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PIE IN his eye! Doug LaPratt, maintenance supervisor at Tendercare, Cass City, volunteered his face for some pie throwing during Tendercare's first Summer Carnival, a senior health vendor fair held Thursday. At right, Eli Kelley, 14, Cass City, takes aim.



Decker mom putting focus on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Merry Steely has some sage words of advice for any woman who is pregnant or think she might be - when it comes to alcohol, there is no safe amount a mother can consume without putting her unborn child at risk.

Steely ought to know. For the past 6 years, the Decker area resident and her husband, Ken, have been legal guardians of a little boy diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS).

The syndrome refers to a number of related disabilities stemming from brain injuries that occur in the fetus or unborn child when the mother consumes alcohol. No amount of alcohol is safe and there is no safe time to drink. Ever.

The injuries, while wholly preventable, are permanent and affect the child for the rest of his or her life. In the United States, maternal consumption of alcohol during pregnancy is the leading known cause of mental retardation.

"This is really a devastating thing and the prevention needs to be out there because we can save children," said Steely, who is in the process of establishing Thumb Area Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness and Prevention. She explained that "spectrum disorder" refers to some 250 different diagnoses that stem from exposure to alcohol.

The campaign is part of a nationwide and worldwide effort, and Steely is doing her part by preparing to host a rally Friday, Sept. 9, starting at 8:30 a.m. at Rotary Park in Cass City.

"The date (9-9) has been chosen because of the 9 months of pregnancy, because a woman has to be al-

cohol free throughout that 9 months," Steely explained.

The upcoming rally is being sponsored, in part, by the Women's Christian Temperance Union and will feature at least 2 guest speakers, Karen Powell from Sanilac County Mental Health, and Cass City Physician Dr. Anita Vanderstelt.

Steely's efforts stem from the frustration she and her husband felt after confirming by medical diagnosis that the child placed in their care was, indeed, an FAS baby.

"We've dealt with this little boy for 6 years. We've had him since he was 8 months old," she noted.

Even before the diagnosis, the Steelys suspected there would be problems because they are friends of the family of child's biological mother and were aware that she had consumed alcohol during her pregnancy.

While FAS symptoms can vary greatly both in form and severity, the couple say their little boy suffers from a number of developmental problems.

"He can pick the colors out today, but tomorrow he may not be able to," Merry Steely said. "It's not that he forgets - it's just that he can't retrieve the information. I think he's starting to see the differences between himself and other children."

"He's a very loving child. He loves music and he loves to sing," Steely continued, adding, however, that the boy has significant difficulty controlling impulses to throw things or strike someone without warning. He doesn't understand cause and effect, and is bewildered by reactions to his improper behavior, she said. "It's a very stressful life."

"It's just something that pops into his brain and he does it. He can't control it,"

added Ken Steely, "and that causes him problems in school, obviously."

The Steelys say they believe alcohol is also to blame for the child's slowed speech and thought development. For example, an inability to express himself is an increasing source of frustration.

Equally frustrating, for the Steelys, was trying to research FAS and find resources that would enable them to best help their child.

"When we first got him, we didn't have any resources at all," said Merry Steely, who

said she began "hounding every doctor" she could find for more information.

"I just wanted to help this little boy. I want to make sure this child and other children don't fall through the cracks."

"Some doctors don't even diagnose it because they don't think there's anything you can do about it anyway. A lot of kids aren't diagnosed until they're in school and there are the behavioral problems," Ken said, "and early

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Board taps Thamer as new band director

After tryouts were conducted Friday with 2 candidates for the post of interim band director at Cass City Schools, Todd Thamer of Waterford was hired. Thamer immediately went to work Monday afternoon and a band practice was scheduled to have been held Monday evening.

One of the peripheral issues was who leaked the information to the press and several of the Burch supporters claimed it was a school employee who must have been at fault.

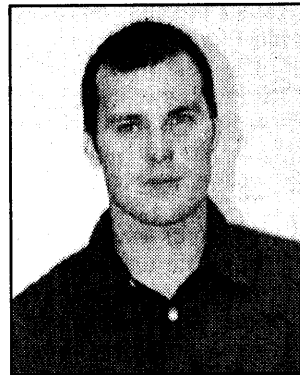
Brian Mallory said that John Haire, Chronicle publisher and writer of this story,

announced at the previous meeting that he knew about the situation a week and a half before it appeared in the Chronicle. Since the story did not appear in the paper until after Burch had been suspended, it was another side issue that had no bearing on the case.

Micklash opened the meet-

ing by reviewing the accomplishments of the school, telling the group that Cass City was the only Thumb school to receive all A ratings in all tests by the state.

Board President Teresa Rabideau closed the meeting by asking for cooperation from everyone to get through this trying situation.



Todd Thamer

The new interim director is a 2005 graduate of Michigan State University. He has assisted with both the Waterford and Madison bands.

He said that he is "looking forward to keeping the program advancing as long as he is needed."

SPECIAL MEET

If supporters of Doug Burch, suspended Cass City High School musical director, expected to galvanize the Cass City School Board into action, a special meeting Thursday was a failure.

There will be no action by the board until the police investigation is completed. Meanwhile, Supt. Ken Micklash said, Burch is the official band director on full salary.

The group supporting Burch did learn that the school is taking immediate action to fill the band director's position with an interim director. Micklash said that 2 candidates were expected to tryout Friday.

The meeting attracted an overflow crowd to the cafeteria and verbal sparring became the order of the evening.

For county EDC, airport

Council approves funds

Cass City Village officials Monday approved spending a combined \$17,000 on countywide economic development and airport services that benefit the village.

The expenditures — \$7,500 for the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and \$9,516 for the Tuscola Area Airport Authority — are annual contributions based on a formula utilizing various municipalities' state equalized valuations (SEV).

"The Tuscola County EDC has been pleased to assist with several business start-ups, low-moderate income surveys, tax abatements, site locations, revolving loan fund loans and expansion projects over the past year, which have benefited all parts of Tuscola County," EDC Executive Director Jim McLoskey told the village council Monday night.

"A list of major projects is included showing a total of 922 jobs retained or created over the past year," McLoskey added. "With our revolving loan fund having an available balance, we look forward to more successful projects in the future."

EDC efforts that have directly benefited Cass City over the past year include tax abatement for Walbro Engine Management, which retained 200 jobs and created an additional 20 jobs; tax abatement for TI Automotive, which created 40 new jobs,

and a completion of a low-moderate income survey that resulted in the village's becoming eligible for certain grant funding in the future.

The EDC is proposing a 2005-06 budget of about \$174,000, with the county's municipalities chipping in a combined \$82,000.

The contributions range from \$550 from several area townships and the village of Gagetown, to Cass City's \$7,500 share, to \$11,700 from the village of Caro, to \$27,000 from the county.

Turning to the airport authority, McLoskey said airport officials have completed another successful year, making improvements to better serve Cass City and other towns in the county.

"The airport authority continues to grow to service the needs of the flying public and help Tuscola County businesses grow," said McLoskey, who serves as assistant secretary on the authority board of directors.

McLoskey reported that the authority contributes \$457,000 annually to the county's economy. The authority generates another \$1.2 million in "indirect and induced impacts" for a total of more than \$1.67 million, he noted.

Area businesses that utilize the airport include Marshall Distributing, Millennium Industries, Superior Air (UPS) and Walbro Engine Manage-

ment.

The 8-member authority board that oversees a budget of more than \$170,000 includes Greg Biddinger and Dan Delamarter, both representing Cass City; Doug Laurie from Elkland Township; and Larry Finkbeiner, representing Ellington Township.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business during the monthly meeting Monday, the council:

• Approved paying \$75,336 to Albrecht Sand and Gravel Co., Snover, following completion of the village's 2005 paving contract. The payment is about \$200 less than the contract price originally submitted by Albrecht.

• Noted USDA officials have approved a loan to the village of \$1.858 million to construct an arsenic water treatment plant (\$1.5 million), with another \$300,000 to pay off current water fund debt.

"The money will be paid back over a 40-year period at a rate of \$96,000 per year," village Manager Peter J. Cristiano said. "Over the 40 years, the \$1,858,000 will have interest of \$1,832,515 for a total payback of \$3,632,515."

Cristiano presented a schedule of activities related to construction of the arsenic

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LINDA WOODS (left), postal office operations manager, swears in new Cass City Postmaster Bob Garske Thursday as Garske's wife, Ann, looks on. (See story, page 5).

Man takes his own life during standoff

A 28-year-old man took his own life following a 6 1/2-hour standoff with Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies Friday.

Police identified the man as Matt Hessletine.

According to Sanilac County Sheriff Virg Strickler, the standoff began after Sgt. Gary Biniecki and Deputy Kevin Nowiski were dispatched to a residence on the west side of Deckerville at about 8:30 a.m. to investigate a situation involving an "unwanted subject at an apartment."

"Upon arrival, officers observed a second story window broken out of the apartment in question. When officers knocked on the apartment door, the female occupant came out of the door quickly, carrying a 2-month-old baby and shouted to the officers, 'he's got a shotgun,'" Strickler said.

Biniecki and Nowiski escorted the woman and baby outside and then attempted to make contact with Hessletine.

"The subject failed to come outside at the officers' request, and the officers were able to confirm that he indeed did have a shotgun loaded with 6 rounds of ammunition," Strickler said.

He noted that Biniecki called the Tactical Unit for assistance. The unit arrived on the scene and trained negotiators were called in to convince the suspect to come outside of the building.

"The suspect indicated to negotiators that he did not want to come outside or be arrested, as he felt he would be facing a long prison term for his actions of the early morning," said Strickler, who added that Hessletine did make contact with family members via telephone, as well as with negotiators, and he indicated that he might commit suicide.

"After checking with the opinion of the negotiators, family members and members of the Tactical Unit, the decision was made to flood the apartment with tear gas, Please turn to back page.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
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Mr. and Mrs. Dean Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, Marie Grifka and her granddaughter Jamie, Mike Rumpitz of Ubyly, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Tittjung of Sterling Heights, Mr. and Mrs. Rich Bukowski, Ronnie and Austin of Lake Orion and Sue Mergl of Oakland spent Monday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski attended the funeral of Barbara Mazure at the Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Arlene Reich of Deckerville was a Wednesday guest of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Claude Mestack, Bernard Morley and Jack Kennedy met at McDonalds in Bad Axe Friday morning.

June Rutz of Sterling Heights and Allen Farrelly were Wednesday supper and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel.

Mrs. Harold Ballagh, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nicol, Elise and Ethan attended a 40th anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McRae at Fowler Saturday evening.

The Young Ideas Farm Bureau met Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wolschlag. After the meeting, cards were played and high prizes were won by Hilda Sweeney and Ray Depcinski. Low prizes were won by Pat Heleski and Stanley Wolschlag. The hostess served a lunch. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bouchard on Sept. 15.

