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Discharge raises a stink in drain near condominiums

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

For some time now, Cass City resident Bob Haselhuhn has enjoyed leisurely walks along Beechwood Drive, taking a few minutes each time to stop and enjoy watching a myriad of wildlife near the Center B Drain.

But what Haselhuhn discovered on a recent walk disgusted him.

As he approached the bridge near Northwood Meadows, Haselhuhn noticed a strong odor, as if someone had emptied a septic tank into the drain. The water itself had turned black, there was an oily film on the surface, and he saw dead fish floating on the surface.

Haselhuhn, who lives at the nearby Northwood Lakes Condominiums, also noticed some children playing nearby, trying to catch crayfish. After warning the kids to stay away from the water, he contacted Cass City Village Manager Frank Sheridan.

Sheridan inspected the drain and asked village wastewater treatment plant Supt. Rick Mohr and Gary Barnes, head of the village DPW, to also take a look.

"It's not raw sewage from what we can tell, (but) there are dead fish and the herons are picking up the dead fish, which is not good," Sheridan said. "It could be sludge running off a field. That's just a guess."

"If you trace the stream back from Beechwood to Koepfgen Road to Milligan Road, you can see a black material," said Mohr, who added the water flowing further north, at Wilsie Road, appeared to be clear.

Mohr contacted the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). "I reported it to them and they were up here about 4:30 p.m. yesterday (Tuesday)," he said.

Mohr later spoke with DEQ officials. "They are not sure of what it is or where it came from. We don't have any idea and they don't have any idea," he said. "He (DEQ official) said there's nothing they're going to be able to do."

Mohr said the material is

most likely farm run-off that was stirred up during recent rains, although he isn't certain.

After learning about the problem, Tuscola County Drain Commissioner Sarah Pistro also contacted DEQ officials, who sent her a fax late last Wednesday stating they had discovered that someone has blocked a feeder drain to the Center B Drain north of Cass City. The fax also requested that county drain officials unblock the drain.

During a conference call Thursday morning, Gene Suuppi, a DEQ environmental quality analyst, told Pistro that an inspection of the area revealed someone had dumped roughly 2 yards of wheat along with rip rap into the feeder drain. However, Suuppi could not explain the odor and black substance that had entered the Center B Drain.

"We don't even know where it came from. It could be manure runoff, but it's hard to say," he told Pistro. "It's really hard to track upstream to find the source."

Suuppi stated he doesn't have the funding to clean out the feeder drain, and suggested that Pistro contact the Michigan Department of Agriculture or township to cover the cost.

Pistro, however, pressed Suuppi for assistance. "All it's doing is causing damage and eventually it will go downstream," she said, referring to the Center B Drain, which flows south and empties into the Cass River.

Pistro vowed to find a contractor to clean out the feeder drain.

Suuppi later contacted village officials and asked them to remove a beaver dam just south of the bridge in order to get the drain flowing.

"They made some suggestions, but we're not going to follow them," Sheridan said Thursday, noting the drain is under Pistro's jurisdiction. "If I pollute the Cass River, is it my fault because we knocked it (beaver dam) down?"

On top of that, Sheridan said the village doesn't have equipment that can reach the

dam, and sending a village employee into the polluted water to remove the obstruction by hand was out of the question. "I wouldn't do it, and I wouldn't ask one of the guys to do it," he added.

As it turned out, a resident offered to manually remove a portion of the dam Thursday afternoon, and he took about 6 inches off the top of the dam. Sheridan gave him the okay after talking to Pistro.

"If I hadn't talked to Sarah, I would have told him to stay out of there," Sheridan said of the resident, whom he didn't identify. "It was not illegal to do that. I told him he wasn't going to get in trouble, but I wasn't going to ask him to do it."

Department of agriculture officials have since been asked to investigate the incident and locate the source

of the material that entered the drain.

For Haselhuhn and others, however, the damage has been done.

"That's what this has damaged. I'm afraid we've lost our wildlife for quite some time."

Margie and Bob Morley are

"It could be manure runoff, but it's hard to say. It's really hard to track upstream to find the source."

"I always stop here and I enjoy watching the wildlife, and the children had a good time fishing here," Haselhuhn said as he surveyed the drain area from the bridge, where he has seen fish, turtles and frogs as well as muskrat, beaver, blue herons, mink and ducks. There were none to be seen Thursday.

also concerned. The Center B Drain cuts through the couple's spacious Koepfgen Road spread just north of the bridge.

"It was so enjoyable," Margie said. "I've never seen this happen before. It certainly isn't a good thing." Bob acknowledged the ma-

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THE MICHIGAN Athletic and Rehabilitation Center is under new leadership with the recent hiring of Director Heather Hankin (left), pictured above with Dolly Fryers, a physical therapist assistant at the Cass City facility.

New director on the job

MARC changing name, but not services

The Michigan Athletic and Rehabilitation Center (MARC) may have undergone a name change, but the services residents have come to depend on will not change.

In fact, new director Heather Hankin plans to improve those services in the future.

Although MARC has always functioned as a department of Hills and Dales General Hospital, officials felt the name did not adequately reflect its status as a part of the hospital.

With Hills and Dales gaining Critical Access Hospital status earlier this year, the

decision was made to rename MARC. Therapy services will now be offered under the name Hills and Dales General Hospital Center for Rehabilitation, while the fitness services will be offered under the name Hills and Dales General Hospital Health and Fitness.

"MARC will continue to offer the services we always have, just under a new name," Hankin said.

Those services include rehabilitation services such as physical, occupational and speech therapy, as well as a fitness program that offers aerobic, gym/exercise facili-

ties and personal training.

"Probably the biggest goal is to increase staffing to meet the demands of the community, and from there we would like to start developing some specialty programs based on the staff's skills," said Hankin, who hopes to double her staff of full-time physical therapists from 2 to 4.

"We would like to expand our occupational therapy services significantly, and the physical therapy staff has a real interest in increasing their manual therapy skills," she added.

Hills and Dales General Hospital President and CEO Dee McKrow said she's very pleased to have Hankin join the Hills and Dales team. "She will be a real asset to the Hills and Dales rehabilitation program," she added.

Originally from Lapeer County, Hankin has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Michigan. She earned a master's degree in physical therapy and a doctoral degree in health science at the University of Indianapolis.

Hankin has spent her entire career in health care, includ-

ing 8 years in physical therapy. Her clinical background includes outpatient orthopedics and sports medicine as well as multidisciplinary chronic pain management.

"I've held both clinical and managerial positions as well as doing some teaching at physical therapy schools," she said.

Most recently, Hankin spent one year as a staff therapist with Community Health Network in Indianapolis in the Multidisciplinary

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Fall Family Days on tap this weekend in Gagetown

Probably few festivals in the Thumb have grown like the Fall Family Days celebration at the Thumb Octagon Barn near Gagetown.

In just 8 years, the festival has gone from a one-day event drawing perhaps a couple thousand people to a 2-day celebration attracting crowds 5 times that large.

"It's scary," Fall Family Days Co-chairman Bob Hirn joked. "We're going to have about 5 more acres this year than we did last year, so that's going to be an advantage."

The additional acreage is located south of the farmhouse and was previously used by the DNR to grow wildlife food plots, Hirn explained. "This year, because we're in the process of buying the (octagon barn) land, we didn't have to plant the food plots."

Judging by last year's success, organizers of the 9th annual Fall Family Days, slated for Saturday, Sept. 11, and Sunday, Sept. 12, will need every square inch of space.

"Last year, more than 10,000 people attended the 2-day event. We hope to break that record this year," said Diane Rapson Gabil, advertising chairman.

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Handicap parking is available and

shuttle service will be provided from nearby parking areas. The first 6,000 visitors will receive a commemorative button.

With the help of literally hundreds of volunteers, the celebration, which runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., transforms the historical barn, farmhouse and property into a whirlwind of activities reflecting rural life in the 1900s.

"With the theme for this year being the lumber industry, many displays and demonstrations will feature tools and machinery designed for woodworking," Rapson Gabil said. "The circular sawmill will be the center of activity along with a shingle mill, and belt drive planer."

"Having chosen lumber for this year's theme may seem a little strange in that we are an agricultural museum and have always chosen farm produced items in the past," Hirn said. "However, we felt the sawmill and the many woodworking tools played a significant role in establishing the farmstead itself and it would make a good event theme."

"The other reason...is that it is seldom chosen as a show theme and might just bring out some new and unusual things that we have not seen before."

Rapson Gabil noted that part of the festival's appeal is the ability to watch decades-old equipment in use as it was in the early 1900s.

"There will be field demonstrations of old farm machinery, including a corn binder, grain binder, threshing machine and gristmill," she said. "As an added treat, festival attendees can see how a sorghum press and evaporator work in tandem to produce sorghum syrup, plus this year there will be sorghum syrup for sale."

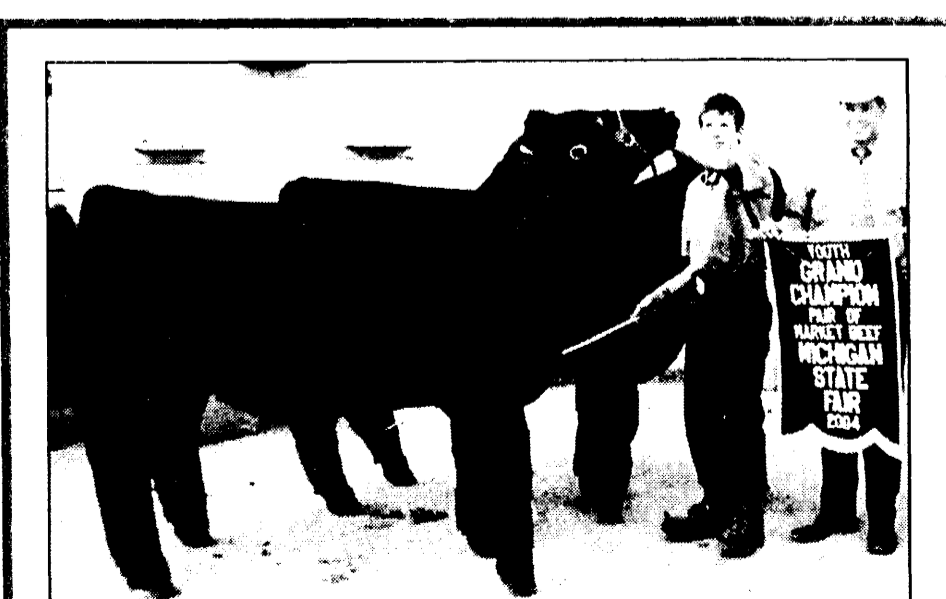
HANDS-ON FUN

Hands-on activities this year will include craft workshops, children's activities, broom making, rope making and splicing. There will also be horse drawn wagon rides, and antique tractors and engines.

