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O-G ready to sell elementary school

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

For sale: brick elementary school building in a nice Tuscola County community. Structure is in good condition and offers 19,000 square feet of space. Asking \$95,000.

Owen-Gage School officials voted Monday to sell the district's elementary school building in Gagetown. The school board also authorized Kelly and Co. to list the building.

The decision came after a 50-minute discussion with Sue Wiese of Kelly and Co., who approached the board earlier this month about selling the property. Wiese asked the board for direction Monday.

"We've had inquiries on the property," she said, adding if the board plans to sell the school, now would be a good time.

"I would recommend, maybe if you are considering that...it might be a good window of opportunity for the school," Wiese said. "It's not the type of property that you're going to get a lot of heavy duty inquiries on."

School officials closed the building after the 2003-04 school year in an effort to stem a tide of red financial ink caused by several factors, including a shrinking student enrollment. The elementary students have since been moved to the junior-senior high building in Owendale.

The original elementary school was built in 1939, and an addition was constructed in 1968.

Earlier this month, Wiese told the board that a fair asking price for the building is \$70,000 to \$85,000, with the adjoining 6.3 acres worth another \$15,000 to \$25,000. The data was based on sales of similar schools in Bay Port (\$30,000) and Unionville (\$110,000).

School Supt. Bob Peterson said he felt the board was ready to take action.

"I'd just as soon not see the acreage go yet," said Trustee Mike Mandich, who stated he would like to honor a 10-year lease with the organizers of the Gagetown Country Days festival, which uses a small portion of the property. The lease has 8 years left, and the group has done

some good things for the community, including putting in new sidewalk, with plans to build a ball field, Mandich noted.

He also pointed out that the school land was originally donated to the district by a business association in Gagetown.

Trustee Kathy Champagne questioned keeping the land if doing so would hinder sale of the school itself.

Board members also discussed the sale price.

"Really, \$85,000 is a steal for that type of building," said Trustee Deb Quick.

"I agree," added board Treasurer Walt Swiastyn.

Mandich concurred. "I feel that anything under \$85,000 would be giving it away." He suggested the board might consider asking for \$110,000, the auction price of the Unionville Elementary School.

Wiese told the board she will follow the board's request, but advised officials not to overprice, which could scare off potential buyers.

"I think if she (Wiese) felt this could draw you in \$110,000, she would have

told you that. That's how I observe the whole thing," Peterson said.

The board settled on an asking price of \$95,000, and authorized Wiese to start the paperwork. Also planned is a walk-through of the building to determine what contents will be included in the sale.

SENIORITY?

Turning to other matters, the board continued a discussion on seniority as proposed in a new support staff handbook drafted by a board-appointed committee.

The board approved language presented Monday, but later tabled the action when the discussion became bogged down over the definitions of when an employee begins to build seniority.

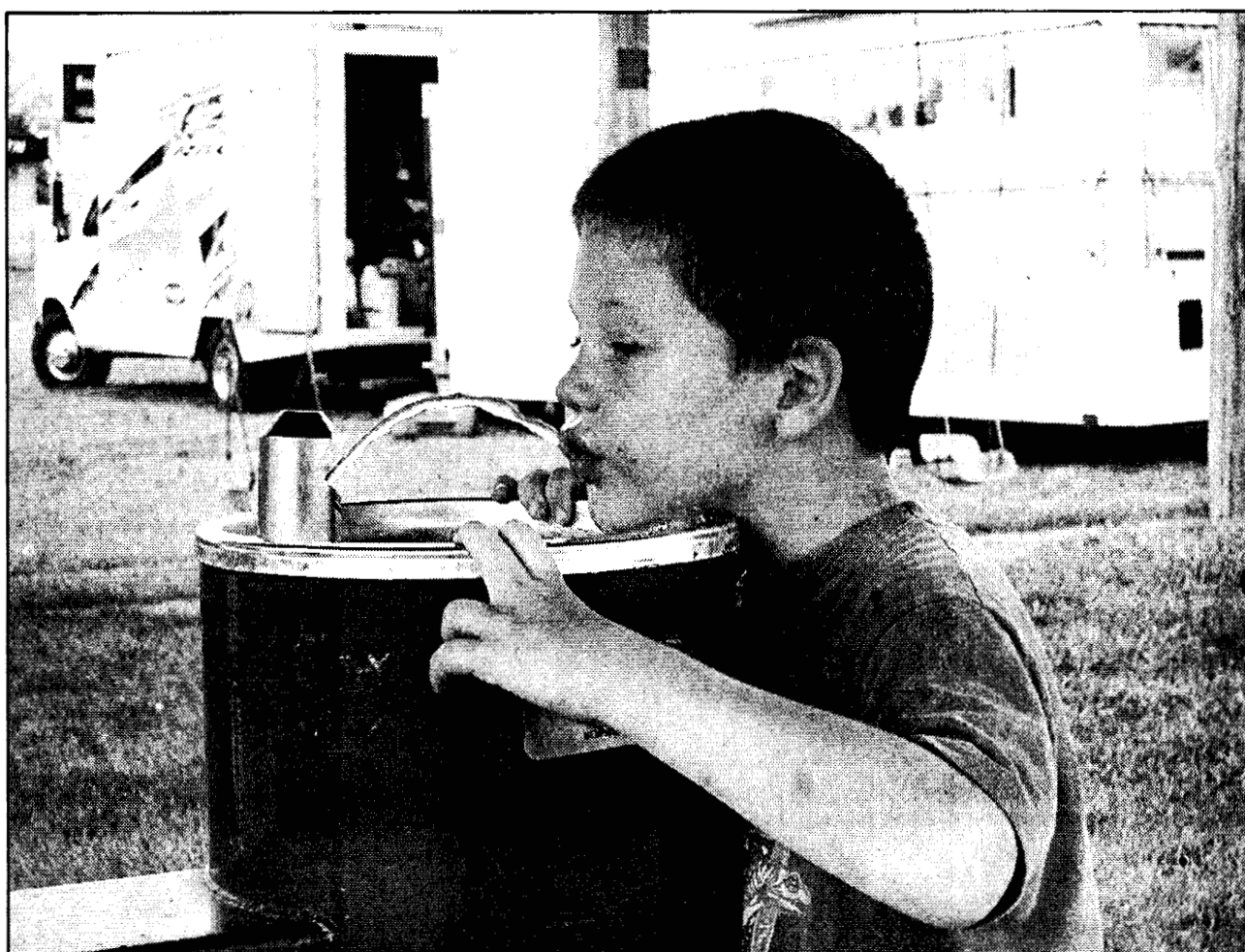
The handbook covers the district's custodians, bus drivers, cafeteria staff, secretaries and paraprofessionals. Earlier this month the board reviewed a policy that would have based seniority only on the number of years a person has worked in a particular department. For example, a custodian who worked for 12 years and then became a secretary would start at the bottom rung of seniority as a secretary, but retain 12 years of custodial seniority.

However, the language read Monday would count all of the employee's years of seniority regardless of their job description.

The board approved the wording, and agreed to make the policy retroactive to May 2004, before the reduction and elimination of several positions stemming from the closing of Gagetown Elementary School.

Peterson asked the board for clarification, saying he wanted to be sure that under

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THE WEATHER sizzled during Kingston Days. Above, 5-year-old Travis Stacy, son of Julia Stacy, Kingston, enjoys a cool drink at Memory Park in between carnival rides. At right, Anthony Rabideau and Trisha Vanderpool share a ride.



Public hearing slated

Council: building unsafe

For the first time in nearly 2 decades the Cass City Village council has scheduled a public hearing on what officials are calling a dangerous structure.

During Monday's regular monthly meeting, the council identified the property at 4320 Oak Street as a possible dangerous and uninhabitable building and approved Village Manager Frank Sheridan's recommendation to hold a public hearing September 27 to determine a course of action.

Sheridan explained that the village has an obligation to prevent the erection and provide for the removal of buildings considered unsafe. A letter sent to the owner of record, Bruno Bresky, Mayville, has failed to produce any correspondence on the matter.

At the Sept. 27 hearing, the council has the authority to order the owners to demolish or repair the building within a certain time period or decide that there are no structural problems and the matter should be dropped.

"There are numerous broken windows and shingles have been falling off the roof, I don't believe anybody has lived there for a few years," said Sheridan.

Turning to other matters, the council awarded the low bid of \$2,495.60 to J.D. Electric, LLC, of Caro, for the Outdoor Christmas Lighting Project.

The scope of the project calls for about 1,650 feet of cable with leads to provide an electric feed to the 49 trees on Main Street used as a focal point in kicking off the holiday season.

The council received 5 bids on the project originally estimated to cost \$15,500. Also submitting bids were Alpine Electric Co., Inc., Vassar (\$12,900), Zimmerman & Son Electric, Port Austin (\$7,133), Maurer Electric, Inc., Bad Axe (\$6,400) and MTW Controls, Inc., Caro (\$4,850).

Sheridan said that the range

of the bids is a concern and that he contacted Jerry Dibble, of J.D. Electric, who satisfied his questions on standards, ability and equipment needed for the project.

Village President Burt Althaver said that the new wiring won't change any of the decorations and that Detroit Edison has already removed the old wiring for a cost of only \$500. The new wiring should be completed by October 31 and no bids

were received from any local contractors.

Also Monday, the council formally recognized the service of former board member Dale McIntosh, who served on the council from April 1, 1998 through June 30, 2004 before leaving, as he has moved from the village limits. Further, the board appointed Dawn Hollis as President Pro Tem and Jeff Gillig to the Budget and Finance Committee in McIntosh's absence.



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Tendercare ready to celebrate

The administration, staff and residents of Tendercare, Cass City, are gearing up for a party to celebrate the facility's acceptance into the Eden Alternative Registry. A Hawaiian Luau is being planned for Thursday, Sept. 16, at 2 p.m. at Tendercare,

4782 Hospital Dr. "The Eden Registry is comprised of long-term care homes that have made a public commitment to imbue the Eden Alternative principles into their daily operations," explained Brenda Gleason, R.N., who was recently

named the new administrator at Tendercare. The appointment was following the retirement of Diane Ewald. According to Gleason, the Eden Alternative is an innovative philosophy of long-term.

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this time on a new wing funded, in part, by proceeds from the sales of a CD written in honor of Alison. The new school has been named the Alison Emmert Education Wing.

Combined, the schools house 400 students in grades one through 6, some of them walking 90 minutes to attend classes.

One of the highlights of the trip was a Wednesday night service, when the Emmerts were introduced and told of how Alison had enjoyed her mission trip to Haiti and how she was struck with cancer a year later.

"When they unveiled the picture (of Alison), all these kids came running up to it like it was a movie star," Amy recalled. "It was really, really special because many of them remembered her."

The mission team later distributed Alison's clothing. There was enough to cloth 15 teenage boys and 15 teenage girls.

Although this trip was particularly special for the

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Holbrook Area News

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Eleven members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at Big Boy in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at Sherwood on the Hill in Gagetown next week.

Ron Wolschlagier, Jack Kennedy, Bernard Morley and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the fish fry and pot-

luck dinner at the K of C Hall in Bad Axe for the 4th degree members and their wives Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Ken Osentoski visited Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Filar of Sterling Heights and Mr. and Mrs. John Rechett of Pinnebog and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson on Sunday.

Allen Farrelly spent Saturday afternoon with Eleanor Koski at the Caro Lighthouse Rehab.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland visited Mrs. Hiram Keyser on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr spent the weekend camping at Buckley.