Klyn and Lana Puterbaugh visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson returned home Friday afternoon from an overnight stay at Little River Casino at Manistee.

Eugene Cleland was a Saturday guest of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Allen Farrelly spent a few days at June Rutz's home in Sterling Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard visited Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Barber at Deckerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy McLackie of England, Mrs. Dan Franzel, June Rutz and

Allen Farrelly spent 3 days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lackie at St. Catherine, Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski went to the chicken dinner at St. Mary's Church Hall on Sunday.

Visitors of Thelma Jackson were Ronald Rutkoski of Cass City, Larry Robinson of Caro, Mrs. Martin Sweeney and Brian, Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mrs. Allen Depcinski, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, Mrs. Gerald Wills and Mrs. Harold Ballagh.

Eleven members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at the Coffee Cup Plus in Bad Axe next week.

Engaged



Richard Kanaby and Rebecca Heling

Richard Kanaby and Rebecca Heling of Lansing announce their engagement.

Richard is the son of Francis and Marilyn Kanaby of Ubyly and the grandson of Marie Wheeler of Ubyly. Rebecca is the daughter of Dennis and Linda Heling of Milford.

Richard is a graduate of Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts in finance and is currently employed as a territory manager with Neogen Corporation of Lansing. Rebecca is a graduate of Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts in telecommunications and is currently employed as an account executive with Citadel Broadcasting of Lansing.

An Oct. 8, 2005 wedding is being planned at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Ledge.



Mr. and Mrs. John Horton

Hortons renew vows July 16

John and Barb Horton renewed their wedding vows July 16, 2005 at the Community of Christ Church in Owendale. The Elder Ellis Gardner officiated the double ring ceremony.

Soloists were Steve and Karen Bouverette. They sang "I Cross My Heart," "When You Say Nothing At All," and "Remember When."

The bride wore an ivory strapless wedding gown and carried pastel roses, star gazer lilies and daisies. Baby's breath accented her hair.

The bridesmaids wore coral strapless dresses and carried pastel roses and daisies.

The matron of honor was Sherry Burza, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Ann

North, daughter of the couple, and Stephanie Karr. Nicole Elizabeth Parker, granddaughter of the couple, was the flower girl. She carried roses and daisies and wore an ivory dress with baby's breath accenting her hair.

The best man was Curt Burza, brother-in-law of the couple. Groomsmen were John Horton, son of the couple; and Dave North, son-in-law of the couple. Mason Tyler North, grandson of the couple, was the ring bearer.

Ushers were Mark Stein, brother of the bride, and Lee Horton, nephew of the couple.

A dinner reception was held at Sherwood on the Hill, Gagetown.

O-G has preschool openings

The Owendale-Gagetown Preschool has a few openings still available for its 4-year-old program.

The slots are for students planning on attending kindergarten in the 2006-2007 school year. This Michigan licensed preschool begins Tuesday, Sept. 6, and runs until Memorial Day. Classes are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

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Meg's Peg

Adoption

by Melva E. Guinther

A young woman I know recently adopted a baby.

I admire both the teenage birth mother and the adoptive mother - whose life will never again be the same - for being willing to sacrifice for the sake of this child.

It was not a snap decision for either of them.

Taking on responsibility for a new life, whether by birth or adoption, is a huge challenge. The fact that this baby is biracial shouldn't, but could, add to the difficulty.

A relative confided that he'll have to be careful what he says now, because he's been known to make disparaging comments about people who aren't Caucasian.

We have to assume that this adorable little one will bridge whatever racial bias existed in his mind.

Often people make careless remarks without thinking that their words might inflict injury.

Sometimes those remarks are made with malice aforethought.

It's hard to say where the seeds of prejudice begin. It might be the result of an unfortunate experience with one person that causes us to resent everybody who re-

sembles him.

More often, I think, it's a matter of growing up thinking that we, our family and our way of doing things are what's normal, and anyone who's not like us isn't. Ideally, as we mature, we realize that there are a whole lot of people who are different from us, and that they can actually be okay.

Discussing the topic of prejudice way back in high school sociology class, I recall a teacher asking if I would marry a black man. My automatic, and probably naïve, answer was that I would if I loved him.

I say naïve, because at the time I knew only one African American family, and I undoubtedly hadn't considered the possible ramifications for any children a mixed marriage might have produced. Anyone would hate to see their children suffer persecution because of the origin over which they had no control.

Aside from that, I must have been privileged to grow up in an atmosphere of acceptance. Not everyone is so fortunate.

The lyrics from a song in the musical, South Pacific, say "You have to be taught before it's too late, before you are 6 or 7 or 8, to hate all the people your relatives hate. You have to be carefully taught."

On the flip side, it stands to reason that you have to be taught that what makes a person what he or she is goes much deeper than the color of their skin.

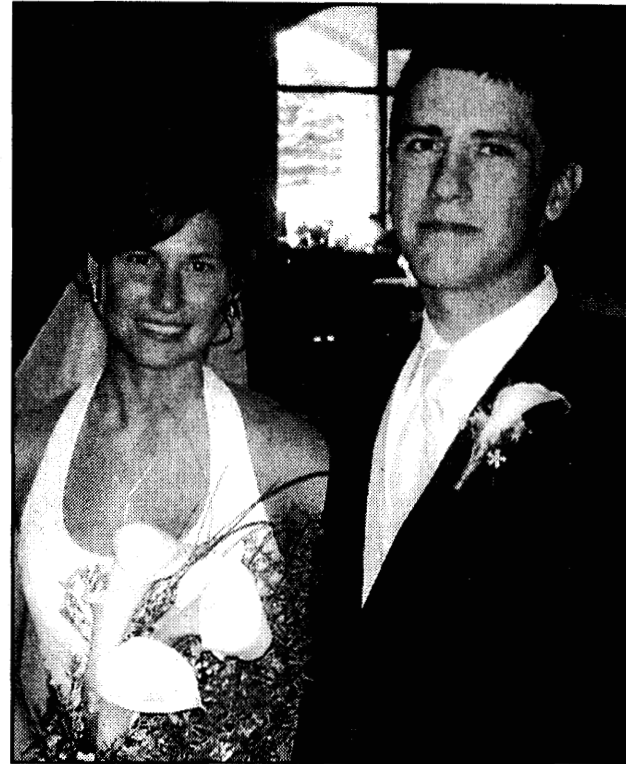
Of course, race and ethnicity aren't the only targets of prejudice.

We're apt to judge people by the way they talk, the clothes they wear, the cars they drive or where they work or live. And often we're comfortable only as we associate with "our kind" of people. I'm sure we miss out on some rich experiences that way.

People who travel and spend time in other countries and cultures have a far better understanding of life.

Maybe if all of us spent a little time with people from another culture we'd come away more broad-minded.

Then all babies could be accepted without prejudice.



Mr. and Mrs. Adam Willis

Missovich and Willis married

Nicole Missovich of Munising and Adam Willis of Munising were married Aug. 12, 2005 at the Bavarian Inn Lodge in Frankenmuth. Lyle Clarke of Cass City officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Kelley Missovich of Cass City. The groom is the son of Jim and Ruthann Willis of Munising.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a halter scoop neck chiffon ivory dress with beading on the bodice and neck. Her veil was accented with rum edge, pearl and Swarovski crystals. She carried a bouquet of white calla lilies.

The maid of honor was Leeann Missovich, sister of the bride. The bridesmaids were Caroline Derrick of

Walled Lake, cousin of the bride; Carey Chard of Cass City, friend of the bride; and Sherry Wright of West Branch, sister-in-law of the bride. The flower girl was Shandella Missovich, niece of the bride.

The best man was A.J. Hughes of Cass City. The groomsmen were Michael Missovich, brother-in-law of the groom; Jim Wright of West Branch, brother-in-law of the groom; and Tony Guglielmetti of Sterling Heights, cousin of the bride. The ring bearer was Brandon Wright, nephew of the groom.

After the ceremony, a carriage ride was waiting for the couple. A reception followed in the Brahm's room at the Bavarian Inn Lodge. The couple resides in Munising.

66 attend Collins reunion in Caro

A total of 66 people attended the "Gathering of the Generations" of George and Anna Bullock Collins. The reunion was held Aug. 21 at Darbee Farm Park in Caro.

Twenty-nine people attended the morning worship service. Steve Collins led the singing, Wilda Courliss played the keyboard and Bill Courliss led in prayer as well as a short message from

Psalms. Those attending came from Michigan, California, Wyoming and North Carolina.

After the business meeting, folks enjoyed games, picture taking and homemade ice cream made by Jim and Geri Perry and family and their Model T Ford.

The 2006 gathering will be Aug. 20 at Darbee Farm Park.

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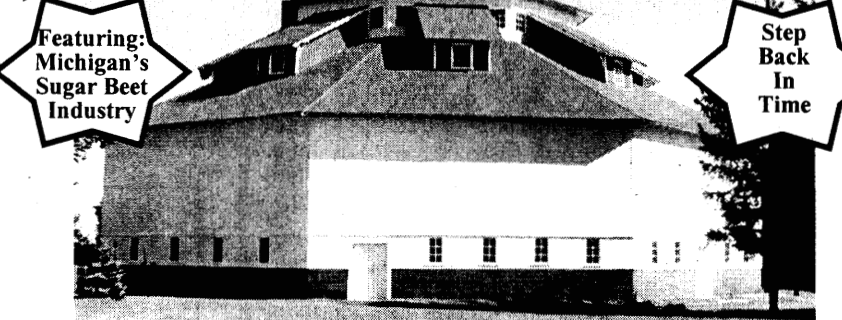
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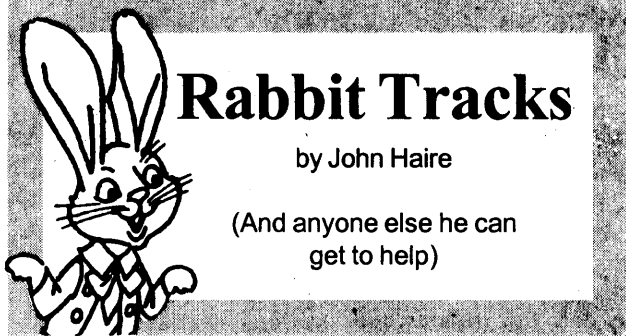
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We apologize to author Bob Morley for the listing of the 12 best basketball players and not noticing that there were 2 lists of best performers, one for 1960-69 and another for 1950-59 listed in alphabetical order.

