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SPRING HAS SPRUNG, and a host of area youngsters took advantage of beautiful weather over the weekend to get outdoors and enjoy the sun and warm. temperatures. Above, Reigen Ryan, 5, daughter of Julie Ryan of Cass City, blows some bubbles with her cousin, Josie Garcia, 7, of Caro, and her sister, Katie Jones, also 7.

Owen-Gage Class of 2005

Swiastyn, McKee top grads

cials last week announced their top graduates of the

Class of 2005. Katie N. Swiastyn, daughter of Walt and Kay Swiastyn of Gagetown was named valedictorian, while Mary E. McKee, daughter of Mac and Bonnie McKee, also of Gagetown, has earned salutato-

rian honors.

Katie Swiastyn



Mary McKee

Swiastyn, who achieved a 3.98 grade point average, has participated in various athletics throughout her high school career, including golf, basketball, volleyball and softball. She has received several awards such as allconference, all-region and all-state honors. She has also served on the North Central Thumb League (NCTL) Student Sportsmanship Committee and was named an NCTL Scholar/Athlete.

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

Owen-Gage School offi- She was a member of the Award.

school's band for / years. Swiastyn has served as class vice president in her sophomore, junior and senior years. She has been a "focus" student of the month the past 3 years, has served on the prom committee, and as a sophomore was her class' representative on the snowball court.

As a senior, she was chosen as a candidate for homecoming queen. Swiastyn serves as an aide to the athletic director and is also a member of the school's newspaper and yearbook staffs. She also was chosen as one of Michigan's 20 state finalists for the Wendy's Heisman

Swiastyn has been involved in many community and other school activities, as well, including Family Enrichment, the Thumb Octagon Barn Fall Family Days, read-a-thons for child abuse and cystic fibrosis, kindergarten round-up, and tutoring and testing of younger

After graduation, she plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University, where she has received a Presidential Scholarship along with the Michigan Merit Award.

McKee, who has earned a 3.95 grade point average, has also participated in a number of sports, including basketearning all-conference honors in volleyball and softball. She has also been named an NCTL Scholar/Athlete.

McKee has been a member of the 3.0 Honors Club and on the honor roll throughout high school. She has also been a member of the National Honor Society since her sophomore year and currently serves as the local chapter's treasurer. She has been recognized, as well, as a "focus" student in each of her 4 years in high school.

As a sophomore, McKee served as class treasurer and was a member of the Quiz

valuable. Please turn to back page.

Youngest pupils enjoying reading success at O-G

The Owen-Gage Elementary teaching staff's success with a relatively new literacy assessment tool had school officials beaming during a monthly school board meeting Monday night.

Rikkii Clement, a school psychologist with the Huron Intermediate School District, and Andrea Ross, who teaches developmental kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade at Owen-Gage, outlined the program, known as DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) during an hourlong presentation.

School Principal Diane Warack introduced the presentation, saying the Owen-Gage teaching staff began looking at DIBELS in the late 1990s. She called the program a "remarkable piece of assessment tool."

According to Clement, DIBELS is a standardized, individually testing program designed to test and monitor the development of the youngest students' (grade K-6) pre-reading and early reading skills.

Owen-Gage has focused on grades K-3, administering the assessments 3 times a year. Students found to be struggling are continually monitored weekly to assist them in improving their reading skills, Ross said.

The assessments focus on a number of critical areas, including visual and oral reading skills, vocabulary and

reading comprehension. Developing solid reading skills at an early age is critical, according to Clement, who said that if a student is not reading at grade level by the third grade, the odds are just one in 17 that they will ever read at grade level.

"Once you're on that line to be a good reader, you're set," added Ross, noting the key is to catch problems early, which makes DIBELS in-

"It's not a curriculum, but

it drives my curriculum," Ross continued, adding she shapes her teaching methods to meet individual students' reading needs.

"It's not a cure-all, but you can make changes based on what you know. We need to know where the kids are at, we need to know the goals, and DIBELS gives us the goals."

Clement explained the assessments rate students on 3 levels - non-readers, emerging readers and established readers.

The district's use of the program, including a willingness to adjust the curriculum and get involved in staff training, is among the biggest success stories among Huron County schools, she indicated. In the 2001-02 school year,

the DIBELS assessments revealed that nearly one-quarter of Owen-Gage students in grades K-3 were at-risk as readers. Another 34 percent were "on the fence" and 42 percent were identified as meeting the assessments benchmarks. This year, Clement pointed out, just 10 percent of the students are atrisk, while 27 percent are considered emerging readers and 63 percent are established readers.

school board, you should be very proud," Clement told the board of education.

CONTRACT ENDED

Turning to other matters, the board, as expected, voted unanimously in favor of not renewing the contract for the district's principal/Title I di-

The decision was based on school officials' plans to eliminate the position in favor of hiring an administrator who will serve in the dual roles of superintendent and building principal.

The board has been working with retired long-time

Thumb administrator Don Gleeson, who is conducting the search for candidates. Interviews are expected to take place next month.

Prior to Monday night's vote, Principal Diane Warack asked the board to reconsider.

"The non position is monumental even in a small district," she said. "You have the same amount of mandatory paper work, meetings, committees, etc.

"In the discussion of the board, you have talked about this new position in the realm of also having a disciplinarian to assist with student issues," Warack added. "I would like you to consider

In other business Monday, the board: Please turn to back page.

keeping the principal posi-

tion, perhaps with modifica-

tions, so that person has the

experience, training or

knowledge to make deci-

sions on matters of student

issues, freeing the superin-

tendent to address larger

"With the position as it is,

the portion that is paid from

general fund is approxi-

mately what our previous

disciplinarian would have

made, and the Title I program

IN OTHER BUSINESS

would continue in place."

problems in the district.

Snowmobile club set to make trails

enthusiasts that hopes to establish riding trails in the Thumb has officially formed its own club.

Members of the Thumbs Up Snowmobile Club met last week in Sandusky to approve a club name, elect a board of directors and offic-"As a community and ers, and create a club consti-

> Spearheading the new organization is Galen Faith, an electrical engineer from the Deckerville area who said last week's meeting was well attended, with 47 individuals on hand and 55, including spouses, signing up for membership.

"We've got people from all over, all the way down by Warren to as far north as Bad Axe. There are some that are from over in Imlay City and, of course, we have quite a few from Cass City," Faith said.

The club was created out of frustration among individuals who are tired of having

A group of snowmobiling to drive a couple hundred miles north for a weekend of snowmobiling, according to Faith.

"You can't just get out of work and go for a ride. You've got to commit 4 days to go riding," he said.

While club members are focusing on establishing new riding trails, they are also emphasizing several other important issues, according to Faith, who was elected president of the group last week.

"We hope to promote the sport of snowmobiling in the area and to promote it as a family recreational activity,' said, snowmobiling has gotten a negative reputation because

of a handful of riders who don't respect the property of "It just takes a few people," he said. "We're just going to try to have a set of trails so

people have a place to ride and they won't be crossing Please turn to back page.

School says good-bye to "A+ custodian"

Loomis beloved prankster

by Tom Montgomery **Editor**

Don Loomis would be hard pressed to walk down any hall at Campbell Elementary School without hearing at least a couple warm greetings by students and staff.

In fact, the kids and adults alike go out of their way to say "Good morning, Don" or "Hi, Mr. Loomis."

Loomis doesn't have an office at the Cass City school and he doesn't teach a class. He's the custodian.

But the teachers will tell you he isn't just any custodian, referring not only to his work ethic, helpfulness and a dependable, friendly greeting, but also to his wellearned reputation for being the king of pranksters at

Campbell. Second grade teacher Nancy Walker has been among Loomis' favorite targets during his nearly 15year tenure, especially during the winter months, when she occasionally dons snow shoes and puts up a "Think Snow" sign on the door of her classroom.

Loomis has been known to hide the snowshoes, but perhaps his favorite prank was setting a box of confetti above her door so it would "snow" on her when she entered the room.

Of course, turnabout is fair play. Walker said some teachers conspired to get Loomis back by moving his box of confetti to the door of the classroom next door, then asking him to report to that classroom to "clean up a mess".

It was wonderful," Walker says, smiling as she visited Thursday with Loomis, who recently retired. "We had a good time. We had a real good time." Walker is quick to say she

and Loomis have shared not only a laugh or 2, but also their love of horses. In fact, she recalled inviting his family to her barn to ride her horses.

"We have been so fortunate.

I know his family, he knows

my family," Walker said.

"He's just a great guy." **APRIL FOOLS!**

"There is no age difference -

"It sounds like all we did

good janitor," Walker added,

noting Loomis handled any

job quickly and without fan-

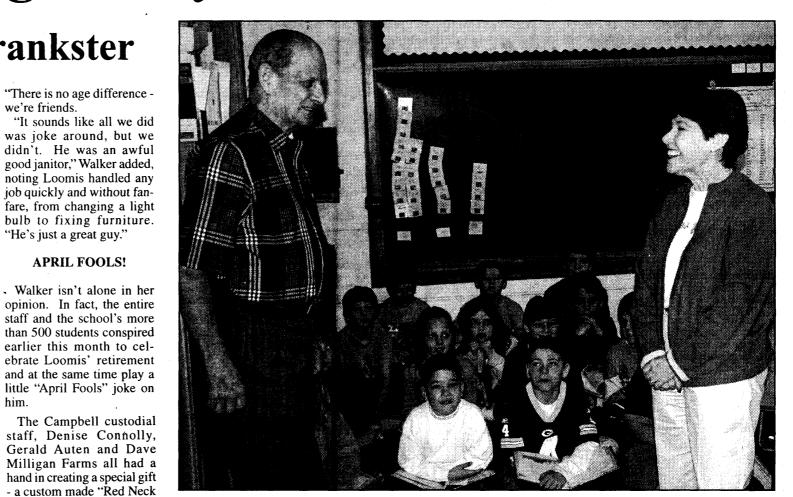
bulb to fixing furniture.

we're friends.

- Walker isn't alone in her opinion. In fact, the entire staff and the school's more than 500 students conspired earlier this month to celebrate Loomis' retirement and at the same time play a little "April Fools" joke on

The Campbell custodial staff, Denise Connolly, Gerald Auten and Dave Milligan Farms all had a hand in creating a special gift - a custom made "Red Neck Self-Propelled Mower".

"It was given to me at a sur-Please turn to back page.



LOOMIS AND Teacher Nancy Walker share some of their favorite memories in front of her class Thursday morning.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson Phone 989-269-6994



Allegan spent a couple of days with Mrs. Martin Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wallace were Friday guests of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Allen Farrelly spent Monday and Thursday at Flat Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Depcinski, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Depcinski, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were

Engaged



Dana Nelson and Andreas Siradakis

Andreas "Andy" Siradakis, the grandson of Frances Hrabec and the late Jack Hrabec, and the son of Eftihios and Beverly (Hrabec) Siradakis announces his engagement to Dana Nelson of Adrian. The couple plan to be married Sept. 24, 2005 in Bay City.

Andy attended Mineral Area Junior College, St. Louis, Mo., and Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas, on baseball scholarships. He also attended Saginaw Valley State University for continuing education. He currently owns Midwest Vehicle Performance and resides in Essexville.

Dana is an occupational therapist and the director of rehabilitation at the Shiawassee County Medical Care Facility, Corunna.

COACH

Steve Eyer, Pharmacist

Mrs. Tom Collins of Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Zurek.

Mrs. Gerald Wills and Mrs. Harold Ballagh visited Mrs. Elgin Wills Thursday.

Mike and Linda Rumptz hosted a family gathering for their daughter, Pfc. Rebecca Rumptz Sunday. Rebecca was home on leave for one week. She will be stationed in Germany for two years. Mike and Linda also have a son in the air force and a son in the army.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Prill and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski came home Friday after spending a 3-week trip to Winter Haven, Fla.

Ron Wolschlager, Allen Farrelly and Bernard Morley met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and Velma Cleland were Sunday supper guests of Lana Puterbaugh.

Bob Jackson and Thelma Jackson visited Clara Bond in Cass City Tuesday.

Jean Osentoski visited Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly, Heath and Lee and Allen Farrelly visited Eleanor Koskie at the Caro Lighthouse Rehab on Sunday. Mrs. Harold Ballagh, Mrs.

Gerald Wills, Brian Sweeney, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Richardson and Brenda of Snover and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Sweeney returned home Monday morning from a 9-day trip to Las Vegas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western and Allen Farrelly celebrated Mr. and Mrs. Franzel's wedding anniversary with a dinner at Randoreth Restaurant at Harbor Beach Saturday.

Ten members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at the same place next

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Trent and Carol Dorland

Dorlands mark first anniversary

Trent and Carol Dorland celebrated their one-year wedding anniversary April 10, 2005. The couple was united in marriage at the Novesta Church of Christ with Pastor J.T. Mabe officiating the ceremony.

Carol is the daughter of Ed and Edwina Phetteplace of Decker. Grandparents are Joyce Barnes of Snover and Pete and Vi Vining of Decker. Trent is the son of Tim and Lorna Dorland of Deford. Grandparents are Jerry and Arlene Lowe of Deford and Otis and Donna Dorland of

Decker.

Maid of honor was Monica Bostian of Caro, sister of the groom. Bridesmaids were Stephanie Warneck of Warren and Mandy Grady of Cass City, sisters of the bride. Best man was Brad Deering of Deford, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Ryan Izydorek of Marlette, friend of the groom, and Tim Warneck of Warren, brother-

in-law of the bride. Usher was Darrel Grady of Cass City, brother-in-law of the bride.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at Ubly

at the White Oak Christian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, Saturday, July 9, 2005. Randy and Laura are 2005

Laura Willmore

and Randy Diebel

Mr. and Mrs. David Allan

Willmore of Cincinnati,

Ohio, announce the engage-

ment of their daughter, Laura

Kathleen Willmore, to Randy

Harold Diebel, son of Mr.

and Mrs. Randy Elmer

The wedding is being held

Diebel of Cass City.

Heights Golf and Country

Club. The couple now reside

Engaged

in Deford.

graduates of Kentucky Christian University, Grayson, Ky., and will begin their new ministry with the First Christian Church, Clearwater, Fla. following their wedding.

Randy, a 2001 graduate of Cass City High School, will receive his Bachelor of Science degree in youth and family ministry. Laura, a 2001 graduate of Colerain High School, Cincinnati, Ohio, will receive her Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education.