Allen Farrelly visited Don Rackhoff, Harley Salsburg and Henry Leppke at the Huron County Medical Care in Bad Axe.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Mrs. Gerald Wills and Reva Silver spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Curtis

Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the annual Farm Bureau dinner and meeting at the K of C Hall in Bad Axe Wednesday evening.

Bernard Morley, Jack Kennedy, Jim Lewis, Steve Protzman, Bud Perkins and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Thursday morning.

Caitlyn Rickett spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Moorman, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hagen and Brad, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hagen and family, and Mary Hagen and friend Jim were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen where they celebrated Bryce's birthday. Birthday cake and ice cream were served.

Allen Farrelly spent Monday afternoon in Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the K of C Picnic at their hall Tuesday evening at Bad Axe.

38 attend Hendrick reunion

Due to the rainy weather, the 63rd Hendrick-Downing reunion was moved from Luis and Lila Arroyo's home to the Ellington Church of the Nazarene on Saturday, Aug. 28.

Thirty-eight people attended. After a potluck dinner, the business meeting was held with Tracy Fox presiding.

Fox was re-elected as president and Lila Arroyo as secretary-treasurer.

Lanetta Tuckey and her son Lewis Tuckey of Waterford, and Pat Woodward and her mother Evelyn Gueho of Auburn tied in coming the farthest distance.

The youngest attendee was Arianna Dela Rosa of Lapeer, daughter of Beth Walsh. The eldest was Ruth Fisher of Cass City, the daughter of Theo Hendrick.

Don Finkbeiner presented to the group that he is trying to get a memorial marker placed somewhere along the banks of the Cass River to commemorate the fleeing of Rhoda Downing from her home to the river south of Cass City on Doerr Rd. and sitting on a rock with her sewing machine in the middle of the river to wait out the fire of 1881.

After being served ice cream cones, the brave hearts left to go for a hay ride at the Arroyo residence, which the weather again did not cooperate, so it was a short ride.

A white elephant auction is planned for next year, which will be held at the Arroyo home on Aug. 27, 2005.

Sanilac band to rehearse

The Sanilac Community Symphonic Band's first rehearsal of the 2004-05 season will be at the Sanilac Career Center, just off M-19 (7 miles south of Sandusky) at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 9.

Anyone who plays - or has ever played - a band instrument and is in ninth grade or above is welcome. There are members from ages 14 to 70+ years old and some who haven't played an instrument for 35 or more years.

For more information, contact Everett R. Kalcec, music director, at (810) 376-3615, or email ekalcec@deckerville.k12.mi.us.



There's nothing like surviving a natural disaster to make you appreciate the "little things" in life.

We've been blessed in our little corner of the universe, without so much as a power outage recently, but when one does occur you quickly realize how dependent you've become.

An emergency can test a person's resourcefulness.

Ellen Beach of Leesburg, FL, (which was not hit by Hurricane Charley) sent me a page from the Orlando Sentinel compiled by the Sentinel staff one week after Charley struck.

It was entitled "30 Things We Learned from Charley":

- * Water is comfort food. But 3-day-old Cheerios are too.

- * We shouldn't complain about all the "useless" tools in the garage - we actually DO need a generator.

- * You can't spell "priceless" without I-C-E.

- * Air conditioning: Best invention ever!

- * The movie theater can be a most pleasant place, even if the feature is "Alien vs. Predator."

- * Downed power lines make an excellent security system.

- * Candlelight is better than Botox - It takes years off your appearance.

- * Shadow animals on the wall - still fun.

- * Gasoline is a value at any price.

- * Cell phones: Breaking up ISN'T hard to do.

- * The need for your dog to go out and take care of business is proportional to the severity of the storm.

- * The lifeblood of any disaster recovery is COFFEE.

- * It's your God-given right to sit on your back porch and eat Chinese take-out by candlelight in your underwear.

- * You should never admit to having power at your house in the presence of co-workers who don't.

- * There's a plus side to having nothing in the refrigerator.

- * No matter how hard the wind blows, roadside campaign signs will survive.

- * You can use your washing machine as a cooler.

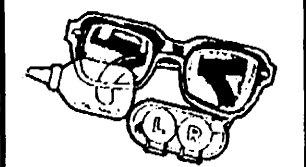
- * SUVs are the best make-

Dinner set

The Sanilac County Policemen's-Firemen's Field Day awards dinner will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 10, at Woodland Hills Golf Club in Sandusky.

The police officer-of-the-year, firefighter-of-the-year, citizen-of-the-year, and E.M.T.-of-the-year will be honored.

Tickets are now available from all Sanilac County fire chiefs.



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Rawson Library recognized by Michigan Library

The Library of Michigan recently awarded Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City a certificate of completion for meeting the Essential Level requirements of the Quality Services Audit Checklist (QSAC).

To earn the certificate, a library must demonstrate competence in 7 categories of achievement; human resources, governance/administration, services, collection development, technology, facilities and equipment, and public relations/marketing.

"We are proud that Rawson Memorial Library has done such good work in providing services deemed 'essential' by the Library of Michigan," said Katie Jackson, library board member. "By focusing efforts on these key areas, our library has shown a strong commitment to customer service."

QSAC has defined "essential services" - the basics of

all library service - as relatively low-cost standards that every library can and should achieve.

"They are helpful guidelines to libraries just starting out, while providing important review for more established institutions," said State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau. "As the Alabama Library Association describes them, 'priority (essential) standards are those which should be achieved first because of their fundamental importance'."

"Two years in the making, QSAC represents the work of more than 100 library directors, trustees and staff members who together created measures of quality for our state's public libraries," Brandau said. "The staff of the Rawson Memorial Library is to be commended for achieving a vital milestone in library service."



THE CLASS OF 1936, Cass City High School, held its reunion July 17 at the Charmont. Nine members and three guests were present. Those attending were Patty Pinney Murphy, Reta Charter, Theda Bardwell Seeger, Martha Harrison Harbec, Helen Kastruba Salvis, Euletta Heron Leitch, Isabella Hendrick Whittenburg, Laura Crocker Ball, and Audrey Hower Katzenberger. Those attending were from Saginaw, Hazel Park, Troy, Farmington Hills, Bay City and Cass City.

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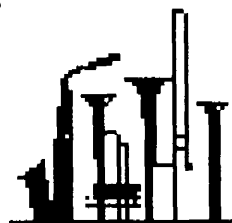
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Red Hawk Talks

by Leah Sherman

At times, high school can seem like a pretty intimidating obstacle. It starts with the scary freshmen year, sophomores have eleven grade hanging over their heads, then, of course, the dreaded English 11 class, and the chaos of being a senior trying to organize a future. In the midst of all this, there is supposed to be time for some fun. The best way to do this, which I didn't learn soon enough, is to get involved!

Our school offers many different areas for students to express their creativity in a variety of ways. Athletics are usually the first things that come to mind when thinking of a team to join, and I would never discourage anyone from taking that route. Our sports teams exercise excellent school spirit and sportsmanship. However, some people, myself included, are somewhat lacking in their athletic ability. For these people I have several less publicized activities to recommend.

The School Play is a great place to start for a student who has never tried an extra curricular activity. Besides being able to be a part of an entertaining production, it is a place to meet new people. Krista Homakie agrees with this. She enjoyed being around people that she otherwise wouldn't have had a chance to meet. Krista would encourage anyone to participate in the play, as it proves to be a rewarding experience.

Although classes have already been scheduled, Publications is a class to be considered next year. If a student excels in taking pictures and writing articles, this

class was made for them. Bethany Langlois enjoys choosing the themes for the yearbooks each year, and designing the pages. If you see someone with a digital camera around their neck at any school event, it's most likely a member of the Publications class.

Using your brain in school can be exhausting, but there are activities that make it fun to demonstrate knowledge. These are Academic Games and Quiz Bowl. Marcel Helland was a member of the Math team that placed first in Academic Games last year. He enjoyed meeting people who shared the same interest in math that he does. If math isn't someone's strong suit, there are also English, Science, and Social Studies categories to participate in. Quiz Bowl is slightly different in that it is best to know a little bit about everything. Bryan Hill, Captain of the A team, loves displaying his wealth of knowledge on every subject!

This is only a small sample of the events our school has to offer. For Public Speakers and Actors, Forensics is a program that has been extremely successful in the past years. If outdoor winter sports, such as snowboarding and skiing are someone's passion, they should check out the snow club. Future politicians would definitely enjoy activities like Student Council, Debate, and Student Congress. A list of these activities and more can be found in the Guidance Office. Mrs. Fluegge also is happy to direct students to their areas of interest. Don't be afraid to ask, and especially don't be afraid to get involved!



SECOND GRADER Dillon Cox (left) gets acquainted with some other students while awaiting the first bell of the year at Campbell Elementary School in Cass City. The 2004-05 school year started with a full day of classes last Wednesday.

Letters to the editor

Nephew serving proudly in service

My nephew, First Lt. Stephen Miracle, a pilot in the U.S. Air Force, was a recent visitor to family and friends in the Cass City area. This was the first opportunity our family had to see him since his graduation from the academy in 2002.

He arrived here early one morning in my brother's driveway, having driven all night from Columbus, Miss. to surprise us all. What a fine young man and officer he has become in the service of his country. His visit just so happened to coincide with the weeklong presentation of the Moving Wall in Caro. On the evening of his first day's visit here, I took him to see the wall. I would like to share my personal thoughts of that

evening with your readers.

He picked me up shortly after 7 p.m., attired in his Air Force dress blues, saying that he wanted to pay proper respects to those who had gone before him in the service of their country. Need I say how proud I was of him as an officer and my nephew?

After arriving at the field where the wall was being displayed, we went through the tent with Vietnam memorabilia and looked at some of the weaponry from that era as well. I pointed out to him on the map where I was stationed during most of my tour in Vietnam. I noticed how somber he remained as we read Medal of Honor recommendations for heroism above and beyond the call

of duty. He was taking this very much to heart, as his father is also a Vietnam veteran.

From the tents we moved out onto the lawn and I introduced him to several of the vets I had met earlier in the week on one of my visits. We all stood there talking for what must have been an hour, with mutual respect abundantly present in this small group of men. They told my nephew how proud they all were of his commitment to the service of our country. My nephew answered this statement by saying, "I'm proud to follow in the footsteps of all of you who served in the Vietnam War."

Even with the obvious generation gap between him and

my fellow vets, there was no gap when it came to honor, duty, respect and service to country. We all parted ways with a handshake and a hug and made our way to the wall.

My nephew wanted to look up the name of an academy grad who died in captivity in North Vietnam. This name on the wall was the first Air Force Academy graduate to receive the Medal of Honor, unfortunately posthumously. He took a piece of paper and some chalk and we walked down to the panel where the name was etched. I helped him hold the paper as he slid the chalk across the name of this hero.

We made our way slowly around the rest of the wall and went back to the car. The ride home was very quiet, neither of us saying much, both of us reflecting on the time spent there.

It was an emotional time for me because I lost my closest Vietnam buddy to Agent Orange induced ailments 2 years ago this September. He was 57 when he died and a true hero in the eyes of his country and fellow "brothers in arms".

My nephew has now gone back, for duty once again calls. In September he starts bomber pilot training in Louisiana. I couldn't be more proud if he was my own son. He has made a serious commitment to his country to protect us all.

God speed Stephen. For you, the sky "is" virtually the limit.

Dennis Merchant
177th Artillery, First Air
Cav Division
Vietnam 1970-71

Hats off to teams and fans

Hats off to the Junior Varsity football team who rallied the fans in the last half of the Cass City Varsity football game Friday night. Also to the Cass City fans who answered the call and were louder than I have ever heard.