1950-59

Tim Burdon
Jack Clara
Clare Comment
Russ Foy
Bob Holcomb
Jim Johnson
Fred Leeson
Bob Martus
John Meininger
Tom Schwaderer
Don Simmons
Bob Wallace

1960-69

Tim Anthes
Dave Asher
Jim Champion
Walt Hempton
Gary Hutchinson
Jim Knoblet
John Maharg
Bob Morley
Ed Retherford
Larry Robinson
Roy Tuckey
Al Wallace

Why is it that obvious errors jump off the page after items are printed only to be passed by before publication? A second error last week was also mine. It listed the interest rate for school borrowing as \$2.98 instead of 2.98 percent.

A tip of the hat to Barb Hutchinson. When she starts a job, she sees it through. Last week she brought in the last of the CDs that completed the transfer of every issue of the Chronicle newspaper files. She started the project while serving as Rawson Memorial Library librarian and expected to have it completed long before she retired in 2002. There was one snag after another and the 6 months projected to do the job stretched on until last week.

Hutchinson retired from the library, but she never retired from the job of seeing that the project was completed to the standards that were promised when the contract was signed.

The Lloyd Seaverance Gospel Music Convention proved to be a place to meet old friends. At the Saturday show, one of several that I met was Lou Horner. He is a Grand Rapids area resident now, but is a Cass City native. He has occupied the top post in Orbital Engine Company while it was in Cass City and later in Saginaw.

He retired for 5 years, but agreed to work for Millennium Corp. and expected to be on the job for perhaps a year or more and then retire for good.

Yeah, sure, said his wife.

Monday is Labor Day and the Chronicle will publish a day later than usual next week. The paper will be on the newsstands Wednesday instead of Tuesday. Thank you for your usual good cooperation.

In Cass City Board reviews goals

Not all of the goals set or renewed each year by the Cass City School Board have been achieved, but one that has been very successful under the direction of Supt. Ken Micklash is to make Cass City the "friendly school".

It has been one of the goals set for several years and despite the success will remain a goal for the 2005-06 school year. It was one of 7 goals reviewed and will remain with this year's school dates as previously written: "During the 2004-2005 school year, staff members are to strive to make all buildings and operations as friendly and welcoming, for students, parents and community members, as possible."

Receiving close attention will be the goal of databased decision-making and it is possible that a survey will be inaugurated. Professional development by the staff will again be stressed to aid with

future curriculum development.

Also retained will be the request for the staff and students to promote and encourage the development of more healthy lifestyles for the students. With the goal in mind, the school has reduced the amount of soft drinks and snack food available in school canteens and increased the amount of water available.

Continued will be the strides made towards improving curricular alignment throughout the K-12 program.

It was also decided to retain the goal of having each board member devote a day in the school during the school year.

One goal that proved to be unsuccessful was to establish an alternative school program at Deford School. It is

no longer a goal of the board. When the ACE program was started, it was with the proviso that it would need to be self-sustaining. Not enough students entered to make the program economically viable.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

The board was apprised by Bill Kimball, of the Michigan Leadership Institute, of the schedule to select a replacement for retiring superintendent Micklash. It will include a meeting with the school staff, and a meeting with business representatives and other interested residents in the October-November period.

In January interviews will be held and a new superintendent named by the end of the month.

The Haire Net Suggestion of secrecy scary



A little of this and that as seen from the corner of Oak and Main streets, our view on the passing parade.

A few residents (including my wife) remarked that my minor role in the current controversy concerning Doug Burtch made it an uncomfortable meeting for me. They are mistaken.

What really bothered me is that many in the group wanted to keep everything secret and behind closed doors. The school is tax supported and what happens there is everybody's business and one of the Bill of Rights provisions that has kept America free. Sure, what happens in Cass City is a grain of sand on an endless beach, but any endorsement of secrecy is scary no matter where it occurs.

There are several plans afoot to try and secure more funds for schools. One is a coalition petition drive to ask lawmakers to match spending to inflation or put the matter to a state vote.

That's a bad idea. It places the state finances in a halter. More money for schools, yes. But funding has to be a reflection of the economic conditions that prevail. The hardships that the current Michigan economic slump brings should be shared.

The bill for the use of water in Cass City is going up. The only question is how much. While the loan was anticipated, the rumor circulating around town was that it was going to be a federal grant. That's not true and it should be remembered that the huge increase in rates is not a choice by local government, but an unbreakable mandate by the feds.

To pay off the \$1.878-million loan at 4.18 percent a year is estimated to cost \$96,000 a year for 40 years. Water rates now raise about \$237,000 a year. That's about a 40 percent increase. Whew.



The back forty by Roger Pond

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I got a chuckle from a news article about security in rural courthouses. I don't know what causes it, but something in my personality makes me laugh about serious matters.

The news report says small town courthouses have begun putting up signs to tell visitors to leave weapons outside courtrooms. Many counties have banned all weapons from the courthouse and security buzzers have been installed in many government offices.

I know employee safety is a growing concern for public and private employers, but old memories of courthouse happenings continue to challenge my solemn demeanor.

I was lucky, all my years of government servitude were spent in county extension offices. These are located at the far end of the courthouse, down in the basement, or in some godforsaken annex several blocks away.

Extension agents have it made when it comes to security. If anyone gets really mad at the county agent, he's pretty well cooled-off by the time he can find the office.

We didn't see a lot of riff-raff or people off the street, either. They simply couldn't find us.

My desk was quite a distance from the sheriff's office; but that was never a concern. I figured if someone thought I killed her houseplants the sheriff probably wasn't going to protect me anyway.

Nobody had security buzzers when I worked in the courthouse, and I can see the wisdom in that line of thinking. The news article I mentioned earlier says a maintenance official has fixed two bullet holes in one county courthouse during the past six years.

Both of these plaster wounds were caused by accidental discharges of firearms by sheriff's deputies. I don't know about you, but I would think twice before pushing an emergency buzzer hooked-up to one of those guys.

The main thing I remember about courthouse security was the way we treated trustees from the jail. The custo-

dian was the jailer, also, and he was pretty good at finding chores for the inmates.

One of the choice jobs for the jail trustees was skinning deer that had been killed on the road. Centerline venison was a staple on the jail menu in those days, and someone had to skin it out and cut it up.

Many times I have trudged down to the courthouse basement looking for a custodian, and there would be a deer carcass hanging from the ceiling and a couple of inmates whacking away with their butcher knives.

One day I was upstairs at the front desk in the sheriff's office, when two of the jail trustees came trundling

through — wearing those orange prisoner jumpsuits and pushing a cart filled with butcher knives, whetstones, and saws.

"We can't get the cart down the stairs, so Bill said to use the elevator," they told the deputy at the front desk. Then the trustees proceeded out the door and down the main hallway of the courthouse.

The deputy watched as the men in orange pushed their load of knives and saws down the public hallway and waited for the elevator to the basement. Then she turned around and said to me, "You know there's something about that picture that just doesn't look quite right."

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5-Day Local Forecast

Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 74 Low: 55
Thursday
Partly Cloudy
High: 78 Low: 55
Friday
Mostly Sunny
High: 78 Low: 53
Saturday
Mostly Sunny
High: 79 Low: 57
Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 76 Low: 54

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 74°, humidity of 81% and an overnight low of 55°. The record high temperature for today is 93° set in 1953. The record low is 40° set in 1968. Thursday, skies will remain partly cloudy with a high temperature of 78°, humidity of 68% and an overnight low of 55°.

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New 9/3 First 9/11 Full 9/17 Last 9/25

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today 6:55 a.m.
Sunset tonight 8:10 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Monday	64	54	77/55	0.00"	Normal precipitation 0.88"
Tuesday	70	48	76/55	0.00"	Departure from normal -0.88"
Wednesday	75	45	76/55	0.00"	Average temperature 63.6°
Thursday	75	46	76/55	0.00"	Average normal temperature 65.4°
Friday	81	57	76/55	0.00"	Departure from normal -1.8°
Saturday	79	59	76/55	0.00"	
Sunday	82	55	75/54	0.00"	

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THE CASS CITY 2005 varsity basketball team members are: (front l-r) Renee Czekai, Jenni Brinkman, Kalen Trischler, Ashley Hendrick (back l-r) coach Sara Homakie, coach Ken Martin, Terra Czekai,



THE CASS CITY junior varsity basketball team members are: (front, l-r) Jennica Richards, Amanda Langenburg, Sarah Howard, Sarah Reed, Aleigh Kappen (middle, l-r) Krysta Timko, Carly Howard, Carly Rabideau, Megan VanVliet, Cassady Frank (back, l-r) Brittany Karavas, Madeline Dooley, Caitlin Sorenson and Kelli Lautner.

Sandusky next

Hawks start season with easy victory

It was an easy victory Monday night over the visiting Imlay City Spartans. But the rust showed for the Cass City Red Hawks as they posted the win, 46-23.

Still, it was a far from satisfying performance for Cass City considering that the starting 5 were returning starters from last season's squad. They included Emily Schinnerer, Courtney Rabideau, Ashley Hendrick, Sara Meeker and Kalen Trischler. Also back after seeing plenty of action last season is Jenni Brinkman.

The only players from last season that have graduated are Tara Sherman and Tara Whittaker. Struggling with an injury is Renee Czekai who was a good defensive player and rebounder. It's not known when, or if, she will be able to play this year.

Rounding out the squad are Terra Czekai, Allie Richards, Ashleigh Rabideau and a pair of players moved up from the junior varsity, Caitlin Sorenson and Maddie Dooley.

In the slow moving first quarter, baskets were at a premium. With 4:16 left to play the score was tied at 2-all. With balanced scoring Cass City moved in front at the end of the quarter, 10-4, even though they were 5 for 11 from the field and were charged with 5 turnovers.

The second period the Hawks dominated the boards but converted just 5 of 12 shots led by Schinnerer who netted 8 points in the quarter. The Hawks turned the ball over 6 times in the quarter.

Leading 23-6 going into the third quarter the game was all but decided. Cass City lengthened its lead in the period although the Hawks hit just 8 of 18 and turned the ball over 4 times.

Everybody played for Cass City in the last 8 minutes and the Spartans outscored the Hawks 7-5. Cass City was 2 for 10 from the field and turned the ball over 6 times.

Leading the Hawks were Schinnerer with 16 points and Hendrick with 10. The Hawks were 6 for 13 from the free throw line and the Spartans converted 6 of 16.

