

State champs?

Cass City Forensics Team could lose crown

The Cass City High School Forensics Team walked away with the Class C-D State Forensics Championship for the second year in a row following the state tournament over the weekend at Eastern Michigan University.

However, the Red Hawk squad may not be allowed to keep the title, according to Coach Chad Daniels.

In what was perhaps the closest competition ever, Daniels explained, Cass City defeated Grand Rapids in the final round by just one point.

The problem is this: the name of a student from Andover High School, which lost the Class B title by only 6 points, was inadvertently omitted from the list of competitors in the Poetry Open category, so she was not given the opportunity to compete. Another twist is that a Grand Rapids student did compete in that category, although her scores were low, according to Daniels.

Should tournament officials decide to repeat that competition, and the Grand Rapids student's score improves, Cass City could be named state runner up.

"All we're waiting for is to find out what's going to happen with the runner of that event and what domino effect, if any, that will have," he said. "We're waiting on a ruling from the forensics council in Ann Arbor on what they're going to do."

Daniels described the tournament as a solid one for Cass City, which finished with a team-high 242 points, compared to the team's 187 score last year, which earned them their first state title, also over Grand Rapids.

In all, 515 students from 89 schools competed in the 2-day tournament.

"We qualified 12 kids, with 11 making the semi cut and 6 of those 11 making the final cut," Daniels said.

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TENDERCARE workers represented by Service Employees International Union AFL-CIO Local 79 picket in front of the Cass City nursing home Thursday morning. Workers also walked a picket line in front of the Cass City Municipal Building during the one-day strike.

Workers hit picket line

More than 2 dozen Tendercare, Cass City, workers hit the streets with picket signs Thursday, protesting what they said was management's unwillingness to negotiate a fair contract.

The 24-hour strike that began at 7 a.m. took place both in front of the local nursing home and in front of the Cass City Municipal Building.

Simultaneous strikes were also staged at several other Tendercare facilities, including those in Adrian, Albion, Saginaw, Southgate and Taylor.

"Our contract's been expired for a year," explained Lindsay Fetterhoff, a certified nurses aide (CNA) at the Cass City nursing home and union steward for Service Employees International Union (SEIU) AFL-CIO Local 79. The union represents nearly 60 employees at

Tendercare, Cass City, including aides and workers in the dietary, housekeeping and laundry departments.

Fetterhoff said the union typically negotiates 3-year contracts, but last year's agreement was settled for 2 1/2 years, leaving employees with a 6-month contract. "I think what they're trying to do is hold us out again. Basically what that's doing is keeping us without our raises because we don't get our raises until the contract is settled," she added. "We've been without a raise since a year ago January."

Fetterhoff said Tendercare officials are offering a 30-cent pay increase over 3 years. The union is asking for an additional 50 cents per year. The company also wants to double the employees' health insurance premiums, from 20 percent to 40 percent, she added.

And there are other issues, according to Stan Lunsford, a business representative for the union.

Lunsford said the company wants to do away with disability pay, reduce the vacation allotment and reduce 401K benefits. The company won't pay any pension benefit, he added, and refuses to pay weekend differential or shift premiums as well as first day sick pay for all employees.

"We think their intention from the beginning was to bust the union," Lunsford said. "This is all about busting the union."

"We're just asking them to be fair," Fetterhoff said. "We don't want to be 2 1/2 years without a contract like the last time."

In a statement issued Thursday morning, Tendercare officials said the strike would not affect patient care.

"We regret that the union has chosen to take this action, but our first priority will continue to be the health and safety of our residents," said Tim Lukenda, president of Tendercare.

Lukenda noted the union is required by law to notify the company 10 days prior to any action, and "We have taken the necessary steps to ensure proper care for the residents. We will staff the centers appropriately and ensure the residents are well cared for."

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School officials: pension hike will be costly for all districts

One step forward, 2 steps back.

Area school officials have spent the past couple of years reducing costs in an effort to offset state funding freezes and cuts, rising expenses and dwindling student enrollments, but those efforts took another financial hit following a state decision upping contributions to the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

The increase amounts to nearly 2 percent, which will cost the Cass City School District an estimated \$130,000.

Owen-Gage School officials say the hike will cost their cash-strapped district another \$24,000. The increase translates into an additional \$57,500 in the Kingston Community Schools.

The contributions from

school districts to the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System is mandated by state law. The pension fund covers all employees, including administrators, teachers, clerks and custodians.

The contribution, set by the state office of Retirement Services, is based largely on the performance of investment markets over a few to several years, and the rise in health care costs.

This year, state officials ordered an increase in the rate of contribution from about 13 percent of total salaries in the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, to about 14.9 percent for the year beginning Oct. 1.

Cass City School Supt. Ken Micklash acknowledged the increase will hurt financially, although the local school district remains financially healthy.

"We pay 12.99 percent on our salaries and it's rising to

facility, the loss of a stage for school plays and elementary presentations, and a loss of flexibility in scheduling.

"There was some thought - feelings - that there needed to be a public forum to address these concerns and allow the people of the school district to participate in an open forum before any decision is made," Supt. Bob Peterson said of the committee meeting.

He urged the board, however, to host a public forum soon. "I think your time frame is shortening and shortening and shortening," he said.

Board Secretary Brenda Kretzschmer, speaking on behalf of the board's Budget Committee, which also met recently, presented an update on district finances.

The year's budget picture brightened as the year progressed, according to Kretzschmer, who pointed out the sale of a district-owned house, and a smaller-than-expected reduction in state funding, resulting in \$123,427 more in revenue than was projected at the beginning of the year.

While early estimates projected a deficit of nearly \$170,000, she said, the actual loss should be around \$11,000.

The future is less bright, however. Kretzschmer said revenues next year are expected to be nearly \$190,000 less than 2003-04, in spite of a pay freeze and a

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UNION Steward Lindsay Fetterhoff displays her sign protesting what she said is the company's unwillingness to negotiate a fair contract.

Advocate, prosecutor at odds

Dispute over Huron victims seeking help in Tuscola

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County Victim Services Coordinator Diane Santhany says a letter she sent to Thumb newspapers, criticizing the handling of personal protection orders by the Huron County Prosecutor's Office, was motivated by her desire to advocate for victims.

Huron County Prosecutor Mark Gaertner called the letter politically motivated and misleading.

Santhany recently sent the letter, in part, to applaud an effort by the Huron County Coalition Against Domestic Abuse to establish a safe house for domestic abuse victims in the county. But she also questioned whether those victims' needs are being met in terms of obtaining personal protection orders.

"I am heartened that residents realize the need for services to victims of interpersonal violence. My concern, however, is the lack of focus on the criminal by the justice system," she wrote. "Until perpetrators are held ac-

countable legally, a shelter program will just be putting a band aid on a gaping wound.

"In my capacity as victim services coordinator in Tuscola County, I am approached all too frequently by domestic violence and stalking victims from Huron County who are desperate for any sort of protection," Santhany said.

"This county has been issuing personal protection orders for Huron County residents for years, as they are told they cannot obtain one in their county of residence. Oftentimes, I am told, the police do their job and make an arrest only to have the charges dismissed by the prosecutor the next day. Then the abuser goes home angrier than before and has proven what he has always told the victim - 'no one is going to help you, I can do what I want.'"

Santhany said the most recent request for help from a Huron County resident prompted Tuscola County Circuit Judge Patrick R. Joslyn to ask her why so many victims from Huron

County are seeking protection here.

"I could only give him anecdotal accounts of what I am told by individuals. That when I ask victims how it was they came to us, I am typically told that they approached the prosecutor's office and were referred to Tuscola County, being told there was nothing that could be done for them in their own county," she said.

Santhany also cited statistics compiled by the State Court Accounting Office. The figures, included in a chart accompanying this story, compare personal protection orders issued in various counties in 2002. Nearly all of the counties sampled had issued 100 to 200 or more of the orders, while there were just 3 issued in Huron County.

"This trend continues to date, as far as I know," Santhany said.

"From what I see here, the police typically do their job both out of duty and (because of) the threat of serious liability. They are sworn to uphold Michigan's domestic violence statutes. If a

case actually goes to court, which isn't often, there are protections imposed by the judge in the form of bond conditions. They system of checks and balances seems to fall short at the prosecutor's office."

RESPONSE

Gaertner agreed the statistics offered by Santhany are accurate, but said her allegations are not justified.

"First of all, in all honesty, we're going through a political campaign here," he said, adding Santhany works for the Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office, where his opponent, Timothy Rutkowski, is chief assistant prosecutor. "It's our feeling this letter is politically motivated."

What Santhany isn't telling people, Gaertner said, "is the prosecutor is not responsible for personal protection orders. I don't sign them, the judge signs them."

Comparing the 2 counties is like comparing apples to oranges because each county's circuit judges have a different philosophy when

it comes to personal protection orders, according to the prosecutor, who explained that many judges will sign an order "ex parte", meaning without first holding a hearing for the alleged abuser, who can later demand a hearing.

"Our circuit judge will not sign personal protection orders ex parte," Gaertner continued. "It is his belief, and I

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Personal protection orders issued 2002 comparison by county

	Population	Orders issued	Orders denied
Tuscola County	58,000	255	70
Barry County	56,000	207	101
Cass County	51,000	224	166
Ionia County	61,000	295	150
Saginaw County	210,000	507	596
Marquette County	64,000	136	107
Alpena County	31,000	69	84
Gladwin County	26,000	97	98
Clare County	31,000	138	81
Huron County	36,000	3	15

*Source: State Court Accounting Office

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It's a boy!



