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## Producers of video history on village nearly finished

Cass City area residents will have the opportunity to share a piece of the past with their loved ones this Christmas, thanks to the efforts of the Cass City Historical Society and the father and son team of Al and Dave Eicher.

The Eichers are nearing completion of the local historical society's video documentary, "The History and Pioneers of Cass City - the first 150 years."

Al Eicher said the historical society members and sponsors will get a sneak peek of the near final cut of the documentary in October. Copies of the documentary, in both video and DVD formats costing \$20 and \$25, respectively, are scheduled to be released in mid-November.

Those interested in purchasing sponsorships have until Monday, Sept. 27, to do

so. Sponsors' names will appear on the video/DVD jacket.

The sponsorships are being sold to help cover the estimated \$36,000 price tag for the production. More information is available by calling Rawson Memorial Library at 872-2856.

"We're hoping to have 100 families as sponsors of this historical documentary of the town," Eicher said Thursday as he and his son, and historical society member Katie Jackson met to finalize the script for the hour-long documentary.

Work on the production started back in April. "Normally it takes a year, but we were not commissioned to do another in-depth documentary" at the same time, Eicher said, noting the Cass City production is the 20th he and his son have done as part of

their Michigan History Preservation Series.

"This has been nice and smooth. For us to be able to do this in 7- or 8-months..." Eicher said. "Everything just worked out nicely. We feel very comfortable with everything we've gathered."

The documentary promises to take an in-depth and comprehensive look at the history of Cass City, including the village's residents, pioneers, schools and churches, from the 1850s right up to 2004.

"We've done 7 churches so far and we've got a few left to go," said Dave Eicher, who explained the pair has been videotaping church services to use the music as background for portions of the documentary.

"There will be student musicians as well as professionals, and naturally, we're us-

ing the organists of the churches," Al Eicher said.

"One of the earliest events - we were here for Memorial Day, and we got some spectacular footage of that (Cass City VFW Post 3644) Avenue of Flags," Eicher said.

The Eichers also spent time at the livestock exchange east of Cass City and interviewed Lorn Hillaker, one of the first auctioneers there. They've documented on-going renovations in the upper floor of the Kritzman Building, also known as the old opera house, and they shot footage of the school tours at the Thumb Octagon Barn.

The pair also shot footage of the recent Cass City-Sandusky football game as well as the Red Hawk Marching Band.

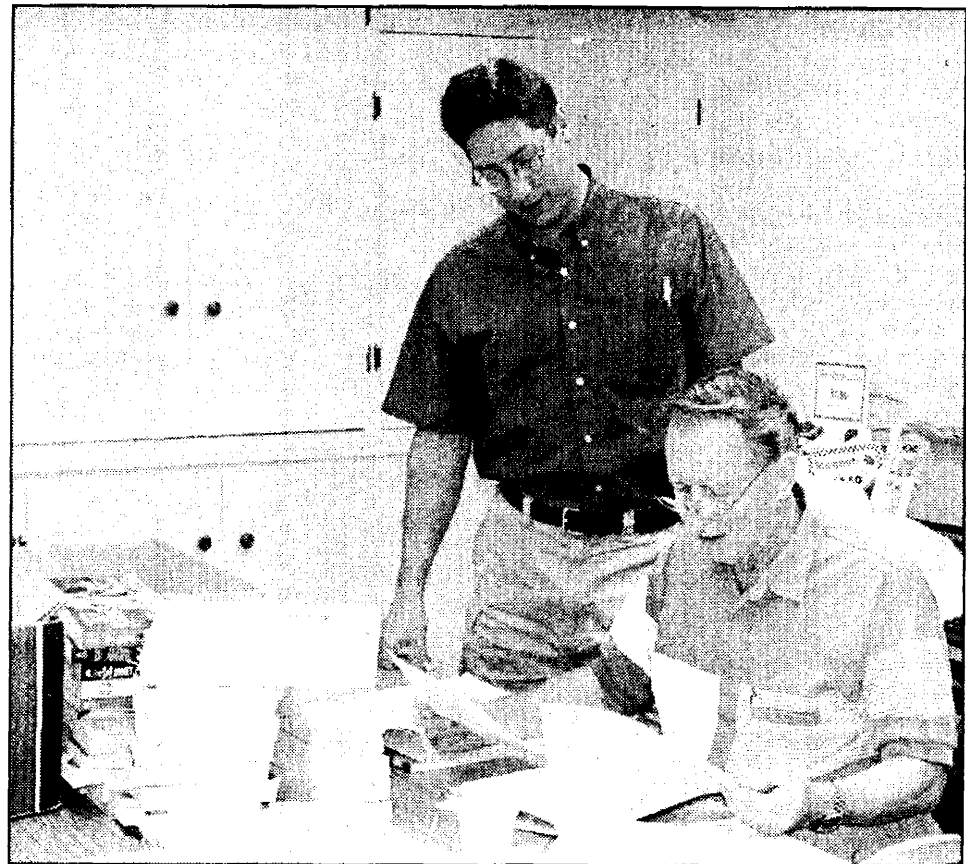
"I'll tell you, one of the

highlights was the day we recorded 5, 6, 7 senior citizens/historians, and hearing some of their stories from the 30s, 40s and 50s," said Al Eicher, who added a highlight was an interview with Mardell Ware, who told of her years as a teacher in the old Quick School back in the late 1920s. "She was 19 and she had a student who was older than her."

Today's teachers and students are also contributing to the documentary.

"Right now we have - there are probably a dozen or more - high school students, we'll call them artists, that are drawing pictures of pre-Civil War events in town," Eicher continued. He said 3 adult artists are also pitching in to

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**THE FATHER and son team of Al (right) and Dave Eicher spent some time at Rawson Memorial Library Thursday, finalizing the script for the Cass City Historical Society's video history slated to be released in November.**

## Fifth Quarter

### Area teens flocking to post-game parties at Novesta

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

School rivalries melt away at the doors of the Novesta Church of Christ after a home Cass City football game.

Minutes after the final whistle sounds on the football field, teens begin pouring into the parking lot of the Cass City area church, and before long, the church comes alive with the sounds of chatter and laughter, videogames and basketball.

The gathering is known as a Fifth Quarter Party, and Friday night's party after the Cass City-Laker contest was typical, with dozens of teens, including a few from the Lakers, helping themselves to the food and fun.

According to Brad Speirs, youth minister at the church, the parties started in the mid-1990s following a tragic accident involving a teen who was killed in an accident after drinking and then getting behind the wheel of a car.

"That next Sunday night in our youth group, we said we wanted to start something and asked what can we do

on the weekends to help kids make better choices?" said Speirs, who was a high school student himself at the time.

The Fifth Quarter Party was born during the boys' basketball season, but it took some time for the gatherings to grow in popularity.

"There were maybe 10 or 15 of us that first couple of years," Speirs recalled. "It was 10 to 30 kids for 3 years, and then it started to slowly get bigger. In the late 90s up until a couple of years ago we'd have 50 to 60 kids."

In 2002, attendance at one Fifth Quarter Party topped 100 teens. "Last year we averaged 80 or 90, and then this year, so far this fall, we've averaged 175," Speirs said.

He noted the parties begin shortly after a home football or basketball game and continue through 11:30 p.m. Junior high and high school students alike are welcome.

"It's 95 percent Cass City (students), but occasionally somebody from Cass City will bring their friends with them," said Speirs, who added the parties are open to

teens from all area schools.

The students are asked to sign in and fill out an information card, but that's the extent of the formalities. They are free to play games, eat and visit with one another.

"There isn't any structure except, don't break things," Speirs joked. "Basically, we open up the gym, and we have a game room, we have a couple of rooms with TVs and Playstation, and there's food in the kitchen."

"It's free food and it's comfortable for them," Speirs said. "It's casual. It's just kind of a nice place to hang out after the game."

Joe Vandecar, 17, Cass City, agreed.

"It's fun, safe, and people aren't getting drunk and stumbling over each other," he said. "And the food, you've got to love the food. It's kind of cool to get kids from the community here," added Vandecar, who is home schooled and attends church at Novesta. "Really, honestly, it's just a great time after the game."

Lis Comai, 16, who is also

home schooled but lives in the Laker School District, echoed Vandecar's comments.

"It's a fun, safe thing to do on a Friday night," she said.

"I get to meet a bunch of

new people and play basketball and just hang out," added Courtney Fritz, a 17-year-old junior at Laker High School. "And there's lots of food."

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## Area residents hurt in crash

A Snover man was seriously injured and a Cass City woman suffered minor injuries in a 2-vehicle traffic accident Saturday in Sanilac County's Lamotte Township.

The crash occurred at about 2:30 a.m. at the intersection of M-53 and Mushroom Road.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies reported Estee E. LaFave, 20, Cass City, was driving east on Mushroom Road when she failed to stop at the M-53 intersection and struck a northbound vehicle driven by John E. Sedlak, 48, Snover.

After impact, Sedlak's ve-

hicle left the roadway and overturned in a field just east of M-53, according to deputies, who said LaFave's vehicle came to a stop in a ditch on the north side of Mushroom Road.

Sedlak was transported to Hurley Medical Center in Flint by FlightCare Helicopter. Information on his condition was not available. Reports state LaFave was transported by Marlette EMS to Marlette Community Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

Deputies reported both drivers were wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash.



**LAUREN HOWARD, 15 (from left), Erica Louks, 13, and Sarah Green, 13, all Cass City students, visit during Friday's Fifth Quarter Party at the Novesta Church of Christ.**

## Snover resident honored

A Snover resident is among those recently honored as a "Citizen of the Year" during the annual Sanilac County Policemen's-Firemen's Field Day awards banquet.

Danielle Galbenski was cited for helping to save the life of a man whose clothing was on fire.

Joseph Stanczak, 82, of Snover, was burning weeds and brush on his property when Galbenski, who was working for Sanilac Animal Control, saw the man standing in his yard on fire. Galbenski and an unidentified trucker, used their hands to put out the flames on the man's boots, jeans and jacket. They wrapped him in a heavy blanket and assisted him until Marlette EMS arrived and transported him to Flint's Hurley Hospital for treatment.

