began Friday. Premiere Day has occurred at more than 2,100 participating Chrysler brand dealerships representing nearly 90 percent of total sales volume. Customers were invited to see the new face of Chrysler vehicles - the all-new Chrysler 300, the Chrysler Town & Country with Stow n' Go seating and storage system, Chrysler PT Cruiser Convertible and Chrysler Pacifica.

"Premiere Days" events are designed to look and feel like a Hollywood premiere with the vehicles serving as the "stars," explained Gary Dilts, senior vice president-sales, Chrysler Group. "It is an opportunity for us to showcase all of our new vehicles under one roof, reinforcing the fact that the Chrysler Group has some of the most stylish, innovative and affordable products in the marketplace today."

Chrysler Group's Dodge brand dealers will host "Premiere Days" beginning in June and the Jeep brand Premiere Days will take place at local dealerships this fall.

New 2005 Chrysler vehicles showcased at "Premiere Days" include:

\* Chrysler 300 — signals an entirely new design direction for Chrysler. With rear-wheel drive and HEMI V-8 power, Chrysler 300C redefines the classic American car. Chrysler 300 combines elegance, confidence, power and value. Began arriving at Curtis Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge-Jeep in April.

\* Chrysler Town & Country with Stow n' Go seating and storage system — began arriving at Curtis Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge-Jeep in February. The company that invented the minivan cat-

egory 20 years ago delivers yet another leapfrog with unmatched convenience, versatility and storage. Stow n' Go, fold-in-the-floor second- and third-row seating, is one of more than 15 new Town & Country features and safety enhancements. \* Chrysler PT Cruiser Convertible — looks as good on the inside as it does on the outside. It redefines the segment in much the same way as the original PT Cruiser. With a starting MSRP of \$19,995, the PT Cruiser Convertible, which began arriving in dealerships in March, is the lowest-cost 4-passenger convertible car available in the U.S.

**Check Out These Web Sites:**  
Here are a few Web sites you may want to watch:  
The "Survive and Succeed" rheumatoid arthritis campaign at [www.surviveandsucceed.com](http://www.surviveandsucceed.com).  
The Arthritis Foundation at [www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org).  
The National Association of Child Care Professionals at [www.naccp.org](http://www.naccp.org).  
The Council on Family Health at [www.cfinfo.org](http://www.cfinfo.org).  
CoverBlend by Exuviance Corrective Leg and Body Makeup at [www.coverblend.com](http://www.coverblend.com).  
Husqvarna at [www.usa.husqvarna.com](http://www.usa.husqvarna.com).  
National Association of Enrolled Agents at [www.naea.org](http://www.naea.org).

## Calendar of Events

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

### Friday, April 30

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

### Saturday, May 1

United Hospice Service is sponsoring a 5-Mile Walk-A-Thon, 8:00 a.m. registration, turn in pledges, 9:00 a.m., walk, Sandusky High School, 191 Pine Tree Lane. All proceeds will be donated to patient care. For more information, please call United Hospice Service at 989-635-4134 or 800-635-7490, ext. 4134.

### Monday, May 3

Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 4

Aftercare Program for Grief Counseling, 6:30 p.m., V.F.W. Annex building, 4530 Veterans Dr. Everyone is invited to attend. Sponsored by Thabet Funeral Home, Inc.

## MMPA honors Keith, Jane Wood

The Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA) recently honored a group of dedicated members for their service to the Dairy Communicator Program.

The Dairy Communicators work diligently on behalf of MMPA members to promote dairy products and dairy farming. In addition to promotion, the communicators keep informed of current dairy industry issues, often being called upon to contact their legislators in order to help shape public policy in a manner that is beneficial to dairy farmers.

Those receiving service awards this year are: 10 years: Mary Dillon, Jerome; Anne Koebel, Three Oaks; Keith and Jane Wood, Kingston; 15 years: Ken Kirkman, Corunna; 20 years: Mary

Nichol, Deckerville; and 25 years: Leona Daniels, Sterling; Clayton Rasmussen, Sheridan.

Started in 1979, the Dairy Communicator Program celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2004. MMPA Dairy Communicators can be found working a promotional display at a shopping mall, with a group of students at the local school or on the farm explaining the workings of a modern dairy farm. They also spend time learning issues important to the dairy industry, contacting legislators and government officials when needed.

MMPA is a member owned and operated dairy cooperative serving over 2,500 dairy farmers in Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio and Indiana.

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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 Eighty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Nine and 52/100 Dollars (\$118,509.52), including interest at the rate of 10.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statute 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 Koynton, 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

**ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC**  
Attorneys for Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas f/k/a Banker's Trust Company, as Custodian, As Assignee  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 210.1575

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by ROLLAND J. DAVID, JR. AND TRACIE WALKER-DAVID, husband and wife, to ALLIANCE FUNDING, a Division of Superior Bank, FSB, One Ramland Road, Orangeburg, NY 10962, dated October 31, 2000 and recorded with the Tuscola County Register of deeds on December 6, 2000 in Liber 816 at Page 1074. Said mortgage was assigned by an assignment to LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Indenture Trustee under the Indenture, dated as of 12-1-00, Series 2000-4, n/k/a LASALLE BANK, N.A., 909 Hidden Ridge, Irving, TX 75038, by an assignment dated November 14, 2000 and recorded in the Tuscola County Register of Deeds on January 24, 2002 in Liber 858 at Page 1493. By reason of such default the undersigned elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of said mortgage due and payable forthwith. At the date of this notice there is claimed to be due for principle and interest, at the rate of 12.250% adjustable per annum on said mortgage, the sum of FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE AND 67/100 DOLLARS (\$51,945.67). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided and to pay said amount with interest as provided in said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including attorney's fees allowed by law, said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public venue to the highest bidder at the front entrance of the courthouse in Caro, the place of holding the Circuit Court within the County of Tuscola, Village of Caro, on June 4, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., local time.

Pursuant to Public Act No. 104, Public Acts of 1971 (MSA 27A3240(3)) the redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of the foreclosure 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 28, 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 #022034F01

4-28-4

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Byron L. Pohlod, 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.

Dated: April 21, 2004  
LASALLE BANK, N.A.  
Assignee of Mortgage  
Walter J. Russell (P19781)  
RUSSELL & McCARGAR, LLP  
161 Ottawa Ave. NW, Suite 411-S  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
(616) 774-8422

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Anthony Delduca and Kimberly K. Delduca, husband and wife, to Saxton Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 16, 2001 and recorded March 2, 2001 in Liber 822, Page 1226, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas f/k/a Banker's Trust Company, as Custodian by assignment dated February 16, 2001 and recorded on September 17, 2001 in Liber 842, Page 1299, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve and 50/100 Dollars (\$69,812.50) including interest at the rate of 9.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statute 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 27, 2004.

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

A parcel of land described as beginning as a point which is North 89 degrees 16 minutes East, 1101.9 feet from the Southwest corner of Section 31, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbelva Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence North 0 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds West, 250.00 Feet, thence North 89 degrees 16 minutes East 100.00 Feet; thence South 0 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds East, 250.00 feet, thence South 89 degrees 16 minutes West, 100.00 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with 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 28, 2004

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Caroline A. Stratton, a single person (original mortgagor), to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 11, 2001 and recorded on January 28, 2002 in Liber 859 on Page 975 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Three and 42/100 Dollars (\$45,623.42), including interest at 6.5% 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 May 27, 2004.

