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CASS CITY SISTERS Sadie, left, and Samantha Souva were among Santa's several visitors Saturday during the Cass City Extravaganza Day gathering. Several area residents withstood freezing temperatures to witness his grand arrival during the Lighted Christmas Parade down Main Street.

In Caro Center attacks

Thomas gets 23-plus years

Corbin A. Thomas learned Monday that his vicious attack on 4 Caro Center employees will cost him his freedom for a very long time. Thomas, 29, was sentenced to a minimum 23 years and 9 months in prison on 3

counts of attempted murder. He could serve up to 60 years in all. He received a second, concurrent sentence of 18 years and 9 months to 60 years in prison for a fourth count. The sentencing ended an

18-month legal process that included multiple delays due, in part, to psychiatric exams and a change in venue. However, in the end, Thomas was ruled competent to stand trial, and Tuscola

County Judge Patrick R. Joslyn returned the trial from Manistee to Tuscola County, ruling the passage of time had considerably lessened pre-trial publicity in the case, and that a fair and partial jury could be seated for a trial in Tuscola County.

"What a long saga. It ended up being a year and a half," Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reene said following Monday's sentencing. "There is (closure), I think the biggest part for the victims."

Reene indicated he was pleased with the lengthy

Phase I of Noble Thumb, built on 4,700 acres of farmland in Bingham Township, will consist of 32 turbines, generating 48 megawatts of electricity. That's enough clean energy to power 16,000 homes, according to the company.

"Today's groundbreaking marks the next step in building an environmentally friendly, renewable energy future for Michigan," said Noble Environmental Managing Director Peter Mastic. "This is a bright moment for Huron County. When other areas in the country are announcing plant closings and layoffs, we are celebrat-

ing a significant project that will generate jobs and reduce our reliance on fossil fuels," said Huron County Commissioner Mike Gage.

The electric power produced by the project will be delivered to Consumers Energy Company as part of its Green Generation program. The groundbreaking took place at Noble Thumb Windpark's construction site on Atwater Road, Bingham Township, near the village of Ubly.

Pre-construction activity began in September and installation of the first turbines is expected to occur in mid-April of 2006. Future phases of the Noble Thumb Windpark are expected to extend through southeastern Huron and Sanilac counties over the next 3 to 5 years.

"We are grateful for the broad and deep support that Noble Thumb has received from residents and from Federal, State and local leaders," Mastic said. "We're looking

forward to a long and collaborative relationship with the county, the township, our landowners and the community at large. I believe this will be a tremendous project for the Thumb."

Noble Thumb Windpark is expected to generate:

- * More than \$6.5 million in estimated property tax payments over 20 years, new funds for schools and local units of government;
- * Approximately 200 new construction jobs for up to

one year, as well as 10 permanent operating jobs; and * Significant payments to property owners, which will help preserve existing agricultural lands.

Nobel officials say that the Windpark will produce clean, renewable electricity that is equivalent to that produced by 60,000 tons of coal.

There are 2 other wind energy sites in Michigan - 2 turbines near the Mackinaw Bridge and one near Traverse City.

The major development has not been welcomed by some area landowners. A case seeking to halt construction goes before Huron Judge M. Richard Knoblock today (Wednesday).

Deford nurse lends a hand to Katrina victims

Traci and David Raymond aren't new to stepping up to the plate when other people find themselves in need of a helping hand.

The Deford couple annually spend some time volunteering at a couple of shelters in the Detroit area, and Traci has volunteered in the past at the Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center in Caro.

So, it's no surprise that Traci was quick to offer her services as a nurse after Hurricane Katrina struck its devastating blow.

"Right after Hurricane Katrina hit, 2 days later I went to the Red Cross and

did disaster training. I wanted to help," said Raymond, a licensed practical nurse who has worked in the emergency room at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City for the past 18 months.

The disaster training was intense, she recalled. "I think it's like a 3-week course they crammed into one day to get people there to help."

With the blessing and support of Hills and Dales Director of Nursing Karen Perry, Raymond contacted the National Hospital Association, which put her in touch with the Federal Emer-

gency Management Agency (FEMA). FEMA officials called her Oct. 3, and 2 days later she was on a plane on her way to Louisiana.



Traci Raymond

"He wanted to go really bad, but he just started this new job," Raymond said of her husband, an industrial designer/engineer.

"My orders stated I would be working at Lafayette Medical Center, but I never saw (the hospital)," Raymond recalled.

"They picked us up from the airport in Lafayette and they transported us to 'tent city', which is where they housed all the medical staff. It was by Baton Rouge - Port Allen," she said.

"There was a lot of devastation, but everybody was just so nice; the people we were helping, the staff, everybody."

Raymond is used to working third shift, so her willingness to work the graveyard shift was welcomed by relief workers.

"We did 10- to 12-hour shifts and then had one day off," Raymond explained of her schedule during her 10-day stay. She had planned on spending more time there, but a twisted ankle she suffered in a mishap on some stairs cut her trip short.

"Each day - sometimes twice a day - the 'G.I. Joes' would come in and say, 'we need 16 nurses for such and such, or 3 doctors for such and such,'" she said. "I worked in special needs clinics. It was med-surg - breath-

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Village budget tops \$5 million

Cass City's proposed 2006 budget may raise some eyebrows at first glance, but the truth is, village officials literally plan to hold the line on general fund spending in the coming year.

The Cass City Village Council reviewed the spending plan presented by village President Peter Cristiano and Clerk-Treasurer Nanette Walsh during special meeting Monday night.

Total spending in the village next year is set at \$5,042,831. However, \$2,076,100 of the total is in the form of a U.S. Rural Development Agency loan for construction of a federally mandated arsenic treatment plant, plus another \$150,000 being financed for DPW facilities to be incorporated into the new facility.

"The general fund revenues for 2006 are estimated at \$1,244,166. This is \$25,000 lower than revenues estimated for Dec. 31, 2005," Cristiano said. "The proposed general fund expenditures for 2006 are \$1,242,379, slightly higher (about \$2,400) than the year-end estimate.

"Street funds are healthy and we have a fund balance for unanticipated street and storm drain work," Cristiano added.

Village officials don't anticipate any major changes in tax revenues.

"Based upon the property values of December 2005 and the formula for increases or decreases mandated by Proposal A, a new taxable value will be determined," Cristiano explained, adding the estimates for 2006 anticipate a slight increase in real property values.

"The millage rate for property taxes is estimated at

18.1387, the same as in 2005," he said. "A house with a market value of \$80,000 and a taxable value of \$40,000 would pay an estimated amount of \$725.55.

This will not be confirmed until the millage rates and

SEV (state equalized value) are finalized by other agencies and then approved by the village council in May 2006."

There will be some changes in 2006 in the parks and rec-

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Geography lesson..

U.S. SENATOR CARL Levin points to his office in Washington, D.C., during a brief geography lesson with students in Brenda Fulcher's multi-age classroom at Campbell Elementary School in Cass City last Wednesday. Levin fulfilled a promise he made in the summer of 2004 to visit Fulcher's class and read the Dr. Seuss classic, "Horton Hears a Who" while in the Thumb area.

Congressional visit fulfills a promise at a produce stand

It isn't unusual to strike up a conversation with a friend or neighbor at a Thumb area produce stand, but you don't often run into a veteran congressman.

Just ask Brenda Fulcher, a Cass City teacher whose chance meeting with U.S. Senator Carl Levin more than a year ago at a roadside vegetable stand in Cass City paid dividends last week, when Levin fulfilled a promise to not only visit Fulcher's classroom, but to also spend some time reading to her students.

"He was great with the kids and they were enthralled," Fulcher said of Levin's visit with students in her multi-age (grades 3 and 4) classroom at Campbell Elementary School.

"It was very educational," she added. "We talked about Congress and the Senate and how many Senators are chosen from Michigan, and they (students) remembered it. I was very pleased with that."

Fulcher's meeting with Levin took place in June 2004 as she was searching

for a tomato at the Main Street vegetable stand operated by the mother of one of her students. She recalled seeing Levin and his regional representative, Dusty Houser, buying some sweet corn.

As she began to leave, Levin struck up a conversation with Fulcher and learned she was a teacher.

"He asked about education programs in federal government. We talked for 20, 30 minutes," Fulcher said. "He said, 'if you'd ever like me to come and read to your students, I do that, and my favorite book is 'Horton Hears a Who'."

"He said to call him, and I thought, well, I will," added Fulcher, who contacted Levin's office in the fall of 2004. A year later, just before Thanksgiving break, Fulcher heard from Houser, who confirmed Levin planned to visit her classroom last Wednesday.

Campbell Elementary Principal Jody Miklovic gave

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Engaged



Vicki Ricker and Chad Lenhard

Kit and Jessica Ricker of Owendale announce the engagement of their daughter, Vicki Dawn, to Chad Michael, son of Donna Lenhard of Cass City and James Lenhard of Florida. A February wedding in Jamaica is being planned.



Brandea Sieradzki and Arnold Fritz

Sieradzki and Fritz married

Brandea Michelle Sieradzki and Arnold Edward Fritz were united in marriage July 23, 2005 by Pastor Pete Crawford at the United Methodist Church in Elkton. The traditional ceremony

was followed by a reception at the Ubyly Heights Country Club with 250 in attendance. The couple spent a 7-day honeymoon in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. They will reside in Elkton.

Lopez "Student of the Month"



Trace Lopez

Trace Lopez has been named Owendale-Gagetown Schools' "Senior Student of the Month" for November.

Lopez has participated in golf and baseball for all 4 years and was a member of the basketball team as a freshman and sophomore. He also has been a member of the high school band for 2 years.

During high school, he has excelled academically. He was inducted into the Na-

tional Honor Society as a sophomore and currently serves as the chapter's president. Lopez has been a member of the 3.0 Honors Club and on the honor roll since his freshman year, and was named a "focus" student his freshman and junior years.

As a senior, Lopez was chosen as a king candidate on the homecoming court. He also was chosen as a snowball representative his sophomore and junior years.

For the past 2 years, he has been class representative on the school's student council. He currently serves as web page editor and is also a member of the yearbook/newspaper staff. Since 2004, Lopez has been a firefighter explorer with the Elmwood Township Fire Department in Gagetown.

Lopez is the son of Paul and Rita Lopez of Gagetown. His future plans are to attend Delta College to become a firefighter technician/investigator.



Meg's Peg

Same team!

by Melva E. Guinther

Author John Fischer, who writes for the Purpose Driven Life organization, has the gift of drawing important lessons from everyday life.

Recently he wrote about his little son's kindergarten soccer team. If you've ever watched a bunch of 5-year-olds learning to play the game, you can understand what he's talking about.

He points out that the first thing the coach tries to instill in the young players is where their goal is.

This lesson has to be repeated many times, because the kids tend to be easily distracted by a dandelion or butterfly and sometimes forget.

Another, possibly bigger, problem is getting them to recognize the players on their own team. Often their misguided enthusiasm results in fighting with their teammates for the ball.

When this happens, the coach has to yell to his charges, "Same team!" to get them back on track.

We can learn so much from little kids if we're willing.

How many times do we, as adults who should know better, get confused as to what our real goal in life is?

And how many groups or organizations have become fragmented and ineffective because of bickering among members of the same team?

Family relationships can also suffer when we forget that we're all on the same team and begin fighting.

Like 5-year-olds, we become distracted by some dandelion or butterfly that looms large in our self-cen-

tered, childish minds and we lose perspective.

We not only forget where the goal is, but start fighting with our teammates because they're looking at a different dandelion or butterfly.

It's really impossible to reach any kind of goal with that going on.

As the 5-year-olds mature, we expect them to focus more on the purpose of the game and become team players.

As grownups we should be able to do the same.

Another aspect of Fischer's soccer team is that if a player gets hurt, play stops and everyone sits down wherever they may be on the field until the coach examines the injured player.

They don't run over the poor kid while he's down. Is there another lesson here?

Also as an assistant coach, Fischer made sure every team member received a trophy. He pointed out that his 26-year-old son still has his first soccer trophy with his name on it.