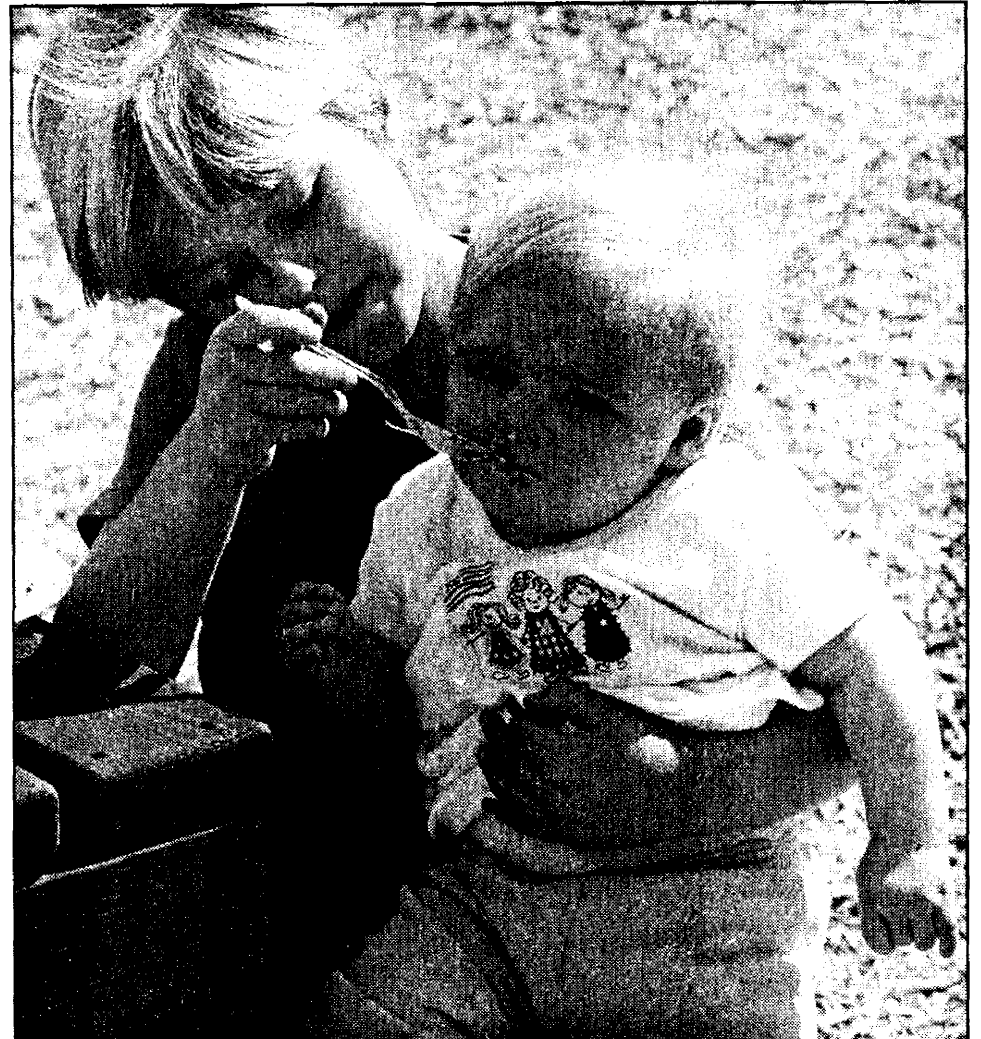
Also honored as a Citizen of the Year was a 14-year-old Yale boy who is credited with saving the life of 54-year-old Michael Barge of Lexington. Zach Kinney was at the Lexington Harbor with his mother and grandfather March 22 when he saw a man fall into the water. Kinney had his mother call 911, and then found some rope and threw it to the man and pulled him to the ladder by one of the boat slips. Crosswell EMS officials say Kinney definitely saved Barge's life as the water temperature was about 30 de-

grees. Sanilac County's "Police Officer of the Year" is Deputy Mark Siemen, an investiga-

tor with the Sanilac County Drug Task Force who was cited for being responsible. Please turn to page 10.



**AN ESTIMATED 120 to 130 area residents turned out for a birthday party Sunday afternoon marking the 5th anniversary for the Fun in the Thumb Playscape. The 2-hour celebration included live entertainment provided by the Cass City High School Marching Band. At right, Laiken Smerdon, 6, feeds some ice cream to Janelle Hartwick, 11 months.**





# Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
Phone 989-269-6994



Bessie Kirsch of Port Hope and Ann Vicker of Madison, Wis. were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski.

Mrs. Ken Osentoski was a Sunday afternoon guest of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Moore and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Taylor and Brian, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Thiel, Theresa and Dan Gibbard were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard where they celebrated the birthday of Evans Gibbard, Cheryl Laming, Greg Moore and Tim and Tom Wagner.

Allen Farrelly visited Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel Saturday forenoon.

Mrs. Melvin Particka attended a pink and blue shower for Tenilee Farber.

Bernard Morley, Jack Kennedy, Claude Mestack, Jim Lewis and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Saturday morning.

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

Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the Over 50 Club rosary and meeting at Oswald Hall in Bad Axe on Tuesday forenoon and played cards in

the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly were Sunday evening guests of Allen Farrelly.

Mrs. Melvin Particka visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Peters and Allen Farrelly were among a group who attended the Senior Citizens Dinner at Argyle on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Doris Western spent Saturday at the Octagon Barn.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western and Allen Farrelly met Mary Catherine Nicol in Mt. Pleasant on Tuesday and went out to dinner to celebrate the birthday of Doris Western and Mrs. Dan Franzel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the rosary and breakfast at the K of C Hall in Bad Axe on Sunday morning.

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

Mrs. Ray Murray of Ublly visited Mrs. Bryce Hagen on Wednesday.

Bernard Morley, Ron Wolschlagler, Tom Talaski and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Holdwick visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski on Sunday before they went to the Octagon Barn celebration.

Allen Farrelly spent Monday forenoon in Bay City. Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen visited Donelda Meske at the Huron County Medical Care Facility Sunday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. John Pechett, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, Mrs. Gerald Wills and Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Thelma Jackson last week. Nancy Carpenter, Michael, Jessica and Timothy of Caro and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Osentoski on Sunday.

## Engaged

Lillian E. and David A. McNaughton announce the engagement of their father, Jude John McNaughton of Cass City, to Kari Lynn Ciesielski of Bay Port.

Jude is the son of Connie and David W. McNaughton of Cass City. Kari is the daughter of Barbara Ciesielski and the late James Ciesielski of Bay Port. The wedding is planned for Late August 2005.

## Hymn sing slated

The Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, will host a Fall Community Hymn Sing, Sunday, Sept. 26, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Special music will be offered by area churches/individuals and congregational singing will be led by a Novesta worship team.

A special afterglow fellowship of refreshments is being planned. The public is invited and a nursery will be provided.

For more information, call the church at 872-3658 or 872-1195.

## Methodist women air meeting

The United Methodist Women met Sept. 13, with 22 members present and Ida Wiles as a guest. A noon luncheon was prepared by group 2. Bea Baker and Laura Bryant were the co-chairmen.

Sherry Secley announced the Port Huron district meeting will be held Oct. 6 at Heritage UMC, Snover, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Connie Schwaderer and Marge Dickinson are interested in attending.

The next meeting will be held Oct. 2 at 10 a.m. for a continental breakfast. The program will be on energy, presented by Detroit Edison.



Meg's Peg  
Workout diary  
by Melva E. Guinther

Dear Diary:

For my 40th birthday, my wife (the darling) purchased a week of personal training at the local gym for me. I'm still in great shape since playing on the senior rugby team 25 years ago, but I decided to go ahead and give it a try.

I made my reservation with a personal trainer named Belinda, a 26-year-old aerobics instructor and model for athletic clothing and swimwear. My wife seemed pleased with my enthusiasm to get started.

The club encouraged me to keep a diary to chart my progress.

MONDAY - I arrived to find Belinda waiting for me. She was something of a goddess - blonde hair, dancing eyes and a dazzling white smile.

She gave me a tour and showed me the machines. She took my pulse after 5 minutes on the treadmill. She was alarmed that it was so fast, but I attributed it to standing next to her in her lycra outfit.

Belinda was encouraging as I did my sit-ups, although my gut was already aching from holding it in the whole time she was around. This is going to be a fantastic week! TUESDAY - Drank a whole pot of coffee, but finally made it out the door. Belinda made me lie on my back and push a heavy iron bar into the air, then she put weights on it!

My legs were a little wobbly on the treadmill, but I made the full 2 kms. Belinda's rewarding smile made it all worthwhile. I feel great! It's a whole new life for me!

WEDNESDAY - The only way I can brush my teeth is by laying the toothbrush on the basin and moving my mouth back and forth over it. I believe I have a hernia in both pectorals.

Belinda was impatient with me, insisting that my screams bothered other club members. Her voice is a little too perky for early morning

and when she scolds, she gets this nasally whine that is VERY annoying.

My chest hurt when I got on the treadmill, so she put me on the stair monster. Why the heck would anyone invent a machine to simulate an activity rendered obsolete by elevators?

THURSDAY - Belinda was waiting for me with her vampire-like teeth exposed as her thin, cruel lips were pulled back in a full snarl. I couldn't help being a half hour late. It took me that long to tie my shoelaces.

She took me to work out with the dumbbells, then the rowing machine - which I sank.

FRIDAY - I hate that witch Belinda more than any human being has ever hated any other human being in the history of the world. Stupid, skinny little cheerleader! If there were any part of my body I could move without unbearable pain, I'd beat her with it.

The treadmill flung me off and I landed on a health and nutrition teacher. Why couldn't it have been someone softer, like the drama coach or the choir leader? SATURDAY - Belinda left a message on my machine in her grating, shrilly voice, wondering why I didn't show up. Just hearing her made me want to smash the machine. However, I lacked the strength even to use the TV remote and ended up watching 11 straight hours of the weather channel. SUNDAY - I'm having the church van pick me up today so I can go and thank God this week is finally over. I will also pray that next year my wife (the witch) will choose a gift that's fun - like a root canal or vasectomy.

Thanks for calling  
872-2010  
with feature story ideas

# Sanilac families turn out for day

Families in Sanilac County turned out in record numbers in honor of 9/11 for the Family Fun/Fire and Police Field Day Sept. 11.

The event, which drew 887 participants and volunteers, was sponsored by the Sanilac County Child Abuse Prevention Council, Great Parents Great Start, and the Sanilac County Fire Association.

Children's book Author Rhonda Gowler Greene drew a large crowd with her story telling and her book give-away, sponsored by Great Parents Great Start.

"Many community service agencies provided activities and free gifts or prizes for children and families," said Nancy Surbrook, president of the Sanilac County Child Abuse Prevention Council.

"A number of door prizes were given away throughout the day," she added. "Families enjoyed the wall climb, moonwalk and the bungee trampoline free of charge. The Civil Air Patrol and the SAVE Council raised funds with their food and beverage sales."

The Safe Kids Coalition,

with the help of many volunteers, distributed 135 bike helmets, 60 pool noodles and 40 gunlocks. John Espinoza volunteered his time to assist the coalition in distributing the free helmets.

Surbrook said area businesses sponsored car safety seat inspections. In all, there were 50 car seats checked, 20 replaced and 7 seats distributed to children without seats.

Surbrook lauded all those who helped make the event a success. "This was by far the largest we ever had and it could not have been accomplished without the hard work of all of our volunteers," she said.

## Food shopping

When food shopping always purchase refrigerated or frozen items after selecting non-perishables; never choose meat or poultry in packaging that is torn or leaking; and do not buy food that is past the "sell-by," "use-by" or other expiration date.

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**Cass City Area Church Directory**

**Calvary Bible Fellowship**  
4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726  
989-872-4088  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer/Bible Study & Youth Group 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor - Chuck Carr  
Transportation available

**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.

**Cass City Church of the Nazarene**  
6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-2604 or 872-5201  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study  
& Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.  
Pastor - Rev. Darold Ward

**Cass City Missionary Church**  
4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726  
989-872-2729  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Youth Group & Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting & His Kids Bible Club 6:30 p.m.