The Eastern Michigan Music Makers will provide live music throughout the weekend, and shoppers will find plenty to like about this year's expanded flea market covering the north field. A tractor parade will get underway at 3 p.m. on both days.

"Farm visitors can take a horse drawn wagon ride, then walk through the restored, 8-

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DECKER AREA resident Jake Leslie, 14, stands with a judge and his Grand Champion pair of market steers at the Michigan State Fair. Smithfield Beef Group purchased the animals for \$7,500 during the 2004 Auction of Junior Livestock Champions.

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Library offering classes

Rawson Memorial Library is offering computer classes this fall.

Basic computer classes are set for 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 16 and Tuesday, Oct. 12. A Microsoft Word class is slated for 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 6 and a Microsoft Publisher class for 7 p.m., Oct. 5.

All classes are free of charge, but you must register by calling (989) 872-2856 because class size is limited.

A pre-requisite for the Word and Publisher classes is basic computer knowledge and the ability to use the mouse comfortably.

C. Volz qualifies for club

Charles H. Volz of Cass City, a financial consultant with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, has qualified for the organization's Venture Club. In order to qualify for the Venture Club, Volz demonstrated outstanding sales and service to members.

Volz is with Thrivent Financial's Michigan Region Financial Office, Frankenmuth, and serves Lutherans and their family members in the surrounding communities.

Fewer than 500 of Thrivent Financial's nearly 2,500 financial representatives qualified for the Venture Club. Volz has been with Thrivent Financial and its predecessor organizations for 12 years and has been recognized for his performance 8 times.

Diabetes classes scheduled

Hills and Dales General Hospital will be offering a Diabetes Education class series Sept. 21, 22, 23 and 29 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Northwood Meadows, 6086 Beechwood Dr., Cass City.

Cost for the entire series is \$25. The classes will focus on how to manage diabetes and will be taught by a dietitian and a nurse educator.

If you would like to attend the class, call (989) 872-2121 (ext. 342).



Meg's Peg

Wallpaper

by Melva E. Guinther

I used to think wallpapering with a spouse was the most daunting task one could undertake. Now I'm convinced that doing the job alone is just as bad.

After staring across the kitchen table day after day at the distressed paper on the opposite wall, I finally determined that it was time to tackle the job.

If you've never wallpapered, you may not understand that it's not simply a matter of slapping the stuff on the wall. Oh no! There's a lot more to it than that.

First you have to measure, and that's not as simple as you might think, especially if you have 6 doors to work around. One expert we asked about remodeling the kitchen once told us when we explained the layout, "Lady, a room with 6 doors isn't a kitchen, it's a hallway!"

Nevertheless, that's what we have to work with.

We've learned some valuable lessons the hard way through past mistakes in papering, and we're not done yet.

After measuring and re-measuring (Measure twice, order once!), there's the matter of choosing the right wallpaper. Decisions! Decisions!

My first choice was rejected since there were not enough rolls with the same lot number. (One of those hard lessons learned is how important matching lot numbers are.)

Eventually I decided on some paper and brought it home confidently.

Now it was simply a matter of mustering up the energy to get started. Isn't that always the rub?

One day in a rare fit of enthusiasm, I began ripping the old paper off the wall, layer after layer. Once you've gone that far, there's no turning back.

I vaguely remembered some of the patterns as I tore them off. Others could never have been forgotten had I seen them before. Talk about ugly!

Macdonald on duty in Kosovo

Army National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Craig W. Macdonald has been mobilized, activated and deployed to Kosovo as a member of the U.S. Army contingent serving as part of the Multinational Brigade-East. The soldier will be assigned to Task Force Falcon at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo.

Soldiers are part of a rotating NATO-U.S. task force which helps support the continuing Kosovo Peacekeeping Force (KFOR) mission after the crisis in Kosovo ceased in June 1999.

The NATO-led Kosovo Force helps maintain a safe and secure environment in the province and provide a security presence in villages, assists in resolving disputes, and works with international aid agencies to provide support for communities. The U.S. is one of 36 countries that participate in the NATO peacekeeping mission.

Macdonald, a readiness superintendent, is the son of William R. and Carolyn A. Macdonald of Decker.

His wife, Michelle, is the daughter of Donny L. and Debra J. Chappel of Marlette.

He is a 1992 graduate of Marlette High School.

Calendar of Events

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

Friday, September 10

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

Saturday, September 11

Cass City Band Car Wash, 10-2 p.m., Pat Curtis, Main St., Cass City. Proceeds will benefit the band's trip to Walt Disney World.

Sanilac County "Free Disposal Day", Tri-City Landfill, 426 Ruth Rd. For additional information, contact the Tri-City Landfill at (810) 657-9313.

Monday, September 13

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

AYSO Board meeting, 7 p.m., Cass City High School Library.

Thumb Area Chapter of The Compassionate Friends 8th Annual Balloon Launch, 7 p.m., Community of Christ Church (formerly Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints), 2081 Decker Rd., Caro. For further information, contact Diane Reed at (989) 673-7192, or Dave Block at (810) 376-2801.

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.

Tuesday, September 14

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., firehall in Gagetown.

Tuscola County Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Family Support/Education Group meeting, 1:30 p.m., Adult Day Services building, 435 Green St., Caro. For additional information, call (989) 672-2273.

Adult Diabetes Self-Management Education Class, 10-noon, Continuous Learning Center of Marlette Community Hospital. For more information, call Resource Coordinator, Judy Mahaffy, RN, at (989) 635-4349.

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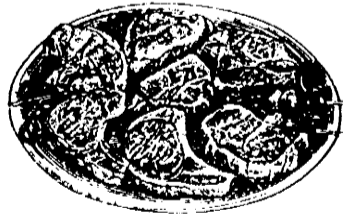
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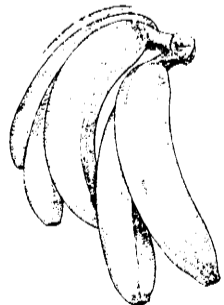
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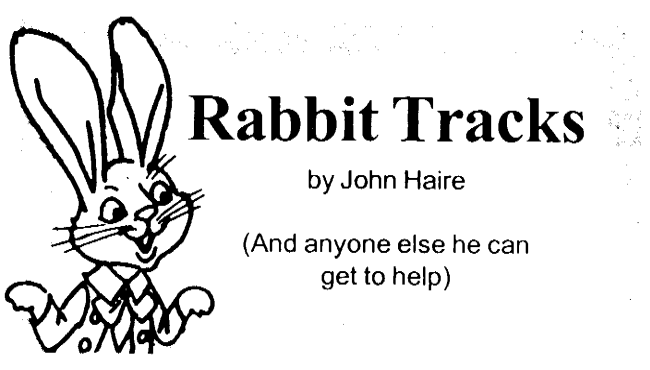
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

An Ubly football fan asked me, while our trails crossed at the grocery store, why I always picked against Ubly. On second thought, he added, keep picking against us so we can keep on winning.

Alas, I picked Ubly to lose in the football guessing game last week and for a change I was right. For the sake of my critic and all Ubly grid fans, I hope my prediction proves right again this week because I picked Ubly to defeat Brown City.

As noted here previously, the Willow Tree is a fine restaurant. I lost track of it for nearly 2 years because it has moved from the West Branch Country Club. Monday Esther asked around and we learned it was in a new building on M-30, just south of West Branch.

We found it and were glad we did. The food was excellent. We each had soup, a mushroom and potato creation, obviously made from scratch. Esther had a large salad and coffee. I had salmon with a dressing highlighted by a touch of garlic, rice and a roll. Total cost, \$18.40 plus tip. Give it an 8.5 on the one-10 scale.

I think the town was McBain on M-66. I think the name was Country Cooking. I'm sure that the restaurant offers something not available most places. It's **WILD** blueberry pie.

It was good, very good. Don't confuse it with farm grown blueberry pie. It's like swimming in a pool or swimming in a lake. No comparison.

Bob Speirs faced danger in World War II and acted with distinction. He also met death the same way. He told his family during his last days, that he had lived a full life and

Sugar deal not done yet

Sugar beet growers have been given an extension to commit acres in conjunction with the proposed acquisition of Monitor Sugar Company.

The deadline for grower subscriptions was last Wednesday, and Tom Zimmer and Gene Meylan, chairman and vice chairman of the Joint Acquisition Committee, announced Thursday that the goal of 50,000 acres was not met. In all, they said, 42,500 acres had been subscribed.

They also expressed belief that, given more time, the additional acreage could be reached.

The joint committee sought and received an extension to allow additional acreage subscriptions to be received and tabulated. Growers now have until midnight Thursday to participate.

"It is noteworthy that approximately 25,000 acres being grown by Monitor growers in 2004 were not subscribed and that those acres will not be able to be grown after this year," said Meylan, president of the Monitor Sugar Growers Association.

"These acres will be planted to other crops, with potential impact on the prices of those crops."

Zimmer, chairman of Michigan Sugar Company, added, "The sugar beet industry in Michigan has a tremendous opportunity for self-determination and integration. I hope the growers don't let it slip away from their grasp."

The acquisition is still slated to close Sept. 30. The members of Michigan Sugar Company voted Aug. 26 to approve the acquisition by nearly a 90 percent vote.

The decision now rests, once again, with individual growers to determine whether enough acres will be subscribed.

Truck hits home

A 49-year-old Deckerville man was injured Sunday when the semi-truck and trailer he was driving left Deckerville Road and struck a residence.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies reported the accident occurred at about 8:45 a.m. near the Wheatland Road intersection in Sanilac County's Wheatland Township.

According to reports, the driver was westbound on Deckerville Road in a heavy fog when he came up on another, slow-moving west-

bound semi-truck and trailer. The driver told deputies that in order to avoid a collision, he entered the north side ditch. His semi-truck and trailer then crossed back over Deckerville Road and hit the residence.

The driver, whose name has not been released, was transported to Deckerville Community Hospital for treatment.

The Argyle Fire Department and Sanilac EMS assisted deputies at the scene.

The accident remains under investigation.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

I'm on "Orange Alert" as this is written. That means I'm keeping an eye on my suitcase, watching my backside, and staying away from the Transportation Security Administration.

The last time I got on an airplane this country was on blue alert. I was searched every time I turned around. Who knows what they do on orange alert?

It all began when a machine printed an "S" in front of my name on the boarding pass. Apparently that means "Search," "Security," "Shakedown." If you get an "S" on your boarding pass you might as well turn around and go home.

The security people x-rayed my luggage, searched my briefcase, and made sure my shoes were empty. I wondered what a terrorist might do in a situation like that. Maybe he would see the "S" on his boarding pass and decide not to fly that day?

A terrorist might get out his bottle of "White Out" and obliterate the "S". Or hand his bombs to his buddy and tell him to bring them back tomorrow.