Say what you will, trophies matter. They come in many forms. A trophy of encouragement or appreciation might be what someone on our team needs to enable him to hang in there and keep playing.

We may have to wait for our ultimate trophies till the season is over, but they will definitely be awarded. That should be incentive to keep us focused on the goal and giving our very best in the effort.



Mr. and Mrs. Randy Diebel

Willmore, Diebel exchange vows

Laura Kathleen Willmore and Randy Harold Diebel were married July 9, 2005 at White Oak Christian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, at a ceremony officiated by David Empson, uncle of the bride; Chuck Emmert, friend of the groom; and David Willmore, father of the bride. Laura was given in marriage by her father.

Laura is the daughter of David and Sharman Willmore of Cincinnati, Ohio, and the granddaughter of Howard and Doreen Empson, and Edith Willmore. Randy is the son of Randy E. and Jean Diebel of Gagetown, and the grandson of Harold and Doris Cummings, and David and Jackie Diebel.

The matron of honor was Erin Peters, sister of the bride. The bridesmaids were Melissa Lynch, Sarah Cannon, Liz Skinner, Leslie Geise, all friends of the bride; and Jackie Guigar, sister of the groom. The junior bridesmaid was Julia Weiss, friend of the bride.

The best man was Craig Emmert, friend of the groom. The groomsmen were Luke Brown, George Farmer, Brad Speirs, all friends of the

groom; Jonathan Willmore, brother of the bride; and Ryan Guigar, brother-in-law of the groom. The ring bearer was Cody Guigar, nephew of the groom.

The ushers were Nic Skinner, friend of the couple; Jarrad Robin, friend of the groom; Emily and Jenny Empson, cousins of the bride. Special attendants were Stephanie Moffatt, cousin of the bride; and Amber Gamet, cousin of the groom.

The vocalist was Sheree Empson, aunt of the bride. The scripture reader was Jessica McDaniel, friend of the bride.

The reception followed the ceremony with 250 guests attending from Tennessee, Michigan, Ohio, Oregon, Arizona, Indiana, Kentucky and Florida.

The couple took a week-long honeymoon cruise and then returned to Michigan where the groom's family gave another reception for 200 guests.

Laura and Randy reside in Clearwater, Fla. Randy is a student pastor at First Christian Church. Laura is teaching school in the surrounding area.

Mrs. Claus slated to visit with kids

Mrs. Claus is scheduled to arrive in town Saturday to join young children and their parents for a Christmas brunch in the Cass City High School cafeteria from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

After brunch, she will read one of her favorite Christmas stories and each child will receive a special Christmas surprise. Mrs. Claus will be available for pictures after the story.

Parents can bring their own camera to capture this special occasion or have their child's picture taken with Mrs. Claus for \$3.

Pre-registration is encouraged because seats are limited. Tickets for adults and children, ages 3-10 years, are \$7 and tickets for children under 3 years are \$4.

For more information or to register by phone, call Cheryl Spencer at 872-4803, Carol Knight at 872-4607 or Debra Kranz at 872-4215.

This special visit is sponsored by the Cass City Band Boosters.

Church to host meal

The Living Word Worship Center Church of God of Cass City is inviting everyone to add to the church's annual Christmas Dinner, slated for Sunday following the 11 a.m. morning service.

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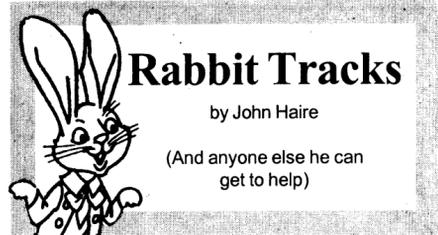
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

It's not the best of times for Cass City Schools financially, but it's not the worst of times either, says Superintendent Ken Micklash, recalling his start at the helm some 15 years ago.

We were \$50,000 in the red with no money in the till and remember, he said, that the deficit was much greater in proportion to the total school general fund expenditures than the current deficit.

While the money crisis was greater 15 years ago, there was a solution. The school could (and did) go to the taxpayer for more operating funds. You can't do that today.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new \$75 million Noble Thumb Windpark near Ubyly, was run with professional expertise. Three busses made continuous runs from Ubyly Heights Golf and Country Club to the site 2.5 miles away and then back to the club.

The entire program ran smoothly for the Noble Environmental Power Company.

Now it's tacky to say it was a noble effort by a Noble company, but sue me, I'm doing it anyway.

Now membership with the Tom Thumb Singers still costs just \$5 annually, the same as it did when it started 23 years ago. Isn't that a bargain? Talk about loving your job. The members get to practice for about 3 months to give 2 shows before Christmas.

Actually, there is an extra expense for the singers. They volunteered to give a gift of money to director Steve Fobear and accompanist Roger Parrish in appreciation for their work with the choir.

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Huron prosecutor testifies in support of legislation

The Senate Judiciary Committee last week overwhelmingly approved legislation by state Rep. Tom Meyer that makes human torture in Michigan a criminal offense punishable by life in prison.

Huron County Prosecuting Attorney Mark J. Gaertner traveled to Lansing to testify in support of House Bill 5268, which Meyer introduced after a heinous torture incident in Huron County.

"Prosecutor Gaertner's testimony gave the committee unique insight on this horrendous crime and helped committee members see the tremendous need for the legislation," said Meyer, R-Bad Axe. "I want to thank Mark for taking time out of his busy schedule. With a concerted effort, we can help

protect all Michigan residents by getting an anti-torture law on the books."

Meyer introduced the bill after a man in his legislative district could not be charged with repeatedly torturing his wife because there is no Michigan law prohibiting the offense.

Meyer's comprehensive bill allows charges for mental pain and suffering, such as the imminent threat of death or serious injury, and does

not require the prosecution to prove the victim did not consent to the torture, or that the infliction of pain was for a specified purpose.

Stephen Cline, 43, of Pigeon, has been charged with kidnapping and several counts of abusing a vulnerable adult, but Huron County prosecutors could not charge him with additional offenses to ensure life in prison.

HB 5268 now moves to the full Senate for consideration.

The Haire Net

School board faces challenge

PLUS office coming

Plans are underway to open the Secretary of State Tuscola County PLUS Office at 150 Millwood, Caro, at 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 19.

The new office will provide area residents with a number of enhanced services, including extended Wednesday hours from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The PLUS office is being funded with resources from the Caro and Vassar branch offices. The Caro office, at 130 Millwood, and the Vassar office, located at 117 S. Main, will continue to provide services until 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13.

During the transition to the new PLUS office, the Secretary of State Mobile Branch Office will provide services in the Caro branch parking lot on the following dates: Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Thursday, Dec. 15, and Friday, Dec. 16, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The mobile branch office is a full-service Secretary of State office and is accessible to those who are disabled.

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land said she created PLUS offices to offer customers greater convenience and enhanced service options. The Tuscola County PLUS Office is one of 22 such offices opening around the state.

In addition to extended Wednesday hours, the PLUS offices offer payment by Discover credit card at the counter, instant title service, a self-service station for license plate tab renewals that is available 24/7, service during the lunch hour, and the ability for customers to purchase their own driving records.

Customers who need to renew vehicle tables can also "skip the trip" to a branch office by using the Internet, mail or a touch-tone telephone. Easy-to-follow instructions are included with the renewal notice.

Area residents can learn more by visiting the Department of State website at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

Next year this Cass City School Board will face problems that it never faced before and it doesn't promise to be a walk in the park.

Not that this year has been a bowl of cherries with the dispute concerning Doug Burch, music director, that had segments of the school populations up in arms. As frenetic as that has been, it will be settled one way or another long before the problems of school finances has been solved.

Only an unexpected big boost in state aid will solve the problem without cuts that will leave scars no matter how it irons out.

It's hard to see how the school will balance the budget without a cut in staff. In the 2005-06 school year, there is a union contract that calls for teachers to receive a 2.5 percent increase which will add nearly \$300,000 to costs, provided previous form is followed and the administration receives the same percentage increase.

I read that students at Western Michigan University will receive an additional week's vacation at Christmas and make it up with an extra week in April for a potential savings of \$600,000 in fuel costs. Just out of idle curiosity, I checked with Supt. Ken Micklash to find out about this type of savings in Cass City.

It cost about \$5,400 to heat the 3 Cass City school build-

ings last year, Dec. 29-Jan. 28, and with the predicted increase in fuel costs, that could be \$8,000 this season. Who knows what the weather will be in April? It's an option for the university, but not practical for schools in the Thumb.

In many schools, particularly in the metro suburbs, one cost cutting measure has been to establish pay to play for sports. Running the athletic program in Cass City took \$160,000 from the general fund last year.

Pay to play could result in significant savings, but the cost is too great. Contrary to the affluent suburbs, pay to play would be a hardship for many in the Thumb. Contrary to larger communities, the school sports teams are a COMMUNITY focus in small towns. There's also the unknown possibility that a pay to play system might persuade some pupils not to come to, or perhaps leave, the school.

In this year's budget there is a provision for a new bus at a cost of \$60,000. There is a need, Rich Sattelberg, bus technician, says for 3 units now as replacement parts are scarce and maintenance cost keeps mounting.

In the long run the units will save the school money, Sattelberg says, with better mileage and reduced maintenance.

A committee is in the process of looking for solutions to these problems and if they can pull a Houdini act and do it without cutting staff, they should take their act to Lansing.

The back forty



by Roger Pond

The way people shop has certainly changed over the years. The big box stores and the malls have taken the personal touch out of buying things.

I've always liked the little mom and pop stores where you can tell the owner or an employee what you want, and they go get it for you. If the employees are all busy the other customers will help you out. There's none of this wandering around staring at shelves like we do at the mega-stores.

I have fond memories of a little sporting goods store I visited on the island of Kauai many years ago. I knew nothing about saltwater fishing or Hawaii, so I went to the store with a list of questions.

The only clerk there was a woman who didn't fish and was quick to admit she wouldn't know a bucktail jig from a Tennessee Waltz. "Jimmy will be back this afternoon," she said. "If you want to come back then, he can tell you everything you need to know."

That was fine with me. I had no idea what else to do on one of those islands, anyway, so I went back in the afternoon.

I found the same clerk and asked, "Is Jimmy back yet?" She yelled at a fellow who was putting a roll of line on

the shelf and said, "Tell this man what he needs to know about fishing around here."

"Sure," he said. "What do you have in mind?" I explained that I brought a spinning reel with me, and planned to buy an inexpensive (read-cheap) rod after I learned what might fit the circumstances. That way I would get a rod of about the right type and wouldn't be terribly upset if the airlines lost it or broke it on the way home.

I told the man my wife and I were staying at a condo a couple hundred yards from the Bull Shed restaurant. He said that was as good a place as any to cast into the surf.

"What am I likely to catch there?" I asked. He smiled and said, "Ornaments."

I took that to mean "little fish of some kind."

After picking out some hooks and weights and recommending calamari for bait, he took me over to the rod rack. "Here's a pretty good one," he said. "This would work fine for what you want to do."

That rod was over \$100 and exceeded my definition of "cheap" by quite a bit. "I might only use the rod for a week," I said. "I won't need a really good one."

"But you don't want to buy

a piece of junk," the man said. "I'll tell you what. I've got some rods in my truck. You can use one of those."

"I would be happy to rent one from you," I suggested. "I don't rent," he said.

That's when I learned this man didn't work at the store, either. He was a customer! A banana farmer.

He went out to his truck, got me a rod, and took my wife and me up to see his banana plantation. After a pleasant visit and numerous stories about peacock bass fishing, my wife and I headed back to the condo with a borrowed fishing rod and several bunches of bananas.

Best darned bananas I've ever eaten.