**Cass City United Methodist Church**  
5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,  
P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3422  
Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.)  
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.  
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)  
Pastor: Rev. George F. Ward

**First Presbyterian Church**  
Barrier Free  
6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-5400  
Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

**First Baptist Church**  
6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726  
989-872-3155  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study,  
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Eric Holmgren  
Youth Pastor: Bryan Heller

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-2770  
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.  
Pastor: Gerald Meyer

**Deford Community Church**  
1392 Kingston Rd., Deford, MI 48729  
989-872-4051 (parsonage)  
989-872-4055 (church)  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Contemporary & Traditional 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor: David Mercer  
email: dcdca@tband.net  
website: defordcommunitychurch.org

**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.

**Evangelical Free Church of Cass City**  
6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726  
Phone: 872-5060  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Midweek Bible Studies  
Biblical Counseling  
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould

**Living Word Worship Center**  
(Where the Word is Life)  
6536 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-4637  
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Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. (Family Training Hour) 7:00 p.m.  
Senior Pastors: Michael & Carla Arp

**Novesta Church of Christ**  
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Youth Minister: Brad Speirs  
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**Potter's House**  
**Christian Fellowship Church**  
Corner of 6th and Leach, Cass City, MI 48726  
872-5186  
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Pastor: F. Robert Tucker

**St. Agatha's Catholic Church**  
4618 South St., Gageton, MI 48735  
665-9966  
Sunday Liturgy 10:30 a.m.  
Parish Administrator: Joan Wyskiel

**St. Pancratius Catholic Church**  
4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3336  
Saturday Liturgy 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.  
Pastor: Father Steve Fillion

**Shabbona United Methodist Church**  
4455 North Decker Rd., Decker, MI 48426  
810-672-9929 (parsonage)  
989-872-8094 (church)  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
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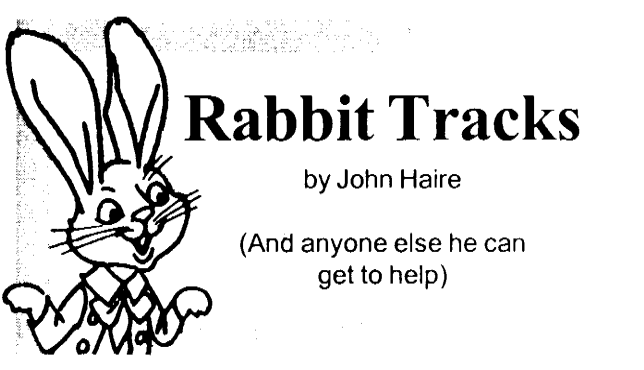
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# Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The girls didn't show a lot of emotion after scoring an upset over previously undefeated Sandusky last week. After all, it was a non-conference game. The team players lined up and congratulated each other and walked off the floor. But make no mistake, the Hawks were jubilant. As they left the floor going through the entrance from the floor to the locker room one player jumped up and slapped the top of the archway in satisfaction.

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Friends of Linda Richmond, Caseville, are making an all out drive to find a kidney donor for her. The 55-year-old mother of 3 has been in dialysis for over a year and the need is urgent.

The supporters say that there will be no cost for tests or surgery and a donor will not require any medication or a special diet following surgery. Interested persons should call (989) 656-7280.

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Dan McKenzie, former Owen-Gage superintendent who resigned in 2003, was a visitor at the Cass City-Laker football game Friday. He now is superintendent at Kalkaska. It proved to be a happy family reunion. McKenzie's wife and coach Scott Cuthrell's wife are sisters.

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Wayne Dillon has been announcing Cass City football games through 2 generations of players for sure and perhaps a third generation. Anyway, he says that this is the only time 3 brothers from the same family played together on the varsity.

The players are Nick, Jeff and Jarod Stoutenburg. Anybody that can prove him wrong, contact us immediately. We will be SURE to report it with more than a modicum of GLEE.

## Orchard Bazaar

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### GO HAWKS!!

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

## Cass City man hurt

# Huron man killed in crash

A Bad Axe man was killed and his passenger, a Cass City resident, was injured in a 2-vehicle collision last Wednesday in Huron County.

Huron County Sheriff's deputies identified the victim as William J. Ahearn, 80.

According to reports, the accident occurred at about 1:15 p.m. at the corner of

Barrie Road and M-142 in Collfax Township. Deputies said Ahearn's southbound car had stopped, waited for a westbound semi-truck to go through the intersection, then crossed M-142 into the path of a westbound Huron County Road Commission dump truck loaded with gravel. The 2 vehicles collided, and Ahearn's car ended up in the front yard of a residence.

Bad Axe firefighters used their Jaws of Life to free Ahearn. He was transported to Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe, where he was pro-

nounced dead.

Ahearn's passenger, Kenneth L. Orton, 47, of Cass City, suffered serious injuries and was also transported to Huron Medical Center.

Deputies reported that the driver of the truck, Matthew McGathy, 35, Bay Port, was not injured.

Central Huron Ambulance, Bad Axe police, road commission personnel and Huron County Medical Examiner Dr. Richard E. Lockard all assisted deputies at the scene.

The accident remains under investigation.

## The Haire Net

Free umbrella won't stop storm of requests



I first became acquainted with the United Way when I arrived in Cass City in 1951 and when the details of the program were explained, I thought what a wonderful idea—to make one gift to be divided among deserving charities.

Back then it was called Elkland Township Community Chest and it was strictly a local organization. The 2 banks in town annually sponsored a dinner for the volunteers who went door to door to get pledges.

Year after year the community exceeded its goal and the goal was raised periodically. Later, Novesta Township joined and it became Elkland-Novesta Community Chest. It started a trend and today we are part of the United Way of Tuscola County.

Almost from the first, a flaw in the "one gift for all" became apparent. The charities with national appeal opted out as beneficiaries in the program because conducting programs of their own raised a lot more money than the amount they would have received from the United Way.

Most of the big boys in the philanthropy game are gone from the United Way of Tuscola County and the 26 beneficiaries of the over \$70,000 distributed in 2004

were worthwhile programs without benefit of sophisticated fund-raising efforts.

Supporting any program with a gift is like drilling a hole in the wall of the dam. In these days of instant information sharing, it's certain that the wall will be coming down and a torrent of requests for help will flood your mailbox.

Most of us have received so many return labels from firms asking for help that they are tossed away to avoid the clutter.

A new gimmick that came my way last week was an umbrella. It works, as you can see, and must have cost the NFB (National Federation of the Blind) a few bucks. I wondered if the free gift was sent to the wrong person?



The NFB and all of the 25 or more organization that come knocking on the door are worthwhile.

All you can do is select the ones that you most want to support and, regretfully, ignore the rest.

Then wait until next year and do it all over again.



# The back forty

by Roger Pond

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Living in a small town has its advantages. We may not have all of the shopping and cultural events they have in the city, but there's a certain amount of comfort in walking down the street and knowing everyone you meet.

Some people can't handle this. These folks expect to go out into the country and retain all of the anonymity they enjoyed in the city.

A good example is the man who robbed a bank in Florence, Oregon last summer. This fellow didn't understand small towns.

The first thing the robber did was walk up to the bank and put on his mask. That might work in the city, but it's all wrong in the country.

If you are going to rob one of these little banks, you should put on your mask before you leave home. They are going to see you coming, anyway.

Then, this robber left the bank and compounded his earlier mistakes by stopping a man on the street to ask where he might catch a bus. The man he asked for directions was the bank manager's son!

The young man called his mother on his cell phone, "Hey Mom, there's a guy here looking for a bus. I was just wondering if he might be the guy who robbed your bank?"

The police nabbed the thief while he was looking for the bus stop.

A similar thing happened to four guys who robbed the bank in Riggins, Idaho a few years back. A Riggins business owner told me these fellows robbed the bank and headed North on Rt. 95.

There are only two ways out of Riggins: north and south. These boys entered from the south, so it just seemed natural to head north and see some new country.

Then they realized the cops might be looking for them on Rt. 95. So they took a forest service road to the east.

Being new to the area these fellows didn't realize a forest service road doesn't necessarily go anywhere. This one dead-ended about 30 miles later.

So here they are 30 miles from nowhere (which is not far from Riggins), with no

place to spend their newly acquired fortune.

These fellows compounded their problems by getting stuck in the snow, and that's where the police found them two days later. Two of the desperadoes were extremely happy to get caught, and the other two were cowering nearby.

One was hiding behind a

tree branch, and the other was trying to look like a bush. Everyone could see their hearts weren't in it.

I'm not sure what we can learn from all of this. We might conclude it takes some time to adjust to a rural area. And, if you plan to escape on the bus, make sure there is a bus!

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A mental illness is:

- a health condition, much like heart disease or diabetes
- no one's fault - not the person's, nor the family's

There are many causes of mental illness, including

- birth trauma
- chemical imbalances in the brain
- other biological, environmental, social and cultural factors

If you know of a person with a mental illness, take the time to spend with them. Help remove the stigma from mental illness by realizing the person is more than their mental health issues.

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#### 5-Day Local Forecast

**Wednesday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 81 Low: 53

**Thursday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 82 Low: 56

**Friday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 75 Low: 52

**Saturday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 70 Low: 48

**Sunday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 69 Low: 46

#### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 81°, humidity of 47% and an overnight low of 53°. The record high temperature for today is 85° set in 1961. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 82°, humidity of 47% and an overnight low of 56°.

#### Upcoming Moon Phases

Full 9/28 Last 10/6 New 10/13 First 10/20

#### Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today ..... 7:20 a.m.  
Sunset tonight ..... 7:30 p.m.

#### Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Sunday	81	55	71/51	0.00"
Monday	82	57	71/50	0.00"
Tuesday	84	63	70/50	0.00"
Wednesday	82	66	70/50	0.00"
Thursday	75	52	70/50	0.00"
Friday	61	46	70/49	0.00"
Saturday	70	37	69/49	0.00"

Precipitation ..... 0.00"  
Normal precipitation ..... 0.91"  
Departure from normal ..... -0.91"  
Average temperature ..... 67.0°  
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Departure from normal ..... +6.8°

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## Red Hawk Talks

by Leah Sherman

Getting good grades is normally high on most students' priority lists. But it isn't only the students who work hard to achieve that goal. Our schools are being graded as well. A combination of Student Achievement, Indicators of School Performance, and AYP Status are scored and graded and a Composite grade is formed.

The Student Achievement measures student performance on the MEAP tests. The MEAP is made up of 4 tests, which are English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. Each individual test's scores are averaged and then graded, and then all four grades are combined into a subtotal grade. Test attendance, participation, and scores are all taken into account when the final grading takes place.

Indicators of School Performance combine several factors, including the school facility itself, attendance, and graduation rate.

The AYP Status stands for the Adequate Yearly Progress. It is a measure of how well a school can hold its responsibility toward student achievement. Schools are graded in this field on whether they meet or do not meet AYP requirements.

This year all of Cass City Public Schools scored extremely well on their report cards. The elementary and middle schools both received Bs, and the high school achieved an A! All schools met with AYP standards as well and none of the schools were identified as needing improvement.

High school principal Mr. Good said, "I'm proud of the students and staff of the high school and of the entire district. I'm pleased that the re-

sults show that we're doing something right!"

In Student Achievement the high school scored a subtotal grade of a B. Students scored above average on all areas of the MEAP, and in some areas such as Science and English Language Arts, students scored well above average. For Indicators of School Performance the high school attained a very high A. With these scores and meeting AYP, our school was perfect, grade A material!

However, earning an A doesn't mean that we stop looking for ways to improve our schools. Jennifer Granholm decided that students who help the community will perform better and are more prepared for the future. Because of this, all Michigan students are now required to attain 40 hours of Community Service. It's not so bad when you figure that it's only 5 hours a semester. However, this year's Juniors are the oldest class to fall into this new legislation, and they have barely two years to meet these requirements.

As a result, there will soon be a couple hundred students searching the community for any type of service available. The only condition is that the students can not directly nor indirectly receive any benefit from the service they perform. For instance, working Student Council concession stands at the basketball games would not be considered service hours because the students are raising money for their class. If you are part of a business, church, or organization that has windows to be washed or leaves to be raked, contact the school. I'm sure that it won't be long before you have plenty of volunteers!

# Several face charges

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

•Tanya L. Keifer, 32, Otter Lake, was sentenced to 120 days in the county jail, with work release, and 12 months probation for her plea of guilty to 2 counts of forgery involving checks for \$475 and \$250, both drawn on National City Bank between March 24 and April 8, 2003. She was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,460.

•Gerald R. LaFramboise, 18, Millington, was sentenced to 30 days in jail (delayed one year) and 24 months probation for his plea of guilty to forgery involving a \$65 check drawn on Franknmuth Credit Union Nov. 12-19.

He was also ordered to pay \$2,580 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$110.

•Robert L. Chapel, 30, Silverwood, was sentenced to 36 months probation for his plea of no contest to do-

mestic violence March 8 in Caro.

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

•Donald R. Havens, 21, Kingston, was sentenced to 365 days in jail (275 days deferred) and 24 months probation for his plea of guilty to 2 counts of larceny from a motor vehicle May 23-24 in Kingston.