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Fashion is one of life's imponderables. Who can figure out why young guys would want to wear pants or shorts that look like hand-medowns from a much bigger brother? Some of them are so baggy you expect them to fall down any minute. And why do girls flaunt shirts and jeans inherited from someone who was so obviously much smaller? They can't pull them up to the waist or make them meet in the middle, but it doesn't seem to bother them at all. On the other hand, it no longer surprises me to see teenagers wearing clothing my grandmother wore, thinking it's cool. I fully expect some of the things in the back of my closet to come into favor again one of these years. But what I saw in the Sunday paper took me off guard. I never in my wildest imagination thought I'd see a return to cloth diapers. My babies were born, 11 months apart, before the era of disposables. I couldn't begin to estimate how many diapers were rinsed in the toilet and washed in my borrowed wringer-type washer. At the time I was thankful that I didn't have to take them to the Laundromat. (Yes, Laundromats had been invented then.) Anyway, according to an article in the Sunday paper, "Cloth diapers have gone groovy." Becky Gaylord of Newhouse News Service reports that the renaissance of reusables evolved from some of the traditional concerns: cost, impact on the environment, and the desire to keep natural materials next to babies' bottoms. She quoted some rather staggering statistics:

An average baby spends 22,000 hours in diapers between birth and toilet training, and wears 6,500 disposables, costing \$1,500-\$2,100. (Some of us would argue that it's worth every penny.) But alas! The 2.7 million tons of disposable diapers dumped into landfills annually in the U.S. is about 10 times the weight of fast food packaging. Now that's a lot of crap! Apparently, the new-fangled cloth diapers bear little resemblance to those that went through the old wringer washer. They come in colors and patterns, and they don't need pins. They're made of innovative fabrics that make them waterproof, but soft and supple. They also don't stain or cling to their contents like the old version did. For that we can be grateful. It seems that most of the new cloth diapers are hawked and bought via the Internet. A mother of 3 in Vacaville, CA, developed 'Wonderoos" about a year and a half ago, and after selling them for a few months. said the demand became so great that they went wholesale and looked into mass production. All 15 colors of Wonderoos are listed as sold out on her website, but they are also sold by about 50 retailers. The cost of an all-inone diaper with an outside waterproof layer fused to an absorbent layer (no cover necessary) is about \$15 each and it's estimated that you need 2 to 3 dozen. That seems like a huge outlay, but remember that disposables can run about \$20 a week. And can you really put a price on fashion, even for a baby's bottom?



Monica and Scott Bostian

Couple married

Monica Gail Dorland and Scott David Bostian were married July 31, 2004, at the First Baptist Church of Caro. Pastor Ronald Wigand officiated the ceremony.

Monica is the daughter of Tim and Lorna Dorland of Deford. Grandparents are Jerry and Arlene Lowe of Deford and Otis and Donna Dorland of Decker. Scott is the son of Mark and

Renae Judd of Caro and David and Debbie Bostian of Otter Lake. Grandparents are Pat and the late David Bostian Sr. of Lapeer, Ray and Vi Bowerson of Sterling, Ruth and the late Lloyd Keith Judd of Lapeer, and Wayne and Kay Ulman of Marion.

The maid of honor was Megan Dorland of Deford, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Danyle Ruckle of Mason, sister of the groom; Nichole Judd of Caro; sister of the groom; Carol Dorland of Deford, sister-in-law of the bride; Stephanie Bostian of Otter Lake, sister of the groom; Brooke Spencer of Caro, friend of the bride; and Mary Jo Shelson of Gagetown, friend of the bride.

The best man was Jason Trea of Nashville, Tenn., friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Mike Ruckle of Mason, brother-inlaw of the groom; Derek Bowerson of Sterling, cousin of the groom; Adam Spencer of Caro, friend of the groom; Matt Bostian of Otter lake, brother of the groom; Trent Dorland of Deford, brother of the bride; and Matt Sherlson of Gagetown, friend of the groom.

Usher was Brian Trea of Nashville, Tenn., friend of the groom.

Pianist was Linda Stevenson of Caro.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at Ubly Heights Golf and Country Club. The couple now reside in Caro.

U-M Women meet

The United Methodist p.m. Women met April 4, with 21 members and guests present. berry social July 1 at the vil-Ellen Toner and Ida Wiles were welcomed as guests. The luncheon was prepared by Group 2, with Bea Baker and Laura Bryant as co-

chairpersons. Marge Dickinson reported on the mother/daughter banquet to be held May 7. Guests will bring a salad in place of a ticket. The program for the event will feature a group from Michigan Fine Arts of Shay Lake. The public is invited to the program at 7 p.m.

A rummage sale is planned for Friday, May 26, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, May 27, from 9 a.m. to 1

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Also scheduled is a strawlage park

Shirley Wagg reported that the garden tour is slated for Saturday, July 9. Among the gardens to be featured are those of Mrs. Zimmerman, Barb Ball, Gerry Hutchinson and Lynn Sorenson.

It was noted that health kits to be filled for Haiti will be passed out, and that the Rev. Ward will be doing the study on Cuba beginning Wednesday, April 20.

Rebecca Robinson, Louise Buehrly's step-granddaughter, spoke to the group about her mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

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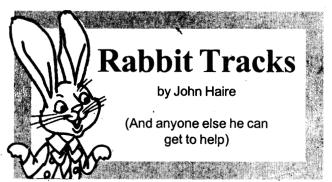
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shoe.'



Mara Loniewski, a junior at Farmington Hills Mercy High School, is the 2004 division I state champion 200-yard freestyle swimmer. She's the daughter of Kelly Seurynck, a Cass City High School graduate and the granddaughter of Al and Lori Seurynck, of the Gagetown area.

Arthur and Janet Severance spent 20 days on a trip that took them through several southern states, across Texas and to the San Diego area in California. During their days on the road, unseasonable rain was reported in the area traveled. Ruined the vacation? No way, except for a light drizzle going through a pass, the rain followed them all the way and never

Harmony and Jeff Doerr also took a couple of weeks' vacation and were almost as lucky. It rained on the Friday they left and any other rains came at night.

The Chronicle welcomes groups that want to visit the paper and see how it is put together. Just give us a phone call and set up an appointment. We've had too many groups to count that have visited over the years and we appreciate them

Last week was a first for us for a touring group of college students. They were journalism students from Central Michigan University. We were the group's last stop. Previously they had visited the Bay City Times and the Bad Axe Tri-

With the group was John Palen, CMU journalism professor. He said that the Chronicle was the top paper for interns from the school. That's undoubtedly because editor Tom Montgomery takes them under his wing and at the Chronicle they get plenty of writing and interviewing experience that may not be available at larger papers.





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Task Force, deputies seize \$1,000 in cocaine

pected drug sales were ob-

served, investigators fol-

lowed the Deckerville

woman and Port Huron sus-

pect to a location near 11th

Street in Port Huron," Gray

said. "After a brief stop at

the Port Huron location, the

suspects were then followed

In Worth Township, at the

intersection of M-25 and

Baker Street, the sheriff's

department road patrol unit

assigned to township patrol

stopped the suspects for a

roadside investigation, the

22-year-old Port Huron man

was discovered to have 2

rocks of crack cocaine in one

of his pockets," Gray said.

"A further search then lo-

cated a larger amount of bulk

powder cocaine in a plastic

"During the subsequent

traffic violation.

back into Sanilac County."

The Sanilac County Drug Task Force and a Sanilac County Sheriff's Department road patrol unit seized cocaine with a street value of \$1,000 during an evening traffic stop Thursday in Sanilac County's Worth Town-

The drugs came from a Port Huron man and a Deckerville woman, according to drug task force director William Gray, who said the seizure was the result of tips from Worth Township residents and business owners who reported suspected drug sales activity being conducted in business parking lots bordering M-25.

The drug task force had received a number of tips indicating that a suspicious vehicle had been seen in the parking lots of businesses along M-25 in Worth Township, and the vehicle's occupants were engaging in what appeared to be drug related sales activity," Gray said.

"Based upon the tip information received, drug task force investigators traced the vehicle to a 20-year-old Deckerville woman. On Thursday evening the vehicle was located in the parking lot of a Worth Township business and surveillance was established on the ve-

On 2 occasions after the surveillance began, Gray noted, drug task force officers saw the Deckerville woman accompanied by a 22-year-old Port Huron man, engaging in suspected drug sales to other individuals.

"Shortly after these 2 sus-

Armstead on duty in Alaska

U.S. Air Force 1st Class Thomas M. Armstead has arrived for duty at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Anchorage, Alaska.

Armstead is an F-15 crew chief assigned to the 12th Aircraft Maintenance Unit. A 2002 graduate of Cass City High School, he is the son of Gregory G. and Shari

L. Armstead of Cass City.

the fence to fall in the wrong (for her) direction.

million bond issue to build a Center for the Arts and repairs for present buildings. made up their minds. A little talk about the project I recognize the commitment necessary to devote time to

and what it will do for the community and the benefits to the kids can't hurt and may well be beneficial. In most cases that conversation will reveal how the person will be likely to vote. There's little doubt that the

lower than all but a handful

of schools in the state. He supports the bond issue and judging by the record the school will continue to be financially sound if the new building is approved.

is far from rosy, there will never be a better time for a vote than right now because music director Doug Burtch has pushed the program from the doldrums to a new high.

bag stuffed into the man's The deputy arrested the man and transported him to

the Sanilac County Jail on a charge of possession with intent to deliver cocaine. He was later released on bond, with his district court arraignment date to be scheduled.

"The Deckerville woman was released at the scene pending further investigation," Gray said.

In addition to the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department, drug task officers were assisted by the Deckerville, Peck and Lexington police departments.

Residents can anonymously report suspected drug activity in Sanilac County by calling toll-free 1-800-544-DRUG (3784).

The Haire Net

Won't be a better time

Last week I received a call

at home from a phone can-

vasser concerning the up-

coming vote for the \$11.5-

promoting the issue, but

question the way the phone

campaigner that called me is

It's hard to imagine that any

calls made that were similar

to the one I received did any-

thing to promote a favorable

This is the way it went. The

caller identified herself as a

member of a cadre conduct-

ing the phone campaign. She

then asked point-blank if I

was going to vote for the

I said that I planned to vote

for the addition, but admon-

ished her for asking. You

shouldn't ask that question,

I didn't outline my reasons,

maybe I should have. The

overriding reason was that it

wouldn't garner a single vote

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The focus for a telephone campaign has to be to find voters who have not yet

supporters of the Center for the Arts will need every vote that they can round up. It's no secret that money for schools has been extremely tight as Michigan leads the nation in unemployment. Many schools were threatened with early closure as they sunk further into debt. Others, including Cass City, have pared down to compensate for declining enrollment.

When considering the Center for the Arts, the condition of the school should be an important issue. Under Supt. Ken Micklash the district is in sound financial condition and its expenditure per pupil

While the financial situation

In the opinions expressed by school board members when it was decided to seek the money, it will be now or never. The board tacitly agreed with Randy Severance when he said at a board meeting this is a one-time try, no repeats.

The back forty

by Roger Pond

Everyone has their own ideas about sales. Most of us have a negative image of salespeople — except for the ones we know personally. Then we like them just fine.

I recently read a column by a man who gives sales seminars. At one session this fellow asked folks in the audience, "How many of you didn't like salespeople before you got into sales?"

Nearly everyone raised their hands. Then he asked his audience, "Now that you are a salesperson yourself, how many of you still don't like salespeople?'

Almost everyone raised their hands again! This fellow says this just proves salespeople should do their best not to act like salespeople.

Much of the negative image accorded to salespeople comes from those who travel door to door. I always get a kick out these folks and their little tricks.

I remember back in the late '70s when one company sent a very attractive young woman around the country to sell their fertilizer. Some of our local farmers had record crops that year. They finally bought enough fertilizer.

Just recently we had a fellow stop by to sell us some frozen food. He and my wife were standing in front of his truck talking when I got home from fishing. I could tell he was not happy to see

This was a Saturday, so I hadn't shaved, and I don't dress very well when I go fishing. I may have looked a little rough around the edges.

"Come over here and look at this food," my wife said. "We were talking about getting some frozen chicken, and this man can sell us a combination of chicken and seafood for \$74.'

"This is a special offer just for today," the sales guy said. "I'm not supposed to do this, but I can give you two of these boxes for \$148 or I can split them into one box for just \$74."

'Seventy-four dollars!?" I exclaimed. "How much does a box weigh?"

"Our company doesn't go by weight," he said. "We go by servings. There are 54 servings in a box."

"Fifty-four servings for a

canary!" I thought to myself. The salesman waved a chicken breast in front of my nose and said, "This is all organic, free-range chicken. There are absolutely no chemicals in it.'

"I won't eat anything that doesn't have chemicals in it," I told him.

The salesman tried to laugh, but I could see it wasn't easy "Do you have a price list

you can leave with us?" I "We don't do price lists. This is a special offer," he growled — as he folded up his boxes and headed for the back of his truck.

I walked back toward my boat and overheard the salesman mumble something about spending \$100 for gasoline to go buy our groceries. I should have gone back and told him how far the modern automobile will go on \$100 worth of gasoline. I could have said, "I buy gas by the gallon, but my car uses

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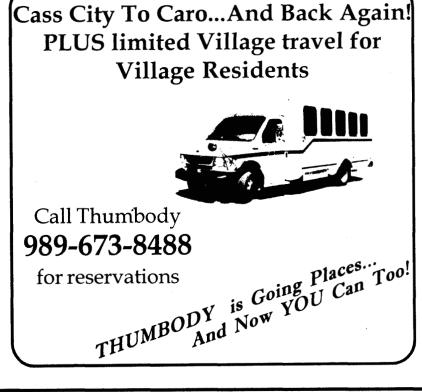
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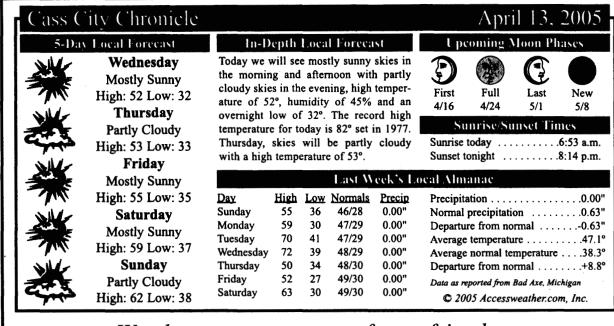


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Red Hawk Talks

by Leah Sherman

By now, I'm sure that all of my readers know that I'm a big fan of students displaying their talents in our school. And nearest and dearest to my heart are the academic programs that students participate in, such as quiz bowl, student congress, and academic games.

Last Friday, 33 students set out for Saginaw Valley for a day of non stop thinking as a part of the academic games teams. The excitement was high and the students were ready to show the rest of the Tuscola County participants exactly what Cass City is all

There were five teams, each having more than five mem-

The English team was made up of co-captains Bryan Hill and Stephanie Richards, with members Ashley Puterbaugh, Shawna Compo, Lysa Knight and C.J.

Warmbier. I was the captain of the social science team, with strong support from Ryan King, Alex Hiatt, Philip Nahernak, Andrew Shagene and Rob Packard.

On the Technology team were Chancy Balk, Mike deBeaubien, Jennifer Hadd, Hartwick, Lee Hutchinson, Tim Mills and Jareth Tyson.