Settlers introduced honeybees

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A Budget Hearing will be held on December 12, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. for all interested citizens of the Village of Cass City. The following budget is proposed for fiscal year 2006:

PROPOSED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 2006

REVENUES:	
General Fund	1,244,166
Major Street Fund	184,794
Local Street Fund	410,552
Economic Development Fund	1,200
Downtown Development Fund	43,025
Debt Service Fund	0
Wastewater Treatment Fund	540,316
Water Fund	386,437
Motor Vehicle/Equipment Fund	286,500
3,096,990 Operating Revenues	
Capital Project (ATP)	<u>2,076,100</u>
5,173,090 Total Operating and Capital Project Revenues	
EXPENDITURES:	
General Fund	1,242,379
Major Street Fund	144,144
Local Street Fund	347,447
Economic Development Fund	1,000
Downtown Development Fund	43,000
Debt Service Fund	0
Wastewater Treatment Fund	532,583
Water Fund	379,322
Motor Vehicle/Equipment Fund	276,856
2,966,731 Operating Expenses	
Capital Project (ATP)	<u>2,076,100</u>
5,042,831 Total Operating and Capital Project Expenditures	

ATP is the Arsenic Treatment Facility and Building and Water Loan Payoff of Well # 3.

The meeting will be held at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan for the purpose of discussion of the proposed budget. The proposed budget may be examined on weekdays at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written and oral comment.

Nanette S. Walsh
Clerk/Treasurer

Cass City Chronicle Dec. 7, 2005

5-Day Local Forecast	In-Depth Local Forecast	Upcoming Moon Phases																																																
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Red Hawk Talks

by Donna Bushong

Spirit is a word that runs through the veins this time of year. With Christmas spirit rising fast and school spirit remaining as strong as ever, Cass City is not lacking in spirit.

This year, school spirit reached a record high when the football team made it to play-offs for only the second time ever, and the girls' basketball team won the district championship. Because of this amount of spirit, Cass City won all 3 rounds of the WNEM-TV's DOW Spirit Award.

On Thursday, Channel 5 visited Cass City High School to present the award. They were welcomed by the band, pom squad, Red Hawk Rowdies, student body, and faculty members.

Students show their spirit and pride in many ways. One way is by displaying the school colors. Most students have some sort of maroon and white apparel.

Another form of spirit can be seen around the school, as there are almost always posters in the hallways. You can also see the spirit in the students if you attend one of the many athletic events occurring all year round.

As for the Christmas spirit, it usually begins around Thanksgiving. It grows as the snow falls, the Christmas songs start to play, and the Christmas decorations begin

to appear in people's homes and around the community.

Now with the start of December, Christmas movies enter the daily programming and Christmas episodes of favorite TV shows start to play over and over again. Christmas cookies enter the oven, the twinkle lights become untangled and the wrapping paper makes it out of the closet.

Soon it's Christmas day and spirit reaches its peak as families get together, the wonderful smells of Christmas dinner fill the house, and children (along with some adults) enjoy the gifts they found under the tree.

Christmas is still 19 days away, but if you're in the mood for some Christmas spirit you can join the band Dec. 8 for their annual Holiday Collage Concert. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and will include the fifth through eighth grade bands, the High School Concert Band, Symphony Band, Concert Choir, and 2 jazz bands. You can also attend one of the local church programs.

I hope that these next few weeks, spent in anticipation, will be filled with spirit and that you also get the chance to observe and participate in the large amount of school spirit that fills the halls at Cass City High School.

Several appear on charges

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

•William C. Spencer, 30, Saginaw, pleaded guilty to unlawful use of a motor vehicle Nov. 3 in Cass City.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$20,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Thomas P. Matakoi II, 22, Vassar, was sentenced to 12 months probation for his plea of guilty to carrying a concealed weapon Aug. 19 in Caro.

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

•Kenneth J. Halkoski, 47, Cass City, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 180 days in the county jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influ-

ence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 7 in Elkland Township. He was also ordered to pay \$2,080 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$150.

•Anita Lozano, 19, Vassar, was sentenced to 30 months probation and 30 days in the county jail (deferred), with work release, for her pleas of guilty to possession of marijuana, second offense, and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor July 10 in Vassar.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,880.

•Jeffrey D. Bushey, 38, Clio, was sentenced to 18 months to 8 years in prison for his pleas of no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Feb. 24 in Watertown Township, and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions). He was also ordered to pay

\$620 in costs and fines.

•Christopher Eugene-Carl Hook, 17, Caro, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 365 days in the county jail, with work release, for his pleas of guilty to second degree home invasion Aug. 6 in Caro, and to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny May 31 in Caro. He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,580 plus restitution of \$3,850.

•Christopher A. Shaft, 18, Caro, pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer and aggravated assault Sept. 13 in Caro, and to carrying a concealed weapon Aug. 27, also in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was canceled and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be sched-

uled.

•Tony M. Bazan, 45, Caro, pleaded guilty to tapping/cutting telephone lines and domestic violence Oct. 17 in Caro.

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

•Alan D. Humes Jr., 31, Caro, stood mute to charges of assault with a dangerous weapon Nov. 2 in Ellington Township, and to being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

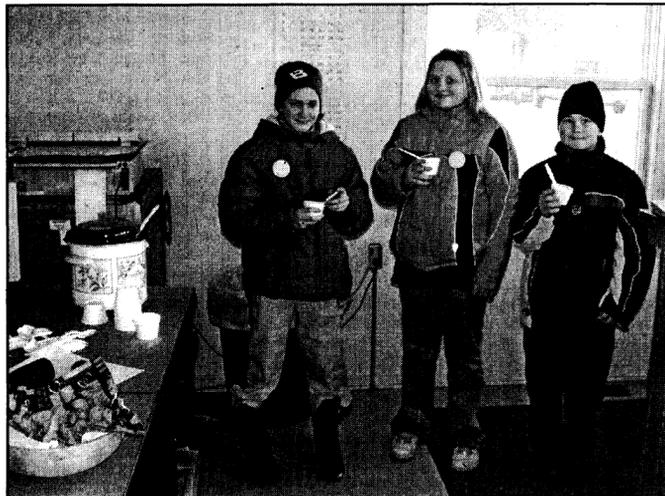
A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case.

•Trisha L. Ratcliffe, 20, Caro, pleaded guilty to delivery/manufacture of a narcotic or cocaine (less than 50 grams), possession of methamphetamine/Ecstasy, delivery/manufacture of marijuana, and possession of a narcotic or cocaine (less than 25 grams) May 4 in Fremont Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$25,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Dale E. Hampton, 21, Akron, pleaded no contest to unlawfully driving away an automobile Feb. 19 in Indianfields Township, and to being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the Michigan Department of Corrections. Sentencing is to be scheduled.



CHELSTE RAYMOND, 10 (from left), Megan Metzger, 12, and Logan Raymond, 8, all of Cass City, stopped in to the Chronicle office Saturday to sample some chili. The Chronicle was one of several local businesses that participated in the Christmas in the Village event.

Letters to the editor

What happened to innocent till proven guilty?

Cass City School Board:

I am writing to share some thoughts about the allegations against Mr. Douglas Burch. Each one of us as we go through our daily lives could have charges leveled against us. I have watched and listened as our community reacted to the news. I have heard and seen the concerns for the students. I have heard nothing but support for Mr. Burch.

Douglas Burch was hired by Cass City Schools to direct this band of ours. He has taken our students to a new level of appreciation for themselves and music. We need to remember the gift he brought to our children and community.

I understand the action the board took in regards to a paid suspension. I do not understand why after several months of investigation and

finally having charges filed that the school board feels they have to do something. Some of the members of the board may be more familiar with law, that does not qualify you to act as judge and jury. What needs to be done requires no action from the school board. What happened to presumed innocent until found guilty? Let the judicial process work!

If any one of us were facing these charges we would probably appreciate the support of our employer and union! I have seen this community come together and accomplish great things.

Now is the time to let your school board know what you think. Write a letter, go to a board meeting, make a phone call 872-2200.

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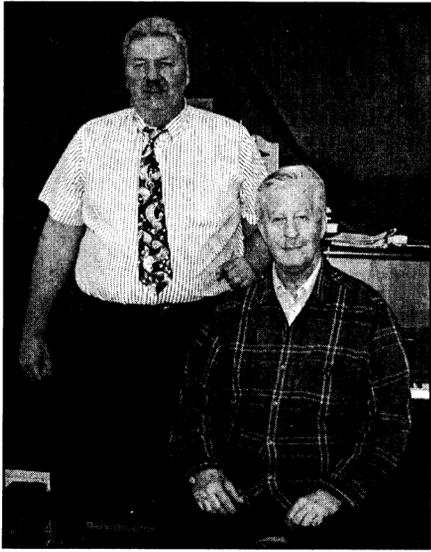
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DIRECTOR STEVE FOBEAR directs the Tom Thumb Singers in the 23rd consecutive year of concerts by the choir in Cass City.

Sweet sounds

Tom Thumb Singers continue tradition of celebrating music



THIS IS THE sixth year that the Tom Thumb Singers have been led by director Steve Fobear, left, and accompanist Roger Parrish. They started together in 1999.

There was something for everyone at the 23rd annual concerts of the Tom Thumb Singers Saturday and Sunday at the Cass City United Methodist Church. The performances presented a delightful mixture of classic, patriotic, religious and traditional Christmas music presented by soloists and the choir that has representatives from 9 area communities. It's the format that has endured since the first concert in 1982 under the direction of Andrea Hofmeister and accompanist Carol Kersten. It was continued under the direction of Glenda Wilson, accompanied by Jan Roll when the first director left the community. In 1999, director Steve Fobear and accompanist Roger Parrish took over to keep the performances of the Tom Thumb Singers at the high level that audiences have come to expect.

Over the years, the choir has practiced at Cass City High School and performed at 3 locations - the school cafeteria, the Presbyterian Church and now the Methodist Church. The group's

performances in previous years nearly always attracted capacity audiences and this year's concerts were no exception. A standing room audience was at the Saturday night show and the Sunday matinee was presented before a capacity crowd.

Highlight of the show was the closing number, "Battle Hymn of the Republic" that drew the same acclaim as it did when presented last year. A special moment in the concert was a reading by Sally Hedley in honor of Casey Howe of Deford, Justin Reppuhn of Hemlock and the many others that are serving in the armed forces.

The committee president Geneva Richards reviewed the year and outlined some of the achievements of the Singers. Parrish presented "Celebration" that he composed and played.

There were 20 selections presented by the choir and soloists, including classical guitar by Rich Packlin and Mozart's Alleluia sung by Emgard Fernholz and accompanied by Karen Rathe.

Helping defray the cost of the concerts is the free will offering at the concerts and a gift of \$500 from the Cass City Gavel Club.



CHARTER MEMBERS of the Tom Thumb Singers from left: Joan Merchant, Mary Ann Opanasenko, Tom Proctor, Norma Wallace, Hilda Koch, Janet Francis and Geneva Richards. Missing is Dotty Scollon.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

A Cass City teen is gearing up for another season with the Huron County Hockey Association. Jared Sorenson, who has 4 seasons in with the association will be playing in the Junior Division this winter. That should be good news for his team, Bay House Sports. Sorenson, son of Craig and Carolyn Sorenson and a junior at Cass City High School proved himself to be among the fastest skaters in his age group during the Belle Tire Hockey Skills 2000 competition, held over the summer in Fraser. The competition, consisting of stick handling, slapshot speed and fastest skater, featured more than 800 contestants in several age categories. Sorenson, 16, took first place in the fastest skater division, which earned him a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of his choice. The teen also finished in the top 6 in stick handling.

Local winners of the Knights of Columbus annual spelling bee will compete in regionals Jan. 20-21 in Standish. The students are Ryan Biddinger, Courtney Rabideau, Allyn Richards, Derek Weidman (alternate), Jeff Sparks, Rose Krug, Luann Laming, Kaylin Tack, Janelle Venema and Corey Brooks (alternate).

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs are expected to be one of the challengers for the North Central Thumb League crown this season. Coach Leon Westover has a solid group of veterans back from the team that finished 10-4 and third in the league last year. One of the problems facing the team this season is filling the shoes of all-conference Derek Howard, who also received area recognition and was honorable mention all-state. That's a key loss, but Westover can turn to a cadre of solid veterans in the team's campaign for the crown.

