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## Fatal

### Fire leaves father, daughter dead

Michigan State Police fire investigators are continuing their probe into an early

morning house fire that claimed the lives of a Cass City woman and her father

Thursday.

The victims were identified as Bethann Gaszczynski, 49, and Robert G. Umbreit, 86.

Elkland Township fire fighters were called to the older, 2-story brick home at 6608 Pine St. at about 3:43 a.m. They arrived to find the residence filled with smoke.

Fire Chief Ron Pawloski said fireman found Gaszczynski lying near the front door of the home shortly after arriving at the scene. They continued to search the residence and later found Umbreit.

"He was found in the room of (the fire's) origin - the southeast corner of the house - which we're thinking was a recreation room," said Pawloski, who along with state police investigators are attempting to determine the cause of the blaze.

"There was a fireplace, but it was like a gas burner, and according to the fire marshal, it doesn't look like the gas burner was the cause," he said. "It's hard to say because there's a lot of circumstances involved with it."

"Based on preliminary investigation, it appears the fire started in the rear lower level of the home," said S/Sgt. Geoff Boyer of the Michigan State Police Fire Investigation Unit - Caro post. He noted the area was occupied

by Umbreit, who used a walker and electric wheelchair to move around in the home.

Boyer said fire and smoke spread to the front portion of the house occupied by Gaszczynski, who also used a walker and at times an electric wheelchair to get around.

"It appears Umbreit and Gaszczynski were overcome and died as a result of smoke inhalation," Boyer said.

Officers returned to the home Friday to continue their investigation.

Pawloski said the house was destroyed, and Boyer estimated the loss at \$150,000.

Cass City fire fighters remained at the scene for 8 hours and returned shortly before 1 p.m. after the fire rekindled. They received a full assist from the Caro Fire Department, which utilized its ladder truck to attack the blaze from the roof. Elmwood Township-Gagetown and Kingston fire fighters also assisted, as did Cass City police and Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies.

The blaze was the first involving fatalities in the village since the 1970s, when 3 young children perished in a trailer house fire at the southwest corner of town.

It was the second fatal fire

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**FIREMEN** from 3 departments fought sub-zero temperatures as well as thick, black smoke as they searched for Bethann Gaszczynski, 49, and her father, Robert Umbreit, 86, who both died in their home at 6608 Pine St. in the early morning blaze Thursday. At right, Caro fire fighters use their ladder truck to reach the roof of the 2-story brick home.



Bethann Gaszczynski and Robert Umbreit

### School election deadline nearing

Area residents interested in running for seat on their local board of education have less than a week to file nominating petitions and affidavits of identity.

Michigan's new election consolidation law moved up this year's deadline by a full 2 months. The new deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 8, by 4 p.m. Other deadlines include Feb. 11 at 4 p.m. to withdraw as a candidate, and Friday, April 29, at 4 p.m. to file a notice of intent to run as a write-in candidate.

For decades, school elections have been held on a Monday in June, but this year's election will be held Tuesday, May 3. The deadline to register to vote is Monday, April 4.

The new law hasn't changed the procedure for obtaining absentee voter ballots - they can still be requested by mail up until 2 p.m. the Saturday prior to the election - but the new rules have taken the responsibility for running the election out of the schools' hands.

For districts that have territory in more than one city or township, the county clerk of the county in which the largest number of registered school district voters reside is now the filing official.

In Tuscola County, however, Clerk Margie White-Cormier said that duty is being delegated to township clerks, in part so that candidates won't have to travel to

Caro to file their paperwork. In the Cass City School District, for example, candidates can obtain petitions from and will be filing those same forms with Elkland Township Clerk Norma Wallace, while individuals running for a school board seat in the Kingston Community Schools will file with Kingston Township Clerk Carrie Gilley.

The Cass City School District's boundaries cross Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties and include all or portions of 13 different townships.

White-Cormier noted voters in the district will be casting their ballots at Cass City High School this year, with the venue changing in subsequent years to the Cass City VFW Hall, which is located at 4533 Veterans Dr.

#### CASS CITY

Cass City Board of Education members whose terms are expiring this year are current board Vice President Michelle Biddinger and Treasurer Danny Haag. Both are completing 4-year terms.

In addition, voters may be asked to approve an estimated \$11.5 million bond issue for construction of a performing arts center and to complete some major repairs/upgrades to the district's existing buildings.

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## Council reviews arsenic plan, hires Long

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The Cass City Village Council Monday met with representatives of the village's engineering firm to learn more about a planned arsenic treatment plant and the costs involved during a 2-hour workshop.

The council also met in regular session, hiring a former Brown City city manager to serve as Cass City interim village manager.

Officials have been preparing to treat the village's water for arsenic for several months in an effort to comply with new, tougher federal requirements reducing the acceptable level of arsenic in drinking water supplies from 50 parts per billion to 10 parts per billion. The new standards will go into effect in January 2006.

As expected, the project

will be costly.

"The proposed arsenic treatment plant is estimated to cost something around \$1.1 million dollars as presented by the Spicer engineers," Village President Bert Althaver said. "That includes the equipment, the building to house it in - not only construction, but the cost of bonding the project."

Althaver said the recommendation is to go forward with the sale of village bonds to finance the new plant, with the cost being passed on to residents through increases in water rates. Those increases are expected to also cover operational and maintenance expenses, he noted.

Althaver said operational costs should be relatively low and will not require a full-time employee, or even a large share of a part-time worker's hours.

In all, village officials

project they will be paying for the new plant over a period of about 25 years, with annual payments of \$80,000 to \$90,000.

The council also discussed with engineers a proposal to construct new DPW buildings, at an estimated cost of \$875,000. Should the village proceed, Althaver said, the project would be funded through general obligation bonds, which would require the council to approve a "notice of intent" and, possibly, hold a public vote should enough residents call for a referendum on the issue.

At this time there isn't enough information to make a decision on the DPW proposal, according to Althaver, who recommended hosting a special meeting Monday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. to enable the village's engineering firm to outline the scope and cost of the project, as well as to tie

up any loose ends on the arsenic treatment plant. The council formally approved holding the special meeting.

#### NEW MANAGER

Turning to the position of village manager, Trustee Don Richards said the council's Personnel and Public Safety Committee inter-

viewed 3 applicants for interim village manager, and agreed to recommend Brown City resident Darcy D. Long.

Long, 32, has a bachelor's degree in political science from Lake Superior State University and a master's degree from Northern Michigan University in public administration. He most recently served as city manager

for Brown City.

Long will take over the duties of veteran Cass City Police Chief Gene Wilson, who was appointed acting interim manager during a special meeting last month following the resignation of Frank Sheridan.

He will earn a flat rate of

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## John Bulla waives arraignment

Cass City area resident John P. Bulla, 20, waived his arraignment Monday in the death of a Cass City High School senior last November.

Bulla is charged with one count of involuntary manslaughter. He is now scheduled for a pre-trial hearing Tuesday, Feb. 15, at 8:30 a.m. in Tuscola County Circuit Court. Bond in the case was continued.

Bulla, who is being represented by Cass City Attorney Michelle Biddinger, had been scheduled to appear for a preliminary examination last week in Tuscola County District Court. The purpose of the proceeding is to determine whether prosecutors have sufficient evidence to bound a defendant over to the circuit court.

However, Bulla waived his

preliminary examination and was scheduled for arraignment in circuit court Monday.

The warrant charging Bulla in the death of Andrew James Arthur Haas, 18, of Ubyly, was issued nearly 2 months after the Nov. 13 death of Haas at a weekend party in Elmwood Township.

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## Tuscola County Sheriff's Department

### Teschendorf top officer

Members of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department recently honored their own, including veteran Jail Administrator Lt. Lee Teschendorf, during the department's annual meeting.

Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern named Teschendorf the 2004 Officer of the Year. A veteran of the department for 31 years and jail administrator since 1986, he was also honored with a Commendation of Professional Excellence.

"In most organizations the majority of work is done by first-line employees. All too often the work of a supervisor may go unnoticed by many," Kern said in presenting the awards to Teschendorf.

"Most employees have no idea as to the multiple tasks, requirements and obligations a jail administrator faces on a daily basis. It is over-

whelming at best," Kern added. "In the face of all the demands, you are able to maintain professionalism, integrity and calmness that few people exhibit.

"As one of your subordinates so eloquently stated, 'you are the key to her sanity'. Those employees who work inside the jail know of the stress and pressure, from the public that walks in the front door to the inmate who seems to be in constant need of mental health counseling. Allow me to say that many of your fellow officers recognize your value to our organization."

In addition, Kern recognized several other officers within his department.

Three of them, Sgt. Scott Jones and deputies Tom Pennington and Bob Baxter, were named the 2004 Meritorious Service Award winners.

The honor for Jones and

Pennington stemmed from an investigation into a criminal sexual conduct (CSC) complaint in Wells Township last July.

"The officers spent much time gathering evidence and conducting interviews. The complaint was complete and turned over to the prosecutor's office, and some time later the prosecutor contacted my office to share with me what he felt was an outstanding investigation of a CSC case. The work on this case was very thorough and very professional," Kern said, noting the suspect was eventually charged with multiple counts of CSC.

Baxter, meanwhile, was honored for his work in responding to a Novesta Township residence last spring on a report of a woman attempting to harm herself with scissors.

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TUSCOLA COUNTY Sheriff Tom Kern (right) presents the Office of the Year Award to veteran Jail Administrator Lee Teschendorf.

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# Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
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Mr. and Mrs. Tony Titjng of Sterling Heights spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz. After dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Henley, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Laming, Lisa, Gary and Tracy, Ervin Depcinski, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Rutkowski, Amy, Julie and a friend, Brian and a friend, Albert Depcinski, Heather and Steve, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Eisler, Ali, and Tina were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski for Allen's birthday.

The Young Ideas Farm Bureau met at the home of Joe and Hilda Sweeney on Thursday evening. After the meeting, cards were played, and prizes were won by Mr.

and Mrs. Ray Depcinski. Low prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Heleski. The hostess served a lunch. The next meeting will be Feb. 17 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wolschlager. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western and Allen Farrelly visited Mrs. Arnold Lapeer and Clara Bond at Northwood Meadows in Cass City Friday evening.

Eugene Depcinski spent a few days in St. Mary's Hospital and came home on Saturday. David Mitchell and Bob Osentoski brought him home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly and Heath and Lee were Sunday guests of Allen Farrelly. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stirrett of Bad Axe were Tuesday guests of Thelma

Jackson. Lyle Rochefort, Claude Mestack, Ron Wolschlager, Jack Kennedy and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Friday morning. Mr. and Mrs. John Dillon spent Saturday with Joan Smith at St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw, where she had open heart surgery. Alvin Peruski of Parisville, Claude Mestack, Bernard Morley, Allen Farrelly and Jack Kennedy met at McDonald's.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western and Allen Farrelly attended the K of C fish fry in Cass City Friday after visiting Dan Rachoff, Cass Levine, and Wayne Hunt at the Huron County Health Center in Bad Axe. Mrs. Allen Depcinski, Mrs. Tom O'Henley, and Mrs. Dale Laming attended the Christian Mothers meeting at St. John's Catholic Church Hall in Uby Wednesday evening.

Six members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill for breakfast Thursday morning. They will meet at the same place next week.