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

The West 400 Feet of the East 500 Feet of the South 200 Feet of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 30, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, Tuscola County Records.

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

**Dated:** April 28, 2004  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
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Attorneys For ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Byron L. Pohlod, 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 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.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Anthony Delduca and Kimberly K. Delduca, husband and wife, to Saxton Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 16, 2001 and recorded March 2, 2001 in Liber 822, Page 1226, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas f/k/a Banker's Trust Company, as Custodian by assignment dated February 16, 2001 and recorded on September 17, 2001 in Liber 842, Page 1299, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve and 50/100 Dollars (\$69,812.50) including interest at the rate of 9.99% per annum.

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

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**Mortgage Sale** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Brian Reaver, a single man, and Angela Ann Gonzales, a single woman, to Citifinancial, Inc. Mortgagee, dated February 28, 2001 and recorded on March 8, 2001, in Liber 823, Page 888, and recorded on February 25, 2004 in Liber 981, Page 619, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Three and 44/100 Dollars (\$76,163.44) including interest at the rate of 8004.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Michigan at 10:00 AM on June 3, 2004.

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

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

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

Dated: April 28, 2004

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

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jarret 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 Maxine B. Reaver, an unmarried woman (original mortgagor), to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 4, 2001 and recorded on May 11, 2001 in Liber 831 on Page 734, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. as assignee by an assignment dated May 4, 2001 and recorded on February 12, 2002 in Liber 864 on Page 146 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Two and 36/100 Dollars (\$129,272.36), 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 May 20, 2004.

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

A parcel of land in the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said section; thence South 88 degrees 50 minutes 52 seconds West, on the East and West 1/4 line of said section, 500 feet; thence North 01 degree 01 minute 48 seconds West, parallel to the East line of said section; 350 feet; thence North 88 degrees 50 minutes 52 seconds East, parallel to said East and West 1/4 line, 500 feet to said East section line; thence South 01 degree 01 minute 48 seconds East, on said East line, 350 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: April 21, 2004

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
FC F (248) 593-1313  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc.  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #003007F03

4-21-4

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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 Fed-

eral 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 #021000F01

4-14-4

**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 FREEMONT 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 Mortgage  
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

# Farmers urged to watch for theft

Posters and pamphlets outlining how farmers can protect their anhydrous ammonia fertilizer from theft for methamphetamine drug production will be visible this planting season thanks to a partnership involving the Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) and several other state agencies and associations.

And the information comes straight from the horse's mouth - a recovering methamphetamine addict in prison for stealing anhydrous ammonia and operating and maintaining a methamphetamine laboratory.

MFB and the Michigan State Police, Michigan Agriculture Association, Michigan Department of Community Health, Michigan Department of Agriculture, Michigan Corn Growers Association and others recently joined forces to produce the materials. The posters will be displayed in the lobbies of agribusinesses that sell anhydrous ammonia, while the pamphlets will be handed out to farmer clients.

"The groups have been alerting farmers to the risk of anhydrous ammonia theft for years, warning that people desperate to make the highly addictive and potentially deadly drug will attempt to steal anhydrous ammonia from farm tanks, often putting themselves, the farmer and community at risk of severe injury. The newest campaign, however, contains insights from a person caught up in the "meth" underworld.

The following is an unedited letter sent to the Michigan State Police from Jon E. Fernald, a Michigan Department of Corrections prisoner serving a five- to 20-year sentence for operating and maintaining a methamphetamine laboratory and stealing anhydrous ammonia.

*Dear Michigan Farmer,*  
*I am writing this on a topic that means a lot to me. It's to reduce the methamphetamine production going on in Michigan. It's our newest plague. I know personally. I'm a recovering addict. I have ideas that will help.*  
*1) Fence in your bulk tanks.*  
*A security fence will help deter an anhydrous ammonia thief.*  
*2) Light the area where all tanks are kept.*  
*3) Keep up on the latest locking devices and caps.*  
*4) Drain all field tanks - even a quart will make a batch.*

*5) Consider other options for your nitrogen needs.*  
*6) Return field tanks to your dealer.*  
*7) Get a dog.*  
*Remember if you see any unusual activity going on call your local law enforcement agency. Be careful - these people are usually desperate to get the ingredients they need. I appreciate your time spent reading this. Please help me with this battle to make Michigan a better place for my kids and yours.*  
*Thank you*  
*Jon Fernald*

Elements of this letter were incorporated into the posters and pamphlets that outline additional measures farmers can take to stop ammonia theft.

"The Michigan Farm Bureau supports this educational campaign to build awareness among the agriculture community of the growing problem of illegal use of this common fertilizer," said Bob Boehm, manager of the MFB Commodity and Marketing Department. "The information pro-

## F.B. lauds TB split

The Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) is hailing a long sought after final rule that splits the state into 2 federally recognized bovine tuberculosis (TB) zones as "a very positive step forward in Michigan's TB eradication efforts." At the same time, the state's largest general farm organization is calling on all livestock producers to put their best foot forward.

"Achieving split-state TB status is very positive as Michigan works toward one day regaining the entire state's TB-free status," said MFB President Wayne H. Wood, a Sanilac County dairy farmer. "We achieved this designation due to cooperation from the livestock industry. Now



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## Notices

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# Village waste pick-up rate hike begins May 1

Higher refuse fees approved by the Cass City Village Council earlier this year will go into effect with the May billing.

Village Manager Frank Sheridan updated the council on the new rate structure during a quiet monthly meeting Monday night.

Sheridan noted World Waste Services filed for bankruptcy when the company was not able to defend itself in court, purchase new equipment and repair its landfill because of a lack of retained earnings (a percentage of earnings not paid out in dividends but retained by the company to be reinvested

in its core business or to pay debt).

"The bankruptcy court allowed World Waste Services to sell its assets, (and) Richfield Equities LLC bought some of the equipment," Sheridan said.

"Richfield Equities offered to continue the refuse pickup services, but for an increased price. Their price was lower than the quotes from 2 other competitors."

Village residents currently pay \$8.50 a month for the service. That rate will be increased to \$8.95 next month.

In addition, the village's new 5-year contract with Richfield Equities has built-in fee hikes in each year. They are: \$9.45 per month in 2005, \$10.05 in 2006, \$10.65 in 2007, and \$11.20 in 2008.

In other business Monday, the council:

- Formally accepted the annual audit report presented during last month's meeting.

- Waived recreation fees for a Girl Scout Day Camp planned for Tuesday and Wednesday, July 20-21.

- Appointed Trustee Dwight Thabet to serve as assistant coordinator of the annual Memorial Day Parade.

- Authorized village President Bert Althaver to sign and send, on behalf of the entire council, certificates of appreciation for service to several former village officials.

They are: Les Karr, who served on the council from April 1990 through March 2004; Cathy Kropewnicki,

who served on the council from February 1993 through March 2004; Matt Prieskorn, who served on the council from April 1988 through March 2004; Steve Wright, who served on the council from April 2000 through March 2004; and Tom Proctor, who served on the DDA for more than 10 years.

• Reviewed and made some minor revisions, then adopted a formal Council Rules of Procedure policy.