The Science team was captained by Corey Brooks, with Krista Homakie, Sammy Glaspie, Tasha Bryant, Jason Speirs, Adam Kranz and Kyle Swanson as

Finally, the Math team included captain Jesse Rader and members Marcel Helland, Sean McFarland, Luann Laming, Kaylin Tack, Dennis Bowen and Carrie Hillaker.

The English team had a long road of preparation leading to this big day. They had a reading list that included approximately 25 literary works: plays, novels, short stories, poems and speeches. At the competition, the team was called upon to write a two-part essay about one of the works that they had read. Then they had to answer a total of 25 questions about the other works. Senior, Bryan Hill says that these were difficult tasks, but the suspense of knowing how they did made

it fun and worth it.

For the rest of the teams, studying for academic games is virtually impossible. For the most part, it is based on knowledge that students have already acquired. There is no way to prepare except by relaxing and believing in yourself and your teammates.

Most of the other teams' days followed the same format as the English team's. The social sciences, math, and science teams were all given prompts for projects to be completed in a set amount of time. Then they were given 25 short answer, true and false, and multiple choice questions about their particular subject.

The technology team followed a different format entirely. They were given an objective to create a flying machine that would come as close to the center of a target as possible. They were given specific materials, including tape, paper, balsa wood, glue, pennies, and razor blades. Cass City's team constructed a plane, but made a back up machine in case of an emergency. They proved to be on the ball when their plane broke in half during a trial flight and they had to use their back up machine.

During an exciting flight demonstration by all of the schools who participated in the technology competition, Cass City's flying machine proved to be designed quite well, coming closest to the target out of all of the schools. Unfortunately, one of the area coaches didn't think that Cass City's machine met certain standards, and we were disqualified. But this didn't ruin our day. Our machine made us proud, and in our hearts we came out on top.

The science and math teams brought home first place trophies, and the English team achieved a close second. Senior Stephanie Richards says, "We only got second by half a point, how ridiculous is that?" I'd say it may have been frustrating for the team, but certainly is nothing to be ashamed of. The social sciences team came home without a trophy, but with their heads held high. The competition was tough but we did our best and therein lies something to be proud of.





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CONTRACTORS recently completed demolition of a home at 6608 Pine St. where a Cass City woman and her father died in fire in late January, but a cross and flowers serve as a memorial to the victims, Bethann Gaszczynski, 49, and Robert G. Umbreit. It was the first fatal blaze in the village since the 1970s.

Children's Fun Fair set for April 30

Officials at the Early On Program invite area residents to the seventh annual Children's Fun Fair, Saturday, April 30, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Highland Pines School on Cleaver Road in

Free admission includes balloons, gift bags, refreshments and door prizes, and each child will receive a free book. Also back by popular demand this year is the free child I.D. station, where children can be fingerprinted and

have their photo taken to put in a folder that contains vital information about each child. The folders are the parents' to keep.

Several activities are planned throughout the day.

Ronald McDonald will be on

Senior movies Friday at the library

Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City will host its Senior Citizen Movies Friday at 1:30 p.m.

Films to be shown are:

Braving Alaska - Imagine living hundreds of miles from your nearest neighbor, having groceries and mail delivered by airplane a few times each year, and battling long, harsh winters with temperatures that plummet to minus-70 degrees. Such are the living conditions chosen by a hearty few who inhabit America's last frontier - the Alaskan bush - a spectacular land of rivers and mountains so remote that many remain unnamed. Through the cameras of National Geographic, you'll enter the lives of 4 families who have turned their backs on civilization to fulfill their dreams of living off the land. Join these modern-day pioneers as they face the daily challenges of survival - hunting for food, staying warm and fending off grizzlies. (60 minutes)

Days of Darkness: the Gettysburg Civilians - They never expected the war to come into their town, but when it did, the residents of Gettysburg, Penn., became heroes. One such man was John Burns. Upon hearing the booming of cannons and

seeing the rising clouds of smoke, 70-year-old Burns, a veteran of the War of 1812, grabbed his old gun, his blue swallowtail coat with brass buttons and his tall silk hat, and followed the sound of the gunfire until he was fighting side by side with the northern Union regiment, the 7th Wisconsin, against the southern Confederates. When the armies finally retreated, townspeople withstood the horrors of widespread carnage to attend to the wounded in makeshift field hospitals organized in their homes and churches. Witness the bravery of the Gettysburg civilian who, during the summer of 1863,

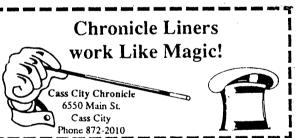
Bishop to visit Cass City church Wednesday

As part of a series of "Main and 11 a.m. at St. Pancratius Street Meetings" scheduled throughout the 11-county Saginaw Diocese over the next several months, Bishop Robert Carlson will visit 10 parishes early this month.

The visits include a pair of stops in the Cass City area today (Wednesday). They are scheduled for 9 a.m. at St. Michael Parish in Wilmot

Parish in Cass City.

The purpose of the meetings is to discuss the future of the church in the Saginaw Diocese. The bishop is also expected to outline his own goals for the diocese in regards to Catholic education. priesthood, Catholic outreach services and spiritual formation.



Brothers hurt in accident

A pair of Argyle Township brothers suffered minor injuries in a one-vehicle traffic accident Saturday morning near the corner of Argyle and Freiburger roads.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies reported that a 17year-old male was traveling east on Argyle Road with his 11-year-old brother when he lost control after swerving to miss some sod on the roadway. The vehicle ran off the road and overturned, coming to rest on its right side.

"Both occupants were transported to Deckerville Hospital with minor injuries. Speed is believed to be a factor in the accident," said Sgt. Garry Biniecki.

He noted deputies were assisted at the scene by the Argyle Township Fire Department, Bingham Township EMS and Sanilac EMS-

hand to visit with the children. Several booths will be set up in the gym, offering games and art activities for the kids along with information about local services for the adults. Free refreshments will be available all day in the cafeteria.

David McNinch, a storyteller/musician who incorpointo his act as well as character voices and audience participation. The fair is sponsored by

Entertainment will include

area businesses and agencies that help with the gift bags, door prizes, activities and information booths.

More information is available by calling Early On at (989) 673-5200 (ext. 373 or



Bulldog Beat

by Mary McKee

Spring break has come and gone, and it is time to get back to school to teachers and homework. The time spent away from school was very productive for many. Some people took muchneeded vacations outside of the state of Michigan to sunnier and warmer places. Others stayed home and caught up on their sleep and basked in the sixty-degree weather that some thought would never come. Spring break was also a time to prepare for future events that are coming up without having to worry about having homework or being occupied between the time of 8:00 and 3:00. Spring break is the perfect time for students and teachers to take a vacation. After what seemed like a never-ending winter, almost anyone would jump at the chance to be able to go somewhere warmer where they know it won't be warm one day and snowing the next like it can in Michigan. On spring break, Owen-Gage students were on both ends of the United States. Some were in Florida, some in Nevada, and some even in Canada. Vacations to different states and countries are nice, but some people find it vacation enough just to be able to relax and take it easy. Staying home to rest and rerates unusual instruments lax can be a good thing when it comes to preparing for the rest of the year, because once spring break is over, students are officially in the home stretch of the school year. One thing that kicked off during spring break was the baseball and softball season. Still having snow in the month of April made it very hard for the athletes to prac-

Softball players even took time out of their practice to shovel snow so their field would dry up. Both teams worked very hard during their break to brush up on their skills and hopefully have a successful season. Another group of students practicing over spring break was the Drama Club. With the annual school play coming sooner rather than later, the Drama Club is rehearsing hard to make the play a success. Having to adapt to a new location and new teacher has put on some extra pressure, and they have to work extra hard in a short amount of time to continue the success of the play. I will be at the play to report on it for next week's article. Spring break is just what the juniors and some seniors needed to prepare for the challenge they faced the week back from break. All the months of studying and preparing for the MEAP test finally arrived. Strenuous test times, sore hands from writing so much, and knowing the rewards for doing well makes taking the MEAP test stressful and a break is just what those students needed to prepare themselves. As you can see, spring break is a great thing. One thing I noticed while writing this was that for the people who didn't go anywhere, a lot of their spring break involved doing activities that were still associated with the school when they didn't even have to be there. I think that shows how dedicated the students of Owen-Gage are when they spend their break away from school participating in activities that will draw credit and attention to the school.

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DaimlerChrysler donates autos to Tuscola ISD

DaimlerChrysler officials are making a further commitment to enhance automotive services to customers in the Tuscola County area.

The company is promoting greater educational opportunities for future automotive technicians by donating 2 vehicles to the Tuscola Technology Center's Automotive Technology and Power Technology/Diesel Program.

DaimlerChrysler donated a 2005 Chrysler 300C Hemi powered luxury car. Also donated was a 2002 Freightliner Sprinter van to assist students with diesel technology training. The

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Sprinter is a medium duty delivery van which is also becoming popular in the recreational vehicle/motor home market.

"DaimlerChrysler has donated these vehicles so that the technicians in school get all the educational advantages DaimlerChrysler and the Tuscola Technology Center have to offer," said Gene Pierce, Assistant Supt. of Career and Technical Education at the ISD.

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around, according to Pierce,

who explained that those

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than just work experience for

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for the recruiting and potential placement of specially trained technicians who are DaimlerChrysler products. "This donation...guarantees

that the technicians we train gain the necessary experience to meet the immediate needs of customers promptly and efficiently," said Charles Irwin, DaimlerChrysler - national manager of Vocational

"Customers and technicians experiences alike have much to gain from this donation," Irwin added. "It provides further educational opportunities for techour kids, though," added nicians and helps offer Steve Ley, tech center prin-DaimlerChrysler customers a cipal. Shared tools, equippositive ownership experi- ment and training are also

The Tuscola Technology tween the tech center pro-Center's Automotive Tech- grams and area businesses. nology, Power Technology An added bonus, said ISD and Auto Body Repair pro- Supt. Carol Socha, is that the grams are certified education partnerships help to provide programs by the National students with the best train-Automotive Technician Edu- ing possible and, hopefully, cation Foundation/ASE.

Instructors Paul Battel, while others are leaving due Greg Bukoski and Frank Pas- to the state's sluggish chal, and paraprofessionals economy. Terry Tuckey and Jason Strunz are all ASE-certified technicians.

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Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

No one would have blamed Amanda Frederick and Dara Iwankovitsch if they had felt a bit intimidated at a national novice debate tournament held over the weekend in Atlanta, Ga. After all, the 2 Cass City High School freshmen, along with fellow team member Erin McMahan and Coach Chad Daniels, faced teams from schools with 2 and 3 times the enrollment of Cass City Schools, megabuck debate budgets and large coaching staffs. But the local debaters didn't let any of that bother them. Instead, they overcame each challenge, not to mention a lack of sleep, and walked away with second place among 64 schools in their first-ever appearance in a national tournament. "We were on cloud I couldn't be any prouder," Daniels commented Monday after watching Frederick and Iwankovitsch win all but 2 debates in the 2-day tourney. Both finished in the top 10 in the nation in individual speaking honors - Frederick was ranked fourth and Iwankovitsch, eighth.

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10 YEARS AGO

Most folks around town are aware that there is a proposal to place early Cass City history on videotape at a cost of about \$30,000. There's little doubt that the job will be well done, judging by a video produced for Pigeon. The plan is to sell the videos, but everyone agrees that the sales will not make a huge dent in the cost of production. An attempt is underway to secure help from the Pinney Foundation to possibly match money raised locally. Tentatively the video is expected to sketch the history from Cass City's beginning to 1950. There is no objection here to the program as outlined, but it seems to me that the appeal would be enhanced a thousand-fold if the time period covered the first 100 years, say to 1965, which still leaves 30 years unrecorded. (From The Haire

Campbell Elementary students last week reached the half-way point in reading 10,000 books and were rewarded with a school-wide "sled dog race" featuring 17 teams. If the students reach their "Idita-Read" goal by May 1, Principal Dave Lovejoy has volunteered to sit in a dunk tank and allow the students - all 500 of them - to throw a ball.

New research finds that the minerals boron and zinc are important to human health. Boron apparently contributes to bone growth and in the functioning of the brain. Zinc helps visual memory. Fruits and vegetables are a good source of boron. Meats and certain shellfish contain zinc. 25 YEARS AGO

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General Telephone of Michigan customers who place long distance calls to other points within Michigan may be affected by the intrastate rate increase approved for Michigan Bell by the Michigan Public Service Commission. The new rates were effective April 3. Increases in rates for direct dialed long distance calls for distances over 20 miles will range from one cent to six cents. Rates for calls within a 20-mile range will not change.

35 YEARS AGO

Cass City Science Quiz Team will be on television Sunday, April 26, competing against Sanford. Team members Joann Esckilsen, Greg Hampshire, Charles Tuckey and Louis Papp, won the contest and will be competing again at a later date. We'd like to pass along a

quote we saw recently from prominent sports figure...He said that when a boy comes home after playing a ball game you shouldn't ask him, "Did you win?," but rather, you should ask, "Did you have fun?"...He says, "There's a time and place in life when you're ready for different things and we should not make kids afraid to lose. Let them know that sports should be enjoyed as well as played to the hilt."-H.M. Bulen

Fort Wilkins at Copper Harbor in Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula is the only wooden fort east of the Mississippi with its original buildings still standing.

Krueger honored by **MMPA**

Charlene Krueger of Decker is among several Michigan residents recently honored for their 35 years of membership in the Michigan Milk Producers Cooperative (MMPA).

MMPA is a member-owned and controlled milk-marketing cooperative serving more than 2,400 dairy farmers in Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin and Ohio.

MMPA president Elwood Kirkpatrick honored a total of 18 producers who marked 35 years of membership during the 89th annual MMPA State Delegate Meeting in

'We commend you for your dedication and loyalty to MMPA and the dairy industry over the last 35 years, Kirkpatrick said.

He also noted the vast changes the Michigan dairy industry has undergone since these veteran members began dairy farming.

In 1970 when they joined, the average milk price was \$5.79 per hundredweight; in fiscal year 2004, the average price was \$16.19 per hundredweight. There were 6,306 MMPA members in

Today, the organization remains the largest milk cooperative based in Michigan, with the average producer shipping more than 1.9 million pounds of milk last year. In 1970, the average member's shipment was 413,839 pounds.

Hoyt receives scholarship

Jessup W. Hoyt will be a freshman at Northwood this fall and is a recipient of the Free Enterprise Scholarship for the 2005-2006 academic year. The Free Enterprise Scholarship is \$5,000 per year with renewal options yearly if criteria is met.

The Free Enterprise Scholarship is awarded to a student who has exhibited academic excellence during their high school years.

Hoyt will graduate from Cass City High School this spring and will work toward a business degree from Northwood University. He is the son of Janet Hoyt of Snover.