He was also ordered to complete his high school education, complete 75 hours of community service and pay \$580 in costs and fines. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

•Michelle L. Swadling, 23, Burton, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 90 days in jail, with work release, for her pleas of guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond June 21, 2002, in Caro, and to one count of forgery May 14, 2002, in Mayville.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,580 plus \$578.87 in restitution. Attorneys fees are

to be determined.

•Steve L. Sherman, 20, Akron, pleaded guilty to unlawful use of a financial transaction device Feb. 10-12 in Akron/Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$1,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Constance M. Vasko, 40, Silverwood, pleaded no contest to uttering and publishing involving a \$2,324.98 check drawn on Capital One June 20.

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

•Paul G. Hayward, 48, Bay City, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor with an occupant under the age of 16 years, third offense, May 30 in Gilford Township, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond

was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Robert A. Hempton, 43, Gagetown, stood mute to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and driving while his license was suspended or revoked June 23 in Millington Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case and bond was continued at \$1,000.

•Nathan J. Shoup, 19, Caro, pleaded guilty to stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without the consent of the device holder April 15-17 in Almer and Indianfields townships; second degree home invasion May 11 in Caro; and uttering and publishing involving a \$476.14 check drawn on the Bank of Bentonville, Bentonville, Ark., Oct. 9, 2003.

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

•Connie S. Hutchinson, 47, Fairgrove, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance between Jan. 1 and March 3 in Caro.

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

## Kayla Kady recognized

Kayla Kady has been named Owendale-Gagetown Schools' "Senior Student of the Month" for September.

While at Owen-Gage, Kady has been active in sports as a member of the softball, basketball and volleyball teams all 4 years. Also, as a freshman and sophomore, she was a member of the Quiz Bowl Team.

During high school, Kady has been on the honor roll and had perfect attendance as a junior. In December of her junior year, she was selected by the Owen-Gage staff as a "Student of the Month".

Kady was the winner of the Lion's Club Essay Contest as a freshman. She also was selected by her class for homecoming representative that year as well.

Kady is the daughter of Eugene and Susan Kady of Gagetown. Her future plans are to attend The Airlines Academy in Florida.



## Bulldog Beat

by Mary McKee

Most people think that a high school student's school day consists of changing classes every hour for 7 hours. Well, for some students that is true, but for others it is far from it. When you are a junior at Owen-Gage you get the opportunity to choose whether or not to attend the Huron Area Technical Center.

A tech center is a place where kids and adults go to study a certain profession. At the Huron Area Tech Center there are many classes to choose, ranging from Hospitality/Food Service to Early Childhood Professions to Automotive. The tech center not only prepares you for a career in a certain field, it also gives you the opportunity to earn college credits before actually being in college.

Attending a tech center has many advantages. If you already know what career you want to pursue, the tech center helps you get a head start. In some of the classes, you are able to earn college credits while still in high school. If you are still undecided on what you want to do in the future, a tech center can help you get experience in a career that you weren't really sure about.

Going to a tech center also helps you prepare for the world of work. At the tech center, you are not treated like a student, you are treated like an adult. Being treated that way helps you learn responsibility and respect for your peers and teachers.

Another advantage of the tech center is that it's fun. It feels like going on a field trip everyday. In all of the classes, you learn from a teacher, but also learn by doing a lot of hands-on activities. Plus, you make a lot of new friends, because you interact and surround yourself with teenagers from other schools in Huron County.

Although there are advantages, there are disadvantages as well. Only being at school half a day makes class selection very limited.

For example, at Owen-Gage, if you wanted to take a class like psychology or physics, you would have to take that

class as an independent study, because that class is offered while students are at the tech center.

In order to go to the tech center you have to be very dedicated to your schoolwork. At Owen-Gage to be able to get to the tech center on time, students have to go to lunch earlier than the rest of the high school. In order to do that, tech center students are only in their fourth hour class for about 20 minutes. That is not nearly enough time to get an assignment, let alone complete an assignment, so you almost always have homework, or have to meet with a teacher after school to get extra help, and when involved in an after school activity, that can be very difficult.

With many pros and cons on whether or not to go to a tech center, I decided to get some opinions from high school juniors and seniors on the matter.

Jenny Czewski attends the Cosmetology program. When I asked her what she liked the most about the tech center she said, "The learning experience that will get me ready for a real job and the future."

Nicole Nowaczyk, who is in the Early Childhood Professions class, likes that she gets out of school every day and likes being able to meet new people.

Junior Michelle Brown had a different opinion. She decided to stay at Owen-Gage all day because nothing at the tech center really interested her. She wanted to be able to take classes that fascinated her, like psychology and physics. Senior Aaron Faist actually attended the tech center, but decided to drop his class and return to Owen-Gage. When I asked him why he did that, he replied, "I went there and didn't get along with the staff. The other kids there were mean, and it made me realize how much my school rocks!"

As you can see, the tech center is not for everyone, but no matter where you go, you will always be learning and having fun.

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Notes from Northwood Meadows

By Becky Barr, Activities Coordinator/Receptionist

While we recognize the contributions of the Wright Brothers first flight, Northwood Meadows activities department sought out a way to appreciate our country's accomplishments in the field of flight. But, it had to be a bit more "down to earth." Hey, how about kite flying? Yes - that would be perfect. With the help of an amazing volunteer, Mandy Grady, the dining room was transformed with brightly colored kites, and long tails of fluorescent bows. Anyone with an imagination could now envision themselves outdoors on a beautiful day, lifting a kite into the sky. You see it too, don't you? Thanks Orville & Wilbur!

Two wonderful movies took our residents to other places as well. The family favorite of a dog and cat best friend team, "Milo & Otis," and "Whispers - An Elephant's Tale," set in Africa, provided story telling at its best. Pass the popcorn...please.

Watermelon growers were honored in August on National Watermelon Day - and we participated by offering free delicious, mouth watering watermelon throughout the day. Watermelon goes great with kite flying.

Many community members took us up on our offer of a free concert, and joined our residents who were thrilled with a superb performance by Mid Michigan Magic. This award winning women's quartet shared their talented voices with us, and sang classic barbershop music, the standards, and some delightful music of the 1940s. Our greatest appreciation to each of them - thank you Nancy, Claudia, Jan and Guinn - who traveled to Cass City from all over the state.

Reverend George Ward graced us with a fine church service - thank you so very much! On a sad note, we had to bid farewell to Reverend Garold Steele and his wife, Miriam. They have brought church services to us regularly for about a year now, and we're grateful for the time they shared with us.

Long-time volunteer Jeanne Klinkman has found a new niche at Northwood Meadows. She has single-handedly brought us the excitement of BINGO! What would we do without our terrific volunteers?

Stay tuned for our next edition.

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PAULA LEVALLEY (left), Kate VanAuken and Rose Martin (not pictured) were on hand to welcome a host of residents who attended the Fun in the Thumb Playscape fifth birthday party Sunday afternoon in Cass City. LeValley and VanAuken spearheaded the drive to build the playscape, and Martin has been instrumental in maintaining the structure.

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THE OWENDALE High School Class of 1954 recently held its 50th reunion at J.J. Jamokes in Caro. Members of the class in attendance included (front row, left) May Ziehm, Lucille (Montney) Day, Carol (VanNortrick) Stahl, Alice (Block) Gilbert, Kay (Dufty) Tait, Marilyn (Osborn) Peters, Eli Hales (teacher), Warren Sinke (teacher), Ron King, Clark Eidt, (back row, left) Donald McAlpine, Bruce Mellendorf, Mike Pisarek, John MacCallum, Ken Wissner, Walter Cramer, Don King and Bill Retford.

# PLUS office open in Sanilac

Sanilac County residents will enjoy additional services and conveniences at their new Secretary of State PLUS office, which recently opened.

The Sanilac County PLUS office is one of 22 new PLUS offices throughout Michigan created by Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land. The facilities feature expanded hours and other advantages.

The office is at 277 E. Sanilac Rd., Sandusky, the same site that housed the previous Sandusky branch office. But while the location remains the same, there will be more services to please the public.

"This is all about delivering better customer service," Land said. "Restructuring our branch office system lets us provide greater options at no additional cost to taxpayers. Our customers have asked for these services and we're pleased to accommodate them. This initiative also underscores our commitment to protect employee jobs. The Department of State is determined to keep pace with changing lifestyles and technology. This is the type of responsiveness that taxpayers expect and deserve."

The Sanilac County PLUS office remains open during the lunch hour and has expanded Wednesday hours for customers' convenience. It also offers the availability of a customer service specialist who will help visitors make sure that they have the proper documents before beginning a transaction. In the future, benefits will include the option of paying by credit card, a self-service station for registration renewal, and the ability to obtain driving records on site rather than by mail or travel to Lansing.

The Sanilac County PLUS office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday. The phone number remains (810) 648-4553.

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## Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr

### 5YEARSAGO

In games last week, the Hawks rolled to a win in a league meet, topping the Lakers at Rolling Hills Golf Course, 162-174. Nick Chappel was medallist with 39. Wednesday at Verona Hills in Bad Axe, Harbor Beach defeated the Hawks 176-179. Matt Stanke of the Pirates was the medallist with 40.

Only one grower was represented at the Cass City Farmer's Market Saturday, but there was plenty of fresh produce on hand. Olga Schneeberger enjoyed a book as she waited for customers in the parking lot of the village municipal building.

Outdoor grilling is a great way to cook in the summer, but do you know what you're burning in your charcoal grill? Charcoal briquettes are specially treated pieces of wood. Wood is made of 3 main components: carbon, hydrogen and oxygen. But wood really isn't a great fuel. It's only about 50 percent carbon.

liquids gone - many of which are high in oxygen and hydrogen - the percentage of carbon in wood goes up.

### 10YEARSAGO

Plans to establish a 2-channel educational/community television service in Cass City to serve schools and residents throughout the Thumb will become a reality, thanks to a federal grant approved last week. Congressman James A. Barcia (D-Bay City) announced a \$94,394 grant has been awarded to the Tuscola Intermediate School District from the U.S. Department of Commerce as part of the fiscal year 1994 Public Telecommunications Facilities Program. "This grant will be very effective in setting up educational programming for elementary, middle and high school in (the Thumb), and in providing a comprehensive community education program for all residents," Barcia said.

The second time was the charm for Cass City's Tom Lounsbury, who recently bagged a 500-pound bull caribou with a bow and arrow from 5 yards away while hunting in northern Quebec. A story in the Chronicle a year ago described Lounsbury's first experience hunting with Inuit guides in the rugged Torngat Mountains. He returned from that trip with many good memories, but no caribou. (From Rabbit Tracks)

It's been a long time since the Cass City Red Hawks have shared the league lead in football in any conference, but at least for a week Cass City shared the top spot in the National Division of the Thumb C League with Bay City All Saints. That happy turn of events came after the Hawks dominated the visiting Bad Axe Hatchets, 30-6, last Friday.

Arriving by limousine for a farewell party at Ben Franklin Store Friday was Mary Rabideau. The party was staged by Gerald and Geraldine Prieskorn in appreciation of over 25 years at the store. Free cake and punch were served.

### 25YEARSAGO

A short duration hail storm last Thursday in the Gagetown area spelled disaster for farmers as it destroyed much - and or some - of the dry bean crop still on the ground. The loss to farmers affected was in the thousands of dollars. The storm of fingernail size hail fell for only a couple of minutes, starting about 3:45 p.m., according to Brad Goslin. The farm of his father, Keith Goslin, probably suffered the greatest loss. The hail followed about five minutes of rain.

Unbeknownst to Bill Eberline until the growing season was almost over, his neighbor, Charlie Damoth, was sneaking over at night and applying fertilizer to his garden, then would casually mention to Eberline later that the plant needed watering. The result was a string bean plant about 10 feet tall and beans about twice as long as normal.

General Cable is Cass City's biggest tax payer. An examination of copies of tax bills sent out this summer showed the firm paid \$15,449 in village taxes. That's for real and personal property taxes combined for general village operations (13 mills) and the new sewage plant millage (2 1/2 mills).