Towards that end, the Pinney Foundation offered some incentive Thursday, by presenting the library with a check for \$31,000. Library officials hope it's the first of many, as the Pinney Foundation recently announced it will contribute up to \$250,000 - nearly 50 percent of the estimated project cost - provided the money is matched by other donations. Library Director Barbara Hutchinson unveiled the proposal last month, saying plans call for construction of a new 46-foot by 42-foot wing to the west of the existing building.

The smallest mammal is the Kliti's hog-nosed bat, which is about the size of a bumblebee. Here's a sequel to last week's item about Dick Wallace and his singing exploits while delivering papers in the early morning hours while a high school student. In addition to singing "O Johnnie" to me, he also serenaded other homes on his paper delivery route. One was to Chuck Auten, who was favored with "Charlie My Boy" and another to Jeanne (Mrs. Fred) Auten, who received "I Dream of Jeannie." (From Rabbit Tracks)

Tree time. Ted Lubaczewski was busy Friday, cutting and loading up Christmas trees at Lubaczewski Tree Farm, located 5 miles west and 2 1/4 miles north of Cass City on Green Road. Lubaczewski said he typically sells 300 to 350 Christmas trees each year.

Russ Biefer still feels that the Hawks will be one of 4 teams in contention for the Thumb B Association crown. Gone are 3 of the 8 grapplers that qualified for the regional tournament last year and helped Cass City finish third in the league. They are Bob Warju, 145 pounds; Jim Nicol, 185 pounds; and Guy Nanney, heavyweight. One of the qualifiers, Mark Dolecki, has moved up from 119 pounds to 126 pounds. Also back is Phil Harmer who will wrestle at 112-119 pounds this season. Last year he checked in at 105 pounds.

the end of the swinging boom that the cutters used. Incidentally the tree was dead and you could see the rot on the inside of the sawed limbs as the cutters demolished it. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Tuscola County Farm Bureau President David C. Loomis of Cass City called his first county Farm Bureau Board meeting to order recently, taking the gavel from Gerald Hicks of Deford.

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35 YEARS AGO

A tree was removed from the alley north of Main, adjacent to Oak Street by professionals. The way an amateur does it is to cut the tree down, then cut it up. The way the pros do it is to cut it up piece by piece while it's still standing. It's safer that way, of course, and I suppose all of us would do it like this if they had the large bucket on

25 YEARS AGO

Santa Claus came to Cass City Friday and among the first youngsters telling him what they wanted for Christmas were Holly Coryell, 6, Jeff Doerr, 6, and Arthur Coryell, 7.

History has a way of repeating itself, but gossip has it beat hands down.

People may ask for your honest opinion when a little praise is what they're really after.

There are some big shoes to fill on the Cass City wrestling team this season, but Coach

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10 YEARS AGO

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Honored at MFB annual meeting

Chronicle, Times top communicators

More than in perhaps any other part of the state, news writers across Michigan's Thumb - one of the state's

prime agricultural regions - recognize the importance of farming to the communities they serve.

This year the Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) honored 2 Thumb-based print journalists for their contributions toward continuing the region's tradition of solid agricultural reporting.

Cass City Chronicle Editor Tom Montgomery and Maria Mulder-Brown, a staff writer for the Tri-City Times in Imlay City, were named MFB's 2005 Agricultural Communicators of the Year during an award ceremony Thursday at the organization's 86th annual meeting in Grand Rapids.

The annual award recognizes outstanding work in print or broadcast media, which helps "tell the story of agriculture" by informing and educating the non-farming public about the state's second-largest industry. Both recipients stood above their peers for producing well-written, informative articles that helped raise the profile and promote the importance of agriculture.

Randy Severance's 100-cow dairy farm in northern Sanilac County was the subject of a series of Cass City Chronicle stories produced by Montgomery over the course of the year. Coordinated through MFB's Adopt-A-Farm program, the articles and photos detailed a variety of issues faced on a typical milking operation, written in simple, easy-to-understand language that belied the complexities of modern agriculture.

"There aren't very many people who get on a farm anymore and who understand it, and Tom did a great job with that," Severance said. "Tom just did an excellent job."

The MFB Adopt-A-Farm program encourages news organizations to focus on the realities of modern agriculture and translate the details of this often poorly understood industry for the general public. The 2005 series marked Montgomery's second Adopt-A-Farm experience. In 2002, he profiled a Tuscola County crop/swine/beef cattle farm.

"It's a good program that provides regular updates and information on the reality of what goes on in a farming community," said John Somerville, vice president of the Tuscola County Farm Bureau, which honored Montgomery as its county-level Agricultural Communicator of the Year and nominated him for the state-level award. "He's done a very good job, so people can understand what it means."

Beyond the Adopt-A-Farm program, Somerville said Montgomery provides excellent reporting on farm issues at the local, state and national levels. He specifically points to the trials and tribulations of the sugar industry, from the Monitor Sugar Co. buyout to the Central American Free Trade Agreement and the losses incurred by local farmers as a result of midwinter beet spoilage.

In the southern Thumb, Mulder-Brown brings agriculture to her Tri-City Times readers with a different approach. By connecting the dots from farm to fork, Mulder-Brown's work this year has helped fill gaps in the average consumer's knowledge of where their food really comes from.

"Maria writes mostly for the non-farm community so they can understand some of the joys of farming, some of the problems and some of the hurdles we have to go over," said John Stack, president of the Lapeer County Farm Bureau, which nominated

Mulder-Brown for the award. "That's so they can fully understand what the second-largest industry in the state's doing for them: putting food on the table three times a day."

Pat Brauer, chair of the county Farm Bureau's Promotion and Education Committee, praised Mulder-Brown's support for the organization's educational outreach programming.

"She was always available and always interested" when it came to covering the county Farm Bureau's activities, Brauer said, including Project RED (Rural Education Day) and an agricultural-themed poster contest for schoolchildren.

"People have to realize where their goods are coming from, and that's a lost thought in people's heads these days," Brauer said. "Maria touches on how important agriculture is to each and every one of us, and that it's not just a matter of going to the grocery store and purchasing your groceries."

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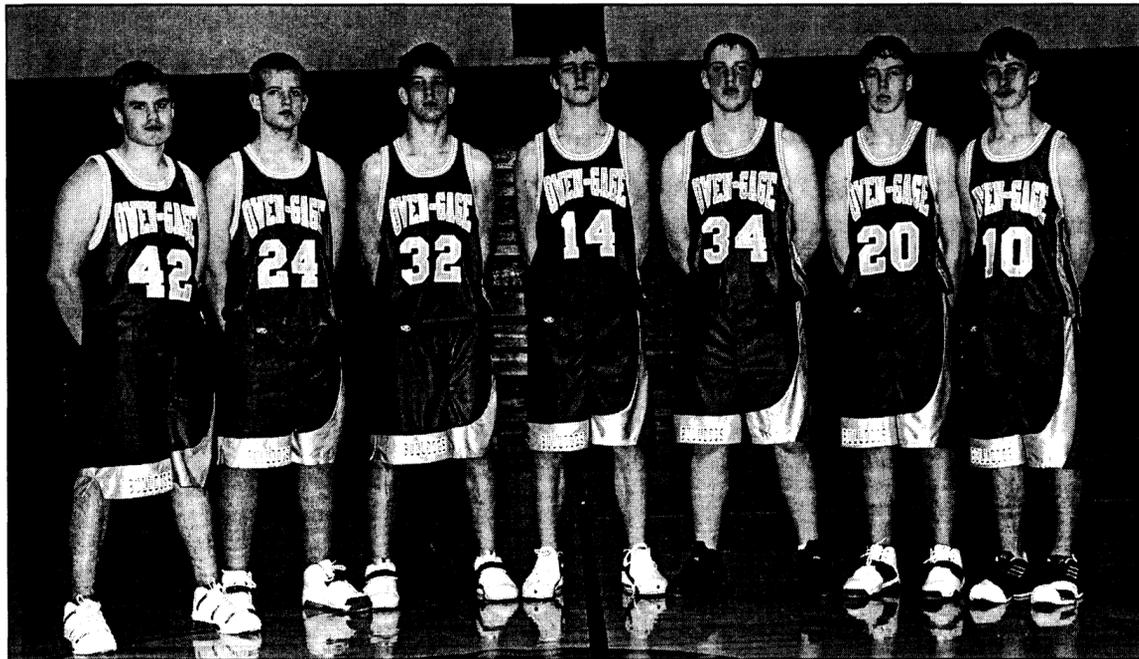
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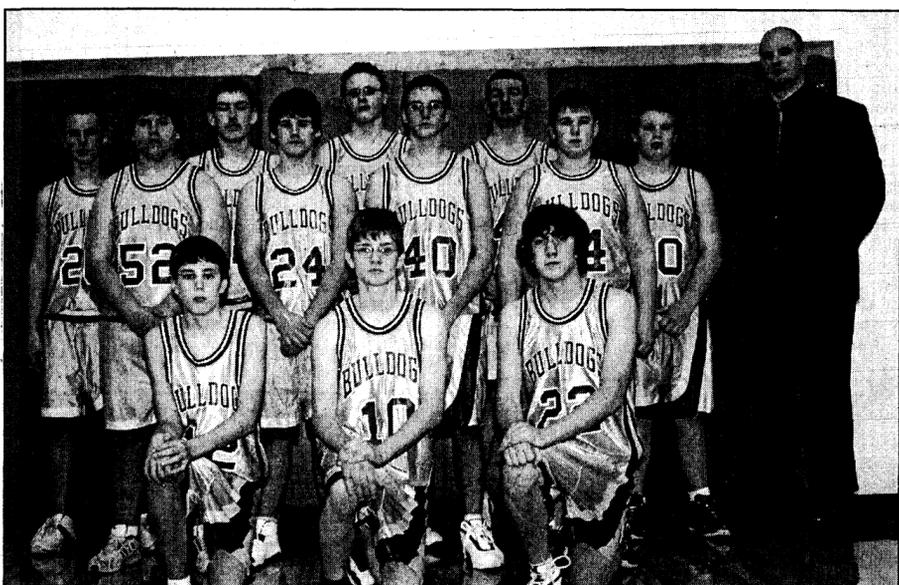
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THE 2005-06 OWEN-GAGE varsity basketball team members include (from left) Aaron Gaeth, Josh Howard, Eric Zaleski, Brandon Dubs, Grant Champagne, Andy Dronsella and Brent Reil.



THE 2005-06 BULLDOG junior varsity basketball team members are: (front, l-r) Nathan Minkler, Justin Trupe, Stephen Roemer, (middle, l-r) Derek Bucholtz, Drew Howard, Adam Harp, Branden Edler (back, l-r) Danny Shepherd, Timmy Neal, Kevin Bucholtz, Brian Binder, James Harris and coach Jason Pierce.

Bulldogs looking to improve in 2005-06

Despite only 7 members in total, the Owen-Gage Bulldog cage team is filled with experience and high hopes entering the 2005-06 season.

If the Bulldogs are to improve on last year's mark of 8-14, a pair of sophomores will surely play a big part.

Brandon Dubs, the team's leading scorer last season, returns with a year of experience and maturity tucked under his belt. A North Central Thumb League - North all conference first team performer as a freshman, Dubs will be expected to deliver when the team needs points. With a 6' frame, a quick first step, and an accurate jumper, Dubs could turn in some big numbers as the season progresses.

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for the Bulldogs, after a promising freshman campaign, is sophomore Eric Zaleski. Zaleski, too, will have to provide points on a consistent basis for the Bulldogs to overcome the graduation losses of Aaron Faist and Josh Powell.

Faist was the team's second leading scorer in his senior year and a solid worker under the glass, while Powell's ball handling skills and outside jump shot will need to

be replaced for the Bulldogs to be successful.

