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## 3-year pact ratified

# O-G Board approves teacher pay increases

The Owen-Gage Board of Education ratified a new teachers contract during its regular monthly meeting Monday night.

Approval of the 3-year pact came after a 30-minute session behind closed doors.

Interim school Supt. Bob Peterson said the labor agreement, affecting 15 certified staff members represented by the Owen-Gage Education Association, will be in effect for the 2004-05 school year through the 2006-07 school year.

The contract provides a wage increase of 3 percent in the first year, according to Peterson, who said the teachers union agreed to a change in health insurance deductibles from \$50 and \$100 to \$100 and \$200. Copays were increased from \$2 to \$5 and \$10.

The district's teachers will receive a salary increase of 2.5 percent the second year and must stay with their current insurance carrier. Another 2.5 percent pay hike was approved for the third year.

Peterson declined to estimate what the pay increases will cost the district.

Turning to old business, the board reviewed the status of the district's superintendent search.

The board last month hired former Owen-Gage interim Supt. Don Gleeson to conduct the search at a cost of \$2,000. Gleeson has distributed and collected questionnaires asking school officials

and residents to identify the characteristics they deem most important in their next superintendent, who will serve in dual roles of both superintendent and K-12 principal.

"At this point, we've had 4 applications turned in and he (Gleeson) requested they turn in a list of questions that they want to ask the candidates," Peterson said.

Board members have al-

ready approved a base salary of not less than \$80,000 for the new administrator, and they are expected to offer him or her a multi-year contract. Gleeson has indicated he hopes to have the new superintendent on the job sometime in June.

In other business Monday, the board selected Tom Fritz as the district's nominee for this year's "Friend of Youth" award.

## High tech tools

BOARD CERTIFIED Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners Sue Monte, R.N. (left) and Yvette Hurd, R.N. demonstrate the many uses of the video colposcope. Hurd is a former Cass City resident.

# Medical detective

## Hurd now a sexual assault nurse examiner

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Yvette Hurd has made a career out of caring and compassion as a registered nurse.

Now, the former Cass City resident combines her skills in medicine with some high tech and intense detective work in the field of forensic nursing in an effort to help sexual assault victims and put their attackers behind bars.

Hurd, a 1986 graduate of Cass City High School, is one of 5 sexual assault nurse examiners (SANEs) in Bay County who serve victims in several surrounding counties, including those in the Thumb. They are part of what is known as the SART team (sexual assault response team), which includes law enforcement and a patient advocate to lend support and counseling to victims.

"I became interested in forensic nursing several years ago when reading about SANE nurses in nursing journals," Hurd recalled. "At that time it was mostly prevalent out West. The opportu-

nity presented itself 2 years ago when the Bay Area Women's Center set up the program. They provided the training" and funding.

"Forensic nursing goes beyond the traditional role and knowledge of the registered nurse and we practice independent of a physician," explained Hurd, who has also been employed full-time at Bay Regional Medical Center for 15 years.

"It allows for complete autonomy in my profession and I love that part of it. We have a physician consultant on our team to allow us to dispense medication and for periodic chart review, but exams are conducted exclusively by the SANE.

"The goal of any program like this is to take the patient outside of an ER (emergency room) setting where their care is one to one," Hurd explained.

"Sexual assault patients in any ER setting are likely to be considered 'low priority' and can wait several hours before being seen while more critical patients are attended to. In our program,

patients are seen in our own special exam room at the Nathan Weidners Children's Advocacy Center. We have a room there specially designed for a comprehensive exam of the female or male victim of sexual assault using state of the art equipment."

Hurd and her fellow SANEs work together to ensure one of them is on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. When a victim enters an ER or law enforcement agency, the nurse on call is paged.

They see patients ages 13 years and up, according to Hurd, who noted exams of the victims can take anywhere from 3 to 4 hours. "If the patient has injuries that are life threatening, then the exam is performed in the emergency room.

"You must remember that in the case of sexual assault, there are essentially 2 crime scenes - the place where it happened, but most importantly the patient herself," Hurd said.

"The quicker we see patients after the event, the

more likely we are able to recover evidence. After 72 hours, biological evidence degrades and we lose our window of opportunity," she continued. "Typically, however, because of the stigma associated with sexual assault, and the emotions involved in reporting, we don't always see patients as quickly as we would like."

After first meeting with a victim, the SANE begins by collecting as much information as possible.

"We obtain very detailed information pertinent to the event and use this information to guide our physical exam," Hurd said. "Once the medical interview is completed, a head-to-toe exam is performed.

"We use a state issued 'sexual assault kit' and collect evidence...used by the criminalist at the crime lab to determine the patient's DNA. We look carefully for trace evidence on the body. For example, grass, dirt, twigs. We perform combing and swabbing of all body surfaces, looking for evidence foreign to the patient that can be linked to the suspect."

Hurd said the process includes a detailed genital exam to determine if any trauma has occurred.

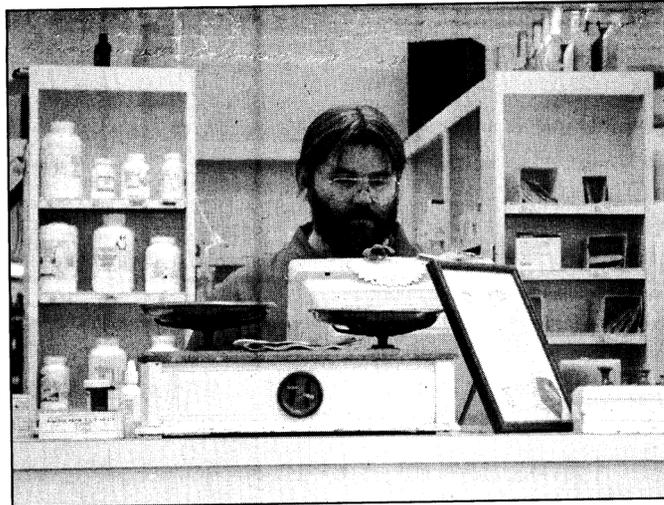
The SANEs make good use of the state-of-the-art equipment at their disposal.

"One of our most important pieces of equipment is a digital colposcope," Hurd said. "This special camera allows us to magnify images up to 40 times what we can see with the naked eye and is wonderful in helping us see microtrauma that we may ordinarily miss," she explained.

The SANE also use an "alternate light source" that, when used in a darkened room, enables them to visualize body fluids that may have been left behind on the body or on clothing.

Aside from the state-of-the-art equipment, forensic nurses' eyes and ears make all the difference," Hurd pointed out. "Listen to the patient, listen for clues, and look for those clues at the 'crime scene'."

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**NEW SHERIDAN Health Mart Pharmacy owners Jon (above) and Cheryl Shores have been active in trying to get state legislators to approve the Consumer Prescription Protection Act, which they say would enable local pharmacies to again compete fairly with mail order companies by putting an end to mandated prescription programs.**

## Cass City enrollment up

In the business of running a school district, student numbers add up, which is why last week's biannual statewide enrollment count left Cass City School officials smiling.

For the first time in recent memory, the district saw a significant increase in student numbers.

Supt. Ken Micklash reported a total enrollment of 1,542 - 527 students at the high school, 497 at the middle school and 518 at Campbell Elementary School. The total marks an increase of about 16 students over last fall, when the tally was 1,525 students. The enrollment totaled 1,519 students a year ago.

"It's hard to compare apples to apples because we've got a couple of programs we didn't have before," Micklash said of the increase, which is due in part

to the district's new Alternative Center for Education (ACE), which is housed in the former Deford Elementary School.

The ACE enrollment stands at 14 students, up from 9 last fall, "which is just about up to that break-even point," Micklash said, noting the target enrollment is 16 to 17 students in order for the program to be self-sustaining.

Cass City's enrollment is also receiving a boost because the district now serves as fiscal agent for a Tuscola Intermediate School District secondary transition program that generates additional per-pupil funding.

The increase is welcome. Cass City's 2003 enrollment marked the loss of about 38 students compared to 2002. That figure followed losses of about 20 students a year earlier and some 40 students the year before.

Student numbers are critical to the financial health of Michigan schools, which receive a majority of their funding in the form of a state foundation allowance. That allowance - currently \$6,700 per pupil - is applied to the number of students enrolled in each district, and the enrollment is determined by "blending" 2 separate counts; one conducted in September and the other during the previous February.

In recent years, the state's formula placed a heavy emphasis on the fall count, which had been worth 80 percent of a district's blended total enrollment. Under a Senate plan approved last year, the weight of the fall count was reduced to 75 percent of the blended total, with the winter count worth 25 percent.

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program.

According to Larry Wagenknecht, CEO of the Michigan Pharmacists Association, the basis of the complaint centers on Medicaid's decision to waive the co-pay only for Medicaid recipients who utilize the new mail order program.

"The complaint specifically includes claims that the Department of Community Health provides preferential treatment to out-of-state mail order facilities at the expense of local pharmacies," Wagenknecht explained.

The complaint also alleges that the state Medicaid office is violating the equal protection provision in both the state and federal Constitutions. Wagenknecht said not collecting the patient co-pay required under the law is a direct violation of state law and provisions of the Medicaid Provider Manual.

MPA officials say the temporary restraining order is significant.

"We believe this is a good Please turn to back page.

## Drug team seizes marijuana

Thumb Narcotics Unit (TNU) officials have uncovered a marijuana growing operation in the village of Caro.

According to a statement issued Monday by the multi-jurisdictional drug team, officers, acting on a tip received from police in Sanilac County, made contact with a mobile home owner at the Caro Mobile Estates.

The owner, a male in his 50s, cooperated with TNU officers, according to the news release, which states TNU is withholding his name pending a review by the Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office and possible arrest warrants.

"A search of the mobile home revealed an indoor grow operation compete with lighting equipment, fertilizer and packaging equipment," said Detective Lt. Mitch Krugielki, TNU commander. "Officers seized 22 marijuana plants, 1.47 pounds of pre-packaged, processed marijuana, growing equipment, drug paraphernalia (and) grow chemicals, as well as one long gun and one .22 caliber pistol."

No arrests were made pending a review by the prosecutor's office.

## School board races set

The election of school board candidates will be a quiet one in Cass City, but other area districts will host races when voters go to the poles Tuesday, May 3.

The deadline to file nominating petitions and affidavits of identity was Tuesday, Feb. 8.

In Cass City, incumbents Vice President Michelle Biddinger and Treasurer Danny Haag both filed for reelection to the board of education.

Voters in the school district 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.

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 School and the former Deford Elementary School, boiler replacement at the high school, and a conversion from steam heat to water heat at Campbell.

### OWEN-GAGE

Three candidates - all newcomers - are vying for a pair of 4-year terms in the Owen-Gage School District. The candidates are Terry L. Muntz, who previously served as president of the Owen-Gage Board of Education, and Jerry Radabaugh and Loretta Mae Schmidt.