## It's a girl!



Kayley Jo Salcido

Kayley Jo Salcido was born Sept. 9, 2004 to Rick and Michelle Salcido of Cass City.

Kayley weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Her grandparents are Tom and Dale Kelly of Cass City, and Joe and Regina Salcido of Gagetown.

## Church to host concert

A concert is scheduled at the Cass City United Methodist Church, Sunday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m.

A former Cass City resident will return to perform a concert of classical music from Mozart and Chopin to hymns and contemporary music. Wendy Wheeler will be accompanied on piano by Steve Beukema.

Wheeler is the worship and music direct of the Portage United Methodist Church. She is the daughter of Larry and Mary Wheeler of Cass City.

There will be a free will offering. The community is invited.

The Cass City United Methodist Church is located on Cemetery Rd., 1 1/4 miles north of the downtown stoplight.

### Senior Menu

Senior Dining Center Sponsored by HDC 6106 Beechwood Drive Cass City, MI 48726 Call Nancy Thane before 8:30 a.m. on the day you wish to come, 872-3656. This is a non smoking dining center. Please bring your own table service.

FEB. 4-7-8

Friday - Oven baked chicken, baked potato, corn, variety bread, fruit.

Monday - Country fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, spinach, biscuit, fruit.

Tuesday - Stuffed peppers, zucchini & tomatoes, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, fruit.



Meg's Peg  
Journal Jars  
by Melva E. Guinther

I was happy to learn that at least two of my sisters are making use of what I consider my rather unique Christmas gift.

It's called Journal in a Jar. It's very simple to make (and cheap). The idea is to get a person started in writing his or her life story.

Slips of paper with questions are placed in a jar, which can be as simple or ornate as you choose. Mine came from a rummage sale for a quarter apiece.

The recipient is to take a slip from the jar from time to time and write the answer to the question, along with anything else that comes to mind from memories of their childhood.

Writing one's life story may seem a daunting task, but when you do it in bits and pieces, it can be fun. You'll be amazed at what you recall.

Chances are your children and grandchildren will appreciate what you record.

They may be sick to death of hearing how you had to walk barefoot 2 miles to country school, uphill both ways, in subzero temperatures, but they would love to know what games you played and with whom.

The school subjects you enjoyed (or hated) might give them some insight into their own interests.

Even farther down the genealogical line, your descen-

dants will be interested in what life was like back in your day.

The Journal concept was not original with me. I got it from a website called organizedchristmas.com. They offer all kinds of suggestions for questions that you can print, or you can make up your own. The website even offers labels for the jar.

Some of the questions in my jars were:

\* When and where were you born?

\* Tell about your brothers and sisters.

\* Did you have a favorite toy as a child?

\* Tell about any pets you had.

\* What did your parents do for a living?

\* How did you meet your spouse?

\* Is there something you always wanted to do, but didn't?

\* You get the idea.

The site also has a Kids' Journal jar, with questions such as:

\* What is your favorite pizza to eat out?

\* Who is your favorite hero and why?

\* Do you have any scars? And how did you get them?

\* What is your favorite pizza topping?

\* What sport do you like best?

This could be a lot of fun for a youngster now and probably even more enjoyable when they look back on it as an adult.

My gift included an inexpensive 3-ring notebook and paper, so they could rearrange the answers in chronological order. Ideally, when finished the notes will be typed up in a more organized form.

One of my sisters told me she has to get these things down fast, not because she's running out of time, but because she forgets any more.

With that in mind, we should all get started now!



Dale and Audrey Leslie

## Leslies celebrate 50th anniversary

Dale and Audrey Leslie were married Jan. 3, 1955 in Drayton Plains, by the Rev. Eldon Mudge, formerly of Cass City.

On Jan. 2, their children, families and friends helped them celebrate their 50th anniversary. Nearly 300 enjoyed a catered meal and visiting at the Methodist Church hall in Shabbona.

Dale's parents were the late Albert and Florence Leslie of Decker. He was born on the family farm and grew up with four sisters: Margaret (the late Jack) Milligan of Decker, Beatrice (Bob) Wallace of Hemlock, Mary Evelyn (Ross) Beach of Mason, and Jean (Larry) Behr of Brown City.

Audrey's parents were Louis and Leona Behr of Argyle Township. Her siblings are Marilyn (Elmer) Voss of Caro, Alvena (Troy) Rhinehardt of Cass City, Beverly (Dale) Mitchell of Carleton, and Nancy (Bob) Palmer of Sandusky, Robert "Buck" (Karen) Behr of Saginaw. Her sister-in-law is Charlotte (the late Ronald) Behr of Marlette.

Dale and Audrey's children are Diane (Jim) Hrabec of Davison, Colleen (Bob) Moore of Sandusky, Robbie

(Brian) Hall of Rochester Hills, Hope (John) Gallagher of Ft. Wayne, Ind., Bob (Kathy) Leslie of Decker, Merilee (Kenneth) Krucker, missionaries to Zimbabwe, South Africa, Al (Dawn) Leslie of Decker, and Ann (Russell) Jenkins of Fairgrove. They have 22 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Dale and Audrey have farmed on the family centennial farm since 1958. Their 2 sons and grandsons farm with them now.

Dale has been a 4-H Livestock Leader for 35 years and he has shown steers or has been involved with 4-Hers all his life. Audrey is a homemaker and has been the Evergreen Township Supervisor since 1976. She was a caterer for 17 years and drove school bus for 21 years. She has been a member of the Sanilac County Triad and also on the Sanilac County Corrections Board. They are members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City.

In lieu of gifts, they asked for donations to Eva's Place for a new washer. They thank all who donated \$1,000 for the washer and \$300 for a food certificate to J&D Market.

## Calendar of Events

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

### Thursday, February 3

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

### Friday, February 4

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

### Saturday, February 5

Quilt Demo Day, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

### Monday, February 7

Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, February 8

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.

Watrousville-Caro Area Historical Society meeting, 7:30 p.m., Juniata Township Hall, 1971 Ringle Rd. (just north of M-81). Light refreshments will be served.

### Wednesday, February 9

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

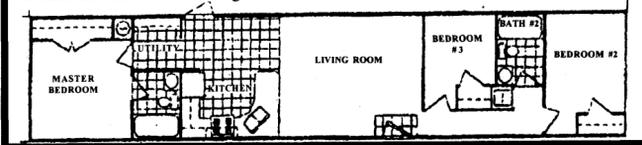
## Independent Bank ready to celebrate

Independent Bank officials will celebrate the remodeling of their Cass City office, located at 6241 Main St., today (Wednesday) at 11:00 a.m., according to Ron Long, president and CEO of Independent Bank East Michigan.

During the ceremony, Independent Bank will cut a very unique ribbon of 25 \$20 bills that will be donated to Thumbs Up For Kids.

## FOR SALE

New Mulholland 14'x70' manufactured home set up in Huntsville Mobile Park in Cass City All American Dream House 3 bedroom, 2 bath, vaulted ceiling, double lap vinyl exterior & gridded vinyl windows, 20 yr. shingled roof, one piece fiberglass tub/shower, cottage front door, 16 cu. ft. frost free refrigerator, 30" gas range with range hood, drapes, sheers, valances, blinds, includes skirting, deck & steps. \$27,900. For more information or showing call 872-2248 or 872-8300, ask for Bonnie.



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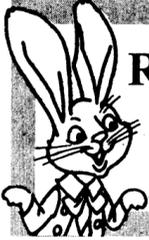
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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

You can't consider robins spotted in January as the traditional harbinger of spring. Most likely they are birds that decided not to go south for the winter. Anyway, Roger Marshall, a transplanted Cass Cityian who lives on Sand Point, spotted robins at his home. Not just one or two, but 9 birds on the steps of his front porch that is heated. Where they come from or where they are now is a mystery. They left and have not returned.

It's an unusual year for robins elsewhere, according to Lambert Althaver. His sister-in-law lives in Florida and she says, Althaver confided, that the normal time to spot robins where she lives is the end of February or early March. They already have been seen, which is almost unheard of in January.

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The Chronicle really welcomes letters to the editor. It's a way to voice your concerns or your support for issues in the community.

It's certain that the proposed bond issue to build a Center for the Arts and maintenance of school buildings will create many letters to the editor.

We welcome every individual one of them. However, we will not publish form letters, with messages written by someone else and then signed.

As always, when submitting letters be sure to leave a phone number, that will not be published, so if needed we can contact you.

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Here's another tidbit from the Cass City Enterprise in 1890, the predecessor to the Chronicle. "Our new bridge over White Creek cost us as follows: The iron bridge company \$780, Vincent Dutcher and Stitts abutments \$500, filling approaches, Writht and Sons \$30. Total \$1,310."

Couldn't help but wonder if that bridge was built to accommodate horses, or cars.

## Hospital to receive \$210,000

Congressman Dale Kildee (D-Michigan) last week announced that Caro Community Hospital will receive a \$210,000 grant to purchase and install a multi-slice scanner.

The Office of Rural Development, a division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, awarded the funding to provide rural patients with the latest in medical technology.

"The new multi-slice scanner will accelerate the detection process by providing detailed imaging of acute trauma and tumors," Kildee said. "This new equipment will help (doctors) diagnose and detect health problems more quickly."

The multi-slice scanner, which will replace an outdated single slice CT scanner, is expected to benefit thousands of patients, Kildee said.

## Meyer returns \$10,000

State Rep. Tom Meyer announced last week that he has returned more than \$10,000 in unused office expenses for 2004.

Meyer (R-Bad Axe) said he has managed his office resources in a responsible and frugal manner, returning \$10,159 from last year's office allotment expenses, which is more than 10 percent of his annual budget.

"Thumb area residents and families understand the importance of fiscal responsibility, and it should be no different in my office," he said. "It's actually more important for me as a state representative because I am dealing with the people's hard-earned money. It is a trust I will always uphold."

## The Haire Net

Schools need to walk the walk



Reese coach Jeff Casler has a proven record as a winning basketball coach. Year after year the Rockets are contenders for the conference championships.

If winning is everything, you probably couldn't do better than to have Casler at the helm. But if teaching the students the values promoted by the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) as printed in the Reese program is the aim, Casler falls short by a country mile.

One of the tenants printed says, "Sportsmanship is a demonstration of generosity and genuine concern for others. It is a concrete measure of the understanding and commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity."

Now it's not unusual for a coach to harangue referees after calls the officials make that are open for debate. As usual both coaches were pleading their cases most of the night.

As usual it's sure that if you took a poll, fans of Reese would claim that the officials favored Cass City and fans of Cass City would claim that the refs favored the Rockets.

Casler went way beyond that last Tuesday. He charged out on the floor, looking like he was ready to fight, and had to be physically restrained. Even wrapped up in the arms of one of the referees, and later the Reese athletic director's arms, he struggled to get free and get back at the officials.

He was lucky to receive only a technical foul. It was the most violent display of temper by a coach on the high school level that I have witnessed in over 50 years watching basketball in the Thumb.

If the schools want to do more than talk the talk, they should walk the walk and set standards for the players and their fans to follow.

Otherwise the standards set by the MHSAA are nothing but idle chatter and the benefit that sports provide is severely damaged.



Jeff Casler, left, is restrained by an official.

## The back forty

by Roger Pond



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Recent comments by the president of Harvard University got him into so much hot water he spent three days apologizing his way out. Lawrence Summers was attending a conference on women and science (of all places) when he commented that some research suggests a person's gender might influence his or her interests and abilities in science. (He has pretty much agreed not to say that again.)