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Wednesday Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Pastor - Chuck Carr

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Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting & His Kids Bible Club 6:30 p.m. Pastor - Robert Sweeney

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Pastor: Rev. George F. Ward

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Pastor: Dave Blackburn

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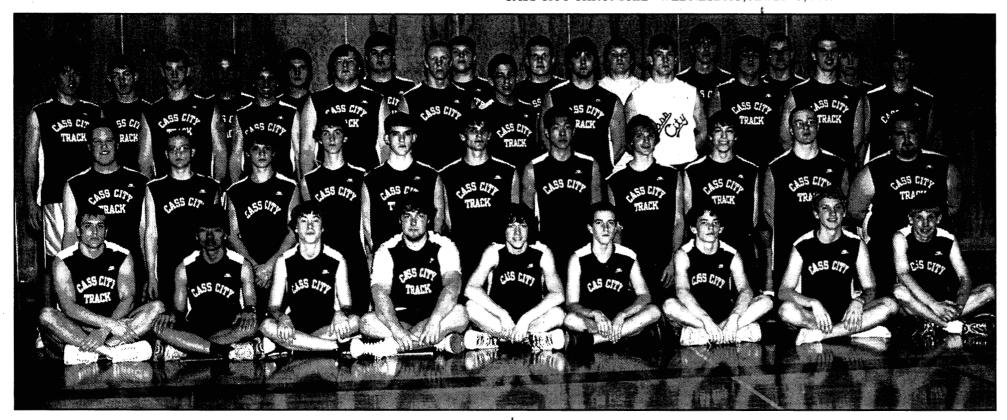
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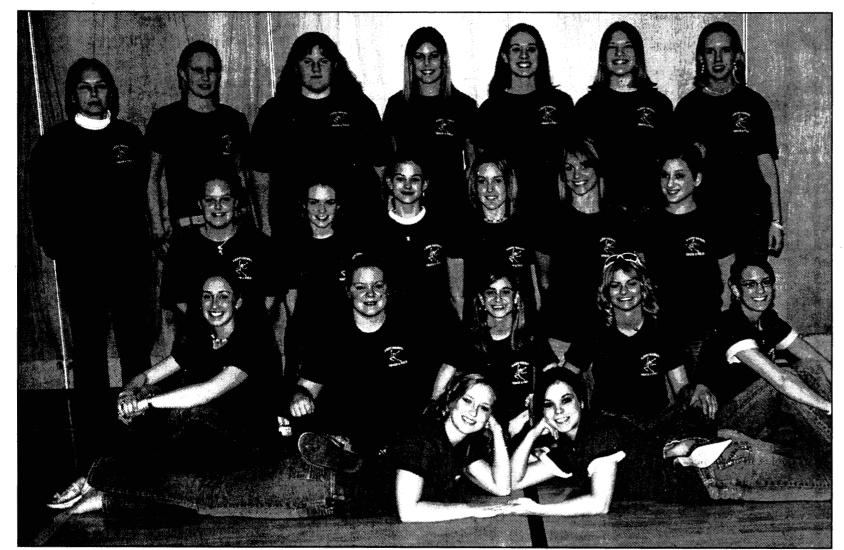
St. Pancratius Catholic Church 4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-3336 Saturday Liturgy 5:30 p.m. Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m. Pastor: Father Steve Fillion

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CASS CITY'S 2005 boys track team members include: (front 1-r) Levi Adams, Kampol Puwadolpairoj, David Acker, Matthew Koepf, Mark Koepf, Michael Green, Jeremy Farr, Adam Wentworth, Kevin Goniwicha, (second row) Jordan Messing, David Potrykus, Kyle Reif, Ryan Brown, Tyler Whittaker, Jordan Mozdzen, Andrew Schinnerer, Nick Sattelberg, Brent Weaver, Joseph Homrocky, Jake Wilder, (third row) Dustin Bitzer, Nick Nanney, Brian Taylor, Alex Walsh, Dennis Bowen, Chris Childs, Chris Johnson, Trevor Copeland, Ben Farkas, Thomas Parrish, Ross Forrest, (back row) Gavin Mills, Danny Mittlestat, Del Potrykus, Derek Suro, Scott Meeker, Preston Stec, Shane Bloomfield, Jessup Hoyt, Isaiah Battel and Chris Zawilinski.



CASS CITY'S 2005 girls track team members include: (front l-r) Kayla Morrish, Sarah Zawilinski (second row) Carrie Hillaker, Aime Warack, Leah Whittaker, Courtney Hacker, Tara Whittaker (third row) Klyn Puterbaugh, Danielle Delamarter, Becca Doerr, Sam Wright, Caitlin Sorenson, Brittany Karavas, (back row) coach Laura Schinnerer, Marissa Summersett, Ashley Puterbaugh, Alysha Rutkowski, Tara Sherman, Jen Zmierski and Kati Hill.



Cass City thinclads open with quad meet in Sebewaing

Ubly girls dominated a 4team track meet Wednesday in Sebewaing taking 11 of the 17 events to score an easy win with 116 points. USA was second with 73 points. Cass City was third with 45 points and Caro was fourth with 24 points.

Cass City placed first in 2 events. Caitlin Sorenson won the 200 (28.38) and the Hawks took the 4x100 relay (56.57). Running for the Hawks were Courtney Hacker, Kayla Morrish, Tara Sherman and Sarah Zawilinski.

Coach Laura Schinnerer said that she was pleased with the team's performance in the meet. A problem for the team this year, she noted, is that there are only 20 girls out for the team and we must work around this lack of depth.

Ubly's multiple winners included: Kim Dekoski, 110 hurdles (17.2) and 300 hurdles (51.93); Kylee Kubacki in the 800 (2:39.01) and 1,600 (5:50.92), and Jake Kaufman in the dashes, 100 (12.93) and 400 (1:04.54).

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and Sept. 24, and those planning to participate must call (989) 672-1673 for a reser-

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vation.

Caro.

Ubly also took the high jump with Shannon Weber (5.0), long jump with Shelby LaBuhn (14.11); Susalla in the 3,200 (14:24.63) and the 4x400 relay (4:32.3).

USA won the pole vault, discus and the 3,200 relay.

June 4

Caro was first in the shot put.

BOYS RESULTS

Host USA dominated the boys' field with a winning tally of 118 points. Caro followed the Patriots with 62 points, Cass City with 54 and Ubly with 27.

Coach Scott Cuthrell's best showing came in the pole vault where the Hawks recorded the top 3 finishes. Andrew Schinnerer won the field event with a jump of 12'. Jordan Mozdzen placed runner-up at 10' while Mark Koepf finished third at 9' 6".

Schinnerer, Cass City's only double winner, also was part of the 4x100 relay team that topped the field with a time of 47.40. Joining him in the winners' circle were teammates Dustin Bitzer, Dan Mittlestat and Koepf.

The Hawks also received individual second place points from Mittlestat in the 300m hurdles (44.19) and Kyle Reif in the 3200M run (11.22.54).

Finishing third individually for Cass City were Chris Johnson in the 200m (24.68) and Schinnerer in the high jump (5'9").

The Hawks will host Brown City and Sandusky tonight (Wednesday) in their home opener and then travel Friday to compete in the USA In-

Cass City Red Hawks 2005 Track

Date	<u>Team</u>	<u>Time</u>
April 13	BC/Sandusky	4:00 p.m.
April 15	USA Invite	4:00 p.m.
April 18	Bad Axe/CL	4:00 p.m.
April 20	Sandusky/Dryden	4:00 p.m.
April 22	BC Invite	4:00 p.m.
April 25	Millington/Lakers	4:00 p.m.
April 27	USA Invite (JV)	4:00 p.m.
May 2	Ubly/North Branch	4:00 p.m.
May 6	Reese Invite	4:00 p.m.
May 9	Mayville/Reese	4:00 p.m.
May 13	Akron-Fairgrove Invite	′ 4:00 p.m.
May 17	League Invite	4:00 p.m.
May 21	Regional	
May 24	Huron Meet of Champs	•
May 31	Caro Meet of Champs	

Owen-Gage Bulldogs 2005 Softball-Baseball Early Season Schedule

State Finals

Home games are bold

April 14	Dryden	4:00 p.m. A		
April 18	Caseville	4:00 p.m. A		
April 21	Kingston	4:00 p.m. H		
April 25	Akron-Fairgrove	4:00 p.m. A		
April 28	CPS	4:00 p.m. H		
May 2	North Huron	4:00 p.m. H		
May 5	Peck	4:00 p.m. A		
*Home games are bold				

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THE OWEN-GAGE 2005 softball team members are: (front l-r) coach Cory Fritz, Katie Rhodes, Michelle Brown, Amanda Faist, Samantha Radabaugh, Bethany Kovach, (back row) Kayla Zaleski, April Nowaczyk, Jaclyn Hendrick, Katie Swiastyn, Mary McKee, Barbie Littlepage. Missing are Alisha Kovach, Brittany Parks, Stacy Dorsch, Stephanie Sharf and Racheal Biebel.



THE OWEN-GAGE 2005 baseball team members include: (front l-r) coach Mac McKee, Mike Mentor, Justin Trupe, Nathan Minkler, Josh Howard, Josh Powell, Branden Edler (back row) Aaron Faist, Eric Zaleski, Josh Leinweber, Kenny Brown, Trace Lopez, Brent Reil, and Stanley Krug.

Bulldogs set to defend NCTL title

year coach Cory Fritz, Owen-Gage will take a 3-1 non-conference record into the defense of its North Central Thumb League title Thursday at Dryden.

The Bulldogs opened their season with a split against visiting defending Greater Thumb East champions Ubly and then swept Deckerville Thursday in Owendale.

Bearcats, Bulldog hurler stranded in every inning Kayla Zaleski looked in mid while suffering a 5-0 defeat. season form, allowing just one hit during the 3-0 vic-

Under the direction of first tory. Zaleski fanned 5 and walked one. Zaleski aided her own cause

in the opening inning with an RBI single. April Nowaczyk belted in a pair of runs for the winners, as she was perfect in 2 trips to the plate. Owen-Gage also benefited from a pair of walks to Michelle Brown, who scored twice. In the nightcap, Ubly's Kim Lackowski bested Zaleski as

In the opener against the the hosts left runners

Lackowski whiffed 5. Ubly struck for 2 runs in their initial at bats and added 3 insurance markers in the

Meghan Kubacki scored twice for Ubly. Barbie Littlepage collected 2 hits to lead Owen-Gage at the plate.

DECKERVILLE

The Bulldogs' bats came to life Thursday against visiting Deckerville and produced wins of 8-6 and 7-4.

Zaleski handled the pitching chores in both outings, striking out 15 including 11 in game one.

Both teams struck for 3 runs in the opening inning and then added 3 more tallies in the second Owen-Gage broke open a

6-6 tie with runs from Brown and Nowaczyk in the bottom of the fourth frame. Brown collected 3 hits, including a pair of doubles, to match her runs scored.

In game 2, trailing 3-2, Owen-Gage rallied for 4 runs in the fifth and then held on for a 7-4 victory

Brown continued her attack at the plate for Owen-Gage and registered 2 safeties.

Hawks split with Millington, Caro pitched hitless ball the last 2 was that the Hawks were un-

It could have been a rare day in May or June, certainly not the usual opening day for the opening of ball season in the Thumb.

Last week, Tuesday, the Cass City Red Hawks split a doubleheader with Millington in shirt-sleeved, sunny weather that reached 70 degrees. The host Hawks won the opener of the 7-inning twin bill, 4-0, before falling in a tight game in the nightcap, 4-2.

The Hawks opened the first game with a run in the first inning as Robinet had trouble finding the plate and that was all that Brad Langenburg and Mike Havens needed as they blanked the Cardinals on one hit, a double by Chad Church in the fourth inning. Langenburg pitched the first 4 innings, allowing the one hit, and struck out 6. Havens

Cass City scored a single run in the third and 2 more in the fourth to ice the game. Jeff Stoutenburg walked, collected a hit and scored a run. Derryll Schenk had a hit and scored a run and Bret Babich doubled, drove in a run and scored a run.

In the nightcap, Millington came from behind with a 3run rally in the sixth inning to break open a tight game. The Hawks scored single runs in the first and third innings and led 2-1 going into the bottom of the sixth.

Havens relieved Babich, who started, with 2 outs in the fourth. He gave up 3 runs and struck 4 to take the loss.

Havens scored 2 runs and Jeff Stoutenburg collected 2 hits. Coach Ryan Pritchett said that the key to the game

able to capitalize with runners in scoring position all night.

CARO

Lusty hitting by the Cass City Red Hawks made a win in the opening game of the doubleheader Thursday easy for starter Mike Havens and 2 relief hurlers.

The Hawks won, 13-2 in a. game called after 5 innings. Havens got the win and Nick Stoutenburg and Justin Glaza pitched in relief. Pouloit took the loss. Leading the attack was

Jarod Stoutenburg with 3 hits and 3 runs batted in. Also with multi-hits were Jeff Stoutenburg and Chris Landrith, each with 2 hits and 2 RBIs. Brad Langenburg scored 3 runs and collected a triple. For

Caro, Brett Sakuta had 2 hits and Ben Muz scored a pair of runs.

Caro broke open a tight game in the nightcap scoring 3 times in the final inning to post a 4-1 decision. Jordan Dunham went the distance allowing just 3 hits to get the

Derryll Schenk started and allowed 2 runs on 3 hits in 4 2/3 innings. Langenburg was touched for a hit that scored 2 runs in one-third of an in-

Key blow in the game was a 2-out bases loaded double by Chuck Schlaud in the fifth

The games at Caro were the first of 4 straight games on the road that were to have started Monday at North Branch. After that it's Brown City Thursday and Ubly

Hawks off to flying start

It will be over 2 weeks before Cass City High School softball fans will get to see the team in action at home again with 4 straight games on the road. The next home game is scheduled April 21 against Harbor Beach.

The Hawks got off to a flying start with double-header wins over Millington in the opener at home and the Caro Tigers on the road.

The Millington game was played in great weather, not often experienced in early April in the Thumb. Courtney Rabideau walked none and pitched a 2-hit shutout. The Hawks backed her with a 7-hit attack for an 10-0 victory. McDaniel took the loss and had trouble finding the plate, walking 8. The game was decided in the third and fourth innings with a pair of 4-run rallies.

Three Hawks had multiplehit games. Luann Laming was 2 for 3, scored 2 runs and stole a base. Gail Hartwick was 2 for 4, including a double, and drove in 4 runs and scored a pair. Jenni Brinkman drove in a run and was 2 for 4 with a double. Rollinger and Corpus collected the hits for Millington. Millington bowed in the second game, 12-1, but the score was closer than the final score indicated. Cass City was ahead 3-0 going into the

fifth inning when the Hawks scored 5 times to settle the Ashley Hendrick pitched the distance, allowing 3 hits,

walking 2 and one unearned run. Jacobi pitched the first 4 innings for Millington allowing 3 hits and 3 runs. Morse was rapped for 9 hits and 9 runs in the final 2 in-

Rabideau and Hendrick each rapped 3 hits, Renee Czekai and Kristina Spaulding each had 2 hits and Czekai drove in 3 runs. Millington's 3 hits were also singles notched by 3 different hitters.