## Horse hay bulletin available

Horse owners often receive confusing or conflicting information about how to feed their animals. "Buying Horse Hay" (E2804), a Michigan State University (MSU) Extension bulletin, will provide them with science-based facts about horses' nutritional needs.

Many horse owners believe that alfalfa is premium horse hay. Richard Leep, professor of crop and soil sciences and MSU Extension forage specialist, says horses do well on alfalfa, but also on grass hay, depending on the needs of the individual horse.

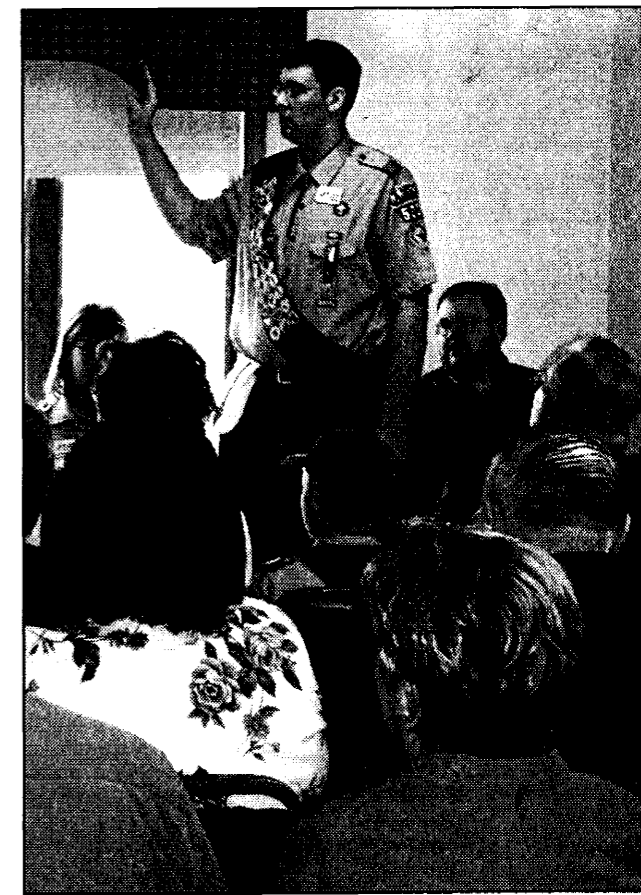
"Owners can balance their rations by understanding their horses' needs - for example, amount of exercise, age of horse, stage of gestation, stage of lactation," Leep says.

The bulletin also includes sections about horse digestion, nutrient needs, determining feed quality, horse-quality hay and toxicity problems.

The bulletin is available for \$5 from any county MSU Extension office or through the MSUE website: [web2.msue.edu/bulletins/intro.cfm](http://web2.msue.edu/bulletins/intro.cfm)



SCOUT LEADER Rick Kulinski presented merit badges to several scouts during Hanby's Court of Honor. Scouts who had earned various badges over the past year included Hanby's brothers, Brad and Kurt (above).



HANBY takes the oath during his Eagle Court of Honor.

## Barcia

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charge alleging the senator assisted Marlinga by funneling unused federal campaign dollars from his time in the U.S. House to Marlinga in an amount exceeding what is allowed by federal law. Published reports state that Marlinga allegedly arranged to have campaign donations made to Barcia at the same time.

The second count is a felony alleging Barcia was involved in filing federal contribution reports that were false.

Barcia's attorney disputes both charges.

Barcia was elected to the state Senate in 2002 after serving 10 years in the U.S. House. He opted to leave the House to avoid a race with his friend and fellow U.S. Rep. Dale Kildee, D-Flint, after the districts of both men were combined in the reapportionment map drawn by the Legislature after the 2000 Census.

Barcia now represents Michigan's 31st Senate District, which includes Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties.

## Grade

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Fernald said that it has been several years since fees were last adjusted and that raising the admission is a league decision.

• Approved payment of bills totaling \$186,475.57

## Final band concert set May 2

The Sanilac Community Symphonic Band's final concert of the season will be Sunday, May 2, at the Sanilac Career Center, located south of Sandusky on Aitken Road, just east of M-19.

The concert is at 3 p.m., is free but donations will be cheerfully accepted, and will include free refreshments afterward.

For more information, contact Everett R. Kalce, music director at (810) 376-3615, or email [ekalce@deckerville.k12.mi.us](mailto:ekalce@deckerville.k12.mi.us).

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## Use water-repellent finishes

# Winterize to keep decks beautiful

Smart homeowners know that seasonal changes can wreak havoc on decks and that "winterizing" is key to keeping them beautiful for years. But choosing the right deck care products can be

confusing, even for the handiest homeowner.

Today's decks are made of a variety of wood types: pressure-treated lumber, cedar, redwood, exotic hardwood --- each with their own

special products on retail shelves. But you can take the "guesswork" out of deck winterization by choosing products that work on all types of wood. Whether you have a new, bare wood or a

stained deck that has seen better days, here are some tips from the experts at Wolman Wood Care Products:

- Beautify and protect your deck with a water-repellent

finish before winter's harsh precipitation sets in. Water repellent coatings like Wolman RainCoat(R), F&P(R) and DuraStainTM stop rain, sleet, snow and ice from penetrating all wood

surfaces, thereby minimizing water damage such as splitting or warping. These products guarantee water-repellent longevity and provide longer-lasting protection, so you won't have to reapply a new coat year after year. And, they offer a variety of colors and opacity levels, from clear to sheer, transparent natural wood tones to pigmented semi-transparent shades to help you achieve any look you desire.

Before coating, prepare the wood surface with a commercial wood cleaner or stain stripper so that your new finish will penetrate and adhere properly and give you the longest life possible.

- For uncoated new or weathered wood, clean your deck thoroughly to remove invisible surface barriers such as excess wax or mill glaze, ground-in dirt, grayed surface fibers and stains from mold and mildew, algae or tannin bleed. If you know your deck is made of pressure-treated wood, you can use a product like Wolman(R) DeckBriteTM Wood Cleaner and Coating Prep, an acid-free, oxygen-powered powder concentrate that is tough on stains yet safe to use near plant life.

- If you don't know your type of wood, don't worry. Wolman(R) Deck & Fence Brightener for All Exterior Wood will restore all wood types, even tannin-rich woods like cedar, redwood, mahogany and other exotic hardwoods. Both products clean and restore wood to its natural beauty without bleaching or yellowing like chlorine bleach can. Their fast-acting formulas loosen and lift dirt, stains and discoloration in 10 minutes. And they are easy to use --- mix with water, spray on, brush in and rinse off with a garden hose.

- For previously coated wood, strip any faded or deteriorating finish before coating with a new product. If you're not sure what type of stain is present, not to worry. Wolman(R) DeckStrip(R) Stain & Finish Remover removes oil and latex solid or semi-transparent stains and clear finishes, and prepares wood decks for the reapplication of water-repellent finishes or stains.

For more information on Wolman water-repellent finishes, wood cleaners and strippers, call the company's technical service department at (732) 469-8100. Or, visit [www.wolman.com](http://www.wolman.com) for more helpful deck care tips.

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# New roof improves house's curb appeal

The housing boom during the 1970s has left a large segment of people living in homes with old or outdated exteriors that can lower curb appeal and real estate value. For the same reason that disco albums and polyester leisure suits are gathering dust in the back of the closet, homeowners may be considering a makeover for their 30-year-old home. A new roof can make a bold statement and go a long way toward the exterior style of the home.