Bryce Koch

Bryce Michael Koch was born Wednesday April 14, 2004 at Huron Medical Center to Bryan and Marie Koch of Gagetown. Bryce was delivered at 7:46 a.m. He weighed 8 pounds 1/2 ounce and was 20 1/2 inches. Grandparents are George and Robin Russell of Cass City, Joan Koch of Cass City and Dennis Koch of Sebawaing. Great-grandparents are Shirley Russell of Cass City, Louis and Jane Cheek of Lewiston and Amasa and Virginia Anthes of Gagetown.



Meg's Peg
God bless Mom
by Melva E. Guinther

What better way to find out about mothers than to ask their kids? These are some comments the little darlings made when asked about their moms:

WHY DID GOD MAKE MOTHERS?

* She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
* Think about it. It was the best way to get more people.
* Mostly to clean the house.

HOW DID GOD MAKE MOTHERS?

* He used dirt, just like the rest of us.
* Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
* He made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

WHY DID GOD GIVE YOU YOUR MOTHER AND NOT SOME OTHER MOM?

* We're related.
* God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me.

WHAT KIND OF LITTLE GIRL WAS YOUR MOM?

* I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
* They say she used to be nice.

HOW DID YOUR MOM MEET YOUR DAD?

* Mom was working in a store and Dad was shoplifting.

WHAT DID YOUR MOM NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR DAD BEFORE SHE MARRIED HIM?

* His last name.
* She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer? Does he make at least \$800 a

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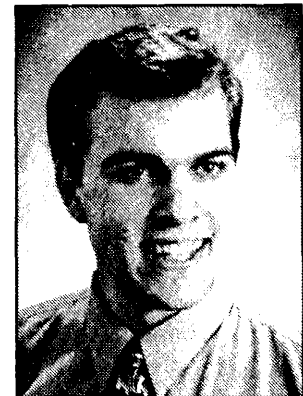
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Homakie, Gould Hope graduates

A pair of Cass City High School graduates have



Grant Gould



Melissa Homakie

earned degrees at Hope College, Holland, Mich. They are Grant Gould, son of the Rev. Todd and Tara Gould of Cass City, and Melissa Homakie, daughter of Michelle Homakie, Cass City, and John Homakie, Cass City. Gould earned a Bachelor of Music Degree in music performance, and Homakie earned a Language Arts Composite.

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Froede and Piorunek going to conference

High school sophomores, including 2 from the Cass City area, will gather on the campus of Concordia University May 21-23 for a 3-day leadership-building conference hosted by Michigan Youth Leadership (MYLead). Among the participants are Nicole Froede, a student at Cass City High School, and Krystal Piorunek, a Kingston High School student. MYLead is a Michigan-based non-profit organization dedicated to motivating and enabling the youth of Michigan to continuously make a positive impact on their communities through leadership and service.

In all, 150 students from high schools across the state will be participating in this year's conference, all nominated for the prestigious opportunity by their faculty and high school administrators.

Attendees at the annual MYLead conference are given an opportunity to interact and exchange dialogue with community, business and civic leaders from throughout Michigan. Activities at this year's event include motivational speakers, panel discussions on Homeland Security, a political debate, team-building exercises, and personal goal-setting.

Among the featured speakers and panelists are Don Tocco, founder and president of Troy-based D. L. Tocco and Associates, a national marketing company; Justin Ryan, professional speaker from Dale Carnegie Systems in Rochester Hills; and motivational speaker Chris Bowers. "MYLead has allowed me to get involved and positively impact local youth. I have seen the recent transformation of many young students into school and community leaders," said Christine Gilboe, MYLead conference planning team member and a student at Western Michigan University.

Cancer screening available

Many women choose not to have a breast exam, mammogram and pap smear because of limited financial resources. This issue can lead to a late cancer diagnosis after symptoms develop and the cancer has become invasive and significantly less curable.

Since 1991, more than 85,862 Michigan women ages 40 to 64 have received services through the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP), a federal and state government funded program that provides screening for women ages 40 to 64 on an annual basis in an effort to find breast and cervical cancers at an early stage when it is most curable.

The Huron County Health Department is the lead agency for clinics in Bay, Huron, Saginaw, Sanilac, St. Clair and Tuscola counties. There is no residency requirement and the screening exams are free.

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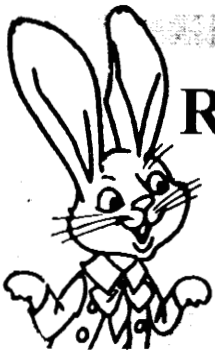
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Michelle Biddinger
Secretary, Board of Education



Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Last week AAA of Michigan released the names of 21 restaurants that earned the Four Diamond Award for excellence and one restaurant that earned 5 diamonds.

All of these restaurants have one thing in common. They are very upscale and well known.

I think I have eaten in the 5-diamond restaurant, the 1913 room at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids. I say I think, because I'm not sure. I have eaten at the Plaza and I assume it was room 1913 because they had to fit me with a tie and jacket before I could enter.

Among the other 21 that received 4-star rates, I have heard of about 10 and eaten at 2, the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island and the Dearborn Inn.

I have made several visits to the Grand Hotel. The food there is good, but I remember best my first visit that has to be 40 years or so ago. The food is forgotten now, but the service is etched in my memory to stay.

The waiters (all men) were immaculately dressed in formal attire and were college students when not jumping through hoops to please the guests.

Incidentally, the restaurants on the list probably should be reserved for special occasions, unless money spent is of no concern.

It was a couple of months ago now that the urge for a banana split hit while we were having lunch at The Texan on Center Avenue in Bay City. Do you want a half-size, the waitress asked.

No, just 2 spoons, Esther and I share, I explained. The waitress asked again. Do you really want a full-sized order?

Sure, it's for 2 of us. My mistake.

Feeling guilty, we dug in on the monstrous banana split. As an ice cream junkie I have them everywhere, but none close to this size.

We stuffed and suffed and failed. Almost a quarter of the dish remained when we gave up.

The Gavel Club Invitational featuring area middle schools is slated Thursday, May 6. It replaces the traditional Jack and Jill Relays because there was not enough varsity teams available for the traditional competition. As always, the relays will have teams of 2 boys and 2 girls. Field events start at 4 p.m. and running events around 6 p.m.

Schools competing are Bad Axe, Birch Run, Cass City, Lakers, Ubly and Yale.



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Fatal accident probe still on-going in Huron

Huron County investigators say it could take another week before toxicology testing is completed in a fatal crash that killed 3 young Thumb residents and left 4 others injured.

"We've analyzed the vehicles and everything. Now we're waiting for the toxicology results," said Huron County Prosecutor Mark Gaertner.

Gaertner said investigators have confirmed that alcohol was a factor in the April 24 accident that claimed the lives of Michael Shane Wark, 19, of Cass City, Drew Lee DeLong, 22, of Kingston, and James Richard Morell, 16 of Bad Axe.

However, many questions remain, and Gaertner said that is the focus of Huron County Sheriff's Department investigators.

"We have to back track," he said, adding police are trying to piece together the events that led to the accident on Scott Road, about one mile south of M-142 in Huron County's Verona Township. "When was this alcohol consumed? What were they doing on Scott Road?"

Preliminary autopsy results confirmed alcohol was involved. In addition, Gaertner said there were numerous beer containers — some opened, others unopened — in the pick-up truck driven by DeLong, although those containers could have opened upon impact of the crash or during the deadly fire that swept through the vehicle.

Speed, too, may have contributed to the crash. Gaertner said Scott Road is extremely hilly and is known for motorists driving fast and "rollercoastering" over the hills. But it will be difficult to pinpoint the speed because of the road's compacted dirt-clay surface, he noted.

Investigators are also looking into witness accounts that indicate a passenger in the DeLong vehicle, Alesia A. Nicol, 21, of Kingston, may have been driving the

vehicle most of the night, then switched with DeLong prior to the accident.

If so, Gaertner said, charges could be filed for allowing an intoxicated individual to drive. "But I can't stress this enough - we haven't made any decision on that," he added.

"We don't have all the facts yet, and it's important to get all the facts so we can dispel the rumors."

According to reports, a northbound pick-up truck driven by DeLong and carrying 2 other people crossed the center of the road and struck a southbound pickup truck head-on at the top of a hill. That vehicle was driven by Morell.

DeLong and Wark were trapped in the front seat of their vehicle, but Nicol was pulled to safety by one of the passengers in the Morell vehicle.

There were 4 occupants in all in the Morell pickup. Three passengers, Tyler A.

The Haire Net Remembering Oldsmobile



The last Oldsmobile rolled off the assembly line Thursday and the 100-year-old brand will become an exhibit at the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum in Lansing.

Oldsmobile cars caught my attention in 1939-40 as I finished high school. Since that time the brand has metamorphosed twice.

I was first attracted to Olds because it was the car with all the new gadgets of the time. I can remember when the first automatic drive was an option and it came on Olds before it became a standard for all cars.

It was usual for GM to have the leading tech stuff and then to gauge public acceptance.

That changed as the years rolled by. Instead of being a bell ringer it became the bell cow, brand. Over the years I have owned an Olds 88, 2 Olds 98s and an Olds diesel. That diesel was possibly the worst car that I owned, but not the reason that I never bought another Olds.