I stood in line with several hundred travelers and wondered why a suicide bomber would need to get on an airplane? He could get most of us right there in the baggage line.

Maybe a terrorist would be scared to death of those folks with the x-ray machines and metal-detecting wands? He might see them searching kids and grandmas, and realize he could be next.

I was so befuddled by the time I reached my destination, I got lost in the rental car garage. That's where we need some federal employees, giving directions in the rental car garage.

I got into my rental car, crossed the tire punchers, and turned right. This put me in the maintenance area.

After circling around a few times, and finding no exit that wasn't gated, I stopped to ask directions. I talked to three different people, and none of them knew how to get out of the maintenance area.

Two of them thought they did, but their directions wouldn't work. A third man didn't speak much English but admitted he didn't have the slightest idea how to get out of the airport.

That surprised me a little. Here we have an airport employee who doesn't know

how to get out!

I realized later that this man might not be an employee. He probably got snared in the maintenance area the same way I did.

Someone should report this to the Red Cross. Who knows how many people are trapped in that airport, or how they are being treated? Maybe they need food and medicine?

Finally a man who works for Avis got me out of this mess. He went to a security gate with me, used his security pass, and I drove away. (You have to wonder about a system that lets everybody in, but requires a pass to get out.)

I should have sent this man back to help those other hostages, but I was so glad to get out of there, I didn't even think about it.

Hospital event raises \$18,000

Hills and Dales HealthCare Corporation officials announced that \$18,000 was raised during the recent Golf Fund Raiser at The Timbers in Tuscola.

A record number of sponsors and golfers attended the sixth annual event. Monies raised will help pay for construction that will update the hospital's inpatient rooms and the electrical and fire systems throughout the facility.

"Participation was up 40 percent, the largest in the six years since the health care corporation has been holding the event," said Dec McKrow, president and CEO

of Hills and Dales HealthCare Corporation.

"The community support has continued to grow in these challenging times," McKrow added. "The generosity of the sponsors and golfers is truly remarkable."

McKrow also lauded the Hills and Dales Golf Committee. Overseeing this year's event were Dave Oehring, CFO, and Chairperson Merry Gebauer. Also volunteering were Craig Bellow, Sharon Frazee, Sue Kappen, Kristen Blausey, Liz Evans, Dave Wohl, Peggy Davidson, Susan Lautner and Chris Carland.

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Helen Rushlo looks and acts decades younger than her 100 years, the milestone she reached in August. If you are wondering what the key was to her long life, you won't find it talking to her.

Perhaps that is the answer. She didn't do anything special, she said, didn't even think about it.

Born Helen Montague on a farm near Caro, she went to the Brown School, Caro High School and county normal. There were 20 graduates in 1923, the year I graduated, and a job teaching wasn't available, Rushlo explained.

July 1 marked her first year in the Tuscola County Medical Facility in Caro. Prior to

The Haire Net

No special effort needed to reach 100 years



THE QUILT THAT Helen Rushlo has on her lap is one of 2 made by family members that she prizes highly.

that she lived with her son, Duane, for 11 years. She moved to the Facility after she fainted and woke up in the hospital.

Her major complaint these days is her knees. They aren't solid and keep her from walking.

During the half hour that we conversed, she sat upright on the edge of the bed and showed no signs of fatigue.

While she didn't do anything special to live longer, the farm lifestyle early in the 20th century probably helped.

I always had a garden and canning, I canned everything, fruits, vegetables, meat-every year.

We were up early to do the milking and "went to bed with the chickens", she chuckled.

Her free time was spent with the Farm Bureau and the Methodist Church. I am still a member of the "Up and At 'Em" Farm Bureau group and was the secretary for many years, she said.

Almost as remarkable as her long life, is her health. She hasn't needed surgery and mentally she has thrived.

She never smoked or drank and I don't believe anybody in the family does either, she smiled proudly.

She has retained her zest for living and was obviously pleased when I told her that her picture would be in the paper as the interview was concluded.

Cass City Public Schools
PROGRESS IN EDUCATION
from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

STUDENTS EXCEL ON HIGH SCHOOL M.E.A.P.

The results of the state test called Michigan Educational Assessment Program, or better known as the M.E.A.P. test, have been received for last school year. The test measures academic performance levels in the areas of: Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Reading, Writing and Listening. I am very pleased to report that last years 11th grade results (which is the grade tested in high school) are extremely positive. Cass City scores, which are listed below, are significantly above state averages in all areas.

TESTING AREA	STATE	CASS CITY
Mathematics	51	57
Science	51	68
Social Studies	31	39
Reading	76	93
Writing	48	82
English Language Arts	65	90
Listening	82	92

Best wishes go out to our students and staff for their continued dedication to learning and teaching. Questions can be sent to me at 4868 N. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726. Thank you.

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5-Day Local Forecast

Wednesday
Mostly Sunny
High: 73 Low: 51

Thursday
Partly Cloudy
High: 74 Low: 50

Friday
Mostly Sunny
High: 73 Low: 47

Saturday
Mostly Sunny
High: 74 Low: 50

Sunday
Few Showers
High: 77 Low: 52

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 73°, humidity of 58 percent and an overnight low of 51°. The record high temperature for today is 93° set in 1960. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy in the morning and afternoon with mostly clear skies in the evening, high temperature of 74°.

Upcoming Moon Phases

New 9/14 First 9/21 Full 9/28 Last 10/6

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today 7:04 a.m.
Sunset tonight 7:55 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Sunday	64	52	75/54	0.00"
Monday	72	45	75/54	0.00"
Tuesday	73	46	75/54	0.00"
Wednesday	73	52	74/53	0.00"
Thursday	81	61	74/53	0.00"
Friday	82	61	74/53	0.00"
Saturday	82	59	74/53	0.00"

Precipitation 0.00"
Normal precipitation 0.91"
Departure from normal -0.91"
Average temperature 63.5°
Average normal temperature 64.0°
Departure from normal -0.5°

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Red Hawk Talks

by Leah Sherman

When I was in elementary school, and even through junior high, I loved getting mail. It meant something new and exciting to look at; a letter from a friend that I rarely saw, a postcard from traveling relatives, and maybe even a check from Grandma for my birthday! Then I entered high school, and I began to receive a new piece of mail every day from various colleges, universities, and military programs. Unfortunately, I soon realized that this mail only foreshadowed the overwhelming decision that I would be faced with very soon. What would I do after high school?

There are so many options after high school, and the obstacle of deciding what to do is at times unnerving. My final decision was made only weeks ago, when I chose to go to Western Michigan University to study Speech Pathology. In the past year and a half I must've changed my mind at least ten times, and it wasn't until this summer that I determined what I would be studying.

Some seniors have been planning their post-high school careers since junior high. Stephanie Richards has known that she will be going to Central Michigan University for Elementary Education since 7th grade. Several other students finalized their plans over the summer. Ashley Barrigar wants to go to Ferris State University to study Psychology, and Jessie Tuckey plans to attend SVSU for two years and then she will transfer to a different school after she gets her general classes out of the way.

It was one of the best feelings when I found a field that I am interested in and would like to pursue. Several students did not have to search for what they wanted to

study. Instead, they knew from the beginning what they wanted to study, and then they only had to find a college that offered the program. Raechel Babich loves cars and knows that she has to find a school that will offer her a Business Management program so that she can pursue a career in Automotive Management. Aeronautical Engineering intrigues Chancy Balk, and he looks forward to studying it at Western. Corey Brooks has found that he enjoys Chemistry, which he will be going to CMU to study.

All of my peers that I questioned had finalized their future plans by the end of the summer. However that doesn't mean that there isn't still time for anyone who is not quite sure. No one likes to be pushed into making such a huge decision. But how much time do we really have? The year is already flying by, and it will be gone before we know it. I asked our Guidance Counselor, Ms. Fred, when would be a good time to have my applications in the mail. Her response was October 18th, 40 days away.

Good luck to all my fellow Seniors in this hectic time of decision making. If you feel that you are not prepared to make an informed decision, try to take some time to meet with Ms. Fred and talk about what you are interested in studying. If you're not sure, make her a list of your hobbies and interests. You will be amazed at all of the information that she has on that one bookshelf in her office! I would also recommend asking your relatives, or someone who works in the field that you are interested in. Don't wait for the information to come to you, go out and find it! And most importantly, don't get discouraged!



LESLIE LEADS ONE of his steers in the arena during the Michigan State Fair, Aug. 11-22. This year's livestock auction generated a record-breaking \$202,650.

Grand champ

Leslie earns honors at state fair

A Sanilac County teen's hard work and dedication recently paid off at the Michigan State Fair.

Jake Leslie, 14, took home Grand Champion Pair of Market Steers honors. Smithfield Beef Group purchased the animals for \$7,500 during this year's Junior Livestock Champions Auction.

Leslie is the son of Bob and Kathy Leslie, Decker, and the grandson of Carl and Jean Gibbard of Bad Axe and Dale and Audrey Leslie of Decker. This was Leslie's third showing at the state fair, but his best showing. He previously did not make it into the sales event. The Cass City High School freshman has been working with steers since he was 7 years old.

"It was really fun down there. There were a lot of people and a lot better steers down there than they have at the county fairs around here," he said. "Plus, you make more money."

The state fair marked the culmination of a busy summer for Leslie, who attended several livestock events.

"We showed them (steers) in Ohio and Kentucky, and we had some shows here in Michigan," he noted.

Working with livestock has come naturally to the teen, whose father, Bob, uncle, Al, and grandfather, Dale, operate a dairy farm, milking 120 cows and raising cash crops - corn, beans and hay - on about 800 acres.

"I started out at county fairs. I've had Grand Champion Market Steer at our county fair, and a lot of first places at jackpot," he said, referring to a 6-county livestock show for youth in the Thumb.

Leslie began preparing for this summer's livestock shows last fall with the purchase of his steers - one of them a crossbreed and the other a chi.

"One came from Missouri and one came out of Nebraska. We go to places where they breed special cattle for these shows," Dale Leslie explained.

Jake indicated he spent

considerable time with the steers. "We wash them twice a day and we blow dry them because you have to make sure they're dry, and you apply special oils," he added.

One of the keys is housing the steers in a dim, air-conditioned room during the spring and summer months, according to Dale, who said the conditions encourage hair growth. "We try to grow as much hair as possible."

Also key are special feed and keeping the steers exercised. The idea is to get the right balance of feed so the animals don't grow too quickly.

"Jake weighed the feed every day to see how much weight the feed translated into, as we limited the water," Dale said.

He added that the height and weight of the steers determines Grand Champion honors. Jake's steers weighed in at 1,310 pounds and 1,385 pounds, a bit heavier than the ideal weight of 1,285 pounds at the state fair.

"They wanted (the steers to be) 51 inches tall and we had 53, and that can't be controlled," Dale said.

"We really intended to win" Grand Champion Market Steer honors, he added.