We ask our children, our athletes, every day to work hard and never give up at school, in life, and in sports. We as a community need to do the same and let the team hear our support every game, win or lose, until the last second ticks off the clock.

Congratulations to the varsity football team on playing such a hard fought game. Let's hear some "thunder" in support of our team this Thursday night.
Go Hawks!

Kathy Varney,
Cass City



Bulldog Beat

by Mary McKee

It's that time of year again, school has started, and so begins the second edition of the Bulldog Beat. I will be your writer for the year. My name is Mary McKee, and I am a senior at Owen-Gage High School. I have attended Owen-Gage all my life, and it is an honor to be able to bring you all the latest and greatest news from the halls of my school.

Since this is my first article, I would like to tell you a little about myself. I grew up in Gagetown with my parents, Mac and Bonnie, and my brother Earl, who now attends Saginaw Valley State University. Throughout the years, I have been very active in school. I have been involved in basketball, volleyball, softball, drama, quiz bowl, and 3.0 Club. Currently, I am serving as treasurer for National Honor Society and secretary for my class. Along with attending school for half a day, I also attend the Huron Area Technical Center to study Cosmetology.

In the free time that I do have, I enjoy watching reality TV and sports, reading and spending time with my friends.

The first week of school is always hectic, but it is stressful in different ways for different people. With that in mind, I asked some of my peers what makes the first week of school so stressful.

Senior Amanda Pillsbury answered, "It's hard knowing where the new classrooms are, and taking classes I don't really want to, but have to." When I asked Student Council President Jessica Neal, she replied without hesitating, "The fact that Homecoming is 37 days away!" One of the more common things that happens in the first week of school is schedule changing. When I asked Mrs. Ault, our counselor who handles all the schedule changes, what the worst part

of the first week is, she replied, "When students want schedule changes, they can't wait. They want it right now!" With that said, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Ault for all the hard work she does. The first week of school would be more stressful than it already is, if it wasn't for her.

Getting back to the same routine we had just a few months earlier is hard, but this school year is different from any other. Instead of being a Junior/Senior High, Owen-Gage now has the new addition of the elementary building in the same building.

On the first day back at Owen-Gage, the superintendent, Mr. Peterson, held an assembly to address some issues for the new school year. He stressed how important attendance is, and has issued a new policy. It ensures that parents are always aware of how many absences their child has, by getting letters when their child has missed a certain number of days. He also called on the high school and junior high students to show guidance to the younger students who are adjusting and don't know their way around the building yet. Mr. Peterson closed out his speech by wishing everyone a good year.

Mrs. Warack, the principal of the elementary, spoke next. She first thanked the National Honor Society members who made a welcome sign and put it at the elementary wing for the new students and staff to see. She then expressed how good it felt to be welcome in a new place that is unfamiliar to a lot of people. Like Mr. Peterson, Mrs. Warack also brought up the importance of helping the elementary students. Finally, the new and old staff of the elementary, junior high and high school were introduced.

Seeing all the teachers and staff who have taught me all of my life was really special. Noticing all the familiar faces of the elementary teachers, aides, and secretaries brought back great memories, but it was also bittersweet. Looking at all the teachers and staff, it was a reminder that some staff members students were used to seeing everyday are not there anymore, but with that brings a feeling of anticipation and excitement of what the new school year will bring.

Even with all the stress and headaches the first week of school causes, we all know that the stress will diminish, because the second week is just around the corner.

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Sanilac drug suspects face prison terms

The last 2 defendants in a Sanilac County Drug Task Force cocaine buy/bust operation last spring were sentenced to lengthy prison terms Monday in Sanilac County Circuit Court.

Ronnie W. Jackson, 43, Romulus, previously pled guilty to possession with intent to deliver 250 grams of cocaine and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony. He was ordered to serve a minimum 75 months to 20 years in prison.

Jackson was sentenced to 51 months to 20 years on the cocaine offense and to a mandatory 2 years on the felony firearm offense, with the 2 sentences to run consecutively.

Jackson's son, Kevin W. Jackson, 21, Romulus, also pled guilty to possession with intent to deliver 250 grams of cocaine. He was sentenced to 51 months to 20 years in prison.

The 2 men along with Jeffery A. Roland, 24, of Detroit, were arrested during the early morning hours of March 9 in Marlette Township after they arrived in 2 separate vehicles to sell 10 ounces of cocaine to drug task force Deputy Mark Siemen for \$10,000.

"This undercover purchase was the culmination of a long-term investigation by the drug task force into the source for large amounts of cocaine and marijuana that were being distributed throughout the western portions of Sanilac County," said drug task force Director

William Gray.

"Working in an undercover capacity over a period of months, task force Deputy Mark Siemen had made a series of marijuana and cocaine purchases that led to the delivery of 9 ounces of cocaine in Marlette Township March 9."

Gray said Siemen had negotiated with Roland for the delivery of 10 ounces of cocaine at the agreed price of \$10,000. Roland arrived at the sale site and met with the deputy to finalize the exchange of cash and drugs, while Ronnie and Kevin Jackson, who were Roland's Romulus wholesale level cocaine suppliers, arrived in the area armed with a stolen and loaded 9mm pistol and the cocaine in the second vehicle.

As surveillance and arrest teams closed in, the 3 defendants left the scene without completing the sale. The Jacksons were stopped, disarmed and arrested, and the officers seized the cocaine a short distance from the intended sale site.

Roland fled the area, pursued by Sgt. James Wagester of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department. Wagester and a drug task force arrest team pursued the man about 20 miles before forcing him to stop with "spike strips" and taking him into custody. He was previously sentenced to 6 1/2 years to 20 years in prison on cocaine and fleeing and eluding charges.



THE STAFF AT Tendercare, Cass City, including new Administrator Brenda Gleason (left) and new Director of Nursing Vicki Ricker, are gearing up to celebrate the facility's acceptance into the Eden Alternative Registry.

(See story, page one)

Walbro in Cass City awarded certification

Walbro Engine Management's engineering facility in Cass City has been awarded ISO 9001:2000 certification.

The new certification covers Walbro's Recreation and Marine business Unit Engineering Team, and encompasses all engineering and

design functions, from initial concept through start of production, related to products manufactured at the Cass City facility.

"This ISO certification is evidence of Walbro Engine Management's continuing commitment to satisfying the needs of its customers with world-class facilities that meet the highest standards in all aspects of their operations," said Andrew V. Masterman, president, Walbro Engine Management.

"The Cass City quality team has worked closely and diligently alongside the engineering team to accomplish this certification in just 2 months," Eddie Mercado, quality manager, Walbro Engine Management said. "This exceptional performance was enhanced by our strong focus on leadership and problem solving."

Mercado noted that the engineering team formalized its documentation through the Cass City plant's existing ISO system that covers manufacturing operations. "This added certification further ensures quality by having documented/implemented procedures and instructions for the planning, development, validation and verification of our designs."

"Our customers are well aware of the benefits of ISO certification," Mercado said. "For example, this new certification for the engineering and design function, combined with the previous certification of our Cass City manufacturing operations, gives the Cass City facility 'preferred' status for the first time in the quality segment of Mercury Marine's ongoing Supplier Review Program."

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARSAGO

Landscaping will never be the same again for Scott Clark. Clark, who along with his wife, Jackie, and the couple's children moved to Cass City a month and a half ago, was working on a landscaping project at his Sherman Street home last week when he unearthed a mystery made of granite. Clark discovered a tombstone buried in his front yard. The find proved to be a historical link to one of the area's oldest churches, but whether the headstone actually marks the site of a grave remains a mystery.

Run a 9-mile race and chances are good — provided you actually crossed the finish line — the first thought afterwards would be enjoying a nice cool drink or an hour or 2 in a comfy lounge chair. Not Lindsey Mills. Granted, Mills, just 18, loves the exercise and has plenty of running miles under her belt. But after finishing a 14-K event last month, she recalls saying she'd "run it again in a minute." "I sprinted the last mile and still felt like I had tons left," Mills said. She grinned and added, "The largest race I had run before was a 4-mile. I jumped up a little."

As expected, the Cass City Village Council Monday approved a resolution expanding the boundaries of the village's Downtown Development Authority. Added to the district were the Cass City IGA and a parcel located on Doerr Rd., owned by Micro EDM. Both parcels were previously annexed to the village. The motion to expand the DDA boundaries was approved following a brief public hearing, during which no comments were offered on the proposal.

10 YEARSAGO

Ground breaking ceremonies for Homestead at Northwood Lake, a full-service senior community opening in Cass City, were held

Saturday at its Beechwood Drive location. The team of Homestead developers includes Richard Hensel, Lambert Althaver, Judy Tosoian and Harold Deering.

Greg Ware walked into the emergency room at Hills and Dales General Hospital early Saturday night with his 9-year-old daughter and a fish tale he didn't think anyone was ever going to believe. Ware's daughter, Morgan, had suffered scratches, puncture wounds and small tears on 4 fingers of her right hand. Ware explained to emergency room personnel that his daughter was swimming in the pond at his home when something latched onto her right hand. The assailant turned out to be a northern pike, whose voracity in feeding is well known in fishing circles. Still, people aren't typically on the menu for the lean, toothy fish. Fortunately, Morgan's wounds turned out to be minor, and no stitches were required.

The Cass City Village Council Monday created a committee that will be charged with helping to develop future plans to build a multi-purpose building/indoor ice skating rink in Cass City. The project is being spearheaded by the Cass City Lions Club, which has outline a proposal featuring a 30,080-square-foot complex, including an 85-foot by 200-foot ice rink.

25 YEARSAGO

Long distance telephone service was knocked out in most of the Thumb, including Cass City, for much of Monday and Tuesday because of a train derailment in the Gera-Reese area at 9 p.m. Monday. Ten cars of a 48-car Chesapeake & Ohio train went off the tracks. In doing so, it stretched but did not break one of two long-distance cables to Saginaw, according to Bob Stevens, General Telephone area customer services manager. The affected cable was above ground. An underground cable was not damaged.

Last season Bill Hacker's bean crop was severely cut by a herd of deer. Bean blossoms are a favorite deer food. Corn is not supposed to attract the whitetails but they have extensively chewed portions of fields on Krapf Road, southeast of Cass City. Hacker has a permit to harvest does and fawns but says that several bucks are doing much of the damage and declares that they must be harvested, too, if crops are to be protected.

United Steelworkers of America, local 6222, has a big show planned Sunday and Monday, and it's all for a good cause. The General Cable employees have several activities lined up in conjunction with the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association in what will be a first-time effort by the union local.

35 YEARSAGO

Brothers Roy, Bill, Bob and J.D. Tuckey, partners in Tuckey Block Co., have been doing a lot of reminiscing in recent weeks. The new electronic and hydraulic equipment at their gravel plant reminds them, they say, of their father's start in the business about 30 years ago. Luke Tuckey, now retired and spending his winters in Florida, started the business in about 1940, said Roy Tuckey. "with an old dragline (type of crane), an old gravel truck, and a tractor on which he built a custom made loader." Much of the boyhood of the four brothers was spent helping their father, who, besides selling pit gravel, also did farming, welding, threshing. The four brothers purchased the business from their father in 1965 and in 1966 purchased Forbes Concrete in Caro. Their Caro redi-mix operation is, they say, the mainstay of their business and is managed by Bill.