Hoping to fill those voids is a trio of late season returnees. Aaron Gaeth and Andy Dronsella should see plenty of action in the backcourt and supplying the Bulldogs with some toughness under the boards will be Grant Champagne.

Coach Arnie Howard's squad opens North Central Thumb League play Friday entertaining Dryden.

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Dec. 6	N. Branch Wesleyan	6:00 p.m.	H
Dec. 9	Dryden	6:00 p.m.	H
Dec. 13	Akron-Fairgrove	6:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 16	Peck	6:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 20	Port Hope	6:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 3	Arenac-Eastern	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 6	Kingston	6:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 10	Caseville	6:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 13	CPS	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 17	North Huron	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 24	Memphis	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 27	Dryden	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 31	Akron-Fairgrove	6:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 3	Port Hope	6:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 7	Peck	6:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 14	Kingston	6:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 17	Caseville	6:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 21	CPS	6:00 p.m.	H
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Friday, Dec. 9	Kingston at North Huron CPS at Caseville Dryden at Owen-Gage Peck at A-Fairgrove Bad Axe at Deckerville Ubyly at Cass City USA at Mayville Lakers at Marlette Caro at Garber	Kingston CPS Dryden Peck Bad Axe Cass City USA Lakers Garber	Kingston CPS Owen-Gage Peck Deckerville Cass City USA Lakers Garber	Kingston Caseville Owen-Gage Peck Deckerville Cass City USA Marlette Garber

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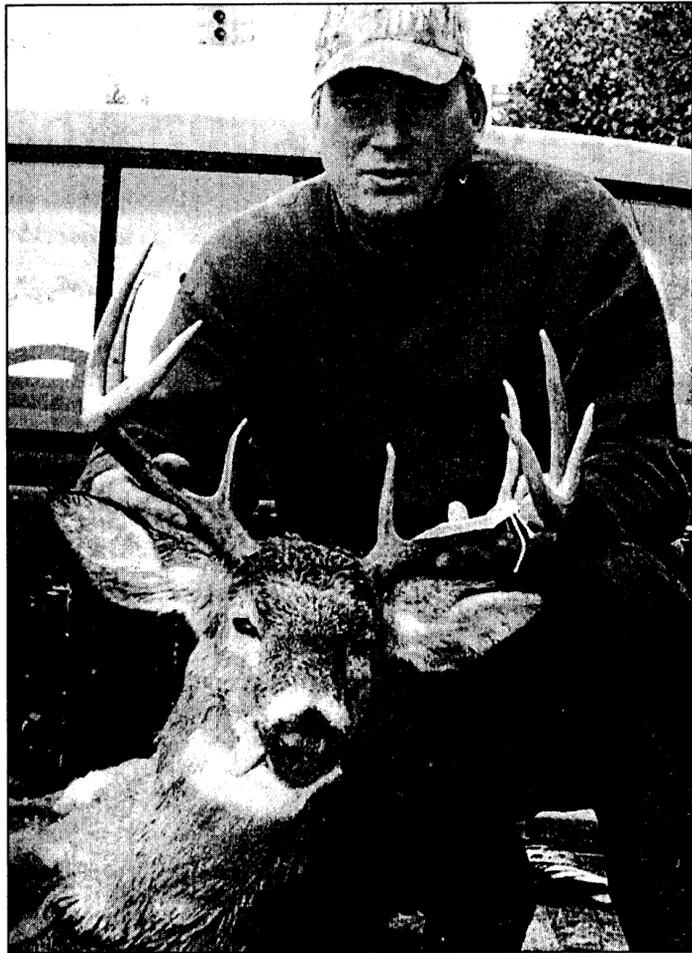
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Hawk grapplers open season

Coach Markel praises wrestling team's effort at Cros-Lex, following poor non-league opener

Cass City dropped a pair of non-league contests in the opening week of the wrestling season. Wednesday the Hawks fell to Imlay City, 61-18, and Capac, 48-27. Our inexperience showed in the meet at Imlay City and we have a lot of improvement to do if we are to contend for another Greater Thumb Conference championship, coach Don Markel said.

Two Hawks came away with victories against both schools. Kyle Sieradzki, 160 pounds, and Steve Meeker, 275 pounds, posted the wins. In the Cros-Lex 6-team-tourney, Cass City finished fourth. The meet was won by North Branch "A" team with a 5-0 record. Other teams finished in the following order: Marysville, 4-1; Port Huron

High, 3-2; Cass City 2-3; North Branch "B", 1-4; Cros-Lex, 0-5. The wrestling caliber we exhibited Saturday was a vast improvement over the lackluster performance Wednesday, Markel said. We grew up a little bit with several wrestlers having much better performances, the coach added. Cass City was very com-

petitive and easily could have gone 4-1 for the day as the Marysville and Port Huron High meets came down to the final matches. "With more experience," Markel added, "we hope to turn around these kinds of matches." Cass City wrestlers who were 5-0 for the day were: Travis Mabe, 103 pounds; Sieradzki, 160 and 171

pounds, and Meeker, 275 pounds. Team scores for the Hawks were: Cass City 34, Port Huron High 46; Cass City 54, Cros-Lex 25; Cass City 44, North Branch "B" 27; Cass City 19, North Branch "A" 49; and Cass City 31, Marysville, 42.

Great Lakes Dairy Conference offers scholarship

A new scholarship program offered by the Great Lakes Dairy Conference will provide students interested in a career in the dairy industry with an opportunity to further their education both in and out of school. The Michigan Dairy Ambassador Program is designed to help students hone their leadership skills while learning more about the industry. "This is not a typical scholarship where you take the money and run," explains Sara Long, one of the program's founders. "We hope recipients will use this as a launching pad for a career in the dairy industry. They will have access to numerous professional organi-

zations and have a chance to attend meetings, give presentations and seek out opportunities to promote the dairy industry and themselves." Long, co-chair of the Great Lakes Dairy Conference planning committee, says the program is long overdue in an industry that doesn't offer many focused leadership training courses until students become young adults. "For years we've been concerned about where our future dairy leaders will come from," Long explains. "Youth get pulled in so many different directions these days; it's hard for them to find a focus, let alone expect them to seek out opportunities specifically designed to

strengthen their career options. This gives us a chance to work together with them to develop their leadership potential and explore careers in our industry." The program consists of two divisions. The winner of the senior division, open to youth from ages 17 to 21, will receive a \$1,500 scholarship, the opportunity to participate in several regional dairy promotion projects and a chance to serve on the 2007 Great Lakes Dairy Conference planning committee. The junior division winner, open to students ages 12 to 16, will receive \$1,000 that can be applied toward a scholarship or the purchase of a dairy animal. Both jun-

ior and senior division winners will have an opportunity to attend Michigan Dairy Expo and speak to participants about their experiences in the dairy industry. Long is quick to point out that the program welcomes all youth who are interested in careers in the dairy industry, not just those from large farms or purebred operations. "We want applications from everyone who has a genuine interest in the dairy industry," she says. "Whether you want to be a producer, a food scientist or nutrition specialist - human or bovine - we invite you to apply." Applicants are required to attend the Great Lakes Dairy

Conference Feb. 2-4 at the Bavarian Lodge Inn and Conference Center in Frankenmuth, where dairy producers from throughout the state and region will learn about increasing profits and cow productivity. Conference participants will also have a chance to bid on a number of items during the event with proceeds going toward the Michigan Dairy Ambassador Scholarship Fund. Michigan Dairy Ambassador Program applications are due Jan. 18 and can be obtained by logging on to gldc.msu.edu, or by contacting Margery Webster, program coordinator, at (989) 862-4835.



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The Red Hawk wrestlers each posted double wins last week in meets at Imlay City and Cros-Lex. Sieradzki competed in both the 160 lb. and 171 lb. divisions. Meeker filled the 275 lb. division. Both were champions at the Cros-Lex Invitational, combining for a 5-0 record.

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Mike Klepinger, MSU Extension specialist and Michigan Sea Grant educator, says that wind is the fastest growing national energy source, with installations increasing by 25 to 30 percent per year.

"Local officials have authority under state law to establish laws about where certain land uses are allowed and what the size and shape of structures will be," he says. "So tall wind turbine towers that don't take up much space are becoming an item of interest."

Klepinger says it's important that people become educated on wind energy because it's a growing trend that many know little about. He says it's also important for MSU Extension educators to become informed on wind energy so that they can help local government officials make decisions concerning this alternative energy source.

Klepinger will help to create workshops for MSU Extension educators, landowners and local decision makers that will provide them with background information about the challenges and opportunities related to wind energy generation.

"As a result of this project, the economic, legal and environmental issues and opportunities for siting small-scale wind power facilities will be better understood by land use decision makers in Michigan," Klepinger says. Workshops will cover some of the pros and cons of generating wind energy. Attendees will learn the myths and facts about wind power so they can decide if it's a viable energy source for their communities.

The Land Policy Program was established to strengthen and expand MSU's commitment to using science to address public policy and community needs. It provides university research and delivers statewide outreach on critical land use issues and fosters collaborative relationships with university departments and other colleges and universities to create multidisciplinary teams to solve local, regional and statewide land use problems.

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Cass City Red Hawks 2005-06 Volleyball			
Dec. 10	North Branch (JV)	9:00 a.m.	A
Dec. 14	Bay City/USA/Caro (V)	6:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 14	Caro/Bay City/USA (JV)	6:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 14	Caro/USA/Bay City (F)	6:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 16	Caro Invite (JV)	4:30 p.m.	A
Dec. 17	Caro Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.	A
Dec. 19	Uby/Owen-Gage (JV)	6:30 p.m.	H
Dec. 19	Uby/Owen-Gage (V)	6:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 22	Essexville Garber (V)	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 6	Bad Axe (JV/F)	4:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 7	Bad Axe (V)	8:30 a.m.	A
Jan. 9	Sandusky	6:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 14	Birch Run (V)	8:30 a.m.	A
Jan. 19	BCAS	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 26	Valley Lutheran	6:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 28	Birch Run (JV)	8:30 a.m.	A
Jan. 28	Brown City (F)	8:30 a.m.	A
Jan. 28	Northwood (V)	8:30 a.m.	A
Feb. 2	Lakers	6:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 9	USA	6:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 11	SVSU Invite	TBA	A
Feb. 11	Lakers League Tourney	9:00 a.m.	A
Feb. 16	Reese	6:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 18	North Branch (V)	9:00 a.m.	A
Feb. 18	USA League Tourney	9:00 a.m.	A
Feb. 23	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 25	Bad Axe League Tourney	9:00 a.m.	A

*Home games are in bold

Cass City Red Hawks 2005-06 Wrestling			
Nov. 30	Imlay City/Capac	6:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 3	Cros-Lex Invite	9:00 a.m.	A
Dec. 7	Almont/Armada	6:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 10	Marlette Tourney	8:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 14	Marlette/Lakers/USA	6:00 p.m.	H
Dec. 21	John Glenn	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 7	N. Branch Tourney	9:00 a.m.	A
Jan. 11	Brown City/USA	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 14	Mayville Invite	8:00 a.m.	A
Jan. 18	V. Lutheran/Lakers	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 21	Imlay City Invite	8:30 a.m.	A
Jan. 25	Marlette/Sag. Nouvel	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 28	Marysville Invite	9:00 a.m.	A
Feb. 1	Mayville/Sandusky	6:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 4	Standish/Sterling Invite	9:00 a.m.	A
Feb. 11	USA League Tourney	10:00 a.m.	A

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Follow the Hawks at home Basketball

Friday Dec. 9
Cass City vs. Uby

Volleyball

Monday Dec. 19
Cass City vs. Uby/Owen-Gage (JV)

Wrestling

Wednesday, Dec. 14
Cass City vs. Marlette/Lakers/USA

Gymnastics

Tuesday, Dec. 20
Cass City vs. Vassar

Cass City Red Hawks 2005-06 Boys' Varsity Basketball			
Dec. 6	Vassar	4:30 p.m.	A
Dec. 9	Uby	6:00 p.m.	H
Dec. 13	Sandusky	6:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 16	Mayville	6:00 p.m.	H
Dec. 20	Valley Lutheran	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 3	Caro	6:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 6	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 13	Lakers	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 17	Harbor Beach	6:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 20	USA	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 27	Reese	6:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 31	BCAS	6:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 3	Deckerville	6:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 7	Valley Lutheran	6:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 10	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 14	Lakers	6:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 17	USA (Snowcoming)	6:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 24	Reese	6:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 28	BCAS	5:00 p.m.	A
March 2	Saginaw Nouvel	4:30 p.m.	A

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Cass City Red Hawks 2005-06 Gymnastics			
Dec. 20	Vassar	6:30 p.m.	H
Jan. 10	Midland	6:30 p.m.	H
Jan. 28	Troy Athens Invite	9:00 a.m.	A
Jan. 31	Midland	6:30 p.m.	A
Feb. 7	Vassar	6:30 p.m.	A
Feb. 11	Vassar Invite	12:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 14	Midland Invite	6:00 p.m.	A

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Christmas parade success

After seeing the response to the first Lighted Christmas Parade in Cass City Saturday night, organizer Richard Little says he's planning to make the parade an annual event. "It was good. We had a pretty good crowd," said

Little, who noted there were 14 entries in the first parade. "I will do this again next year and hope to double the entries."