### 35YEARSAGO

Joe Crawford isn't quite sure, but he thinks he may have found a wild turkey in the fields at his farm northeast of Cass City. "It had the head of a hen turkey," Crawford said, and its wing spread was 5 feet, 3 1/2 inches.

Lets check in and see what the local theatres were playing on this day: at the Cass Theatre, "Where Eagles Dare" with "Finian's Rain-bow coming by popular demand; at the Strand-Caro, "The Love Bug"; and at the Caro Drive-In, "Hot Rod Action", "Follow Me", and coming next "99 Women".

As time goes on, costs go up. At the Cass City IGA Foodliner the cost for a 14-ounce bottle of ketchup was 14 cents, cake mixes were 3 for \$1; a 12 count package of hamburger or hot dog buns were 29 cents; a 2-pound can of Maxwell House coffee was \$1.09; and a 4-roll package of Northern toilet paper tissue was 29 cents. Don't you wish that today's costs could again match yesterday's costs?

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# IT'S OVER!

## Cass City ends Laker's win streak, set up showdown with USA Friday

Wow! Here it is halfway through the regular Greater Thumb West league season and the Cass City Red Hawks are perched on the top of the league, along with USA Patriots, with a 3-0 record after their first win over the Lakers in 24 years.

And it was a decisive win, 30-6, that sets the stage for a showdown battle with the Patriots on the road Friday. USA is everybody's favorite to win the GTW crown this year, but then no one would have predicted that the Hawks would be undefeated in the league at the halfway point.

Cass City took control of the game from the opening

kickoff. Starting at their own 45-yard line, they moved to score in 9 plays. Key plays in the drive were a pass from Chris Landrith to Brad Langenburg that kept the drive going despite a 15-yard penalty and a 29-yard run to the end zone by Cody Halasz. The run for extra points was good.

The Lakers took the kickoff and went to the Hawk 34-yard line in 6 plays, but were stopped by Jarod Stoutenburg who intercepted a pass on the Cass City 38. 13 plays later Cass City scored. Landrith dropped back to pass, failed to find a receiver and ran around end for 23 yards and a touchdown. The kick was

good and at 10:15 in the second period Cass City was in front, 15-0.

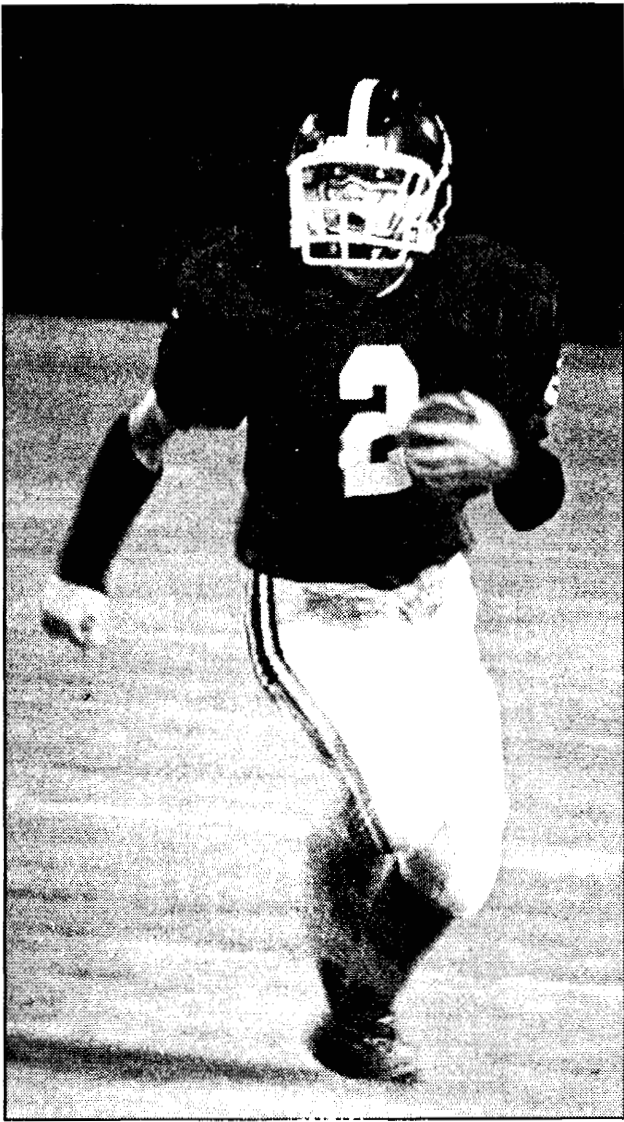
The ball changed hands several times and a great Hawk punt put the visitors in a hole on their own 4-yard line. On the first play the Lakers fumbled and Cass City recovered. Halasz punched over on the first play and then ran for the extra points to put the Hawks in front 23-0 with 1:58 left in the first half.

The Lakers staged their best drive of the game taking the Cass City kickoff starting the third quarter at midfield and moved for their only touchdown of the game in 8 plays. Chris Harder ran around end from 3 yards out.

In 9 plays, Cass City counted its last score. The 8-play drive was keyed by a 29-yard run by Halasz to set up the TD run by Jeff Stoutenburg from 3 yards out. The kick was good.

Our defense came to play, coach Scott Cuthrell said. "It was a great win for our community and our players, first time in 24 years. Wow."

Defense was led by Jeff Stoutenburg, Scott Meeker and Langenburg, each with 7 tackles. Halasz closely followed them with 6 tackles. Nick Stoutenburg had 10 carries for 78 yards and Halasz ran 23 times for 140 yards.



JEFF STOUTENBURG ran for a touchdown and made a key interception as the Hawks rolled past Lakers, 30-6.



OWEN-GAGE'S Josh McLaren eludes a Peck defender during Friday's gridiron action in Owendale. The Pirates spoiled the Bulldog's home opener with a 47-26 decision.

## Peck wins high scoring affair

Peck spoiled Owen-Gage's home opener Friday with a 47-26 decision during play in the North Central Thumb League's weekly gridiron wars.

The Bulldogs opened the high scoring affair after Michael Pawlak's fumble recovery spotted the ball in Pirate territory. It didn't take the hosts long to capitalize on the miscue as Grant Champagne teamed up with Andy Kretschmer moments later on a 3 yard scoring strike.

The Champagne and Kretschmer combination has proven to be an effective weapon for the Bulldog offense in the early season. However, the Bulldogs will need a near perfect team showing, including defensively, this Friday at Kingston to upset their 3-1 hosts.

Trailing 7-6, Champagne found Kretschmer open across the middle and he raced 28 yards down the visitors' sideline to pay dirt.

Peck, facing its second deficit of the initial quarter at 12-7, would respond by scoring the game's next 40 points. Several Pirates found their way into the end zone as the hosts couldn't contain the

outside running of Mike Pries, Brian Bartle, Ryan Loren and D.J. Hendra, all who scored for the winners.

With the game out of reach, and trailing 47-12, Owen-Gage would add a pair of 4th quarter scores on passes from Champagne to Kretschmer and Eric Zaleski.

Despite a poor defensive showing, the Bulldog offense accumulated 393 yards. Champagne was 18-of-29 passing for 317 yards, but yielded 2 interceptions, including one returned by Davis for his third score of the contest. Kretschmer hauled in 6 passes for 178 yards, resulting in 3 touchdowns and a 2-pointer. Owen-Gage was held to 76 rushing yards on 19 tocs. Josh McLaren led the Bulldog ground gainers with 37 yards on 9 carries.

Levi Adams led the Bulldogs on defense with 18 tackles, while Aaron Faist and Pawlak each recorded 9 stops.

## Hawk soccer team splits matches

The Hawks played 2 games last week, posting a 1-0 win at home against Marlette, and a 4-1 loss at Caseville. The JV squad defeated Marlette, 2-0.

The Marlette game was a defensive battle all the way as neither team could generate many scoring opportunities and ball control was fairly even in the midfield area. Ross Forrest, Shane McFarland, David Acker, Derek Weidman and Andrew Klico anchored a solid defense for the Hawks while a number of different combinations kept pressure on in

the midfield area throughout the game.

The Hawks were limited to 7 shots for the game, with Reed having the best chance in the first half. He finally got the game winner with about 20 minutes left in the game on a solid strike from the left wing. Hanby had another solid game in net, making 2 late saves that iced the game. While there was not a lot of scoring and very few shots from either team, it was a well-played game and a total team effort, coach Chuck Reed said.

The Hawks always seem to

have trouble with Caseville and this year was no exception. The offense was able to generate more shots, but Caseville scored early on a header off a corner kick and Cass City just couldn't get into any sort of flow to catch up. Kampol Puwadolpairaj scored the lone Hawk goal. Shane McFarland moved to offense and had 2 good goal tries late in the game, but lack of ball control was too much for the Hawks to overcome.

Hanby had a good game in net and Evan Bloomfield played a couple of minutes at the end of the game. The

reserves got playing time, and while they did not generate a lot of offense, they did play solid soccer. Evan Bushong and Ray Ellis had good games, as did Andrew Bouck and Adam Kranz.

It was disappointing, coach Reed pointed out, as the Hawks match up well with the Eagles, but never seemed to get into the rhythm of the game.

The Hawk JV team posted its second win, 2-0, over Marlette. Clinton Ellis and Devon Jamison scored the goals for the Hawks, while Bloomfield earned a shutout.

### Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

*This week's match ups*



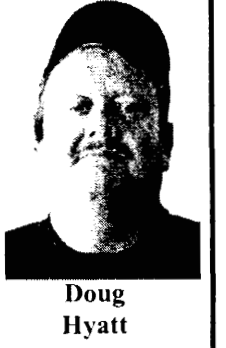
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Friday, September 24	USA	USA	USA	USA
Cass City at USA	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers
Valley Lutheran at Lakers	Reese	Reese	BCAS	BCAS
Reese at BCAS	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Harbor Beach at Deckerville	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky
Uby at Sandusky	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette
Mayville at Marlette	North Huron	Peck	Peck	Peck
Peck at North Huron	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Owen-Gage at Kingston	Memphis	Memphis	Memphis	Memphis
A-Fairgrove at Memphis	CPS	CPS	CPS	CPS
CPS at Dryden	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City
Bad Axe at Brown City				
Last week's results	9-4	10-3	11-2	10-3
Season's results	36-19 (65%)	30-25 (55%)	35-20 (64%)	33-22 (60%)

### FOOTBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST				
Team	W	L	W	L
USA	3	0	4	0
Cass City	3	0	3	1
Reese	1	1	2	2
BCAS	1	2	2	2
Bad Axe	1	2	1	3
EPBP	0	2	1	3
Valley Lutheran	0	2	1	3

GREATER THUMB EAST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Sandusky	2	0	4	0
Uby	2	0	3	1
Harbor Beach	2	1	3	1
Deckerville	2	1	2	2
Brown City	1	2	2	2
Marlette	0	3	1	3
Mayville	0	2	1	3

NCTL				
Team	W	L	W	L
Memphis	3	0	4	0
Kingston	3	0	3	1
CPS	2	1	2	2
A-Fairgrove	1	2	1	2
Dryden	1	2	1	3
North Huron	1	2	1	3
Peck	1	2	1	3
Owen-Gage	0	3	1	3

### BASKETBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Cass City	0	0	4	1
BCAS	0	0	3	2
Reese	0	0	3	2
EPBP	0	0	2	2
Valley Lutheran	0	0	2	3
Bad Axe	0	0	1	4
USA	0	0	0	5

GREATER THUMB EAST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Brown City	0	0	4	1
Sandusky	0	0	5	1
Harbor Beach	0	0	3	1
Mayville	0	0	2	2
Marlette	0	0	2	3
Deckerville	0	0	1	4
Uby	0	0	1	4

NCTL NORTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
Port Hope	5	0	7	0
Owen-Gage	3	2	4	2
North Huron	3	1	4	1
A-Fairgrove	0	4	1	4
Caseville	0	4	0	4

NCTL SOUTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
Kingston	4	0	5	0
CPS	3	1	3	2
Memphis	2	2	4	2
Dryden	1	4	1	4
Peck	1	4	1	5

## Hawk golfers toppled

Ryan Perlberg fired a 2-over par 37 Wednesday at Beach Hollow golf course to lead host Saginaw Valley Lutheran past Cass City 158-173 in Greater Thumb Conference action.