Cass City Red Hawks 2005 Girls' Basketball		
Aug. 29	Imlay City	6:00 p.m. H
Aug. 31	Sandusky	5:00 p.m. A
Sept. 6	Ublly	6:00 p.m. H
Sept. 8	Mayville	6:00 p.m. H
Sept. 15	Valley Lutheran	5:00 p.m. A
Sept. 20	Marlette	5:00 p.m. A
Sept. 22	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m. H
Sept. 27	Harbor Beach	6:00 p.m. H
Sept. 29	Lakers	6:00 p.m. A
Oct. 4	USA	6:00 p.m. A
Oct. 6	Reese	6:00 p.m. H
Oct. 13	BCAS	6:00 p.m. H
Oct. 18	Brown City	6:00 p.m. A
Oct. 20	Deckerville	5:00 p.m. A
Oct. 25	Valley Lutheran	6:00 p.m. H
Oct. 27	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m. A
Nov. 1	Lakers	6:00 p.m. H
Nov. 3	USA	6:00 p.m. H
Nov. 8	Reese	6:00 p.m. A
Nov. 10	BCAS	5:00 p.m. A

* Home games are in bold



THE 2005 RED HAWK soccer team members are: (front, l-r) Brad Hanby, Thomas Cotton, Kyle Kausch, Devin Jamieson, Travis Mozden, Samuel Howard, David Acker, Brandon Miller (back, l-r) Derek Weidman, Eric Reed, Shane McFarland, Ross Forrest, Gavin Mills, Tyler Little, Mike Green, coach Chuck Reed. Missing are Andrew Ilco, Trevor Copeland, Ryan King, Chris Binder, Tyler Mabe, Galen Kuebli and Clinton Ellis.



THE CASS CITY 2005 Cross Country team members are: (front, l-r) Ashleigh Rabideau, Jen Zmierski, Klyn Puterbaugh, Leah Whittaker, Whitney Braun (back, l-r) Kyle Reif, Adam Wentworth, Cameron Lautner and Lukas Varney. Missing are Dewey Mabe, Tyler Burk, Brett Babich and Jeremy Farr.

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Bulldogs fall short Friday to guests A-E

Often one play can make the difference when 2 evenly matched teams meet. That one play Friday went the way of Arenac Eastern Friday night and the visitors went on to notch a 36-24 decision over the Owen-Gage Bulldogs.

Owen-Gage opened the scoring in the first quarter with a drive that started on their own 25. Key play in the drive was a pass that covered 25 yards followed by a penalty that moved the ball to the Eagle 7 from where Brown scored. The kick for points was blocked.

Picking up yards around end and with a pass, Arenac Eastern moved to the Owen-Gage 16 from where the Eagles scored in 2 plays. The run for points failed. Neither side could mount a sustained attack until A-E started a drive at midfield and moved in to score on Morgan's 5-yard scamper. Thomas Klopff ran for the extra points and the visitors were in front, 14-6, at the intermission.

The key play came at the 4:42 mark in the third quarter. The Bulldogs had just finished a drive paced by quarterback Grant Champagne, who busted loose for a 29-yard run for a first down, to get the drive in motion. From there Owen-Gage marched down the

field. The Bulldogs posted a first down on 4th and one on the 20. Champagne then ran for 11 yards and followed that with a 6-yard plunge to the 4 from where Kenny Brown picked up the touchdown. The extra points run failed by inches and Arenac was in front, 14-12.

All the momentum generated by the long touchdown drive vanished on the kick off. Gage Morgan took the ball on his own 26 and went 74 yards to score. Thomas Klopff went around end for the extra points and the Eagles were in front, 22-12.

Arenac Eastern moved comfortably in front by the end of the third quarter, scoring a touchdown with 50 seconds left in the period to lead, 28-12. The Bulldogs did not fold in the final quarter, scoring twice while the Eagles added one touchdown and the extra points.

It was a hot evening for football and that may have been an advantage to the Eagles, who were much bigger than the Bulldogs.

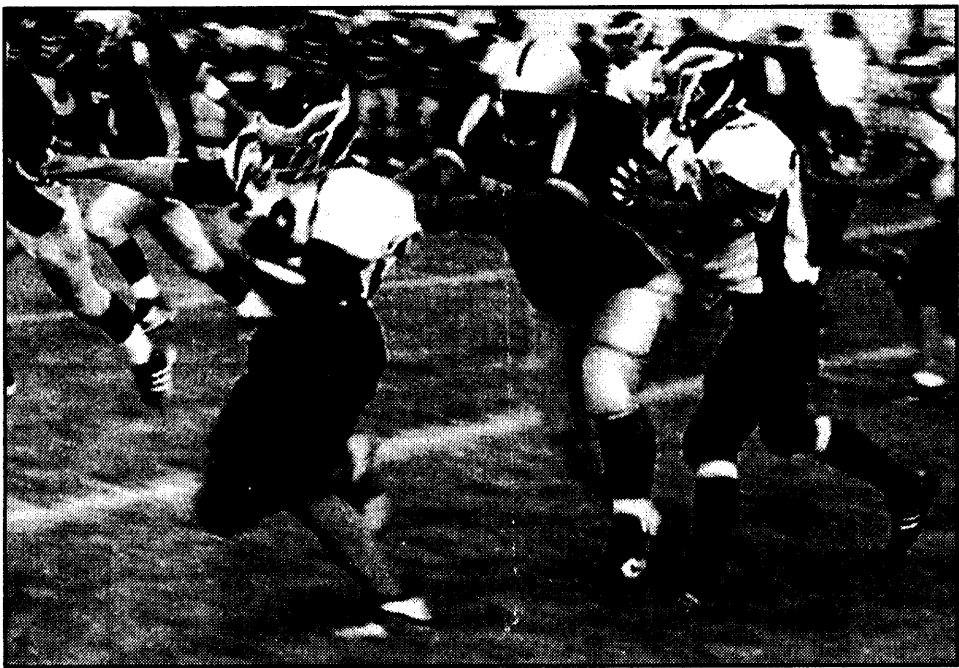
O-G was short handed, as 2 of their better players were ill. Josh McLaren did not dress for the game and Nathan Rogers was used in the first quarter, but was removed with a temperature of 104 degrees.

Morgan led the rushers for A-E with 213 yards on 15 carries. Thomas Klopff showed the way on defense with 20 tackles and 2 sacks. For the Bulldogs, Champagne completed 2 of 9 passes for 50 yards with 3 interceptions and Brown ran for 106 yards in 20 attempts.

Owen-Gage will meet Memphis Thursday at home. Memphis defeated Armada in their opening game.



CASS CITY SENIOR running back Dustin Bitzer heads down the sideline in Friday's victory at Sandusky. Bitzer rushed for 48 yards and 2 scores.



BULLDOG MICHAEL PAWLAK makes a stop for host Owen-Gage during Friday's season opener against visiting Arenac-Eastern.

Red Hawks blank Sandusky in season gridiron opener

Unlike the previous 2 years, there were no 4th quarter heroics for Sandusky this year against Cass City. In fact, there wasn't much of a final period at all.

Coach Scott Cuthrell's Red Hawks opened their gridiron season Friday with a convincing statement, whipping the defending Greater Thumb East champion Redskins. The 47-0 win ended a 12-year streak of opening game losses for the visitors.

Cass City will now begin its march towards the Greater Thumb West title Thursday in Bad Axe. The Hatchets, who lost 41-0 at Cros-Lex, aren't expected to provide Cass City with much of a test. However, in week 3, when Deckerville invades Cass City for their home opener, the Hawks will receive a good measuring stick from a team attempting to revenge last year's 34-25 defeat. The Eagles were edged 20-15 by defending state champion USA to kick off their season and will face Sandusky next.

Cass City marched to touchdowns on its opening 3 drives and built a comfortable margin at the intermission against their non-conference foe. The visitors then tallied markers on their 3 opening possessions of the final half, where the continuous clock rule went into effect from the 9:04 mark of the 3rd quarter.

The Hawks simply had their way on the night. The offense racked up 307 rushing yards and another 107 yards through the air.

Senior Chris Johnson, who missed most of last season with a broken collar bone, accounted for the Hawks' initial points when he capped a 41-yard, 6-play drive, with a 19-yard scamper.

After the Hawk defense forced a Sandusky punt, Cass City was able to move the length of the field on their next offensive set as they took control in the trenches.

Jarod (Stoutenburg), Brad (Severance) and Scott (Meeker) did an excellent job. After watching the game film, the coaching staff felt we did a lot of things correctly. You never know what you're going to get on the opening game, but we played almost error free," Cuthrell said.

Cass City wasted little time in working Ugly transfer student Derryll Schenk into the offense. Schenk grabbed quarterback Chris Landrith's first pass in the left flanks, skipped a tackle and found pay dirt to post a 12-0 margin after the opening stanza. The scoring drive covered 81 yards.

The Redskins made 2 costly errors in the opening half that prevented the hosts from building any momentum.

Their first blunder came on the ensuing kickoff when they couldn't handle Justin Glaza's pooch kick that was recovered by Cass City's Jeff Stoutenburg near midfield.

Landrith, who was 3-for-5 passing for 53 yards, threw his second TD moments later, when a screen pass to Cody Halasz covered 36 yards.

Leading 18-0, Sandusky showed some signs of life on its next possession. Unable to run, the hosts moved into the Red Zone on 2 big pass plays. That ended, however, when Glaza intercepted their second blunder, an errant pass from quarterback Chad

Schmidt, near the back of the end zone.

The Redskins' defense was able to hold the Hawks from the end zone on their next 2 chances, in spite of coughing over the ball on the 27-yard line to Red Hawk Levi Adams.

But the Hawks' offensive machine wasn't done yet. With only 2:56 showing on the clock, the Hawks moved 67 yards to pay dirt. Dustin Bitzer, who recorded 48 yards on 8 carries, added Cass City's final marker of the first half on a 4-yard burst. Glaza's point after kick gave the visitors a 25-0 advantage with just 30 seconds remaining.

"We managed the clock well. We called time-out and had 3 plays ready. That's a sign of a mature team," said Cuthrell.

Cass City put the game on ice 14 seconds into the final half when Halasz sprinted 56 yards for his second touchdown of the night. The senior back led all rushers with 166 yards on 14 totes.

After bruising the Sandusky defense with hard runs, Halasz threw salt into their wounds when he intercepted Schmidt's pass to set up the Hawks' next score. Bitzer notched the score with a one-yard dive.


Johnson, who recorded 85 yards on 9 carries, closed out the scoring with a nifty 45-yard burst at the 5:35 mark of the third period.

Cass City's defense held Sandusky to 139 total yards, including just 80 rushing yards. Juniors Kyle Sieradzki and Derek Halasz turned in solid showings and each recorded 7 tackles.

FOOTBALL STANDINGS									
GREATER THUMB WEST									
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L	T
BCAS	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cass City	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
USA	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bad Axe	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
EPBP	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Reese	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Valley	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
GREATER THUMB EAST									
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L	T
Brown City	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
H. Beach	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Marlette	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mayville	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Udby	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Deckerville	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sandusky	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
NCTL									
Team	W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L	T
CPS	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Memphis	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
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ALEX WALSH

Red Hawk Alex Walsh made his first varsity start Friday against Sandusky one to remember. The junior offensive center helped Cass City accumulate over 300 yards rushing in their 47-0 season opening win. Coach Scott Cuthrell said Walsh did a fine job filling in for all conference lineman Nick Nanney. Alex is the son of Nanette and Rodney Walsh.