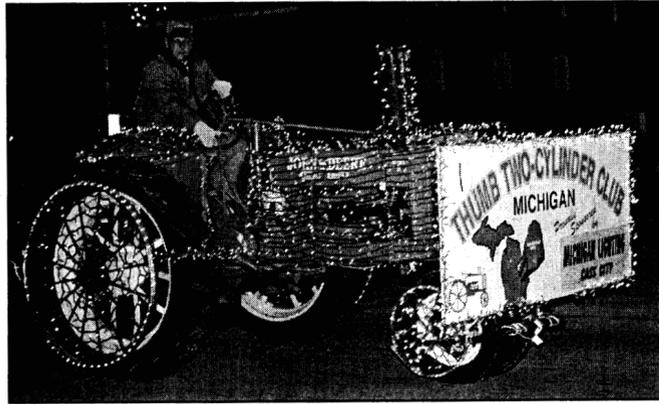
Little said trophies and engraved plaques were awarded to 8 parade entry

winners Saturday. The winners are: Most Creative Use of Lights - Curtis Chrysler; Best Club/Organization - Boy Scout Troop 394; Best Children's Category - Rawson Memorial Library; Best Commercial

Entry - Thumb National Bank; Best Parade Theme - Knight Insurance; Best Farm Implement - Thumb 2 Cylinder Club; Best Family Entry - Lowell Ceramics and Gifts; and Judges Choice - Detroit Edison.



CASS CITY'S FIRST Lighted Christmas Parade Saturday night proved to be a hit, with 14 entries in all. Organizer Richard Little says he plans to make the holiday parade an annual event and hopes to double the number of entries next year.



THE THUMB 2 Cylinder Club won Best Farm Implement honors during the Lighted Christmas Parade.

Sadro completes training



Casey Sadro

Air Force Airman Casey J. Sadro has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Sadro is the son of Melvin Sadro of Snover. He is a 2005 graduate of Deckerville High School.

Road advisory available

With the holiday season in full swing and the official start of winter coming Dec. 21, Michigan State Police officials are reminding citizens to visit the Winter Travel Advisory website to check on road conditions before they travel.

The website can be accessed at: www.michigan.gov/roadconditions.

The public may view current road conditions for any area of the state. Road con-

ditions are listed for freeways and state trunk lines, which are the first to be cleared during bad winter weather conditions.

Road conditions are categorized as clear, wet, icy, snow covered, slush, overpass icy, drifting snow, lanes reduced, blowing snow, or roads closed.

While conditions on rural and county roads are not listed on the website, officials say it would be unusual for conditions on these roads to be better than those listed for freeways.

The Michigan State Police

Winter Travel Advisory website is updated twice a day with information provided by law enforcement agencies and public safety personnel working throughout the state. The advisory is posted online from November through March each year.

Residents can also access weather and road condition information by calling the Michigan State Police Travel Hotline at 1-800-381-8477. State police officials ask that citizens use either the hotline or the website rather than calling a state police post.

Adopt a pet Dec. 9-10

The Cass River Pet FriendZ are in search of a few good owners for their four-legged orphans. The local animal rescue group has joined forces with the Home 4 the Holidays adoption campaign organized by The Iams Company and the Helen Woodward Animal Center.

An adoption event will be held Friday, Dec. 9, from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 10, from 1 to 6 p.m., at 177 N. State Street in Caro (the former location of Cassidy's Casuals).

Homeless cats and kittens will be on site and ready to go home with you that day. An Iams starter kit will be sent with each new pet owner along with the choice of a stuffed animal or a homemade catnip bag. A pre-adoption form is required to adopt a dog, and these forms will be available along with information and pictures of the dogs currently available.

In the spirit of the season, there will be discounted adoption fees for seniors, and senior pets, as well as special needs pets. Several available pets are posted on the organization's website at www.petfriendz.org.

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Obituaries

Edna Burdon

Edna Louise Burdon, 93, of Gagetown, died Monday, Nov. 28, 2005. She was born Aug. 20, 1912 in Bach, the daughter of Charles and Emma (Cramer) Baur. She married Richard Burdon Oct. 31, 1931 in Gagetown. He died March 13, 1990. Burdon was a member of St. Agatha Catholic Church in Gagetown. She is survived by a son, Tim Burdon of Midland; a sister, Sally Kundering of Clair; 2 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren. Burdon was preceded in death by a brother; 3 sisters;

and a daughter-in-law, Barbara Burdon. Mass of Christian burial was held Thursday, Dec. 1, at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown, with Father Steve Fillion officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Agatha Catholic Church. Arrangements were made by Gagetown Funeral Chapel, Gagetown.

Gertrude Cummings

Gertrude E. Cummings, 90, of Mt. Pleasant, died Thursday, Nov. 24, 2005 at the Isabella County Medical Care Facility. She was born Aug. 24, 1915 in Bay City, the daughter of John and Helen (Tidville) Hubble. She married Lawrence Cummings May 4, 1935 in Bay City. Cummings graduated from Bay City Central High School. She worked for Caro Regional Center before retirement. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church. Cummings is survived by her children: Lawrence "Gary" Cummings of Bay City, Caren Clara of Cass City, and Clarke (Janet) Cummings of Mt. Pleasant; 7 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Catherine Loessel of Saginaw. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence; her parents; and a brother, Dan Hubble. Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 26, at Clark Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Ronald Thompson officiating. Interment was in the Calvary Cemetery, Kawkawlin. Memorials may be made to the Isabella County Medical Care Facility - Nurse's Fund. Arrangements were made by Clark Funeral Chapel.

Alden Kramer

Alden Bernard Kramer, 90,

died Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005 at his son's residence under hospice care. He was born Nov. 25, 1915 in Uby, the son of the late Bernard and Sophie (Morell) Kramer. He married Virginia Ramisch May 4, 1939 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Palms. She died Aug. 2, 1993. Kramer attended Snay Elementary School and Deckerville High School. He farmed in Palms and was a substitute mail carrier. Kramer was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corp during WWII. He was a parishioner at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Palms, a member of the St. Patrick Men's Club and a board member of the St. Patrick Credit Union. He was a member of the Ruth Knights of Columbus Council #3823 and the National Farm Organization. He also worked on the fundraising campaign for the Deckerville Community Hospital. He is survived by his children: Robert Kramer of Ruth, Judy (Richard) Pawloski of Rochester; Gerald (Anna) Kramer of Hayward, Calif.; Duane Kramer of Marquette, James (Diane) Kramer of Ruth, David (Geraldine) Kramer of Sandusky, John Kramer of Yale, and Mark (Renee) Kramer of Rockford; 18 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters: Kathryn Cleland of Deckerville and June (Dougle) Creguer of Minden City. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Bernard; a daughter, Joan Kramer in 1979; and 2 brothers: Orville and Wilfred "Fritz" Kramer. The funeral mass was held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 6, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Palms, with the Rev. Thomas McNamara, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to the St. Patrick Building Fund, the Huron Medical Care Facility, Heartland Hospice or the Deckerville Hospital Building Fund.



SENATOR LEVIN appeared to enjoy his visit with some Cass City students as much as they did last week. (Related photo, page one).

Kohl featured speaker at annual dairy meeting

David Kohl, the well-known ag finance professor who wows audiences with his insight, will kick off the fourth annual Great Lakes Dairy Conference (GLDC), to be held Feb. 2-4 in Frankenmuth. "Dr. Kohl is a ball of fire," says Brian Troyer, co-chair of the GLDC planning committee and dairy nutrition specialist for Caledonia Farmers Elevator. "He talks to a wide variety of people about how to better their businesses. Everybody always leaves his presentations pumped up about how to do their jobs better. He's a perfect kick-off speaker."

Kohl is professor of agricultural finance and small business management and entrepreneurship at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He has published more than 350 articles on financial and business-related topics and is a columnist for Farm Journal, Top Producer, Ag Lender and Soybean Digest. Recently, he examined best management practices for competitive producers, lenders and agri-business firms. Troyer says Kohl's presentation promises to be inspirational and motivational, yet grounded in practicality. "You see a lot of motivational speakers that are entertaining, but once the laughter stops, you realize their messages lack substance," he explains. "Dr. Kohl is not one of those guys. I'm confident that people will leave his presentation with a renewed perspective and some practical ideas they can incorporate on their farms." Kohl's presentation will take place at 11 a.m., Feb. 2. He is the first of a plethora of speakers who will address the group on various aspects of dairy production, including reproduction, nutrition and management. Troyer says the 2006 GLDC promises to be the best one yet. Speakers were chosen by a committee of dairy producers who made it clear that practical, usable information is imperative. "We had a really strong program last year and I think this one is as good or better," he says. "Producers who come for the entire event - or even just a day - will leave with information that will help them become better dairy managers."

The Great Lakes Dairy Conference will take place Feb. 2-4 at the Bavarian Lodge Inn and Conference Center in Frankenmuth. Dairy producers from across the Mid-West and Canada are encouraged to attend with their management teams and families. To learn more, including registration details and specific program information, visit www.glcd.msu.edu, or call Troyer at (517) 278-3119.

Calendar of Events

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

Friday, December 9

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

Saturday, December 10

Brunch with Mrs. Claus, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Cass City High School Cafeteria. Seating is limited, pre-register. For more information, call Cheryl Spencer at 872-4803, Carol Knight at 872-4607 or Deb Kranz at 872-4215. Sponsored by the Cass City Band Boosters.

Monday, December 12

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Uby. For additional information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319. Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 13

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown. Tuscola County Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Family Support/Education Group meeting, 1:30 p.m., Adult Day Services building, 435 Green St., Caro. For additional information, call (989) 672-2273.

Wednesday, December 14

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

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Deford nurse helps out victims

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ing treatments, wound care, diabetes. We had 170 patients at the one shelter I was at."

Raymond said the clinics were set up in unused or abandoned buildings, and shelters for the homeless were set up nearby. "They (patients) would come with their families because they've lost everything."

"I worked midnights, so my main focus, besides medical, was listening," Raymond added. "To me, that was the most important thing I did - listen."

And the stories, she said, were heartbreaking.

"Oh my goodness, too many (stories)," Raymond recalled. "The one guy that keeps coming to my mind - he was leaving as the flood was coming, and there was a woman and 2 kids in a vehicle in front of him and their car broke down, and he got out to help."

The man invited the family into his vehicle, and just as he was getting in, the floodwaters washed him away and left him stranded for 5 days on top of a building. No one knows what happened to the woman and her children.

"Another woman had been

to 3 different shelters and had no idea where her family was, and being sick on top of it messes with the healing process."

Aside from the physical damage, there was a great deal of emotional devastation everywhere, according to Raymond.

"It really makes you look at life differently. I mean in just a blink of an eye, everything's taken away. All you have are the clothes on your back," she said.