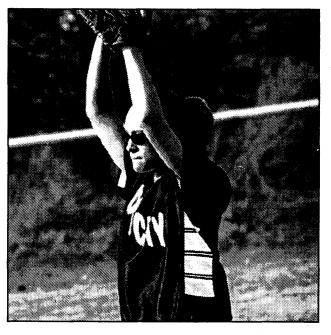
CARO GAMES

Rabideau notched a no-hitter in the opener at Caro as the Hawks exploded in the fifth and last inning for 9 runs to break open a tight game and notch an 11-0 decision. Rabideau walked 3 and struck out 7. Jackson was

charged with 11 hits and 5 earned runs.

Brinkman, Hartwick and Hendrick each collected 2 hits in 4 tries and each had a RBI. McBride drove in the run for Caro.

Hendrick went the distance for an 11-5 win for Cass City in the final game. She allowed 5 hits, struck out 7 and 3 earned runs. Voelker allowed 13 hits to take the loss. Rabideau with 3 hits in 3 ties and Ashley Barrigar, 3 hits in 4 trips were the top stickers. Czekai drove in 2 runs with 2 hits in 4 tries.



HAWK ACE Courtney Rabideau set to deliver during Cass City's home opener.

O-G posts doubleheader sweeps

Coach Mac McKee and his Owen-Gage baseball squad will take a 4-game winning streak into Thursday's North Central Thumb League

opener at Dryden. Early indications are the Bulldogs will have a balanced attack in 2005. Owen-Gage swept guests Posen Saturday 9-8 and 8-3 and had little trouble with visiting Deckerville Thursday, rolling to decisions of 11-1 and 15-2 in non-conference ac-

In their latest outing, the Bulldogs jetted to a 9-2 margin after 2 frames in the opener and held on for the

Eric Zaleski earned the win on the mound, pitching 3 innings and scattering 4 hits. Josh Powell collected the

At the plate, Josh Leinweber and Aaron Faist each slapped 3 singles, while Trace Lopez doubled and accounted for 3 RBIs. Josh Powell and Justice Trupe had 2 hits apiece.

In the nightcap, Owen-Gage scored 5 times in the third inning on the way to an 8-3 victory.

Powell and Leinweber shared the pitching duties. Powell gave up 5 hits while fanning 3 to collect the win. The pair benefited from a

solid defense as the Bulldogs were errorless in the field. Faist collected 4 hits to lead Owen-Gage's offensive attack. Leinweber had a double and 2 singles, while Lopez

added 3 singles. "We played real well," said coach McKee. "Our offense was rolling."

DECKERVILLE

Leinweber had a game to remember Thursday against Deckerville as he shined on both the rubber and at the

plate. L'einweber tossed a complete game, fanning 8 and walking one in the mercy rule decision. He also provided a triple and double at the plate, good for 3 RBIs. Owen-Gage also received a triple from Lopez and a pair of singles from both Faist and Kenny Brown.

In game 2, Owen-Gage took all the suspense from the game's outcome with 13 runs in their initial trip to the

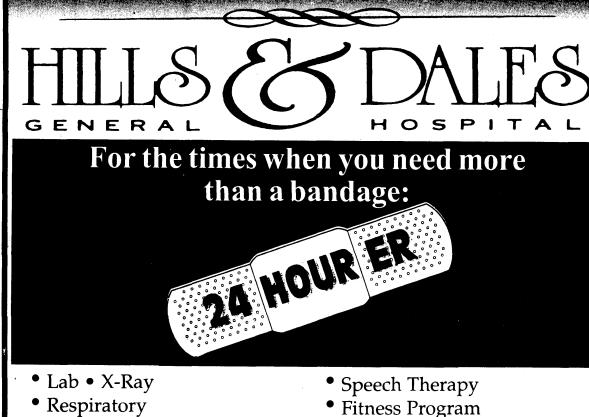
Mike Mentor started on the mound and was the benefactor of the Bulldog hit parade. Powell worked 3 innings of relief, where he struck out 4 and surrendered one hit.

Brent Reil homered for the winners, while Faist and Zaleski each had doubles.

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Letters to the editor

Never underestimate the power of your actions

Dear readers

"With great power comes great responsibility." -Uncle Ben to Peter Parker in Spiderman.

You don't have to be a super hero to have this quote apply to you. Everyone has power. Given the recent letters and articles about bullying, I thought this e-mail I received was most appropriate. It said to pass this on to 10 people. I'm going to do better and share it with all of you. I hope you will share it

"One day, when I was a freshman in high school, I saw a kid from my class was walking home from school. His name was Kyle. It looked like he was carrying all of his books. I thought to myself, why would anyone bring home all of his books on a Friday? He must really be a nerd. I had quite a weekend planned (parties and a football game with my friends tomorrow afternoon), so I shrugged my shoulders and went on.

"As I was walking, I saw a bunch of kids running toward him. They ran at him, knocking all his books out of his arms and tripping him so he landed in the dirt. His glasses went flying, and I saw them land in the grass about 10 feet

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Dear editor,

I saw this terrible sadness in his eyes.

"My heart went out to him. So, I jogged over to him as he crawled around looking for his glasses. As I handed him his glasses I said, 'Those guys are jerks. They really should get lives'. He looked at me and said, 'Hey thanks!' There was a big smile on his face. It was one of those

"I helped him pick up his books and asked him where he lived. As it turned out, he lived near me, so I asked him why I had never seen him before. He said he had gone school kid before.

"We talked all the way home, and I carried some of his books. He turned out to be a pretty cool kid. I asked him if he wanted to play a little football with my friends. He said yes. We hung out all weekend, and the more I got to know Kyle, the more I liked him, and my friends thought the same of

"Monday morning came and there was Kyle with the huge stack of books again. I stopped him and said, 'Boy,

from him. He looked up and you are gonna really build some serious muscles with this pile of books everyday!' He just laughed and handed me half the books.

"Over the next 4 years, Kyle and I became best friends. When we were seniors, we began to think about college. decided Kvle Georgetown, and I was going to Duke. I knew that we would always be friends, that smiles that showed real grati-, miles would never be a problem. He was going to be a doctor and I was going for business on a football schol-

"Kyle was valedictorian of

our class. I teased him all the on the back and said, 'Hey, time about being a nerd. He had to prepare a speech for graduation. I was so glad it wasn't me having to get up there and speak.

"Graduating day, I saw Kyle. He looked great. He was one of those guys that really found himself during high school. He filled out and actually looked good in glasses. He had more dates than I had and all the girls loved him. Boy, sometimes I was jealous. Today was one of those days. I could see that he was nervous about his speech. So, I smacked him you can give them. I am go-

big guy, you'll be great!' He looked at me with one of those looks (the really grateful one) and smiled. Thanks', he said.

"As he started his graduation speech, he cleared his throat and began.

'Graduation is a time to

thank those who helped you make it through those tough years. Your parents, your teachers, your siblings, maybe a coach...but mostly your friends. I am here to tell all of you that being a friend to someone is the best gift ing to tell you a story.'

"I just looked at my friend with disbelief as he told the story of the first day we met. He had planned to kill himself over the weekend. He talked of how he had cleaned out his locker so his mom wouldn't have to do it later and was carrying his stuff home. He looked hard at me and gave me a little smile.

'Thankfully, I was saved. My friend stopped me from doing the unspeakable'.

"I heard a gasp go through the crowd as this handsome, popular boy told

us about his weakest moment. I saw his mom and dad looking at me and

smiling that same grateful smile. Not until that moment did I realize its depth. Never underestimate the power of your actions.

With one small gesture you can change a person's life. For better or for worse."

I'd also like to add another very important quote for those who are or have ever been bullied or abused

by another person. "No one

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there. Everyone has

Inferior without your con-

sent." -Eleanor Roosevelt.

When you're a child or a

teenager, and sometimes

difficult to recognize the

power you have. But it is

power. Don't let anyone fool

vou into thinking they can

Stazha Hartsell

to a private school before now. I would have never hung out with a private 'Rules' on record aren't necessarily valid

What is a republic?

Recently in this very same newspaper there has been a

lot of talk on how we live in a republic. I wrote an article to the editor and spoke slightly about our Constitutional republic form of government.

Another man, Mr. Richards, said, "The village represents

Present system works fine

misinformation, and expressing personal opinions. I have no need to submit misinformation; Mr. Windsor, as you and other members of the citizens for pride furnish me with enough controversial issues such as hidden costs, redirected funds and over charges on proposed expen-Obviously, you are sitting

too close to the percussion section during performances, as you are not hearing what I am alluding to. Just to clarify again some of the information, which I glean from the Chronicle, was your statement as to costs, gross misinformation on your part, ("a Coke or cappuccino would make a difference for generations to come").

Karl and Donna Witkovsky

all categories. Congratula-"A+ Custodian" will be

Cass City musicians,

directors congratulated

Dear editor,

comments in the paper recently and take an opportunity to recognize a custodian.

tired from his position as a Loomis.

He is an incredible man who spent many years working to make our school a bethis work and often went needed to do. He came in to

SURROUND

them to move on to the state band festival which will be held the end of April.

tions again! This qualifies

the band grow both in numbers and their musical skills. mendation go out to Mr. Burtch and Ms. King for their leadership and for being great role models.

Sincerely, Very proud band parents

(and usually a joke or 2). I

people he worked with.

been wonderful for both stu-

dents and staff seeing him at

Mr. Loomis is our very own

school as a volunteer.

Jeanne Nicol

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missed by pupils, staff

have never heard Mr. Loomis I would like to respond to say "I don't have time" or "That's not my job" or so much as a single negative word about our school or the Don Loomis recently re-

custodian for Campbell Elementary School. We now have a book in our school library, "The A+ Custodian", that is dedicated to Mr.

ter place for the students and staff. As our school custodian, he took such pride in above and beyond what he work every day with a smile

It has been a pleasure to see Our appreciation and com-

(school information): 1. In 2004, the millage rate for middle school debt retirement for a \$40,000 S.E.V. is 4.20 mills = \$168 for 4 additional years. This must be paid, art center or not.

The superintendent seems

to disagree with this state-

ment as his figures as pub-

lished in the Chronicle,

2. The new millage rate, if this passes, will be 5.46, which would cost \$218.40 per year.

3. If this request is approved, we will pay 4.2 mills Mr. Loomis was always so for middle school + 5.46 for thankful for his job and conthe new art center, for a total sidered it a blessing, but we of 9.66 mills for 4 years, or were the lucky ones to have \$386.40, over twice what we him as our custodian. It has are now paying.

4. After 4 years at \$386.40 the projected rate will decrease to \$218.40 + whatever the additional S.E.V. property increases may be.

"A+ Custodian" who most That is a lot of Coke, Mr. certainly deserves a long, Windsor. Your statement is happy and healthy retiremisleading, incorrect, and designed to minimize the true impact on the taxpayers. With gas prices increasing daily, and the projections of \$3 per gal. (CNN) by mid summer, most of us won't be able to afford a Coke, or the gas to get it.

> You stated that the late hour concert was due to scheduling conflicts, is it not a fact that there are 7 days in a week, and as schedules are made, they also can be changed?

I rechecked my information

and verified the end of the concert to be closer to 9:30 than 9. The statement that many students left before the entire concert was over may be correct, but were they band students or did they have prior approval? Students are warned that their grade point will decrease as a punitive measure if they leave early. Threats of grade reductions, throwing equipment around and inappropriate language directed at our young students by band instructors for their "performance" has been reported.

I believe this could be construed as intimidation or even adult bullying. As parents,

we should have the right to Mr. Windsor has stated that decide our children's bed-I am guilty of distributing time regardless of whether it is a movie, concert or athletic event without the threat of reprisals.

To want a building greater than your neighbor's at whatever the cost is not demonstrating fiscal responsibility, it is sending all the wrong messages to your children and other students as well. You like to quote scriptures, start with the basics. The 10 Commandments. Thou shall not steal. "To take a material thing which belongs to another." Thou shall not covet thy neighbor's goods. "When men better understand that they must earn the profits." Listen and be attentive, Mr. Windsor. The secret to good communication is listening. budget, which is tied to the number of students enrolled. If the enrollment decreases. so does the revenue. And so should the unnecessary spending. If a member of our

family lost their job, we wouldn't buy a new house or car. But our school district has something our family doesn't, unlimited credit. If the district needs additional operating funds, they just vote at the school board meeting once a year to main-

tain our tax base at the max.

Mr. Donaldson is right, the Deford experiment should be closed, and the building sold as is. The superintendent's statement at Shabbona was that Deford needed a new roof, but not right away.

Again, I believe, is another delay in construction to glean more interest for some discretionary fund. Some of our computers are over 4 years old, and constantly need upgrading. They can't afford to hold for 6 years, as the superintendent alluded to. Our school bus fleet is rapidly deteriorating, and millage money will be needed to repair or replace them shortly.

I, as you, have children and grandchildren who will need help in attending a college or university. We can't afford to use the funds now, which we have been saving, for their real future. Our children love music, and should be allowed to participate and perform. You "play" music, but very few people can afford to make a career out of it.

Our present system works just fine, we shouldn't borrow from our children's fu-

Thank you, Homer Bailey Cass City

Reader searching for background on his family

My name is Edward R. Noble and I'm the greatgrandson of Thomas F. Smith. Mr. Smith located on a farm south of Gagetown (Elmwood Township about 1881 and was a widower). He had a young family and my grandmother was one his 3 daughters. Her name was Suzetta Mae Smith (Noble) also older children Ada, Maude, Roy and Tom's brother Buff Smith. He moved his children to Gagetown from Wichita, Kansas, where he had been a successful harness maker.

Smith and McComb was the logo on his company leather goods. He most likely brought harness and a saddle to Michigan to help in his farming. Mr. Smith married a widow named Lucy (Lane) Pickle about 1884. They had

one daughter Floss. I know little more about my great-grandfather, but I'm desperate to gather anything about my lost family history. I'm not that far away from becoming history myself and I want to be able to give my own grandchildren something I never had, a sense of where they came from.

I also have a mission to find anything relating to my heritage in the Kingston area. My great-grandfather was Archie Noble and around 1900 he owned the Kingston hotel on River St. just west of the main corners. It was a large block building behind the stone bank building that still stands on Main St. It's contents were auctioned off in

I wish to acquire anything that may have been related to the hotel. At one time I saw a captain's type chair that had a unique twisting of wire to add strength to the arms. My grandmother, Suzetta Mae Noble, was the wife of John S. Noble, one of Archie's sons. My grandmother said the chair was from the Kingston hotel. The chair is lost, but I believe there must be many more such items around. Perhaps a table or anything must still be in the greater Kingston area.