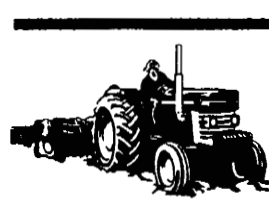
With 2 other dealers in Cass City I wanted to spread the business about. Interspersed among the Olds were 2 Fords, a Plymouth, a Chrysler and a Buick. In recent years I have driven a Cadillac that is a deluxe version of the Olds before the second metamorphosis.

While the diesel was a disaster, General Motors did its best to relieve the pain, paying me back the money I spent taking out the diesel engine and replacing it with a used motor.

None of the cars and station wagons that I owned were the muscle vehicles or the new cutting edge vehicles of the period.

By the time I thought again about Olds, it was not the car that I drove for many years. In an attempt to crack the younger driver, Olds introduced new styles such as Intrigue, Aurora and the Alero, the last Olds to be manufactured.

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The back forty

by Roger Pond

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The first thing I would do when my plane landed is call my wife on the cell phone. "Hello, yes the plane just landed. I should be down at the baggage claim in a few minutes," I'd say.

"I know that," my wife answers. "I'm only three rows behind you."

That's what folks do with their cell phones these days. They call to report their airplane has landed, the French fries are cold, or the weather is supposed to be hotter tomorrow than it was today.

The last time I was in an airport, ninety percent of the passengers had their cell phones out chatting about who knows what. It's like being stuck on an elevator with a bunch of evangelists!

How did we get by before we had cell phones? Just fine, as I remember it.

Then, after I get done with my cell phone call I could send email with my laptop. That's what folks do on airplanes: Send email.

Here I am with my little note pad and a pencil, while everyone else has their laptop out — checking their email. If I had one of those Toshiba's advertised in the paper I could send email to my friends — if I had any friends.

The security people always look at my little carry-on bag and ask, "Is that a laptop?"

"I wish it were," I tell them. "It's just two baloney sandwiches and a pickle."

The last time I traveled by air my flights were pretty well messed-up, and I got bumped up to first class. That was a new experience for me. I've always wondered what folks do up there behind that curtain.

The guy seated next to me was Vice President of Marketing for a major league baseball team. Not only did he have a laptop; he had a program on it that designs

buildings. The structure he was working on was a new domed stadium for the baseball team.

The stadium was beautiful. The dome folded back so the fans had a view of the stars when it wasn't raining. Then, with a few clicks on the laptop the dome folded over the field.

So there I sit with no laptop, no cell phone, and no idea of any buildings I would like to design. I could remember some of the hog sheds we worked on years ago. They had folding tops, too, but they were a lot smaller.

Just as I was about to take out my note pad and pencil, I thought, "No, there's no point in showing off. Maybe I'll just take a nap."

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Tuesday	43	28	.04"
Wednesday	67	32	.33"
Thursday	79	56	.04"
Friday	63	41	.33"
Saturday	50	33	.40"
Sunday	42	33	.25"
Monday	48	28	tr.
(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)			




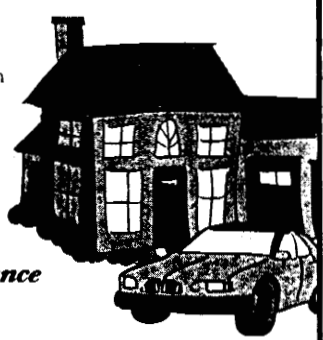
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NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY

The Village of Cass City Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding an Annual Meeting, Wednesday, May 19, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Municipal Building for the purpose of organization.

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Cass City Public Schools

PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

CASS CITY STUDENTS DOING GREAT THINGS AT TUSCOLA TECH CENTER

Each day approximately 90 students spend half of their day attending classes at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro. These programs are helping prepare our students for potential careers in their area of interest. Not only do our students attend classes on a daily basis throughout the school year, but they also are involved in clubs and various levels of statewide competition.

Recently, many of our Cass City students competed at regional level competitions and we wish to congratulate the following students on their outstanding accomplishments.

Jessup Hoyt - 1st place in Payroll Accounting, 3rd place in Financial Math & Analysis, 2nd place in Computerized Accounting and 8th place Administrative Support

Sara Guc - 1st place Community Service (Law Enforcement)

Alex Kunder - 1st place Personal Computer Servicing & Trouble Shooting and 2nd place in Information Technology

Theresa Woodward - 1st place Community Service (Law Enforcement)

Bryan Warju - 2nd place Computer Technology Management, 3rd place Novel Network Administration and 7th place Administrative Support Team

Joseph McCoy - 3rd place Gas (Welding)

Jeff McMahan - 3rd place Ad Design

Tim Wilson - 4th place Novel Network Administration and 7th place Administrative Support Team

Jesse Johnson - 7th place Administrative Support Team and 9th place in Computer Network Technology


Andrew Vandemark - 7th place Administrative Support Team

Allison Ellis - 9th place in Interview Skills

Congratulations again for your outstanding accomplishments at the Tuscola Technology Center. Questions can be sent to me at 4868 N. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726. Thank you.


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Red Hawk Talks

by Kristi Fluegge

Seventeen more days! For those seniors that have the privilege of opting out of final exams that number is even lower when we take those last steps into Cass City High School as a student!

The first special event for seniors is coming soon, with the Honors Night on May 12th. This night will recognize students for their academic excellence and community involvement. Honors, awards and scholarships will be announced for the first time. As a senior, I share the same nervousness and excitement that many of us feel as graduation grows near. We also can't deny the fact that recognition and scholarships add to that excitement!

The night starts out by announcing our six valedictorians and our salutatorian. Next, honor students are announced and the gold honor cords are given to 36 seniors who received a 4.0 - 3.5 GPA. Another great achievement are the silver cords that 25 seniors will receive for achieving a 3.49 - 3.0. These results mean that approx. 66% of the class of 2004 received a 3.0 GPA or better! I think this is outstanding!

Next on the agenda, twenty-one academic pins and 19 academic letters will be awarded. The National Honor Society members are recognized. The 2004 Academic All-State and Principal's Leadership Award are also announced. The Student Council Executive Board, Class Officers and Representatives are also acknowledged. Students who participate in these activities really appreciate this night. It may be the only time when they receive the recognition they most definitely deserve.

If you had a son or daughter complaining lately about filling out those applications - after this night you can say, "Now, wasn't it worth it!"

I found it amazing that there are over twenty local scholarships that help the college bound student with financial aid. We all really appreciate this tremendous support from our community. Some of the recipients have been notified, but some will be announced during this Honors Night.

This year in our senior class 38 seniors qualified for the MEAP Merit Award Scholarship. These scholarships alone totaled over \$95,000! This money is distributed over a two-year period.

Some local scholarships are given for something specific. For example: the Anna Marjorie MacRae scholarship is given to a senior entering the nursing or a related medical field, another is the Rawson Scholarship, which is given to a senior intending to pursue a degree at Central Michigan University.

There are also organizations in town that offer scholarships every year, including the Cass City Lion's Club, Cass City Gavel Club, Cass City Rotary Club, Ben Hobart Memorial, Leone Lee Shaw, Henry & Rena Leach McCrea Memorial, Julia Murray, Business & Professional Women's Club, Wallace & Helen Zinnecker Memorial, Marshall's, Kally Maharg, and Fred, Iris, Robert McEachern Scholarship.

During this night the outstanding woman athlete award and Paul Smarks Award will be given to two outstanding athletes. It recognizes athletic ability, scholarship, citizenship, and sportsmanship.

There are a few scholarships this year that are special to our class. The Alison Emmert Memorial Scholarship will be appreciated beyond the monetary value. Being that we are Alison's graduating class, the Emmert family has decided to award four seniors with this honor. Another scholarship that has special meaning is Nancy Weippert's Memorial Scholarship. Mrs. Weippert was our Biology teacher last year for many students in the senior class.

With the incredible support from the community organizations, this year's honors night will once again be a success.

Thank you from the class of 2004.

Letters to the editor

Library a great source for genealogy information

In a recent Rabbit Tracks, the name O'Dell caught my eye. The name O'Dell always catches my eye because my maiden name is O'Dell.

I used to get that, "Are you related to so-and-so?" and I didn't know, so I did the only thing I could, I tackled my family tree.

I had been working on my tree for years, but had never thought to enter cousins just to find out who they all were. Then this winter, I started reading obituaries and got to the bottom of this family tree stuff.

So when I saw the name David O'Dell, I could go to my family tree and find him (he is my second cousin, once removed). I could then access the Cass City Chronicles and find the information that he was looking for. It took me about 10 minutes to send the information that the Cass City Chamber of Commerce sponsored a Christmas Jubilee, and e-mail him the answer.

David and I have been e-mailing back and forth since, and I have enjoyed it immensely. I sent his e-mail address along to my dad and he has been in contact with his second cousin. I received an e-mail from David telling me his brother, Jack, was in town recently and no less than 5 people mentioned the article in Rabbit Tracks to him.

David also indicated that Jack's daughter is interested in genealogy and he will put her in contact with me. If any of you other O'Dells want to know who you are related to, just contact me at deBeaubien@yahoo.com. I will be happy to share and/or add you to the tree. I have some great photographs, and would love to have more. I am also related to the Helwigs. I have some of that information, too, but could use more.

I don't know that a lot of people are aware of it, but the Cass City Chronicles are available online. Up

through the 1970s currently. Before the Chronicle, the newspapers were called the Enterprise and the Tri-County Chronicle. The Enterprise began here in Cass City right after the fire of 1881. They are a great source of information.