"A roof can comprise up to 50 percent of the home's exterior, so what you do with that 50 percent can have a tremendous impact on the overall look of your home," said Brian Chambers, Owens Corning product manager for Residential Roofing. "Homeowners can improve their home's curb appeal quickly and dramatically by changing the texture and color of the roof."

Curb appeal is especially important when trying to sell a home. Many purchasing decisions are made upon arrival to see the house, so remodeling the exterior can provide an advantage over other sellers. Making home improvement plans during the fall or winter months may help the home sell faster when the spring and summer selling seasons come around. Replacing or updating the roof makes the home look as though it's in prime move-in condition — a big plus in the eyes of potential buyers.

Led by baby boomers, today's homeowners demand more from home products, desiring an integrated appearance for their home, with color and style both inside and out. There are many roofing options available to help consumers make product and color selections that match their tastes and the styles of their homes.

"Increasingly, homeowners

are driving a trend toward customizing the home with products that will provide both aesthetic appeal and performance," said Chambers. "Building materials manufacturers like Owens Corning have responded to these growing expectations by providing diverse color ranges, textures, styles and accessories. Now consumers have more options to tailor the color and look of their home and they can explore a variety of products that can add visual interest to the roof."

Owens Corning offers a broad roofing line designed to create the stylized look today's homeowners want. These unique roofing products include:

• **Berkshire(R) Collection:** Distinctive and eye-catching, the Berkshire Collection expresses bold, unique style. The 12 natural slate colors and shadow accents offered in the collection allow homeowners to express their personal tastes and create a stunning presentation of their home. As rugged as they are beautiful, Berkshire Collection shingles are backed by a limited lifetime warranty with 15-year Tru PROtection coverage, including 15-year algae-resistance protection and 110-mph wind resistance.

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the highest standards for impact resistance, homeowners may qualify for a premium discount from many insurance companies. They are available in a palette of popular color blends, feature a soft, textured appearance and are backed by a 40-year limited product warranty with 10-year Tru PROtection coverage, including 10-year algae resistance protection.

• **Oakridge PRO Series Shingles:** These shingles combine durability with uncommon beauty. Featuring laminated construction and a choice of shadow effects both subtle and deep, they accentuate the unique character of any home design. Included in the series are 50-inch Deep Shadow, 40-inch Shadow and Oakridge PRO 30-inch shingles. Each type of shingle in the series includes a limited warranty with outstanding wind-resistance coverage, as well as a UL Class A fire rating.

Homeowners should also look into installing products that will upgrade the roof's performance. For example, proper ventilation can help to ensure a high-performing roofing system, as can the use of products such as Owens Corning's WeatherLock Series of waterproofing underlayment.

The Internet is a great tool to help homeowners start thinking about product and color selections. The Web site [www.owenscorning.com](http://www.owenscorning.com) is a good resource to learn more about what specialty roofing can do for the home. In addition, homeowners can learn about exterior design, try out product and color selections on sample homes and take an interactive style quiz to determine their exterior style preferences online at [www.ExteriorFX.com](http://www.ExteriorFX.com).

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**Seal all the cracks**

**10 money-saving tips for home improvement**

(MS) — What can I do to save money on heating and cooling bills? How can I maximize the use of my appliances to save energy? Which types of outdoor lighting reduce my electric bills? In today's economy, saving energy is important to all homeowners.

"The simplest steps, like installing low-flow showerheads or getting yearly tune-ups on your furnace, can result in a tremendous amount of energy savings," says Bill Lazor, senior

brand manager at Simonton Windows. "Saving energy equates to saving money. Whether selecting glass packages for windows that reduce penetration of harmful ultraviolet rays into the home, or simply sealing cracks where air can leak in and out of the house, there are a number of ways homeowners can increase their energy knowledge and awareness."

The experts at Simonton Windows offer these tips for saving energy in and around the home:

**Tip #1** — Examine your windows. Make sure they're doing their part to help insulate your home. Check for hot and cold spots or drafty areas inside your home near windows, which can indicate energy loss.

**Tip #2** — Insulate and winterize exterior outlets and spigots.

**Tip #3** — Fully load your dishwasher before starting a wash cycle. Select the shortest cycle, and allow your dishes to air dry instead of using the heated drying option.

**Tip #4** — Shop for Energy Star(R)-compliant products. From refrigerators to hair dryers to windows, products disperse for you.

Much like a person's immune system, a healthy lawn also helps keep away pests, reducing the need for pesticides. "Healthy soil is the first step toward a healthy lawn," Hood says. "And top-dressing with peat moss is a simple way to begin."

In just 30 minutes, your lawn will be well on its way to becoming healthier and heartier — and your neighbors will be green with envy over your yard's new look.

Canadian peat moss is a sustainable resource. Only one acre in every 6,000 is harvested and when harvesting stops, the bogs are restored to functioning peatlands. For more information on peat and the environment, visit the Canadian Sphagnum Peat Moss Association's Web site at [www.peatmoss.com](http://www.peatmoss.com).

playing the Energy Star label have been designed with energy efficiency in mind. For example, Energy Star-labeled lighting products use up to 75 percent less energy than standard lighting.

**Tip #5** — Seal any cracks or gaps where air can leak into your home. Many experts believe the average home has enough small holes to equal one 3-foot by 3-foot opening.

**Tip #6** — Make sure your fireplace has properly fitting dampers. Remember to close dampers when fireplaces are not in use.

**Tip #7** — If you're replacing windows in your home, consider those with vinyl frames. Vinyl offers excellent thermal

performance and requires little maintenance. When combined with other energy-smart features, such as Low E coatings, the energy efficiency of the window can increase dramatically.

**Tip #8** — Install motion sensors for use with outdoor lighting. Not only can they provide added security (you'll know right away whenever someone approaches your home), they also use less energy than lights that remain on continuously.

**Tip #9** — If you have an electric water heater, lower the temperature to 120 F and turn it off when leaving for extended periods. Gas water

heaters should be set to the "vacation" setting. Drain a few gallons of water from the bottom of the tank every six months to remove sediment, which can slow heating times.

**Tip #10** — Check every window and door to make sure there is adequate weatherstripping and caulking, which will ensure a secure seal around the openings in your home.

Looking for more energy-saving ideas? Visit [www.homeenergysaver.lbl.gov](http://www.homeenergysaver.lbl.gov), [www.simonton.com](http://www.simonton.com) or [www.efficientwindows.org](http://www.efficientwindows.org). For a free eight-page energy tips brochure from Simonton Windows, call (800) SIMONTON.

**The lawn needs dressing up too**

Well-dressed folks have known the secret for years: A new set of clothes can help put a spring in your step and a smile on your face.

Your lawn can benefit from a little dressing up now and then, as well. A quick, easy and inexpensive process called "top-dressing" can help reduce disease, thatch and the amount of water, fertilizer and pesticides your lawn requires. According to gardening expert Gerry Hood, top-dressing can give you a fashionable lawn without paying designer prices. "It's like buying a brand new outfit for your yard," he says.