Incumbent Trustee Tom Mellendorf and veteran board Treasurer Walt Swiastyn opted not to seek reelection.

### KINGSTON

In the Kingston Community Schools, only the incumbents filed to run for 4-year terms. They are David Kolacz, the current school board president, and Trustee Seth Geister.

### UBLY

Voters in the Uby Community School District will choose from among 5 candidates running for 2 school board seats.

Incumbent Lucy Recker and Don Booms are seeking a lone 4-year term, while Mike Byarski, Carol Peruski Fess and Martin Kubacki are running for a 2-year term that was created when board member Janice Sageman resigned.

## Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
Phone 989-269-6994



Those who visited Thelma Jackson last week were Bonnie Saucedo, Morris Brown, Robert Becker of Cass City, Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, and Mr. and Mrs. John Pechett.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the K of C and D of I potluck lunch and meeting at the K of C Hall in Bad Axe on Thursday.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland and Mrs. Jim Doerr visited Leone Doerr at Argyle on Saturday. Mrs. Clarence Depcinski entered Covenant Hospital on Tuesday where she underwent heart surgery.

Bernard Morley, Claude Mestack and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Holdwick of Harbor Beach and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the Our Lady of Lake Huron K of C Super Bowl breakfast at Harbor Beach on Sunday and later went to the Holdwick home for the afternoon.

Patsy Eggert of Harbor Beach and her sister Joyce Soper and son Kenneth and grandsons Noah, Nethi and Nathaniel of Oak Grove, Mo. visited their aunt Mrs. Curtis Cleland on Tuesday. Another visitor was Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Allen Farrelly visited Eleanor Koskie at the Caro Lighthouse Rehab on Sunday.

Six members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at Big Boy Thursday morning. They will meet at the Big Boy in Bad Axe next week.

Bernard Morley, Jack Kennedy, Jim Lewis, Claude Mestack, Ron Wolschlager and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sageman, Mr. and Mrs. John Pfaff, Donna Nobel and Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen went to the Frankemuth Snofest Friday where they had dinner at Zenders.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sweeney went to the Tri-County Honor Band at USA Auditorium where their grandchildren Alex and Beth Ritter participated in the band.

Nancy Braun, Michelle Hanby, Wendy Rickett spent the weekend in Traverse City at an AYSO conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Peters, Allen Farrelly, Bob Salowitz and Bob Sutton attended the senior dinner at the Argyle Hall on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Moorman were evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Depcinski.

Mrs. Hiram Keyser was a Tuesday lunch guest of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

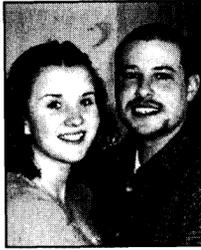
## Senior movies Friday

Senior Movies will be shown at Rawson Memorial Library Friday, February 18 at 1:30 p.m.

**Wright Brothers' Flying Machine:** Orville and Wilbur Wright were remarkable inventors, mechanics, risk-takers and visionaries. They designed and built their own wings, steering devices, engines and wind tunnel. But just how did they construct such an impressive flying machine? It takes a team of modern pilots, builders, aviation experts, and historians joined together to retrace, rebuild and re-fly planes built to the specifications developed by the Wright Brothers a century ago. Vivid footage captures both the Wrights' own historic flights and the team's attempt to fly an authentically recreated Wright "Model B". Discover how the Wright Brothers transformed themselves from bicycle mechanics to high-flying inventors who built a machine that changed the world during a flight at Kitty Hawk Dec. 17, 1903. (60 minutes)

**Identity Theft:** This program will educate consumers about the fastest growing crime in America. Reveal how identity thieves exploit their victims. Teach viewers how they can minimize their risk. Provide step-by-step instruction on what to do if you are a victim of this crime. Working hand-in-hand with the FTC, the information for this program was developed through extensive research, examining consumer complaints and interviews with victims, industry experts and professionals. (45 minutes)

## Engaged



Sheila Guilds and Brent Morey

The parents of Sheila Guilds and Brent Morey announce the engagement of their children.

A March 1 wedding at Sunset is planned at Clearwater Beach in Florida.

Sheila works as a nurse and Brent works as an EMT. A reception for family and friends will be held July 30, 2005.

## Engaged



Heidi Hartwick and Randall Smith

Richard and Donna Hartwick of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Heidi Lynn, to Randall Lee Smith II, son of Randall and Jacquelyn Smith of Decker.

The couple is planning a March 2005 wedding.



Meg's Peg  
Redneck defense  
by Melva E. Guinther

Someone down South is fed up with all the redneck jokes that northerners find so amusing and came up with this defense:

I am sick and tired of hearing about how dumb people are in the South. I challenge any so-called smart Yankee to take this exam:

1. Calculate the smallest limb of a persimmon tree that will support a 10-pound possum.

2. Which of these cars will rust out the quickest when placed on blocks in your front yard? A. '65 Ford Fairlane, B. '69 Chevrolet Chevelle, or C. '64 Pontiac GTO.

3. If your uncle builds a still which operates at a capacity of 20 gallons of shine produced per hour, how many car radiators are required to condense the product?

4. A woodcutter has a chainsaw which operates at 2700 RPM. The density of the pine trees in the plot to be harvested is 470 per acre. The plot is 2.3 acres in size. The average tree diameter is 14 inches. How many Budweisers will be drunk before the trees are cut down?

5. If every old refrigerator in the state vented a charge of R-12 simultaneously, what would be the percentage decrease in the ozone layer?

6. A front porch is constructed of 2x8 pine on 24-inch centers with a field rock foundation. The span is 8 feet and the porch length is 16 feet. The porch is 1-inch rough sawn pine. When the porch collapses, how many hound dogs will be killed?

7. A man owns a Tennessee house and 3.7 acres of land in a hollow with an average slope of 15%. The man has 5 children. Can each of his grown children place a mobile home on the man's land and still have enough property for their electric appliances to sit out front?

8. A 2-ton truck is overloaded and proceeding down a steep slope on a secondary road at 45 MPH. Given average traffic conditions on secondary roads, what is the probability that it will strike a vehicle with a muffler?

9. A coalmine operates a NFPA Class 1, Division 2 Hazardous Area. The mine employs 120 miners per shift. A gas warning is issued at the beginning of the third shift. How many cartons of unfiltered Camels will be smoked during the shift?

10. At a reduction in the gene pool variability rate of 7.5% per generation, how long will it take a town which has been bypassed by the Interstate to breed a country-western singer?

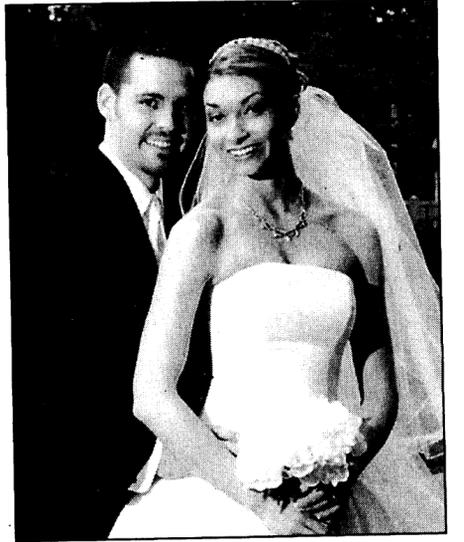
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This bit has nothing to do with the redneck lifestyle (unless you make meatloaf with road kill).

Thanks to our daughter-in-law, we have a recipe for tasty meatloaf, but 2 people can eat meatloaf only so many times before getting tired of it.

A tip from Tiptionary in Cheapskate Monthly suggests chopping leftover meatloaf, combining it with mushroom soup and serving it over noodles or rice.

We tried it and it's great!



Mr. and Mrs. Michael LaRue

## Dunn, LaRue exchange vows

Heather Anne Dunn and Michael Martin LaRue were married June 25, 2004 in the garden at Addison Oaks in Leonard. Father Paul Bala and the Rev. Larry Acuff officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of David and Sharon Dunn of Cass City. The groom is the son of Villary LaRue of Taylorsville, N.C., and Dr. Lawrence LaRue of Rochester Hills.

The maid of honor was Amber Dunn of Rochester Hills, sister of the bride. The bridesmaids were Andrea Cooper Brown of Farmington, friend of the bride; Villary LaRue of Shelby Township, sister of the groom, and Robbie Thomas of Warren, friend of the couple. Flower girls were Amanda Perrone and Olivia Behle of Omaha, Neb., cousins of the bride.

The best man was Jason Fletcher of Troy, friend of the groom. The groomsmen were Nathan Borsheim of Waterford and Frank Bruneel of Clinton Township, friends of the groom, and Christopher LaRue of Morgantown, N.C., brother of the groom. Music during and immediately following the ceremony was provided by a string quartet.

A dinner reception for 175 guests was held after the ceremony in the ballroom at Addison Oaks.

Heather and Mike are graduates of Oakland University. Heather teaches at Heritage Junior High School, Utica, and Mike is an electrical engineer employed by Ben Tech, Auburn Hills.

Following a honeymoon to San Lucia, they currently reside in New Baltimore.

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## 25 attend Feb. 7 meet of U-M women

The United Methodist Women met Feb. 7, for a noon luncheon, with 25 members present.

Sally McGrath and Marge Dickinson were the co-chairmen. Pat Greenwood and Ellen Toner were guests.

Sherryl Seeley announced the Antique and Craft Show is scheduled for April 2.

The women's retreat at Bay Shore Camp is Feb. 19, and Pam Ross, Opal Schneberger, Louise

Buehry and Marge Dickinson will attend.

Jane Mitchell and Louise Buehry will head up the rummage sale. The date will be announced later.

Shirley Wisenbach donated a quilt to be quilted or tied.

Shirley Wagg talked about the prayer quilts and announced the prayer workshop will be Feb. 16.

Jane Mitchell announced there will be a benefit for Ray Garety at Northwood Meadows Feb. 24.

Shirley Wagg prepared the program by having the group make valentines.

## Societies to meet

The February meeting of the Cass City Area Historical Society and Genealogy Society will be held Monday at 7 p.m. at the Rawson Memorial Library.

In keeping with the library theme for February, "Threads Across the Thumb," the program for the evening will be on the history of quilts by Jackie Glaspie and Judy Zimmer.

Following the program there will be a tour of the library and the display of over a hundred quilts.

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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

This item came our way from Ruth Esau, one of the pioneer Cass City residents.

The "Fabulous 50's" band that played at a recent fundraiser for Hills and Dales General Hospital has a Cass City connection. The band is run by Larry Vance of Lansing, a retired teacher.