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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. Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	Deford Country Church Assemblies of God 5903 Main St., Box 224, Deford, MI 48729 989-872-5158 Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Dan Strength Sr. Pastor Tim Wells, Associate WSNL 600 AM, Saturday, 5:30 a.m.	Novesta Church of Christ 2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 872-3658 or 872-1195 Bible School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Youth Group & Sunday Evening Services 6:00 p.m. Minister: Chuck Emmert Youth Minister: Brad Speirs Visit our website at: www.novestachurch.org
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AMY Emmert stands next to Alison's clothing as members of the mission team prepared to distribute them to Haitian teens.

A promise kept

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Emmerts, Chuck noted the focus of the mission was to reach out to the Haitians and encourage them to seek a relationship with God.

At the same time, Amy said, the missionaries — perhaps the younger members of the team most of all — were reminded of just how fortunate they are to live in America.

"Going on a mission trip is

wonderful, but going to a place that is more unfortunate than you are, is a great family trip," she said. "There's no better lesson you can teach your children."

Looking back, the Emmerts take comfort in knowing that Alison touched the lives of many she met during that first mission trip to Haiti, and that even in death, nearly 2 years later, she was able to bring a smile to several young

people in a small Haitian village.

"Alison's heart stayed there," Chuck said.

Amy agreed. I believe if she hadn't gotten ill, she would have been back up on the mountain. I know that we left a part of her there," she added. "That's what is really special about this trip, and none of that would have happened if she hadn't had cancer."



THE MISSION team that recently traveled to Haiti included Cass City area residents Chuck and Amy Emmert and their son, Craig, Don and Barb Englehart, Donna Little, Amanda Little and Lindsey Gaszczynski.



MEMBERS OF THE mission team work hand in hand pouring cement at the Alison Emmert Education Wing, using only 5-gallon buckets and a single cement mixer powered by a generator.

School for sale

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the new policy, employees would begin to build seniority on the date they begin regular employment - part or full-time - which would exclude time spent substituting.

Peterson asked for the clarification so he can revise a list of school employees and their seniority levels.

Mandich questioned the list of employees and their seniority status based on the handbook, saying it appeared those employees' positions were being juggled and he didn't think that was fair. He suggested the handbook go back to the committee for review.

Board Secretary Brenda Kretschmer disagreed, saying the board needs to focus on policy, not individuals. The bottom line, she said, is "do we want to count substitute days or not?"

"I don't believe you ever count sub time, and I would advise you, don't count sub time," Peterson said.

Another question arose regarding seniority of a past preschool employee who served during a time when

the preschool was affiliated with the district, but not part of the district.

The question came as a surprise to Peterson, who said he wasn't aware of that situation, and couldn't provide an answer right away. He agreed to investigate, and the board agreed to again discuss the matter at its Sept. 13 regular meeting.

In other business, Peterson told the board he is willing to continue working in the district for a while.

There has been some scuttlebutt in the community that the superintendent hasn't made a commitment to the district, said Peterson, who noted he didn't want to make a decision until after the latest enrollment figures were available, so he could decide if it might be in the district's best interest not to pay a superintendent.

"The exodus (of students) that was anticipated...doesn't appear to have happened, so we've held our own, I would say," said Peterson, referring to an enrollment of about 216 students, down just a handful of students from the last school year.

Tendercare part of Eden registry

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said.

"Through the implementation of the principles of Eden, homes can create vibrant living and working environments for its elders and staff, thus eliminating the 3 plagues," Gleason added. "Eden sees long-term care as a human habitat where people can continue to live and learn, rather than an institution for dying frail elders."

Gleason said the staff at Tendercare began its "Eden journey" in May 2000 when the administrator attended the BEAM (Bring Eden Alternative to the Midwest) sponsored Certified Eden Associate Training.

"That summer we also did emersion training for the entire staff," she said. "Emersion training is a short version of the Certified Eden Associate Training. It's basically giving all the staff a feel for what Eden's all about."

"Since that time, Tendercare, Cass City, has been working to secure the commitment of the board of directors, management, staff, elders and their family members. This commitment will be shared with the public at (the) celebration on Sept. 16 at Tendercare."

Although new to administration, Gleason is very familiar with Tendercare, having served as the facility's director of nursing for 7 years before being named administrator.

The Elkton area native earned her nursing degree in 1983 at Saginaw Valley State University, and last year completed a 26-week nursing home administrator course at Michigan State University.

Before joining the Tendercare staff, Gleason worked in the Critical Care

Burn Unit at St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw. She was also employed as a nurse at an area hospital and worked in home care for 11 years.

Gleason indicated her decision to switch to administration was an easy one.

"It's where God's led me," she said, adding Ewald "was a wonderful mentor. It's a lot different than direct patient care, but you still get to influence patients' lives, and the staff's lives."

Named the new director of nursing was Vicki Ricker, R.N., who has been employed at Tendercare for 5 years. She started out as nurse's aide and later became a floor nurse and worked with staff development.

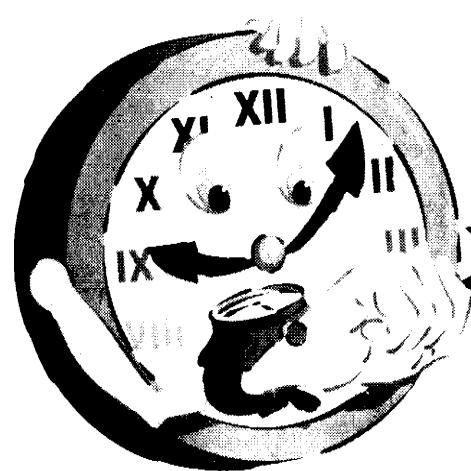
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Jury finds Wilson innocent

A Tuscola County jury last week exonerated a man charged with 50 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct, a felony punishable by up to life in prison.

The jury deliberated for less than an hour Thursday, following a 3-day trial in Tuscola County Circuit Court, before returning verdicts of innocent on all counts against L. J. Wilson, 67, of Fairgrove.

Court records state Wilson was originally accused of molesting a victim who was at least 13 years of age but under 16 years between January 1994 and April 2003 in Gilford Township.

In other circuit court proceedings last week:

•Robert Isham, 26, Fairgrove, stood mute to 10 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 between January 1997 and December 1998 in Caro.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case, bond was continued at \$50,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•David A. Ruiz, 21, Caro, stood mute to 3 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct and 2 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct involving personal injury to the victim July 11-12 in Wells Township.

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

•Daniel W. Bailey, 21, Caro, stood mute to charges of kidnapping, 2 counts of first degree home invasion, assault with a dangerous weapon and malicious destruction of a building July 20 in Indianfields Township, and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder June 26 in Caro.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled, bond was continued at a combined \$350,000, and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Kelli K. Kriel-Stebelton, 20, Shingleton, pleaded guilty to escape while serving a jail term for a felony conviction June 28 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was

continued at \$15,000 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 possession of a weapon in jail May 13 in Caro, and to being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$20,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the Michigan Department of Corrections. Sentencing is to be set.

Jonathan R. Fenningsdorf, 19, Caro, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of larceny from a motor vehicle May 23-24 in Kingston.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Jamea McKnight, 44, Caro, pleaded no contest to 3 counts of writing a no account check involving checks for \$47.58, \$45.79 and \$82.50 Feb. 18-25 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Michael A. Helm, 19, Caro, pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer July 27 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$7,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.

•Mary L. O'Dell, 48, Attica, stood mute to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, driving while her license was suspended, or revoked, possession of an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle, and furnishing false identification to a police officer July 30 in Cass City.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled, bond was continued at \$10,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Gregory S. Bailey, 31, Caseville, stood mute to charges of larceny of firearms, larceny in a building and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony Nov. 15.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled, bond was continued at \$4,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Brian F. Costigan, 23, Millington, was sentenced to 24 months probation for his plea of guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify law enforcement of a change of address March 16 in Millington.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$120.

•Thomas J. Zaracki, 27, Birch Run, stood mute to charges of violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify law enforcement of a change of address, and by failing to verify his registration information with law enforcement Jan. 9 in Vassar.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$4,000.

•Steven L. Bean II, 26, Cass City, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail (deferred) and 24 months probation for his plea of guilty to attempted embezzlement while employed at the Forward Corp./Shell Station in Cass City between Oct. 1, 2003, and Nov. 24, 2003.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,120 plus restitution of \$1,141.13.

•Inmate Terry D. Cantral, 30, was sentenced to 8 to 15 years in prison for his plea of guilty to third degree criminal sexual conduct involv-

ing a victim under the age of 13 between June 2000 and June 2001 in Indianfields Township.

•James L. Rose, 20, Vassar, was sentenced to 18 months probation and 180 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to larceny in a building Jan. 18 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,300 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$497 and attorneys fees totaling \$500.

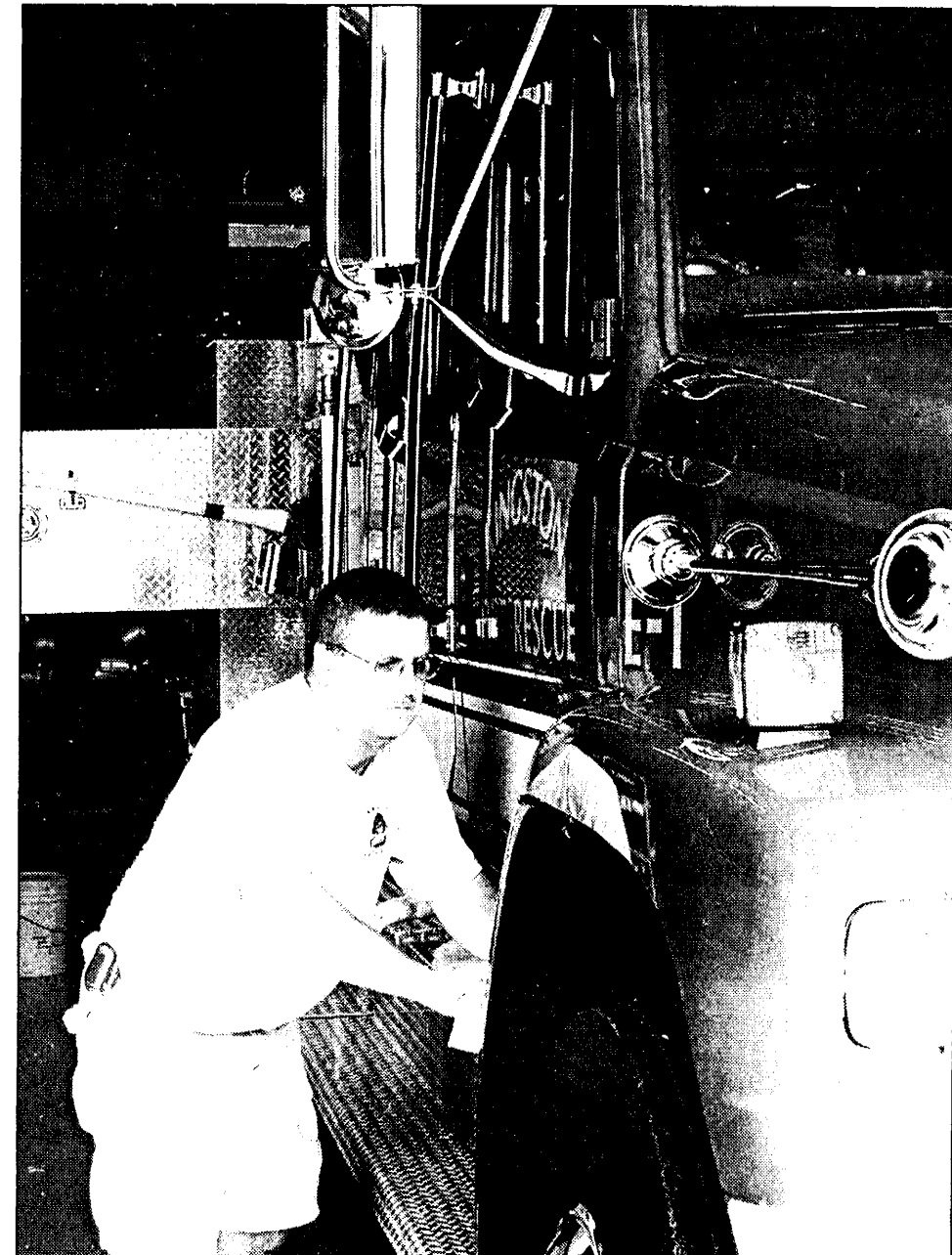
•Christopher L. Vollmar II, Akron, 24, was sentenced to

24 months probation and 90 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of no contest to third degree home invasion Feb. 22 in Fairgrove.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,620.