Summers' comments reminded me of watching our grandchildren play several years ago. On this particular day the grandson was playing Tarzan. Henry was hopping around and doing his best to drag his knuckles on the floor.

"What are you doing, Henry?" I asked.

"Me Tarzan," he said.

About this time his twin sister, Hannah, began hopping around the same way. "You must be Jane," I said.

"No, I'm Tarzan, too," Hannah said.

"Oh, no!" I thought. "That's where we're headed. All Tarzans. No Janes!"

What a shame. A world without Janes would surely be a dull place.

I subscribe to the theory that men and women are different, and that's a good thing. Women are naturally better at some things, and men are better at others.

There are exceptions, of course, but a few basic rules apply.

Women are better at pouring things, for example. A friend tells me his wife could pour liquid from a 50 gallon drum into a tea cup and never spill a drop. (If she could lift the drum.) A man who tried that would have forty gallons right down his pants leg.

The same goes for threading needles, tying trout flies, or anything that requires a delicate touch. I will admit most trout flies are tied by men — but not because we're better at it.

Men tie flies because we need them — and can't find a woman who will do it for us. It's like ironing shirts.

Women are better at finding things, too. That's why a man always asks his wife before he starts looking for any-

thing. It's not that men have poor eyesight or less memory than women. We just recognize that it's easier to find something if you're the one who put it there. Besides, it cheers them up to find it for us.

Women might be better cooks, but most chefs are men. I think a person's propensity for eating has a definite effect upon their cooking.

It's the old "never trust a skinny cook" theory, and anyone with an ounce of brains won't mention this to his wife.

Most people think men are better at mechanical things, but I kind of doubt it. A man's demeanor makes him

appear more confident around machinery, but that doesn't mean he knows anything.

Most women wouldn't lift the hood of a car, for example. They just drive into the shop and tell the mechanic, "The engine goes 'gr-r-r, rump — rump' when it should be going 'gr-r-r v-roo-o-om — voo-o-om'."

A man can't do that. He gets under the hood and twists some wires and pulls some tubes until he fouls things up really good.

Then he asks the wife to take the car to the shop. "And see if that new mechanic knows anything about cars," he says.

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## Red Hawk Talks

by Leah Sherman

Many of the more popular, well known extracurricular activities require strength, endurance, and a lot of practice. All three of these requirements, and many more, hold true for Quiz Bowl. Quiz Bowl is exercise for the mind.

Our school has three Quiz Bowl teams: The A team, B team, and Junior Varsity. Members of the A team are captain, Bryan Hill, Jesse Rader, Phil Nahernak, and Corey Brooks. The B team consists of captain, Chancy Balk, Alex Hiatt, Donna Bushong, and Ashley Puterbaugh. The J.V. team competitors are captain, Lysa Knight, Whitney Kirm, Kyle Swanson, Adam Kranz, Robert Packard, CJ Warmbier, Evan Bushong, and Andrew Deering.

Quiz Bowl is an amazingly competitive sport. The meets consist of three matches: Two preliminaries and a final match to distinguish placements. Each match is made up of three rounds: A tossup round, a lightning round, and a tossup/bonus round.

Each team can have up to four competitors playing at once. They use their individual knowledge to gain points as a team. For example, during the tossup round there are 20 questions. The first person to ring in and get the answer right earns 15 points for their team. Five points are deducted for incorrect answers.

At the beginning of the lighting round, the team that is behind chooses from three categories that include ten related questions. The team has 60 seconds to answer the ten questions, at ten points apiece. The opposing team has 30 seconds to answer any of the ten questions

that weren't answered or that were answered incorrectly. However, if a team happens to answer all ten questions correctly, they are awarded an additional 20 points.

Finally, the teams compete in a tossup/bonus round. The moderator reads a tossup question. Whichever team answers the question correctly receives 15 points and has a bonus question read to them. They have five seconds to confer about the answer, and then the captain must state their final decision. If they answer the bonus question correctly they receive ten points. There are no points deducted for a wrong answer; however, the opposing team will gain the opportunity to answer the same question if the team answers incorrectly.

Students who are in Quiz Bowl simply enjoy being able to use the knowledge that they have acquired over the years. But, there are many other great reasons to be a part of the team. Many students said that they enjoy sharing their knowledge with other students. Others said that the meets are simply enjoyable. Alex Hiatt enjoys being able to test his knowledge against others. He states, "The competitions are a fun way to be challenged."

Cass City is the home of a very distinguished Quiz Bowl team, qualifying for states three years in a row. In order to be eligible to go to state competitions, a team must place first at a meet. This may sound easy, but when competing against 15 other schools for first place, the task can seem daunting. So, congratulations Cass City Quiz Bowlers! Good luck at states!

# Letters to the editor

## Don't put all eggs in one basket

Rabbit Tracks of Jan. 26 spoke of wants and projected possibilities, rather than needs, commitments and facts. Similar projections of the Deford project, which while a good program, good idea, and great staff has not yet produced the influx of attending students to defray the \$300,000 reported deficit incurred.

To proceed with a venture of this new magnitude, is to ask the citizens of this district to burden their children and possibly grandchildren with a multimillion dollar responsibility without substantive financial commitment for attendance, or leasing the use of such a facility outside the school community that has not yet been established. "If you live in Cass City district there is something for you." I agree.

Higher taxes, and with no additional maintenance scheduled, the shine will quickly dull and not be the advertised attraction.

As much of an attraction as this could be to some, may be enough to send others packing to another area with a lower tax base taking with them the \$6,700 per child revenue to the district. We can't forget the impending, additional village increases for the new water treatment mandates also coming soon.

The implication of additional benefits of increased enrollment would be more credible with statistical facts attached. This article stated that Bad Axe, USA, Lakers and Sandusky have upgraded.

Upgraded what? In fact Bad Axe had defeated similar auditorium proposals and USA and Lakers have had new construction. Cass City Schools upgrade on a yearly basis as well academically, physically and athletically. Students, with their responsible parents, select schools based on academics and program variety and personal needs, rather than a single purpose, "shining" physical structure. School districts within reasonable "selection" distance are Kingston at 12.9 miles, Caro at 13.3, and Ubyly at 14.1 miles. This means that these students who need to travel to attend our school district drive about 27 miles per day.

At current fuel costs averaging around \$2 per gallon, average fuel consumption being near 20 miles mpg, it would cost a student around \$3 per day, if they didn't first warm up their car, or \$15 additional per week to transfer to our district and to attend our "shining" new building attraction.

This "shining" new performing arts center is proposed to be available for the community as well as school activities. This is confusing, as no statement to that effect has been made public. If the building is to be fully utilized by community or outside entertainment, why has there been no input, design meetings including the many talented community artists and craftspeople to discuss or design the dynamics for this shining focal point to our academic, aesthetic addition?

Without defined custodial, maintenance figured into this equation, the shine will quickly dull even if we locked the bathrooms. We could lock the entire building, but eventually the paint would peel and the carpets need vacuuming. At the very least, regular maintenance and inspections are required, by law, for the proposed elevator, as mandated for liability and insurance purposes.

poses.

A performing arts center may be a very good idea if designed to encompass the entire spectrum of the community. An area provided where Brewster Shaw can come back and observe a proud display of his history; Cass City history; the great veterans of the community to have their awards and names attached to something durable, prominent and permanent. A place where the exceptional teachers of this district would have a Hall of Service to display their accomplishments for future students to see where our lawyers, doctors, artists, astronaut's fathers and mothers had their first taste of adulthood. This would also be a place where the fine band, choir and other classes could perform for the enjoyment of the community.

Realistic design, seating capacity, heating, cooling, maintenance, electrical, plumbing, acoustics, adornments size and realistic goals need to be addressed prior to the price tag and personal want list.

Matching funds were found to create a weight building, but as yet, not for this endeavor. With our rural status and distance from urban, cultural areas, grants and funding from the federal, state and private sectors need to be

sought to help defray the costs. It is not reasonable to burden the taxpayer with a 20-year debt obligation.

Another suggestion to defray cost for communities who all seem to need an auditorium, would be to form a Tri County Arts Center funded by all contained school districts that could then produce a truly cultural Mecca of the Thumb.

Lastly, the article states that the schools are the lifeblood of the community. The analogy is well meant, but I personally feel that the people are the lifeblood of the community, without them, the school doesn't exist. This medical analogy would then place our teachers, para-pros, bus drivers, custodial staff, executive, cafeteria, and all the parent volunteers involved in a day-to-day interaction with our students to be the heart and circulatory system of the school.

Schools are competitive, but that really is not all that new. It takes an entire community to educate a child, let's not put everything into one building as the drawing card to entice new enrollees any more than we would put everything into one curriculum to carry us academically.

Respectfully,  
Homer Bailey,  
Cass City

## End "happy talk", start with truth

There are many ways to present figures like the millage proposal for the performing arts center, and the \$5 million extra for repairs for the next 12-15 years.

The happy talk was it will cost the homeowner of an \$80,000 house just \$20 a year more. Last week the happy talk was, after talking to the school superintendent, \$30 per year. This week, in today's Cass City Chronicle, the figure was \$50.40 on the same home valued at \$80,000. Notice the truth never changes.

The hard facts are you will be paying 16 years on the performing arts center. That's 12 additional years at 5.45 mills. It's new millage that will cost you a whole lot more than they will admit to.

If your child is a junior or senior in school, they will be more than 30 years old by the time this millage is ended. During that time the school board will be after another millage increase to repair the roof of the performing arts center.

Let's stop the happy talk and tell the truth. Personally, I like the community teen

center for just \$1.75 a week a whole lot better. It sounds better.

God bless Cass City!  
Raymond Donaldson,  
Cass City

## USA to meet Feb. 16

The next meeting of United Sportsmen's Alliance will be Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. at the Cass City Gun Club, located at 2676 Englehart Rd. off Severance Rd. (4 miles south of Cass City).

Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call (989) 872-2398.



## Bulldog Beat

by Mary McKee

This week's article is going to review Owen-Gage's winter homecoming, which we call Snowball. Festivities for Snowball is a week long event filled with spirit days leading up to a big pep assembly and basketball game where a new king and queen will be crowned.

Spirit week kicked off with "Backwards Day." There were people walking around with backward shirts, sweatshirts, pants, hats, and even ponytails. Half the time you didn't know if someone was coming at you or walking away.

The first spirit day went off very well and was very popular among students, but the same cannot be said for Tuesday's spirit day, which was "Movie Day." Students were supposed to dress up as their favorite character from a movie. Even though there was a Tom Cruise and an Ashton Kutcher, "Movie Day" was not as successful as everyone thought it would be.

Wednesday's spirit day was "Uniform Day." Students got together their most creative uniforms to see if the uniform they made would be better than everyone else's. The hallways were filled with many different uniforms from many different occupations. There were nurses, dental assistants, fast food workers, basketball, volleyball, and football players, and even a marching band member.

Thursday's "Class Color Day," was just as popular as the spirit day before it. Although this year there were some rule changes as to who would win. Along with one class winning for having the greatest percentage of participants, there were also individual winners from every class who wore the most of their class color.