You have to be a well-along senior citizen to figure out the connection. Larry is the son of Milo Vance. Milo is the son of Ella Vance who real old timers remember ran a hat shop in Cass City for many years.

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In the upcoming edition of the newsletter issued by Rawson Memorial Library and the Cass City Historical Society the early history of the newspapers serving Cass City will be detailed. It's the work of the indefatigable Katie Jackson.

She also notes that the Chronicle has had only 2 owners in the last 99 years. The late H. F. Lenzner from 1906 to 1951 and John Haire from March 1951 to the present.

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More pertinent to serving the needs of the community is a reaction of Darcy Long, new temporary village manager, when he learned that the Chronicle is locally owned and operated, rather than just another unit of a newspaper chain. It's great to have a paper that stresses the community it serves rather than one that features the same stories for various communities in the chain, he said.

# FEMA awards county fire department \$54,977

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded a \$54,977 grant to the Caro Fire Department under the 2004 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Program for fire operations and fire fighter safety.

Congressman Dale E. Kildee (D-MI) announced the grant last week.

"We must continue to provide more funding to ensure the safety and preparedness of those brave men and women who continually risk their lives to protect our lives," he said. "These funds will enable the Caro Fire Department to pursue new training and wellness programs and to provide them with access to new equipment."

The competitive federal grant was awarded to the Caro department after they submitted what Kildee described as a "well-written and persuasive grant application that underwent a grueling national peer review process by 300 fire service leaders who evaluated and scored each application."

The Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Program is designed as an opportunity

for the U.S. Congress to work with FEMA to enhance basic fire service delivery across the country.

Fire departments nationwide received more than \$750 million to support fire protection, EMS delivery, vehicle purchase and prevention programs last year. FEMA received some 19,950 applications this year from fire departments across the country.

## The Haire Net

Plan good for the other guy



## Foundation offering funding

The Tuscola County Community Foundation is offering grants to fund projects within Tuscola County.

To provide an equal opportunity for those wishing to apply for funding, the community foundation will offer a Grant Information Seminar from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at the Tuscola Technology Center, 1401 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

The seminar will acquaint participants with the community foundation's grant guidelines, its grant application forms and additional details concerning the available funding.

Everyone is welcome to attend the seminar. Interested parties are asked to RSVP on or before Feb. 17 by writing to: P.O. Box 534, Caro, MI 48723, calling (989) 673-8223, or sending an email to tccf534@yahoo.com.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm's plan to consolidate school districts makes good sense for the other guy, but, horrors, it's inconceivable for the district and the school where we live.

That was my reaction to the plan proposed by the governor and I immediately thought about Huron County. It has 7 "country" schools where all the students in the 8 grades are housed and taught together. It's the only county in the state that has successfully resisted the pressures to attend a central school system.

That's an extreme example, of course, of the deep-rooted allegiance to its schools by district residents. And the size of the school doesn't matter. In fact, the smaller the school the more intense the support.

Hindsight is easy, but the present plight of schools in Michigan was enhanced when the present funding system was adopted. It provided tax-relief for property owners when payment was provided by an increase in the state sales tax.

The system removed much of the financial control from district residents and for a healthy school system like Cass City's it resulted in oceans of money, compared to what the school operated on previously. It's certain that the kind of money that poured into the system would have been

greatly curtailed if it required a vote of the people in the district.

That river of money resulted in an addition to the Campbell Elementary School, the establishment of the Early Childhood Center, an athletic complex, a garage for repairing and maintaining school vehicles and an upgrade of the facilities generally. All of this came from money not required to operate the school. A bond issue voted by the district residents is paying for the new middle school.

In addition, the contingency fund has swelled to over \$1.6 million. Supt. Ken Micklash proved to be prophetic when he said, as the money poured in, that there might be a time when the sales tax money declines and the money available will not be as great. It could be that some of that money will be needed during the current school year.

At Owen-Gage the new tax system bailed the school temporarily out of severe economic problems. But the tightening of the state's purse strings has O-G cutting costs any way possible to balance the budget.

The only way that districts in the Thumb will combine is if student numbers decline so the money from the state is not enough to run even a bare bones curriculum.

If that happens, Granholm is sure to lose votes galore in the affected districts.



# The back forty

by Roger Pond

This has been a bad year for colds. I got a nasty cold before Christmas, finally got rid of it in January, and caught it again in February.

I don't know if a person can catch the same cold twice, but it sure feels the same. I probably should go to the doctor, but you know how that goes.

I grew up in the days of the old country doctors, and you didn't go see them if you didn't have to. Our doctors were always nice people, but they didn't want to see you if you weren't really sick.

We have to give the old doctors credit. They knew when to treat you and when to leave you alone.

That's how it was when a bunch of fellows from town got together for a fishing trip on Lake Erie. Our town wasn't very big; so it didn't matter if you were a doctor, minister, or a suspected horse thief, everyone was invited for the big fishing trip.

Most of the men in town went, including my dad and brother, who provided this eyewitness account.

Spirits were high as the charter left the dock and headed for open water. Everyone chipped-in with a dollar for the first fish, most fish, and biggest fish.

Doc suggested they have a pool for first sick, too; seeing as how he would probably get that money one way or another. This drew a big laugh from everyone. Everyone except Dwight.

Dwight came along for the camaraderie. He was feeling the sway of the boat more than most.

The captain cut the engine, and the boat began to drift with the waves. Dwight reached in his pocket for a little bottle of dramamine. (His other bottle was thrown away earlier.)

Soon they were into fish. Nothing big, but a few walleye and some perch. My brother, Kenny, caught a walleye and unhooked another for Dad.

The second fish was hooked pretty deep, and Kenny got some blood on his arm. The blood didn't bother him, but it had a noticeable effect on Dwight.

He had given up fishing and

was sitting in a deck chair, staring at the horizon. Dwight looked kind of puny, and his coloring was bad. His normally ruddy complexion had turned to ashen gray.

Soon it was lunch time. My brother got out the boxed chicken furnished by the charter. He took out a drumstick and began to gnaw on it.

Dad looked over at Dwight. The combination of fish blood on Kenny's arm and

the chicken leg in his hand was the last straw for Dwight. His gray turned to green.

Dad yelled at Doc. "Hey, Doc. Do you suppose there's anything you can do for Dwight here?"

Doc put down his fishing rod and made a big scene of examining the patient. Then he said solemnly, "I'm afraid there's nothing I can do." "What he's going to do, he can do all by himself."

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**SCHOOL INFORMATION**  
Here are a couple more questions and answers dealing with the potential school renovation and expansion project that is currently being discussed.  
**QUESTION** - Why build an auditorium with 800 seats?  
**ANSWER** - The Board of Education is not only looking at today, but the future needs of our students and community. When our high school was built almost 40 years ago, there was concern expressed that the facility may be too large, the gym too big and other items such as the automated pull-out bleacher system not necessary. Today, nearly 40 years later, we are not discussing replacing the high school, but updating it and adding a performing arts center. Our current Board of Education, like the board in 1966, is planning for the future. The performing arts center is not only being planned for today, but for 10, 20, 30 and even 40 years from now. In addition, current music concerts are attracting attendance of 800 or more parents and community members. Hopefully, the facility constructed now will serve our student and community needs for several decades to come, long after the bond is paid off.  
**QUESTION** - Why are we spending money to put a roof on the Deford School?  
**ANSWER** - The Board of Education does not wish to sell the Deford property at this time. Since the rubber membrane roof system was installed in 1983 and the warranty expired in 1993, the roof has lasted longer than its life expectancy. If it is not eventually replaced, it is likely that significant structural damage to the building will result. Since we do take pride in maintaining our facilities and want to remain a good neighbor in Deford, it is necessary to replace the roof.  
Questions can be sent to me at 4868 N. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726. Thank you.

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Thursday Snow Possible High: 25 Low: 12  
Friday Partly Cloudy High: 27 Low: 16  
Saturday Partly Cloudy High: 28 Low: 18  
Sunday Partly Cloudy High: 31 Low: 20  
**In-Depth Local Forecast**  
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of snow showers, high temperature of 25°, humidity of 50% and an overnight low of 14°. The record high temperature for today is 54° set in 1954. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy with a 30% chance of snow showers, high temperature of 25°.  
**Upcoming Moon Phases**  
Full 2/23 Last 3/3 New 3/10 First 3/17  
**Sunrise/Sunset Times**  
Sunrise today ..... 7:29 a.m.  
Sunset tonight ..... 6:05 p.m.  
**Last Week's Local Almanac**  
Day High Low Normals Precip Precipitation ..... 0.00"  
Sunday 39 30 27/13 0.00" Normal precipitation ..... 0.35"  
Monday 39 36 28/13 0.00" Departure from normal ..... -0.35"  
Tuesday 37 25 28/13 0.00" Average temperature ..... 27.2°  
Wednesday 25 19 28/13 0.00" Average normal temperature ..... 20.4°  
Thursday 27 9 28/13 0.00" Departure from normal ..... +6.8°  
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## Red Hawk Talks

by Leah Sherman

Snowcoming is here! This is the biggest event of the second semester. It's the last time the seniors will be a part of this school wide excitement before they graduate.

The week of Snowcoming is packed with events to get the students excited for the big game. It's Spirit Week! The days of the week each have a designated theme. Monday was pink and red day (appropriate for Valentine's Day). Tuesday was hick day (sometimes hard to define). Today, Wednesday, is camouflage day. Thursday will be generation day. And Friday, as always, will be maroon and white day.

For generation day, each grade will dress as a different generation. The freshmen will dress as babies, the sophomores as college students, the juniors as middle aged people going through a mid-life crisis, and the seniors will dress as senior citizens.

Wednesday is the Aftershave volleyball tournament. This is the second year that the tournament has taken place. Several people thought that it would be a fun idea to have a game, much like Powder Puff football during Homecoming, but that involves the guys in a sport that is commonly played by girls. The tournament will be at 8:00 p.m. in the high school gym. There will be no admission fee. If nothing else, the game should be quite entertaining.

On Friday there will be a pep assembly to get the basketball freshmen, junior varsity, and varsity teams ready for their big games. This gives the students an opportunity to show their enthusiasm and support. There will be games and the band will play, helping everyone get their spirits up.

For Homecoming the grades build floats based on a theme. The floats are judged and then ranked. Since it wouldn't be easy to

display floats at Snowcoming, the grades make banners which are hung from the balcony railing in the gym. They are judged before the game and the winner is announced at half time. Like Homecoming, the banners all have a common theme. This year's theme is songs from the musical group Queen.

Following the game Friday night will be a Snowcoming dance lasting until 11:45 p.m. The dance is a perfect way to socialize and have a good time after an exhilarating game. It's the perfect end to a long, eventful week. Good luck Red Hawks!