The Chargers also had Kerry Hoffmeister and Bryan Burnell shoot 40, while Randy Ferchau posted a 41.

Cass City had Ryan Ross at 41 to lead the visitors. Ryan Biddinger carded a 42, while Kurt Hanby and Michael Stevens shot 44 and 46, respectively.

Earlier in the week, on Monday, the Hawks traveled to Bad Axe and suffered a 173-195 defeat.

Cass City's Cameron Lautner, who shot 46, and Hanby, at 48, were the only visitors to break the 50 mark.

The Hatchets had foreign exchange student Aungoon Srisujaritanpan at 40, Eric Glaza at 42, and Jon Cook at 44. Completing the list of scorers for the winner was Carey Fabyan at 47.

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# State farmers finally feel good about weather

With all due empathy to people suffering the wrath of hurricane after hurricane, Michigan farmers are finally feeling good about the weather.

Cool conditions throughout the summer that left farmers worrying whether their corn, soybeans and other crops would reach maturity have yielded to what growers hoped and prayed would happen. September has been warm enough to allow crops to gain coveted growing degree days, and, as of mid-month, the pattern appears to be firmly in place.

"I don't see any sign of frost," said Jeff Andresen, agricultural meteorologist with Michigan State University (MSU). "But remember, in the central and southern lower parts of Michigan, the average first frost is the first week of October. And based on the upper air patterns we're seeing now, we don't see anything approaching freezing. We didn't have summer in July, so Mother Nature decided to dump it into September."

The reason for the weather that will help Michigan crops fare much better than was feared just a few weeks ago is the same reason the southeastern United States is suffering a relentless barrage of hurricanes, Andresen said.

"The link is that we are under a fairly large ridge of high pressure across much of the eastern United States and the Atlantic," Andresen said. "That ridge keeps all the tropical disturbances in a west-northwest trajectory, and it's virtually impossible for them to move into that ridge. That's why very few of the hurricanes have pushed out into the open waters of the Atlantic this year, and it's why we've been fair and warm and dry."

With recent temperatures in the mid-80s for highs and mid-60s for lows, crops have gained 20 to 25 growing de-

grees each day, said Mark Longstroth, district horticulture and marketing agent with MSU Extension.

Growing degree days is an index used to express crop maturity. The index is computed by subtracting a base temperature of 50 degrees from the average of the maximum and minimum temperatures for the day. The longer the maturity of a crop variety, the more growing degree days needed for the crop to mature.

For corn especially, the degree days have been welcome, as many farmers began filling silos in the southern half of the state. And as grape harvest began in southwestern Michigan, the weather has hastened ripening and sweetening.

"It's been a strange year," Longstroth said. "The cool weather was fantastic for tree fruit and blueberries, and the grape quality looks really good, especially in wine grapes."

Although dry weather has dominated since late August, the growing degree units have overcome concerns about lack of rain, Andresen said. "Some crops may have problems with the lack of water, but most farmers will take the degree days," he said.

While many crops are not out of the woods quite yet, September has been everything farmers hoped for - and more, said Bob Boehm, manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau Commodity and Marketing Department.

"September weather has helped bring us more into balance, so we might have a more normal year - whatever that is," he said. "We know that some late-planted crops may still face difficulties, but the area impacted is reduced with each day of above-normal temperatures, and we're hoping for a strong finish to the year."

## Legal Notices

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Clyde Wakefield Jr. and Judith K. Wakefield, husband and wife, to TCF National Bank, Mortgagee, dated February 23, 2001 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola, and State of Michigan, on March 2, 2001 in Liber 822, Page 1350, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Two and 65/100 Dollars (\$14,132.65), plus late charges of Two Hundred Sixty-Five and 96/100 Dollars (\$265.96).

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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 14, CC 24	
Sept. 10	Valley Lutheran 0, CC 35	
Sept. 17	Lakers 6, CC 30	
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

\* Home games are bold

## Follow the Hawks at home

### FOOTBALL

Friday, October 8  
Cass City vs. Bad Axe

### BASKETBALL

Thurs, Sept. 30  
Cass City vs. Lakers

### GOLF

Mon., Sept. 27  
Cass City vs. Lakers

### SOCCER

Tues., Sept. 28  
Cass City vs. Bad Axe

### 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 53, CC 45	
Sept. 9	Ubly 39, CC 49	
Sept. 14	Sandusky 55, CC 60	
Sept. 16	Mayville 42, CC 49	
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.
Oct. 21	Valley Lutheran	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 26	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m.
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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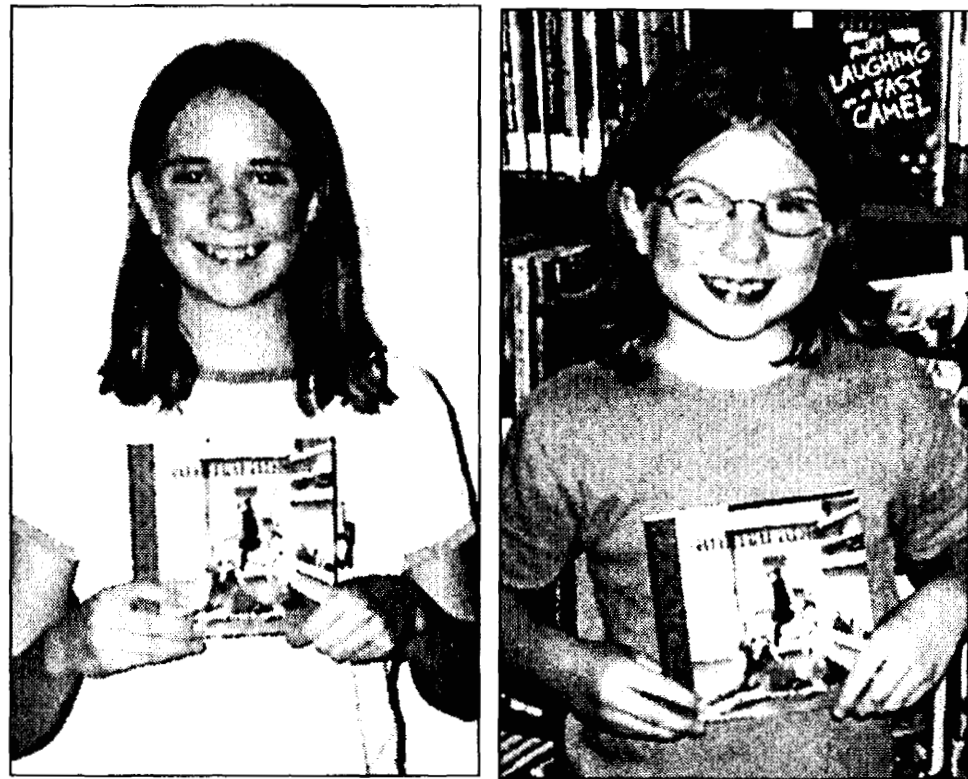


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SARAH REED (left) and Rachel Tanner were the winners of a contest at Rawson Memorial Library that challenged participants to match the library staff with their pets. The winners each received a copy of the book "Animal Antics." The contest was held in conjunction with the "Fines for Fido" program in August in which the library collected a combined \$401.36 in library fines and patron donations. The money was split and donated to the Cass River Pet FriendZ and the Humane Society of Tuscola County.

# Pobanz still selling after 44 years

Keith Pobanz has made a career out of selling, so it's no surprise the Cass City resident took on a part-time job in sales following his recent retirement from Curtis Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep.

Today, Pobanz is selling homes and property as a realtor associate at Kelly and Co. Realty, Cass City.

But area residents who visit his office in Cass City will find the same quick smile and friendly handshake he's been known for at local car dealerships for more than 40 years.

Originally from the Detroit area, Pobanz and family moved to the Thumb in the mid-1940s, later settling on a farm between Sebawaing and Owendale. After he graduated from Owendale High School in 1957, Pobanz joined the U.S. Air Force, returning to the area 4 years later.

"Rabideau Motors was in need of a parts and service manager, so I went in and interviewed there," Pobanz recalled of his start in the automotive business in the Main Street building that now houses Dan's Power and Stove.

"At Rabideau Motors, we handled Chrysler and Dodge and Dodge trucks, Case Farm Equipment and New Holland Farm Equipment. In '72 or '73, the farm equipment (business) was able to purchase the land out east of town," said Pobanz, who was offered the choice of working at Rabideau Farm Equipment or staying with the automotive end of the company.

He stayed with Rabideau Motors and began a lifelong career of selling cars and trucks.

After Rabideau Motors closed at the end of 1987, Pobanz joined the sales staff at Board Chrysler, working there for 10 years. "That was very enjoyable, working with Roger (Board)," he said.

After Board left, Pobanz worked at Mike Moore's Cass City Chrysler for a couple of years before Pat Curtis bought the dealership. Pobanz remained with Curtis Chrysler until his recent retirement, ending a 44-year career in the auto sales business.

Staying in the same job and in the same area for so many years is a rarity anymore, but it came naturally to Pobanz. "Back then - in the 50s and

60s - my memory is that if you went to work for a company and they liked you and you liked them, you had a job for life. I could have gone to the city, but then I would have had to raise my family down there," the father of 6 and grandfather of 9 said.

Pobanz has seen many changes in the auto industry over the years.

"The products...are much more diverse today and they aim at specific market segments," he said. "Everybody says 'the good old days', but this is the best product we've ever had, and they've just scratched the surface, especially with the electronics."

He noted one constant in the business over the years has been the people he's come to know. "That's the thing. You enjoy the people you work with and the customers you have."

In spite of his decision to retire, Pobanz plans to continue serving folks he's come to know as well as make some new acquaintances while putting the real estate license he first earned in 1999 to good use.

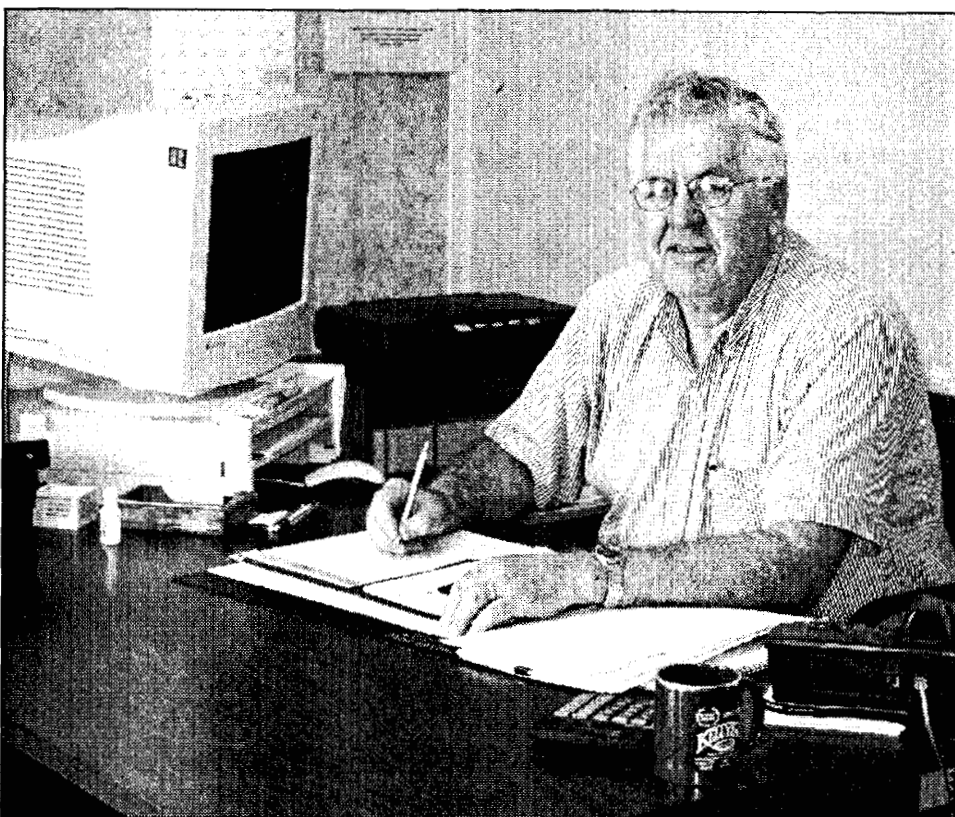
"My plan was to retire at 65. It just worked out well," said Pobanz, who has no inten-

tion of leaving the area.