Finally, Friday arrived. Not only was it "Red and Gray Day," it was also the day of the big pep assembly and basketball game, where the 2005 Snowball king and queen would be crowned. To get everyone pepped up for Snowball, Ms. Sutton, the BST teacher, decorated the front of the main hallway for everyone to see. She hung snowflakes, basketballs, and volleyball decorations from the ceiling and drew out characters that represented the seniors and hung them on the wall. She also had a quote that was quite fitting for the event that said, "There's 'snow' class like the class of 2005."

After a long day of trying to pay attention in class, the afternoon assembly finally

arrived. With help from the high school band, the Snowball representatives and candidates made their way out onto the court.

First was freshman Courtney Lester, escorted by Nathan Minkler, then sophomore Rose Faupel was escorted by Aaron Gaeth. Next was junior representative Amy Powell, escorted by Trace Lopez. Following the representatives were the King and Queen candidates. First was Kayla Zaleski, escorted by Josh Leinweber. Next was Nicole Schmidt, who was escorted by Matt Downing. After Nicole was Jenny Czewski, escorted by Josh Powell, and last but not least Amanda Pillsbury was escorted by Charles Martin. With all the representatives and candidates presented to the public, it was now time to announce the 2005 Snowball King, and the winner was Josh Leinweber.

Now what is a king without a queen? In order to find out who the lucky girl would be, everyone had to wait until half time of the varsity basketball game later that night to find out. After an exciting first half of basketball, the crowning ceremony began. Once again, all the representatives and candidates made their way out, and when everything was done and all the smoke had cleared, Kayla Zaleski was named the 2005 Snowball queen.

Like always, Snowball 2005 was memorable, and definitely lived up to the high expectations that were brought upon it, and for the students who celebrated their last Snowball, whether they were playing their heart out in the basketball game, or sitting in the bleachers cheering, it was definitely a Snowball that will not be forgotten.

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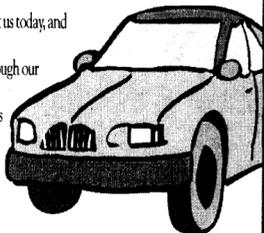
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# Obituaries

## Bethann Gaszczynski

Bethann Gaszczynski, 49, of Cass City, died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005 in a house fire. She was born Feb. 15, 1955 in Port Huron, the daughter of Robert and Mary (Stacy) Umbreit.

She married Michael Gaszczynski April 15, 1994 in Cass City.

Gaszczynski was a CNA at Harbor Beach Community Hospital for over 8 years. She was an active member of the Novesta Church of Christ and their Helping Hands Ministry.

She is survived by her husband, Michael; children: Jenny (Randy) Messing of Minden City, Julie (Chris) Perkins of Cass City, and Jason (Julie) Cortez of Vassar; step-children: Charity (Manuel) Estrada of Denver, Colo., and Lindsey Gaszczynski of Cass City; 12 grandchildren; 2 brothers: Ronnie Umbreit of Forestville and Robert Umbreit of Saline; a sister, Tammy (Ronald) Cleland of Saline; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Janie Clink; and her parents.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 31, at Novesta Church of Christ, with Chuck Emmert officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Millie Jacoby

Millie Jacoby, 94, of Unionville, died Friday, Jan. 28, 2005.

She was born Jan. 19, 1911 in Saginaw, the daughter of John and Marie Elizabeth (Fischer) Ruppel.

She married Jacob Jacoby May 2, 1929 in Sebawaing.

Jacoby was a member of the Unionville Moravian Church for many years, where she was a member of the Ladies Aid, and taught Sunday school for several years. She was president of the Unionville Community School PTA. In 1979, she and Jake were king and queen of the Unionville Centennial celebration.

Jacoby is survived by her husband, Jake; children: James (Mary Ellen) Jacoby of Unionville, Betty (Robert) Brinkman of Caro, and Bonnie (Jack) Brinkman of Cass City; 10 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; 7 great great-grandchildren; a brother, Harold (Norma) Ruppel of Akron; a sister, Clara Halabis of Caro; and a sister-in-law, Genevieve Ruppel of Akron.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Bertha Houthoofd; a granddaughter, Deborah Brinkman; brothers: Christopher, in infancy, John, Otto, Ernest, Ed and Donald Ruppel; sisters: Amelia and Dorothy Ruppel, both in infancy, Emma, Elizabeth, and Martha; and a brother-in-law, Walter Halabis.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 31, at Moravian Church, with the Rev. Clifford Randall officiating.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Moravian Church.

Arrangements were made by the Unionville Funeral Chapel, Unionville.

## Louise Nickel

Louise E. Nickel, 77, of Deckerville, died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005 in Select Specialty Hospital, Saginaw. She was born April 9, 1927, daughter of the late James and Nina (Bowerman) Williamson.

She married Carl H. Nickel Oct. 8, 1949 in Palms. He died April 19, 2004.

Nickel spent her life helping her husband farm.

She is survived by 2 daughters: Carol (Cliff) Roggenbuck of Port Hope, and Marsha Nickel of Deckerville; 4 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; a brother, Wendell (Lillian) Williamson of Deckerville; a sister, Beverly (Dave) Blaine of Carsonville; and a sister-in-law, Jean Williamson of Deckerville.

Nickel was preceded in death by 2 brothers: Winston and Robert Williamson; a sister, Lois Kritzman; 4 nephews, Robert Sweet, Edwin, Jimmy and Richard Williamson; and a niece, Denise Sweet.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 29, at St. John's Lutheran Church, with Pastor Henry Malone officiating.

Burial was in the Downing Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

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Robert (Chris) Abfalter and Janet Abfalter, all of Cass City, Melody (Craig) Newton of Lapeer, and Darleen (Stephen) Summers of Bad Axe; her grandmother, Janet Van Hoose of AK; her in-laws, Richard and Norma Szarapski of Cass City; her dog, Tundra; and many friends and co-workers.

She was preceded in death by her father, Francis Abfalter.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 1, at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gageton.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Robert Umbreit

Robert George Umbreit, 86, of Cass City, died unexpectedly Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005 in a house fire in his daughter's home.

He was born Aug. 29, 1918 in Detroit, the son of Arthur and Gertrude (Mortensen) Umbreit.

He married Mary Stacy May 7, 1943 in Harrisburg, Penn. She died Oct. 31, 2001.

Umbreit had received an invitation to try out with the Detroit Tigers as a young man. He farmed with his parents before serving in the U.S. Army. During WWII, he served as a motorcycle courier in France. Umbreit worked at the Clippert Brickyard in Detroit with his father and 2 brothers. He retired from Port Huron Hospital as head of maintenance after 25 years. After retirement, he worked in maintenance for the Village of Forestville. He was the manager of the Forestville softball team for 20 years and was a member of the Harmony Society.

Umbreit is survived by his children: Ronnie Umbreit of Forestville, Robert Umbreit of Saline, and Tammy (Ronald) Cleland of Saline; 21 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers: Donald (Beatrice) Umbreit and Ralph "Buster" (Kathy) Umbreit, all of Minden City; a sister, Dorothy Oliphant of Cass City; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by 2 daughters, Janie Clink and Bethann Gaszczynski; a grandson, Hugh Clink; a brother, Arthur Umbreit; a sister, Arlo Prieskorn.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 31, at Novesta Church of Christ, with Chuck Emmert officiating.

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## Employees dress down for Habitat

Independent Bank employees recently participated in "Casual Because We Care Day" to donate funds for the first Habitat for Humanity building project in Ubyly.

Bank employees dressed casually, for an amount of \$2.50 per person, to go towards a donation to build a home through Habitat for Humanity, an International, non-profit, Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world and make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action.

Bank employees collected \$350.00. Cheryl Krueger, assistant bank manager, presented David Yaroch, of Habitat for Humanity, with the check.

This will be the first Habitat home to be built in Ubyly. The new construction is scheduled to start March 25 and be completed for dedication June 25.

"Habitat for Humanity is an amazing non-profit organization," commented Ron Long, president and CEO of Independent Bank East Michigan. "I am extremely proud to have employees be involved in this project. It will be very beneficial for a deserving family and the community."

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## Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



### 5 YEARS AGO

Hills and Dales General Hospital's staff of surgeons has doubled in size with the recent addition of Dr. Garth M. Murray. A general surgeon, Dr. Murray brings with him some expertise in laparoscopic surgical techniques - some of them new to Hills and Dales - along with a friendly manner, both of which have been warmly received, according to Ray Prill, the hospital's director of human resource and community relations. "The staff is excited to have him here," Prill said, adding operating room staff members have had plenty of good things to say about working with Dr. Murray and observing his surgical technique. The feeling is mutual, according to Dr. Murray, who began his duties here in mid-December.

Hats off to Cass City cheerleading Coach Diane Lowe. Lowe, a 1978 Cass City graduate, has done a wonderful job with the Hawk squads during her 4 years in charge. Proof positive rests in the more than 50 future Hawk cheerleading hopefuls, between preschool and 6th grades, that performed during half time of Friday's basketball contest against Mayville. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS), based in Caro, has achieved re-accreditation from the joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, while earning a maximum score of 292 points in its Recipient Rights assessment. Formed in 1951, the joint commission is dedicated to improving the quality of the nation's health care through voluntary accreditation.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Brunswick Corporation recently signed a joint venture agreement with Australia's Orbital Engine Corporation to design, manufacture and

sell fuel systems to the worldwide market for low emissions, economical small engines. Orbital operates a plant in Cass City, which employs about 50 persons and another in Tecumseh, where 55 are employed. The new joint venture company (Mercury Orbital Technologies) will exploit Orbital's Small Engine Fuel Injection System (SEFIS) technology and Brunswick's combined design and manufacturing capability as well as its global distribution and service networks.

Shabbona area dairy farmer Leslie Severance received a certificate of achievement for outstanding quality milk production during Saturday's annual meeting of the Michigan Milk Producers Association's Deford Local. The award was presented by MMPA field rep. Richard Fluegge.

Members of the Elkland Township Fire Department said good-bye to Charles Tunis, 64, at its regular meeting last week. The former assistant fire chief resigned after 11 years with the department. The Deford resident ended a lifelong career fighting fires when he decided to leave. Before moving to his Deford home, he completed 29 1/2 years as a professional fireman for the city of Warren, where he retired as assistant chief.

He moved to Deford after his retirement so that he could farm. "It's something I always wanted to do," the trim, grey-haired Tunis smiled.

### 25 YEARS AGO

A recent report to the American Meat Institute says electrical stimulation of freshly-slaughtered beef carcasses can increase tenderness about 20 percent.

The old grain elevators that have stood on Vulcan Street since the 1880s are going to be standing a little longer apparently, and the Cass City Village Council doesn't like it. Officials of Wickes Agri-

culture, the owners, had said they would be torn down once the company's new facilities on Main Street were completed. They were done last fall, but the old elevators, considered a hazard, are still standing. At the council meeting Monday, village President Lambert Althaver read a series of letters between village attorney Clinton House and James R. Suchodolski, Wickes vice-president of eastern operations. The executive's last letter, dated Jan. 16, stated he had requested an okay from Wickes' real estate division to demolish the structures and sell the property. The division is located at corporate headquarters in San Diego.

Arlene Schweitzer once paid \$7 for \$46 worth of groceries. Last year, she received a tax-free income of about \$75 a month, all of which comes in the mail. How did she do it? She did it by refunding.

The Sebawaing resident was at Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City last Thursday night to share some of her secrets with approximately 25 women. (Indicative of who's interested in refunding, the only non-females in the audience were her husband, son and a newspaper reporter.)