It is a thrilling week in the elementary school as well. This week the elementary students are Jump Roping for Heart. Students raise awareness for heart health while raising money to go toward education, research on heart disease, and the American Alliance for health, physical education, recreation, and dance. Our school has raised over 17,000 dollars in the past two years, which is unheard of even in the larger schools throughout the country.

When people donate money to the students they become sponsors. For the money that the students raise, they receive prizes. The prizes range from water bottles, to jump ropes, to bouncing shoes. The students jump all week during their gym times, rotating to different stations throughout the gym. Some of the stations include individual jumping, long rope jumping, and the rest station. At the rest station, students are given the chance to dedicate their jumps to loved ones, whether it's someone who's had heart problems, or someone that they want to stay healthy.

This program helps educate the students while keeping them active and healthy. It encourages the students to do good things for others, which is always a good lesson to learn!

# Letters to the editor

## Cost and need are the issues

It is my intention to raise questions based on facts as reported in the Chronicle, not desires and projected possibilities.

So far there have been projected conjecture of wants, potential needs, creative understated financing and opinions. The size of the media center was never the issue; the information was never shared locally with the public. Cost and need is the issue.

The statement that "many schools that have auditoriums with smaller seating capacity regret their facilities aren't large enough to hold their student body." Who made these statements, which schools? Without additional information the statement is just generalization.

"A performing arts center with 800 seat capacity will be filled to capacity on many occasions." Another projected ambiguous statement without any corroboration. There is a mathematical equation which architects use to determine the seating capacity of a media center factoring in student population, and projected growth. We build a house depending upon our needs, 2 bedrooms, 3 bedrooms, or even 4. Our decisions are not based upon what size home our neighbors wished they had built.

Costs: \$11,500,000 (taxable households in Elkland Township 2004-2,261)  
Cost 1 year: \$958,333.33  
Cost 1 month: \$79,861.11  
Cost 1 week: \$18,429.48

Cost 1 day: \$2,625.48  
Our obligation is not short-term, it is 24/7, 365 days per year for 16 years. Sounds much larger than the .97 cents previously printed. The above figures do not include interest or the 4 years at 4.2 mills, which we still will be paying on the middle school debt. As the interest figures haven't been released to the public yet, I can't factor them in. I will say they will be much, much higher.

Artistic future of Cass City? This building whether approved or not, will not diminish the artistic future of Cass City. This statement is an insult to the fine artists who have graduated from Cass City. The students are the artists of the community, not a building. Our schools have many different types of tal-

ented students, and each deserves recognition and a place to demonstrate their talents.

Maintenance. As a former factory superintendent and physical plant superintendent for the state of Michigan, I understand the need to maintain buildings and equipment. It costs much less for a shot of grease than it does to replace a bearing. The repairs, which I see listed in the Chronicle: painting doors, replacing ceiling tiles, replacing light covers, replacing counter tops, are normal ongoing maintenance projects. This is why we have a maintenance department.

With proper funding and scheduled maintenance planning, the listed repairs should

have been completed years ago. With the fund equity, and low cost per pupil expenditures the superintendent elaborates on, the state of repairs in our buildings is understandable. A school is like a marriage; you only get out of it what you put into it.

A small town in Massachusetts is handling their media arts center acquisition much more fiscally responsible. Look it up on your computer at [www.wakefieldarts.org/C\\_P\\_A\\_F\\_a\\_c\\_t\\_s\\_.h\\_t\\_m\\_l](http://www.wakefieldarts.org/C_P_A_F_a_c_t_s_.h_t_m_l), [www.bishopton.com/artsmedia.php](http://www.bishopton.com/artsmedia.php), or [www.zeeland.k12.mi.us/zpac/dewitt\\_index.html](http://www.zeeland.k12.mi.us/zpac/dewitt_index.html) (my favorite at \$3.5 million).

Homer Bailey,  
Cass City



## Bulldog Beat

by Mary McKee

When trying to think of a topic to write about for this week, I started thinking about deadlines.

If you think about it, everyone has them. There are homework deadlines, bill deadlines, the list goes on. I was thinking about deadlines because the biggest one on my mind was my own, and how hard it is to think of topics and getting them in on time. I started wondering who has deadlines like me that are associated with the school, and find them as hard to accomplish as I do. Then I had my answer, journalism.

The Owen-Gage journalism class consists of some very talented juniors and seniors, and one very talented advisor. Not only do they have a school newspaper to complete, they also have a community newsletter, and a yearbook to create and put together.

One of the many activities that the journalism class has is creating the school newspaper. "The Dawg Street Journal" is published every other month and is distributed to the Owen-Gage students, teachers, and staff. It is filled with interviews, stories, horoscopes, games, and happenings that are going on in and around the school. Everything in the newspaper is written and reported by members of the journalism staff.

The Owen-Gage Community Newsletter is another publication created by the journalism class. The newsletter is not given to people in the school like the newspaper. It is actually sent out into the community. The newsletter consists of activities going on in the Elementary, Junior High, and Senior High. It also gives schedules and reminders of events going on at school.

The last and maybe most important job of the journalism class is creating and putting together the yearbook. Along with having to make it, they also have to get the money to pay for it. Some-

thing a lot of people don't know is that the school gives no money to help in the making of yearbooks. The journalism class has to make the money by going around to area businesses and sponsors to have them purchase ads.

According to Mrs. Sattler, the brilliant yearbook advisor, the cost of producing 80 yearbooks is almost \$10,000. Making a yearbook that will contain all our memories of the past year is stressful, and that stress is on the shoulders of the journalism class. I also think there is some pride involved too, knowing that you made the layout that everyone sees, that you took the pictures everyone looks at, and you wrote the captions everyone reads, and knowing that you created something that will be remembered the rest of your life.

Seeing all that the journalism class does, you must be wondering where they get all the time to do everything, and the truth is, they don't. Unlike myself, who has 4 deadlines a month to reach, the journalism class has 9. The challenge the class faces is time. They only have about one hour a day to work on their assignments, which is only about 5 hours a week, so journalism students have to find some way to make extra time.

When I asked community newsletter editor Nashia Prich if she wanted to tell me anything for this article, she said, "I don't think the journalism class gets the credit they deserve."

That is why I wrote this article. When writing newspaper or newsletter articles, positive feedback is a must. Nashia told me she wants to know when she writes a good article, she wants to know if she had good ideas. She needs feedback to improve on her writing.

I am writing this article to give the journalism the credit they deserve, because believe me, I know how hard it is and how stressful having deadlines is. After this article, I hope everyone else does too.

## This would be another good step

Dear Editor,

Recently our family visited the Brandon High School Performing Arts Center in Ortonville, to listen to our daughter play in the Tri-County Honors Band. It was a great feeling listening to the 'best of the best' performers from around our area. The students may have sup-

plied the music, but the environment in which we sat supplied the atmosphere. We were not sitting on bleachers as if we were watching a basketball game, but chairs that were favorable to listening to the performance of 70-80 fantastic young musicians.

The proposed performing arts center would give our

community and also this entire area an arena where many different venues could be performed. This center, once built, has an enormous number of possible uses and is only limited by scheduling conflicts.

Envision what people could enjoy with a performing arts center centrally located in Cass City: local and professional theatrical groups to present plays, local and professional singers, bands and orchestras to perform, award ceremonies (not only school wide, but area businesses and civic groups), dance recitals, host to band festivals (both district wide and state wide), Tri-County Honors Band, forensic meets, and that is just to name a few. Yes, it would cost money to build and maintain. What doesn't? Being able to attend and enjoy all the different venues that would use such a building, should tip the scales.

It has been mentioned that the current bond would be extended another 12 years, but within that time, Cass City, quite possibly, could become a focal point in which people from all over the area would gather. Not only would this help the school in leasing out the facility, but area businesses including the motels, bed and breakfast inns, restaurants, gas stations, and retail stores would benefit with the added traffic.

Cass City is moving forward and this is just another step toward making our town a great place to live.

Thank you for you time,  
Carol Knight,  
Cass City

## Social Security - It's our money, pay us back

Dear Editor,

I find that I must write my opinion of our president's suggested changes to our Social Security System. I also want to encourage everyone else to write their opinions to their congressmen and women and also President Bush as I am.

It is my understanding that since about 1963 the past presidents and Congress have raided the Social Security Fund for their projects, wars, etc. when they needed funds. I would like an accounting of the amount that they have "borrowed." I would like them to pay it back and if they need to do it in payments so be it...that is how so many of the government taxpayers do things.

Social Security is a fine system that does not really need to be tampered with in my opinion and I fear for the coming generations if the proposals Bush has made go through.

We hear so much about when the baby boomers retire there will be a crisis...these same baby boomers have and are paying our share into the system. If they had not kept taking moneys from "our" retirement savings via Social Security we would not have to worry.

I have a hard time really believing anything that poli-

ticians say as I get older.

I admire the people who really want to "serve the people" and hope that there are still some brave people in government who will stand up and voice what "we the people" want.

AARP magazine's February issue had some interesting articles on Social Security that the library has for you to read if you do not get this magazine. You can also type in Michigan congressman and search the web for congressmen and their opinions and choose who you want to contact. As I stated, I am writing the president also, he does work for us and I believe our letters will be brought to his attention.

Whether Republican or Democrat or independent voter or student, voice your opinion and give these representatives of ours some fire in their hearts to do the right thing, which obviously in my opinion is stand up and demand to know how much money has been filtered off OUR RETIREMENT SAVINGS.

It is the peoples' money and I think they need to pay us back. Social Security, from what I understand, would be fine if this were done.

M. Louise Wright, Cass City  
Very concerned citizen

### Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

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

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

The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

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# Labor of love

## Deford's Stachura opens ceramics business

Ask Antoinette Stachura what it takes to create artwork with ceramics and she'll reply with a single word: imagination.

The Deford area resident has enjoyed a lifelong love of ceramics spanning more than 3 decades. Now, she's hoping to share that love and her skills with other area residents.

Stachura opened her own business, "Ceramics by Antoinette", last fall in a vacant building at 5816 Bruce St. in Deford. Her specialty lines include greenware, bisque ware, paints, electrical components for lighting and other supplies. She also offers outside kiln firing for customers with items not purchased at her store.

Her winter hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. She also offers classes from noon

to 2:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"Saturdays are mainly for groups or 'make and take' classes," Stachura said. "Groups can be scouts, 4-H, churches, seniors or physically challenged" individuals.

It's a busy schedule for Stachura, 64, who also works full-time as a bookkeeper for Astech Inc., Vassar.

Her interest in ceramics started at an early age.

"I was about 8 years old when my aunt was into it, and she started me out with Play Doh to make flowers. She loved flowers," recalled Stachura, who went on to share her interest in ceramics with her late husband and her children, Raymond and Annette, as they were growing up. "It was a family affair, but it was a hobby, and then it grew and grew and

grew.