Hood says to top-dress your yard, simply spread a 1/4- to 1/2-inch layer of Canadian sphagnum peat moss over the entire lawn with a leaf rake once every year or two, anytime from early spring to late fall. Peat moss helps condition the soil so that in dry weather, the lawn holds moisture better. If your

lawn is sparse, mix in seed with the peat moss when you're top-dressing, and spread it with a rake. Depending on the size of your lawn, the whole process will probably take just a half-hour or so, but the benefits will last throughout the year.


The peat moss (available in 3.8 cubic-foot bales at home and garden centers) will gradually condition the soil and save water by absorbing and holding moisture. The lawn will also require less fertilizer because peat moss reduces leaching of nutrients and releases them slowly over time.

To get the maximum benefits from top-dressing, yard-care experts recommend aerating your lawn first. Aeration removes plugs of soil from the lawn, loosening compacted areas and promoting deeper grass root growth. You can rent a power aerator or hire a local lawn-care specialist to


**Shower hose quick connect**

(MS) — From giving the dog a bath to cleaning the mini blinds and everything in between, your home's shower gets quite a lot of use every day. As a result, it needs frequent cleaning. However, many homeowners dread the back pain and muscle cramps from all of the reaching and scrubbing required to clean such a small, confined area. Now, there's an easier way. Homeowners can finally say goodbye to messy rags and sponges, and throwing cups or buckets of water at the shower walls to rinse with the new Rinse Act(R) 2-in-1 Showerhead™. Featuring a convenient snap-on, 6-foot hose that thoroughly rinses

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# Organize for spring cleaning

The spring season is now upon us and the phrase most synonymous with this time of year is "fresh air." Spring is when we turn off our home's heating unit and open the windows to welcome the ambiance of spring, full of warm sunshine, blooming flowers and chirping birds. For most of us, a spring cleaning is essential to achieving that "fresh air" feeling in our homes.

Spring cleaning helps us get rid of the harsh winter and prepare for the upcoming months of beautiful and enjoyable weather. However, along with this task, there are a few points to keep in mind to make your cleaning experience more enjoyable and efficient:

**Get organized and stay organized.** Before you begin, make a list of the rooms you want to tackle, then clean each room fully before moving onto the next. Prepare one bucket of supplies to bring with you to each room that has the essentials (paper towels, rags, furniture polish, an all-purpose glass and counter cleaner) along with a few trash bags.

**Toss everything you don't use.** Less clutter equals less dusting. And it relaxes you when you are enjoying the rooms in your home.

**Practice safe cleaning.** Wearing rubber gloves protects your skin from the harshness of hot water and chemicals. Also, mixing chemical agents found in common cleaning products such as ammonia and bleach can be toxic.

**To promote proper ventilation and air circulation, use a fan.** Open the windows and let your fan force the stale air out or bring the fresh spring air into your home. Either way, it will help you feel refreshed.

Now, more than ever, there

are numerous portable fans on the market with various styles and features. With some of the latest and innovative designs, Lasko Products now has available the Vertical Power(TM) Oscillating Pedestal Fan, which combines the height adjustability and features of a pedestal fan with a sleeker look. This fan also epitomizes space-saving, with a slim design ideal for the corner of a room while cleaning.

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Through organization, safety and proper air circulation your spring cleaning effort can be enjoyable and leave you feeling refreshed. To learn more about innovative and efficient fans, or to locate retailers in your area, contact Lasko Products at (800)394-FANS.

# 7 tips for beautiful lawn

(MS) —You can grow healthier lawns and beautiful flowers by following these seven habits of successful gardeners. They will lead you down the garden path toward less maintenance and more time to enjoy a healthier, more beautiful landscape and garden.

**1. Amend soil annually.** Add 2 inches of Canadian sphagnum peat moss or a peat moss/compost blend, and work it into the top 6 to 8 inches of soil. Use peat moss to amend the soil when planting trees or gardens, adding a lawn or transplanting shrubs. The better your soil, the healthier your plants and the easier it will be to garden.

**2. Water regularly and feed when necessary.** Feel the soil to decide when your plants need more water. Fertilize when your plants need it — not just when you get around to it. Too much fertilizer causes as much harm as too little, resulting in a scorched or burned look to the foliage, or fast, rank growth more susceptible to insects and disease. Read and follow label instructions.

**3. Mulch is a must.** Mother Nature never intended soil to be naked. A mulch is like frosting on a cake — you could do without, but why would you want to? A few inches of an organic mulch will conserve moisture, block weeds, equalize soil temperature and



**DIG 2 inches of peat moss into the top 6 inches of soil for the best results.**

slowly feed the plants.

**4. Be picky about your plants.** Choose varieties that offer more than one season of interest: spring flowering trees with interesting bark in the winter, or blooming shrubs with the added bonus of winter berries or autumn foliage color.

**5. Compost.** Nothing else does so

much for so little. By layering green material (a source of nitrogen), such as grass clippings, weeds and pruning crumbs with brown material (a source of carbon), such as fallen leaves, peat moss or soil, you can create a rich, black compost. This mixture is perfect as an additive to poor soil or as a feeding mulch.

**6. Walk your garden frequently.** This will encourage you to deadhead, pick weeds, and appreciate the small details and tiny miracles that make gardening so satisfying.

**7. Garden and learn.** Avoid costly mistakes by reading, talking to other gardeners and sharing information. The education of a gardener can be just as enjoyable as the hobby itself. After all, they're both about growing.

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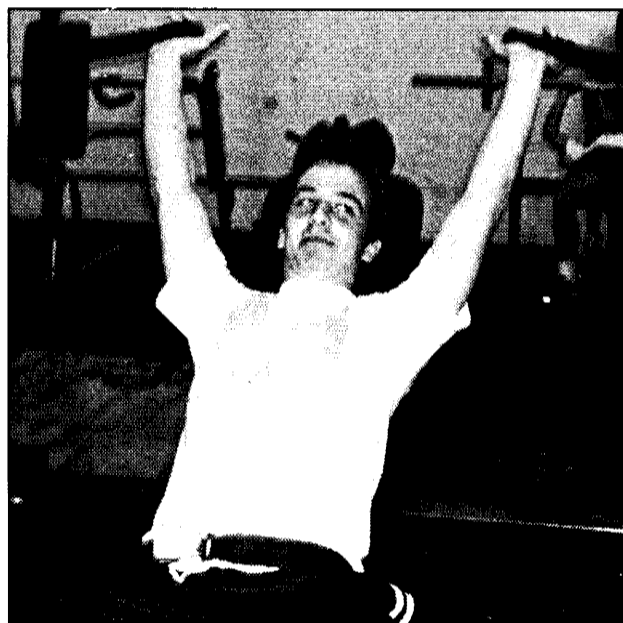
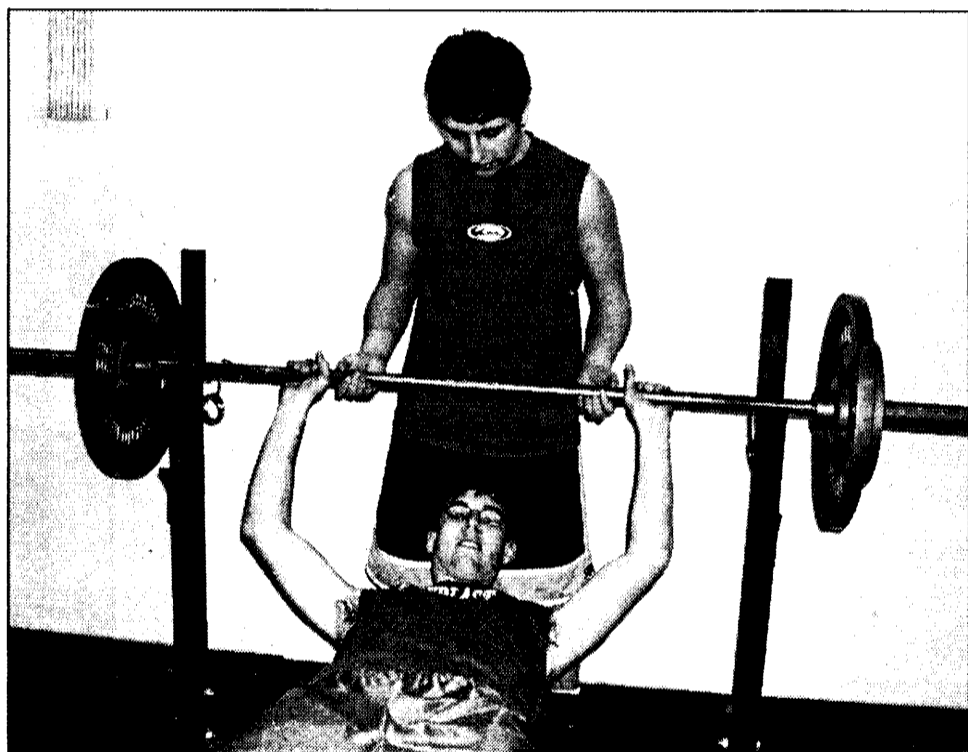