Raymond indicated that helping where help was

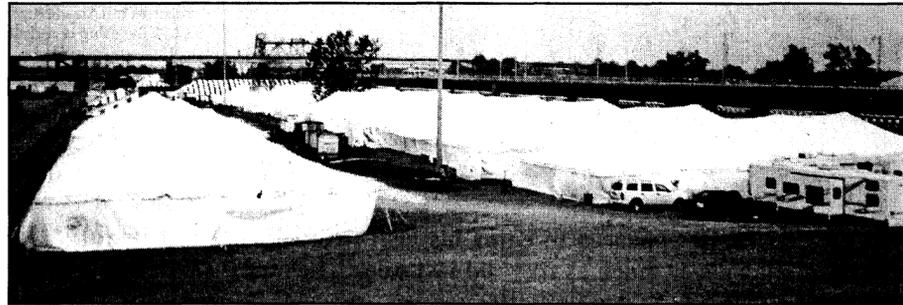
needed made the trip an unforgettable experience for her. "The satisfaction alone was the payment," she said. "I didn't do it for the glory. I'm a Christian and I just wanted to help."

"It was fun. I had a good time. I met a lot of wonderful people," continued Raymond, who didn't hesitate when asked if she would volunteer to lend a hand once again.

"Oh yeah, in a heartbeat," she replied. "I've already taken another (disaster training) course through the Red Cross."



CARS COULD be seen stacked on top of each other like toys after the floodwaters receded in Louisiana.



TRACI RAYMOND, AN emergency room nurse at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City, called this "tent city" home during her stay in Louisiana, where she volunteered her services to help victims of Hurricane Katrina.



"IT REALLY MAKES you look at life differently. I mean, in just a blink of an eye, everything's taken away," said Raymond, who shot this photo depicting the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina.

Granholtm urges cooperation at meet

Speaking to hundreds of farmers last week, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and three of her cabinet members voiced support for regulations that harness the Michigan agriculture industry's economic potential, and they pledged to improve cooperation between state departments to accomplish that objective.

Michigan faces "tremendous opportunities" to streamline regulations and forge partnerships that "makes it easy for (farmers) to do what you do best and makes it easy to protect the things we love," Granholm told delegates today at Michigan Farm Bureau's (MFB) 86th Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids.

Granholm addressed the membership following a breakfast meeting where MFB members questioned Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Director Steve Chester, Michigan Department of Natural Resources

(DNR) Director Rebecca Humphries and Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Director Mitch Irwin about issues affecting their farms, including wildlife management, environmental regulations and economic development.

Granholm urged the farming community to do whatever it can to take advantage of technology and to form partnerships with the DNR and DEQ.

Earlier in the week, MFB members adopted a strongly worded policy resolution that calls for environmental protection authority to shift from the DEQ to MDA for farms verified in the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program - permitted or not.

MFB membership is concerned that regulatory decisions, under the existing framework, can be based in response to emotion rather than science or law, consequently penalizing producers rather than solving problems. The "DEQ has exhibited a willingness to exceed federal rules, putting Michigan agriculture at a competitive disadvantage," the policy reads, going on to state, the DEQ continues to "pick and choose" aspects of legal decisions which only increase regulatory burden, "often ignoring aspects of the same decisions that are favorable to agriculture."

"In the absence of proven infractions of law, DEQ continues to interpret statutes and rules in a manner that places additional burden on farmers to prove that properly designed, constructed and maintained agricultural practices are not polluting. ...

DEQ has acted in a manner that exceeds Michigan rules developed in good faith with agriculture," the policy reads.

In responding to a member question that expressed frustration over "constantly changing" environmental regulations that seem to be "moving targets," Chester empathized with the crowd, saying he understands that the state's attempt to "catch up" with federal rules can be "daunting," and he admitted that cooperation between departments "hasn't been the best."

"We're trying to do that much more effectively than we've done in the past," he said.

Granholm echoed the need for inter-departmental cooperation, saying it's necessary to capitalize on emerging markets. She said she looks forward to partnering with Farm Bureau on new technologies that increase ethanol production, make use of methane digesters and so forth.

Nearly all the guest speakers emphasized the agriculture industry's economic contribution to the state, which Granholm boasted as generating \$59 billion annually.

The latest data from the Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service shows Michigan agriculture supports a million jobs, while lending markets indicate recent agricultural investments worth \$5 billion, said Irwin.

These figures are important, considering "you only hear about losses of auto plants," said Irwin. "People sometimes forget that Henry Ford was first a farmer."

Granholm also drove home

agriculture's potential in the wake of the declining auto industry.

"Because we are the state that put the world on wheels, in my opinion, I think we have an obligation to be the state that makes the United States independent of foreign oil," she said. "Whether it is ethanol or biomass, I just think this is a huge moment for us to capitalize on and

Budget tops \$5 million

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recreation area, according to the village manager.

"With the adding of a program supervisor to the recreation department, the user fees related to participants should dramatically increase, though no rate changes are planned in the swimming program," he said.

Specifically, village officials plan to increase the fees for ball diamond use - from \$25 to \$50 per team and from \$250 to \$350 per adult league per season. A new \$50 field lighting fee has been added. Also, pavilion rental will cost an extra \$5 for village residents and \$20 for non-residents.

Cristiano noted the 2006 spending plan includes a full slate of capital improvement projects based on a 5-year needs assessment plan. Also built into the budget are 2.5-percent cost-of-living wage increases for full-time employees.

"The Capital Improvement Plan emphasizes an aggressive program to update police car electronic equipment, trucks for the DPW, a re-emphasis on sidewalk im-

Levin fulfills promise

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Levin and Houser a guided tour after the pair arrived in Cass City. Levin, who has served 27 years in the U.S. Senate, was then introduced to Fulcher's students. He gave them a little geography lesson, pointing out on a map his home in Detroit and where his office is located in Washington, D.C.

Levin even shared some photos of his grandchildren with the students. Then, true to his word, he read Dr. Seuss' "Horton Hears a Who".

Fulcher indicated the congressman's visit made the day a special one for her students.

"I was just very impressed that he took the time and made the effort to come and see my class," she added.

Reduce, reuse, recycle locally

The holidays offer many opportunities to reduce, reuse, and recycle. This is a great opportunity to buy gifts that benefit the environment. These could include memberships in environmental organizations, hand-made and homemade gifts, gardening items or long lasting "environmental" gifts like a solar battery charger with rechargeable batteries, water conserving shower heads or ceramic mugs. For kids, consider giving rechargeable batteries, a camping trip or a gift certificate to a museum.

Use recycled and reusable materials in your gift wrapping and reuse your packing materials. You can also use reused, and reusable, boxes, baskets, bags and tins. Old cards can be recycled into creative gift tags. If you are entertaining, send invitations on recycled paper, buy in bulk, and use reusable dishes and utensils. If you need paper products, buy products made from recycled paper. Set up an area to recycle cans, bottles and other recyclables at your holiday party.

Remember that wrapping paper is not recyclable. Try to be creative in using reusable materials for your gift-wraps.

Contact the Tuscola County Recycling Center for more gift ideas by calling (989) 672-1673 or email recycle@tuscolacounty.org. The recycling center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the first and third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

O-G Preschool program healthy

The Owen-Gage Schools Preschool Program is alive and well, board of education members learned during a monthly meeting last week.

Program Director Ann Garske presented a report on the status of the preschool, according to school Supt. Dana Compton, who noted the district receives \$46,000 in state funding for up to 13 preschool students, and school officials have 12 of those spots filled.

"Plus, we've got some tuition students in the program and one or 2 students in the latchkey program," he said. "That's good. That's as many as we can put in that (classroom)."

In other business, board members discussed replacing a district-owned 1996 Chevy Lumina that has been used for student transportation.

"We had our car involved in a car-deer accident," Compton explained. "The driver was the only one in the car at the time, and no one was injured, but the car was totaled."

School officials are looking

into purchasing a minivan that would be used to transport a few students to and from school as well as for transporting athletic teams to events.

The board also filled some coaching positions during the Nov. 28 meeting.

Doug Hyatt was hired as varsity softball coach and Sulynda Kipper was named varsity volleyball coach, while Jason Pierce will take over JV basketball and Karen Gaeth, JV volleyball.

"We are still looking for a varsity baseball coach for the spring," Compton said.

In addition, board members recognized a student in each grade, all nominated for best exemplifying the district's November "adult role focus" of being respectful of others.

The students, in grades K-12, are: Zane Schember, Jeremiah Eagleson, Devin Bach, Joey Littlepage, Stephen Rockefeller, Jonathan Bielski, Amanda Muntz, Christy Fields, Ashley Rockefeller, Allyson Brown, Brittany Parks, Jaelyn Hendrich and Andrew Eurich.

Thomas faces prison

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prison term handed down to Thomas. "That was the important part, with his behavior, which continued to escalate," he said. For example, he added, during the Caro Center crimes, Thomas' attacks on each of the victims stopped only when another of the victims intervened.

Thomas has been held at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti, but he will have a new residence in the near future.

"He'll go into the prison system - Jackson Prison, and then be reassigned to a prison where he will be afforded mental health counseling," Reene said.

A Tuscola County Circuit Court jury returned verdicts of guilty but mentally ill to 4 counts of attempted murder against Thomas last fall.

A plea of guilty but mentally ill means the jury believed Thomas is mentally ill, but not to the extent that he should be relieved of criminal responsibility in the attacks.

The verdict was handed down following about 4 hours of deliberations Oct. 3. The deliberations, which began the previous Friday, followed a 4-day trial.

Thomas, who was admitted

to the Caro Center after being found mentally incompetent to stand trial for an alleged sex crime in 2002 at Saginaw Valley State University, walked away from the Caro Center during the early morning hours of June 25, 2004.

Thomas returned to the facility 3 days later and assaulted 4 staff members with a hammer and 2 knives. The victims were identified as Sarah Cox, who escaped an altercation with Thomas; Larry Gettel, a custodian who was seriously injured; Patty Spencer, a teacher who was seriously injured; and Kristie Reh, a paraprofessional who was treated at an area hospital and then released. All of the victims recovered from their injuries.

Pollination

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FALSE WATER TABLE
A False Water Table was created when your basement was built. The first step in building your basement was to dig a large hole. The earth surrounding this large hole is soil compacted by millions of years, also referred to as "Hard Pan." The earth being removed from this hole will never be as compact when it is put back. This is referred to as "Soft Pan." When it rains, or when snow melts, the water will follow the path of least resistance. Thus, water flows from Hard Pan to Soft Pan and creates a false water table. As water continues to fill the false water table, some of the water will begin to flow (through gravity and pressure) to the real water table. However, water that has accumulated around the false water table will continue to rise when either the water is coming in too fast, or the real water table is full and cannot handle the volume of water any longer. As the water fills all pockets and voids it will continue to rise until it reaches the floor.

Water Table is created around all houses and buildings even if they are built on high ground or a hill.

will seek the path of least resistance into your basement (most often the cove area).

HYDROSTATIC PRESSURE
Hydrostatic Pressure is the pressure caused by water seeking its own level. Once the false water table fills up and becomes higher than the floor, Hydrostatic Pressure is created. Water pressure is 63.4 pounds per cubic foot in all directions. The reason it sometimes takes a heavy rain for water to actually become visible is because the cavity under the basement floor can hold up to 2500 gallons of water. When Hydrostatic Pressure occurs, water seeks the path of least resistance. This could be cracks in the floor, cracks in the walls, key ways or cove areas (where the floor and the wall join together). NOTE: Once Hydrostatic Pressure causes Seepage, the problem can only be solved by a system designed to relieve pressure and control the water. Excavation and do-it-yourself methods cannot and will not solve the problem. Water rises equally on all four sides and

will seek the path of least resistance into your basement (most often the cove area).

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

Lots 1 and 10, Block 34, Map of the Village of Fostoria, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, on Pages 44-45, now being 45A-46A, Tuscola County Records.