You can access these papers through Rawson Memorial Library. Or, online at home, although many have said that it takes an average of 9 minutes to download a page. The library is quicker, or wireless Internet if you have it. The address for the newspapers is <http://newspapers.rawson.lib.mi.us/>

Our local library has a great many resources that not a lot of people are aware of. Cass

City also has a genealogy group that can help you with your genealogy questions. Started by a few enterprising genealogists about a year and a half ago, they are eager to help you get started with tracing your ancestors. You can find out more at the library. Meetings are the third Thursday of each month.

The thing to remember about all this is that you can pick your friends but not your relatives, but after you have been dead for 100 years, no one knows if you had friends, they only know who your relatives are. Strange, but true.

Shelley deBeaubien
Cass City

Hunter: shot only one turkey, not 2

To the concerned readers of the Cass City Chronicle,

Unbeknown to me, someone submitted a turkey picture last week of myself with incorrect information.

Boomers fueling increase

Baby boomers are largely fueling a dramatic increase in motorcycle ownership in Michigan, just one of many changes identified in a just-released study by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI) that looks at motorcycle crash trends.

The study, commissioned by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP), looked at data from 1997 through 2002 to identify trends and changes that will help guide future safety programming.

The study found about 44 percent of motorcyclists involved in a crash were not legally licensed to operate a motorcycle. Crash-involved motorists below age 19 were more likely than older crash-involved motorcyclists to be unlicensed. A person must be at least 16 and have a motorcycle endorsement on a valid driver's license to legally operate a motorcycle in the state.

The largest increase in crash rate was among motorcyclists age 30-44, which increased by 52 percent. The study also noted the 32 percent increase in crash rate for motorcyclists age 45-64.

When looking at alcohol involvement, the study showed a 28 percent increase in the number of fatalities.



Bulldog Beat

by Laura Enderle

Teachers in general are some of the most influential and compassionate people we may ever encounter. Their job is to impact and help mold young people's ideas into productive creations.

It takes a special person to be a teacher, and an even more special teacher to become an educator of challenged students. Every teacher needs certain traits, like patience, understanding, communication and listening. Special education teachers use these skills and many others to the maximum to help their students understand the full concept of the work placed in front of them. Hardly ever is this a simple task.

This week I would like to acknowledge our high school special education teacher, Sharada Seuryck.

She earned her education from 3 schools: Ferris State University, Central Michigan University and Saginaw Valley State University. From there she has taught at Cass City High School and in the Tuscola Intermediate School District, and gained much experience in every area of special education except the blind.

In all her experience teaching these extraordinary young adults, Mrs. Seuryck has, in turn, learned one exceptional lesson from everyone, even the most intelligent people, have some kind of disability.

Working with these students has taught her to be more accepting and understanding of everyone. She often tries to put herself in their shoes, and she challenges others to do the same. Here at Owen-Gage, we are expected to be positive role models to everyone around us. We have been taught since we were young to accept and respect everyone for who they are. We should never think of ourselves as better than anyone else.

Once placed into the Resource Room, each student receives individual lesson plans. The students are expected to repeat their assignments until they gain full understanding.

Mrs. Seuryck makes sure each of her 18 students can

work at their own pace, and she offers special incentives to them for completing assignments. Some of the rewards include watching television, playing video games and computer privileges.

Resource Room students are graded under basically the same system as the rest of the students, except they get the opportunity to make corrections on their work to better their grade. Mrs. Seuryck always encourages her students to be the best they can be, which she believes helps boost their self-esteem.

Mrs. Seuryck finds it very important that her students get involved in hands-on activities. At different times throughout the year, she teaches them to cook. This year she started to grow a garden for her students to take care of. They used to run a snack shop inside their classroom, which the students really enjoyed. These activities are very beneficial to her students because they can relate assignments to life situations, which helps them gain various concepts from a different learning perspective.

Residents will be required to bring the electronics to the recycling facility at 1123 Mertz Rd., Caro. Acceptable items include computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, televisions, VCRs, microwave ovens, toasters and phones.

"These materials need to be diverted from the regular waste stream for various health and environmental reasons," said Recycling Coordinator Jerry Snider, who noted a recent county tire collection netted more than 4,100 tires.

More information is available by contacting Snider at (989) 672-1673.

Cass City hospital to receive \$1,000 grant

The Michigan State Medical Society Foundation recently awarded a number of grants to organizations that will use the funds to help support community-based health promotion projects across Michigan.

Among the recipients was Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City, which received \$1,000 for a diabetes education program that will provide patients, their families and/or caregivers with the knowledge and skills necessary to self-manage diabetes on a daily basis.

Recycle electronics in county

Tuscola County Recycling officials are looking for residents to participate in their electronics hazardous waste collection this month.

The program is being offered to residents in Tuscola County in an effort to reduce the waste going into local landfills as well as the negative impact these products can have if commingled with the regular waste stream.

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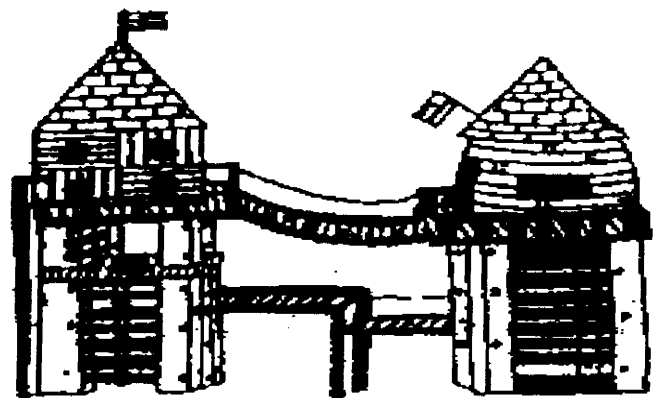
Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper.

Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason.

The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.

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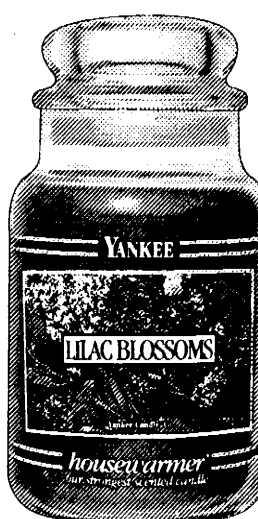
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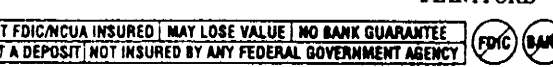
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Several appear on felony counts

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

- Karl J. Dahlstrom II, 45, Millington, was found guilty by a jury on one count of first degree criminal sexual conduct, 2 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of cutting or tapping telephone lines Aug. 9 in Caro.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was revoked and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Frank O. Buschbacher II, 21, Mayville, stood mute to a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon March 22 in Fremont Township.
- A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case and bond was continued at \$3,000.
- Donald R. Havens, 21, Kingston, was sentenced to 6 months probation for his pleas of guilty to attempted obtaining a controlled substance by fraud Jan. 7 in Caro.
- He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$320.
- Justin L. Slosar, 18, Mayville, pleaded guilty to larceny in a building Feb. 15 in Mayville.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be set.
- Scotty L. Johnson, 19, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a building July 8 in Juniata Township, and larceny from a vehicle April 4 in Caro.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at a combined \$22,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Stacy J. Wright, 30, Cass City, pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer April 2 in Cass City.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Julian A. Dixon, 37, Gagetown, pleaded guilty to unlawfully driving away an automobile Oct. 25 in Columbia Township, and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Joshua W. Gillespie, 18, Caro, pleaded guilty to larceny from a motor vehicle and attempted larceny from a motor vehicle April 4 in Caro.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.
- Russel A. Powell, 19, Caro, stood mute to charges of larceny from a motor vehicle and attempted larceny from a motor vehicle April 4 in Caro.
- A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$5,000.
- Kassandra L. Kuntzman, 21, Mt. Morris, was sentenced to 90 days in jail and 12 months probation for her plea of guilty to stealing/retaining a financial transaction device between September and November in Millington Township.
- She was also ordered to pay \$440 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$380.29 and attorneys fees of \$200.
- Scott A. Kastraba, 22, Caro, was sentenced to 12 months probation for his plea of guilty to carrying a concealed weapon Sept. 5 in Almer Township.
- He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$850.
- Lawrence D. Wheaton II, 26, Fostoria, was sentenced to 270 days in jail and 6 months probation for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Feb. 5 in Watertown Township.
- He was also ordered to pay \$2,080 in costs and fines.
- Curtis L. Morey, 19, Millington, was sentenced to 6 months probation and 30 days in jail (deferred) for his plea of guilty to malicious destruction of property valued at \$200 to \$1,000 Dec. 13, 2002, in Millington Township.
- He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$840. Restitution is to be determined.
- Cory R. Hill, 23, Caro, was sentenced to 12 months probation and 365 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to assaulting a police officer and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Jan. 2 in Caro.
- He was also ordered to pay \$760 in costs and fines.
- David W. Taylor, 34, Mayville, was sentenced to 24 months probation and one day in jail for his plea of guilty to assaulting a police officer Aug. 29 in Fremont Township.
- He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$3,040.



DISPLAYING THE CERTIFICATES and ribbons signifying selection as winners of the Red Hawk Award of Excellence, an honor bestowed just 12 times during the school year are, from left, Cortney Thompson, elementary school, Eric Hanby, high school and Tony McArthur, middle school.