Jake agreed, but indicated he was pleased with the results. "We wanted to win, but we did alright."

This year's Junior Livestock Champions Auction, held during the state fair,

Aug. 11-22, proved to be an unprecedented success, raising \$202,650 - the highest amount ever in the 60-year history of the event - setting a record for the amount garnered for Grand Champion Steer, a whopping \$46,000.

"A hearty kudos to our tenacious bid spotter Gov. Jennifer Granholm, our supportive corporate and private buyers, and our hard-working youth exhibitors for all of their efforts," said Michigan Department of Agriculture Director Dan Wyant.

"This event showcases our youth, who represent the future face of Michigan's food and agriculture industry, and the strong sense of community that can be garnered."

Wyant said prior successes of the livestock auction have dramatically increased youth participation at the Michigan State Fair.

This year, more than 400 youth competed in livestock events and nearly 200 youth competed in skill-a-thon, which included a livestock quiz, showmanship and judging. A statewide showmanship contest also featured 84 youth representing 30 counties.

The auction, meanwhile, also featured the Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship Fund, which is generated by the proceeds of bids surpassing pre-determined sales caps. This year's winners included Scott Smalley of Ubly.



Bulldog Beat

by Mary McKee

Goals. They can be big or small, short-term or long-term.

Being back at school and to the old routine that was so hard to get back into, people are starting to focus on other things. With all the changes Owen-Gage is taking on, I thought it would be interesting to ask students and staff what their goal is for the school year. I found out quickly that I was going to receive some thoughtful, interesting, but also odd answers.

After asking a couple of people, it became clear that the grade a person is in greatly affects what their goal is.

I asked Nicole Schmidt, a senior, what her goal was. She replied, "To get accepted into college, get scholarships, and graduate from high school." Kayla Kady, also a senior, said, "To get good attendance and good grades." After asking other seniors what their goals were, they all turned out to be very similar to Nicole's and Kayla's. Being a senior in high school, it slowly starts to sink in that after this year, high school is over, and what you do your senior year could greatly affect what you do in the future.

While most of the responses I received were about school work and grades, some were more focused on other things school has to offer.

One student's goal was, "To stay active in school, so I can lose twenty pounds." Another student's goal was to be able to balance sports and school at the same time, because he finds himself slacking off in one or the other. When I asked Junior Nathan Rogers what his goal was, he really took his time thinking about it. After saying, "I don't know," a couple of times, he finally gave me an answer. "My goal is to not get into trouble, behave for my mom (who just happens to work at the school), and to have fun."

Comparing the senior's goals to the rest of the high school's, one thing was obviously clear. The senior's goals all had to do with graduating and doing well in

school, while the rest were about other things, like sports and having fun. I know that when I was a sophomore and junior, my grades were not my goal. My goal was to make friends and get better at sports. Being in high school, you think you have all the time in the world to focus on "boring" things, like schoolwork and grades, but when you go through the strange transition of becoming a senior, it suddenly dawns on you that you don't have a lot of time left to accomplish everything you wanted.

After getting some of the student's goals, I wanted to know what some of the staff members wanted to accomplish for the year.

Judy Winchester, a secretary in the superintendent's office said, "My goal is to do everything I can to make things go smoothly and to make the kids and staff happy." Mrs. Falkenberg, our math teacher, said her goal was, "To show all students that they can be successful if they put time and effort in the things they do." Cindy Mellendorf, a secretary at the elementary, who is now at the high school, said her goal was, "To learn how to take care of Pre-K-12th grade and how to get everything in order."

Looking over all the answers from the staff, I noticed they all had one thing in common. Their goals were all about making the school better, and working to the best of their ability to bring out the best in the students and the school.

With the consolidation of the schools, everyone is hoping for good things to come out of it, and with everyone working as hard as they are to make it happen, it could definitely be achieved. No matter what goal a person has, it is important to remember that goals are what drive us to be better people.

I wish everyone luck in the accomplishment of their goals, and I would like to end with this quote by Anatole France; "To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe."

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The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

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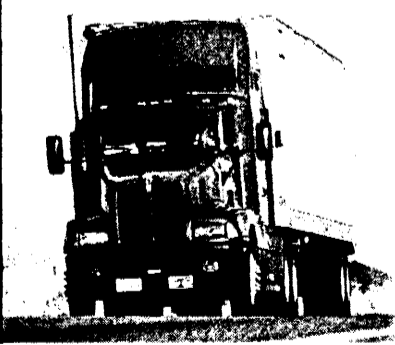
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In addition to the Dove Estate, the homes of Mike and Tammi Hall, Jeff and Lori English, Arlo and Ann Ruggles, and Roger and Lois Owens have been included in the 2004 Showcase of Homes.

Before the tour, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., a buffet featuring hot and cold delicacies, including an array of home-made desserts, will be served in the St. Elizabeth Parish Hall, west of Marlette's downtown stoplight on Marlette Street. Gift Shop personnel will have holiday items available at reduced prices and 2 raffles will be conducted.

All proceeds from this 24th Fall Home Tour and Buffet will go towards the purchase of a new and more streamlined patient lift.

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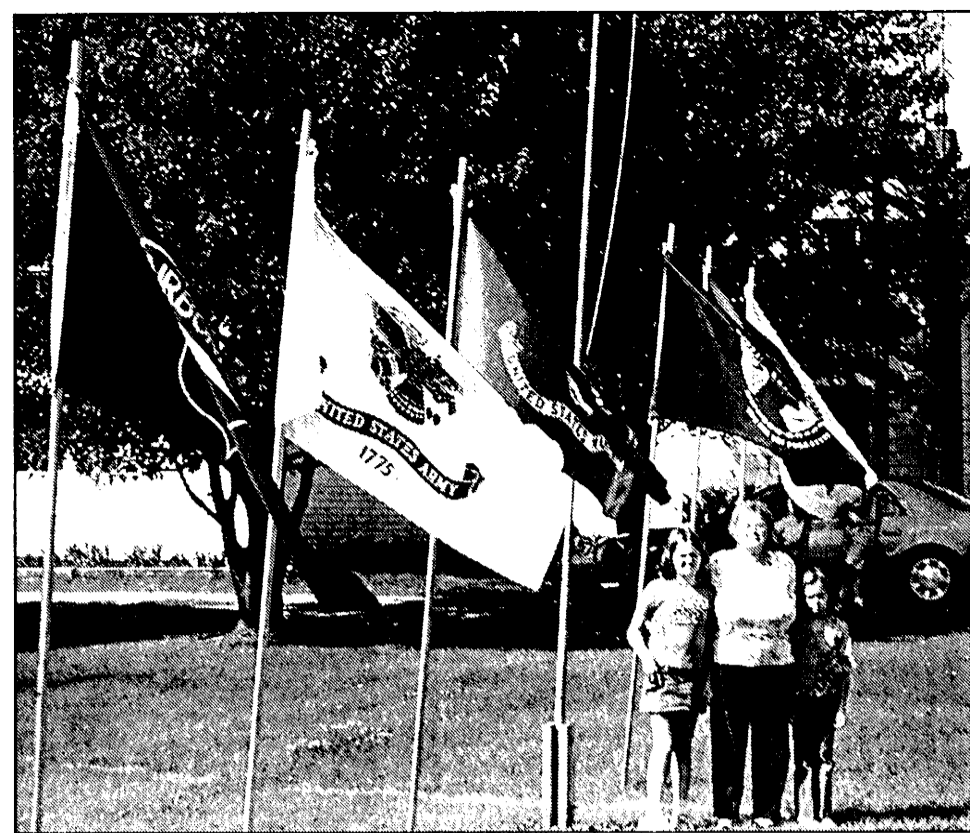
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Farm Bureau program

Tuscola families host visitors from Germany

Nine Farm Bureau families in Saginaw and Tuscola counties recently hosted visitors from the central German region of Franken.

There, in fertile Bavaria, the Bayerischer Bauern Verband (Bavarian Farmers Association) is not unlike the Saginaw and Tuscola County Farm Bureaus, who organized and sponsored the visiting contingent of almost 20 German farmers and their family members.

Officially approved at the Tuscola County Farm Bureau's 2003 annual meeting, the farmer exchange is based on a decades-long tradition of neighborliness linking the Germanic heritage of the Frankenmuth area with that of its Old World namesake. "There's been a healthy exchange between the Frankenmuth area and its sister region in Germany since the 1960s," said Wayne Hecht, a cash crop farmer near Vassar who helped organize the visit.

The group touched down in the heart of the Saginaw Valley on Aug. 24 for almost two weeks of getting to know Michigan's agriculture industry and taking in some of the purely recreational assets of the eastern Great Lakes basin.

After attending both the Saginaw and Tuscola County Farm Bureau annual meetings, the group took in a cross-section of farming in Michigan's Thumb on Aug. 27. The first stop of the day was Tim Ruggles' 900-head beef operation near Kingston. Ruggles buys North Carolina feeder calves at about 400 pounds and brings them to market weight - 1,200 to 1,400 pounds - in about six months.

In addition to conventional silage and feed grain, his animals fatten up on a brewers' grain — ground corn that's leftover from the ethanol production process at a facility in nearby Caro. He purchases the finely-milled by-product for a little more than \$100 per ton.

"Beef production in Germany is rather similar," said Rainer Weiss, director of the visiting group. Feeders start out at about the same weight, he said, but take about three months longer to reach market weight.

Weiss attributes the slower growth rate to one of the fundamental differences between European and American farming: The common use here of growth hormones to accelerate livestock production.

Ruggles illustrated a related contrast shortly after his guests arrived. Yanking a pair of cornstalks from some nearby test plots, he pointed directly to some of the benefits of two genetically-modified corn varieties, one resistant to rootworm and another to a common herbicide.

That some genetically-modified organisms (GMOs) have been approved for import into Europe was a promising sign for producers in America, where such technology is the norm. But the issue continues to complicate commodity trading between the Old World and the New World.

Weiss explained over lunch that the trade difficulties between Europe and American agricultural markets have less to do with governments and more with consumers. "The farmers in Germany are unwilling to plant GMO crops," Weiss said of his homeland, where only a small number of government-run research farms produce genetically-modified crops. "Our farmers are afraid to raise them because the consumers there don't want it."

The tour's next stop was at Bender's Home Bakery, an Amish farm outside Deford. While not typical of American agriculture, the small mixed farm was a testament to the long-term viability of older technology.

In a combination of German and English, the family's patriarch explained how he brought his family north from Ohio in 1993 to settle on land they could call their own. He works 157 acres with teams of horses, raising corn, oats, soybeans and hay - little of which makes it off the farm to be sold to conventional markets. He also manufactures buggies, filling a need among the 60 or more Amish families in the Cass City area. His wife and daughters market baked goods, produce and preserves through a

roadside stand and a bakery added onto the back of their home.