"It's been more than a hobby for many years," Stachura said. "I have a 30-by-40 shed, and half of that was my showroom, and I have a 20-by-30 shed with molds, pouring machines."

Stachura decided to open her own business when Deford businessman, Jim Dorland, moved his Deford Country Service to a new location in town.

"I've always wanted to, and when Jim moved over to the other store, I asked what he was going to do with the building," she said.

Stachura hopes to add a porcelain line to her business, but for now is concentrating on ceramic figurines, decorations, cookie jars and other crafts.

Stachura begins each creation with greenware, which starts out as a liquid material called "slip" which is poured into a mold of her choice.

"It's like the thickness of a medium cream," she said. "It takes up to a week or more (for the mold to dry), depending on the size. It depends, too, on the mold."

Molds can weigh anywhere from a few pounds to a hundred pounds or more, according to Stachura, who explained a ceramic piece is created through several stages.

"Greenware is when it's just out of the mold. It's very easily cracked and it has a different feel," she explained. "Bisque is when it's (greenware) been 'fired' once. It's got like a white cast to it. From there you can go in any direction; you can go into stains, under glazes, glazes - just about anything you want your imagination to do."

It's a hobby that anyone can enjoy, Stachura added. "Anybody that's interested that's got an imagination - I always tell them to think like a kid," she said.

"There's so many things you can do with a piece. Just bring your imagination when

you come. That's basically it."

After taking a piece out of the mold, Stachura uses various grit materials to remove any seams and other imperfections. Curing takes place in a kiln with temperatures reaching 2,200 to 2,500 degrees, according to Lowell Fritz, a Caro area resident who works with Stachura. "It takes about 5 hours," he noted.

"One piece can be fired up to 6 times," Stachura said. "The first firing is your curing. It takes all the moisture out."

It's a lot of work, but Stachura indicated ceramics, for her, is definitely a labor of love. "It's hard to understand, but what I get out of it is, time is no factor - I can work on this for hours."

"It's the best therapy," Fritz added.

"I'm not the kind of person to be sitting still," Stachura said. "I enjoy it so much. I can't see when people can sit and look at me and say, 'I have nothing to do'. I just love it."



DEFORD RESIDENT Antoinette Stachura applies paint to a custom Snow White figurine she created for one of her customers at her "Ceramics by Antoinette" business in Deford.



AMONG Stachura's larger figurines is this polar bear and cub.

## Cartwright in SVSU play

An area resident is among the cast members of an upcoming Saginaw Valley State University Theatre presentation.

Colleen Cartwright, a theatre and political science major from Cass City, will perform in the cast of "The Little Prince" to be presented to the public Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. in the SVSU Performing Arts Theatre.

The play is an adaptation of the children's book by Antoine de Saint-Exupery and captures the story of a little man who comes to Earth and befriends an aviator stranded in the Sahara Desert. Together, the Little Prince and his aviator friend learn about friendship, responsibility, memory and love.

The play is this year's selection for SVSU's annual

youth theatre production, which invites students to attend a special presentation designed to introduce stage performance to a youthful audience.

Ticket prices for the public performances are \$7 for general admission, \$5 for seniors and students, and \$3 for children. Ticket information is available by calling the SVSU Box Office at (989) 964-4261.

## Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



### 5 YEARS AGO

The best athletes start practicing at an early age. Evidently, so do the best scholars. Of the 90 students registered to take the standardized - college entry test, ACT, at Cass City High School Saturday, 42 were currently in either 7th or 8th grade, reports Cheryl Kilbourn, who coordinates the testing which is offered 6 times annually. (From Rabbit Tracks)

It was a splendid ending to a fabulous regular season, the best in Cass City school history. The Red Hawk grapplers set the school record for wins in a season Wednesday night when they defeated host Capac and New Haven in the team's final double-dual match of the season. The victory ups the Hawks' lofty record to 25-1 on the year.

Good news for bus transit agencies across the state - \$5.4 million in additional operating assistance will be released starting in March, bringing the total FY 2000 allocation to nearly \$150 million, MDOT officials announced last week. The \$5.4 million will be distributed to local transit agencies to help cover their operating costs. Half of the money will be distributed in March, with the remaining funds dispensed over the next 6 months.

### 10 YEARS AGO

WIND CHILLS dropped to as cold as minus-50 degrees Fahrenheit over the weekend. Aside from bitter cold, gusty winds reduced visibility to zero at times on Thumb area roads, causing a host of motorists to end up in ditches. In true Michigan fashion, this week's temperatures are expected to reach 40 degrees.

Rapid Growth - The rapid growth in 2-income families means consumers have considerably more money, but much less time for food preparation. That means that consumer food expenditures away from home have grown

nearly 4 times as fast as spending on food at home.

Seven Cass City High School students will take part in a series of government studies seminars in Washington, D.C., April 2-9. According to government teacher Kathleen Tuckey, the local students have been invited by the Close Up Foundation to attend the weeklong non-partisan government students program in which the nation's capital will become their classroom. While the students are in Washington, Tuckey said, they will meet with and question policy makers, lawmakers and behind-the-scenes members of the federal bureaucracy. The students include Amber Carlisle, Carol Guza, Brad McNeil, Ben Hobbs, Joenie Remsing, Wilma Mayer and Heather Zawilinski.

### 25 YEARS AGO

A link with Cass City's past will soon be gone. The railroad depot at Garfield and Vulcan Streets, which has stood at least since early in this century, is scheduled for demolition. It was last used as a freight depot in 1975. The last passenger got on board 20 years earlier. The owner, the Grand Trunk Western Railroad, is presently soliciting bids for its demolition, according to Richard Dykman of the engineering public services division.

If they form a Polar Bear club in the Thumb, Cliff Kibbey should be the first to join. Last week, with the temperature in the very low teens, Kibbey was walking around without a jacket. When begged about it, Kibbey said he doesn't even own a jacket. That's surprising. Even more strange is that Kibbey claims he's never cold even when the temperature goes below zero. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Cass City High School debate team finished fifth at the state final debate tournament at Central Michigan University, Jan. 31 through Feb. 6.

The team of John Scollon, Steve Corcoran and Crystal Gallaway was in third place after the six preliminary rounds.

Three students from Owen-Gage High School have been named local winners in the 11th annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance Group. The three are Scott Thies, first; Carolyn Zimmer, second, and Glenda Sue McPhail, third. All three received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, Thies' name will be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

### 35 YEARS AGO

A host of unsolicited, but appreciated, help has flown in to Mrs. Helen Keyser of Cass City, a widow with seven children, since her home was gutted by fire 10 days ago. A total of \$800 has been given to the family by five area churches, the Elkland-Novesta Community Chest, service clubs and some 25 individuals. The family is temporarily in a house owned by Jack Spencer at 4391 Woodland. It is expected to be at least two months before the fire-gutted house where she lived will be ready for occupancy.

The most disappointed people in the world are those who get what's coming to them.

Intermediate Principal Bob Stickle was all smiles this week following the drawing for the Class C District Basketball tournament here. The reason for his glee is that Harbor Beach and Cass City are in opposite brackets. Stickle is the tournament manager. If form is followed, Cass City will face Harbor Beach in the finals. Most tournaments are finishing on Friday and Cass City's finals are on Saturday. Because of this a full house is not a remote possibility. If it all happens, it will be the first full house in the history of basketball at the new high school. (From Rabbit Tracks)

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

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

**Shabbona United Methodist Church**  
4455 North Decker Rd., Decker, MI 48426  
810-672-9929 (parsonage)  
989-872-8094 (church)  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
UMW Monthly 1st Wed., 7:30 p.m.  
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## Hawks earn victory over Bad Axe at foul stripe

Superior free throw shooting kept the Cass City Red Hawks from enduring a frustrating defeat at Bad Axe last week. The Hawks topped the host Hatchets Tuesday, 57-54.

The Hawks, 5-2 in the GTW, entered the game as heavy favorites over Bad Axe, (2-6 GTW), and in the first half it appeared as if the expected outcome was to be correct. Cass City jumped off to a 13-9 lead, with Andrew Schinnerer showing the way with a pair of treys and a free throw.

It appeared to be just a matter of how wide Cass City's final margin was going to be as the Hawks widened the lead all during the first half.

Brad Langenburg and Nick Stoutenburg each connected for a trey and a regular hoop and the Hawks also added 7 out of 7 free throws in the second quarter to push the lead to 33-16 at the intermission.

That all changed when David Smith caught fire in the third quarter. The Hawk lead was 19 points with just under 2 minutes played when Smith started to pour in hoops from the perimeter. He found the net for 4 treys and added a 2-pointer before the quarter ended. He continued his scoring spree in the fourth quarter chalking up 6 more points, including another 3-pointer. For the night, he netted 23 points.

The Hatchets moved to within 9 points at the end of the third quarter and continued to cut the margin in the final 8 minutes. With a half minute left in the game the Cass City lead was just 3 points, 56-53, and Smith was at the foul line with 3 shots. He made just one of the 3 to end the Hatchet rally.

The Hawks ability at the free throw line proved decisive. All of the Cass City points in the fourth quarter came at the free throw line when the team converted 10 of 12 from the charity stripe. For the night, Cass City made 22 of 26 free throws.

Justin Glaza, who donned a mask to protect his broken nose, was held to 4 points, his lowest total of the year. In the next practice he ditched the mask and wasn't expected to wear it in the game at the Lakers.

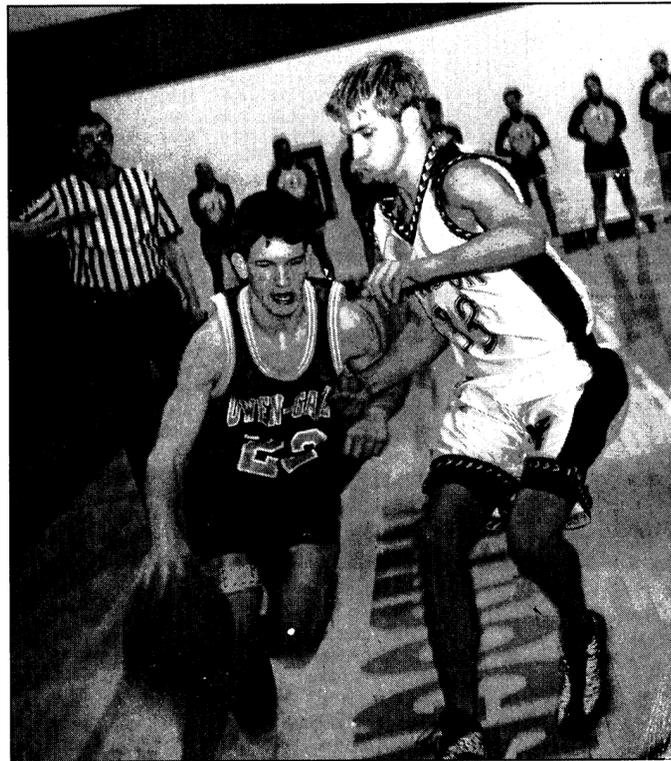
Schinnerer and Langenburg, with 13 points each, and Nick Stoutenburg, with 11, paced Cass City.