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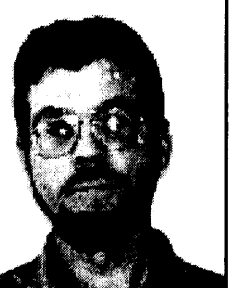
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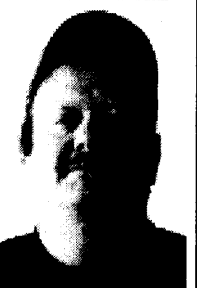
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Sheriff: bus safety is vital

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Although school buses represent the safest form of highway transportation, there are a number of safety factors both students and drivers should be aware of. Hoping to ensure that the school year gets off to a safe and happy start, the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department encourages caution whenever school buses are present.

"Children are often eager to get off the school bus because they are excited to tell their parents about all of the fun they had at school that day," said Sheriff Tom Kern. "It is crucial that parents reinforce the school bus safety rules children learn at school." Kern also suggests that parents drive their bus route with them and practice the proper safety precautions.

Throughout a child's life, there are a number of situations where parents will be unable to exercise control. However, there are numerous precautions they can take to help ensure their child enjoys a safe ride to and from school.

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department offered some safety measures to encourage all parents to discuss with their children.

Students should:

- Always arrive at the bus stop early.

- Prior to boarding, wait until the bus has come to a complete stop, the door opens, and the bus driver says that it's okay to board.

- Always walk on the sidewalk when preparing to cross the street near a bus. Make eye contact with the driver so that you are sure he or she sees you.

- Never walk behind the bus.
- If you are walking beside the bus, walk at least 3 giant steps away.

- Take extra precaution to make sure that clothing with drawstrings and book bags do not get caught in the hand rail or door.

- Never stop to pick something up that you have dropped when a bus is stopped. Wait until the bus has driven off to avoid not being seen by the driver.

- Motorists should:
- Remember that children are unpredictable in their actions. Take extreme caution when traveling in a school zone.

- If there are no sidewalks, drive cautiously. Be more alert to the possibility of children walking in the road.
- Be more aware of children playing near school bus stops.

- Slow down and prepare to stop whenever you see yellow school bus lights flashing.

- Never pass a school bus when there are flashing red lights. This is a sign that children are getting off the bus.
- Learn and obey the school bus laws in your state.

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Cass City Red Hawks 2005 Varsity Football

Aug. 26	Sandusky 0, Cass City 47	
Sept. 1	Bad Axe	7:00 p.m. A
Sept. 9	Deckerville	7:00 p.m. H
Sept. 16	BCAS	7:00 p.m. A
Sept. 23	Valley Lutheran (HC)	7:00 p.m. H
Sept. 30	Lakers	7:00 p.m. A
Oct. 7	USA	7:00 p.m. H
Oct. 14	Reese	7:00 p.m. H
Oct. 21	Freeland	7:00 p.m. H

*Home games are in bold

Cass City Red Hawks 2005 Boys' Soccer

Aug. 27	USA Invite	8:30 a.m. A
Aug. 30	Harbor Beach	5:00 p.m. A
Aug. 31	Essexville-Garber	4:30 p.m. A
Sept. 6	Caro	4:30 p.m. H
Sept. 8	Sandusky	5:00 p.m. H
Sept. 10	Bad Axe Invite	9:00 a.m. A
Sept. 13	Marlette	5:00 p.m. A
Sept. 15	Caseville	5:00 p.m. H
Sept. 22	USA	5:00 p.m. A
Sept. 26	Freeland	4:30 p.m. H
Sept. 27	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m. A
Sept. 29	Lakers	5:00 p.m. H
Oct. 4	Valley Lutheran	4:30 p.m. H
Oct. 6	Lakers	4:30 p.m. A
Oct. 12	North Branch	4:30 p.m. A
Oct. 13	USA	4:30 p.m. H
Oct. 18	Bad Axe	4:30 p.m. H
Oct. 20	Valley Lutheran	4:30 p.m. A
Oct. 25-30	Districts	

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Cass City Red Hawks 2005 Cross Country

Aug. 31	Akron-Fairgrove Invite	4:00 p.m. A
Sept. 7	USA Invite	3:45 p.m. A
Sept. 10	Bad Axe Invite	10:00 a.m. A
Sept. 15	Chesaning Invite	4:30 p.m. A
Sept. 22	Frankenmuth Invite	4:30 p.m. A
Sept. 24	Akron-Fairgrove Invite	10:00 a.m. A
Sept. 29	Mayville Invite	4:00 p.m. A
Oct. 1	Harbor Beach	8:00 a.m. A
Oct. 8	Cass City Invite	9:00 a.m. H
Oct. 12	CPS Invite	4:00 p.m. A
Oct. 15	Reese Invite	8:00 a.m. A
Oct. 18	League Invite	4:30 p.m. A
Oct. 22	Caro Invite	11:00 a.m. A
Oct. 29	Regionals	

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Football Friday, Sept. 9 Cass City vs. Deckerville Basketball

Tuesday, Sept. 6 Cass City vs. Ugly Golf

Wednesday, Sept. 14 Cass City vs. Bad Axe Soccer

Tuesday, Sept. 6 Cass City vs. Caro Cross Country



Cass City Red Hawks 2005 Girls' Basketball

Aug. 29	Imlay City	6:00 p.m. H
Aug. 31	Sandusky	5:00 p.m. A
Sept. 6	Ugly	6:00 p.m. H
Sept. 8	Mayville	6:00 p.m. H
Sept. 15	Valley Lutheran	5:00 p.m. A
Sept. 20	Marlette	5:00 p.m. A
Sept. 22	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m. H
Sept. 27	Harbor Beach	6:00 p.m. H
Sept. 29	Lakers	6:00 p.m. A
Oct. 4	USA	6:00 p.m. A
Oct. 6	Reese	6:00 p.m. H
Oct. 13	BCAS	6:00 p.m. H
Oct. 18	Brown City	6:00 p.m. A
Oct. 20	Deckerville	5:00 p.m. A
Oct. 25	Valley Lutheran	6:00 p.m. H
Oct. 27	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m. A
Nov. 1	Lakers	6:00 p.m. H
Nov. 3	USA	6:00 p.m. H
Nov. 8	Reese	6:00 p.m. A
Nov. 10	BCAS	5:00 p.m. A

Cass City Red Hawks 2005 Golf

Aug. 17	Bad Axe	10:00 a.m. A
Aug. 18	Cass City Invite	9:00 a.m. H
Aug. 22	Valley Lutheran	2:00 p.m. A
Aug. 24	USA	4:15 p.m. A
Aug. 25	Hemlock/Millington	3:30 p.m. A
Aug. 29	BCAS	4:15 p.m. A
Aug. 31	Lakers	4:15 p.m. H
Sept. 9	BCAS Invite	8:30 a.m. A
Sept. 12	Ugly / BCAS	4:15 p.m. A
Sept. 14	Bad Axe	4:15 p.m. H
Sept. 19	Valley Lutheran	4:15 p.m. H
Sept. 21	USA	4:15 p.m. H
Sept. 23	Vassar Invite	9:00 a.m. A
Sept. 26	BCAS	4:15 p.m. H
Sept. 28	Lakers	4:15 p.m. A
Sept. 30	Districts	TBA
Oct. 3	League Invite	

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Corn answers available

Looking for the answer to a challenging crop problem? Soon the answers to the most challenging questions will be available at the click of a mouse.

Researchers at Michigan State University (MSU) are developing a web-based, electronic library to provide field experts and extension educators with information on how to help growers solve crop problems. The initial focus will be on sweet corn.

"Michigan sweet corn growers will have access to the most current information available to help them decide how best to raise their crop, even if they don't happen to live near an extension educator with sweet corn responsibilities," said Beth Bishop, an MSU Extension entomologist and vegetable researcher.

Electronic library materials to be created by MSU Extension specialists will include basic information and recent research findings on sweet corn integrated crop management strategies, nutrient and soil management practices, corn varieties, cropping systems and more.

"Extension educators in Michigan can use the materials to develop targeted educational programs for their clients," Bishop said.

Available materials will include photos, print pamphlets, video clips and PowerPoint presentations. "Extension educators can pick and choose relevant content," Bishop added. "Sweet corn growers in the

southern counties of the state may need to understand corn flea beetle management, whereas this problem generally doesn't occur in northern counties and can be omitted from programs there."

This project is unique because its audience is educators rather than clients or growers. Bishop says this is important to note because specialists and experts routinely develop materials to be used in educational programs, but only those growers who attend the workshops can see the material.

"A plant pathologist may create a PowerPoint presentation about managing sweet corn diseases for a county meeting he's holding, but only those sweet corn growers who attend the meeting actually get to see it," she said. "Because of this project, these materials are saved, edited for general use and stored in the electronic library. Local extension educators who know their clients' specific educational needs will have access to these educational materials and can use them to create their own educational programs."

Researchers hope eventually to expand the electronic library to include information from other states and information on other vegetable crops.

"In a time of increased budget constraints, sharing resources can help maintain and improve educational programs for all participants," Bishop said.

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Obituaries

Alma Hartwick

Alma Louise Hartwick, 84, of Cass City, died Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2005 at the home of her daughter, Connie Brink.

She was born June 15, 1921 in Greenleaf Township, the daughter of the late Robert and Mary (Britton) Spencer.

She married Kermit Hartwick July 28, 1941. He died May 23, 2000.

Hartwick was a lifetime member of the O.E.S. #33 Caro. She was a Brownie Troop leader, elder and a Sunday school teacher at the First Presbyterian Church.

Hartwick is survived by her daughters: Connie (the late Douglas) Brink of Cass City and Kimberly (Tom) Smentek of South Carolina; 3 grandchildren; a great-grandson; a brother, Alan

(the late Margaret) Spencer of Wisconsin; and a sister, Janet (John) Pierangelino of Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her siblings: Lynn, Mike, Lou and Gene Spencer, Dolores Wasson and Marjorie Underwood.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 27 at First Presbyterian Church, Cass City, with pastor David Blackburn officiating.

Burial was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice, Lung or Cancer Research or the First Presbyterian Memorial Fund.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Bernice Hilton

Bernice Florence Hilton, 75, of Ubly, died Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2005 at Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe.

She was born Aug. 10, 1930 in Parisville, the daughter of the late Sylvester and Rose (Pawlowski) Dropeski.

She married George Hilton Jan. 10, 1953 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Ruth. He died Oct. 21, 1996.