I would be forever grateful for anything your readers could provide. I have little knowledge of my family history from the Kingston days and I wish to be able to pass on something from those historic days to my grandchil-

Please, if you can help me find anything of interest feel free to call me collect or write me and I will be forever in your debt.

Sincerely, Ed Noble, 4267 Gardner Rd., Metamora, MI 48455; (810) 678-3303: fasteddie4u@earthlink.net. the very republic referred to local government." That's A government in the repubin the Pledge of Allegiance the problem; they are rules painted on the VFW post's set forth by local governannex building." I could not agree with that first part of his statement more (only instead, I'd say they're supposed to represent that very republic). eral Constitution. I have a problem with the

next part of that statement, though, which states: "and yet village officials have been criticized for attempting to get the veterans to follow the rules set forth by the

Letters to the Editor The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

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

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

The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity. We will not publish thank you letters of a specific

nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.

ment, not rules set forth by rule of the supreme law of the land, "The Constitution for the United States of America". They are null and void if they violate the fed-

Just because there is a "rule" on record somewhere does not make that "rule" valid, even if approved by some local government. That local government must consider, when making rules, our federal Constitution first and foremost, otherwise that local government is not representing "that very republic" referred to in the Pledge

of Allegiance. I have looked up some definitions in some different sources about what a republic is. Black's Law Dictionary 4th Edition states:

"Republic. A commonwealth; that form of government in which the administration of affairs is open to all citizens. In another sense, it signifies the state, independently of its form of govern-

Another document I read about a republic form of government gives a definition of a republic form of government from the Bouvier's Law Dictionary 3rd Edition 1848.

"Republican government.

lican form; a government of the people; it is usually put in opposition to a monarchial or aristocratic. 2. The fourth section of the fourth article directs that 'The United States shall guarantee every state in the Union a republican form of government.' The form of government is to be guaranteed, which supposes a form already established, and this is the repub-

taken to protect." Under a republic form of government we have laws, individual rights and sensible economic procedure. A republican form of government is a form of government under a constitution.

lican form of government the

United States have under-

Do you think a local government that makes rules contrary and inconsistent with real laws, individual rights, and the supreme law of the land - The Constitution for the United States of America - is really representative of that very "republic" referred to in the Pledge of Allegiance? I don't. Please stand for our rights, whoever reads this.

P.S. This has nothing to do with party affiliation. I am simply an American.

Thank you for your attention. Robert J. Dickson

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

\$145,000 FOR CASS CITY H.S. SENIORS

This year again, our senior class received well over \$100,000 as a result of their outstanding performance on the state MEAP test. 57 members of the "Class of 2005", to date have received the \$2,500 award for a total of \$145,000. More students may also qualify for the award as a result of the spring testing which is currently in progress. Out staff continues to prepare our students to be successful in our global society. The students receiving the MEAP Merit Award Scholarship are:

Holly Angle Chancy Balk Bryan Hill Ashley Barrigar Heather Bosley Heather Brooks Tasha Bryant Jessica Chappel Scott DuQuesnay Allison Ellis Chad Francis Lauren Galloway Thomas Galloway Samantha Glaspie Caleb Hanby Gordon Hatcher

Paul Hoelzle Krista Homakie Lee Hutchinson Corey Johnson Rose Krug Luann Laming Bethany Langlois Stacy McCallum Nichole McComas Joseph McCoy Sean McFarland

Michael Havens

Marcel Helland

Carrie Hillaker

Jesse Radar Patrick Reed Kristina Spaulding

James McKnight **Jason Speirs** Kenneth Spencer Timothy Mills Daniel Mittlestat Steven Steely Angela Stoeckle Christina Montgomery Kayla Morrish Nicholas Stoutenburg Chanda Szgesh Joshua Nolan Jeffrey Tenbusch Delores Rabideau Jessie Tuckey Aime Warack Andrew Whittaker Stephanie Richards Alysha Rutkowski Tara Whittaker Jake Wilder Andrew Schinnerer Sean Severance Leah Sherman

Best Wishes to all of these stuidents and to the entire Class of 2005.

CASS CITY REMAINS CLASS B

The Michigan High School Athletic Association recently announced the determination of classes (A through D) for the upcoming 2005-2006 school year. Cass City will remain a Class B school based upon the following enrollment breakdown.

Class A - 1058 and above Class B - 496 - 1057 Class C - 251 - 495

Class D - 250 and below Cass City High School's enrollment, at the time of this determination was 519.

CAMPBELL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASSROOM PLACEMENT INPUT FORMS FOR 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR

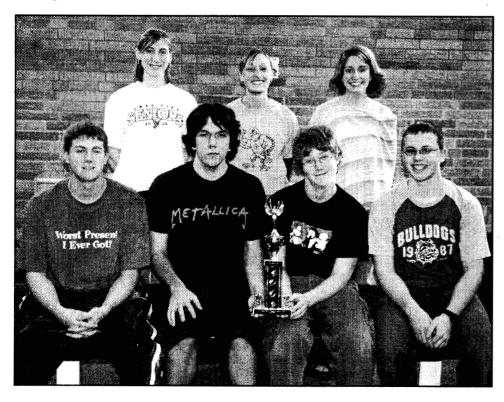
Classroom Placement Parent Input forms for the 2005-2006 school year will be available for parents to pick up at the Campbell Elementary School and Cass City Middle School offices from April 25 - May 6. School personnel have and will continue to do their best to consider parent input as it relates to your preference of a classroom or homeroom/advisory teacher for your elementary or middle school child.

There are many factors that must be considered in order to provide balanced classrooms. These include: male/female balance, Title 1 and At-Risk services, special education needs, standardized test scores, student separations, and teacher recom-

Completed forms must be turned in to the appropriate school offce by Friday, May 6,

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

MEMBERS OF Cass City's Math Academic Games Team are (front row, left) Sean McFarland, Jesse Rader, Marcel Helland, Dennis Bowen, (back row, left) Carrie Hillaker, Luann Laming and Kaylin Tack. Missing is Coach Jon Zdrojewski.



MEMBERS OF the Science Academic Games Team are (front row, left) Jason Speirs, Corey Brooks, Adam Kranz, Kyle Swanson, (back row, left) Tasha Bryant, Krista Homakie and Sammy Glaspie. Missing is Coach Jim Green.



MEMBERS OF the Technology Academic Games Team include (from left) Jennifer Hadd, Jareth Tyson, Chancy Balk and Mike deBeaubien. Missing are Tim Mills, Lee Hutchinson and Gail Hartwick, and Coach Joe Guza.



Academic Games teams fare well at competition

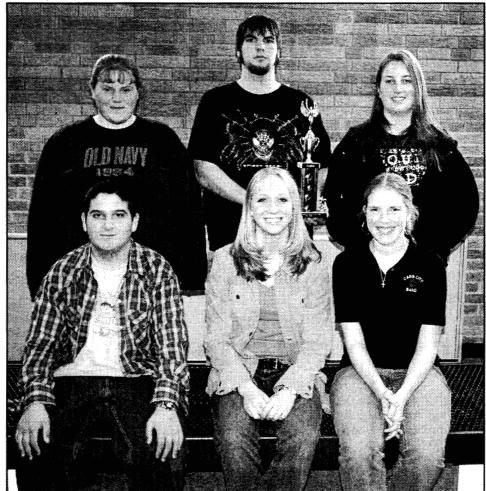
Cass City High School Academic Games teams clinch a pair of first-place finishes and one second place during the annual Tuscola County Academic Games competition held Friday at Saginaw Valley State University.

The competition features students from Cass City, Caro, Vassar, Kingston, Mayville, Reese and USA schools

Trophies were awarded to the top 3 finishing teams.

Cass City took first in both the math and science competitions, and second place in the English event.

Academic Games competitions consist of an hour-long group project and questionand-answer sessions.



THE ENGLISH Academic Games Team is composed of (front row, left) C.J. Warmbier, Stephanie Richards, Lysa Knight, (back row, left) Ashley Puterbaugh, Bryan Hill and Shawna Compo. Missing is Coach Dennis Meck.



THE SOCIAL Studies Academic Games Team members are (front row, left) Philip Nahernak, Leah Sherman, Andrew Shagene, (back row, left) Ryan King and Rob Packard. Missing are Alex Hiatt and Coach Lee Pavlichek.

Rapes Scholarship deadline nearing

Applications are now available for the Anthony L. Rapes Scholarship.

Students may pick up an application from their Huron County high school guidance counselors and agriscience instructors, as well as at the MSU Extension Office at 99 W. Soper Rd., Suite B, Bad

Several scholarships are awarded annual to Huron County's most outstanding in-going freshmen students from the Anthony L. Rapes Scholarship Fund, which honors Tony Rapes, a longtime Extension agricultural

agent in Huron County. The first scholarship was awarded in 1981. Last year, there were 4 grants awarded. Since the first year, more than \$30,000 has been awarded to students who exhibit high moral character, initiative, high scholastic achievement and outstanding

achievements in FFA or 4-H. Eligibility also includes being accepted at an educational institution and having plans to major in agriculture or a related field.

The deadline for in-going college freshmen to submit an application is Friday, April 22, to the MSU Extension office.

The primary source of funding for the scholarships has been the Huron County Dairy Promotion Committee. For more information, call the Huron County MSU Extension at (989) 269-9949.

Sale slated

An annual spring geranium sale to benefit Eva's Place is underway, according to Sherri Lanctot, victim services coordinator on behalf of the Sanilac Area Violence Elimination Council.

Prepaid orders for porch plants, hanging baskets and single potted plants available in red, hot pink, salmon and violet will be accepted this month, with delivery scheduled for Friday, May 6, at the Sanilac County Fairgrounds

in Sandusky. Order forms are available by calling Eva's Place at (810) 648-5463.

Legal Notices

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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 John W. Boone, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 9, 2002, and recorded on December 19, 2002 in Liber 907 on Page 1335, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Five And 38/100 Dollars (\$134,655.38), including interest

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 vendue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on May 12, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 36, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West, North and South one-eighth line of said section 36 which is North 89 degrees 23 minutes 16 seconds East, 1329.48 feet along the North line of said section and South 00 degrees 30 minutes 58 seconds East, 455.90 feet along said one-eighth line from the Northwest corner of Section 36, (said point of beginning also being the intersection of the West, North and South one-eighth line and the South line of the Plat of Lakehill Farms as recorded with the Register of Deeds of Tuscola County, Michigan) thence continuing along said West, North and South one-eighth line, South 00 degrees 30 minutes seconds East, 866.73 feet to the North, East and West one-eighth line, thence along said one-eighth, South 89 degrees 17 minutes 41 seconds West, 269.99 feet thence North 00 degrees 30 minutes 58 seconds West 865.97 feet to the Southwest corner of the Plat of Lakehill Farms, thence along the South line of said Plat, North 89 degrees 08 minutes 00 second East 269.99 feet to said West, North and South one-eighth line and the point of

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

Dated: April 13, 2005

For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Reg-30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #016191F02

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MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert A. Mason and Flora Mason, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated May 3, 2004 and recorded May 21, 2004 in Liber 993, Page 752, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Six Hun-dred Seventy-Three and 46/100 Dollars (\$97,673.46) including interest at the rate of 6.00% 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.

The premises are located in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Being known and designated as Lots 2, 3 and 5, Block 3, Metes and Bounds Property, to wit: The Southwest half of Lot 2. Block 3 of Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the plat recorded in Liber 11 of Deeds. Page 491. Except a place of land six feet wide on Madison Street and 75 feet deep of the Northeast side of said Southwest half of Lot 2, also Lot 3 of Block 3, of said erman's Addition to the Village of Caro, except the Southwest 8 feet thereof, also all of the Northeasterly portion of Lot 5, Block 3 of said Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro lying Southeast of Alone said described property except Commencing 122 feet South of the South east corner of Lot 2, Block 3, Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro running thence West to Division line between Lot 5 and 6 of said Block, thence North to the Southwest corner of Lot 3 in said Block; thence North to the Southwest corner of Lot 3 in said Block thence Easterly to a point 66 feet South of the Southeast corner of Lot 2 in said Block; thence South along margin of Almer Street to the

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

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

Dated: April 13, 2005

ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Trov. MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 4-13-5 THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Vincent R. Gilkerson, a married person, original mortgagor(s), to Cendant Nortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 15, 1999, and recorded on December 16, 1999 in Liber 790 on Page 1049, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Three And 93/100 Dollars (\$81,323.93), including interest at 8% per

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 vendue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on May 12, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 10 North, Range 9 East; thence North 218.00 feet; thence West 200.00 feet; thence South 218.00 feet; thence East 200.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: April 13, 2005

For more information, please call: FC F 248.593.1313 Trott & Trott, P.C Attorneys For PHH Mortgage Corp., f/k/ a Cendant Mortgage Corporation 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

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MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Christine Bonnell, a married woman, and Duane Bonnell, her husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated October 25, 2001 and recorded December 10, 2001 in Liber 852, Page 156, Tuscola County BANK ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIA TION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFI-CATE HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES, INC ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SE-RIES 2002-2 by assignment dated December 10, 2003 and recorded February 23, 2004 in Liber 980 on Page 1409 by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Six and 52/100 Dollars (\$142,626.53) including interest at the rate of 11.75% per annum

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the

front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 12, 2005.

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the South west 1/4 of Section 16, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the North line of Section 16, North 89 degrees 35 minutes 55 seconds East 881.58 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said Section 16; thence continuing along said North line North 89 degrees 35 minutes 55 seconds East 443.93 feet thence along said East line South 00 degrees 08 minutes 07 seconds West 989.07 feet; thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes 55 seconds West 441.30 feet; thence North 00 degrees 01 minutes 00 seconds West 989.05 feet to the point of begin-

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale

Dated: April 13, 2005

ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC

Attorneys for BANK ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURI-TIES, INC. ASSETBACKED CERTIFI-CATES, SERIES 2002-2, As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041

(248) 457-1000 File No. 199,1353

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Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

Lillian Jacoby

Lillian Elizabeth Jacoby,

Campus, Saginaw, after a

Henrietta (Snyder) Rupp.

Owendale. He died Septem-

Jacoby and her husband

owned and operated Jacoby's

Grocery Store and ran the

post office in Deford from

1946 until 1960. She oper-

ated a beauty shop in the

back until the early 1970s.

After her husband retired as

Postmaster, she became Post-

master of the Deford Post

Office until her retirement

Jacoby is survived by 2

sons: Robert (Prudy) Jacoby

of Davison, and Daniel

(Kathy) Jacoby of Flint; a

brother, Harold (Noreen)

Rupp of Bay City; and sev-

She was preceded in death

by 3 brothers: Clarence,

Clifton and Hazen Rupp; and

Funeral services were held

at 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 12,

at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass

City, with Chuck Emmert of

Novesta Church of Christ

Novesta Township Cemetery,

Memorials may be made to

Northwood Meadows or

Covenant Health Care - Coo-

Arrangements were made

by Kranz Funeral Home,

Obert Regal

Memorials may be made to

the Holy Trinity Church,

Interment was in the

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Cass City.