Although coach Aaron Fernald was far from pleased with the way Cass City played, he and all Hawk fans can be consoled because the Hawks are now in first place in the GTW all alone because Reese fell to surging Saginaw Valley Lutheran.

The Cass City JV was defeated by Bad Axe, 47-46.



ANDREW SCHINNERER tries for a hoop that missed in the second half of the game with the Lakers. Watching the action is Brad Langenburg (35).



OWEN-GAGE'S ERIC Zaleski is pressured by Kingston's Chad Jobson. The Cardinal defense keyed the 72-42 victory. Jobson scored 16 points for the winners.

# Lakers demolish Cass City

## Hawk shooting woes lead to one-sided decision

It was not nearly as great a surprise that the cellar-dwelling Lakers upset the league-leading Cass City Red Hawks Friday, as it was the margin of victory that the host Lakers administered to the team that defeated them easily, 69-45, the first time they met.

A sterling Laker defense, aided by a game-long Cass City shooting slump, resulted in a disappointing one-sided win for the Lakers, 58-27.

The loss moved the Hawks into a tie for first place against the rampaging USA Patriots, each with a 6-3 GTW league record. The Hawks were to play the favored Patriots on the road Tuesday, the last of 6 straight games away from home.

The Hawks will have to get back on track to have a chance to defeat the Patriots, but a win at USA would put either team on the inside track for the title. However, it doesn't get much easier for Cass City in the season-closing 2 league games. Both are at home, Friday with Reese and Tuesday, Feb. 22, against Bay City All Saints.

The Lakers trailed just once in the game when Andrew Martin hit a 12-foot jumper in the opening minute. After that it was all Elkland-Pigeon-Bay Port. Brody Beachy started the onslaught with a hoop followed by a trey as the Green and White went on an 18-0 run before the string was broken with a

hoop by Justin Glaza.

The Hawks stopped the hemorrhaging briefly in the second quarter and closed the gap to 10 points, 26-16, at the half.

Whatever hope the Hawks had was eliminated at the start of the second half with 8 quick Laker baskets. Chris Harder and Juan Howell net-

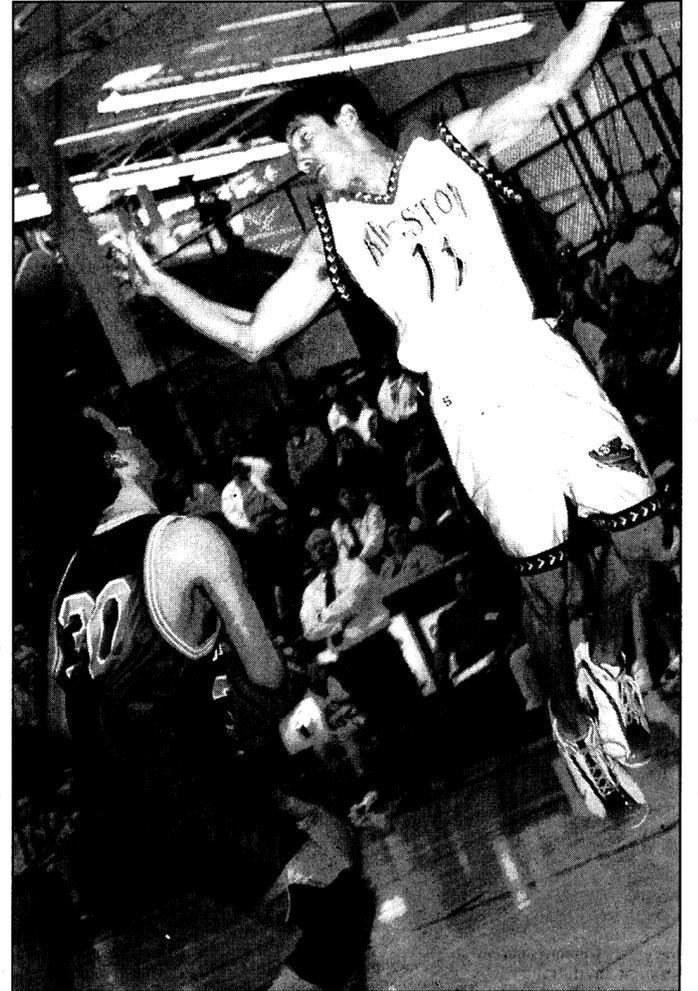
ted treys and Aaron Osentoski hit a 2-pointer and the air went out of the mini-rally that the Hawks staged before the half.

In the first game between the clubs, Glaza had a career night with 34 points, but the Lakers keyed on him all night and he scored just 6 points. It was a horrible

shooting night for the Hawks that were able to convert just 8 shots from the field in 37 attempts for a 22 percent average. No Cass City player was in double figures.

Brody Beachy led the Lakers with 16 points.

The score of the junior varsity game was Lakers 43, Cass City 36.



FLYING HIGH is Kingston's Nick Benedict as he attempts to block the shot of Bulldog Nathan Rogers in Friday's NCTL clash.

### BASKETBALL STANDINGS

| GREATER THUMB WEST |   |   |      |
|--------------------|---|---|------|
| Team               | W | L | W L  |
| Cass City          | 6 | 3 | 13 3 |
| USA                | 6 | 3 | 12 4 |
| Valley Luth.       | 5 | 3 | 9 7  |
| Reese              | 5 | 4 | 10 6 |
| BCAS               | 5 | 4 | 9 7  |
| EPBP               | 2 | 7 | 6 10 |
| Bad Axe            | 2 | 7 | 4 13 |

| GREATER THUMB EAST |   |   |      |
|--------------------|---|---|------|
| Team               | W | L | W L  |
| Ubly               | 8 | 0 | 13 3 |
| H. Beach           | 6 | 2 | 6 9  |
| Sandusky           | 5 | 4 | 9 7  |
| Marlette           | 5 | 4 | 7 9  |
| Brown City         | 4 | 5 | 10 6 |
| Mayville           | 1 | 7 | 1 15 |
| Deckerville        | 1 | 8 | 2 14 |

| NCTL NORTH  |    |    |      |
|-------------|----|----|------|
| Team        | W  | L  | W L  |
| *Caseville  | 12 | 3  | 12 4 |
| Owen-Gage   | 6  | 9  | 7 10 |
| North Huron | 3  | 11 | 3 12 |
| Port Hope   | 2  | 13 | 2 14 |
| A-Fairgrove | 1  | 14 | 2 14 |

\* Clinched league title

| NCTL SOUTH |    |   |      |
|------------|----|---|------|
| Team       | W  | L | W L  |
| CPS        | 14 | 1 | 15 2 |
| Kingston   | 13 | 1 | 15 1 |
| Memphis    | 10 | 4 | 10 6 |
| Peck       | 7  | 9 | 8 9  |
| Dryden     | 6  | 9 | 6 10 |

## Kingston outlasts Bulldogs

Owen-Gage stayed within striking distance of North Central Thumb League guest Kingston Friday throughout the opening half, but saw the visitors outscore the Bulldogs 44-25 over the final 16 minutes to earn the easy victory.

ter one period and built a 28-17 margin by the break. Matt Neff led the way early for Kingston, recording 3 treys in the half en route to a game-high 17 tallies.

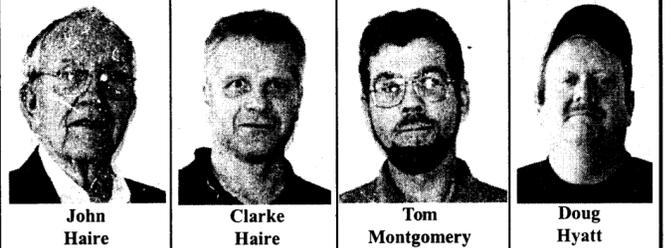
After the break, Chad Jobson picked up the scoring chores for the winners. Jobson added 6 points in the

third stanza and 5 markers in the final period, helping the Cardinals earn the 72-42 decision.

Brandon Dubs was the only Bulldog to reach double figures and finished with 10 points. Nathan Rogers added 9 for the hosts.

## Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

This week's match ups



| John Haire                  | Clarke Haire    | Tom Montgomery  | Doug Hyatt      |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Tuesday, February 15</b> | Valley Lutheran | Valley Lutheran | Valley Lutheran |
| Bad Axe at Valley Lutheran  | Reese           | Reese           | Reese           |
| Reese at Lakers             | USA             | USA             | USA             |
| Cass City at USA            | BCAS            | BCAS            | Marlette        |
| BCAS at Marlette            | Ubly            | Ubly            | Ubly            |
| Mayville at Ubly            | Sandusky        | Sandusky        | Harbor Beach    |
| Harbor Beach at Sandusky    | Brown City      | Brown City      | Brown City      |
| Brown City at Deckerville   | Caseville       | Caseville       | Caseville       |
| Caseville at Owen-Gage      | North Huron     | North Huron     | North Huron     |
| North Huron at Port Hope    | Kingston        | Kingston        | Kingston        |
| Kingston at Dryden          | CPS             | CPS             | CPS             |
| Memphis at CPS              | Arenac Eastern  | Arenac Eastern  | Arenac Eastern  |
| A-Fairgrove at A. Eastern   |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Friday, February 18</b>  | BCAS            | BCAS            | BCAS            |
| BCAS at Bad Axe             | Valley Lutheran | Valley Lutheran | Valley Lutheran |
| Lakers at Valley Lutheran   | Cass City       | Cass City       | Reese           |
| Reese at Cass City          | Ubly            | Ubly            | Ubly            |
| Ubly at Marlette            | Harbor Beach    | Harbor Beach    | Harbor Beach    |
| Mayville at Harbor Beach    | Brown City      | Caseville       | Brown City      |
| Brown City at Caseville     | North Huron     | North Huron     | North Huron     |
| North Huron at Dryden       | CPS             | CPS             | CPS             |
| Owen-Gage at CPS            | Kingston        | Kingston        | Kingston        |
| Port Hope at Kingston       | Memphis         | Memphis         | Memphis         |
| A-Fairgrove at Memphis      |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Last Week's Results</b>  | 16-8            | 16-8            | 15-9            |
| <b>Season's Results</b>     | 136-53 (72%)    | 138-51 (73%)    | 131-58 (69%)    |