"We have a terrific school

system and we have a terrific community here," he added.

"That's one of the reasons you stay in a place like this."



KEITH POBANZ is a familiar face in the Cass City business community, having sold cars and trucks in town for more than 40 years. He recently retired from Curtis Chrysler and is now working part-time as a realtor associate at Kelly and Co. Realty.

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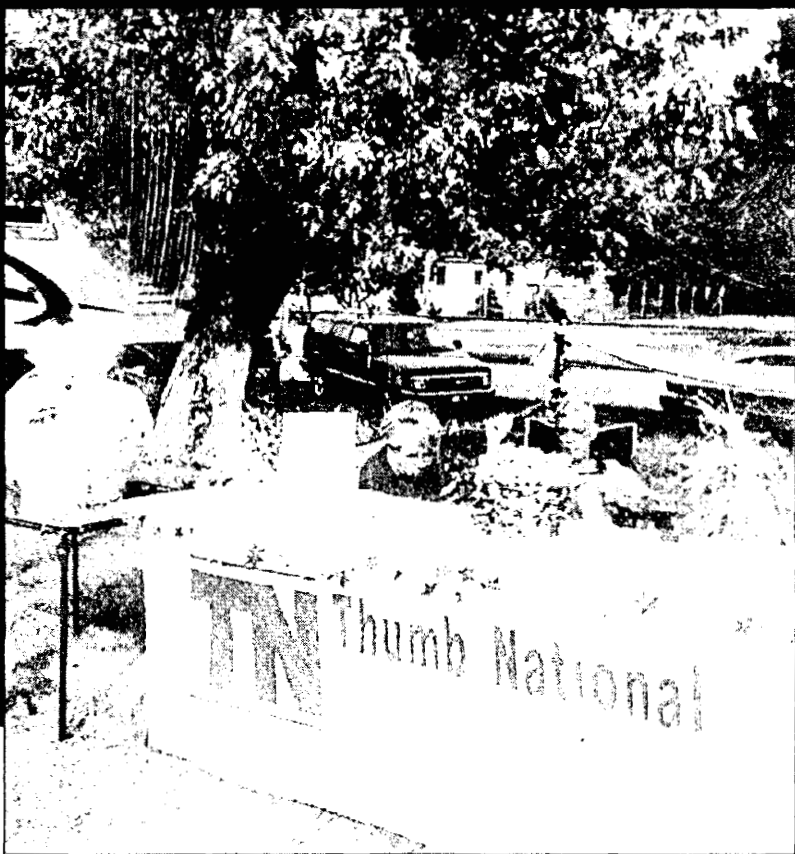
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## Obituaries

### Patty Hatfield

Patty Geraldine Hatfield, 42, of Flint, former of Corbin, Ky., died Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004 in McLaren Regional Medical Center, Flint, after a short illness.

She was born Sept. 4, 1962 in Flint, the daughter of Frank and Lila (Wilton) Mitchell.

Hatfield is survived by her daughters: Alma (Stanley) Barton of Corbin, Ky., Sarah Petrey of Somerset, Ky., and Tammy (Travis Wilson) Mitchell of Williamsburg Ky.; five grandchildren; siblings: Frank (Dosha) Mitchell of Flint, Lila Woodley of Flint, Douglas Mitchell of Williamsburg, Ky., Linda Cain of Flint, Robert (Stormy) Spencer of Flint, Gary (Carol) Mitchell of Caro, Patricia Feldhouse of Flint, David Spencer of Flint, Sally Bearinger of Penn.; her mother, Lila Petrey of Flint; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Frank Mitchell; grandparents: Gertrude and Gordon Wilton, Frank Mitchell and Lillian Spencer; aunts: Kate Labeau, Luella Summerfield, Liz Fuller, Leona Rice, and Cindy Elsworth; and uncles: George, Don, and Robert Wilton.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Sept. 19, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Chaplain Bob Bader officiating.

Interment was in the Indianfields Township Cemetery, Caro.

## NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THE NOVEMBER 2, 2004 GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that **Monday, October 4, 2004**, is the last day to register to vote and or change your address for the above stated election.

You may register to vote or change your address in the following manners and at the locations listed in this notice:

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- ✓ At your city or township clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.
- ✓ At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
- ✓ At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, Dept. of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- ✓ At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

### BY MAIL:

- ✓ By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting your county, city or township clerk. A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in a city/township where they lived or are at least 60 years of age, or are handicapped or are eligible under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act. **A new identification requirement under federal law must be met for persons that have never voted in Michigan and submit a registration form by mail.** (exceptions disabled or eligible under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act)

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**County:** Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Road Commissioner, Drain Commissioner, Surveyor and County Commissioners.

**Township:** Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustees and Constable (if applicable).

**Non-partisan:** Justice of the Supreme Court, 4th District Judge of the Court of Appeals Incumbent and Incumbent Partial Term, City Offices - Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Council Members (if applicable) and City and Township Library Boards (if applicable).

### State Proposal 04-1

A proposal to amend the state constitution to require voter approval of any form of gambling authorized by law and certain new state lottery games.

### State Proposal 04-2

A proposal to amend the state constitution to specify what can be recognized as a "Marriage or similar union" for any purpose.

•Arrangements for obtaining voter instructions in "alternative format" (cassette tape) can be made by contacting the clerk in advance of the election.

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KAMPOL PUWADOLPAIROJ of Thailand is this year's Cass City Rotary sponsored foreign exchange student. He was welcomed to the community at a picnic Tuesday at Cass City High School. Puwadolpairroj will stay with Jeff and Michelle Hanby. Pictured from left, front, are Michelle, Puwadolpairroj and Rotary president Val Hartel. Caleb Hanby is in the rear.

## Video nearly completed

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render photos that require a bit more artistic ability. The community has contributed as well. A call for residents to share their old photos generated 150 prints for the Eichers to consider.

"This television documentary (will) be dedicated to the people of the Cass City area, living and deceased, and to the early settlers who found the treasures of the area and gave opportunity to the generations that followed," said Jackson.

"It is also dedicated to the families, teachers and clergy who shaped the value system to which we aspire, and to the residents, business owners and corporations who see opportunity and a future for the community."

## Snover resident

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for identifying, arresting and successfully prosecuting 3 major cocaine distributors whose illicit drugs were reaching into Sanilac County. All 3 drug dealers received lengthy prison terms.

Special "Lifesaving Awards for Meritorious Service" were presented to Sgt. Garry Binecki and Sgt. Michael Redman of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department.

Binecki and Redman were the first officers on the scene of a 3-car accident last November. The victim, Michael O'Mara, was pinned in his vehicle and was unconscious and not breathing. The officers pried open the door and assisted him, helping him gain an airway for breathing. Following treatment at St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw, the victim recovered.

The 2004 "Firefighter of the Year" is George Lasecki, a member of the Sandusky Fire Department, who was honored for his work with the department and beyond.

He is a certified fire training instructor who helps conduct classes for Sanilac County firefighters. The Sandusky High School teacher is secretary-treasurer of the Sanilac County Firemen's Association and has been very active in the annual Family Fun Day, and Policemen and Firemen's Field Day. Lasecki has also written a number of grants that resulted in funding for area fire departments.

Croswell EMS Paramedic Sean Murray was selected

"EMT of the Year" for his dedication and life-saving skills. Also, special "Life-saving Awards for Meritorious Service" were presented to Murray as well as paramedics John Cristini and Cindy Cristini, and EMT-S Carrie Taylor, EMT Kelsey Wade, and Croswell Police Officer Dave Wood for saving the life of a patient who was in cardiac arrest.

An "Honorary Law Enforcement Award for Meritorious Service" was presented to Sandusky Police Officer Matt Gezequel for his work with the "Safe Kids Coalition."

## Fifth Quarter Parties

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While the parties don't resemble a church service, Speirs and the other adults who volunteer to host the gatherings see them as an outreach of the church's ministry.

"We definitely have ulterior motives," Speirs said. "We want them to see that Christians don't keep to themselves, that we have fun, too."

At the same time, they believe opening up the church doors may be a way to prevent another senseless traffic crash and maybe even save a life or 2.

Kids will still party and make poor decisions, Speirs acknowledged, "but at least they have a place to go on the nights when they're most likely to party."



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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by ROLLAND J. DAVID, JR. AND TRACIE WALKER-DAVID, husband and wife, to ALLIANCE FUNDING, a Division of Superior Bank, FSB, One Ramland Road, Orangeburg, NY 10962, dated October 31, 2000 and recorded with the Tuscola County Register of Deeds on December 6, 2000 in Liber 816 at Page 1074. Said mortgage was assigned by an assignment to LaSalle Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee under the Indenture, dated as of 12-1-00 Series 2000-4, n/k/a LASALLE BANK, N.A., 909 Hidden Ridge, Irving, TX 75038, by an assignment dated November 14, 2000 and recorded with the Tuscola County Register of Deeds on January 24, 2002 in Liber 858 at Page 1493. By reason of such default the undersigned elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of said mortgage due and payable forthwith. At the date of this notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest, at the rate of 12.250% adjustable per annum on said mortgage the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY AND 65/100 DOLLARS (\$50,303.65). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided and to pay said amount with interest as provided in said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including attorney's fees allowed by law, said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public venue to the highest bidder at the front entrance of the courthouse in Caro, the place of holding the Circuit Court within the County of Tuscola, City of Caro on October 22, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., local time.

Pursuant to Public Act No. 104, Public Acts of 1971 (MSA 27A3240(3)) the redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of the foreclosure sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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

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

LaSALLE BANK, N.A.  
Assignee of Mortgage

Dated: September 8, 2004

Walter J. Russell (P19781)  
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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Richard Jeffrey and Ronda A. Jeffrey, Mortgagors, to Oak Street Mortgage LLC, Mortgagee, dated the 19th day of June, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 25th day of June, 2003 in Liber 938 of Tuscola County Records, Page 912, said Mortgage having been assigned to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as mortgagee there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eighty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Four & 11/100 (\$85,764.11), and no suit or proceeding 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 statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of October, 2004 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 10.70000% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

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

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 29, Township 13 North, Range 11 East, Novesta Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 29, which is West 1254.0 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section, thence North 0°06'20" West 165.0 feet along East line of Railroad Street, thence East 59.0 feet, thence South 0°06'20" East 59.0 feet to said South line, thence West 59.0 feet along said South line to point of beginning. Subject to Right of Way for Deckerville Road over the Southerly side thereof.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 9/8/04

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
Mortgagee

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Maria Buckle, a single woman (original mortgagor), to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated March 14, 2002 and recorded on March 20, 2002 in Liber 870 on Page 901, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Mortgage Company, an Ohio Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated October 3, 2002 and recorded on November 12, 2002 in Liber 901 on Page 1300, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighty and 36/100 Dollars (\$78,180.36), including interest at 4.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on October 7, 2004.