### 35 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Elsie Hicks became the first woman ever to serve as clerk of Tuscola County this week following her appointment to the post by Circuit Judges Norman A. Baguley and James Churchill Tuesday. Mrs. Hicks was sworn in Tuesday afternoon. She will be replacing her father-in-law, Archie Hicks, who succumbed to a heart attack with a little less than a year left to serve on his current term in office. Most of the duties of the clerk will not be new to Mrs. Hicks. She is an 8-year veteran of the clerk's office and has been a deputy clerk for 5 years. Mrs. Hicks has served as Circuit Court clerk for 4 years. She

## Cass City Area Church Directory

### Calvary Bible Fellowship

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

### Cass City Church of Christ

6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726  
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136  
Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

### Cass City Church of the Nazarene

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

### Cass City Missionary Church

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

### Cass City United Methodist Church

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

### Deford Community Church

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

### Evangelical Free Church of Cass City

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

### First Baptist Church

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

### First Presbyterian Church

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

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

### Living Word Worship Center

(Where the Word is Life)  
6536 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-4637  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. (Family Training Hour) 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Keith Misany

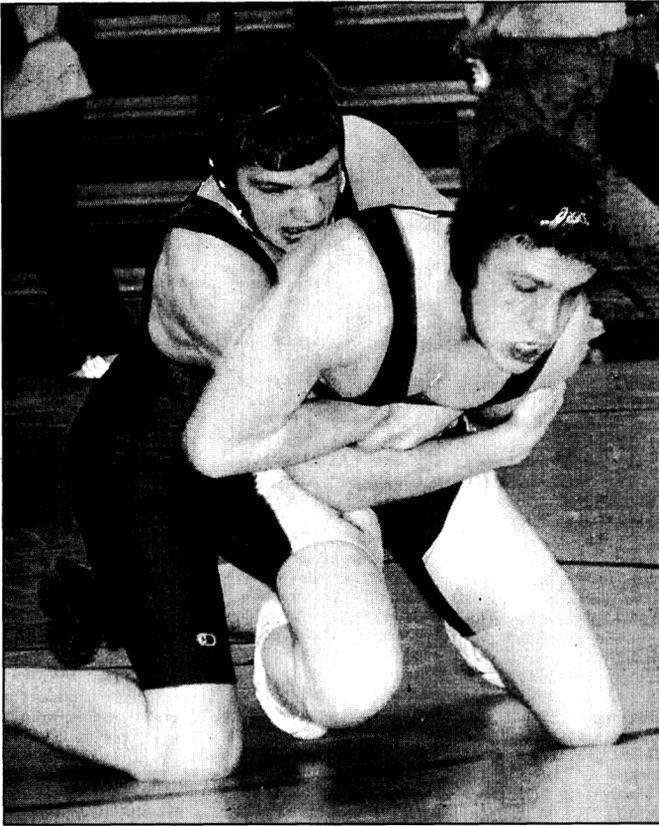
### Novesta Church of Christ

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

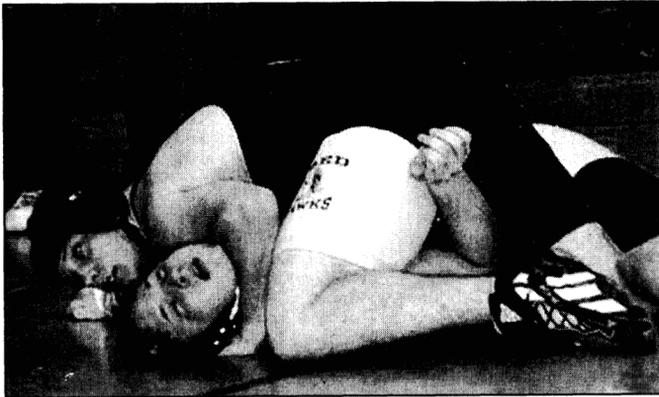
### Potter's House

Christian Fellowship Church  
Corner of 6th and Leach, Cass City, MI 48726  
872-5186  
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Pastor: F. Robert Tucker

### St. Pancratius Catholic Church



**KYLE REIF (rear) is getting the best of his Sterling Heights opponent at the 6-team Marysville Tournament. Reif helped the Hawks to a runner up finish on the day.**



**RED HAWK Scott Meeker works towards a pin against Memphis' Dave Lipinski Saturday at the Marysville Tournament. Meeker wrestled to a 5-0 record at the event in the 215 lb. weight division.**

## Hawks remain perfect on top of GTC ranks

The Cass City Red Hawks passed a major hurdle in their quest for a Greater Thumb Conference championship Wednesday with a pair of victories, including a 37-36 decision over previously undefeated Mayville, the host team for the dual team meet. Also bowing to the Hawks was Sandusky, 60-21.

While now boasting an 8-0 record in the GTC, Cass City had little time to savor the win. Tonight (Wednesday) the Hawks face Marlette in a dual meet at USA. The Red Raiders are also unbeaten in the conference and the winner will take a huge stride on its way to the conference title.

Double winners for Cass City were: Andrew Peruski (103/112), Marcel Helland (125), Kyle Reif (130), Kyle Sieradzki (145) Jeff Tenbusch (152/160), Wes Becker (171/189), Scott Meeker (215) and Lee Hutchinson (275).

### MARYSVILLE TOURNNEY

Cass City placed second in the 6-team tourney Saturday at Marysville, with a 3-2 record. The tourney was won

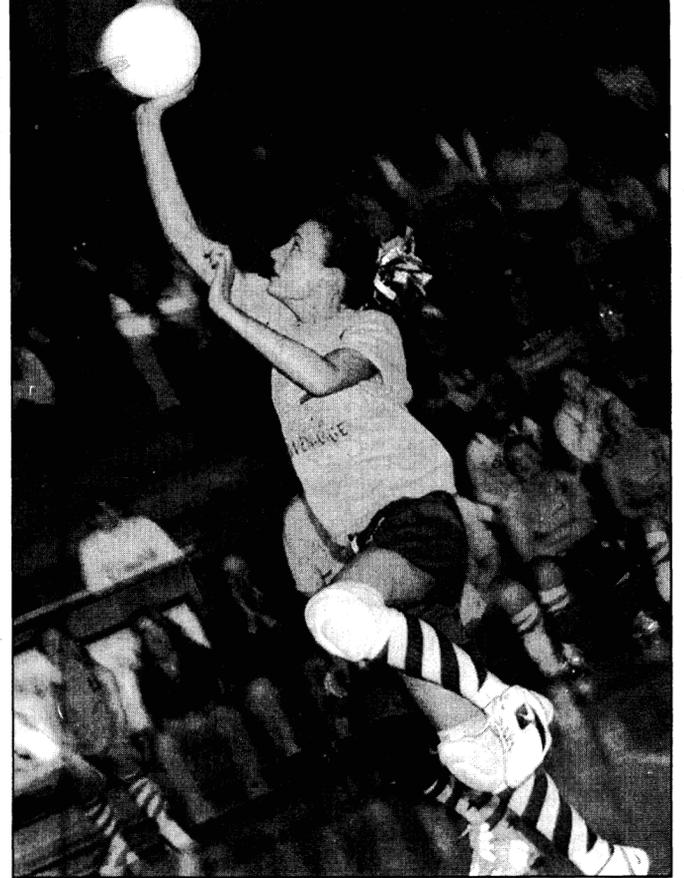
by Brighton. Others finished in the following order: Sterling Heights, Marysville, Memphis and Brown city.

Coach Don Markel said that the team performed well in spite of the fact that 2 varsity wrestlers were out of the line up, forcing the Hawks to forfeit and give up 12 points to each team.

Cass City defeated Marysville, 45-36; Brown City, 57-21, and Memphis, 40-38. The team lost to Brighton, 36-30, and Sterling Heights, 45-33. Sieradzki (145) and Meeker (215) were 5-0 and Hutchinson (275) was 4-1 to lead Cass City.

Markel pointed out that the team is wrestling fairly well right now. Wrestlers who have posted outstanding records this season are Kenny Grady, 20-9; Peruski, 26-11; Helland, 27-9; Reif, 28-14; Sieradzki, 31-7; Tenbusch, 20-13; Meeker, 27-9; and Hutchinson, 33-8. Equally important are the role players who may not have outstanding records, but helped the team to several crucial victories, Markel said.

For the season, Cass City's dual meet record is 22-12.



**BULLDOG WENDY ERRER attempts a tip in NCTL volleyball action Thursday against visiting Memphis.**

## Cass City spikers rebound for win over Chargers

Cass City rallied to earn its first Greater Thumb West victory of the season Thursday at Saginaw Valley Lutheran.

The Red Hawks, 1-2 GTW, 6-15-4 overall, will now seek to even their conference mark this Thursday against visiting Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port during the team's home finale.

The Hawks' match with the Chargers was a classic. Af-

ter registering a 25-20 victory in game one, Cass City suffered identical losses of 25-23 over the next 2 games.

But the visitors responded with a 25-23 win of their own in game 4 and sent the match to a deciding 5th game. Cass City was able to keep its momentum going in the rubber game and recorded a 15-9 decision.

Ashley Hendrick and Emily Schinnerer turned in big efforts for the winners. Hendrick posted 20 kills, 13 digs, 5 kills and 4 blocks, while Schinnerer recorded 16 kills, 11 assists and 9 digs; Sara Meeker added 9 kills; Luann Laming, 15 receptions; Danielle Dohn, 17 digs; and Ashleigh Rabideau, 18 receptions for Cass City.

## Spikers Surprised

### Bulldogs lose for first time in NCTL play since 2000 season

The Owen-Gage volleyball team suffered its first North Central Thumb League defeat since the 1999-2000 season Thursday as visiting Memphis captured a 5-game thriller. The scores of the match were 25-16, 24-26, 22-25, 25-16 and 12-15.

With the loss, the Bulldogs slip to 6-1 in conference play. Katie Swiastyn recorded 20 points, 6 aces, 15 assists, 8 kills and 12 digs for the Bulldogs. Kayla Zaleski registered 9 points, 16 kills, 3 blocks and 10 digs; Mary McKee had 9 points and 3 saves; Nicole Schmidt had 9 points and 9 assists; and Michelle Brown had 7 points and 3 saves.

team highs for Owen-Gage were Swiastyn with 25 assists and Brown with 29 digs.

Owen-Gage, 10-4-3 overall, will invade Kingston on Thursday in NCTL action.

## Cass City Bowling Leagues

<b>Thursday Nite Trio as of Jan. 27</b>	(681); G. Robinson 234 (600); R. Doerr 212. Team High Game: Jebco Consulting 627.	Cablettes 9 Charlie's Angels 9 FBI Gals 8	Team High Series: Crowley Chiropractic (2352).
Martin Electric 8 Mycogen Seeds 7 Schmaltz Construction 5 Jebco Consulting 5 United Building Centers 4 Doerr Landscaping 1 Dairy Queen Brazier-Caro 0	Team High Series: Mycogen Seeds (1830).	Individual High Games & Series: S. Hutchinson 228 (535); C. Davidson 191 (501); J. Dickinson 190 (492); J. Morell 172 (483); L. Pabst 176 (473); D. Williams 175; B. Doran 171; J. Krol 172.	Merchants as of Jan. 26
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Individual High Games & Series: T. Potrykus 227-235-233 (695); L. Morgan 213-242 (633); R. Wright 265-202 (630); T. Furness 214.