Thompson, Hanby and McArthur recognized

Four times a year a student from each of the 3 Cass City school buildings is honored by being selected to receive the Red Hawk Award of Excellence. That means, says Supt. Ken Micklash, that each year only 12 students earn this distinguished award.

The students are selected for outstanding contributions to the community or to the school.

Honored from Campbell Elementary building was Cortney Thompson, daughter of Bill Thompson of Deford and Penny Smith of Cass City. Cortney is a 4th grader in the multiage classroom.

She is always ready to help others with class work. Her strong work ethic has helped her become an all-A student.

Her teachers say she is always dependable and reliable and will be missed when she moves to the fifth grade next year.

Winning the award from the middle school is Tony McArthur, son of Doug and Brenda McArthur, Cass City. His teachers say he is hard working, never settling for less than his very best.

He is an excellent role model for his peers. He is friends with everyone and makes a special effort to see that no one is left out of his group. Tony is helpful to his teachers and classmates and always asks to help others without receiving anything in return.

Eric Hanby, son of James and Rita Hanby, Cass City, was selected from Cass City High School.

An outstanding student, he has been a member of the concert and marching bands. He is a member of the state champion Forensics team, earning honors for his outstanding performance. He works in K.L.I.C.K., an after-school computer lab, and recently earned the Eagle rank, scouting's highest honor.

S.S. number now required

Beginning May 3, Michigan will join 49 other states in the mandatory collection of Social Security Numbers (SSNs) from applicants for original, renewal and replacement driver's licenses.

The Department of State has developed strict internal controls and special procedures to safeguard SSNs and ensure that the privacy of Michigan residents will be protected.

"We have been careful in our approach to implementing this requirement so that proper safeguards are in place to protect the personal privacy of state residents," said Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land. "It's important for our customers to know that their Social Security Number will never be displayed or encoded on their driver's license. SSNs will only be released to select individuals in government agencies, as required by law."

This action complies with the 1996 federal Welfare Reform Act and a subsequent federal court ruling in 2001 that denied Michigan's challenge to the requirement.

The law mandates that all states collect SSNs from driver's license applicants for use in child-support enforcement. Michigan's Family Independence Agency estimates \$200 million in federal funds are at risk if the state does not comply with the requirement.

It will not be necessary to present an actual Social Security card when applying for a driver's license. The state will verify all Social Security numbers. A person who has never been issued a SSN must certify to that fact on a form provided by the branch office. Individuals who make a false statement regarding their SSN are subject to a fine of up to \$5,000 and imprisonment for up to 5 years.

Land appealed to Michigan motorists to be patient with branch office employees as they implement these changes.

"Our employees understand the sensitive nature of this information and are trained to safeguard it," Land said. "Their job is to serve our cus-

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5YEARSAGO

Walbro Corporation officials say the company's manufacturing plants in Cass City and Caro will continue to operate as they have following last week's merger announcement.

Wednesday's announcement revealed Walbro and a British manufacturing conglomerate, TI Group plc., have entered into a merger agreement in which Walbro will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of the London-based TI Group. The sale is valued at \$570 million and calls for TI Group to purchase 8.7 million shares of Walbro stock at a price of \$20 per share.

Cass City High School junior Chris Dubay proved himself tops in automotive painting during recent regional and state competitions. Dubay, who had the opportunity to compete at a Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) event in Lansing, competed at the regional level at the Tuscola County Technology Center in the areas of painting, body work, welding and estimating and measuring. He placed first overall in those categories, earning a spot to compete at the state level in Lansing.

To help educate teens about the health and nutritional benefits of milk, the United Dairy Industry of Michigan, along with local dairy farmers sponsored a "Milk - Where's Your Mustache?" booth at Cass City Middle School Friday. "We hope to let people know that milk is as good for you as it is fun. Milk is an excellent source of calcium which helps build bone density for men, women and children of all ages," said Cathy Healy, dairy farmer and booth organizer.

25YEARSAGO

There has been a small store at the corner of Atwater and Ivanhoe roads west of Uby since 1899. William Ternes has been there all 80 of those years. He celebrated his 80th birthday April 20 and loyal customers of Ternes Brothers store celebrated the occasion by presenting him with a cake and a flood of birthday cards.

Mrs. Clare McQueen of Snover sent in a copy of the Minden City Harold with an item stating that 50 years ago the Chronicle was printed on paper made from corn stalks. There are all kinds of puns ready for picking from an item like this...but you'll not get any of those corny jokes here. (From Rabbit Tracks)

35YEARSAGO

Henry Little announced this week that after June 30 Little's Funeral Home would no longer offer ambulance service to the community. Little's will be joining an ever growing list of concerns in rural Michigan who are discontinuing ambulance service. The reason is the new requirements of a recently adopted state law that goes into effect July 1. The law lays down stringent equipment requirements and manpower regulations. While the equipment needed is raising costs, it is the manpower requirement that is chasing concerns from the ambulance business.

I went to school last weekend to learn to operate an IBM composer (a glorified typewriter). What I learned, outside of some basic operations of the machine the Chronicle is leasing, is that IBM has all chiefs...no Indians. My teacher wasn't an instructor, she is an "Educational Service Representative" and Al Nelson who came in and sold me the lease is not a salesman...he's a "word processing specialist." (From Rabbit Tracks)

John V. McCormick of Cass City announced this week that he has been granted a license from the State of Michigan as a homebuilder. McCormick said that he qualified for the license under the state's "grandfather" clause because he built 17 new homes and one commercial building in Cass City between 1957 and 1965.

Student play set at Owen-Gage

The Owen-Gage High School Drama Club will present the play "Hospital HiJinx" Friday and Saturday, May 7 and May 8, at 7 p.m. in the Gagetown Elementary School gymnasium.

The play was written by R. Eugene Jackson and produced by special arrangement with Eldridge Publishing Company.

The setting for this comedy is the Calamity University Hospital. When an evil doctor from a rival hospital plots to close down Calamity University Hospital, 4 failing student nurses rally to save the hospital and get the villains arrested.

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Pastor - Chuck Carr
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Cass City Church of Christ
6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136
Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
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Cass City boys thinclads record wins over Millington, Marlette

The Cass City Red Hawk boys chalked up a pair of wins in track meets Monday and Wednesday last week. The final opportunity to see the Hawk thinclads at home was Tuesday when Reese and Ublly were slated to meet. The remaining 6 meets and the Michigan High School Athletic Association districts and regionals are on the road.

The Hawks' first win last week, Monday, was a close 64.5 to 60.5 decision over Millington.

It was team strength that enabled the Hawks to top the Cardinals. The teams were dead even in first place points including a split of the important 4 relay events.

Cass City's strength in the distance events proved to be decisive. In the 3,200 meter run Cass City swept the 9 points. Kyle Reif finished first (11:53:75), Jessup Hoyt

was second and Dustin Arp, third.

Reif was a double winner also with a first in the 1,600-meter run (5:24:18). Other firsts for Cass City were: 3,200 relay (9:41:44), Zac Toner, 400-meter dash (54.85), Danny Mittlestat, 300 hurdles (45.19), Leon Sullins, 800-run (2:24:04) and Nick Sattelberg, long jump (17'5")

The Hawks won the 3,200 and the 1,600 meter relays.

Against Marlette Thursday it was an easy Cass City victory, 110-27.

The Hawks placed first in all but 2 events, the discus and 1,600 meter run. Double individual winners for the Hawks were Andrew Schinnerer and Cody Halasz. Schinnerer won the high jump (5'6") and pole vault (11'0"). Halasz took the shot put (42'5") and the 100-meter (12.43).

Cass City won all 3 places in these 5 events: the long jump, pole vault, 100-meter, 400-meter and 800-meter.

GIRLS' MEETS

The Cass City Red Hawk girls challenged both Marlette and Millington before bowing in close decisions.

Against Millington, the Hawks bowed 63-55. The key to the Cardinal win was team depth. After 12 events the Hawks were in front 47-36, but in the field events Millington outscored Cass City 27-8 to take the win. The Cards swept both the long jump and high jump and won the shot put. Ashley Puterbaugh won the discus and was second in the shot put to account for all of Cass City's points in the field events.

Other Cass City winners in-

cluded Krista Homakie 400-meter (1:10.99) and Carrie Hillaker, 800-meter (2:58.72).

Weakness in field events was decisive as Marlette topped the Hawks, 62-52. Led by Linsy Bloor, a double winner, with firsts in the shot and discus, the Red Raiders outscored Cass City 32-3. The Hawks' only points were netted by Puterbaugh with thirds in the shot and discus and Valerie Scasny, third in long jump.

Cass City had a pair of thinclads with double wins. Ashleigh Rabideau took the 3,200-meter (14:56:47) and the 1,600-meter (6:40:07) runs. Tara Sherman was first in the 110 high hurdles (18.9) and the 300 low hurdles (1:00.19). Krista Homakie won the 400-meter run and the Hawks took the 800-meter and 400-meter relays.



CASS CITY'S Valerie Scasny beats a Marlette thinclad to the finish line during Wednesday's meet with the visiting Red Raiders. Scasny has been a consistent performer for the Hawks this season.

Bulldogs down visiting Memphis

Owen-Gage turned back visiting Memphis Thursday, sweeping both ends of a North Central Thumb League twin bill.