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Dated: December 7, 2005

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
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As Mortgagee
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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 December 22, 2005.

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

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 14, Town 12 North, Range 8 East; thence South on the Section line 20 Rods; thence West at right angles 12 Rods; thence North 12 Rods to the place of beginning.

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Dated: November 23, 2005

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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 December 15, 2005.

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

Lot 8, Block 2, of W.E. Sherman's Addi-

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Dated: November 16, 2005

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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 December 15, 2005.

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 12 North, Range 8 East, Township of Juniata, Tuscola County, Michigan described as: Beginning at a point on the North line of Section 35, said point being also on the centerline of M-46, which is South 89 Degrees 59 Minutes 30 Seconds East 855.00 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section; thence South 89 Degrees 59 Minutes 30 Seconds East 150.00 feet along said North line; thence South 0 Degrees 0 Minutes 30 Seconds West 275.00 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 59 Minutes 30 Seconds West 130.00 feet; thence North 0 Degrees 0 Minutes 30 Seconds East 275.00 feet to said North line of Section and point of beginning, subject to the use of the North 75.00 feet thereof as M-46 (Sanilac Road).

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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 December 15, 2005.

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Dated: November 16, 2005

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gail A. Holmes and Steven A. Holmes, wife and husband, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 12, 2003 and recorded on February 20, 2003 in Liber 916 on Page 761 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Two and 04/100 Dollars (\$149,862.04), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 5, 2006.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as beginning at a point North 89 degrees 19 minutes 06 seconds West, 200 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section; thence North 89 degrees 19 minutes 06 seconds West, 200 feet; along said South line; thence North 0 degrees 13 minutes 11 seconds East, 1336.55 feet; thence South 89 degrees 19 minutes 45 seconds East, 200 feet; thence South 0 degrees 13 minutes 11 seconds West, 1336.55 feet to the point of beginning.

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 December 15, 2005.

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12-7-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Andrew Jackson, a married man, and Edna Jackson, his wife, original mortgagors, to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 24, 2003 and recorded on January 6, 2004 in Liber 971 on Page 1066 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety and 84/100 Dollars (\$124,890.84), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

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

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

Part Section 23, Waterdown Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, Town 10 North Range 9 East, commencing at a point which is South 66.52 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section; thence South 410.38 feet; thence West 435 feet; thence North 410.38 feet; thence East 435 feet to Point of Beginning.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Valerie J. Barrett and Derrick M. Barrett Sr., wife and husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 15, 2004 and recorded October 29, 2004 in Instrument Number 2004000858091, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Nine Hundred One and 50/100 Dollars (\$93,901.50), including interest at the rate of 7.34% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statute 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 December 22, 2005.

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

Part Section 23, Waterdown Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, Town 10 North Range 9 East, commencing at a point which is South 66.52 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section; thence South 410.38 feet; thence West 435 feet; thence North 410.38 feet; thence East 435 feet to Point of Beginning.

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

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

Dated: November 23, 2005

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Mortgagee
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File No. 207.3894

11-23-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph H. Kramer, a single person, and Jacqueline Durr, a single person, original mortgagors, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 11, 2001 and recorded on November 30, 2001 in Liber 850 on Page 660 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Seventy-Nine and 73/100 Dollars (\$57,079.73), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 5, 2006.

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

Part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as beginning on the South line of said Section 12, distant South 89 degrees 56 minutes 30 seconds West 548.00 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said section line, South 89 degrees 55 minutes 33 seconds West 175.00 feet, thence North 0 degrees 04 minutes 30 West 360.72 feet to a Traverse line along the Southerly Bank of the Applegate Drain, so-called thence along said Traverse line, South 88 degrees 33 minutes 48 seconds East 67.07 feet and South 87 degrees 24 minutes 15 seconds East 108.06 feet; thence South 0 degrees 04 minutes 30 seconds East 354.34 feet to the place of beginning, 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: December 7, 2005

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Stephen M. Krueger and Michelle Krueger, by Stephen M. Krueger her attorney-in-fact, 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 January 30, 2004 and recorded on March 2, 2004 in Liber 982, on Page 712, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR AND 02/100 DOL-

LARS (\$107,584.02), including interest at 5.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 5, 2006.

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

PARCEL 2: PART OF THE SOUTH-EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, FREMONT TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH-EAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST 300.78 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH SECTION LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 88 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST 273.37 FEET ALONG SAID SECTION LINE; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST 492.04 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST 195.26 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 28 SECONDS EAST 39.22 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST 378.78 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST 239.77 FEET ALONG THE EAST SECTION LINE; THENCE SOUTH 55 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 362.08 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

And commencing at the Northwest corner of the South half of the Northwest quarter of Section 15, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, along the North East-West One Eighth line of Section 15, Easterly 242 feet for a point of beginning; thence continuing Easterly 242 feet; thence parallel with the West line of said Section 15, Southerly 175 feet; thence parallel with the North, East, and West One Eighth line of said Section; thence along said West line, Northerly 175 feet to the point of beginning.

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 January 5, 2006.

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

Dated: November 30, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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11-30-4

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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 January 5, 2006.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Veronica Saunders and Darrell Saunders, her husband, of Tuscola County, Michigan. Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB dated the 26th day of June, A.D. 2000 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 3rd day of July, A.D. 2000, in Liber 804 of Tuscola County Records, on page 1480, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$70,728.89 (Seventy thousand, Seven hundred Twenty Eight dollars and Eighty Nine cents), including interest there on at 6.87% (six point eight seven) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of January, A.D. 2006, at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

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

Part of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 22, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, described as beginning at the Southwest corner of Section 22, thence along the West line of said Section 22, North 00 degrees 37 minutes 50 seconds West 217.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 52 minutes 37 seconds East, 233.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 50 seconds East, 217.00 feet; thence along the South line of Section 22, North 09 degrees 52 minutes 37 seconds West 233.00 feet to the Southwest corner of Section 22 and the point of beginning. Subject to the use of the Westerly and Southerly 33.00 feet thereof as Barkley and Birch Run Roads respectively and other easements and rights of way of record. Commonly known as: 9487 Barkley Rd.

Tax ID: 003-022-300-0330

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

Dated: December 7, 2005

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage
Welman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David J. Kenward and Lois J. Kenward, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Bank One N.A., Mortgagee, dated November 10, 2000 and recorded on December 28, 2000 in Liber 818 on Page 344 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Ten and 35/100 Dollars (\$53,310.35), including interest at 10% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 5, 2006.

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

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, thence North 10 rods; thence West 34 rods; thence South 10 rods; thence East 34 rods to the Point of Beginning, Koylton Township, Section 20, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, 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: December 7, 2005

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott R. Kutsch and Amy K. Kutsch, original mortgagors, to The Prime Financial Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 6, 2004 and recorded on February 10, 2004 in Liber 978 on Page 914, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, 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 One Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Seven and 48/100 Dollars (\$161,257.48), including interest at 5.875% 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 January 5, 2006.

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

Lots 6 and 7, Block 5 of Johnson's Addition to the Village (now City) of Vassar, except the North 6.00 feet of Lot 7, Block 5, and also except the East 2 rods thereof.

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

Dated: December 7, 2005

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel Stover, Jr. and Debra Stover, husband and wife as joint tenants, original mortgagors, to IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., a federally chartered savings bank, Mortgagee, dated August 30, 2001 and recorded on October 31, 2001 in Liber 846 on Page 70 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Four and 24/100 Dollars (\$37,104.24), including interest at 10% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 5, 2006.

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

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 January 5, 2006.

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

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of January, A.D. 2006, at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

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Dated: December 7, 2005

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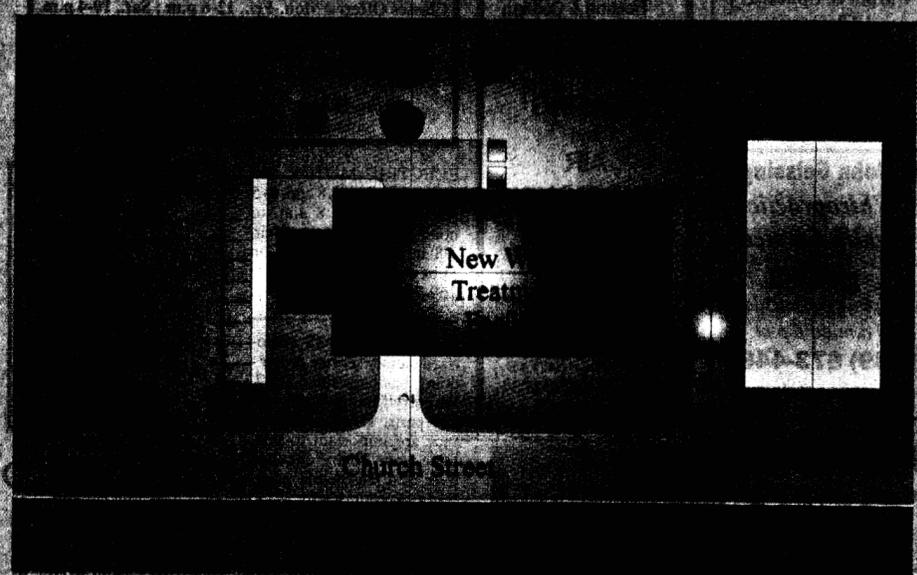
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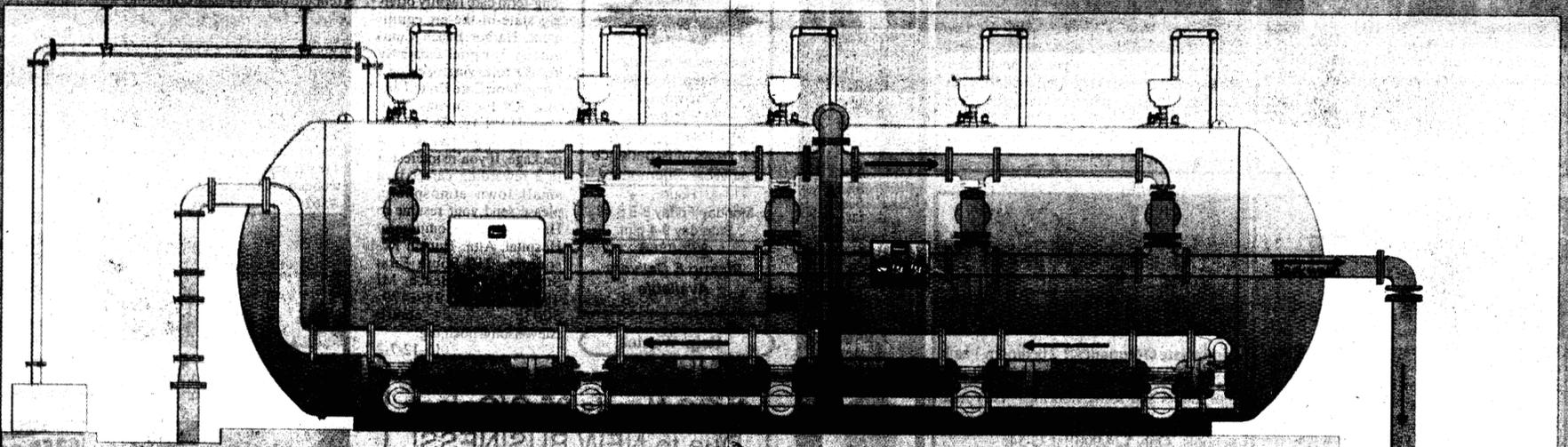
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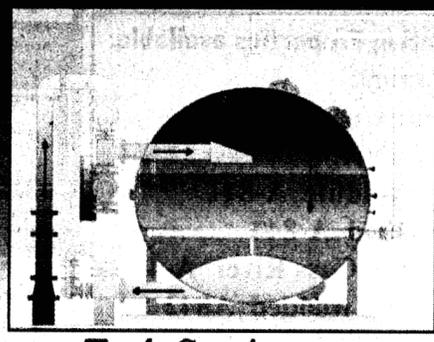
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