### BOX SCORES

**CASS CITY** - Glaza 1-1 (1-2) 6; Schinnerer 0-2 (1-1) 7; J. Stoutenburg 1-0 (0-0) 2; Schenk 0-0 (1-4) 1; Landrith 0-0 (2-3) 2; N. Stoutenburg 0-1 (2-2) 5; Martin 2-0 (0-0) 4.  
**TOTALS - 4-4 (7-11) 27.**

**LAKERS** - Osentoski 3-0 (2-6) 8; Howell 0-3 (2-4) 11; Harder 3-1 (0-0) 9; Torres 1-0 (0-0) 2; R. Schember 3-0 (2-2) 8; Gaeth 1-0 (0-0) 2; Beachy 4-2 (2-2) 16; B. Schember 1-0 (0-0) 2.  
**TOTALS - 16-6 (8-16) 58.**

**CASS CITY** - Glaza 0-1 (1-2) 4; Schinnerer 0-2 (7-8) 13; Jeff Stoutenburg 0-0 (2-2) 2; Schenk 2-0 (2-2) 6; Landrith 0-0 (1-2) 1; N. Stoutenburg 3-1 (2-2) 11; Langenburg 3-1 (4-4) 13; Martin 2-0 (2-2) 6; Otulakowski 0-0 (1-2) 1.  
**TOTALS - 10-5 (22-26) 57.**

**BAD AXE** - Smith 2-6 (1-3) 23; Jason Iskov 2-0 (0-0) 4; Eskau 2-0 (0-0) 4; Brad Iskov 5-0 (3-4) 13; Durr 4-0 (2-2) 10.  
**TOTALS - 15-6 (6-9) 54.**

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CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

## Gymnasts fall to Vassar

The Cass City gymnastics team hosted a rare home meet last week and suffered a 122.1 - 114.2 defeat by guest Vassar.

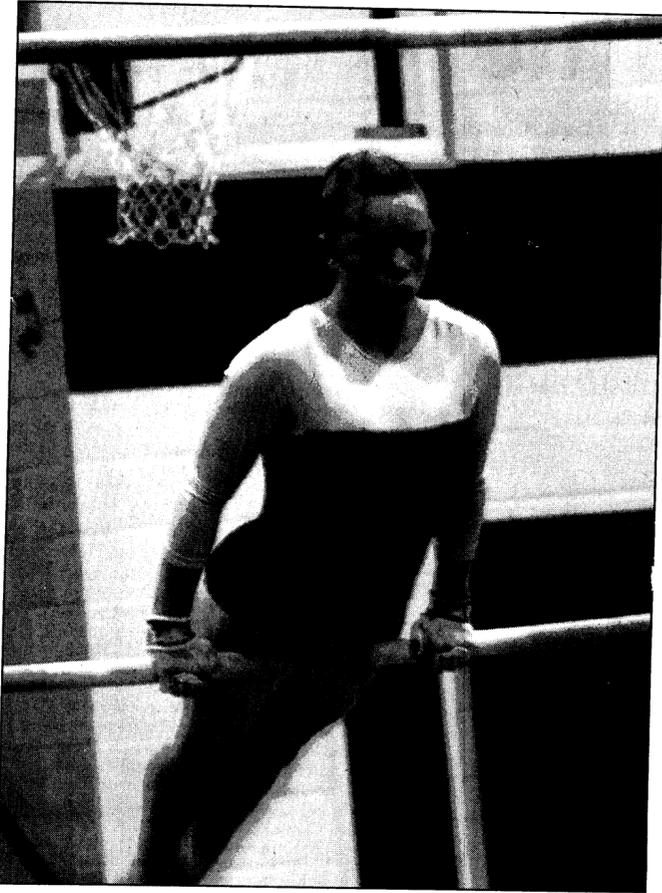
The Red Hawks turned in several regional qualifying scores during the Tuesday meet. In the vault, Tara Whittaker paced the hosts with a score of 8.2. She was followed closely by teammates Caitlin Sorenson, Val Scasny and Allie Richards in the event who earned marks of 7.85, 7.8 and 7.7, respectively.

Richards also recorded Cass City's lone regional qualifying marks on the beam and floor exercise with scores of 7.85 and 7.9.

On the bars, Scasny's score of 7.65 and Whittaker's score of 7.55 also reached regional qualifying status.

Cass City has one scheduled match remaining this Saturday in Midland to post a regional qualifying mark. To reach regional competition, individuals must record 4 qualifying scores to advance.

Already meeting the requirements for regional play for Cass City are Scasny on the vault and bars, Richards on the floor and beam, and Whittaker and Sorenson in the vault.



CASS CITY'S VAL Scasny works towards a regional qualifying score of 7.65 on the bars Tuesday night against visiting Vassar.

## Quiz bowl teams shine

The Cass City varsity A & B Quiz Bowl teams earned 2nd and 3rd place, respectively, Thursday night at the 13-team Peck Invitational. The 2 teams have a combined 29-7 record in the Thumb Area Quiz Bowl League.

The junior varsity quiz bowl team captured top honors at the event, winning their 4th straight invitational. The young Hawks are currently in first place in the JV league with a 15-3 record.

### VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

| GREATER THUMB WEST |   |   |
|--------------------|---|---|
| Team               | W | L |
| Bad Axe            | 5 | 0 |
| EPBP Laker         | 5 | 0 |
| Valley Lutheran    | 2 | 3 |
| Reese              | 2 | 3 |
| USA                | 2 | 3 |
| Cass City          | 1 | 4 |
| BCAS               | 1 | 5 |

| GREATER THUMB EAST |   |   |
|--------------------|---|---|
| Team               | W | L |
| Marlette           | 6 | 0 |
| Ubyly              | 4 | 1 |
| Harbor Beach       | 3 | 2 |
| Brown City         | 3 | 2 |
| Mayville           | 1 | 4 |
| Sandusky           | 1 | 4 |
| Deckerville        | 1 | 5 |

| NCTL NORTH        |   |   |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Team              | W | L |
| Owendale-Gagetown | 9 | 1 |
| North Huron       | 9 | 1 |
| Akron-Fairgrove   | 6 | 5 |
| Port Hope         | 3 | 7 |
| Caseville         | 1 | 8 |

| NCTL SOUTH |   |   |
|------------|---|---|
| Team       | W | L |
| Memphis    | 9 | 0 |
| Kingston   | 6 | 4 |
| CPS        | 3 | 7 |
| Dryden     | 2 | 7 |
| Peck       | 1 | 9 |

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\*Age group is determined by player's age as of August 1, 2005.

## Cass City Bowling

### Thursday Nite Trio as of Feb. 10

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Martin Electric          | 16 * |
| Mycogen Seeds            | 14   |
| Schmaltz Construction    | 7    |
| United Building Centers  | 7    |
| Doerr Landscaping        | 6    |
| Dairy Queen Brazier-Caro | 6    |
| Jebco Consulting         | 6 *  |

Individual High Games & Series: O. Beecher 238-215 (651); D. Doerr 226 (617); G. Robinson 222 (606); R. Doerr 225; L. Summers 217.  
Team High Game & Series: Dairy Queen Brazier-Caro 675 (1967).

\* Points subject to change

### Merchanettes

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Osentoski Realty/Auct.   | 22 |
| All Season Video         | 21 |
| Gagetown Cutting Corners | 20 |
| Cablettes                | 20 |
| Crowley Chiropractic     | 19 |
| Thumb Octagon Barn       | 14 |
| FBI Gals                 | 13 |
| Charlie's Angels         | 11 |

Individual High Games & Series: S. Hutchinson 214 (535); S. Buschlen 181 (499); C. Brown (471); C. Davidson 175 (471); E. Romain 177 (471); P. Hellwig 187; J. Krol 177; L. Pabst 175.

Team High Game: Osentoski Realty/Auctioneering, 833. (2380).  
Team High Series: FBI Gals (2380).

### Merchants as of Feb. 9

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Lee Morgan Painting | 18 |
| Charmont Lanes      | 15 |
| Patrick's Flooring  | 9  |
| Curtis Chrysler     | 0  |

Individual High Games & Series: T. Lis 243-207 (618); D. Doerr 245-202 (604); T. Furness 229; R. Wright 228 (579); L. Morgan 222 (600); T. Potrykus 214; J. Krol 205-200.

Team High Game: Charmont Lanes.

### Sunday No Rollers as of Jan. 30

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Damn Near Last  | 13 |
| JebCo           | 12 |
| Pinheads        | 10 |
| Par-T-Ranch     | 10 |
| Sometimers      | 7  |
| CB's            | 7  |
| Deford Drifters | 3  |

Individual High Games & Series: T. Potrykus 199; B. Potrykus (563); D. Witkovsky 184; D. Potrykus (522).

Team High Game & Series: Pinheads 718 (1995).

## champions Ubyly at Laker invue

Owen-Gage advanced to the semi finals of the Laker Invite Saturday where Ubyly sent the Bulldogs home in 3 games. The scores were 25-16, 14-25 and 15-5.

The Bulldogs reached the semis by finishing first in their pool with a 3-3 record. The Bulldogs defeated the Bearcats 25-14, 25-21, 17-25, while suffering defeat by Valley Lutheran 25-18, 24-26, 22-25.

The Bearcats went on to

defeat host Lakers in the finals 25-20, 25-21.

Katie Swiastyn paved the way for the Bulldogs at the event with 26 points, which included 8 aces. Swiastyn also recorded team highs with 29 assists and 9 saves.

At the net, hard-hitting Kayla Zaleski posted 52 kills and 2 blocks to complement 25 points and 13 aces. The Bulldogs also had Mary McKee with 20 points, 7 aces, Amanda Faist with 15

points, 4 aces and Nicole Schmidt with 13 points, 8 aces and 16 assists. Michelle Brown led the Bulldogs in digs with 40.

### PORT HOPE

Owen-Gage continued on its path towards another North Central Thumb League title Thursday turning back guests Port Hope in 4 games. With the 25-21, 25-19, 21-25, 25-11 win, the

Bulldogs improved to 9-1 in conference play.

Swiastyn led the hosts with 22 points, 5 aces, 14 assists, 10 kills, 11 digs and 2 saves. Owen-Gage also had Zaleski with 28 kills, 17 digs and 3 blocks; McKee, 14 points, 6 aces, 5 digs; Kayla Kady, 10 points, 4 aces, 5 digs; Nicole Schmidt, 8 points, 3 aces, 16 assists; and Brown, 18 digs.

Owen-Gage will host Carsonville-Port Sanilac on Thursday.

## USA tops Hawks

Cass City's struggles in Greater Thumb West play continued Thursday as host Unionville-Sebewaing knocked off the Hawks in 4 games. Despite committing several mistakes and playing short-handed, coach Beth Howard's spikers hung tough before falling by the scores of 26-24, 25-23, 21-25 and 25-16.