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IT'S HOPED that the new facility will pay off in better teams in the future. Two sophomores, Justin Grice and Billy McCree, who played junior varsity football, work out building strength for next season.



TWO MEMBERS of Cass City's spring sports squads work out. Megan Toner, front, is on the softball team and Erika Karavas is on the track team.

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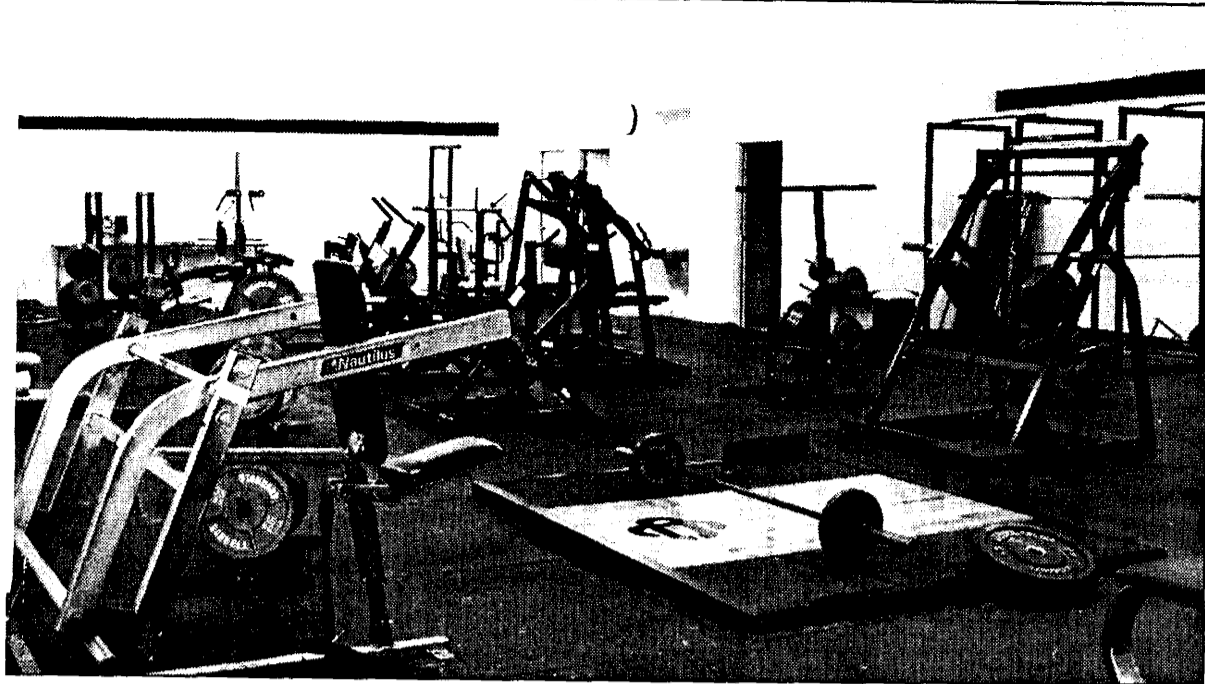
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Boosters Club paid \$3,500 and members of school teams pledged \$10,000. In addition, \$1,500 was given by members of the Luke Tuckey family and the coaches at the school purchased the mats that cover the floor. One of the big advantages of the new facility is that there is enough room for an entire class to participate in physical educa-

tion, instead of being forced to split a class in half because of the lack of room. The entire main floor of the building is covered with various athletic training equipment and through the efforts of Varney was purchased at 30 percent savings from the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University. The building is 40 by 70

feet and includes 2 restrooms and a mechanical room. One of the great things about the exercise room is that the kids think it is really great, athletic director Aaron Fernald said. Besides its use in regular physical education classes the facility is open from 3:15 to 4 p.m. for after-school workouts.

## Ten Simple Steps for Home Safety

Every 15 seconds, a home, condo or apartment is burglarized in this country, says the Burglary Prevention Council. And, one-third of all burglaries are committed because homeowners forgot to lock their doors and windows.

"People need to know that burglaries can be prevented by paying attention to the simplest security measures combined with developing a greater alertness of their surroundings," says Tony DeMarco, spokesperson for the council.

To help safeguard the home against intruders, DeMarco and the Burglary Prevention Council recommend the following 10 steps.

**1. Close and lock all doors when leaving, even for short periods of time.** This includes garage or connecting doors. "Burglars want easy jobs," says DeMarco. "That's why they scan homes for the weakest point of entry."

**2. Use automatic timers.** "Timers can be set to turn on and turn off lights, radios and televisions at varying times of the day. Also, use them when on vacation or away for an extended period of time to give burglars the impression that someone is home."

**3. Illuminate the yard area.** "Darkness is a burglar's best friend. Doorways and the rear of the house should be lit with cost-effective, low-voltage lighting to minimize dark spaces."

**4. Lock up ladders, tools or lawn furniture.** "These items could be used by burglars to gain entry into the home."

**5. Trim trees and shrubs surrounding the home.** "If overgrown, these areas serve as perfect hiding places for burglars and allow them

to work undetected."  
**6. Start a neighborhood watch program.** "Local police departments can provide materials and assist in getting a program started. In the meantime, it helps to build a good relationship with your neighbors, so that each one can watch the other's home while away."

**7. Use window and door alarms.** "Alarms vary in their degree of sophistication, ranging from a door alarm that makes noise to silent alarms patched into the local police station. Burglars typically will leave when any alarm is sounded. In addition, an inexpensive alarm system also creates valuable piece of mind," DeMarco says.