The host Bulldogs opened

the scoring with 2 runs in the bottom of the 2nd inning, added another tally in the 3rd inning and then added 3 insurance markers in the 5th to earn a 6-0 decision.

Kayla Zaleski handled the pitching duties for the winners. The Bulldog junior tossed a complete game, striking out 13 while allowing just one hit. Zaleski issued one free pass.

At the plate, Zaleski helped her own cause with a solo home run, while Kayla Kady added a double and single that produced 2 runs. Owen-

Gage also received doubles from Stephanie Dorsch and Mary McKee.

In the nightcap, Candi Rhodes lifted Owen-Gage to an exciting 3-2 victory with a game winning RBI in the final frame.

Several Bulldogs recorded multiple hits at the plate, led by Katie Swiastyn's 3 singles. Laura Enderle and Zaleski each posted a pair of singles, while Dorsch belted a double.

"We were hitting the ball well, but the Memphis defense was shutting us down.

My girls had to keep their heads in this game to win," said coach Barb Adams.


Zaleski was the pitcher of record for the winners. She allowed 2 hits, walked 3 and fanned 6.

Owen-Gage will entertain Peck on Thursday.



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By Dr. Robert Gabriel

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Hawks sweep visiting Lakers

The wind figured to be a factor Thursday as the Cass City Red Hawks baseball team faced the visiting Lakers squad, and it was. The wind was blowing out and it was a material factor in the first game that the Hawks won, 3-2. It also played a key role in the nightcap slugfest that the Hawks won, 14-11.

Despite the favorable win, there was only one home run hit in the first game. That was by Justin Glaza, who lofted a high fly to left field and it rode the wind with a man on base to put the Hawks in front, 3-0.

It proved to be the decisive hit of the game as the Lakers came back with 2 runs in the last 2 innings against Brad Langenburg. The sophomore hurler pitched one of his finest games of the season. He allowed just 5 hits and struck out 8. The Hawks needed his sterling effort, as Marker went the distance giving up 7 hits while striking out 9. The Hawks' first run was unearned.

Tyler Erla, the ace of the staff, didn't have his A-game in the nightcap, but his teammates bailed him out with a 14-hit attack. Erla got the win. He pitched 4 innings, allowed 9 runs, 6 earned, struck out one and walked 3.

Mike Havens got the save, allowing 2 runs in 3 innings while striking out 2 and walking one. The Lakers used 4 different pitchers and none were effective.

The Hawks came from behind to win. Trailing 6-2, Cass City scored 4 runs in the third and 5 in the fourth to go ahead 11-6 and never trailed after that.

While the Hawks won the game and had the edge in hits, the Lakers were the home run champs of the day. Matt Papkey hit a pair of circuit clouts and drove in 4 runs. Brody Beachy accounted for 3 runs with his round-trip blast and Michael Siewert also hit a homer in a losing cause.

The Hawks hit only one home run, but it was by far the longest hit of the game. Cody Halasz blasted it. Coach Ryan Pritchett said it would have been gone even if he had been hitting against the wind instead of with it. Halasz ended with 2 hits and 3 RBIs.

In all, the Hawks had 5 players with multi-hit games. Nick Stoutenburg notched 4 hits and drove in 2 runs. Jake Brinkman had 2 hits and scored a pair. Jon Bennett rapped 3 hits and scored 3 runs and Chris Dillon contributed 3 hits, 3 runs and 2 RBIs.

Cass City records pair of wins at Caro

The Cass City Pony League #2 team started its season in high fashion Saturday, sweeping a doubleheader over host Caro.

The future Red Hawks posted a 13-2 victory in the opener and then registered a 17-10 win in the nightcap.

In game one, Trent Vatter started on the mound and held the Tigers hitless, striking out 5 and issuing 6 walks. Brent Doerr saw relief duty and fanned 2 and walked 2.

At the plate, Cody Chappel belted a pair of singles while Chris Childs, Chris Zawilinski, Cole Miller, Devin Jamieson, Joe Packard and Vatter all recorded singles.

In game 2, Doerr was the pitcher of record, whiffing 2, while Miller, Childs, Jamieson and Zawilinski all saw relief duty.

At the plate, Childs, Chappel, Zawilinski and Luke Newton all had doubles.



RED HAWK Katie Klco (right) races with a Valley Lutheran player towards the ball in Wednesday's soccer match up against the visiting Chargers. Cass City suffered a 7-0 defeat.

Hobbs leads Cass City to overtime victory

Sarah Hobbs led the Cass City soccer team to its first overtime win of the season with a goal 47 seconds into the extra period at Sandusky. The win provided the lady Red Hawks with a big boost heading into Wednesday's home contest with Valley Lutheran; however, the Chargers proved too strong and recorded a 7-0 victory.

On Monday, at Sandusky, the Hawks faced high winds, but put together their best offensive showing of the season.

In addition to the game win-

ner, Hobbs recorded a hat trick and one assist. DeAnna Newby recorded the Hawks' other goal, while Mary Lima had 5 shots on goal, including 2 headers, one of which just missed. The Hawks generated 17 shots on goal, several of which either hit the crossbar or an upright, and one that got behind the keeper but was cleared before it crossed the line.

"All in all an excellent offensive performance," said Coach Chuck Reed. Adding, "Alex Timon got time at midfield and did an excellent job as did Whitney Braun. The defense had some problems but played tough when they needed to. Despite giving up 3 goals, the performance of the Hawks was solid."

Against Valley Lutheran, the Hawks came out strong, frustrating the mighty Chargers' attack.

And although they gave up 2 goals in the first half, Reed felt that his team played one of the better halves of soccer in recent history.

Erica Delamarter and Raven Clemens had big games with strong support from Ashley Timon and Ally Bell. Valley Lutherans' strong attack made it difficult for the hosts to generate offense, but defensive and midfield pressure kept the ball near the center of the field much of the half.

The final half was not as successful, as the Hawks allowed 2 goals in the first 3 minutes and essentially were out of the game. Play improved again late in the half and kept the score respectable.

Timko had a good game in the net with 28 saves, including 2 penalty shots, and Jerica Fenningsdorf continued to improve on defense. Kristen Curtis got substan-

tial playing time and did well as did Donna Bushong.

Katie McIntosh took a ball in the face late in the game, but hung in and played a strong game.

"The team seems to be improving, but has yet to play a solid 2 way game. Mental and physical mistakes, and a lack of offense against the better teams are still causing serious problems for the Hawks," says Reed.

Cass City will host Marlette on Wednesday.

Cass City posts pair of doubleheader wins

Coach Josh Stern would love to have his Cass City High School softball team duplicate the results that the team achieved last week when they posted 4 straight wins. This week they were to have played at Marlette Monday and Bad Axe at home Thursday in a league game.

The Hawks had little trouble rolling past Harbor Beach last Monday. Cass City won the opening game with a 15-1 mercy after 5 innings. Mallory Powell had an easy time. She allowed just one hit, but was charged with 8 walks. The loser was Connie Tenbusch. The Hawks pounded out 9 hits and walked 11 times.

Leading the attack for Cass City was Krystee Dorland with 2 hits and 4 RBIs, Ashley Barrigar with 2 hits, including a triple and 3 RBIs, and Kristi Fluegge who singled and walked 3 times in 4 at-bats.

It was all over after the first inning of the nightcap that the Hawks won 11-1. The first 5 players that went to bat in the first inning scored and Cass City charged in front 5-1. That run scored by the Pirates was the only one scored against Ashley Hendrick, who hurled a 3 hitter, but walked 8. Michelle Achatz took the loss.

Pacing the Hawk win was Megan Toner with 2 hits and 3 RBIs. Renee Czekai knocked a double and added 2 singles and drove in 4 runs. The Pirates' 3 hits were scattered among 3 players.

LAKER GAMES

The Hawks' booming bats made it easy to register the twin wins over visiting Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Thursday. The Hawks won the opener, 11-5. Hendrick picked up the win with a 5-hitter. She also walked 5.

Cass City went in front, 6-1, after 3 innings and coasted

to the victory. Czekai cracked a pair of doubles and a single. Barrigar drove in 2 runs with a double and a single in 4 trips.

It looked as if it might be a difficult day for Powell in the second game. The Lakers opened with a single by Laura Fritch. Briana Gascho doubled and Amanda Chiotti walked and all 3 scored.

But that ended the offensive thrust by the Lakers. Powell shut the door on the visitors the rest of the way

and in the third inning Cass City started the offensive surge that tuned the game into a one-sided win for the Hawks, 18-3. In the third, Cass City chased around 6 runs. In the fourth, the team added 6 more and in the fifth, 5 more runs. Fritch was charged with the loss.

Czekai ripped 4 hits in 4 at-bats and drove in 4 runs. Other multiple hit games were posted by Dorland, 3; Barrigar, 2; Powell, 2; and Hendrick, 2.

O-G bats silent

Owen-Gage proved no match for visiting Memphis Thursday as the Yellow Jackets rolled to a pair of North Central Thumb League wins.

With the losses, the Bulldogs fall to 5-3 in North Central Thumb League action. After a scheduled meeting in North Huron Monday, the Bulldogs will return home to face Peck on Thursday.

In both games the Yellow Jackets scored 12 unanswered runs to earn victory.

In game one, the Yellow Jackets blanked their hosts 12-0, while game 2 saw the visitors rebound from an early 4-2 deficit to register a 14-4 decision.

Aaron Faist, Trace Lopez and Zac Sutter had hits in vain for Owen-Gage.