•Byron B. Palmore, 23, Caro, pleaded guilty to the false reporting of a misdemeanor April 26 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was amended to \$2,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.



BILL SKINNER, a veteran member of the Kingston Fire Department, polishes up one of the department's trucks in preparation for an open house held in conjunction with Kingston Days.

Theft suspect enters plea

A suspect in the theft of anhydrous ammonia from a co-operative in Fairgrove last spring pleaded guilty to 4 charges last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

David M. Langley, 31, Caro, entered the pleas to charges of operating/maintaining chemical or lab

equipment used to manufacture methamphetamine, assaulting a police officer, tampering with an anhydrous ammonia container, and possession of ephedrine/pseudoephedrine (more than 12 grams), and larceny under \$200.

The most serious of the

charges is operating/maintaining chemical or lab equipment used to make methamphetamine, which is punishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or a \$100,000 fine.

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

The charges stem from an April 23 incident at the Fairgrove cooperative, which had been under surveillance by the Thumb Narcotics Unit in an effort to arrest suspects believed to be stealing anhydrous ammonia. TNU officers subsequently arrested Langley and another suspect.

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THE 2004 CASS CITY junior varsity basketball team members include: (front, l-r) Terra Czekai, Allie Richards, Courtney Hacker, Becca Bennett, (back, l-r) Kati Hill, Ashleigh Rabideau, coach Mark Havens, Alyssa Cryderman, Madeline Dooley and Caitlin Sorenson.

Soccer team tops North Branch, falls to visiting Saginaw Valley Lutheran

Defense led the Cass City Red Hawk soccer team over visiting North Branch Monday, while a lack of offense resulted in a 7-0 setback on Tuesday by guests Valley Lutheran.

The Hawks dominated play against North Branch and recorded a 2-0 win. Coach Chuck Reed said the Hawks played structured offense, solid defense and kept the ball in the attacking end the majority of the time. Sean McFarland scored both goals, the first on a direct kick from 30 yards and the second on a nice move across the goal mouth that caught the keeper leaning the wrong way. Kampol Puwadolpaire assisted on the second score and also had 2 scoring chances himself.

Sam Howard, Galin Kuebli, Gavin Mills and Ross Forrest also had good shots, keeping steady pressure on the keeper throughout the game.

Shane McFarland and Andrew Kico played strong de-

fensive games and Tyler Little and Brandon Miller were solid at midfield. Caleb Hanby had 16 saves. After missing most of last season with a knee injury, Hanby is looking to have a solid season.

“Overall this was a solid team effort”, coach Reed said.

VALLEY LUTHERAN

Although the score doesn’t reflect it, the Valley Lutheran game was competitive and showed the improvement of the Hawks since last year, said coach Reed.

Despite trailing 3-0 at the half, it took the Chargers over 20 minutes to get their first goal, and the Hawks generated 3 good scoring chances in the first half. Last year, the Hawks were down 10-0 before halftime and failed to get the ball into the attacking end, much less generate a shot.

Sean McFarland generated good pressure early, but left with a back injury and did

not return. Howard again generated solid pressure with help from Mills. Little and Miller. Hanby played an excellent game, making several spectacular saves on break-a-ways and generally keeping the Hawks in the game. The score was 4-0 when the starters left and the freshmen played the last 15 minutes, giving up the last 3 goals. David Acker, Jacob Hanby, Ryan Brown and Derek Weidman all played well in reserve roles and should continue to develop as the season progresses.

“This was a good week for the Hawks, coming off a strong showing at USA and playing well against a strong opponent. Hopefully, McFarland’s back injury isn’t severe and with Eric Reed returning this week from an injury at USA, the offense should get a boost. Defense has been solid and keeper play excellent, so the season looks promising at this point,” Reed feels.

Hawks hammer Imlay City in cage opener

The Cass City Red Hawk basketball is young, but potent. The team proved that in the opening game Thursday at Imlay City, defeating the Spartans 53-36.

Getting their first taste of varsity competition were a pair of sophomores, Sara Meeker and Emily Schinnerer

Schinnerer responded with a team-high 16 points and paced the Hawks to an early 14-8 first quarter lead with a 6-point spurt. Imlay City bounced back in the second quarter when Tatman scored all of her 6 points for the night and cut the Hawk lead to 23-20 at the intermission.

Imlay City could have closed the gap even more if

it had normal production from the free throw line. In the second quarter the team converted just 2 of 7 attempts, all by Velez. For the night the Spartans were 6 for 19. Cass City was effective from the charity stripe, converting 5 of 7 in the second quarter and 15 of 25 in the game.

The third sophomore on the squad is Courtney Rabideau. She was a starter as a freshman at the point guard position. She plays the point and scored 9 points.

The Hawks added to their narrow lead with a 10-6 advantage in the low-scoring third quarter. Schinnerer netted 8 points in the quarter.

The Hawks removed all

doubts of the outcome in the final frame, outscoring Imlay City 20-10 to win going away.

Pacing the last quarter attack was Jenni Brinkman, who whipped in 8 points. Brinkman, a junior, played a strong game, coach John Maharg said. In addition to netting 12 points, she was credited with 10 rebounds and 7 assists.

Ashley Hendrick helped control the boards with 11 rebounds, despite being hampered by an injury.

The team played good defense with 30 steals. All but one of the 9 players on the squad shared in the scoring. Oddly enough, there was not a 3-point shot converted by

either team. The Hawks were scheduled to open the home season Tuesday and will be idle until Sept. 9 when they play at Ubly.

BOX SCORES

CASS CITY - Whittaker 1-0 (0-0) 2; Rabideau 4-0 (1-1) 9; Brinkman 4-0 (4-9) 12; Meeker 1-0 (0-0) 2; Czekai 0-0 (2-2) 2; Trischler 1-0 (1-4) 3; Hendrick 2-0 (3-4) 7; Schinnerer 6-0 (4-5) 16.
TOTALS - 19-0 (15-25) 53.

IMLAY CITY - Tatman 3-0 (0-2) 6; Baron 2-0 (0-0) 4; Gass 3-0 (1-2) 7; VanDyk 1-0 (0-0) 2; Barzynski 1-0 (2-2) 4; Velez 5-0 (3-13) 13.
TOTALS - 15-0 (6-19) 36.

STANDINGS									
GREATER THUMB WEST									
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L	T
Reese	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Cass City	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
EPBP	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bad Axe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BCAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Lutheran	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

GREATER THUMB EAST									
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L	T
Brown City	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sandusky	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Deckerville	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Mayville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harbor Beach	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Marietta	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Ubly	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

NCTL NORTH									
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L	T
A-Fargrove	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
North Huron	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Owen-Gage	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Port Hope	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cassville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NCTL SOUTH									
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L	T
Dryden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kingsdon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Memphis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CPS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peck	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

Million residents have holiday travel plans

An estimated 1.1 million Michigan residents have Labor Day holiday travel plans, according to a recent survey by AAA Michigan.

Seventy-eight percent will travel by car, truck or van and 11 percent will travel by air, an increase of 4 percent from last year.

Overall, air travel is up this year and that is encouraging,” said Cathy Green, vice president of sales and service for The Auto Club Group (ACG). “Our cruise sales are up 26 percent compared to this time last year, while our international tours are up 13 percent.”

While leisure travel trends are rebounding, during the upcoming Labor Day weekend, two-thirds of travelers (67 percent) will stay in Michigan (unchanged from 2003), and the average trip length will be 4 days, a trend that has continued since the state-mandated Friday no-school “holiday” was enacted in 1999.

This year’s Labor Day travel period caps a summer of record-high gas prices. The current average price is \$1.909 per gallon for self-serve regular (about 28 cents higher than last year. Eighty-two percent of travelers said that gas prices would have no impact on their travel plans this holiday weekend.

According to an Auto Club survey of 400 Michigan residents, weather will have more influence on Labor Day travel plans this year. One-fourth of Labor Day vacationers (24 percent) said they

will cancel their trip if the forecast calls for rain or cool weather - significantly higher than last year’s 4 percent.

The top summer destination in Michigan is Mackinaw City, followed by Traverse City, Ludington, Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace.

The official 78-hour Labor Day holiday begins at 6 p.m. Friday and runs to 11:59 p.m. Monday.

During last year’s Labor Day holiday, 12 people died in 11 fatal crashes on roads across the state. That was down from the 2002 holiday, when 13 people died in 13 fatal crashes. Four of last year’s fatal accidents were alcohol related, and safety restraints were used by only half of the victims who had them available.

To reduce those numbers this Labor Day holiday, all drivers are urged to use seatbelts, avoid alcohol, stay alert at the wheel and observe all traffic laws.

Law enforcement agencies across Michigan are committed to helping the state reach 90 percent seatbelt use, up from the current 87 percent compliance level. If that happens, Michigan would be the first state east of the Mississippi to reach this high level.

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You are hereby notified that the Evergreen Township Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 9th, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Township Hall located at 5514 Shabbona Road.

The public hearing is being held pursuant to the Dangerous Buildings Ordinance (No. 2004-2) to consider a report and recommendation by the Sanilac County Building Inspector, dated June 14th, 2004, for the demolition and clean up of a building located at the southeast corner of Decker and Shabbona Roads on a parcel of land owned by Thomas Briggs and legally described as:

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Any interested party will be afforded an opportunity to speak at the public hearing to comment on the condition of the building and any proposals to make the building safe. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Township Board may enter an order as to the action to be taken as to the structure. The Township Board may enter an order for repair, demolition, or clean up and set a date for completion. If the required action is not completed by the required date, the Township may contract to have the work completed and place the cost on the tax roll.

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Defense falters for Cass City in 36-35 gridiron setback to visiting Sandusky

It's been 12 years now since the Cass City Red Hawks opened the football season with a win and the Hawks never came closer to breaking the dismal string than they did Friday against visiting Sandusky. The Redskins prevailed with a touchdown in the closing minutes of the game to register a 36-35 decision.

We showed some offense, coach Scott Cuthrell said, but we didn't play as well as we did last week (pre-season scrimmage).

Cass City will need to be hitting on all cylinders if they are to notch a win over powerful Bay City All Saints Thursday in Cass City in a Greater Thumb West game. The team will also need to eliminate needless penalties. The Hawk offense was hurt with 9 penalties.

One of the bright spots for Hawk fans is that the team did not fold when Sandusky forged to the front.