Hilton was a graduate of Ubly High School. She was a member of the Women of the Moose. Hilton was a parishioner at St. John Catholic Church and St. John Christian Mothers, Circle 4, Queen of Angels. She was a former parishioner at St. Robert Bellamine Parish of Redford. She moved to Ubly in September of 1994.

Hilton is survived by a daughter, Marilyn (Charles) Virant of Garden City; 4 granddaughters; 2 great-grandchildren; a sister, Lillian (John) Blaine of Milford; and a special friend, Ira Leppke of Las Vegas, NV.

Funeral mass was held Monday, Aug. 29, at St. John Catholic Church, Ubly, with the Rev. Joseph Griffin, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigielki Funeral Home, Ubly.

Final waste collection scheduled

Tuscola County Recycling is sponsoring its last household hazardous waste collection for the year Saturday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. to noon.

This collection requires an appointment to attend and there is no fee for county residents. To schedule an appointment for this collection, or to get more information on any Tuscola County recycling program, please call Tuscola County Recycling at (989) 672-1673, email recycle@tuscolacounty.org or check the website www.tuscolacounty.org/recycle.

Read Meg's Peg

Municipal League president makes visit

Before her year expires, President Margene Scott of Madison Heights will have visited nearly all of the cities and villages represented by the Michigan Municipal League and that includes about 98 percent of all of the municipalities in the state.

Thursday she was in Cass City, one of 3 stops in the Thumb. The Cass City stop included a representative from Ubly. After visiting at the municipal building, stops included a visit at Sebawaing and Caro.

Scott said that the League was organized to represent its membership in the legislature. Our visits are used to keep our lobbyists informed about the issues that the majority say are of prime concern.

The members of the League are unpaid volunteers and receive no salary except actual expenses incurred in travel.



ATTENDING THE roundtable discussion with Michigan Municipal League representatives were, front row, from left: Peter J. Cristiano, village manager; Margene Scott, Michigan Municipal League president; Nanette Walsh, Cass City clerk/treasurer. Second row: Rick Mohr, superintendent waste water treatment plant; Jim McLoskey, Economic Development Corporation; Gary Barnes, superintendent Department of Public Works; Florence E. Schrader, Ubly village treasurer and member of board of trustees; Kate VanAuken, library director, and Craig Haynes, police chief.

Several charged

A Tuscola County jury last week convicted a Vassar man charged with criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years.

The jury, following a 2-day trial in Tuscola County Circuit Court, deliberated for 35 to 40 minutes before returning verdicts of guilty to 2 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct against Timothy J. Korpi Jr., 27.

Court records indicate the crimes occurred in the late spring and fall of 2003 in Vassar Township.

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

Bond for Korpi was continued in the case. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

In other circuit court proceedings last week:

•Anthony W. Henderson, 26, Caro, pleaded guilty to failure to pay child support from May 2003 through May 16, 2005.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was set at \$500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Robert D. Jackson, 48, Flint, stood mute to a charge of absconding or forfeiting bond April 18 in Caro.

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

•David Edward-Irvin May, 22, Vassar, pleaded guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon July 31 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Matthew T. Fleischmann, 21, Munger, pleaded guilty to carrying a concealed weapon and driving while

his license was suspended or revoked, subsequent offense, July 18 in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was set at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Sullivan Water Jr., 68, Flint, stood mute to a charge of absconding or forfeiting bond June 4, 2004, in Caro, and to charges of assaulting a police officer, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, driving without insurance, driving while his license was suspended or revoked, possession of an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle, and unlawful use of a registration plate May 21, 2004, in Millington Township, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled, bond was continued at a combined \$19,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Christopher D. Simpson, 23, Millington, pleaded guilty to unarmed robbery July 8 in Millington, and to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny July 16 in Vassar Township.

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

•Samuel L. Stites, 56, Millington, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana Sept. 14 in Millington Township.

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



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The Origin of the Species?

I recall it as though it was yesterday. I came home from my sixth grade class armed with this fantastic new knowledge my teacher had given me - we humans had evolved from animals! While sitting in his easy chair reading the paper, my father listened to an enthusiastic recitation of all that I had learned that day. But when I finished, my dad's simple reply caught me up short when he looked at me and said, "Yeah, but what about Adam and Eve?" I was silenced, my young mind now being forced to try and reconcile two opposing ideas. You see, my dad was not a Christian. He didn't even attend church. But he was an intelligent man who understood deep down that for every project there had to be a designer.

A couple of weeks ago President Bush made it clear to a group of newspaper reporters that he believes intelligent design (the view that an intelligent, unseen force is behind creation) should be taught alongside the theory of evolution. Of course, that comment earned him immediate scorn from liberal congressmen and groups like Americans United for Separation of Church and State whose director, Barry Lynn, called the president's remarks "irresponsible," suggesting they demonstrate a "low level of understanding of science." Lynn went on to say, "The president doesn't understand that one is a religious viewpoint and one is a scientific viewpoint." Oh, really?

Science is knowledge and the essence of the scientific method is experimentation and observation. Science is the study of observable and measurable phenomena. Observation can only be made in the present, hence, scientists can only speculate about the past or the future. And so we find ourselves with one of the strangest paradoxes in the history of science, i.e., that a theory so barren of scientific proof as evolution could be so universally accepted as scientific fact! Since it is impossible to make observations or experiments on the origin of the universe, the origin of the earth, the origin of life, or the origin of any basic organism (not to mention the origin of the soul) the very definition of science ought to preclude the use of the term when talking about evolution.

Proponents of evolution often sling mud at the proponents of creation or intelligent design, but never offer any scientific proof of their belief. Why? Because the missing link is still missing! Evidence for evolution really does not exist and when pressed concerning flaws in Darwin's theory, evolutionists would rather attack than show proof. The current lawsuits against state schools in Pennsylvania and Georgia by the ACLU over equal time are typical examples.

Is intelligent design "scientific?" A long and growing list of scientists - who supposedly do not exist - seem to think so. Dr. John West of the Seattle based Discovery Institute lists a parade of scientists with PhDs in biology, along with geneticists from Cornell University, and a biochemistry professor from the University of Georgia. This does not include a number of highly qualified researchers actively involved in organizations like Answers in Genesis or the Intelligent Design Network.

For decades there has been a carte blanche acceptance of the theory of evolution worldwide. One becomes weary of hearing the worn catchphrase "millions of years" due to the naturalist's inherited assumptions when viewing your favorite nature show. I believe it was Adolph Hitler who said, "If you repeat a lie long enough, eventually it will be believed." Accepting and repeating the lie of evolution (teaching kids that they really are animals) only facilitates concepts like "the master race" because, of course, some groups must evolve farther and faster than others, making genocide of the lesser life forms perfectly acceptable. You see, if you tell a child that he is an animal frequently enough, he begins to act like one. Why maintain any morals if we are only animals? Why not kill other people, they are only animals? Why not abort a human life, it's only an animal? Why not euthanize old people...? Do you see where it goes?

Barry Lynn's claim that intelligent design is religious and evolution is scientific is exactly wrong. Properly stated, both viewpoints are religious. Belief in creation and intelligent design is based upon faith in God's Word and His truth given in the bible. Belief in evolution is based upon blind faith in man's word and evidence that does not exist. I would much rather trust, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," Genesis 1:1, than the ever changing, unproven ideas of fallible men, who, according to Paul in Romans 1:22, 20, 21, "Professing to be wise, they became fools... For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened."

A recent Harris poll showed that 64 percent of American adults believe "human beings were created directly by God," while 22 percent believe they "evolved from earlier species." If the average person, just like my dad, knows deep inside they were created by God, why do scientific elites hold so desperately to an untenable, unproven theory? It is because it is their "religion." Because to admit to creation is to admit to a Creator. To admit to a Creator is to admit to a higher authority. To admit to a higher authority is to admit to accountability, and accountability admits to fallibility, something man's proud sinful heart does not want to do. So instead of believing the legal, historical document known as the Holy Bible - which science is unable to disprove, and only proves day by day - men would rather deny God and teach each succeeding generation we are just animals. The acceptance of such a notion only demonstrates the fallen nature of man and his actual "de-evolution." All we have to do is look around us to understand that man is not evolving to a higher life form and will not no matter how many millions of years you give him. There is only one way man will ever be perfected and that is through the Creator and His own Son Jesus Christ. It is only through Him man will ever make an upward "evolution."

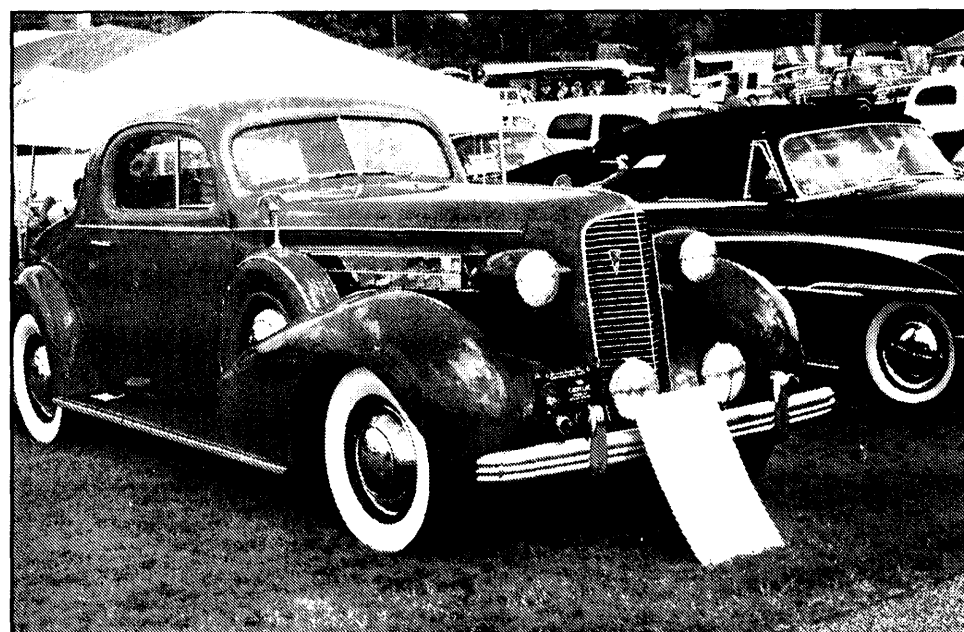
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TWICE THE FUN. Kingston twins Ashleigh (left) and Rachel Heron enjoy a slide ride Saturday afternoon during the Kingston Days festival.



DELIVERING A FAST BALL is Kingston 11-year-old Marcus Hale in hopes of winning a stuffed animal at the Kids' Carnival during the Kingston Days festival.



CLASSIC CARS filled Kingston over the weekend. Officials say that Friday's Cruise Night and Burnouts, along with Saturday's Old Car Show, were among the most popular events at the festival.