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Systems

a sister, Marguerite Figley.

eral nieces and nephews.

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about 1977.

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, April 13

Chicken dinner with all the trimmings, noon, Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd. For takeouts, call 872-4604 and pick up between 11 a.m. and noon, or after 12:30 p.m. on the day of the dinner.

Thursday, April 14

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

Friday, April 15

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

Senior Citizen Movies, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Saturday, April 16

Windy Hill Players present "The Costume Party Caper", 6:30 p.m., Cass City United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$20 and include dinner. Call 872-1263 for tickets and information. Tables of 8 to 10 may be reserved.

Monday, April 18

Cass City Area Historical and Genealogy Society meeting, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Tuesday, April 19

Thumb Area Parkinson's Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Wednesday, April 20

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

United Sportsmen's Alliance meeting, 7 p.m., Cass City Gun Club, 2676 Englehart Rd. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call 989-872-2398.

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Scouts auction on tap

The Girl Scouts of Mitten lection of silent and live auc-Bay are continuing their 2005 fundraising season with an Art Auction Extravaganza planned for Friday, April 29, at the Bay Valley Resort in Bay City.

The auction will begin at 6 p.m. while those in attendance enjoy appetizers, drinks and entertainment. The live auction will start at

will be painted furniture drawn wins. items ranging from dressers and chairs to children's furniture and picture frames. There will also be a large se-

tion items, including gourmet dinners, jewelry, wine tastings, romantic hot air balloon rides, entertainment packages and gift certifi-

In additional to the auction, there will be music, carnival games, raffle items and door prizes. A "reverse raffle' will be held, with 100 tickets available for a grand prize New to the event this year of \$1,500. The last ticket

cates.

'We rely on critical fundraising events like this one to generate funds that will carry us through the year," said Patricia Mishic, event chairman. "The money we raise from this event helps to support a wide variety of programs and services that we offer to the Girl Scouts in this area.'

All of the proceeds will support the activities of the Girls Scouts of Mitten Bay, Mishic

"This money really does benefit us directly," she added. "There are nearly 7,000 girls and over 1,900 adult volunteers involved in the Girl Scouts in central, northeast and lower Michigan, including the Thumb, so it can have a pretty significant impact on our program-

ming for the year.' Obert H. Regal, 73, of Plymouth, died April 9, 2005.

Workshop slated He is survived by his wife, Ruth: 2 children: David (Nancy Del) Spooner, and Ronald (Tracey); and 8 grandchildren. Interment was in the

to 8:30 p.m. at the Huron Expo Center Fairgrounds in sion Office at (989) 269-Bad Axe.

The workshop is designed for the beginner, the experienced, and for youth who

book at this workshop.

want to learn about rabbits and cavies. Participants are invited to bring their rabbits and cavies, but it is not man-Topics to be covered in-

clude clipping toenails, grooming, feeding/watering. summer care, showmanship techniques and tips, and practice showmanship, as well as a question-and-answer session. Youth who participated in the first workshop are asked to bring their notebooks, as new information will be added. New participants will be given a note-Free tattooing will be avail-

There will be a Series 2 able and door prizes will be Rabbit and Cavy Workshop given away. Participants can Thursday, April 28, from 7 learn more by calling the **Huron County**

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral

Obituaries

90, of Cass City, died Saturday, April 9, 2005 in Cov-Dean Stadlberger enant Health Care, Cooper

Home.

Dean E. Stadlberger, 80, of She was born Oct. 16, 1914 Mayville, died Monday, at home in Owendale, the April 4, 2005, at Aleda E. daughter of Daniel and Lutz Veteran Medical Center, Saginaw, after a brief illness. She married George M. He was born Aug. 26, 1924, Jacoby June 22, 1935 in at home in Gratiot County to Earnest Dean and Hattie (Dean) Stadlberger.

He married Coralie Akin and, after her death, Viola Haidysz, who is also deceased

Stadlberger served in the U.S. Army as an MP during World War II. He worked as a heavy equipment operator for road construction and was a member of International Union of Operating Engineers Local 324. In his early years, Stadlberger worked for Frank Fullmer Stockyards. He later worked for Flint Asphalt and Paving Road Construction. He was a member of Kingston AMVETS Post 1072, Fraternal Order of Eagles 4099 in Mayville, Caro Moose Lodge 1049, and was a lifetime member of the White

Stadlberger is survived by his children, Tamara (Kevin) Bayliss of Lapeer, Eric (Cori) Stadlberger of Brown City, Maryanna (Jeffrey) Hartsell of Kingston, and Earnest Dean Stadlberger of St. Ignace; 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; brothers, Harold (Eloise) Stadlberger of Ithaca, and Robert (Maybell) Stadlberger of Stanton; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 8, at the Kingston United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Terry Butters officiating.

Interment was in New Ha--ven Township Cemetery, Carson City.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Elkland Township Cemetery, Fund.

> Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home,

Gregory **Thompson**

Gregory Bruce Thompson, 57, of Cass City, died Sunday, April 10, 2005 in Bay Regional Medical Center. Bay City, following a brief illness.

He was born April 11, 1947 in Adrian, the son of the late Bruce A. and Ila I. (Dougherty) Thompson.

Thompson was employed by General Telephone (Verizon) as a central office switchman. He served in the .S. Army in Germany during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Cass City Lion's Club, Michigan Steel Headers, and the Cass City Gun Club. He coached little league baseball in Cass City. Thompson is survived by a sister, Judy (Jim) Pryor of Adrian; a special friend, Marsha Rokicki and children, Jeff and Jodi; and nufriends caregivers.

Cremation took place at the Sunset Valley Crematory, Bay City.

Memorials may be made to the Cass City Little League program or the Lion's Club. Arrangements were made by Trahan Funeral Chapel,

Driver safety class set

An AARP Driver Safety Program is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, and Thursday, May 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Davenport University.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Caroline A. Stratton, a single person, original mortgagor, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 11, 2001 and recorded on January 28, 2002 in Liber 859 on Page 975 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Five and 39/100 Dollars (\$49,985.39), 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 April 28, 2005.

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

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

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

Dated: March 30, 2005

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 #022034F04

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dennis A. Girdauckas and Rebecca L. Girdauckas, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 19, 2002 and recorded on June 27, 2002 in Liber 883 on Page 490 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Eight and 87/100 Dollars (\$30,428.87), including interest at 9.625% 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 April 21, 2005.

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

Lot 10. Block "K" of I.L. Hitchcock's Second Addition to the Village of Cass City, Tuscola county, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of plats, page 55, now Liber 1, Page 5-A, 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 reemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 23, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE

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 #051939F01

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the condition of a certain mort gage made by RICHARD K. SPRAGUE AND NANCY M. SPRAGUE, HUS-BAND AND WIFE, to NOVI COMMU-NITY CREDIT UNION, now known as HOMETOWN COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION, Mortgagee, dated August 19, 2002 and recorded on September 9, 2002 in Liber 892 on Page 1426, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Four and 27/100 Dollars (\$48,954,27), including interest at 7% per annur

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby giver that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front Entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Thursday, April 28, 2005.

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

LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF JUNIATA, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, PART OF

THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 24. TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 24. WHICH IS N88 DEG 21' 50" W. 250.00 FEET FROM THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 24: THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, N88 DEG 21' 50" W, 150.00 FEET; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES TO SAID NORTH LINE, S01 DEG 38' 10" W. 220,00 FEET: THENCE S88 DEG 21' 50" E, 150.00 FEET; THENCE NOI DEG 38' 10" E. 220.00 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 24 AND THE POINT

A.P.N. # 014-024-000-1000-00

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: March 11, 2005

OF BEGINNING.

Novi Community Credit Union n/k/a Hometown Community Credit 22245 Haggerty Road P.O. Box 8000 Novi. MI 48376 Mortgagee

Charles R. Harroon (P-31949) P.O. Box 57 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303 (248) 348-8500

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dane L. Byrd, a married person and Ladinia M. Byrd, his wife, to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., mortgagee, dated January 13, 2003 and recorded January 22, 2003 in Liber 911, Page 1318, Tuscola County cords. Said mortgage is now held by EMC Mortgage Corporation by assignment dated November 20, 2003 and recorded March 03, 2004 in Liber 982 on Page 1031, by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Two and 15/100 Dollars (\$133,722.15) including interest at the rate of 6.50% 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. The premises are located in the Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Mithigan,

and are described as: The South half of the South half of the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 1, Town 11 North, Range

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

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

Dated: March 30, 2005

ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for EMC Mortgage Corporation . As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 199.1967

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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 Jesse Bachman, a married person, and Shelly Bachman, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 13, 2001 and recorded on April 18, 2001 in Liber 828 on Page 1427 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Seven and 54/100 Dollars (\$52,877.54), includ-

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,

ing interest at 7.375% per annum.

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

Part of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 32, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, Novesta Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as commencing at the North quarter of said Section 32; thence along the North line of said Section 32, East 962.14 feet to the point of beginning; thence continu ing along said North line of Section 32. East 66.00 feet to a point 198.00 feet Westerly of abandoned railroad right of way; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 58 seconds East, parallel to the East line of said Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 32, 676,50 feet; thence West 66.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 58 seconds West, 676.50 feet to the point of beginning, Right of Way for Deckerville Road over the Northerly side thereof.

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE

Dated: March 23, 2005

FC W (248) 593-1312 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #050828F01

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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 Julie Boddy, an unmarried woman and Steven L. Plummer, an unmarried man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 5, 2004, and recorded on March 18, 2004 in Liber 984 on Page 1236, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Three And 09/100 Dollars (\$185,563.09), including interest at 6.125% 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 vendue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on May 12, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: The North 1/2 of a parcel of land described as: Beginning at the East 1/4 corner of Section 15. Township 10 North, Range 9 East, thence along the East line of said Section 15, South 02 degrees 00 minutes 54 seconds East 424.00 feet; thence South 87 degrees 46 minutes 03 seconds West 1318.05 feet to the West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said section; thence along said line North 02 degrees 04 minutes 28 seconds West 424.00 feet to the East-West 1/4 line of said

section; thence along said East-West 1/4 line North 87 degrees 46 minutes 03 seconds East 1318.00 feet to the East 1/4 corner of said Section 15 and the point of ning, Tuscola County Re-

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

Dated: April 13, 2005

For more information, please call: FC F 248.593.1313 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Regstration Systems, Inc 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #035431F03

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee In that event, your damages, if any, 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 Bradley Wescoat, a married man, and Victoria Wescoat, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 14, 2003 and recorded on August 25, 2003 in Liber 950 on Page 736 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Six Hundred One and 83/100 Dollars (\$105,601.83), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on April 28, 2005.

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

Arbela Township, Tuscola County, State Of Michigan, Section 20, Township 10 North, Range 7 East: commencing at a point 250 feet North of Southeast corner of North 3/4 of East 1/2 of Southeast 1/4: thence North 130 feet, West 298 feet, South 130 feet, East 298 feet to the Point

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: March 30, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC W (248) 593-1312 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems. Inc. 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #051857F01

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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 Keith A Staple, a married man and William K Staple, an unmarried man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 21, 2004, and recorded on June 22, 2004 in Liber 997 on Page 691, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eight Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Two And 62/100 Dollars (\$108,382.62), including interest at 6.75% 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 vendue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on May 5, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot (s) 1, Block 2, Hutson's Addition, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of plats,

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

Dated: April 6, 2005

For more information, please call: FC R 248.593.1305 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #051264F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Morris J. Houthoofd, a single man, Mortgagor, to Conseco Finance Serving Corp., Mortgagee, dated February 9, 2002 and recorded on February 22, 2002 in Liber 866, Page 1039, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which said mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Thirty Six Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen (\$36,318.35), includ

ing interest at 11.75% 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 front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, on Thursday,

Said premises are situated in the Township of North Akron, County of Tuscola State of Michigan, and is described as follows, to-wit:

April 28, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 15 North, Range 8 East, North Akron Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as Beginning at a point of the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 32, which is South 00 degrees 12 minutes 20 seconds East, 457.00 feet from the North 1/ 4 corner of said section: thence continu ing along said North and South 1/4 line, South 00 degrees 12 minutes 20 seconds East, 153 feet; thence at right angles to said North and South 1/4 line, South 89 degrees 47 minutes 40 seconds West, 183 feet; thence North 00 degrees 47 minutes 40 seconds West, 183 feet; thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 20 seconds West 153 feet; thence North 89 degrees 47 min utes 40 seconds East, 183 feet to the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 32 and

Parcel ID: 001-132-000-0600-00

The redemption period 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: March 15, 2005

the point of beginning

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

Keith A. Sotiroff, Esq. SOTIROFF & ABRAMCZYK, P.C. 30400 Telegraph Road, Ste. 444 Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4541 (248) 642-6000 3-23-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been

made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John W. Elmore and Ida L. Elmore, original mortgagor(s), to Bay Creek Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated February 1, 1995, and recorded on February 2, 1995 in Liber 669 on Page 1305, and assigned by said Mortgagee to EverHome Mortgage Company fka Alliance Mortgage Company as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Five Hundred FiftyThree And 02/100 Dollars (\$70,553.02), including interest at 10% 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 vendue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on May 12, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Land Beginning at the Southeast corner of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, thence North 12 rods; thence West 10 rods; thence South 12 rods: thence East 10 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 re-demption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 13, 2005

For more information, please call: FC W 248.593.1312 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For EverHome Mortgage Company fka Alliance Mortgage Company 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #002719F02

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by ROBERT SPARKS, JR., A SINGLE MAN, to REPUBLIC BANK, Mortgagee, dated April 16, 2002 and recorded on May 2, 2002 in Liber 876 on Page 760, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mort-gagee to GMAC MORTGAGE CORPO-RATION, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-NINE AND 05/100 DOLLARS (\$48,299.05), including interest at 7.0% 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 April

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF ARBELA, TUSCOLA County, Michigan, and are described as:

SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS FOL LOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT WHICH IS N 89 DEG 16' E, 701.9 FEET FROM THE SW CORNER OF SEC-TION 31, TOWN 10 N, RANGE 7 E: THENCE N 00 DEG 10' 30" W, 250 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEG 16' E . 100.00 FEET: THENCE S 00 DEG 10' 30" E. 250 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEG 17 W, 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BE-

GINNING. PARCEL ID # 79-003-031-400-1700

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: March 11, 2005

GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION

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amount tendered at sale, plus interest

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John W. Homakie, a Married Man, and Julie Homakie, His Wife, a/k/a Julie L. Homakie, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Sys tems. Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 31, 2002, and recorded on June 18, 2002 in Liber 882 on Page 133, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Three Hundred Nine And 76/100 Dollars (\$73,309.76), 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 vendue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on May 5, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4, and a piece of land commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot 3 and running East 1 rod; thence North 4 Rods: thence West 1 Rod. Thence South 4 Rods to the place of beginning, all being in Block 7 of the Plat of the Village of Cass City, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 15 of Deeds, Page 276.