"It was like another world," said Weiss, whose own farm back in Bavaria is also quite small by American standards.

On a 100-acre farm, he raises 50 head of a beef cattle variety called Fleckvieh, maintains a 25-acre meadow and raises another 25 acres of feed crops - mostly corn, since the climate in south-central Germany isn't kind to soybeans.

By comparison, the last farm on the itinerary was the Zwemmer family's 2,500-cow dairy operation near Elkton.

In a combination of English and his native tongue, Jake Zwemmer explained how he came to Michigan 5 years ago from the Netherlands, where production and land use constraints limited his ability to expand. Central Huron County seemed a good fit for the dairyman, whose goal when he came here was to raise more cows and fewer crops.

"I'm a cowaholic," he said. "I used to grow crops in the Netherlands. I'd drive my tractor up and down and think to myself that I should be doing something more useful." Zwemmer has 15-year contracts with 4 local cash crop farmers to feed his cows - about 2,000 of which are active milkers. The growers arrive with semis of feed grain and silage, and leave with loads of manure and sand for field application.

More than 30 employees manage the herd, both in the barns and the 74-stall milking parlor, which operates around the clock. Three 7-hour milkings per day are each separated by single hours of intense cleaning.

From his own experience in the central German state of Franken, Weiss was able to shed some light on the kind of constraints European farmers like Zwemmer faced. A 100-cow dairy is considered large where he comes from, and when expansion is possible, the fees associated with adding animals strip away all profitability. Farmers end up paying as much or more in regulatory costs as they do for the livestock itself.

Several appear on felony counts in circuit court

A Caro man pleaded no contest last week to 22 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct.

James F. O'Donnell Jr., 43, entered the pleas in Tuscola County Circuit Court. A no contest plea is not an admission of guilt, but is treated as such for the purpose of sentencing.

Court records indicate the charges stem from alleged incidents involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years between January and August of 2003 in Watertown Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case, bond was continued at \$500,000 and O'Donnell Jr. was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Second degree criminal sexual conduct is punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

In other circuit court proceedings:

•Judith M. Salgat, 28, Akron, stood mute to 3 counts each of uttering and publishing and conspiracy to commit uttering and publishing last April in the villages of Akron and Fairgrove.

The charges stem from checks for \$278.32, \$125.50 and \$120.32, all drawn on Chemical Bank and Trust Company.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled, bond was continued at \$7,500 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Gregory S. Bailey, 31, Caseville, stood mute to 2 counts of writing a no account check May 22 in Akron Township, and to being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions). The check charges involve checks for \$119.28 and \$49.74, both drawn on Thumb National Bank.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$10,000.

•Trevor D. Bitzer, 25, Caro, stood mute to charges of attempted malicious destruction of fire or police property, assaulting a police officer and 2 counts of assault and battery Aug. 8 in Almer Township, and to being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$10,000.

•Jason B. Morgan, 19, Millington, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail (deferred) and 12 months probation for his pleas of guilty to possession with intent to deliver marijuana and delivery/manufacture of marijuana Oct. 7 in Genesee-Tuscola counties.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$2,040.

•Franklin H. Primeau, 50, Cass City, was sentenced to 18 months to 6 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon Jan. 30 in Cass City, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

•Amy M. Pumpera, 31, Bay City, was sentenced to 90 days in jail (60 days deferred), with work release, and 18 months probation for her plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, April 3 in Vassar Township.

She was also ordered to pay fines and costs totaling \$1,640.

•Michael C. Thomas, 31, Fostoria, was sentenced to 270 days in jail (90 days deferred), with work release, and 24 months probation for his plea of guilty to assaulting a police officer July 4, 2003, in Watertown Township.

He was also ordered to pay 2,580 in costs and fines.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

If one can enjoy the fruits of his or her labors, then several hundred workers should downright party. And that's exactly what's planned for next Wednesday through Sunday, Sept. 15-19, at the old Cass City Middle School site next to the Early Childhood Education Center. The party - a building assembly for the community's \$100,000 playground - is slated to begin at 8 a.m. each day and continue until dark, rain or shine.

It's the Thumb Octagon Barn's birthday and all area residents are invited to join in the celebration. The former James and Cora Purdy homestead on Ritchie Road near Gageton turned 75 this year and the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn committee is holding a 2-day gala in honor of the 1924 structure.

A moment of silence was observed at the first home basketball game of the season for Kally Maharg after losing a long battle to cancer. She was the first coach and started girls' basketball in Cass City in 1972. The team has dedicated the season to her. (From Rabbit Tracks)

10 YEARS AGO

Work on the Cass City walking trail extension is nearing completion. The \$33,375 project was recently awarded to Simpson Excavating of Cass City and Tim's Carpentry of Sterling Heights.

Dreams, a successful business and life are being bred just south of Cass City by capitalizing on a stock farm owner's passion for horses. Ed Fleming has been competing with billionaire harness racing enthusiasts for more than a decade - and conquering his dreams. He has had 145 registered racers, adding about 10-15 to the list every year. Others might register 80-100 every year.

Cass City area students joined others across the state in participating in a new school breakfast program Tuesday morning.

Remember how the Jodi Schember-led Cass City basketball team won many games with 3-point shooting? So far the 3-pointer in Cass City games has been but a distant memory. None has been made by either team in the opening 2 games. (From Rabbit Tracks)

25 YEARS AGO

HELPING JERRY - Members of United Steelworkers Local 6222 met their goal of raising \$5,000 in connection with the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Workers such as Barb Keller, Betty Greenleaf and Marie Spencer took in approximately \$2,800 in pledges over the phone.

DIGGING IN - Building of roads and installation of storm and sanitary sewers and water lines in the village industrial park should be completed by the end of this month. Hunt Construction is doing the road building with Andrew Barnes doing the other work as sub-contractor. Farmers Home Administration put up \$90,000 for the project; Cass City Development Corp., \$9,000.

Remember the old grave sections published in Sunday papers? Full color front pages and brown ink on the inside pages were featured. A section from the defunct Detroit Times, a Hearst newspaper, was found and brought in by Ray Dearing this week. It was dated Nov. 1, 1931 and featured much of what is presented in magazine sections today...pretty girls, football heroes and latest fashions. (From Rabbit Tracks)

35 YEARS AGO

Buck hunters who like to boast a little about past successes should check with

Dale Eugene Cummings, 28, of Kingston and find out how easy it really is. Without even trying, Cummings already has a pair of bucks to his credit and the season doesn't even open for another couple of months. And he brought them down with just one "shot". Cummings knocked over his trophies on Kingston Road, near Chapin Road, in Kingston Township. He reported to the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department that 2 buck deer ran in front of his car and he was unable to avoid hitting them.

Fishing has been near its best for the season on the Cass River in the last 2 weeks. Don Karr and Mike Phillips are the latest local anglers to score impressively while the pike are hitting.

Almost sure to enliven one or two school board meetings during any school year is the hot lunch program. Monday's discussion was sparked by Supt. Donald Crouse, who revealed that the state's guidelines for charges for lunch calls for the adult price to be at least 15 cents more than the highest student price. The 55 cents charged was 5 cents less than the minimum.

Gardening classes set in the fall

Are you interested in learning more about your gardens, lawn, trees and indoor plants?

Registrations are being accepted for the fall Sanilac County MSU Extension Master Gardener Program. Classes will begin Saturday, Sept. 11 and continue through Oct. 16 on consecutive Saturdays. Classes will start at 9 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. with a break for lunch.

Call the Sanilac County MSU Extension Office at (810) 648-2515 or (810) 622-8310 for more information.

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 Pray/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
872-2729
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:30 p.m.
Pastor: David Edwards

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

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



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

Living Word Worship Center

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6536 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-4637
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wed. (Family Training Hour) 7:00 p.m.
Senior Pastors: Michael & Carla Arp



Novesta Church of Christ

2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-3658 or 872-1195
Bible School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Youth Group & Sunday Evening Services 6:00 p.m.
Minister: Chuck Emmert
Youth Minister: Brad Speirs
Visit our website at: www.novestachurch.org

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.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
UMW Monthly 1st Wed., 7:30 p.m.
Youth Group Sunday Evenings 5:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ellen Burns
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Hazardous waste collection set

Americans generate 1.6 million tons of household hazardous waste each year. The average home may contain up to 100 pounds of household hazardous waste throughout the house.

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ucts, which you buy or share them with someone else until they are completely used up.

Sanilac County residents who cannot use or find someone to use the products they have bought are urged to pre-register by Sept. 15, for the Sanilac County Household

Hazardous Waste Pesticide Collection event, Sept. 25.

Examples of materials which will be collected include: contaminated gasoline, waxes, spray cans, cleaners, lighter fluid.

Call the Sanilac County MSU Extension office for a pre-registration form at (810) 648-2515.



RED HAWKS DUSTIN Bitzer (25) and Scott Meeker converge on Bay City runner Ryan Janer during Thursday's 24-14 home victory over All Saints.

Marlette cagers top Hawks

Visiting Marlette won the first round Tuesday in a battle that promises to stretch over the next 2 or 3 seasons between the Red Raiders and the Cass City Red Hawks. The score was 53-45. It was a non-conference encounter, as the next 2 games, Thursday at Ubyly and Tuesday at home with Sandusky, will be.

The Raiders featured a pair of freshman, Jenna Lange and Kelsey Hall, and a sophomore, Kayla Thompson. Cass City countered with 3 sophomores, Courtney Rabideau, Emily Schinnerer and Sara Meeker, and a pair of juniors, Ashley Hendrick and Jenny Brinkman.

There was a lid on the basket in the first quarter for both teams. There was just one basket by Hall in the first 6-plus minutes of the period. The Hawks missed their first dozen shots, including several lay-ups, before coming to life with 9 quick points to lead 9-4 going into the second period.

The Raiders countered that spurt with a 7-point run to start the second quarter, paced by a trey by Sara Kitchen and a pair of buckets by Hall, to lead 11-10. After that, the teams traded baskets until the end of the quarter and the game was tied at 18-all at the intermission. In the first half Cass City converted one free throw in 7 attempts.

Marlette opened the second half with a 9-0 run to lead 27-18 and Cass City was never a serious threat after that.

A pair of free throws by Thompson moved the Raider lead to 50-31 early in the fourth quarter. Cass City made the score more respectable as Ashley Hendrick came to life and scored 9 points to lead a 14-4 spurt for the Hawks. She scored a team-high 21 points and also grabbed 11 rebounds.

The Hawks next play at Ubyly Thursday and coach John Maharg had a week to iron out some of the problems encountered against the Raiders.

Inconsistency often is experienced by a young team, Maharg said, and he expects his charges to improve as the season progresses. We definitely will be better from the free throw line, he feels. Free throws were decisive against Marlette. The Hawks converted 10 of 25 and Marlette netted 19 of 25.