**8. Take a complete inventory of valuables and place valuable jewelry and documents in a safety-deposit box.** "Videotape or take photos of all valuable possessions. These also should be marked with an engraving pen to help police trace and recover them if stolen."

**9. Don't allow strangers into the home to use the phone and never leave service technicians or repairmen alone in the house.** "These individuals might be casing homes in the neighborhood for possible burglary targets."

**10. Never place keys under the doormat, flowerpot or window ledge.** "Burglars study the daily habits and routines of people. Experience has taught them to check these places first when casing a house."

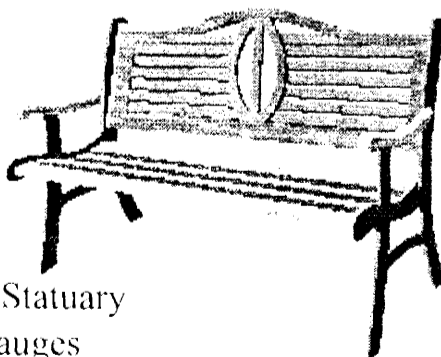
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# Earth Day

## 10 ways to protect our natural environment

After a long winter, every one shows a lot of appreciation for the budding trees and chirping birds.

That also makes it a perfect time to consider the impact humans have on our planet. That's where Earth Day comes into play. It's based on the philosophy that ordinary people, acting together, can promote a healthy environment. Every year, Earth Day inspires grassroots action in communities around the world.

In celebration of Earth Day, consider these tips that just about anyone of any age can follow to do their small part to protect our natural resources:

1. Plant a tree in your backyard or get permission to plant one in a schoolyard or park.
2. Organize a class trip for children to a local zoo, park or nature preserve.
3. Recycle your plastic bags and paper bags from the grocery store.
4. Businesses can participate in adopt-a-highway pro-

grams, which sponsor the clean-up and maintenance of a stretch of road.

5. Donate or recycle electronic appliances such as televisions or cellular phones.
  6. Walk, bike, skate or take public transportation instead of using a car.
  7. Write to your local and federal government officials and ask them to support pro-environment legislation.
  8. If your workplace doesn't have a recycling program, start one.
  9. Save electricity by turning off lights and appliances in the home when they're not in use.
  10. Use appliances that are labeled energy efficient. Many products today are energy efficient, from dishwashers to light bulbs. You can find many other ideas on the Internet, starting with a visit to the Earth Day network Web site at [www.earthday.net](http://www.earthday.net).
- It's a big world, but if we start small in our own communities, each of us can make a difference, helping to protect our planet.

# Celebrate Summer With a Soirée

In the summer, you don't really need a reason to throw a party. Everyone is so happy that the weather's warm after a frigid winter that they'll welcome any opportunity to head outdoors. Whether it's to celebrate a graduation, birthday or just plain old fun, summer parties are guaranteed to be successful.

For most people, the backyard is the best place to hold a summer soirée. Decks, patios and pools are perfect settings for the festivities (you may want to rent a tent in case it rains). But, inviting people into your backyard means you are inviting them into your home. If you want guests to avoid certain parts of your home, hang up "Do Not Enter" signs or escort them inside. Also, make sure you rid your yard of hazards like tools, branches, glass and rocks so no one gets hurt. Buy a first-aid kit or have a well-stocked medicine cabinet if anyone does get injured.

If you are an apartment dweller, have a small yard, or just don't want to have people over, you can still have a summer party. Throw it at a local park, on the beach or atop a roof (make sure it is legal to go on the roof). Stake out the park or beach in advance to see if it has a grill and enough space to hold your guests. For a roof party, get permission from your landlord and ask if you can use a grill there.

Come summer, the barbecues will be fired up, making that a natural way to feed guests. Serve hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken or other barbecued fare. Don't feel like you have to stick with basic barbecue staples. You can treat guests to shish kebabs, or food on a stick. You can add whatever combination you want of meat, vegetables, fish or fruits. For dessert, set up an ice cream sundae or frozen yogurt bar complete with the fixin's to make everyone feel like a kid. Or, take advantage of the grill and let guests make their own s'mores — graham cracker-chocolate bar-marshmallow sandwiches.



WHETHER YOU hold it in your backyard, at a park, on the beach or atop a roof, a summer party is guaranteed fun.

Come summer, everyone is always thirsty, so don't forget about the drinks. Have plenty of water, soda, iced tea and juice on hand. Buy several bags of ice to keep everything cold. If you won't be near a fridge, pick up a cooler to stash the drinks.

Keep everything simple for yourself. Buy paper plates and plastic utensils that can be tossed directly into garbage bags after they are used. And don't forget that you'll have to fend off the mosquitoes. Put bug nets over foods and decorate with citronella candles (which

can also be your source of light) to ward off insects. You can also lightly spray a bug repellent into the area. Every summer party needs some tunes. Play the radio or make a musical mix of summer-oriented songs. Pick music that suits the mood you want to set. Add an aura of fun with decorations. Balloons tied onto the fence or trees or potted flowers around the yard will add color and life to any party. In the summer, everything is more fun. That's why any party you have is sure to be a hit. UK ♣ DE045400



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The National Gardening Association provides information on everything gardening from trees to flowers to plants.

[plants.usda.gov](http://plants.usda.gov)

Tap into this database of standardized information on plants, which includes fact sheets.

[www.ars.org](http://www.ars.org)

The American Rose Society is an educational and non-profit organization dedicated to roses.

[www.american-lawns.com](http://www.american-lawns.com)

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[www.allaboutlawns.com](http://www.allaboutlawns.com)

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[www.organicgardening.com](http://www.organicgardening.com)

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(MS) Thinking of a little private space to call your own? Add a potting shed, garden office, studio or workshop to your outdoor life, and turn it into your personal sanctuary and source of pride. Adhere to the saying, "A place for everything and everything in its place" to help you select the perfect outdoor structure for your home; one that will delight visitors and offer practical functionality to you and your family. Here are some tips to ensure that your outdoor structure suits your needs:



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- In selecting a location, be aware of your access to natural light, ventilation, electricity and water. (Do you need a hose, or do you want to plumb it for a sink or toilet?)
- Always buy quality. In the long run, you'll save money, since well-built structures have a longer life, resilient roofs and siding that will survive even the harshest weather conditions.
- Aesthetics are important. You may choose to highlight your structure or make it a secret hideaway — the choice is yours. Whatever you decide, make sure you look at photos of many other outdoor structures to get a sense of the countless options available. To customize your own garden/storage shed, pool cabana, gazebo, weekend cabin, workshop, studio, playhouse or garage, go to [www.summerwood.com](http://www.summerwood.com) or call (800) 663-5042.

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## Decorating tips

# Give rooms spacious look

There's no need to feel trapped if your house has a small living room. Rather than barely furnishing it, there are ways to give the room a spacious look. The following decorating tricks, courtesy of Leslie Linsley, author of "Leslie Linsley's 15-Minute Decorating Ideas" (St. Martin's Griffin), will help make a small living room look larger.

**Add mirrors:** Mirrors visually expand any space. If the room is too rectangular and seems too narrow, arrange the furniture in a square shape away from the walls. Mirror the narrow wall to reflect the furniture arrangement.

**Don't overcrowd:** Choose a few good furniture pieces with clean lines and take away clutter. One large piece can be the focal point of the room. This piece can be a sofa, armoire or even two love seats opposite a large coffee table.