### Sunday No. Rollers as of Jan. 16

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Individual High Games & Series: J. Mathewson 224; B. Potrykus 215-217 (603).  
Team High Game & Series: Pinheads 671 (1917).

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# Rockets deliver Hawks' first loss

Cass City's first game on the road against one of the league powerhouses should be a wakeup call for the previously undefeated Hawks that were out-hustled, out-shot and out-defended as Reese chalked up a 63-47 win to move into a tie for first place in the Greater Thumb West Conference.

A rugged defense by the Rockets and an off shooting night by the Hawks turned what figured to be a tight game into a decisive first loss of the season for Cass City.

The third quarter and the first half of the last quarter removed all doubt about the outcome of the game.

It came after the Hawks had rallied from 8 points down, 11-3 in the first 4 minutes of the game to tie the score with 2:13 left in the half when Justin Glaza converted a pair of technical fouls. At the intermission Reese was in front 30-29 and never trailed again.

In the third period the total Hawk offense was a try by Glaza. In the first half of the last quarter it was more of the same. Cass City failed to score a field goal until there was 4 minutes left in the game. The total Hawk production was 3 of 4 free throws and the Rockets were in front, 57-35.

Reese controlled the paint all night, denying Cass City second chance points while collecting offensive rebounds for hoops.

Nate Pike dominated for the Rockets with 23 points and Blaise Zimmer scored 12, including 2 of his 3-pointers in the third quarter when Reese salted away the victory.

Brad Langenburg provided the offensive spark that kept the Hawks in contention in the first half, counting 11 of his team-high 14 points in the first 2 quarters.

Andrew Schinnerer continued to provide scoring punch off the bench with 10 points. Cass City converted just 15 of 47 from the floor.

It was an all-victorious night for Reese. The Rockets junior varsity won, 57-43, and the freshmen topped the Hawks, 50-37.

**CASS CITY** - Glaza 1-1 (4-4) 9; Schinnerer 2-1 (3-4) 10; Landrith 1-0 (0-0) 2; Langenburg 4-2 (0-0) 14; Martin 0-1 (0-0) 3; Otulakowski 1-0 (1-1) 3; Schenk 1-0 (4-4) 6.  
**TOTALS - 10-5 (12-13) 47.**

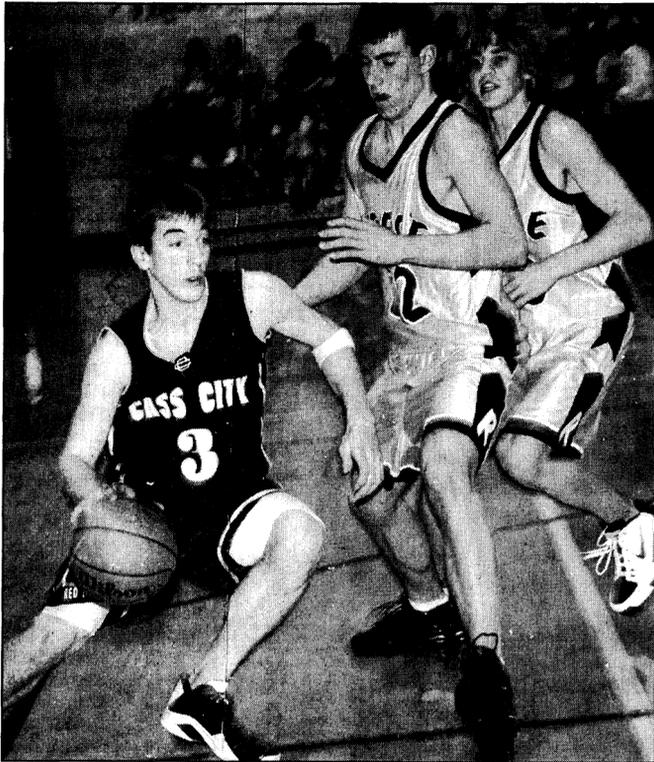
**REESE** - Adair 0-1 (0-0) 3; Zimmer 1-3 (1-2) 12; Matthews 0-0 (2-2) 2; Burnison 3-0 (0-6) 6; Bierlein 3-0 (3-4) 9; Pike 6-2 (5-5) 23; Saylor 3-0 (2-2) 8.  
**TOTALS - 16-6 (13-23) 63.**

## STANDINGS

Team	W	L	W	L
Cass City	5	1	12	1
Reese	4	1	9	3
BCAS	3	2	7	5
USA	2	3	8	4
Valley Luth.	2	3	5	7
Bad Axe	2	4	4	9
Lakers	1	5	4	8

Team	W	L	W	L
Ubyly	5	0	9	3
H. Beach	4	1	4	7
Brown City	3	2	9	3
Sandusky	3	2	7	5
Marlette	2	3	4	8
Mayville	1	4	1	11
Deckerville	0	6	1	12

Team	W	L	W	L
Caseville	9	3	9	3
Owen-Gage	4	7	5	8
North Huron	3	8	3	9
Port Hope	2	9	2	10
A-Fairgrove	0	11	1	11



**JUSTIN GLAZA** was a marked player for the Reese defense. He consistently was shadowed by one or more Rocket defenders all night.



**FRESHMAN ERIC ZALESKI** drives around Dryden's Ryan Short in Friday's Snowball contest in Owendale. The hosts suffered a 53-52 defeat.



## BULLDOG ROYALTY

Owen-Gage seniors Kayla Zaleski and Josh Leinweber highlighted Friday's halftime activities against Dryden in Owendale when the pair were announced the school's 2005 Snowball Queen and King.

# Defense keys Cass City win

Anything's possible in the Greater Thumb Conference West and to say that any team can defeat any other team on a given night is a cliché. But it rings true this year. Saginaw Valley Lutheran, that failed to win a league game prior to last week, defeated USA, a premier team that has non-conference wins over Buena Vista and Saginaw Nouvel.

Friday the Hawks play at Valley Lutheran, a team that can't be overlooked even though the Hawks posted a 63-48 decision when the teams met Jan. 4.

That was at home. This time the game with the Chargers will be the third in a string of 6 straight games on the road for Cass City.

Friday the Hawks overcame the home court advantage that Bay City All Saints enjoyed to register a surprising 60-40 decision. The Hawks used a tight defense and took advantage of a very cold shooting last half for the Cougars.

It was expected to be a close game and it was for the first 2 1/2 quarters. During that time the lead changed hands twice and the largest lead for Cass City was 7 points midway through the first quarter. At the 3:54 mark in the first quarter Justin Glaza was sidelined with a broken nose, but it only slowed him down temporarily. He returned to score a pair of hoops in the second quarter before going on a scoring rampage with 13

points in the third quarter. For the night Glaza led all scorers with 25 points.

When the injury occurred Andrew Schinnerer kept the offense functioning with 2 quick hoops, one a 3-pointer. As has become his custom he came off the bench and scored early and often, ending with 16 points for the night.

The seesaw game ended at the 4:03 mark in the third quarter when the score was tied at 36-all. The Hawks went on a 10-0 run helped by Glaza, who contributed 8 points as his 3-point hoops started to fall after they bounced off the rim in the first half.

The Hawks were aided by ice cold shooting by the Cou-

gars in the final 12 minutes. In that quarter and a half All Saints scored just 4 points, none in the last quarter. Ryan Janer led the Cougars with 13 points.

All Saints won the junior varsity game, 56-45.

**CASS CITY** - Glaza 6-3 (4-6) 25; Schinnerer 5-2 (0-1) 16; Schenk 1-0 (0-0) 2; Landrith 1-0 (0-1) 2; Langenburg 1-2 (0-0) 8; Martin 3-0 (1-2) 7.  
**TOTALS - 17-7 (5-10) 60.**

**ALL SAINTS** - Lukowski 1-0 (0-0) 2; Brzezinski 4-0 (1-2) 9; Agnew 1-0 (1-2) 3; Heintskill 2-0 (1-2) 5; Ryan Janer 2-3 (0-1) 13; Brett Janer 2-1 (1-1) 8.  
**TOTALS 12-4 (4-8) 40.**

# Owen-Gage falls at buzzer

Dryden put a damper on Owen-Gage's Snowball celebration Friday when the visitors escaped with a 53-52 North Central Thumb League win.

The Bulldogs built leads of 13-11 after one period and 31-24 at the halfway point. The 2 schools traded baskets throughout the third period and the hosts were able to take a 46-39 edge into the final 8 minutes.

However, the Bulldogs were held to a solo field goal from Aaron Faist in the period and the Cardinals' 14-6 run to the buzzer proved to be the difference.

Owen-Gage will need to put together 4 complete quarters this week if they hope to end their current 3-game slide.

After a Tuesday night encounter with hosts Akron-Fairgrove, the Bulldogs will travel to face Peck on Friday. The loss was a heart breaker for the Bulldogs. After leading the entire contest, the Cardinals grabbed their first lead at 51-50.

Eric Zaleski, however, re-

sponded for the Bulldogs when he drew contact and was sent to the foul line with 7 seconds remaining.

Zaleski calmly sank both foul shots and the Bulldogs regained the lead at 52-51.

But following a Dryden time out, the visitors recorded the game winner on a well defended jump shot as time expired.

Zaleski recorded game scoring honors for the Bulldogs with 18 points, while Nathan Rogers added 10.

The Cardinals had Mike Sheffer with 16 tallies while Nick Furgerson posted 11 points.

## ARENAC EASTERN

The Bulldogs' first non-conference affair of the season Tuesday saw Arenac-Eastern escape with a 61-52 victory in Owendale.

Brandon Dubs kept the hosts close in the opening half with a variety of long-range jumpers. Dubs hit for 3 triples en route to 15 points before the break that ended

29-27.

The Bulldogs easily could have enjoyed a lead at the intermission, except for a terrible showing at the foul line. The hosts missed 5 freebies in the second period alone and connected on just 15 of 30 tries on the night.

Brent Selle recorded 5 treys, while Matt Cottrell

poured in a game-high 24 points to lead the visitors.

Selle's triples all came prior to the final frame. Cottrell took over down the stretch with 12 points in the final 8 minutes.

Aaron Faist joined Dubs, who was held scoreless in the final half, in double figures with 13.

## Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

This week's match ups	John Haire	Clive Haire	Tom Montgomery	Doug Hyatt
<b>Tuesday, February 1</b>	Reese at Bad Axe	USA	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Wednesday, February 2</b>	Reese at USA	USA	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Thursday, February 3</b>	Reese at BCAS	BCAS	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Friday, February 4</b>	Reese at Brown City	Brown City	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Saturday, February 5</b>	Reese at Ubyly	Ubyly	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Sunday, February 6</b>	Reese at Sandusky	Sandusky	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Monday, February 7</b>	Reese at Mayville	Mayville	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Tuesday, February 8</b>	Reese at Marlette	Marlette	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Wednesday, February 9</b>	Reese at Caseville	Caseville	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Thursday, February 10</b>	Reese at Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Friday, February 11</b>	Reese at Memphis	Memphis	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Saturday, February 12</b>	Reese at CPS	CPS	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Sunday, February 13</b>	Reese at Ubyly	Ubyly	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Monday, February 14</b>	Reese at USA	USA	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Tuesday, February 15</b>	Reese at BCAS	BCAS	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Wednesday, February 16</b>	Reese at Brown City	Brown City	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Thursday, February 17</b>	Reese at Ubyly	Ubyly	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Friday, February 18</b>	Reese at Sandusky	Sandusky	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Saturday, February 19</b>	Reese at Mayville	Mayville	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Sunday, February 20</b>	Reese at Marlette	Marlette	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Monday, February 21</b>	Reese at Caseville	Caseville	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Tuesday, February 22</b>	Reese at Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Wednesday, February 23</b>	Reese at Memphis	Memphis	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Thursday, February 24</b>	Reese at CPS	CPS	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Friday, February 25</b>	Reese at Ubyly	Ubyly	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Saturday, February 26</b>	Reese at USA	USA	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Sunday, February 27</b>	Reese at BCAS	BCAS	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Monday, February 28</b>	Reese at Brown City	Brown City	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Tuesday, February 29</b>	Reese at Ubyly	Ubyly	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Wednesday, February 30</b>	Reese at Sandusky	Sandusky	Valley Lutheran	USA
<b>Season's Results</b>	106-38 (74%)	106-38 (74%)	100-44 (69%)	105-39 (73%)

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# Several appear in circuit court

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

•Kelly J. Stevens, 48, Fostoria, pleaded no contest to attempted assault of a police officer and lewd and lascivious conduct Nov. 19 in Mayville.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$100. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Daniel J. Reiter, 43, Clarkston, pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm by a felon Sept. 1 in Akron Township.

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

•Keven L. Sough, 39, Fostoria, pleaded no contest to second-degree child abuse Nov. 9 in Watertown Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$15,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Victoriano Maldonado, 44, Carsonville, pleaded no contest to second-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years between January and February in Kingston Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$40,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Daniel J. Graves, 34, Caro, pleaded no contest to first-degree home invasion, ethnic intimidation and assaulting a police officer May 7 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$7,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Melvin A. Romain, 40, Caro, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Aug. 7 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Norman D. Clark, 39, Vassar, was sentenced to 18 months to 5 years in prison for his pleas of no contest to 2 counts of attempted second-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years between January 2001 and November 2003 in Vassar Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$180.

•Mary L. O'Dell, 48, Attica, was sentenced to 9 months in the county jail for

her pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and furnishing false identification to a police officer July 30 in Cass City.

She was also ordered to pay \$1,160 in costs and fines.

•Linda J. May, 49, Caro, was sentenced to 105 days in jail and 12 months probation for her plea of no contest to writing a no account check for \$300.82 July 17, 2003, in Indianfields Township.

She was also ordered to pay \$400 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$214.76.

•Randi Jo Collard, 22, Caro, was sentenced to 24 months probation for a plea of guilty to illegal use of a financial transaction device March 12 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,180.

•David W. Belcher, 20, Caro, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 365 days in jail, with worksite privileges, for his pleas of guilty to 2 counts of larceny from a motor vehicle and being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction), and no contest to larceny of property valued at \$100 to \$1,000, and larceny of property valued at less than \$200 April 4 in Caro.

He was also ordered to complete his high school education and pay \$2,900 in costs and fines. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

•Lisa N. Brady, 38, Caro, pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer and malicious destruction of property with damage valued at less than \$200 July 13 in Caro, and to being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Mark A. Turcsak, 38, Mayville, stood mute to 3 counts of writing 3 non-sufficient funds checks within 10 days. The offenses alleged took place Aug. 16-25 in Mayville and involved checks drawn on Bank One and Lapeer County Bank and Trust.

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

•Devin T. Langley, 32, Birch Run, pleaded guilty to failure to pay child support from October 2000 to the present.

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

# BASKETBALL - VOLLEYBALL - WRESTLING - GYMNASTICS

**Cass City Red Hawks 2004-2005 Boys' Basketball**

Date	Team	Time
Dec. 7	Vassar 61, Cass City 65	
Dec. 10	Ubyly 53, Cass City 55	
Dec. 14	Sandusky 46, Cass City 51	
Dec. 17	Mayville 38, Cass City 72	
Dec. 21	Caro 44, Cass City 56	
Jan. 4	Valley Lutheran 48, Cass City 63	
Jan. 7	Bad Axe 38, Cass City 59	
Jan. 11	Marlette 44, Cass City 49	
Jan. 14	Lakers 45, Cass City 69	
Jan. 18	Harbor Beach 47, Cass City 59	
Jan. 21	USA 51, Cass City 52	
Jan. 25	Reese 63, Cass City 47	
Jan. 28	BCAS 40, Cass City 60	
Feb. 3	Valley Lutheran (F)	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 4	Valley Lutheran	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 8	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 11	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 15	USA	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 18	Reese	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 22	BCAS	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 25	Deckerville	5:00 p.m.

\* Home games are bold

**Cass City Red Hawks 2004-2005 Wrestling**

Date	Team	Time
Dec. 1	Imlay City / Capac	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 4	Cros Lex Invite	9:00 a.m.
Dec. 8	Capac / Lutheran North	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 11	Marlette Invite	8:00 a.m.
Dec. 16	Pinconning	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 5	Brown City / USA	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 8	North Branch Invite	9:00 a.m.
Jan. 12	Valley Lutheran / Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 15	Mayville Invite	8:30 a.m.
Jan. 19	Bad Axe / Nouvel	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 22	Imlay City Invite	8:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	Mayville / Sandusky	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 29	Marysville Invite	9:00 a.m.
Feb. 2	USA / Marlette	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 5	Standish Sterling	9:00 a.m.
Feb. 12	League Invite @ V. Luth.	9:00 a.m.

\* Home games are bold

**Cass City Red Hawks 2004-2005 Volleyball**

Date	Team	Time
Dec. 11	Lakers (F/JV)	9:00 a.m.
Dec. 13	Brown City/Kingston (F/V)	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 13	Brown City/Kingston (JV)	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	Caro	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 17	Caro Invite (F/JV)	4:15 p.m.
Dec. 18	Caro Invite	8:30 a.m.
Dec. 20	Kingston/Brown City (F)	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 6	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 7	Bad Axe Invite (F/JV)	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 8	Freeland Invite	9:00 a.m.
Jan. 10	Sandusky	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 13	Ubyly	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 15	Birch Run Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.
Jan. 20	BCAS	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 22	Birch Run Invite (JV)	8:30 a.m.
Jan. 27	Valley Lutheran	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 29	Lakers Invite	9:00 a.m.
Jan. 29	Brown City Invite (F)	9:00 a.m.
Feb. 3	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 10	USA	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 12	Northwood Invite	8:30 a.m.
Feb. 12	JV Invite @ Lakers	9:00 a.m.
Feb. 12	9th Invite @ USA	9:00 a.m.
Feb. 17	Reese	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 19	League Tourn. @ USA	9:00 a.m.

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### BASKETBALL

Snowcoming - Fri., Feb. 18  
Cass City vs. Reese

### VOLLEYBALL

Thurs., Feb. 3  
Cass City vs. Lakers

### GYMNASTICS

Tues., Feb. 8  
Cass City vs. Vassar

**Cass City Red Hawks 2004-2005 Gymnastics**

Date	Team	Time
Dec. 14	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	Midland	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 22	Vassar Invite	12:00 p.m.
Jan. 29	Troy Athens	9:00 a.m.
Feb. 1	Midland	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	Midland Invite	12:00 p.m.

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woman, original mortgagor, to Towne Mortgage Company DB/A AmeriCu Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated May 4, 1999 and recorded on May 10, 1999 in Liber 770 on Page 1372 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Five Hundred and 46/100 Dollars (\$83,500.46), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

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Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Five and 98/100 Dollars (\$54,235.98), including interest at 7% per annum.

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by SUSAN A. PRICE, A SINGLE WOMAN, to GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION OF PA NKA GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated January 17, 1996 and recorded on January 24, 1996 in Liber 685 on Page 114, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, and modified by loan modification agreement dated October 31, 1996 and recorded November 14, 1996 in Liber 701, Page 155, and modified by loan modification agreement dated November 27, 1996 and recorded February 3, 1997 in Liber 704, Page 1394, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE AND 44/100 DOLLARS (\$73,625.44), including interest at 8.75% per annum.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by CAROLYN J. DUTY and BARRY L. DUTY, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC., Mortgagee, dated February 13, 2004 and recorded on February 20, 2004 in Liber 980 on Page 1240, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWO AND 77/100 DOLLARS (\$116,202.77), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Amanda Jammer, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 28, 2001 and recorded on June 29, 2001 in Liber 837 on Page 002 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Two and 20/100 Dollars (\$55,402.20), including interest at 7.75% per annum.

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

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James A. Mullens, a single man, to North American Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated May 18, 1995 and recorded May 22, 1995 in Liber 673, Page 1156, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. f/k/a Norwest Mortgage, Inc., a California Corporation by assignment dated September 3, 2003 and recorded on November 7, 2003 in Liber 963, Page 715, and Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on this mortgage the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Eleven and 55/100 Dollars (\$54,811.55), including interest at the rate of 8.75% per annum.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James Hager, a single man, and Nenita Crouch, a single woman, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), dated May 13, 2004 and recorded on May 18, 2004 in Liber 993 on Page 245 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty and 15/100 Dollars (\$91,520.15), including interest at 8.99% per annum.

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

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 Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on February 17, 2005.

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 Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on February 3, 2005.

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

**Beginning at a point on the East line of Section 14, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, which is South 268.05 feet from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 14, thence South 100 feet along said East line; thence West 225 feet; thence North 100 feet; thence East 225 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 February 24, 2005.

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.

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

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

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.

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

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**PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, MILLINGTON TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EAST SECTION LINE THAT IS NORTH 1760 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 18; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 200 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 300 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 200 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 300 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

Part of the Fractional Northeast 1/4 of Section 5, Township 10 North, Range 9 East, Watertown Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the East line of said Section 5, which is North 1047.25 feet from the East 1/4 corner; thence continuing along said East line North 213.75 feet; thence parallel with the North, East and West 1/8 line, South 88°41'15" West, 407.58 feet; thence parallel with the said East line of said Section 5, South 213.75 feet; thence North 89°41'15" East, 407.58 feet to the East line and place of beginning, subject to the use of the Easterly 33 feet thereof, as North Lake Road.

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.

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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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola, MI, at 10:00 AM on February 17, 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 March 3, 2005.

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**PARCEL ID #** 021-005-000-0225-00

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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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola, MI, at 10:00 AM on February 17, 2005.

**LOT 13 AND THE SOUTH 10 FEET OF LOT 12, BLOCK 2 OF WILLIAM TURNER'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF MAYVILLE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 29, NOW BEING PAGE 30A OF 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.**

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the fractional Section 2, Town 12 North, Range 9 East; thence South 01 degrees West, along the East line of said fractional, Section 2, 996.40 feet; thence North 88 degrees 20 minutes 30 seconds West, along the North one-eighth line of said fractional Section 2 and the centerline of Boy Scout Road, 955.00 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence North 88 degrees 20 minutes 30 seconds West, along the centerline Boy Scout Road 434.29 feet to the point of the centerline of Orr Road; thence North 01 degrees 58 minutes East, along the centerline of Orr Road, 659.97 feet; thence South 88 degrees 20 minutes 30 seconds East 423.16 feet thence South 01 degrees West 660.0 feet to the point of beginning.