Autumnfest on tap in Elkton this weekend

From the young to the young at heart, this year's Elkton Autumnfest promises plenty of food and fun for all.

The annual celebration, sponsored by the Elkton Area Chamber of Commerce and the village of Elkton, is scheduled for Thursday through Monday, Sept. 1-5.

The 2005 Autumnfest kicks off Thursday at 7 p.m. with the Elkton Missionary Church Family Variety Show. A teen dance at the Huron Youth Center, featuring the band, Skydon, also begins at 7 and will continue until 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$1.

Friday's events include an antique tractor show featuring Allis-Chalmers gas engines and machinery, and a craft show/flea market, both starting at 9 a.m. The annual kids' parade kicks off at 11 a.m. at the old Laker East School, the Log Cabin, sponsored by the Elkton Historical Society, will be open from 1 to 9 p.m., and the entertainment tent opens at 2 p.m.

The Enduro Truck Race registration is slated for 3 to 5:30 p.m., with racing at 6 p.m. (admission is \$5). Elkton Lions Club bingo will be offered from 6 to 10 p.m., and a Gospel concert will get underway at 7:30 p.m. Also planned are the M-T Pocket Pullers Mini Tractor Pull at 7 p.m. (admission included with Enduro admission), a youth/teen concert featuring the Brian Smith Band at the Outreach Center, and "Tropical Night" at the entertainment tent (\$3 cover - come dressed for the occasion and receive \$1 off the cover charge).

Saturday's activities kick off at 9 a.m. with the antique tractor show, a petting zoo at the north end of Ackerman Park, parade judging, craft show/flea market, quilt show (village hall) and Whispering Pines Animal Kingdom (Ackerman Park). A pie social is planned for 10 a.m., followed by the grand parade at 10:30 a.m. At noon there will be a chicken barbecue

(youth center) and horseshoe tournament along with motocross races (registration is at 8:30 a.m.).

The day will also include a Laker athletic team car wash, bingo, Zwemmer Dairy Farm tours from 2 to 4 p.m. (\$1 donation, departing from Laker East Elementary), a goodie drop at 3 p.m. at the north soccer field followed by kids' games, demolition derby registration and family entertainment (main stage at Ackerman park), both at 3 p.m., demolition derby at 6 p.m. (\$10 all-day admission), Rising Star competition grand finale (7 p.m., main stage), live music at the entertainment tent, and fireworks at dusk.

Sunday will feature the antique tractor show, petting zoos and craft show again, community worship service (9:30 a.m. at the Outreach Center), the 2005 Farmer's Co-op Tractor Pull weigh-in and Classic Auto Show, both at 10 a.m., pancake breakfast at 10:30 a.m. (sponsored by Elkton United Methodist youth), antique tractor pull at 11 a.m., mud volleyball at noon, kids' tractor pull (2:30 p.m. on the tennis courts and sponsored by Thumb National Bank), modified and "go fast" tractor pull at 4 p.m., and the Lions Club Shed Drawing at 5 p.m.

Wrapping up this year's Autumnfest will be the 29th annual Robert J. Dubey Invitational Golf Tournament, Monday at Century Oaks Golf Club and sponsored by the Oliver Township Fire Department.

Patient care

Approximately 85 percent of active Michigan physicians are engaged in patient care, while 5 percent are actively engaged in medical activities other than patient care, including medical administration, medical teaching and medical research. The remaining 10 percent did not report on their specific activities.

Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, September 1

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

Friday, September 2

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Labor Day Dance, 7-11 p.m., Cass City VFW Hall, 4533 Veterans Dr. Featuring Denny Ewald. Lunch served.

Tuesday, September 6

Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. Aftercare Program for Grief Counseling, 6:30 p.m., VFW Annex Building, 4530 Veterans Dr., Cass City. Everyone is invited to attend. Sponsored by Thabet Funeral Home, Inc. Kedron Chapter #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, Caro.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bryan H. Sayles and Kris A. Sayles, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Amerquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated February 6, 2004 and recorded on March 5, 2004 in Liber 982 on Page 1455 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Amerquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-R3 under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of April 1, 2004, without recourse as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Four And 04/100 Dollars (\$99,794.04), including interest at 9.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on September 8, 2005.

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

Lots 10 and 11 of Goodwin Creek Sub-division according to the plat recorded in Liber 2 of plats Page 1 Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, as recorded in Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: August 10, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC H (248) 593-1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Amerquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-R3 under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of April 1, 2004, without recourse.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #063088F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Crystal Star Kregger, original mortgagor, to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated December 30, 2004 and recorded on January 6, 2005 in Liber 1023 on Page 332 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, as Trustee as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighteen Thousand One Hundred Forty-Five and 25/100 Dollars (\$18,145.25), including interest at 8.45% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on September 8, 2005.

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

Commencing at a point 68 Rods West and 10 Rods North of the South quarter stake of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East; running thence North 8 rods; thence West 8 rods; thence South 8 rods; thence East 8 rods to the place of beginning.

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

Dated: August 10, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC C (248) 593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Wells Fargo Bank, as Trustee
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #062785F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kristine Middleton Lawrence, f/k/a Kristine A. Lawrence, to JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A., successor by merger with Bank One N.A., Mortgagee, dated May 7, 2004 and recorded June 7, 2004 in Liber 995, Page 593, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Four and 36/100 Dollars (\$26,354.36), including interest at the rate of 6.91% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on September 15, 2005.

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

Lot 49 and 50 of Eno Subdivision according to the plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 39, Tuscola County Records.

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

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

Dated: August 17, 2005

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A., successor by merger with Bank One N.A.,
As Mortgagee
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File No. 224.1341

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JOHN A. SMITH, III and CRISLEDA C. SMITH, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., "MERS", solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 26, 2002 and recorded on October 10, 2002 in Liber 897, on Page 656, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHTY TWO AND 44/100 DOLLARS (\$13,082.44), including interest at 7.00% 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 October 6, 2005.

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

Commencing 2 Rods North, 76 Rods West of the South 1/4 post of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East; thence North 8 Rods; thence West 4 Rods; thence South 8 Rods; thence East 4 Rods to the place of beginning.

TAX ID NO. 79-041-009-001-0100-00.

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

Dated: August 19, 2005

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., "MERS", solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns GMAC Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dennis J. Gruber and Vickie L. Gruber, husband and wife, to CitiFinancial Mortgage Company, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 19, 2004 and recorded November 30, 2004 in Liber 1019, Page 33, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Two Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Eight and 27/100 Dollars (\$277,728.27), including interest at the rate of 7.65% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on September 15, 2005.

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

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 12 North, Range 7 East; thence East 160 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence South parallel to the West Section line 280 feet; thence East on a line which is parallel to and 280 feet South of the West Section line to the centerline of the Sheboygan Drain; thence Northwestly along said centerline to the North Section line, and the point of beginning.

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

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

Dated: August 17, 2005

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for CitiFinancial Mortgage Company, Inc. As Mortgagee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 201.2465

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Frederick G. Heinz and Linda Heinz, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Full Spectrum Lending, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 20, 1999 and recorded on April 7, 1999 in Liber 768 on Page 34, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Countywide Home Loans, Inc. 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 Forty-Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Eight and 08/100 Dollars (\$43,128.08), including interest at 7.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on September 22, 2005.

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

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF M-38, 871.30 FEET SOUTH 78 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST FROM INTERSECTION OF NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SECTION 7 AND SAID RIGHT OF WAY, THENCE SOUTH 78 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY 72.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 9 DEGREES 15 MINUTES WEST 319.25 FEET; THENCE WEST AND PARALLEL WITH SECTION LINES OF SECTION 7 AND 13, 73.15 FEET; THENCE NORTH 9 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 338.35 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING A PARCEL OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 7, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF WAY FOR M-38 OVER THE NORTHERLY SIDE THEREOF, CITY OF VASSAR, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

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

Dated: August 24, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Countywide Home Loans, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #063886F01

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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 Bonnie S. Bartlett, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender, Mortgagee, dated June 30, 2002 and recorded on July 23, 2002 in Liber 887 on Page 839 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Four and 01/100 Dollars (\$17,944.01), including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on September 15, 2005.

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

Lot 8, Shay Lake Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 1, on Page 48B of plats, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: August 17, 2005

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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 Richard Dawe, a/k/a Richard L. Dawe, and Feby Dawe, a/k/a Feby L. Dawe, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Long Beach Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated October 16, 2003 and recorded on November 3, 2003 in Liber 962 on Page 472 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wachovia Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of GSAMP Trust 2004-SD1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-SD1 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Seven and 40/100 Dollars (\$181,427.40), including interest at 9.65% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on September 15, 2005.

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

The South 5 Acres of the North 20 Acres of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 27, Town 11 North, Range 8 East.

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

Dated: August 17, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC J (248) 593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Wachovia Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of GSAMP Trust 2004-SD1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-SD1
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #060451F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KATHLEEN M. DIAZ, an unmarried woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. (MERS), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns, HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC., Mortgagee, dated January 7, 2004 and recorded on February 5, 2004 in Liber 978 on Page 89, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIX AND 87/100 DOLLARS (\$100,306.87), including interest at 6.00% 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, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on September 15, 2005.

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

Commencing at a point on the Section line 1230.6 feet East of the Northwest corner of Section 36, Town 13 North, Range 9 East; thence South 495 feet; thence East 100 feet to the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 36; thence North 495 feet; thence West 100 feet to the point of beginning. ALSO Commencing at a point on the Section line 1330.6 feet East of the Northwest corner of Section 36, Town 13 North, Range 9 East; thence South 495 feet along the West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 36; thence East 222 feet; thence North 495 feet to the North line of said Section 36; thence West 222 feet to the beginning.

Tax ID No. 002-036-000-1400-00

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

Dated: August 11, 2005

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. (MERS), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns, HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC. Mortgagee

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Southfield, Michigan 48075

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to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Four and 51/100 Dollars (\$58,484.51), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on September 22, 2005.

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

A parcel of land described as beginning at a point, which is North 89 Degrees 16 Minutes East 801.9 feet from the Southwest corner of Section 31, Town 10 North, Range 7 East; thence North 0 Degrees 10 Minutes 30 Seconds West 250.00 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 16 Minutes East 100.00 feet; thence South 0 Degrees 10 Minutes 30 Seconds East 250.00 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 15 Minutes West 100.00 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 redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: August 24, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC G (248) 593-1310
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for lender
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #028655F03

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Guy M. Caswell, a single man, Mortgagor, to First Franklin A Division of National City Bank of Indiana, Mortgagee, dated the 22nd day of February, 2005 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 17th day of March, 2005 in Liber 1031 of Tuscola County Records, Page 540, said Mortgage having been assigned to JP Morgan Chase Bank, as trustee on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eighty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Nine & 17/100 (\$82,889.17), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of September, 2005 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 8.00% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

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

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

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Wheat trial results in

The 2005 Michigan State Wheat Variety Trial results are now available to help growers decide which wheat varieties are best suited for their farms.