Cass City took advantage of a Redskin turnover to draw first blood. A bad pass from center on fourth down gave the Hawks the ball on the Sandusky 21-yard line. Three plays later, the Hawks scored on a 16-yard pass play from Chris Landrith to Cody Halasz. Halasz ran for the extra points.

Sandusky bounced back to score with a 12-play drive with Marc Loding scoring the TD. A pass for the extra points tied the score at 8-8 with 2:32 left in the period.

The Redskins went in front for the first time in the game in the second quarter, scoring on a 94-yard drive. Loding capped the march with a 21-yard run. The extra point kick was good and the Hawks trailed, 15-8, with 9:29 left in the quarter.

It was 4 plays and out for the Hawks and in the next series Sandusky moved to score from the Cass City 45 in 6 plays. A pair of passes and a 17-yard quarterback keep play did the damage. The kick was good and the visitors were in front, 22-8, with 5:41 left in the half.

The Hawks had a touchdown pass into the left flat to Brad Langenburg called back due to a clipping penalty, but it failed to stop the drive. The Hawks scored on a pass to Jeff Stoutenburg with 53 seconds remaining in the half. The try for point failed and the Redskins were in front at the intermission, 22-15.

The Hawks moved to within a point at the 8:59 mark in the third quarter with a 6-play drive. Halasz scored from close in and the try for

points missed.

Cass City went into the lead for the first time since the first quarter, but it didn't last long. Halasz made the key run for a first down on the Sandusky 31 and a facemask penalty put the ball on the 10. Jeff Stoutenburg went around end for the touchdown from the 9-yard line. The extra points put the Hawks in front, 29-22.

Sandusky got that one back as Loding, taking advantage

of a handoff that fooled the Cass City defense returned the kick-off 87 yards for the touchdown. The kick was good and the teams were tied at 29 with 9:58 left in the game.

Cass City bounced back into the lead with a touchdown with 4:48 left, but the extra point try failed. The Redskins then mounted a drive for the winning score. Tim Ainsworth scored from the 6 with less than a minute

remaining. Tim Sheldon, who didn't miss a kick all night, booted the extra point for the Redskins win.

Leading the defense were Jeff Stoutenburg and Jarod Stoutenburg with 10 tackles each and Langenburg with 8. On offense, Landrith was 6 of 11 for 90 yards and 2 touchdowns and Halasz carried 19 times for 135 yards. Langenburg caught 2 passes for 35 yards.



DUSTIN BITZER made a short gain on this play before being stopped by Sandusky's Mike Mono. Sandusky won a one-point decision, 36-35, in the football opener.

Passing attack leads Owen-Gage over Eagles

For the second straight year, a final quarter score lifted Owen-Gage to a come-from-behind win over Arenac-Eastern in the gridiron opener for both schools.

Bulldog quarterback Grant Champagne found end Andy Kretzschmer open with just over 5 minutes remaining in the contest to give the visitors a hard fought 19-14 win. The scoring strike covered 22 yards.

Owen-Gage displayed a well-balanced offensive attack, rushing for 156 yards and passing for another 136.

The Bulldogs will need the same type of effort this Thursday if they hope to be successful at Memphis when they begin their North Central Thumb League campaign.

Against Arenac-Eastern, the hosts struck first during the non-conference affair when Gage Morgan found pay dirt from one yard out. However, the Bulldogs used less than a minute to pull even with the Eagles as Champagne and Kretzschmer teamed up on a play that covered 64 yards. Kretzschmer's PAT

kick closed out the scoring in the initial quarter.

Champagne, who split the signal calling duties with Aaron Gaeth, recorded a career night. The Bulldog sophomore completed 6 of 7 passes for 132 yards and 3 scores.

Over the middle 2 quarters, Owen-Gage displayed a potent rushing attack, only to be marred by fumbles that prevented the visitors from reaching the end zone. Levi Adams paced the visitors on the ground with 84 yards on 21 totes, while Kenny Brown

added 37 yards on just 5 carries.

But while the Bulldogs couldn't reach the end zone via the ground, receiver Sam Rogers gave the visitors a 13-6 advantage entering the game's final 8 minutes on a 4-yard pass play that came with 1:33 showing on the clock.

Owen-Gage's margin didn't last long, as Morgan scored his second touchdown of the night to start the final period. Thomas Klopff then gave the hosts their first lead of the final half, 14-13, when he

added the 2-point conversion, setting the stage for Kretzschmer's game winning score.

Defensively, Jacob Wald led Owen-Gage with 12 tackles and a fumble recovery. Michael Pawlak added 10 stops, while Adams and Rogers split 18 stops.



COMPLETING A successful season, the Cass City all star team, for players 10 and under, finished first and second in 2 tournaments. This squad won a 4-team tourney at Cass City. From left, front row: Cody Orban, Mike Tucker, Austin Deering, Drew King, Kelby Rowell, Zac Syacsure, Nathan Simpson. Second row: Patrick Henderson, Austin Dunnuck, Kyle Hanby, Lucas Schenk, Alex Zaleski, Cody Ross, Morgan Erla. Back Row: Coaches Steve Ross, Nathan Haag, Nathan Fritz.

STANDINGS				
GREATER THUMB WEST				
Team	W	L	T	P
BCAS	0	0	1	0
USA	0	0	1	0
Valley Lutheran	0	0	1	0
Bad Axe	0	0	0	1
Cass City	0	0	1	0
EPBP	0	0	0	1
Reese	0	0	0	1

GREATER THUMB EAST				
Team	W	L	T	P
Brown City	0	0	1	0
Harbor Beach	0	0	1	0
Marlette	0	0	1	0
Mayville	0	0	1	0
Sandusky	0	0	1	0
Udby	0	0	1	0
Deckerville	0	0	0	1

THURSDAY'S RESULTS				
BCAS 28, Saginaw Buena Vista 0				
FRIDAY'S RESULTS				
Cross-Lex 19, Bad Axe 0				
Harbor Beach 24, EPBP 0				
USA 34, Deckerville 0				
Sandusky 36, Cass City 35				
Hemlock 21, Reese 7				
Valley Lutheran 33, Carrollton 0				
Mayville 40, Dryden 6				
Marlette 12, Kingston 8				
Maine City Card, Mooney 34, North Huron 8				
Burton Atherton 7, CPS 0				
Owen-Gage 19, A. Eastern 14				
Brown City 22, Peck 0				

Hawk golfers split pair of GTW matches

Bay City All Saints' Joe Heintskill shot a 2-over par 37 last Tuesday to lead the visiting Cougars to a 164-179 victory over Cass City.

The winners also had Trent Grzegorzczuk posting a 40, while Eddie Nichols and Matt Day registered 43 and 44 respectively.

For coach Jim Green's Red Hawks, sophomores Ryan Biddinger and Cameron Lautner each recorded team low scores of 42. Also contributing to the Hawk effort were Ryan Ross with a 46 and Kurt Hanby with a 49.

City earned an easy victory over visiting Unionville-Sebewaing Monday in Greater Thumb West conference play.

Led by medallist Lautner, the Hawks registered a 180-214 victory. Lautner carded a 9-hole total of 40 at Rolling Hills Golf Course, while teammate Ross shot 44 on the par 35 track. Cass City also had Hanby with a 45, while Biddinger and Kevin Martin each tallied 51.

For the guest Patriots, Andrew Schock shot a team best 48, while Brad Vandiver posted a score of 54. Rounding out the scores for USA were Brad Bolzman (55) and Danny Rummel (57).

USA MATCH
Earlier in the week, Cass

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

This week's match ups

Thursday, September 2	Caro	Caro	Caro	Caro
Millington at Caro	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth	Millington	Frankenmuth
Frankenmuth at Garber	Bridgeport	Bridgeport	Frankenmuth	Bridgeport
Bridgeport at North Branch	Vassar	Vassar	Bridgeport	Vassar
Vassar at Birch Run	BCAS	Cass City	BCAS	Cass City
BCAS at Cass City	USA	USA	BCAS	USA
USA at Lakers	Valley Lutheran	Valley Lutheran	USA	Valley Lutheran
Valley Lutheran at Bad Axe	Reese	Reese	Valley Lutheran	Udby
Udby at Reese	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Udby	Harbor Beach
Harbor Beach at Marlette	Deckerville	Deckerville	Harbor Beach	Deckerville
Deckerville at Mayville	Sandusky	Sandusky	Deckerville	Sandusky
Brown City at Sandusky	Akron-Fairgrove	Akron-Fairgrove	Brown City	Akron-Fairgrove
Dryden at Akron-Fairgrove	Kingston	Kingston	Dryden	Kingston
North Huron at Kingston	Memphis	Memphis	Kingston	Memphis
Owen-Gage at Memphis	CPS	Peck	Memphis	Peck
CPS at Peck	11-5	7-9	Peck	10-6
Last week's results	11-5 (69%)	7-9 (44%)	10-6 (63%)	8-8
Season's results				8-8 (50%)

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Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, September 2
Friends of the Library meeting, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Friday, September 3
Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.
Dance with Denny Ewald, 7-11 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.
Advance Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) retraining course, Marlette Community Hospital. For pre-registration information, please contact Resource Coordinator, Jeanette Yaroch, RN, BSN at (989) 635-4103.

Monday, September 6
Hub Investment meeting, 7:30 p.m., township hall.

Tuesday, September 7
Aftercare Program for Grief Counseling, 6:30 p.m., VFW Annex Building, 4530 Veterans Dr., Cass City. The public is welcome to attend. Sponsored by Thabet Funeral Home, Inc.
Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., Novesta Township Hall.

Wednesday, September 8
Chicken dinner with all the trimmings served family style, noon, Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd. Take outs are available, call 872-4604.
Stroke & Fall Screenings, 2-5 p.m., Seton Center Lobby, 2770 Main St., Marlette. Free screenings. To pre-register or for more information, please call Eileen Harris at (989) 635-4500. Sponsored by Marlette Community Hospital Center for Rehabilitation.
United Sportsmen's Alliance meeting, 7 p.m., Cass City Gun Club, 2676 Englehart Rd. Finalization of plans for Youth Day. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, please call (989) 872-2398.
Band Boosters meeting, 5:30 p.m., high school band room.

Experts: use data to guess maturity

The combination of later spring planting dates and cool August weather have producers wondering if their corn and soybean crops will mature before the first killing frost (28 degrees F).

While it's impossible to predict for certain, Michigan State University (MSU) researchers can use weather data to make an educated guess.

"As a general rule of thumb, corn grown in Michigan will require approximately 225 growing degree days (GDD) to progress through each of the following grain-fill developmental stages: blister to dough; dough to beginning dent; beginning dent to full dent; and finally, full dent to blacklayer formation," said Kurt Thelen, MSU associate professor of crop and soil sciences and Extension specialist. "Using this general rule and knowing what stage of growth your corn is currently at will give you an idea of how many GDDs you will need for your corn to reach maturity."

To get an idea about whether crops will mature before the frost hits, farmers need to estimate the amount of GDDs they'll probably receive before first frost. To do this, they can start by visiting the MSU climatologist's web page at www.climate.geo.msu.edu/mi-map.html to get the likely first date of killing frost for their area. Click on the location using the state map, then select "first fall temperature threshold date".

Pet FriendZ benefit set

The Cass River Pet FriendZ in cooperation with Jill's Junction will host a car show Wednesday, Sept. 15, from 3 to 8 p.m.

All car, bike and truck enthusiasts are encouraged to bring their vehicles and join in the fun at Jill's Junction on M-46, one mile east of M-24. There will be live music, food, door prizes and pets.