**Color coordinate:** Use one color on all furniture, rugs and walls. To avoid being monotonous, select different shades and textures of the chosen color. Use a contrasting color, like a darker shade of the natural, for all wood trim. Then, add paintings or

prints to the walls. One large painting makes a greater impact than a group of small paintings.

**Arrangements:** If you want to create seating for six in a small living room, you might consider a love seat in place

of a full-size sofa. Add two medium-size cushioned chairs and two small occasional wood chairs to fit on either side of a window or desk. These chairs can be pulled over to become part of an intimate seating arrangement when needed.

## Get a Move on Moving Furniture

One of the fastest ways to give a room a makeover, apart from painting or wallpapering, is to rearrange furniture. By simply switching around your sofa, loveseat and entertainment center, you'll find the room can take on a completely new look. However, unless your family comes fully equipped with several moving professionals, moving furniture can be a backbreaking job.

So how to do your revamp your room without ending up in the chiropractor's office? Here are some ways to achieve success without the pain.

• **Sketch it out.** Professional decorators often make quick outline sketches of their ideas on paper. They also do some of their work on graph paper, which makes it easy to map out the square footage of a room and then compare it in relation to the squares of the graph paper. Each square on the paper represents one foot. For example, a 2-foot-by-2-foot overstuffed chair on the graph paper would be two blocks wide by two blocks high. Label the shapes for what item of furniture or decorative item (like a rug) each is representing.

• **Go high-tech.** Browse through the software aisle of your local computer store or office supply store and you

should find several programs geared toward interior and exterior design. With these programs, you enter in the measurements of your room and furniture and then you can move around each item on the screen until you're happy with the placement. Some of these programs also offer a 3-D virtual walk-through tour, where you can get a "humans' eye view" of just what the room looks like.

• **Comparison shop.** If you live in a housing development, which are popular in suburban America, many of the houses in the development are the same model. See what your neighbors have done with the room you're looking to change, so you can get an idea of what works and what doesn't.

• **Smooth sailing.** If you're a hands-on type of person and believe moving around the actual furniture is the only way to get an accurate view of your new design plan, invest in tools that will make the job easier. New "as seen on TV" disks that are coated with ultra-slippery silicon can be placed under your furniture legs, making it easy to slide around cumbersome items. Plus, the disks won't snag on your carpet, preventing further headaches.

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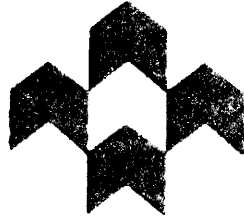
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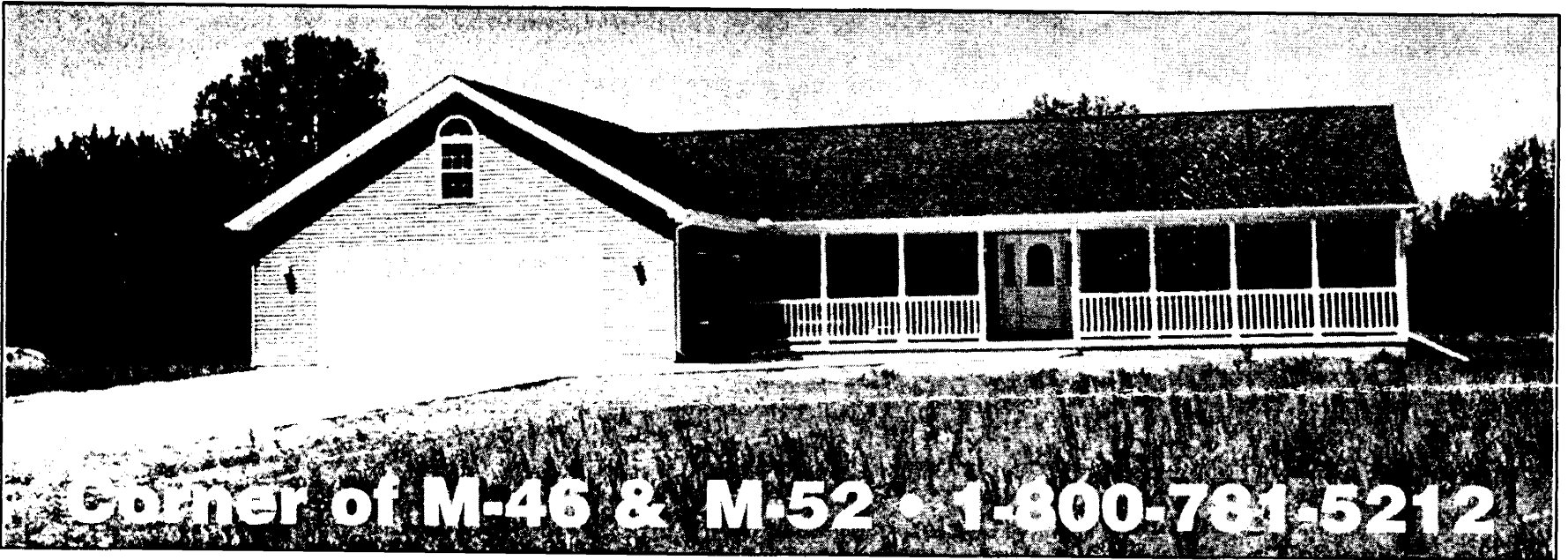


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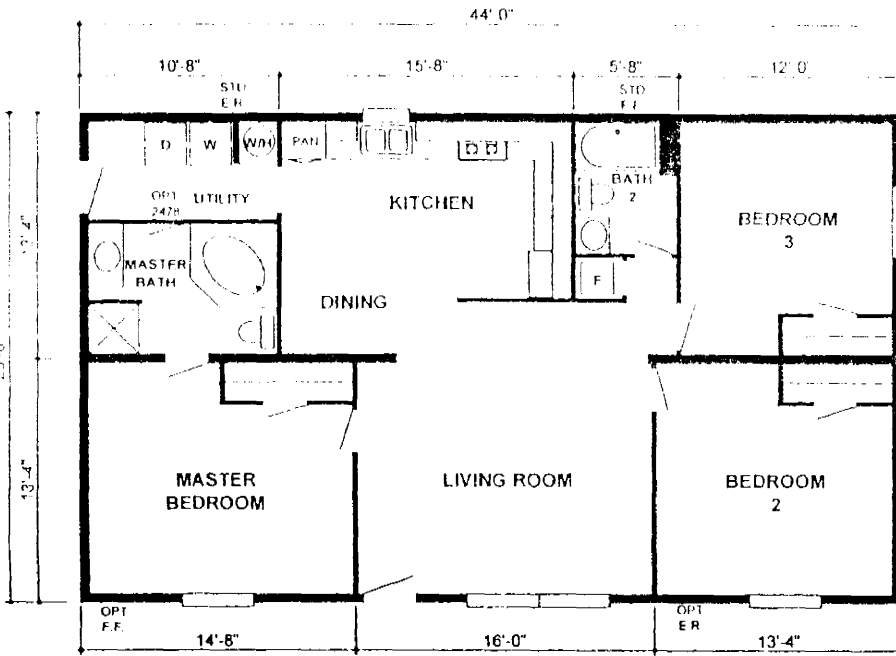
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