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

Dated: April 6, 2005

or 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 #052903F01

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7.625% 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 April 21, 2005.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF INDIANFIELDS/VILLAGE OF CARO, TUSCOLA County, Michigan,

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREOF LYING, SITUATE AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF TUSCOLA, STATE OF MICHIGAN AND BEING KNOWN AS LAND SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF CARO, TOWNSHIP · OF INDIANFIELDS: LOT 3 OF WILLIAMSBURG ESTATES, AC-CORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 3 OF PLATS, PAGE 45.

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: March 17, 2005 GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION

OF PA, n/k/a GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION Mortgagee PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & AS-

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THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE

IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ward Ellis Beems and Marianne Barhorst Beems, to Advanta National Bank, mortgagee, dated February 29, 2000 and recorded June 4, 2001 in Liber 833, Page 1450, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC 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 Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Two and 70/100 Dollars

of 12.63% 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

(\$30,632.70) including interest at the rate

on April 28, 2005. The premises are located in the City of Akron, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in

Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m.

Commencing at the northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 25, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, running thence South Line 100 feet, east at right angles to said section line 195 feet, thence north 100 feet, thence West 195 feet to the place of beginning.

from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in acrdance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclos-

The redemption period shall be 6 months

ing 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: March 30, 2005 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC

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Attorneys for Chase Home Finance LLC

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall he 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 Douglas F. Moore, single, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Bank USA, N.A., Mortgagee, dated December 16, 2002, and recorded on June 4, 2003 in Liber 934 on Page 263, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Seven And 88/100 Dollars (\$25,747.88), includ-

Under the power of sate 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 vendue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on May 12, 2005.

ing interest at 9.625% per annum.

Said premises are situated in Village of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 16, Town 11 North, Range 11 East:

Excepting and reserving all that certain property conveyed to David J. Vroman as described in deed dated 9/26/2001, recorded 11/9/2001 in book 848, page 159. Described as follows: Commenc. at the South 1/4 corner of Section 16. Town 11 North, Range 11 East, thence South 89 degrees 27 minutes 04 seconds West 824.63 feet along the South Section line to the Point of Beginning, running thence North 0 degrees 32 minutes 43 seconds West 436 feet; thence North 89 degrees 27 minutes 04 seconds East 200 feet; thence South 0 degrees 32 minutes 43 seconds East 436 feet; thence South 89 degrees 27 minutes 04 seconds West

200 feet to the Point of Beginning. The redemption period shall be 12 months

Dated: April 13, 2005 For more information, please call:

from the date of such sale.

File #052926F01

FC S 248.593.1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Bank 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel Stover, Jr. and Debra Sto ver, husband and wife as joint tenants. original mortgagor(s), to IndyMac Bank, E.S.B., a federally chartered savings bank. Mortgagee, dated August 30, 2001, and recorded on October 31, 2001 in Liber 846 on Page 70 in Thecola records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Four And 15/100 Dollars (\$33,634.15), including interest

at 10% 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 vendue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM,

on May 12, 2005. Said premises are situated in Township of Koylton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The East half of the East half of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 20, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, EXCEPT that part lying Southwesterly of the centerline of South Kingston Road. Right of way for Kingston Road over the Southerly side

The redemption period shall be 12 months

from the date of such sale. Dated: April 13, 2005

File #052640F01

For more information, please call: FC F 248.593.1313 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., a federally chartered savings bank 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

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amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary Peyerk, a/k/a Gary L. Peyerk, and Connie Peyerk, a/k/a Connie F. Peverk, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to DMR Financial Services, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 9, 1999 and recorded on July 9, 1999 in Liber 776 on Page 674, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four housand Thirty-Five and 67/100 Dollars (\$74,035.67), including interest at 7.5%

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 April 21, 2005.

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

Lot 10, Block 17 of HC. Marvin's Plat of Unionville, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 48, now being

Page 49A 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: March 23, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Chase Home Finance LLC successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200

File #051729F01

3-23-4

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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 Cordelle Mills, a single man, and Lois Bea Mills, a married woman, original mortgagors, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 23, 2004 and recorded on August 31, 2004 in Liber 1006 on Page 1044, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Six and 43/100 Dollars (\$52,286.43), including interest at 8.3% per annum.

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 April 21, 2005.

Under the power of sale contained in said

mortgage and the statute in such case

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

Lot 8, Block 11 of the plat of North's Addition to the Village (now city) of Vassar, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Page 20, now being 21A, Tuscola County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless deter-

mined abandoned in accordance with

MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the re-

demption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: March 23, 2005

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described as:

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be

rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee.

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corded on March 7, 2003 in Liber 919 on

Page 214, in Tuscola county records,

Michigan, on which mortgage there is

claimed to be due at the date hereof the

sum of One Hundred Sixty-Two Thou-

sand Two Hundred Thirty-Eight And 29/

100 Dollars (\$162,238.29), including interest at 8.49% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM,

on May 5, 2005. Said premises are situated in Township of Ellington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 13 North, Range 10 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 32, which is West 462.80 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 32; thence continuing along said North line West 253.00 feet; thence at right angles to said North line. South 396.00 feet, thence East 253.00 feet thence North 396.00 feet to the North line of said Section and the point of begin-

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Dated: April 6, 2005

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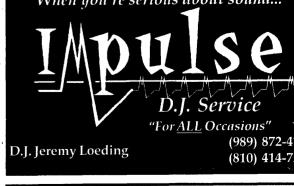
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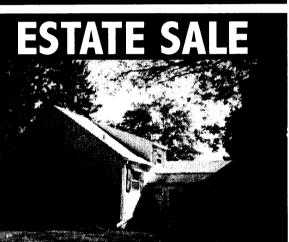
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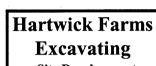
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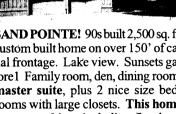
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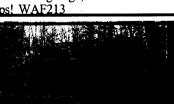
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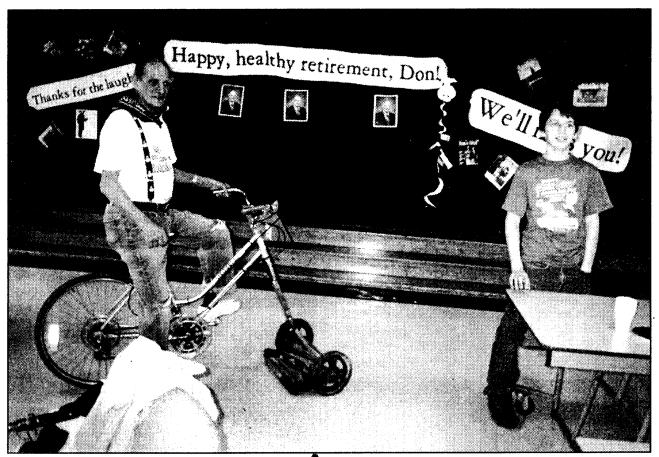
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RETIRED CAMPBELL Elementary School custodian Don Loomis tries out his "Red Neck Self-Propelled Lawn Mower" in front of Michael Milligan and the rest of the students and staff during an April Fools retirement party in his honor.

Snowmobile club set to make trails

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Faith said the club will be affiliated with the Michigan Snowmobile Association, which offers \$2 million in liability insurance that ensures landowners who agree to lease their property will be held faultless should an accident occur.

As a Michigan Snowmobile Thumb club has already adopted a zero tolerance drinking and driving.

"They're also working with us to establish trails with the "Perception is probably the DNR," Said Faith, who noted the process involves securing lease agreements with landowners, then obtaining final approval from the DNR. After that, the DNR will provide \$100 in funding per mile for signs, \$200 per mile for trail improvements, and \$3.79 a mile for trail grooming expenses.

landowners for 75 miles of tell them (landowners), these Sandusky they would like to establish

Faith said the group is asking landowners for 20-foot easements that will be maintained and groomed. The club plans to purchase, with the assistance of some state funding, a tractor and "drag" to groom the trails.

"The grooming of the trails

a book entitled "The A+ Custodian". prise retirement party," "He's our 'A+ custodian'.

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Loomis said of the contraption. "I was asked by (school Principal) Mr. Miklovic to come to school April 1 about 2 p.m. to play an April Fools joke on the school. I was to dress up like a red neck with a sign on my back saying 'April Fools', which was covered by another shirt. After I had talked to the assembly, I was to take off the outside shirt and show them the sign.

"But I never got to say anything about my joke because when I walked in the gym, everyone yelled out 'April Fools, Mr. Loomis'.

"It was a complete surprise to me and I will always remember April Fools Day 2005." Loomis said, adding he really appreciated a wonderful program - complete with original songs, jokes and stories — presented by the students and teachers. Friends and family joined the fun, which included an open house with plenty of food.

"Words cannot express how grateful I am for the generosity, friendship, gifts, cards and all the work put into making it a day I will always remember," Loomis said.

The school's "Fun Commit-

tee" added a gift of its own -

School says good-bye to Loomis

This guy is just a great guy," said Donna Emerson, who recalled Loomis going above and beyond the call of duty countless times, such as when he came to school the day before knee surgery to finish some work on a butterfly garden. "That's just the way he is."

Miklovic agreed.

"He's always been friendly and helpful. If anybody needed something, the next day it was done," Miklovic said. "He was the type that never missed a day of work. You couldn't find a nicer guy or harder worker."

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For Loomis, going to work was never a tiresome responsibility or burden.

"I just enjoy having fun with the teachers and the kids - they were always great to me - and I really enjoyed my job all the time I was here," he said. "I wanted to make it 15 (years) so bad, but I had some surgeries and I just couldn't."

Custodial work has been a second career for the Cass City native, who along with his brother, David, milked

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cows for 40 years before signing up for the dairy buyout back in the late

"We both looked for jobs. I was fortunate to get in here, and David got into Walbro," said Loomis, who has 5 grown children of his own

along with 17 grandchildren. "When I sold the cows, I thought the world was coming to an end, but after I got this job and started to come in, I always loved coming in. It gives you something to get up for.'

As he walked the halls of Campbell Elementary last week, Loomis recalled some of his fondest - and more humorous - memories, like the times he would tie a fake mouse to a piece of string and then attach the other end of the string to a classroom door knob, so an unsuspecting teacher would see the mouse "running" towards her as they opened the door.

"Once in a while I'd get a good one on them," Loomis said, chuckling. "They really screamed. There are a lot of teachers that hate mice, so that was fun."

Loomis is still trying to get used to the thought of not arriving at school at 3 p.m. to start his shift, but he has no intention of being a stranger. In fact, he plans to

volunteer when he can. And the custom-made Red Neck Self-Propelled Lawn Mower?

Loomis grinned. "Now that I have retired, I am available to mow lawns."

Rose bed workshop April 18

The Thumb Rose Society will be hosting a rose bed cleaning workshop at the Huron Medical Care Facility Rose Garden, Monday, April

Anyone interested in learning how to prepare roses for spring pruning, fertilizing, etc., is welcome to meet at 9 a.m. at the rose garden, located at 1116 S. VanDyke Rd. (M-53), Bad Axe. Organizers ask participants to bring their enthusiasm, gloves and necessary tools for clean-up, raking and fertilizing.

In case of inclement weather, a radio announcement will be made on WLEW by 8 a.m. More information is available by contacting Jim at (989) 269-7154 or Erv at 269-8490.

other peoples' property." biggest problem and the other is liability."

policy when it comes to tentative agreements with

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pursue some \$50,000 in

grant funding to establish a

distance learning program in

conjunction with the Huron

Intermediate School District.

The board discussed the is-

sue last month and learned

the local match required

could be met by technology

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already purchased at Owen-

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Peterson confirmed that

news Monday. "It appears

we're well over what we

Distance learning allows

students in one location to

take courses that are taught

needed to spend," he said.

•Approved a motion to

"We're hoping to have at Association affiliate, the least 100 miles of trails next winter," said Faith, who estimated the group already has

> by an instructor in another location. The advantages in-

> clude the fact that the tech-

nology allows smaller dis-

tricts in particular to offer a

students earning the Michi-

gan Merit Award to complete

a new requirement of 40

hours of community service.

State officials are implement-

ing the new rule beginning

•Hired Cory Fritz as the

•Adopted a resolution in

support of Senate Bill 246,

which takes aim at state offi-

cials' commitment to provide

adequate funding for public

schools throughout Michi-

with the Class of 2006.

new softball coach.

•Approved guidelines for

great variety of classes.

planning to establish trails Deckerville, and Deckerville to the lakeshore and up to Harbor Beach. Eventually, trails to Port Austin and in the western Thumb.

makes a huge difference. I

•Approved the nomination

of Kayla Zaleski as the "Se-

nior Student of the Month"

The students, in grades K-

12, are: Cole Stine, Devin

Bach, Josephine Valentin,

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Pillsbury.

trails. Initially, the club is are groomed trails - people will stay on groomed trails because they're smooth, they're like riding down the road," Faith said. He noted that grooming trails tends to drive the frost line deeper into the ground, which means less snowfall is needed to create good riding conditions.

The next meeting of the Thumbs Up Snowmobile Club is scheduled for Thursday, May 5, starting at 7 p.m. in the community room at the fairgrounds in Sandusky.

More information is available by contacting Faith at (810) 376-4909 or by e-mail-

snowthumbs@voyager.net.

Youngest pupils enjoying success

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Top grads

Bowl team. As a junior, she was selected as a class rep-•Recognized a student in resentative on the homecomeach grade level, all nomiing court, served on the prom nated for best exemplifying committee and was a memthe district's March "adult ber of the Drama Club. role focus" of having a posi-

McKee has attended the Huron Area Technical Center's Cosmetology Program. This year, she has served as a teacher's aide and class secretary, and has written a weekly column for the Cass City Chronicle.

McKee has been active in Family Enrichment, the Thumb Octagon Barn Fall Family Days, read-a-thons for child abuse and cystic fibrosis, and testing of younger students.

She will enroll at Saginaw Valley State University after graduation with plans to major in business. She has already received a Presidential Scholarship from SVSU as well as the Michigan Merit Award and a Ford Motors Scholarship.



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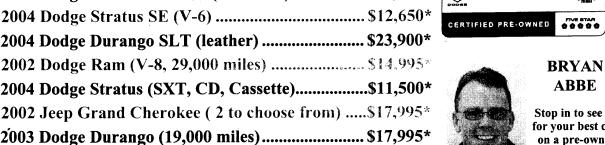
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