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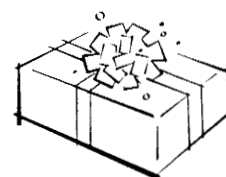
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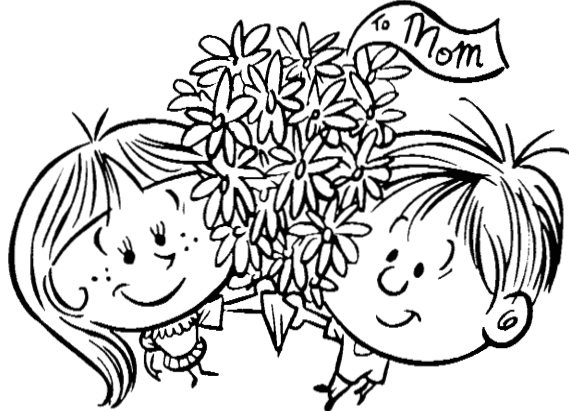
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Workers hit picket line

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"While employees have a right to strike, they also have the right to work, and any employee who wishes to work is welcome."

Tendercare has been negotiating with SEIU representatives since mid-2003 in its unionized facilities, according to George Herron, vice president of human resources for the company.

"We are negotiating in good faith and will continue to do so until a contract agreement is reached," he said. "While most of the non-economic issues have been settled, state budgetary issues have caused on-going uncertainty over reimbursement to the industry. It is difficult to agree on wage increases when we just don't know what the reimbursement outcome will be."

Over the past 10 years, Herron said, the industry has been hit hard with cuts to the Medicaid program - cuts that have contributed to the closing of as many as 15 nursing homes throughout Michigan over the past 5 years.

Further compounding the problem, he added, has been a recent decision by the federal government to put on indefinite hold the Medicaid Quality Assurance Assessment Program (QAAP), also known as the Provider Tax.

"Medicaid is the primary source of reimbursement for nursing homes," Herron said, adding funding from the QAAP was to provide critical dollars for the operation of long-term care facilities. He noted both the SEIU and Tendercare are advocating approval of the program because it would supply much-needed relief to the growing cost of providing nursing home care.

"I want our residents, family members and the community to know that throughout this process we remain committed to our 2 primary constituents: our residents

and our staff," Lukenda said Thursday.

"We have notified the appropriate state and local regulatory agencies and have taken steps to make sure that our residents will be well cared for. We also deeply value our employees. Each day these individuals come to work and continually

strive to provide the highest quality of nursing services. We will continue to negotiate to achieve an acceptable agreement as soon as is feasible."

Fetterhoff said Tendercare residents are also a priority for the staff, but that the company has not made the staff a priority.

"We want to be treated fairly and we want our contract settled," she said.

"We want to be in there (Tendercare) for the people we care for - we don't want to be out here," Fetterhoff added. "We feel bad about leaving them hanging for a day, but we have to take care of our families, too."



DR. JAMES A. Lowery made a presentation on safety and presented safety kits to members of MOPS, (from left) Destiney Goss, Amy Leveille, Tammy Smith, Karen Jackson, Jennifer Mason, Tammy Major, Angie Franzel and Sharon Freeman.

Doctor speaks on safety

Dr. James A. Lowery, MD, recently made a presentation to the Marlette Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS).

His presentation included information about child and infant car seat safety and the importance of having the units installed and utilized correctly in the vehicle.

The public is invited to a local child safety seat check that will be sponsored by the Thumb Area Safe Kids, Tuscola County FIA, Tuscola County Health Department and the Tuscola County CAN Council, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pat Curtis Dealership in Caro.

More information is available by calling Officer Matt Gezequel at the Sandusky Police Department at (810) 648-4016.

State crown at risk

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Standout performances for Cass City were turned in by Jeff McMahan, second in Extemporaneous Speaking; Eric Hanby, third in Sales Speaking; Angela Stoeckle, third in Storytelling; Courtney Rabideau, third in Broadcasting; Sarah Langmaid, fifth in Poetry 9-10; and Leslie Hacker, sixth in Sales Speaking.

Daniels said he doesn't expect state officials to come to a final decision before the end of the week.

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Obituaries

Jeffery Fox

Jeffery R. Fox, 47, of Owendale, formerly of Cass City, died Sunday, April 25, at his home in Owendale. He was born Feb. 25, 1957, in Sacramento, Calif., the son of James and Virjean (TerBush) Fox. Fox worked as a postal carrier in Cass City and then as postmaster in Owendale. He is survived by his parents, his father James (Karen) Fox, and his mother Virjean (fiancé Wayne King) Fox, all of Cass City; 2 sisters, Denise Dunbar of Georgetown, Texas, and Jamie (Kyle) Raby of Las Vegas, Nev.; a brother, Steve Fox of Oak Park; and one niece and 2 nephews. Funeral services were April 28 at Thabet Funeral Home in Cass City, with the Rev. Doug Bassett officiating. Burial was in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Charlotte LaPeer

Charlotte Marie LaPeer, 82, of Cass City, died Thursday, April 29, in her home. She was born March 23, 1922, at home in Huron County to Manley and Alta (Turner) Fay. She married Gaylord G. LaPeer March 5, 1938, in Lapeer. He died Oct. 7, 1997, after 59 years of marriage. LaPeer started her schooling at Rescue School and then Heron School through the eighth grade. She attended Cass City Schools through the tenth grade, and then returned to school in 1941, attending and graduating with her daughter, Charlene. The late Art Holmberg, a longtime Cass City educator, gave her information about the University of Indiana and she took correspondence classes in History and English. LaPeer was a member of MSU Extension, including the area council and Sanilac County council, for more than 50 years. She worked on many quilts, several of which were donated to a battered women's shelter and the Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary. A winner of the International Poet of the Year Award in 2002, she was a member of the Cass City OES Chapter and was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church in Cass City, where she was a Sunday school teacher and deacon. LaPeer worked on the farm with her husband and was also employed at Dr. McRae's office in Cass City.

Bertha Messing

Bertha Mary Messing 83, of Minden City, died Thursday, April 29, 2004 at Harbor Beach Community Hospital Long Term Care unit where she has resided for the last 7 1/2 years. She was born November 10, 1920 in Huron County to the late Philip and Katherine (Stelmack) Gatza of Ubly. She married Raymond Messing on June 3, 1941 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Parisville, MI. They have been married nearly 63 years. She resided with her husband on their farm in Minden City for 56 years. She attended St. Mary's Catholic School and the McMillan country school until the 8th grade. She worked at the Bad Axe bean plant and as a waitress in Port Huron. She attended St. John's Chrysostom Catholic Church of Forestville, MI where she was an Altar Society member. She is survived by her husband, Raymond; 11 children, John (Peggy (Evelyn)) of Harbor Beach, Judy (Angus) Booms of Harbor Beach, George (Linda) of Akron, Donna (Leo) Emming of Ruth, Marie Gay of Hopewell, VA, Florence (Richard) Wolschleger of Ruth, Alvin of Minden City, Darlene (Florenzio) Ornelas

Kenneth Zdrojewski

Kenneth Daniel Zdrojewski, 60, of Cass City, died Tuesday, April 27, 2004 following complications from surgery. He was born Aug. 26, 1943, to Daniel and Louise (Essenmacher) Zdrojewski of Palms. He married Michelle McGladdery Oct. 2, 1965, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Palms, and the couple spent their entire married life in Cass City. Zdrojewski retired from General Cable Co., where he worked for more than 38 years until its closing. He was an active member of St. Pancratius Catholic Church, being involved as Eucharistic Minister and usher. He was instrumental in the formation of the local Knights of Columbus Council #8892 as well as the purchase of the council's hall. He was an officer for many years and was elected Knight of the Year in 1999. Zdrojewski is survived by his wife, Michelle; 3 children, Jon (Deidra) Zdrojewski of Cass City, Dana (Marty) Cooley of Roseville, and Douglas (Shannon) Zdrojewski of Muskegon; 7 grandchildren; his parents, Dan and Louise Zdrojewski of Palms; brothers, Roger (Nannette) Zdrojewski of Minden City, Bill Zdrojewski of Coleman and Phillip (JoAnn) Zdrojewski of Palms; mother-in-law, Germaine Thompson of Minden City; brothers-in-law, Guy (Dawn) McGladdery of Negaunee and Craig (Donna) Thompson of Columbus, Ohio; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 1, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, with the Rev. Steve Fillion officiating. Interment will take place at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

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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 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 statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 13, 2004.

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

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

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

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

Dated: April 14, 2004

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by ROLLAND 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/a to 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 principal 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 sale made 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 a 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.

The premises covered by said mortgage is situated in the City of Vassar, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and more fully described as:

LOT 7, BLOCK 1, MERRITT'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF VASSAR, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 21, NOW BEING PAGE 22A.

Dated: April 21, 2004

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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 Saxon 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 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 statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 27, 2004.