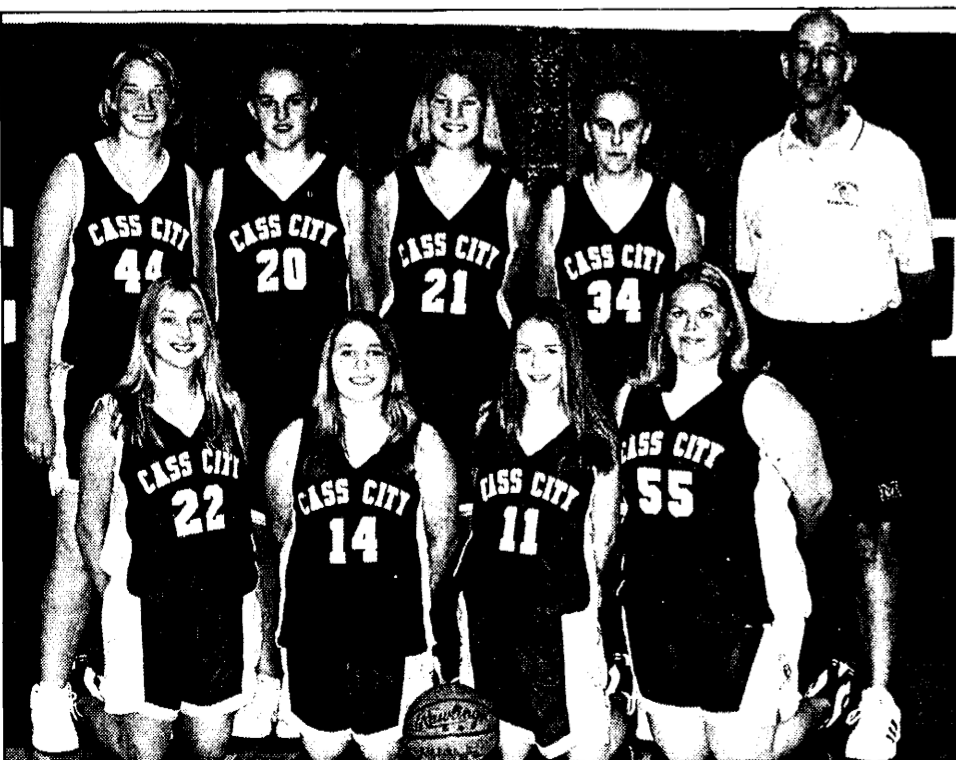
The score of the junior varsity game was Marlette, 38, Cass City, 33.

CASS CITY - Rabideau 1-0 (3-5) 5; Czekaj 2-0 (1-1) 5; Sherman 1-0 (1-4) 3; Trischler 0-1 (0-0) 3; Hendrick 9-0 (3-6) 21; Schinnerer 3-0 (2-7) 8. **TOTALS 16-1 (10-25) 45.**

MARLETTE - Hall 6-0 (1-2) 13; Boyne 2-0 (0-0) 4; Fessler 0-1 (3-3) 6; Lange 0-1 (3-6) 6; Thompson 1-1 (5-6) 10; Schroeder 0-0 (2-2) 2; Kitchen 1-1 (5-6) 10; Spinks 1-0 (0-0) 2. **TOTALS 11-4 (19-25) 53.**



CASS CITY'S Courtney Rabideau looks for an open teammate during the hosts setback to Marlette.



THE 2004 CASS CITY freshman basketball team members include: (front, l-r) Brittany Karavas, Jessica Nelson, Danielle Delamarter, Megan Dorland, (back, l-r) Kristie Karr, Lauren Bennett, Jenny Zmierski, Brandi McKee and coach Lloyd Schinnerer.

Hawks 24, Saints 14

Cass City overcomes poor start

Cass City spotted visiting Bay City All Saints a pair of touchdowns early in the first quarter and then came roaring back to post a 24-14 victory in the opening Greater Thumb West game of the year.

It was about as poor a start as could be imagined for the Hawks, who found themselves trailing, 14-0, after having just one play from the line of scrimmage. The Cougars' first play of the game from their 34-yard line was a fake end around followed by a pass to J. J. Moto who was all by himself in the left flat and he jogged untouched to score. Nathan Bauer kicked the point.

Cass City fumbled on the first play after the kickoff and Charlie Pike, a 305-pound tackle who also ran the ball

later in the game, recovered it. All Saints then marched 61 yards capped by a 3-yard TD plunge by William Rieffel. The kick was good and Cass City trailed 14-0 with 7:54 left in the quarter.

One of the best things about this team, coach Scott Cuthrell said, is that it proved in the first 2 games of the season that it doesn't give up when behind.

A great defensive effort set up the first Hawk score. Nick Stoutenburg's kick was downed on the Charger 2. All Saints gained 2 yards in 3 plays and the Hawk entire forward wall pressured the kicker. Cass City took over on the Charger 4-yard line and Cody Halasz rammed over for the touchdown. Justin Glaza kicked the first of

3 extra points and added a game clinching field goal in the fourth quarter.

The Hawks tied the score before the first period came to a close. Cass City took the ball on its own 36-yard line and scored in 4 plays, highlighted by a 57-yard run to the All Saints 13 by Dustin Bitzer. Halasz scored on the next play and the score was tied at 14-all with 17.6 seconds left in the quarter.

Cass City went ahead for the first time in the game at the 8:13 mark in the third quarter, taking the kickoff to score in 8 plays. Key plays in the drive included a pass from Chris Landrith to Brad Langenburg for a first down and Halasz' 15-yard run to the Charger 22. From there Nick Stoutenburg took over. His run and a facemask pen-

alty moved the ball to the 4 and 2 plays later he scored the go-ahead touchdown.

When a 12-play drive highlighted by Nick Stoutenburg's 24-yard run that included a pair of broken tackles, stalled on the All Saints 3-yard line, Glaza kicked a field goal and the game was all but decided with 5:01 left to play.

Landrith completed just one of 3 pass attempts, but it kept alive a TD drive. The pass was to Langenburg who also led the team with 11 tackles. Halasz picked up 79 yards rushing in addition to scoring 2 touchdowns. Nick Stoutenburg rushed 14 times for 105 yards.

The Hawk junior varsity rolled to a 36-12 victory over the Cougar junior varsity.

Bulldogs come up just short at Memphis

Owen-Gage battled Memphis for 4 quarters Thursday before bowing 14-6 in the North Central Thumb League opener for both schools.

Yellowjacket Cody McIlhargie gave the hosts a 6-0 margin midway through the second quarter on a 2-yard run and Josh Thomson added the point after kick that ended the scoring in the

opening half.

While both teams had trouble moving the ball after the break, Owen-Gage drew to within 7-6 on Andy Kretzschmer's 17-yard touchdown reception from Grant Champagne with 7:36 remaining in the game.

The Bulldogs' hopes of an early season upset were foiled, however, when Thomson broke loose for a 75-yard touchdown gallop

with less than 3 minutes remaining.

Sophomore quarterback Champagne, for the second straight week, led the Bulldog offense on 18-of-29 passing for 229 yards. His go to receiver was Kretzschmer, who hauled in 7 passes for 128 yards and the visitors' lone score. Also contributing to the Bulldog air attack were Sam Rogers and Eric Zaleski who each had 3 receptions.

On the ground the Bulldogs had Levi Adams with 56 yards on 14 carries. Josh McLaren added 29 yards on 9 totes.

Rogers led the Bulldogs on defense with 12 tackles, while Kretzschmer added 7 stops. Adams and Michael Pawlak each had 6 stops.

The Bulldogs will continue on the road this Friday when they travel to meet Akron-Fairgrove.

Bulldog Swiastyn hits game winner

Senior sharp shooter Katie Swiastyn's 3-point buzzer beater lifted Owen-Gage over host Dryden Tuesday in North Central Thumb League crossover cage play. The Bulldogs improved to 2-0 entering the holiday break with the exciting come-from-behind 48-45 win.

Trailing by double digits most of the night, the Bulldogs stepped up its defensive pressure in the final quarter and slowly nipped away at the Cardinals' 10-point advantage.

KATIE SWIASTYN

With 56 ticks on the clock remaining, Owen-Gage freshman April Nowaczyk calmly sank a pair of clutch foul shots to knot the score at 45-45.

On Dryden's next possession, the Bulldog press created another turnover and gave the winners the ball back with 36 seconds remaining.

Coach Dave Fritz called for a timeout and instructed his team to go for the final shots. With 1.9 seconds remaining, Swiastyn's heroics gave Owen-Gage the victory.

The contest was an uphill battle for the Bulldogs from the start. The visitors fell behind 16-8 after one period and trailed 28-16 at the intermission. Most of the Bulldog offense in the initial half was provided by Swiastyn and Kayla Kady, who combined for 14 markers.

Swiastyn recorded game-scoring honors with 16 points, while Kady added 14. High scoring center Kayla Zaleski was held to just one field goal, but added 7 of 8 free throw attempts and finished with 9 tallies.

OWEN-GAGE - Zaleski 1-0 (7-8) 9; Swiastyn 5-1 (3-4) 16; Brown 1-0 (1-4) 3; Nowaczyk 1-0 (2-3) 4; Erer 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kady 7-0 (0-1) 14. **TOTALS 16-1 (13-20) 48.**

DRYDEN - Klave 2-0 (0-0) 4; Krieger 2-0 (0-1) 4; Lublin 4-0 (1-2) 9; Piefer 3-0 (3-7) 9; Malone 2-0 (2-2) 6; Kopas 6-0 (1-6) 13. **TOTALS 19-0 (7-18) 45.**

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

This week's match ups

John Haire

Clarke Haire

Tom Montgomery

Doug Hyatt

Friday, September 10	Reese at Bad Axe	Reese at Cass City	Reese at Cass City	Reese at Cass City
	Cass City at Valley Lutheran	Cass City USA	Cass City USA	Cass City USA
	BCAS at USA	Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville
	Marlette at Deckerville	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
	Sandusky at Harbor Beach	Ubyly	Brown City	Ubyly
	Ubyly at Brown City	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
	Peck at Kingston	CPS	North Huron	CPS
	CPS at North Huron	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage
	Owen-Gage at A-Fairgrove	Lakers	Mayville	Mayville
	Lakers at Mayville	Caro	Caro	Caro
	Caro at Vassar	8-7	8-7	7-8
Last week's results	8-7	8-7	7-8	7-8
Season's results	19-12 (61%)	15-16 (48%)	17-14 (55%)	15-16 (48%)

TOWNSHIP OF EVERGREEN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DANGEROUS BUILDING PROCEEDINGS

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

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

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 27, thence south 115 feet, thence East 66 feet, thence North 115 feet, thence West 66 feet to point of beginning. Town 113 North, Range 13 E. ,22 acres more or less.
Tax Parcel No. 76-090-027-200-120-00

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

All interested parties are encouraged to attend the public hearing and make comments. Anyone who is unable to attend the hearing may submit written comments to the Township Clerk no later than the date of the hearing.