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Annual Taxation Notice

This posting shall serve as a general notice to the residents and property owners of the Village of Gagetown, that summer 2004 Property Taxes are due to the Village Treasurer on or before

September 30, 2004.

Property tax bills that remain unpaid after 9/30/04 will be forwarded to the Tuscola County Treasurer for collection; such unpaid accounts will be charged late payment penalties and interest in addition to the original property tax levied.

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FOOTBALL - BASKETBALL - SOCCER - CROSS COUNTRY - GOLF

Cass City Red Hawks 2004 Varsity Football		
Date	Team	Time
Aug. 27	Sandusky 36, CC 35	
Sept. 2	BCAS	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 10	Valley Lutheran	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 17	Lakers	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 24	USA	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 1	Reese	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 8	Bad Axe (Homecoming)	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 15	Deckerville	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 22	Freeland	7:00 p.m.
* Home games are bold		

Cass City Red Hawks 2004 Boys' Soccer		
Date	Team	Time
Aug. 21	USA Invite	8:30 a.m.
Aug. 23	North Branch	5:00 p.m.
Aug. 26	Valley Lutheran	5:00 p.m.
Aug. 31	Harbor Beach	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 1	Caro	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 7	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 9	Sandusky	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 11	Bad Axe Invite	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 14	Marlette	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 16	Caseville	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 20	Memphis	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	Harbor Beach	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 23	USA	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 28	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 30	Lakers	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 5	Valley Lutheran	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Lakers	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	Open	TBA
Oct. 14	USA	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 20-25	Districts	TBA
* Home games are bold		

Cass City Red Hawks 2004 Cross Country		
Date	Team	Time
Sept. 1	Akron-Fairgrove Invite	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 8	USA Invite	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 11	Bad Axe Invite	10:00 a.m.
Sept. 16	Chesaning Invite	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Bad Axe (junior high only)	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Frankenmuth Invite	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	Akron-Fairgrove Invite	10:00 a.m.
Sept. 30	Mayville Invite	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 2	Harbor Beach	9:00 a.m.
Oct. 9	Cass City Invite	9:00 a.m.
Oct. 16	Reese Invite	8:00 a.m.
Oct. 19	League Invite (Ubly)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	Caro Invite	11:00 a.m.
Oct. 30	Regionals	TBA

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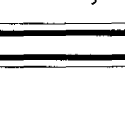
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Thurs., Sept. 2

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Tues, Sept. 14

Cass City vs. Sandusky

GOLF

Mon., Sept. 27

Cass City vs. Lakers

SOCCER

Tues., Sept. 14

Cass City vs. Marlette

CROSS COUNTRY

Sat., Oct. 9

Cass City Invitational

Cass City Red Hawks 2004 Girls' Basketball		
Date	Team	Time
Aug. 26	Imlay City 36, CC 53	
Aug. 31	Marlette	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 9	Ubly	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 14	Sandusky	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 16	Mayville	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 21	Valley Lutheran	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 23	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 30	Lakers	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 5	Harbor Beach	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 7	USA	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 12	Reese	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 14	BCAS	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 19	Deckerville	5:00 p.m.
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Oct. 28	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 2	USA	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 4	Reese	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 9	BCAS	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 11	Deckerville	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 15-21	Districts	TBA
* Home games are bold		

Cass City Red Hawks 2004 Golf		
Date	Team	Time
Aug. 12	Cass City Invite	9:00 a.m.
Aug. 16	Bad Axe	4:15 p.m.
Aug. 18	Valley Lutheran	4:15 p.m.
Aug. 23	USA	4:15 p.m.
Aug. 25	BCAS	4:15 p.m.
Aug. 30	Lakers	4:15 p.m.
Aug. 31	Ubly	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 10	Brown City Invite	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 13	Bad Axe	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 15	Valley Lutheran	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 20	USA	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 22	BCAS	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 27	Lakers	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 29	Frankenmuth	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 1	Vassar Invite	9:00 a.m.
Oct. 6	18-hole League	TBA
Oct. 8	Regionals	TBA

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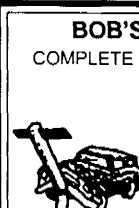
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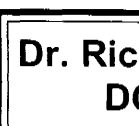
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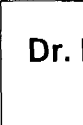
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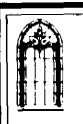
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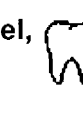


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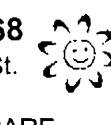


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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Susan Rae Guenther, f/k/a Susan Rae Liestman, an unmarried woman (original mortgagor), to Continental Mortgage Corporation, USA, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 29, 2000 and recorded on July 14, 2000 in Liber 805 on Page 1393, and assigned by said Mortgagee to PNC Mortgage Corp. of America as assignee by an assignment dated June 29, 2000 and recorded on July 14, 2000 in Liber 805 on Page 1407 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Nine and 02/100 Dollars (\$42,409.02), 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 September 23, 2004.

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

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, thence South 0 degrees 30 minutes East, 196.25 feet along the West Section line to the point of beginning, running thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes East, 387.20 feet; thence South 0 degrees 30 minutes East, 225.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes West, 387.20 feet; thence North 0 degrees 30 minutes West, 225.00 feet along the West Section line to the point of beginning. Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 10 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: August 25, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC X (248) 593-1305
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Attorneys For Washington Mutual Bank, FA successor by merger and or name change to PNC Mortgage Corp. of America
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #032435101

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by MICHAEL A. RENDON AND ANGELA R. RENDON, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to MORTGAGEE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR MAC-CLAIR MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated March 3, 2003 and recorded on March 4, 2003 in Liber 918 on Page 1064, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred thirty-nine thousand two hundred ninety-five and 17/100 Dollars (\$139,295.17), including interest at 6.000% 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 to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola, MI, at 10:00 AM on September 16, 2004.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF ALMIR, TUSCOLA COUNTY, Michigan, and are described as:

PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWN 13 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 25 THAT IS 1486.96 FEET, NORTH 0 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FROM THE EAST QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 25, THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 0 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST LINE OF SECTION 25 136.00 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 250.00 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 136.00 FEET, THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 250.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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DATED: August 11, 2004

MORTGAGEE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR MAC-CLAIR MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Mortgagee

ATTORNEY FOR Mortgagee
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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 16, 2001 and recorded on September 17, 2001 in Liber 842, Page 1299, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Six Hundred Five and 15/100 Dollars (\$74,605.15), 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 to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on September 16, 2004.

The premises are located in the Township of Arbelia, 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, Arbelia 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: August 18, 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

8-18-5

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

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lupe G. Duclon, as mortgagor (original mortgagor), to The CIT Group/Consumer Finance, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 26, 2000 and recorded on April 17, 2003 in Liber 926 on Page 1119 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Citicorp Mortgage Loan Trust, Inc., Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates Series 2003-HE-4 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Nine and 50/100 Dollars (\$61,689.50), including interest at 12.49% 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 September 9, 2004.

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, Denmark Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section, thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 20 seconds West 165.00 feet along the East line of said Section and the centerline of Garner Road to point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 20 seconds West 278.16 feet along said Section line and centerline; thence West 250.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 20 seconds East 278.16 feet; thence East 250.00 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to an existing prescriptive right-of-way for Garner Road across the East 33.00 feet thereof.

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: August 11, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC D (248) 593-1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For HSBC Bank USA, as Trustee in trust for Citicorp Mortgage Loan Trust, Inc., Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates Series 2003-HI-4
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #030004F01

8-11-4

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

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Corey A. Decker and Betty Jane Decker, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 28, 2002 and recorded on September 16, 2002 in Liber 894 on Page 81 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Eighty-Nine and 89/100 Dollars (\$83,089.89), 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 September 16, 2004.

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

Commencing 13 rods south of the northeast corner of the northwest 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of the Section 16, Town ship 10 North, Range 8 East; thence south 19 rods; thence west 4 rods; thence north 19 rods; thence East 4 rods to the place of beginning.

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

Dated: August 18, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #031389F01

8-18-4

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 Christina Hastings, a single woman (original mortgagor), to Republic Bank, Mortgagee, dated August 29, 2002 and recorded on November 5, 2002 in Liber 901 on Page 232 and assigned by said Mortgagee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as assignee by an assignment dated October 4, 2002 recorded on March 30, 2004 in instrument 200400848362, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Two and 23/100 Dollars (\$83,662.23), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on September 23, 2004.

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

Lot 7, Block 2, of the Plat of Newberry, now Kingston, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 24 of Plats, Page 304, 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: August 25, 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 #032698F01

8-25-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Shaun Sweet, a single woman and Jay Friday, a single man (original mortgagors), to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated October 2, 2001 and recorded on November 19, 2001 in Liber 849 on Page 328 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Two Hundred Eighty and 41/100 Dollars (\$81,218.41), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on September 23, 2004.

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

The North 1/2 of Lot 9, Block 7, Plat of William Turner's Second Addition to the Village of Mayville, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 29, now being Page 30A, 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: August 25, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC W (248) 593-1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Flagstar Bank, FSB
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #033003F01

8-25-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas E. Bills and Joyce M. Bills, husband and wife, to HomeAlliance Mortgage Company, a Florida Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 12, 1999 and recorded October 20, 1999 in Liber 785, Page 137, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Citifinancial Mortgage Company by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Five Hundred Seventy and 69/100 Dollars (\$110,517.69), including interest at the rate of 10.09% 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 to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on September 16, 2004.

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

Beginning at a point 33 feet North and 257.7 feet West of the East 1/4 corner of Section 29, Town 14 North, Range 7 of East, thence Southwest parallel with the centerline of State Highway M-25, 165 feet; North 528 feet; thence Northeast parallel with the centerline of said Highway 165 feet; thence South 528 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: August 18, 2004

ORLAND ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Attorneys for Citifinancial Mortgage Company, as Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000

File No. 201-1332

8-18-5

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

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Wendell J. Wildernuth, a married man, and Lisa Wildernuth (original mortgagors), to Icon Financial Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 17, 2000 and recorded on October 23, 2000 in Liber 813 on Page 1276, and assigned by said Mortgagee to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. as assignee by an assignment dated October 23, 2000 and recorded on October 23, 2000 in Liber 813 on Page 1284 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Two and 67/100 Dollars (\$98,732.62), including interest at 8.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM on September 30, 2004.

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

A parcel of land located in the Northwest quarter of Section 29, Town 10 North, Range 9 East described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 29; thence North 89 degrees 08 minutes 00 seconds East along the North line of Section 29, a distance of 944.36 feet to the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said North

line North 89 degrees 08 minutes 00 seconds East, 370.23 feet; thence leaving said North line South 01 degrees 40 minutes 35 seconds East, 661.63 feet; thence South 89 degrees 08 minutes 00 seconds West parallel with said North line of Section 29 a distance of 288.24 feet; thence North 08 degrees 43 minutes 43 seconds West, 697.84 feet to the Point of Beginning. Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: September 1, 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 #032887F02

9-1-4

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Larry D. Burns, Jr. and Julie A. Burns, husband and wife, to Conesco Finance Servicing Corp., Mortgagee, dated September 27, 2001 and recorded on January 15, 2002 in Liber 856, Page 1336, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which said mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Two and 45/100 (\$64,632.45) Dollars, including interest at 13.15% 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, Michigan, on Thursday, September 30, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

Said premises are situated in the Village of Cass City, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, and are described as follows: to wit:

T14N, R11E, Lot 2, Block A of Kelland's Addition to the Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan. A/K/A 6338 Pine St., Cass City, MI 48726. Parcel ID: 35-500-371-0200-00.