Wheat plots were planted at 8 sites in 6 counties - Huron, Lenawee, Saginaw, Sanilac, Midland and Ingham. These plots were monitored throughout the growing season, and data was collected on the yield, disease resistance, test weight, grain moisture, lodging and milling properties of each variety at harvest.

"The purpose of the trial is to provide Michigan wheat producers and millers with unbiased information on the performance and properties of wheat varieties available in Michigan," says Mike Staton, Michigan State University (MSU) Extension educator. "Wheat producers can use this information to select varieties that are likely to perform well on their farms and meet the needs of the milling industry."

The information collected was graphed so that growers can directly compare varieties. With this information, wheat producers will be able to decide what varieties are best for their farms.

"The information provided by this research is essential to maintaining a strong and vital wheat industry in Michigan," Staton says.

The report is available from any county MSU Extension office or can be found online at www.css.msu.edu/

varietytrials/wheat/varietyresults.html.

Some of the funding for the wheat trials was provided by Project GREEN (Generating Research and Extension to meet Economic and Environmental Needs), Michigan's plant agriculture initiative at MSU.

Project GREEN is a cooperative effort between plant-based commodities and businesses together with the

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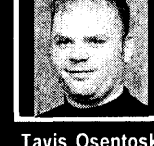
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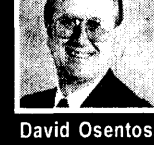
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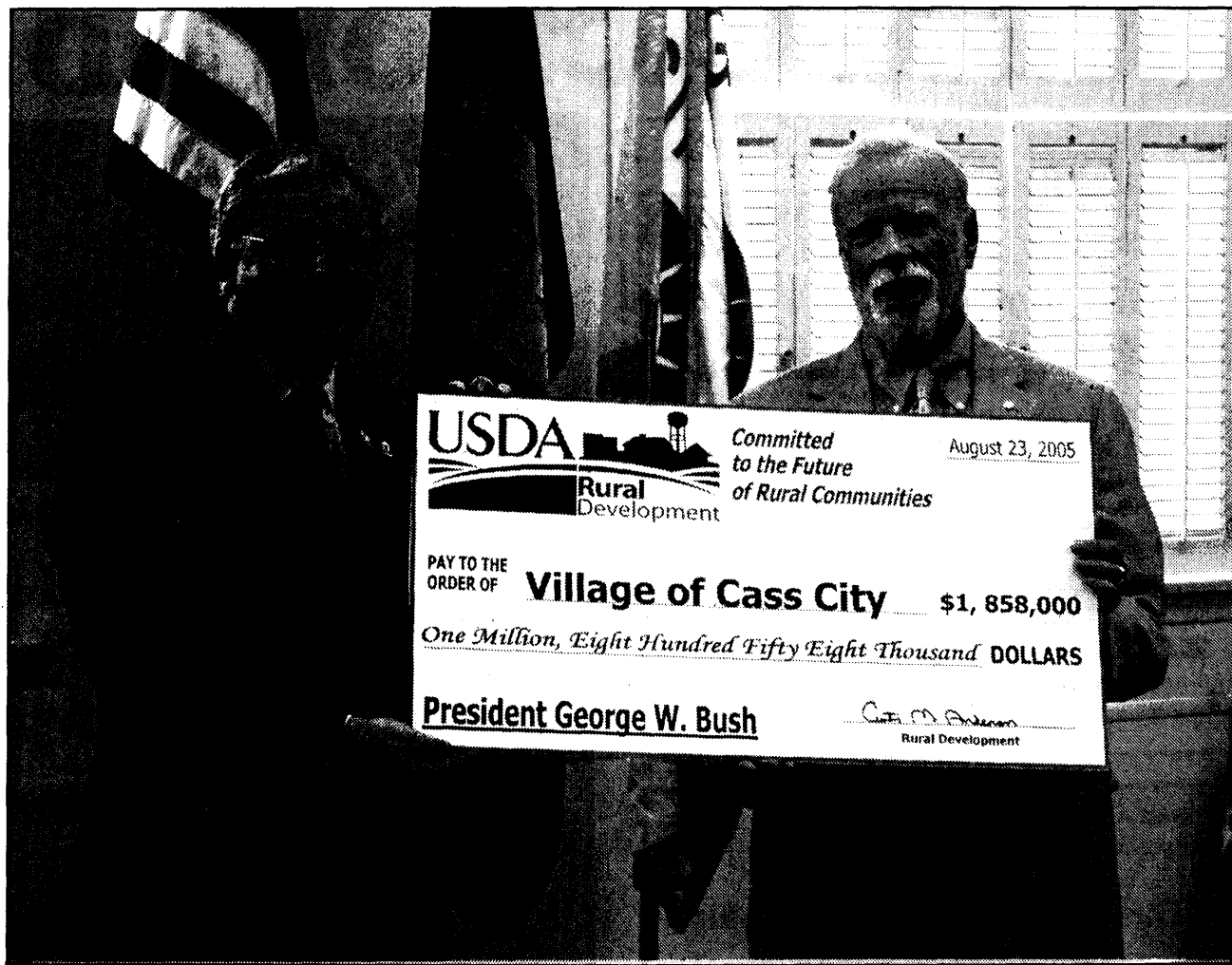
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CASS CITY Village Council President Burt Althaver (right) accepts a \$1,858,000 check from USDA Rural Development administrator Curtis Anderson during ceremonies held last week. The federal funds will be used to construct a new Arsenic Removal Treatment plant in Cass City.

Council approves funding

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treatment plant, which is being required by the federal government to comply with new, stricter rules governing the minimum acceptable levels of arsenic in public drinking water supplies.

This fall the village will contract with its auditing firm, Yeo & Yeo, to conduct a comparative rate study to determine new water rates to pay for the treatment plant. Cost of the study - also required by federal officials - is estimated at \$12,000 to \$15,000.

Village officials are also planning to host educational sessions for residents in November. Presenters will include representatives of Yeo and Yeo and the village's engineering firm, the Spicer Group, Saginaw. The council is expected to implement the new water rate increases in December, and the Spicer Group expects to accept bids for construction of the plant in early 2006.

Accepted into village ownership a small section of

Elmwood Road leading to the Cass City Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Referred a proposed junk car ordinance amendment to the council's Personal and Public Safety Committee for review. The amendment

would add a requirement that vehicles have current registration and license plate.

Approved a motion transferring ownership of a Colt Cobra .38 caliber 6-shot revolver to former village Police Chief Gene Wilson, who

asked village officials to allow him to keep his department firearm as a memento of his 35 years of service.

Appointed Cristiano as the village's official voting delegate to the Michigan Municipal League Annual Convention.

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

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intervention is the key."

"I don't really feel it's (FAS) a label," Merry added. "Once you have the diagnosis, you can get the specific help you need."

Mothers of FAS babies also need support, she continued. "I don't think any mother would knowingly harm their child. The mother needs to be encouraged and upheld and supported because she has to live with what she did."

The Steelys have already joined forces with Nancy Laethem, substance abuse prevention coordinator for Tuscola County, to present informational programs in some county schools. And, they hope to present even more in the coming year as well as get informational pamphlets into every library.

"This is really grassroots in Tuscola County," Laethem said of the effort targeting Fetal Alcohol Syndrome in the schools.

"Although there aren't really any statistics, I do think there is a need for the education. We really do have a binge drinking problem (among teens), like many other counties," added Laethem, who said there is a very real danger among teens who drink and are not aware at first that they are pregnant. There are also young women who drink while pregnant without realizing the risk involved.

"Nobody does this on purpose. A lot of people are in denial - they feel bad - which is why we believe the education is so important," she

continued.

"It's really exciting to see the 'light bulb' turn on for these kids when they realize what they could be doing to an unborn child. They're really receptive to it, which is great."

Merry Steely hopes to eventually open an office to serve as a headquarters for the Thumb FASD group and, down the road, perhaps adopt other FAS children who, like the little boy already in the care of herself and her husband, needs understanding

and help.

"I really feel that God has brought him into our life so we can get out and share our stories with others," Merry Steely said.

"There are so many other children," she added. "I just feel that this was something that was meant to be."

Editor's note: More information is available by contacting Nancy Laethem at (989) 673-7575 (ext. 243), or by logging onto: www.cometoFASCR.org.

Huron and Tuscola chapters cooperate

The Huron and Tuscola County Master Gardener chapters are offering a 12-week course beginning Jan. 16 to train new master gardener volunteers.

"The classes will be sponsored by the chapters from both counties and will be held at the Detroit Edison Building at 4100 Doerr Rd., Cass City," said Sue Nearing of the Green Thumb Master Gardeners.

Classes will be held weekly on Mondays from 6 to 10 p.m. and will end March 27. There will be weekly quizzes and a take-home final exam. The cost is \$225 for each trainee, with a special rate for couples.

Area residents can register by calling (989) 672-3870 or 269-9949. Class size is limited to 40 participants. The deadline for payment is Jan.

6. "The course will cover an orientation of the Master Gardener Volunteer Program and the MSU Extension Office, plant science, soils for plant growth, flower gardening, lawn care, vegetable culture, small fruit culture, tree fruit culture, woody ornamentals, integrated pest management, indoor plants, household pests (and) similar topics," Nearing explained.

"Payment for this training would make a nice Christmas present for a loved one with an interest in gardening," she said. "It is also in the community's best interest to have many trained master gardener volunteers as they contribute to a wide variety of activities that are beneficial to any community."

Standoff

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as the best means of getting to the suspect," Strickler said. "It was the consensus of (the) negotiators, family members and tactical members that the suspect would have more resolve to commit suicide as time passed."

"Unfortunately, the suspect did not come outside after the tear gas was used, nor were officers able to get safely inside the building before the suspect fired one fatal round into himself."

Deputies found Hesselstine deceased in a rear bedroom of the apartment at about 2:55 p.m.

Strickler acknowledged the assistance of the Deckerville Fire Department and Crosswell EMS for their support and assistance at the scene.

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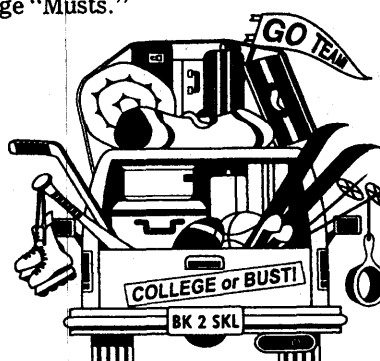
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