Arthur Severance
Evergreen Township Clerk

Soccer round-up

Hawks cruise past Harbor Beach, bow to host Caro

The Cass City Red Hawks split a pair of soccer games last week, registering a win over Harbor Beach at home, 6-2, Tuesday before losing at Caro, 3-0, Wednesday.

The Hawks started slowly against Harbor Beach, but after yielding an easy goal, settled down and dominated play.

The offense generated 25 shots with Eric Reed and Sean McFarland sharing the lead with 7 each.

McFarland had an assist and 2 goals, one on a breakaway and the other on a penalty kick. Reed had 2 assists and consistently served balls into the attacking zone from his left forward slot. Karpol Puwadolpairej had 2 goals, Sam Howard scored his first goal of the year and Ross Forrest, moved up from defense late in the game, scored the final goal. Galin Kuebli added an assist and Gavin Mills and Tyler Little put added pressure on from midfield positions.

The entire offense played well. Hanby had 9 saves and Shane Bloomfield replaced him late, getting 4 saves while giving up a goal on a penalty kick. The freshmen played the last 15 minutes and, while not getting many shots, passed the ball well and played solid defense. It was a good win, especially for the offense, coach Chuck Reed said.

The game against Caro was fast, physical and frustrating, as the Hawks had excellent shots, but failed to score. Reed and McFarland were the leading shooters again, with the best chance being a direct kick from Reed that rattled the cross bar and just skipped over. Puwadolpairej also just missed on a header off a corner kick late in the game. The defense of Andrew Kleo, Shane McFarland, Gavin Mills and Ross Forrest played a solid game, with help from David Acker and Derek Weidman. Ryan Brown, Jacob Hanby and Chris Binder played late and did well against the bigger, faster Caro players.

Hanby had 36 saves, but most were easy looks. The Hawks had trouble in the first half adjusting to Caro's speed and aggressive play, but did better in the second half.

Cass City's starters match up well with bigger teams, Reed points out, the younger players are on the small size, and although they have good ball skills they need to learn to play a more aggressive game than they are used to.

Cass City is 2-2 after the second week of play. This is a much better start than in previous years and reflects the maturing of the program. We now are playing juniors and seniors against juniors and seniors. With the addition of some JV games later, the younger players should have a better opportunity to learn against similar young players and be better later as they mature, Reed points out.

Cass City golfers split

Playing on consecutive days, the Cass City golf team evened its record to 3-3 last week in dual match contest.

On Tuesday, the Red Hawks entertained visiting Ubly at Rolling Hills Golf Course and registered a 183-201 victory.

Ryan Biddinger continued his solid play for the hosts and recorded medallist honors in the non-conference match with a 43. A well-balanced showing for the Hawks had all 4 players record scores in the 40s. Following Biddinger in the scoring column was Kurt Hanby with a 45, Evan Laurie with a 47 and Cameron Lautner with a 48.



CASS CITY'S Philip Strong eyes his putt on the first hole green during play with visiting Ubly.

Nick Janowiak, who shot 44 on the par 35 track, posted the guests' best showing. Ubly also had KC Mellas at 48, while Jarod Lackowski and Kevin Messing shot 55 and 54, respectively.

LAKERS

On Monday, the Red Hawks traveled to Elkton for their first road meet of the season and were defeated, 160-181.

The hosts Elkton-Pigeon Bay Port Lakers received a nifty 35 from Brady Beachy and a 39 from Brett McBride to record the easy Greater Thumb West victory.

Low for the Hawks was Lautner with a 44. Hanby carded a 45, while Laurie and Kucharczyk each tallied 46.

Cass City will travel to compete in the Brown City Invite this Friday, before returning to conference action on Monday at Bad Axe.



RED HAWK Sam Howard (left) fights for the ball against visiting Harbor Beach. Cass City earned a 6-2 victory.

Hawk runners open season

The Cass City cross county teams opened their season Wednesday running at the 21st annual Akron-Fairgrove Early Bird Invitational.

The lady Red Hawks finished in 3rd place in Division 1 with 95 points. The overall lady results saw Ubly on top with 21 points, while Freeland finished second with 34 points and Reese third at 80. Modified scoring was used.

Senior Carrie Hillaker pace Cass City with a time of 23:10. The Hawks also had Jen Zmierski with a time of 24:03, while Leah Whittaker and Klyn Puterbaugh finished at 25:18 and 27:33, respectively.

Among the boy competitors, North Branch recorded first place honors with a score of 37, followed by Freeland (52) and Reese (53). The Hawks tallied 158 points.

Sophomore Cameron Lautner's time of 18:16 was best among the Hawk runners. Kyle Reif followed him at 19:50, while Adam Wentworth recorded a time of 20:49. Cass City also received a time of 22:36 from Jeremy Farr and 22:45 from Jeff Tenbusch. Brent Weaver's time of 24:13 completed the Hawk runners.

Cass City Golf League As of Aug. 22		Chip Shots	
Flight #1		Dick Wallace	154
Rick Salcido	173	Jack Hool	139
Mark Swanson	167	Dave Oehring	136
Craig Helwig	164	Dan Mosher	125
Rich Tate	163	Dan Hittler	115
Scott Richards	152	Roy Tuckey	113
Bill Kritzman	145	Duane Henn	103
Don Ouvry	139	Tom Herron	100
Dieter Roth	136	Flight #4	
Ray Fox	131	Ed Knight	175
Chris Maharg	129	Paul Adams	167
Brad Goslin	123	Jeff Krol	166
John Maharg	120	Kevin Bliss	165
Don Warner	114	Mike King	164
Terry Wiseman	95	Charles Tunis	152
Flight #2		Doug Lautner	150
Mike Hawrylo	180	Terry Hendrick	142
Erik Tamlyn	168	Tom Lis	141
Mike Lowe	160	Dan Curtis	136
Jason Bitzer	152	Bruce LeValley	136
Corey Ulfig	149	Pat Curtis	132
Jim Peyerck	148	Orvil Beecher	131
Rick Coleman	148	Anton Peters	123
Daryl Iwankovitch	145	Jim Mastie	117
Dave Weiler	144	Flight #5	
Fred Leeson	140	Tom Thorold	174
Craig Bellew	140	Doug Laurie	170
Gary Robinson	123	Dave Keller	165
Jim Hobbs	117	Pat Davis	160
Brian Reinhardt	88	Clate Sawdon	154
Flight #3		Ed Mercado	151
Russ Biefer	183	Bert Althaver	148
Dave Hoard	178	Bill Ewald	147
Clark Erla	172	Dennis Meck	146
Ernie Bellew	165	Thad Phelps	138
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		Aaron Mar	85
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Obituaries

June Madsen

June I. Madsen, 80, of Royal Oak, died Aug. 10, 2004.

She was born July 26, 1924 in Evergreen Township, the daughter of Harry and Margaret Rockwell.

Funeral services were held at noon, Friday, Aug. 13, at the Kinsey-Garrett Funeral Home.

Interment was in the Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley.

held Saturday, Sept. 4, at the Colling Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. Jerry Wallace officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Make A Wish Foundation, the American Cancer Society or the donor's favorite Hospice program.

Arrangements were made by Ransford Funeral Home, Inc., Caro.

Robert Speirs

Robert Speirs, 82, of Cass City, died Friday, Sept. 3, 2004 in his home.

He was born July 17, 1922 in Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia, Canada, the son of George and Florence (Hulme) Speirs.

He married Norma A. McConnell Jan. 25, 1946 in Cass City.

Speirs served in the U.S. Army Air Corp during World War II. He was a gunner on a B-17. On one mission, Speirs was shot down over Germany and taken prisoner. He was held as a prisoner for nearly 13 months before his release in 1945.

Speirs worked for General Cable for over 25 years until his retirement. He was a member of the VFW Post #3644 and the DAV. He was also a member of the Novesta Church of Christ and held many offices over the years.

Speirs is survived by his wife, Norma; five children: Ron (Rande) Speirs of Cass City, Jane (John) Luana of Deford, Skip (Ellen) Speirs of Deford, David (Karen) Speirs of Cass City, and Becky (Mark) Zmierski of Caro; 13 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; a brother, David (Shirley) Speirs of Livonia; a sister, Eleanor Paul of Anaheim, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Rick Speirs; a grandson, Michael Speirs; a brother, George Speirs; and two sisters: Florence Beutler and Agnes Leaveck.

Funeral services were held Monday, Sept. 6, in the Novesta Church of Christ, with Chuck Emmert and Brad Speirs officiating.

Interment was in the Novesta Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Novesta Church of Christ or the Cass City VFW Post #3644.

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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	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 10	Valley Lutheran	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 17	Lakers	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 24	USA	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 1	Reese	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 8	Bad Axe (Homecoming)	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 15	Deckerville	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 22	Freeland	7:00 p.m.

* Home games are bold

Cass City Red Hawks 2004 Boys' Soccer

Date	Team	Time
Aug. 21	USA Invite	8:30 a.m.
Aug. 23	North Branch	5:00 p.m.
Aug. 26	Valley Lutheran	5:00 p.m.
Aug. 31	Harbor Beach	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 1	Caro	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 7	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 9	Sandusky	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 11	Bad Axe Invite	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 14	Marlette	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 16	Cassville	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

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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 (Ublly)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	Caro Invite	11:00 a.m.
Oct. 30	Regionals	TBA

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FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 17
Cass City vs. Lakers
BASKETBALL

Tues, Sept. 14
Cass City vs. Sandusky
GOLF

Mon., Sept. 27
Cass City vs. Lakers
SOCCER

Tues., Sept. 14
Cass City vs. Marlette
CROSS COUNTRY

Sat., Oct. 9
Cass City Invitational

Cass City Red Hawks 2004 Girls' Basketball

Date	Team	Time
Aug. 26	Imley City 36, CC 53	
Aug. 31	Marlette 53, CC 45	
Sept. 9	Ublly	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 14	Sandusky	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 16	Mayville	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 21	Valley Lutheran	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 23	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 30	Lakers	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 5	Harbor Beach	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 7	USA	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 12	Reese	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 14	BCAS	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 19	Deckerville	5:00 p.m.
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

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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	Ublly	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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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Susan Rae Guenther, f/k/a Susan Rae Liestman, a/k/a Susan Rae Liestman, an unmarried woman (original mortgagor), to Continental Mortgage Corporation, USA, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgage, dated June 29, 2000 and recorded on July 14, 2000 in Liber 805 on Page 1393, and assigned by said Mortgage to PNC Mortgage Corp. of America as assignee by an assignment dated June 29, 2000 and recorded on July 14, 2000 in Liber 805 on Page 1407 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Nine and 02/100 Dollars (\$42,409.02), including interest at 9% per annum.