The redemption date shall be six (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: August 26, 2004

Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.
N/A/K/A Green Tree Servicing, L.L.C.
Mortgagee

Keith A. Souffert, Esq.
SOTIHO & AFRAMCZYK, P.C.
30400 Telegraph Road, Ste. 444
Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4541
(248) 642-6000

9-1-5

ASA DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by James F. Watt and Carrie L. Koelzow, a married man & single woman, of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB, dated the 16th day of December, A.D. 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 30th day of December, A.D. 1999 in Liber 701 of Tuscola County Records, on Page 902, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$97,883.62 (Ninety-seven thousand eight hundred eighty-three dollars and sixty-two cents), including interest there on at 5.50% (five point five zero percent) per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan, in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of October, A.D. 2004, at 10:00 o'clock, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

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

The South 1/2 of the Northwest fractional 1/4 of Section 30, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, excepting there from the East 250 feet thereof, further excepting the following described parcel: Beginning at a point 400 feet South from the Northwest corner of said real estate, running East 330 feet; thence South 108 feet; thence West 330 feet; thence North 108 feet to the place of beginning.

TAX ID: 603-303-200-000-00

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

Dated: September 1, 2004

WETMAN WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.
By Daniel F. Best (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
Weinman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1820
Troy, Michigan 48064
WWW.03833618

9-1-5

CORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 54.

A.P.N. # 037-500-162-0100-00

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: August 25, 2004

J. VIRGIL, DBA LENDING FACTORY Mortgagee

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, PC
30300 Northwestern Highway, Suite 222
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334

9-1-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Steven A. Swish and Sharon R. Swish, his wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Aegis Lending Corporation, a Delaware Corporation Mortgagee, dated February 11, 2003 and recorded February 19, 2003 in Liber 916 Page 370, Tuscola County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Four Dollars and Fifty-Two

Cents (\$88,704.52), including interest 8.498% 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, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI at 10:00 AM, on Thursday, September 30, 2004.

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

Lot 2, Block 4, of William Turner's Second Addition, to the Village of Mayville, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 29, now being Page 30A, Tuscola County Records, Section 36, Town 11 North, Range 9 East

Commonly known as 418 E. Main St., Mayville MI 48741

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

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FOR SALE - 2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee. Black, very clean, air conditioned. \$9,500. 989-665-0112. 1-9-1-3

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General Merchandise

FOR SALE - 12 ga. pump shotgun, J.C. Higgins; 30 used steel fence posts, \$0.25 each; 3 corner posts, \$2.989-872-3361, 4244 Sherman, Cass City. 2-9-1-1

FOR SALE - 9" Rockwell table saw with stand. Good condition. \$60. Jerry Stilson, 6375 Third St. 2-9-1-1

FOR SALE - A Prowler 30' travel trailer. Excellent Condition. Call 872-2926. 2-9-1-2

TRAILER HOME - some furniture, 14'x40', 1970s, in Bellaire area. FREE! 989-872-3988. 2-9-1-1

ROUND BALES of hay for sale - \$15/bale. 2 south, 1 west of Cass City. 989-872-3988. 2-9-1-1

Household Sales

SEVERAL FAMILY garage sale - September 2 & 3, 9-4:30 p.m.; September 4, 9-noon. 6 miles south of Cass City on Cemetery Rd., 2 3/4 miles east on Deckerville Rd. 14-9-1-1

YARD SALE - Sept. 3-5, 9-5 p.m. 4190 S. Grassmere Rd. (follow signs). Women's, men's, young boys', infant girl (sizes 0-18 months), some are brand name, walker, highchair, car seat, play pen, crib with mattress, swing will be sold as a set. There will also be some AVON products and books available. Everything must GO! 14-9-1-1

GARAGE SALE - 2-family. Household items priced to sell. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sept. 2-3-4, 9-6 p.m. 6080 Cass City Rd. (just west of town). 14-9-1-1

SALE - The last blast of summer! Discounted cosmetics. Thursday, Sept. 2, 9-7 p.m. 4299 Woodland Ave., Cass City. LuAnn Graham. 14-9-1-1

GARAGE SALE - Thursday & Friday, Sept. 2 & 3, 10-4 p.m. Clothes, dishes, some furniture, toys, household miscellaneous. 6350 Pine St. No Early Sales! 14-9-1-1

MULTI-FAMILY garage sale - Saturday-Sunday-Monday, 9-5 p.m. 2930 Phillips Rd. 14-9-1-1

YARD SALE - 4205 Leach St. (across from white church). Sept. 3, 4, 6, 10-4 p.m. Antiques, furniture, dresses, clothes. No Sunday Sales! Ruth Dorman 14-9-1-1

MEN'S & BOYS' yard sale - Friday, 9/3, 4-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9/4, 8-5 p.m. Hunting, fishing, tools, air compressors, chains, binders, Big Red 3-wheeler, 30 snow mobiles, race chassis, hoods, motors, skis, parts, 6' 3-point blade, lawn tractor, clothes. Too much to list. 2 south, 1/3 west of Cass City at 6313 Kelly Road. 872-5600, Otulakowski. 14-9-1-1

Real Estate For Sale

FOR SALE - 1995 Manison 14x70, 3-bedrooms, 2-baths. Stove, refrigerator included. \$12,500. 989-912-0076 or 989-912-0281. 3-8-25-3

Real Estate For Rent

AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY - 1- & 2-bedroom apartments. Rent includes water, sewer and garbage. 989-872-4532. 4-9-1-1f

WE ARE NOW TAKING applications for 1-, 2-bedroom and studio apartments at Northwood Heights Apartments in Cass City. Rent is based on income. For rental information, call 989-872-2369 or Crest Property Management at 989-652-9281. Some units barrier free. TTY for hearing or speech impaired, 1-800-649-3777. Equal Housing Opportunity. 4-8-4-1f

LARGE 1-BEDROOM apartment - No pets! Water and garbage included. Close to town, schools. Newly remodeled. \$400 per month. First and last months' required. Call 872-3294. 4-9-1-3

Real Estate For Rent

VFW HALL available for rental occasions. Call 872-4933. 4-4-1-1f

FOR RENT - K of C Hall, 6106 Beechwood Drive. Parties, dinners, meeting. Call Rick Kerkau, 872-4877. 4-2-3-1f

600 SQUARE FEET of front office space is available - 6240 W. Main St., Cass City. Heat, electric and trash pickup is included in rent. Please call Mark at 872-4351 for more information or inspection. 4-3-10-1f

FOR RENT - Cass City Mini Storage. Call 872-3917. 4-3-13-1f

NICE 2-BEDROOM apartment - Great location, near grocery store, hospital, doctors' offices. Rent includes water and trash. For more information call after 6 p.m., 872-4654. 4-9-1-1f

2-BEDROOM APARTMENTS available in Cass City. 810-659-8432 or 810-964-2666. 4-7-14-1f

APARTMENT FOR RENT - 2-bedroom, approximately 1,200 sq. ft. Newly remodeled. In Cass City. 872-8881. 4-8-25-2

3-BEDROOM HOUSE for rent - \$500/month. 872-3917. 4-8-25-3

NICE 1-BEDROOM apartment. Great location, near grocery store, hospital, doctors' offices. Rent includes water and trash. For more information call after 6 p.m. 872-4654. 4-8-25-1f

FOR RENT - upstairs 2-bedroom apartment. No pets! Must have references. \$350 plus security deposit. 872-5062. 4-8-25-3

Notices

LOST IN CASS CITY High School parking lot during snow season - ladies yellow gold bracelet watch. Call 989-658-8700. 5-9-1-1

NO SMOKING BINGO - Every Sunday at new Knights of Columbus Hall, 6106 Beechwood Dr., Cass City. Doors open 5:00 p.m., games start at 5:30. Phone 872-8892. Knights of Columbus Council No. 8892. 5-9-30-1f

Notices

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with us here, but also with the funeral home in Saginaw to coordinate with our mother's funeral, held there. We also thank the many friends who came in from all over the country to help us during the three funerals that occurred during that week. The list could go on and on, but we want to let you know your involvement, no matter how great or small, was appreciated. The parents of Cory Merz, David and Lisa. 13-9-1-1

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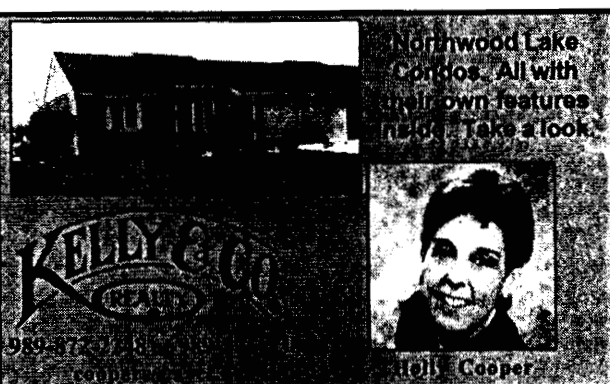
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Obituaries

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Helen Irene Agar, 87, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2004 at her home.

She was born Jan. 24, 1917 in Detroit, the daughter of the late Elisha and Estelle (Gage) Randall.

She married Willard William Agar in 1934. He died Jan. 29, 1966.

Agar owned Helen's Beauty Salon for 40 years. She was president of the Zonta Club and a member of the Creative Writing Club and O.E.S. of Cass City.

Agar is survived by two children: Joyce Walpole of Godfrey, Ill., and Mary Ann Opanasenko of Cass City; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Millie Mark of Cass City.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 28, at the First Presbyterian Church of Cass City, with the Rev. David Blackburn officiating.

Burial was in the Novesta Township Cemetery.

Vera King

Vera Elizabeth King, 77, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2004 at her son's home in Posen.

She was born Sept. 21, 1926 in New Greenleaf, the daughter of the late Homer and Viola (Moore) Motz.

King worked for General Cable. She was an active member of the Cass City Missionary Church and was active with the Brown City Camp.

King is survived by two children: Gerald (Anita) King of Lapeer, and Robert (Christine) King of Posen; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Larry King.

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 30, at the Cass City Missionary Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Homer Bassett and the Rev. David Edwards officiating.

Burial was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Cass City Missionary Church.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Author featured speaker

David McMacken will be the featured speaker at the Founder's Day Celebration, Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 6:30 p.m., at the Caro Knights of Columbus Hall. Tickets are \$12.00 and dinner will be served.

His talk is titled "Some Stuff That Happened on the Way to the Book-signing." He will describe some fascinating experiences involved in researching Ammi Wright's life over a 30-year span.

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Additional information and tickets for the event are available from Esther Gorashko at (989) 823-2360.

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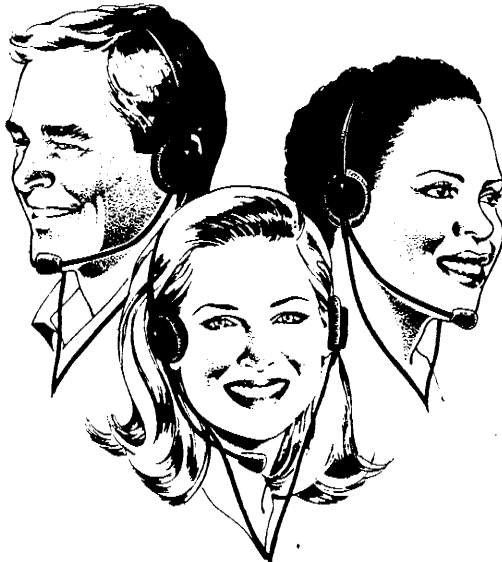
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