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by KEVIN T. and VALERIE J. HUGHES, husband and wife, to ALLIANCE FUNDING, a Division of Superior Bank FSB, One Ramland Rd., Orangeburg, NY 10962, dated January 19, 2000 and recorded with the Tuscola County Register of Deeds on February 2, 2000 in Liber 793 on Page 867. Said mortgage was assigned by an assignment to LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Indenture Trustee under the Indenture, dated as of March 1, 2000, Series 2000-1, n/a LASALLE BANK, N.A., 909 Hidden Ridge, Irving, TX 75038, by an assignment dated February 8, 2000 and recorded with the Tuscola County Register of Deeds on January 28, 2002 in Liber 860 on Page 208. By reason of such default the undersigned elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of said mortgage due and payable forthwith. At the date of this notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest, at the rate of 12.50% per annum on said mortgage the sum of SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTYEIGHT AND 33/100 DOLLARS (\$75,313.33). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

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30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage dated October 9, 2001 and recorded November 27, 2001 in Liber 849, Page 862 to 866, Tuscola County Records (the "Mortgage"), made by DEANNA BUHL, of 394 Lincoln, Fostoria, Michigan 48435 (the "Mortgagor"), to DANIEL DAY, of 106 Brown Road, P.O. Box 463, Mayville, Michigan 48744 (the "Mortgagee"), and by which the power of sale contained in the Mortgage has become operative, and the premises described in the Mortgage being located in the Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan (commonly identified as 394 Lincoln, Fostoria, Michigan) and particularly described as follows (the "Property"):

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by ROBERT E. MCNEIL, JR. and TANYA A. MCNEIL, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns MORTGAGE INVESTORS CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated May 14, 2004 and recorded on May 25, 2004 in Liber 993 on Page 1394, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-THOUSAND THIRTY-FOUR AND 49/100 DOLLARS (\$80,034.49), including interest at 4.75% per annum.

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The South 208.72 feet of the West 208.72 feet of the following described parcel: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 25, Township 10 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of Elm Street, so-called that is North 01 degrees 19' West, 24' 25" and North 88 degrees 53' East, 766' and South 01 degrees 09' East, 467.3' from the West 1/4 corner of said Section 25; thence North 89 degrees 08' East, 555.38"; thence South 00 degrees 30' East, 662.65"; thence South 89 degrees 08' West, 547.66" to the East line of said Elm Street; thence North 01 degrees 09' West, 662.65" along the East line of Elm Street 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 Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on March 3, 2005.

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and the Mortgagee having elected to declare the entire balance secured by the Mortgage due, which amount claimed to be due thereon at the date of this notice is \$55,339.91, and no suit or proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.

**LOT 5, BLOCK 5 OF GARDEN CENTER SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 92, NOW BEING PAGE 42B, TOWN 14 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST.**

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph R. Lockhart, a married person, and Patricia A. Lockhart, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 10, 2001 and recorded on April 17, 2001 in Liber 828 on Page 1080 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Three and 26/100 Dollars (\$48,323.26), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

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Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that on February 24, 2005 at 10:00 a.m., local prevailing time, at the front door of the Tuscola County Courthouse in the City of Caro, County of Tuscola, Michigan (being the place of holding Circuit Court within the county in which the Property is located), the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale to the highest bidder at public sale of the Property, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the amount due as aforesaid, with interest thereon at the rate borne by the Mortgage, allowable charges and expenses, including an attorney's fee, and any amounts disbursed by Mortgagee to protect its interest in the Property.

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**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.

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The property to be sold is located in Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, and is more specifically described in the mortgage as:

The North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 5, Township 10 North, Range 8 East; Except the East 792 feet.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of the sale unless the property is deemed to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: January 26, 2005

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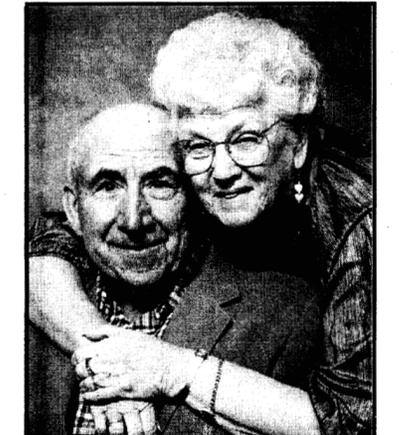
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**THE 2004 Meritorious Award Winners are (from left) Sgt. Scott Jones and deputies Tom Pennington and Bob Baxter.**



**2004 LIFE SAVING Awards went to Tuscola County Sheriff's Department officers (front row, from left) Corporal Brian Harris and Correction Officers Sharon Kauer and Mark House, and (back row, left) Corporal Dave Schwartz, Deputy Steve Roland, Correction Officer Rodney Bertsch and Deputy Justin Nitz. Missing is Correction Officer Mark Dinkel.**

## Quiz bowl teams shine

The Cass City Quiz Bowl varsity "A Team" earned first place last week at the Bad Axe Invitational. The win qualified Cass City for the State Quiz Bowl Championship at MSU April 22 and 23. This is the eighth time in the last 9 years Cass City has qualified for states.

Currently, the team has an 8-1 record and is tied for first with Sandusky in the Thumb Area Quiz Bowl League. The Cass City Quiz Bowl varsity "B Team" earned third place Thursday at the Cass City Invitational. Currently, the team has a 7-2 record and is in third place

in the Thumb Area Quiz Bowl League. The Cass City Quiz Bowl junior varsity team earned first place Thursday at the Cass City Invitational. Currently, the team has a 7-2 record and is in first place in the Thumb Area Quiz Bowl JV League.



**THE CASS CITY Quiz Bowl Varsity "A Team" members are (l-r) Jesse Rader, Bryan Hill, Philip Nahernak and Ralph Machio.**



**THE CASS CITY Quiz Bowl Varsity "B Team" members are (l-r) Alex Hiatt, Donna Bushong, Chancy Balk, Ashley Puterbaugh and Kaylin Tack.**

# Tuscola sheriff honors his top officers

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"Deputy Baxter was able to force his way into a room where the subject had barricaded the door. The subject backed into a corner and refused to talk or put the scissors down," Kern said.

"As Deputy Baxter attempted to talk to her, she started to cut her wrists and while doing so, Deputy Baxter rushed her, got the scissors away and restrained

her without any injury." Kern presented commendations to the following officers:

•Life Saving Commendation to Corporal Brian Harris and Correction Officer Sharon Kauer, for their teamwork in saving the life of an inmate who attempted to hang himself with a tied T-shirt in March.

•Life Saving Commendation to Corporal David Schwartz, Correction Officer Mark House and Deputy Jus-

tin Nitz, for their work in saving the life of another inmate who attempted to use his shirt as a rope in a suicide attempt. They also assisted in restoring his breathing following the Dec. 22 incident.

•Life Saving Commendation to Deputy Steve Roland, and Commendations for Professional Excellence to Lt. James Giroux, Sgt. Michael Pine and deputies Steven Anderson, Michael Mattlin, Dale Tompkins and Ryan Herford, for their actions in responding to a serious traffic accident on M-15 at Brown Road in Vassar Township Oct. 18.

"This investigation was truly a team effort, with all the officers displaying good demeanor and acting very professional," Giroux said.

Also honored with Commendations for Professional Excellence were:

•Sgt. Scott Jones, for his investigation into a residential burglary just outside of Caro that led to a suspect involved in several other burglaries, and a conviction in January.

•Sgt. Ted Hull and deputies Ryan Pierce and Ryan Herford, for their assistance in a domestic disturbance call in March. The officers located and apprehended the suspect, who attempted to reach for a gun after leaving

his car and entering a residence in Kingston.

•Correction Officer Justin Sieveke and Deputy Penny Cooper, and Correction Officer Rodney Bertsch, who received a Life Saving Commendation, for their response to jail cell disturbance involving an inmate attempting to hang himself from the bars.

•Deputy Richard Hofmeister, for his work in helping Tuscola County to become the first county in the state to establish the "Secure Tunnel" over the Internet to Lansing for sending information from the sheriff's office and other agencies within the law enforcement community.

"Richard is the computer software/hardware guru for the sheriff's office," Kern said. "This all began in earnest when 911 was being established in the early 90s. Richard developed the county's first dispatch software that remained in use with upgrades until 2002. Richard's working relationship with the county's Information Systems Department has helped to keep our office with technology that protects our information and maintains modern computer equipment to run many different programs that we run on a daily basis."

•Sgt. Glen Skrent and Deputy Thomas Pennington, for their investigation of a stolen auto complaint in the Fish Point area last March. The officers' work included locating the suspect and a foot chase that ended in the suspect's arrest.

•Deputies Michael Mattlin and Joshua Herman, for their investigation of a rash of larcenies from motor vehicles in the Caro area last spring. Their work with the Caro Police Department resulted in a confession and several arrests.

•Marlene Hunter, for her "exceptional" work as a part-time employee who covers duties in several offices and "does extra work without a complaint."

•Dolores Fiebig, for her years of dedication as Kern's secretary.

"When it comes to commitment and dedication, no one can hold a candle to my secretary," Kern said. "Her dedication and tenacity to make sure that everything is done correctly and professionally is unmatched by any county employee. Over the years she has literally saved thousands of dollars by searching out better deals as she manages the kitchen operation along with her other duties."

## Election deadline

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Preliminary estimates indicate the performing arts center will cost \$7.5 million. The remaining money would fund a host of projects, including roof work at the high school, Campbell Elementary and the former Deford Elementary School (now the Alternative Center for Education), boiler replacement at the high school, and a conversion from steam heat to water heat at Campbell.

School Supt. Ken Micklash emphasized the proposed bond issue is still in the "study phase" as board members continue to solicit input from the community. "This isn't a done deal at this point," he said, noting school officials have until March 1st to make a final decision.

Before the issue can be placed on the ballot, the school must obtain permission from the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Should voters end up voting on and approving the issue, the tax would be implemented as an extension of the current middle school debt, which is scheduled to be retired in 2008. The proposed bond issue would extend that to the year 2020.

Residents' tax bill for the middle school debt this year is 4.2 mills. The proposed bond issue would increase that levy by roughly one to 1.25 mills, according to Micklash.

### KINGSTON

In the Kingston Community Schools, there are a pair of 4-year terms expiring this year. Those seats currently belong to David Kolacz, who is the current board president, and Trustee Seth

## Fatal

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during Pawloski's tenure as chief. The other occurred a few years ago in the Deford area and claimed the life of a man who re-entered his burning home in an effort to retrieve personal property.

Regardless of the circumstance, the loss of life takes a long-lasting toll on fire fighters, and Pawloski was quick to make arrangements to help his volunteers cope with last week's tragedy.

"I already have a stress debriefing scheduled. This will be the third for me," he said. "These are trained professionals that come in. They just come in and you start talking. It's an excellent, excellent thing."

Still, Pawloski acknowledged the images firemen face when they're called to a fatal fire stay with them for life. "This one has burned its mark on my brain already," he said.

## Arraignment

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Investigators said Haas and Bulla, along with several other young people, were at that party when Haas and Bulla exchanged words and Bulla allegedly struck Haas once in the face with his fist.

According to the autopsy report filed with the prosecutor's office, Haas died as a result of blunt trauma to the head.

Bulla remains free on a \$50,000 personal recognizance bond.

If convicted of involuntary manslaughter, he could face a prison term of up to 15 years and/or a fine of \$7,500.



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