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

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

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

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

Dated: August 25, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC R (248) 593-1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Washington Mutual Bank, FA successor by merger and or name change to PNC Mortgage Corp. of America
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #032435H01

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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, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises at public venue to the highest bidder at the front entrance of the courthouse in Caro, the place of holding the Circuit Court within the County of Tuscola, 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)
RUSSELL & McCARGAR, LLP
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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. on which mortgage 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), 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 10.700000% 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 165.0 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 Mortgage 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 rods 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

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC R (248) 593-1304
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Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, successor in interest by merger and/or name change to Chase Mortgage Company, an Ohio Corporation
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Corey A. Decker and Betty Jane Decker, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 28, 2002 and recorded on September 16, 2002 in Liber 894 on Page 81 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Eighty-Nine and 89/100 Dollars (\$83,089.89), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on September 16, 2004.

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

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

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

Dated: August 18, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S 248.593.1304
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30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
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File #03189F01

8-18-4

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

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

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

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

Lot 7, Block 2, of the Plat of Newberry, now Kingston, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 24 of Plats, Page 304, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: August 25, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #032698F01

8-25-4

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: August 25, 2004

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

8-25-4

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

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on September 16, 2004.

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

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

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

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

Dated: August 18, 2004

ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys For Citifinancial Mortgage Company, As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000

File No. 201.1332

8-18-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by 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 Mortgage 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

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC C (248) 593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #032887F02

9-1-4

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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/A Green Tree Servicing, L.L.C.
Mortgagee

Keith A. Sotiroff, Esq.
SOTIROFF & ABRAMCZYK, PC.
30400 Telegraph Road, Ste. 444
Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4541
(248) 642-6000

9-1-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by James F. Watt and Carrie L. Koelzow, a married man & single woman, of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Flagstar Bank, FSB, dated the 16th day of December, A.D. 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 30th day of December, A.D. 1999 in Liber 707 of Tuscola County Records, on Page 962, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$97,883.62 (Ninety-seven thousand eight hundred eighty-three dollars and sixty-two cents), including interest there on at 5.50% (five point five zero percent) per annum.

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

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

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

TAX ID: 003-303-200-0400-00

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

Dated: September 1, 2004

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
By: Daniel E. Best (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage
Welman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1820
Troy, Michigan 48064
WWR03833618

9-1-5

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RONALD LESTER, A MARRIED WOMAN, HUSBAND AND WIFE: AS JOINT TENANTS WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP to VIRGIL, DBA LENDING FACTORY, Mortgagee, dated April 19, 2001 and recorded on April 30, 2001 in Liber 830 on Page 11, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX AND 52/100 DOLLARS (\$55,476.52), 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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on September 30, 2004.

Said premises are situated in the VILLAGE OF GAGGETOWN, TOWNSHIP OF ELMWOOD, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, and are described as:

LOT 1, BLOCK 2, TOOHIE'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF GAGGETOWN, PART OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 1, TOWN 14 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, BEING TOWNSHIP OF ELMWOOD, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 54.

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

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

Dated: August 25, 2004

J. VIRGIL, DBA LENDING FACTORY Mortgagee

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

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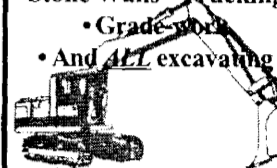
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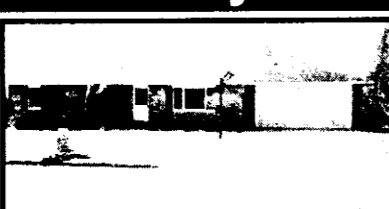
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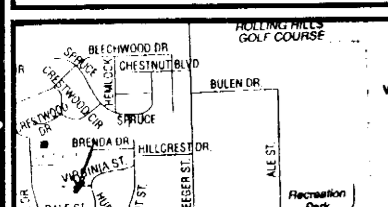

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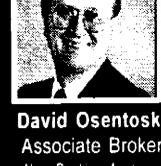

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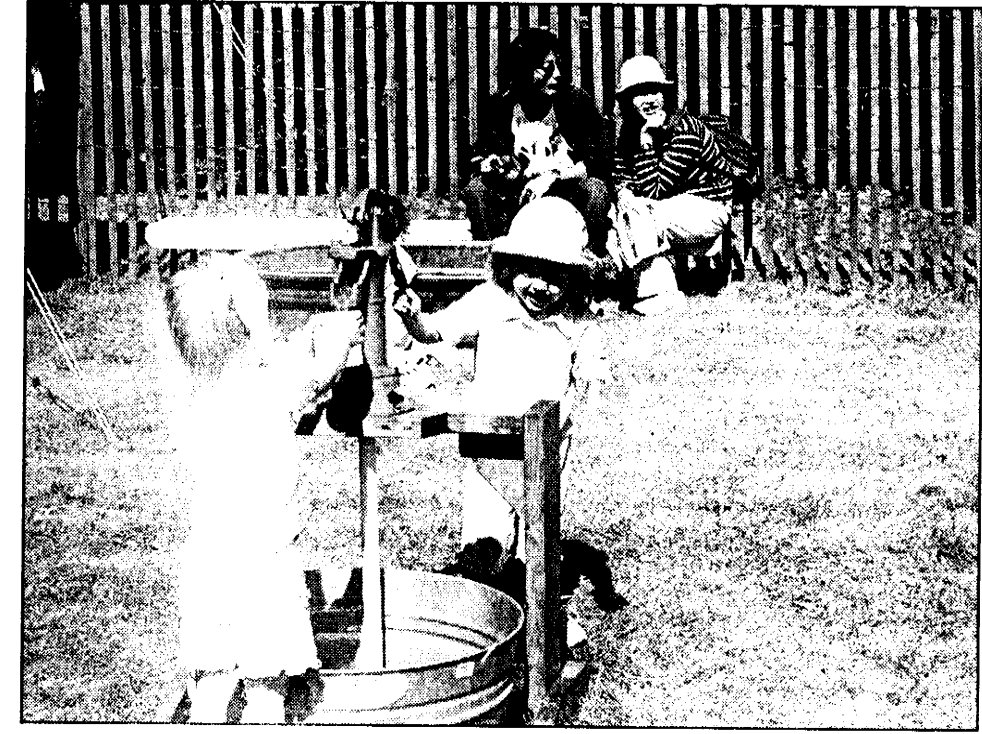

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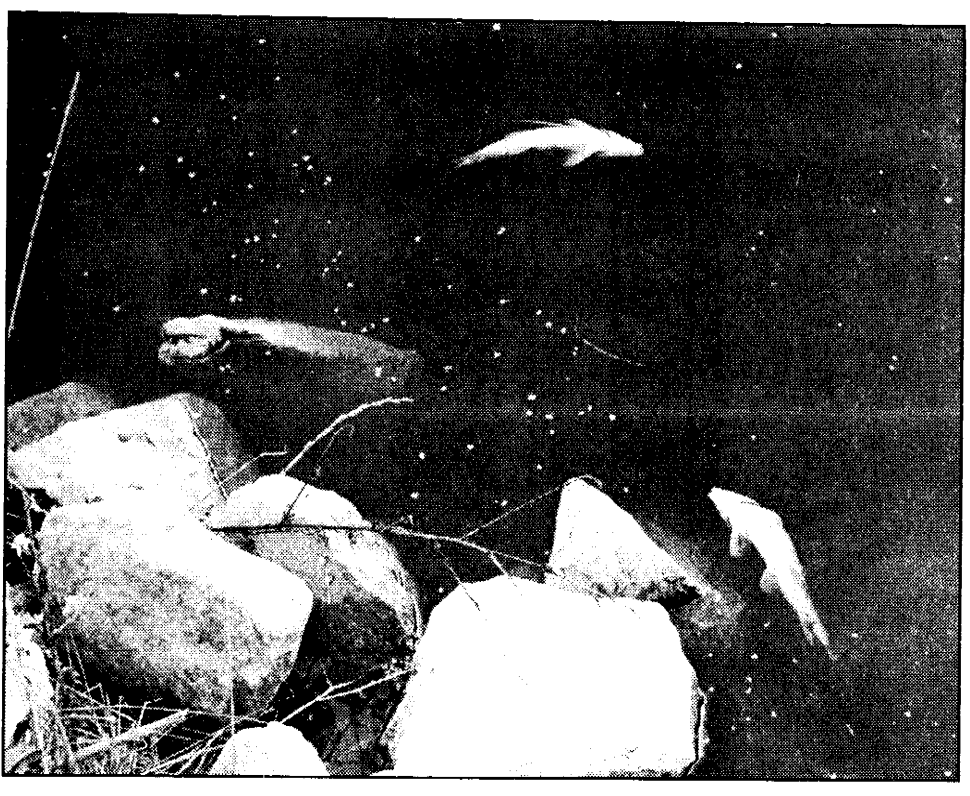

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AMONG THE visitors during last year's Fall Family Days was 2-year-old Morgan Mika of Bay City, pictured above pumping water from an old fashioned well.

Fall Family Days set this weekend

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 sided, 70 feet high octagon barn to see the animals from Kinde's Maplewood Petting Farm up close," Rapson Gabil said. "Ruby, our pot bellied pig celebrating her second birthday during Fall Family Days, will be one of many different kinds of farm animals" on hand.
 Cass City resident Jennifer Szubielak will return to demonstrate sheep shearing by hand. New this year will be a sheep herding demonstration by Mary Geer of Kingston and her border collies.
 "Tours will also be available for the majestic, old farmhouse which continues to be restored," Rapson Gabil noted. "Much work has been done in the house since last year. Many rooms in the 12-room house are now completely furnished and reflect rural life of the 1920s to 1940s."
 The main food tent will offer a wide variety of foods. Kicking off Friday will be sales of fish sandwiches and French fries from 4 to 7 p.m. A traditional pancake breakfast, commonly referred to as the "farmer's breakfast", will be back by popular demand Saturday morning from 8 to 10 a.m. and Sunday from 8 to 11:30 a.m.
 As in previous years, there will be homemade ice cream, hog kettle popcorn, cotton candy, apple cider, bean soup and fried cakes - made on the spot.
 All proceeds from Fall Family Days benefit the Thumb Octagon Barn restoration. The sponsor group for the event, Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn, has a paid membership numbering more than 700 members from around Michigan as well as members from other states.



DEAD FISH lie on the surface of the water in the Center B Drain, victims of an undetermined discharge.

Discharge raises stink in drain

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 terial in the drain is also a health concern. "You wonder if it's getting down in your drinking water," he said. "I'm looking forward to a good rain," Margie added, but that means somebody else is going to have a problem."
 As for what caused the odor drifting around their property, Margie said she thinks "somebody's doing something they shouldn't be." Haselhuhn agreed. "That looks like undiluted septic to me, and it smells that way."



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MARC

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