The premises are located in the Township of Arbel, 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, Arbel 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

ORLAND ASSOCIATES, P.C.
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. 244-0548

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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:
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

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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 Elec-

tronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 30, 2003 and recorded on July 10, 2003 in Liber 941 on Page 254 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Three and 09/100 Dollars (\$59,303.09), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

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

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

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

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

Dated: April 14, 2004

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

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert E. Shelton and Jennifer Shelton aka Jennifer A. Shelton, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Summit Mortgage Services, Mortgagee, dated May 15, 1998, and recorded on April 26, 1999 in Liber 769 on Page 517, and assigned by mesne assignments to Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, One M & T Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203-2399, Trustee for Securitization Series 1998-2, Agreement dated 6-01-98 as assignee by an assignment dated March 30, 2001 recorded on April 12, 2001 in Liber 828 on Page 653, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand One Hundred (\$76,125.41), including interest at 11.5% 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 June 3, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Arbel, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 26, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbel Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence West 200 feet; thence North 360 feet; thence East 200 feet; thence South 360 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless deter-

mined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 5, 2004

For more information, please call:
FC R 248.593.1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, One M & T Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203-2399, Trustee for Securitization Series 1998-2, Agreement dated 6-01-98
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #004653F02

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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 Arbel, 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

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles N. Haskell and Kathy R. Haskell, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 24, 2002, and recorded on January 16, 2003 in Liber 1110 on Page 560, in Midland county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Two And 92/100 Dollars (\$97,762.92), including interest at 8.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the inside of the main lobby of the Courthouse in Midland at 10:00 AM, on June 1, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Jerome, Midland County, Michigan, and are described as: A parcel of land located in the East 1/2 of Section 33, Township 15 North, Range 1 West, Jerome Township, Midland County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at the East 1/4 corner of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 10 minutes 16 seconds West, 331.63 feet along the East line of said Section; thence North 89 degrees 45 minutes 57 seconds West 1327.03 feet to the East 1/8 line of said Section; thence North 00 degrees 01 minutes 21 seconds West, 331.00 feet along said East 1/8 line; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 46 seconds East, 1328.14 feet to the East line of said Section to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: May 3, 2004

For more information, please call:
FC H 248.593.1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brenda Krueger and Karl W. Krueger wife and husband, original mortgagor(s), to First Franklin Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 20, 2002, and recorded on June 26, 2002 in Liber 883 on Page 222, and assigned by said Mortgagee to National City Home Loan Services, Inc., a Delaware Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated November 4, 2003 recorded on December 11, 2003 in Liber 968 on Page 1408, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eleven And 38/100 Dollars (\$106,811.38), including interest at 9.5% per annum.

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

Said premises are situated in Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 14 & 15, Formento Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 105, now being 55B, 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: May 5, 2004

For more information, please call:
FC G 248.593.1310
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For National City Home Loan Services, Inc., a Delaware Corporation
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #003709F03

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the sum of Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Two and 58/100 Dollars (\$12,722.58), including interest at 9% per annum.

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

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

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

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

Dated: April 14, 2004

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

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Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola, and State of Michigan, on November 20, 2003, in Liber 965, Page 124-127, Instrument Number 200300841059, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Ninety Six Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Three and 66/100 Dollars (\$96,793.66) plus late charges of Ninety Eight and 96/100 Dollars (\$98.96).

No proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by this mortgage, or any part thereof. Therefore, under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is

hereby given that on June 18, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse, in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for said County is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 4 00% per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

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

Part of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 36, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West section line North 01 degrees 04 minutes 45 seconds East, 979.16 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 36; thence continuing along said line North 01 degrees 04 minutes 45 seconds East, 340.00 feet to the North line of said Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter, thence along said line South 88 degrees 59 minutes 59 seconds East, 340.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 04 minutes 45 seconds West, 340.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 59 minutes 59 seconds West, 340.00 feet to the point of beginning, subject to easements, reservations, restrictions and limitations of record, if any.
Tax I.D. No.: 022-036-000-1600-00.

During the six months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. Dated at Ann Arbor, Michigan, April 21, 2004.

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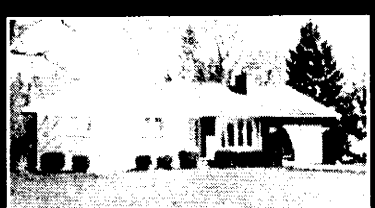
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Calendar of Events

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

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Preschool Story Time, 10:00 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Please call 872-2856 to register.

Thursday, May 6

Toddler Story Time, 10:00 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Please call 872-2856 to register.
Friends of the Library meeting, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.
Marlette Community Hospital Continuous Learning Center is sponsoring a Medical Waste Handling Presentation in the hospital conference room, 2:00-3:30 p.m.. Guest speaker: John Gohlke. Call Judy Mahaffy, RN at 989-635-4349 to register.

Friday, May 7

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.
V.F.W. Dance with Denny Ewald, 7-11 p.m.

Saturday, May 8

Pork dinner at Shabbona United Methodist Church, 4:00-7:30 p.m. Proceeds to send children and youth to Bay Shore Camp.

Monday, May 10

Reception for artists and opening of Art Show, 7:00 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.
Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.
Tuscola County Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Family Support/Education Group meeting, 1:30 p.m., Adults Day Services building, 435 Green St., Caro. For additional information, call 989-672-2273.
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Wednesday, May 12

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Advocate and prosecutor at odds

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support this, that everybody is entitled to a due process hearing.

"We are probably in the minority of counties, but I support that idea."

The fact is, Gaertner said, a number of individuals seeking personal protection orders fail to follow through after learning about circuit Judge M. Richard Knoblock's policy.

"We tell them, in all likelihood, the judge will not sign them (orders) without a hearing, and they washout. They don't want a hearing."

"We've prosecuted a lot of domestic violence cases, but also work in many cases, especially when kids are involved, to repair families, not tear them apart," added Gaertner, who explained that Knoblock sometimes grants a Domestic Violence Deferral, a period of probation for first-time offenders.

In a nutshell, with a deferral, the defendant is placed on probation for about 6 months, and if during that time he complies with the court's orders, the case is dismissed at the end of 6 months and does not become part of the defendant's criminal record.

"There's a lot of balancing that goes on," Gaertner said. "It's a tough area of the law and we try to focus on the families."

Santhany, however, questions whether Huron County victims are being adequately served in their own county.

"Prosecuting domestic violence cases and personal protection order violations is not fun, or glamorous, or high profile. Domestic violence victims are not always cooperative, or grateful, or pleasant to deal with, but the focus cannot be about how to 'fix' the victim," she said.

"In order to protect victims and, as importantly, their children, the system must focus on the crime being committed, upholding the

law and dealing with the criminal.

"I have talked to victims from Huron County who are being assaulted and who have given up reporting the violence. I've talked to young girls who are being stalked and cannot obtain protection through their home county. I've seen police reports that involved an arrest after the victim was injured and taken to the hospital, but the charges were dropped by the prosecutor because the victim had been drinking when the assault occurred, and the list goes on consistently for the last 6 to 7 years," Santhany added.

"Those working in Sanilac County tell me they, too, have Huron County residents

coming to them looking for assistance."

Gaertner disagreed.

"We are not sending vic-

tims to other counties. We have 2 1/2 employees who deal with victims' rights. We do as much as we can do un-

der the law," he said, adding he has not heard any complaints from the law enforcement community.

"We are not trying to hide anything here. We're comfortable with the way we handle things."

Owen-Gage near decision

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general spending freeze in the district. She added that higher expenses, including an increase of some \$65,000 to cover health insurance premiums, are contributing factors to a projected deficit of nearly \$300,000, which will reduce the district's fund balance to just over \$121,000.

At the present rate of spending, by the middle of the

2005-06 school year, Kretzschmer told the board, Owen-Gage Schools will have exhausted its fund balance.

Peterson said it's likely that the \$250,000 the board borrowed last August will not be enough to get by this time, especially if state officials don't allow the school to figure enrollment by averaging student numbers over the past 3 years. The practice gave Owen-Gage a net in-

crease of about 18 students this year, bringing in about \$130,000 more in state funding.

Kretzschmer said the committee also discussed additional cost-cutting options with the goal of reducing spending by \$100,000.

Those options include consolidation, pay-to-play for all athletics, support staff reductions, adding 10 minutes to each school day and increasing the length of the Christmas break, eliminating bussing for extracurricular activities, and negotiating a change in hospitalization and prescription drug co-pays.

School officials agreed to send out a bulk mailing to district residents, inviting them to attend Monday's special meeting and offer their suggestions to the board.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday, the board:

- Approved a recommendation from the Administrative Salary Committee to authorize Peterson to work up to 4 days a week at his current pay rate of \$325 per day plus mileage. The motion also approved reimbursement for previous additional days Peterson has worked.

- The board initially hired Peterson to serve as a part-time superintendent, authorizing him to work 2 to 3 days a week, but the superintendent last month said the arrangement wasn't working because there simply hasn't been enough time to do everything that needs to be done.

- Met in executive session for about 50 minutes to discuss a student discipline matter. The board later approved a motion to allow a senior to participate in graduation provided she makes up for excessive absenteeism before commencement.

- Approved a resolution appointing election inspectors for the annual school election in June.

- Noted the dates for the fourth grade trip to Mackinaw City and Mackinac Island have been changed to May 21-23. The change was in response to parent concerns regarding travel over the Memorial Day holiday.

- Approved the nomination of Samantha Brown as the "Senior Student of the Month" for May.

- Recognized a student in each grade, all nominated for best exemplifying the district's May "adult role focus" of being goal setters.

The students, in grades K-12, are: Bethany Peasley, Tyler Volk, Lynette Oyster, Justin Miller, Cody Harju, Bryan Buschlen, Christine Schmidt, Stacie Dorsch, Bethany Kovach, Michael Pawlak, Cassie Plowman, Wendy Errer and Laura Enderle.



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