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

Situated in the Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, commencing at a point 6 feet South of the Southwest corner of Lot 10, Block 8 of the plat of the Village of Millington; thence South 6 rods; thence East 4 rods; thence North 6 rods; thence West 4 rods to the place of beginning, being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 16, Township 10 North, Range 8 East.

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: September 8, 2004

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Forrest D. Sommerfield, An Unmarried Man (original mortgagor), to PHH Mortgage Services, Mortgagee, dated May 30, 2003 and recorded on June 4, 2003 in Liber 934 on Page 515 in instrument 200300832408, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Six and 52/100 Dollars (\$79,836.52), including interest at 4.25% 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 October 7, 2004.

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

Lot 5, Wagner's Subdivision, Township of Juniata of Tuscola County, and State of Michigan, according to Plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 43, 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: September 8, 2004

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Adam T. Schmidt and Audrey Schmidt, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Charles F. Curry Company, a Missouri Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 12, 1999 and recorded on February 26, 1999 in Liber 764 on Page 1084, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as assignee by an assignment dated February 5, 2001 and recorded on February 16, 2002 in Liber 865 on Page 750 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Nine and 88/100 Dollars (\$45,849.88), 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 October 21, 2004.

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

Lots 5 and 6, Block 10, North's Addition to the Village (now city) of Vassar, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 21A of Plats, 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: September 22, 2004

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Janet Hawes, an unmarried woman (original mortgagor), to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated August 25, 1998 and recorded on August 27, 1998 in Liber 748 on Page 1250, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated August 1, 2000 and recorded on February 27, 2001 in Liber 822 on Page 730 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Thirty-Five and 91/100 Dollars (\$66,035.91), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said

mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on October 21, 2004.

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

Being in the Northeast fractional quarter of Section 2, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, and described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 2, Town 12 North, Range 8 East; thence West 360 feet; thence South 215 feet; thence East 360 feet; thence North 215 feet to the place of beginning. Right of way for Van Geisen Road over the Northerly side and Sheridan Road over the Easterly side 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: September 22, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John E. Reid, a married man, & Tonya M. Reid, his wife (original mortgagors), to Flagstar Bank, Federal Savings Bank, Mortgagee, dated December 29, 2000 and recorded on January 8, 2001 in Liber 818 on Page 1420, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated June 21, 2001 and recorded on January 9, 2002 in Liber 856 on Page 121 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Two and 87/100 Dollars (\$147,682.87), including interest at 8.5% 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 October 21, 2004.

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

Lot 7, of Botimer's Woodland Subdivision, according to the recorded Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Liber 4, Pages 58 through 61, 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: September 22, 2004

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Wendell J. Wildermuth, a married man, and Lisa Wildermuth (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 62/100 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 288.23 feet; thence North 08 degrees 43 minutes 43 seconds West, 667.84 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

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**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 of 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/K/A Green Tree Servicing, L.L.C.  
Mortgagee

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lawrence E. Giddings, A/K/A LAWRENCE GIDDINGS, and Faith D. Giddings, A/K/A FAITH GIDDINGS, husband and wife, to Ford Housing Finance Services, a div. of Associates Housing Finance Services, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 1, 1998 and recorded on April 9, 1998 in Liber 734 on Page 1283, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy-one thousand nine hundred ninety-six and 28/100 Dollars (\$71,996.28), including interest at 8.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on October 22, 2004.

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

PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 13, TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING DISTANT SOUTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST 633.67 FEET ALONG THE WEST SECTION LINE FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 13; THENCE FROM SAID PLACE OF BEGINNING, NORTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST 556.31 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 211.29 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 556.31 FEET TO SAID WEST SECTION LINE; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 211.29 FEET ALONG SAID SECTION LINE TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING AND ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON INCLUDING A 1997 PATRIOT MODEL UNV0032670 MANUFACTURED HOUSING UNIT BEARING SERIAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER LPP-7262B/AIN.

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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: September 8, 2004

Associates Housing Finance, LLC  
F/K/A Ford Housing Finance Services  
Mortgagee

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Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
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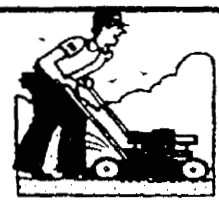
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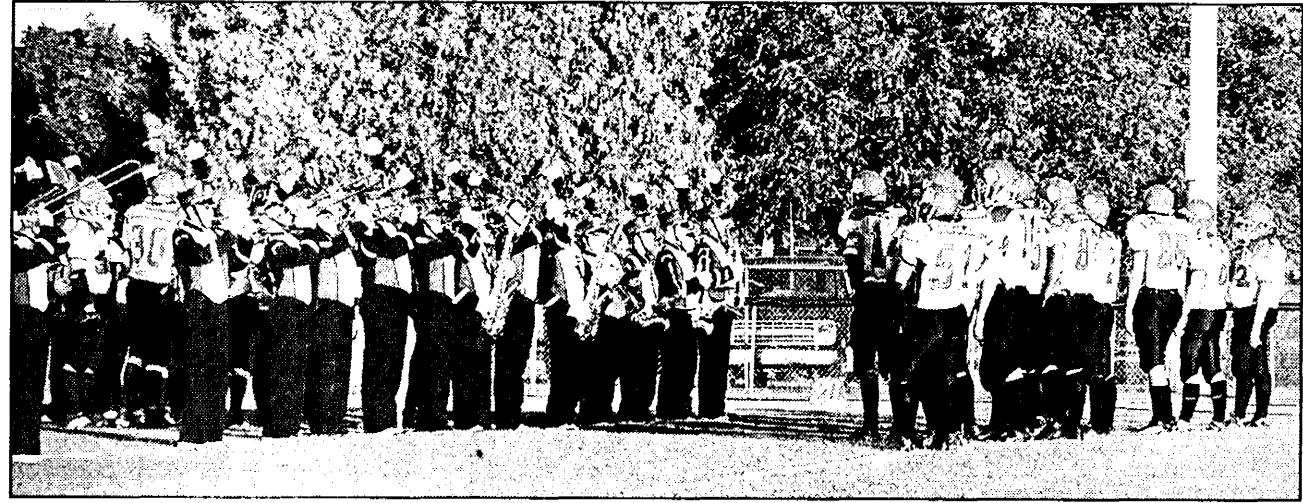
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THE CASS CITY High School Marching band faces off with the members of the Lakers football team as they attempt to take the field Friday night (photo courtesy of Debra Kranz).

# Humane society represented

The Humane Society of Tuscola County will be represented among dozens of Michigan animal welfare organizations, animal control agencies and animal rescue groups at the first-ever Animal Welfare Rally this month.

The rally, which will be hosted by the Michigan Humane Society, is slated for Tuesday, Sept. 28, from

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the steps of the state Capitol in Lansing.

"Along with recognizing the efforts of animal organizations from across Michigan, the rally will educate legislators and the public on exciting upcoming animal welfare legislation and offer the opportunity to show legislators our strength in numbers as voting constituents,"

said Judy Murphy, spokeswoman for the Humane Society of Tuscola County.

Michigan Humane Society Executive Director Cal Morgan will present a "Legislator of the Year" award and give public recognition to all the state representatives and senators who have demonstrated, through their voting records, a commitment to the welfare of animals in the

state.

Murphy noted that anyone who shares an interest in the welfare of abused, neglected and homeless animals is invited to participate in the rally. Group transportation will be available at no charge.

To pre-register and for transportation, contact the Humane Society of Tuscola County at (989) 672-7387.

## Reporter's notebook

# Lakers simply dropped the ball

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Members of the Cass City High School Marching Band will be hard pressed to top the pre-game show they presented prior to Friday night's home football contest against Lakers.

Hopefully, they won't have to.

For those who missed it, the band traditionally lines up and waits in the north end zone of the field before marching out to play the school song and national anthem. All went according to plan Friday until the band attempted to take the field.

The Laker football team refused to yield, its members continuing to drill as if they hadn't noticed 80-some musicians in uniform waiting for their opportunity to showcase the hard work they've put in over the past few weeks.

Undaunted, Director of Bands Doug Burtch's charges marched through the Laker squad and emerged on the other side to cheers and applause.

Interestingly, after nearly 2 dozen years worth of losses to Lakers, the Red Hawk varsity football team went on to do the same thing over the next couple of hours.

But the visitors' display left a bad taste in the mouths of Cass City fans. Even after the band made its way to mid-field, the Lakers refused to budge and continued to run its drills, stopping only during the playing of the Star Spangled Banner.

To be honest, I have never seen that happen before, not once in the 18 years I've been attending high school football games in the Thumb.

Now, I don't know if the Lakers' actions were intentional or not, or whether the coaching staff condones that sort of behavior. But, I have

been to a number of games on their home field and can't recall the team ever standing in the way of the marching band.

In any event, the team's actions were uncalled for and demonstrated a decided lack of respect for their hosts. Frankly, it was sad, reflecting not only on the football players, but also on the coaches and the school.

Afterwards, Burtch said he had never been prouder of his kids, who clearly took to heart their director's philosophy that "nobody gets in the way of the band."

At the same time, Burtch was upset and promised to make his feelings known to the Laker administration.

And rightly so. Friday's incident was hardly the end of the world, but it was disappointing in terms of the lesson it taught to young adults getting ready to enter the "real" world.

Officials in school districts across the state - Cass City included - have implemented educational philosophies that emphasize respect at all grade levels, whether a student is in the classroom or competing on a basketball court or football field.

Unfortunately, in this case, the Laker coaching staff simply dropped the ball.

## Storing foods

In general, high-acid canned food such as tomatoes, grapefruit and pineapple can be stored on the shelf for 12 to 18 months. Low-acid canned food such as meat, poultry, fish and most vegetables will keep 2 to 5 years - if the can remains in good condition and has been stored in a cool, clean and dry place. Discard cans that are dented, leaking, bulging or rusted.

## Calendar of Events

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

### Wednesday, September 22

Ravenous Readers' Book Club, noon, Rawson Memorial Library.  
Rehab Awareness Day, 2-5 p.m., Marlette Community Hospital, 2770 Main St., Marlette. For additional information, call the Center for Rehabilitation at (989) 635-4500.  
Thumb Retired Officers of Police Service (TROOPS) meeting, 11:30 a.m., Franklin Inn, Bad Axe.

### Thursday, September 23

American Red Cross Blood Drive, noon-5:45 p.m., St. Elizabeth Catholic Church Parish Hall, 6785 W. Marlette St. Walk-ins are welcome! Please bring photo ID or donor card. Sponsored by the Marlette Community Hospital Auxiliary.  
Senior Citizen Bingo Party, 1-4 p.m., Cass City VFW Post 3644, 4533 Veterans Dr. Prizes and refreshments. Sponsored by 3644 Ladies Auxiliary.

### Friday, September 24

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

Playgroups for toddlers, preschoolers and their parents, 10-11 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City. For further information, call Early On at (989) 673-5200 (ext. 445). Sponsored by Early On.

### Saturday, September 25

YA (Young Adult) Book Club, 11 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library.  
Craft Show, bake sale, cookie walk, & luncheon, 9-3 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 6820 Main St., Cass City.  
Orchard Bazaar, 9-4 p.m., Sutton-Sunshine UMC, 2988 Colwood Rd., Caro (corner of Colwood and Dutcher roads). Apples and baked goods, cafe opens at 9 a.m. Sponsored by B.A.S.S. Charge.  
Harvest Supper & Auction, Kingston United Methodist Church. Dinner: 5-6:30 p.m.; Auction: 7 p.m.

### Monday, September 27

Cass City School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.  
Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, noon, Charmont.  
Hospice Volunteer Training Classes, 6-9 p.m., Sandusky Presbyterian Church, 104 Lexington St., Sandusky. To learn more about volunteering or to register, please contact Joan Whitson, UHS Volunteer Coordinator at 800-635-7490.

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