"I have yet to have my entire team healthy for a league match," Howard said, who noted Sara Meeker was out with the flu. Adding, "We continue to make too many errors. We gave USA 87 of their 97 points off our own mistakes."

Without the services of

Meeker, Howard praised the effort of Tara Sherman who recorded 4 blocks and 4 kills.

"Tara stepped up big tonight and played the middle, never having played that position before and did a really nice job."

Cass City also had Ashley Hendrick with 10 kills, 6 assists and 4 blocks, while Emily Schinnerer added 8 kills, 7 assists and 11 receptions. Jenni Brinkman, 3 kills, 3 blocks and Ashleigh Rabideau, 11 digs.

Cass City will wrap up its conference schedule this week with a match Thursday at Reese before Saturday's Greater Thumb West Invitational at USA.

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## Clabuesch elected chairman



Paul Clabuesch

Paul Clabuesch, chairman, president and CEO of Thumb National Bank, Pigeon, was recently elected chairman of the board of directors of Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis (FHLBI), Ind.

He replaces William White, chairman, president and CEO of Dearborn Federal Savings, whose term expired in 2004.

Clabuesch, a graduate of Michigan State University, has been CEO of Thumb National Bank since 1985 and a member of the FHLBI Board since January 2003.

He has played a leadership role in the Michigan Bankers Association (MBA) for several decades, serving as chairman in 2000 and as chair of numerous committees over the years. Clabuesch has also been involved with the American Bankers Association, accepting several committee assignments.

He currently is a board member of the Michigan Association of Community Bankers and serves on the Policy Development Committee of the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA).

Outside of banking, Clabuesch has a long-standing history of community involvement. Highlights include a 27-year tenure on the Scheurer Hospital Board of Trustees, 13 years of which he has served as chairman. He is also treasurer of the Michigan 4-H Foundation and is a member of the Pigeon Rotary Club.

# Obituaries

## Robert Dibble

Robert "Bob" Francis Dibble, 73, of Caro, died after a short battle with cancer, Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005 in Tendercare Nursing Facility. He was born Dec. 16, 1931 in Grand Blanc (Wigsville), the son of Earl and Sylvia (Streeter) Dibble.

He married Myra Emma Muehlfeld May 17, 1952 in Richville.

Dibble served in the U.S. Army. He was an independent truck owner, hauling pickles for Royal Crown, which became Mary Jane Pickle Co. He retired in 1997 from Saginaw Machine Systems after 30 years as a machinist. He attended St. Paul Lutheran Church, Caro.

He is survived by his wife, Myra; daughters: Margo (Curtis) Titsworth and Marla Riley, all of Mt. Morris; 4 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; siblings: Arlene Costello of Burton, James Dibble of Mayville, George (Peggy) Dibble of Caro, Elaine (John) Newton of Mayville, Donna (C.G.) Edwards of Winterhaven, Fla., Shirley (Lyle) Ludlow of Greenville, Ohio, Ronald (Lou) Dibble of Deford, Connie (Thomas) Motley of Brown City, and Donald (Karin) Dibble of Cullman, AL; many nieces and nephews; and special friends: Dennis Rieck of Kingston, and Eli and Bobbi Collins of Belleville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 brothers: Earl Jr. and Gerald Dibble; and a sister-in-law, Jacklene Dibble.

Memorial services were held Monday, Feb. 14, at Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston, with the Rev. Cameron Steele of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Caro, officiating.

Military honors were under the direction of the Kingston AMVETS Post #1072 and the Kingston VFW Post #5317.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

(Bernice) Grifka, Richard (Beverly) Grifka, and Alice (Fred) Pallas, all of Uby; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by 2 brothers-in-law: Jerome Franzel and Mark Peters.

Funeral mass was held Monday, Feb. 14, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Argyle, with the Rev. Stephen Fillion, pastor of St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, officiating.

Burial will be in the St. Ignatius Cemetery in the spring.

Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Uby.

## Ronald Hampshire

Ronald G. Hampshire, 77, of Flint, Texas, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005 at his home.

He was born Sept. 13, 1927 in Kingston, the son of George E. and Alice (Seddon) Hampshire.

He married Floy Waldie June 17, 1952 in Gaylord.

Hampshire served in the U.S. Air Force. He attended Michigan State University, Midwestern University and received his degree in Christian Ministries from Wesley Biblical Seminary in Jackson, Miss. Hampshire was a dairy farmer. He was a member of Lakeview Church of the Nazarene and The Challengers Sunday School Class. He was in the organic gardening business, and was an ardent organic grower and advisor. He spoke to garden clubs, 4-H clubs and Boy Scouts of America troops.

He is survived by his wife, Floy; children: Randy (Shirley) Hampshire of Kingston, Kenneth (Kathi Williams) Hampshire of Brighton, Colo., and Fae Stuart of Hersey; 13 grandchildren; a great-grandson; and a brother, Richard (Joyce) Hampshire of Phoenix, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Russell Hampshire; and a sister, Arlene Moore.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 12, at Kingston Wesleyan Church, with the Rev. Kenneth Sanderfur officiating.

Military honors were under the direction of the Kingston AMVETS Post #1072 and the Kingston VFW Post #5317.

Interment was in the Kingston Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

## Elmer Grifka

Elmer Grifka, 55, of Argyle, died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005 at the United Hospice Residence in Marlette.

He was born June 23, 1949 in Bad Axe, the son of the late Enoch and Selma (Pionk) Grifka.

Grifka lived in Sanilac County all his life. He attended Uby School. He worked road construction all his life and was a member of the Labor's Union Local #1191. He belonged to a pool league for many years.

Grifka is survived by a daughter, Carmen (Chris Doyle) Grifka of Uby; 2 sons: Robert (Julie Puvalowski) Grifka of Cass City, and Brandon Lepek of Uby; a granddaughter; siblings: Beatrice (Cliff) Ross, Eleanor Franzel, Joe

Sabo graduated from St. Francis High School, Traverse City, in 1939. She worked her way through high school, later working in Pontiac and Bloomfield Hills. She lived and worked in Cleveland, Ohio during WWII. In 1946, Sabo and her husband moved to Deford. After her husband's death, Sabo continued farming and she worked at Highland Pines, Caro, and the Colony House, near Cass City. She was an active member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Wilmot, where she served many years on the Parish Council as president of the Ladies' Altar Society, as chair of the funeral breakfast committee and as a catechism teacher.

Sabo is survived by her children: Delores Sabo of Deford, Mary Ann (Roger) Pohlod of Deford, Vera (Roger) Bouck of Cass City, Luella (John) Krug of Deford, Louis (Rochelle) Sabo of Marlette, Madelene (Bill) Parker of Caro, Michael (Jenny) Sabo of Fairgrove and Thomas (Michelle) Sabo of Deford; a daughter-in-law, Sherry Kish of Cass City; 28 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; 3 sisters-in-law; 2 brothers-in-law; many friends, former co-workers and classmates; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her siblings: Daniel, John, Robert, Bernard, James (her twin), Margaret, Gertrude and Francis.

Funeral mass was held Saturday, Feb. 12, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Wilmot.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette.

## Mildred Sabo

Mildred Mary Sabo, 84, of Deford, died suddenly Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005.

She was born a twin, Feb. 7, 1921 in Belmont, the daughter of Walter and Beulah (Lynch) Schultz.

She married Louis Sabo, Jr. July 4, 1945. He died Dec. 13, 1981.

## Distribution of food scheduled

Human Development Commission (HDC) officials will hold their Tuscola County Temporary Emergency Food Distribution (TEFAP - yellow registration card) Friday, March 4.

The distribution will take place at the HDC Warehouse, 165 Butler St., in Caro, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Those planning to attend should bring a box with them to carry food.

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# Masons honor Lounsbury, Britt

Cass City area resident William (Bill) Britt was recently honored as "Citizen of the Year" by members of the Tyler Masonic Lodge 317, Cass City.

honor is that you be a non-member and contribute to the betterment of the community," explained lodge member and Past Master Ed Good. "Certainly Bill Britt qualifies, having been a

teacher, coach, principal in the Owendale-Gagetown School system for 38 years and is now retired."

Bill is married and he and his wife, Judy, have 4 daughters and 8 grandchildren.

During Britt's tenure at Owen-Gage, the faculty developed a "good character and academic awards" program and was awarded the state's coveted "Golden Apple" award. In addition, in 1999, the high school's boys basketball team was recognized for having earned the highest academic average in the state.

"Over time, many of the students went on to become teachers, college professors, doctors, pharmacists, lawyers, engineers, successful farmers and business people," Good said. "Certainly some of the credit has to go to Bill Britt's leadership and his staff, having directed these students in their formative years."

In his retirement, the Britt's spend much time working in their church, the Shabbona United Methodist Church, and helping others.

Britt was honored during a dinner that also included installation of officers for the new year.

The new officers are: Lyle Melkerson, worshipful master; Ken Blue, senior warden; Elmer Francis, junior warden; Ted Furness, secretary; Robert Wood, treasurer;

Charles Timmons, senior deacon; James Wilson, jun-

ior deacon; Roger Kling, tiler; Carl Palmateer,

marshall; and Barney Hoffman, chaplain.



**TYLER MASONIC** Lodge 317 Past Master Carl Palmateer (from left) stands with the Tyler Lodge's "Citizen of the Year" William (Bill) Britt and his wife, Judy, and Worshipful Master Lyle Melkerson.

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### Calendar of Events

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

#### Wednesday, February 16

Writer's Workshop, 6:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

#### Thursday, February 17

Quilting class "Snippets", 6 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Please call to register, 872-2856.  
Genealogy Group meeting, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

#### Friday, February 18

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.  
Senior Citizen Movies, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

#### Monday, February 21

Cass City Area Historical Society, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.  
Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Charmont.

#### Tuesday, February 22

Diabetes Support Group, 2-3 p.m., DLC Classroom at Hills & Dales General Hospital. For further information, call (989) 872-2121 (ext. 342).

#### Wednesday, February 23

Ravenous Readers' Book Club, noon, Rawson Memorial Library.  
Thumb Retired Officers of Police Service (TROOPS) meeting, 11:30 p.m., Franklin Inn, Bad Axe.



**CARL Palmateer** (left), past master of Tyler Masonic Lodge 317, Cass City, congratulates "Mason of the Year" Harland Lounsbury, a member of the lodge for 52 years.



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A perfect combination for a Friday night in February includes cold weather, high school basketball hosted by a strong Cass City High School team - complete with enthusiastic fans - and a chili supper.

Fans are invited to enjoy a chili supper prior to the game Friday night, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Cass City High School. The cost is \$3.50 per person (children under 5 free) and includes chili, cornbread, crackers, drinks and desert.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Cory Merz Endowment Fund.

Merz was a junior at Cass City High School when he was killed in a tragic automobile accident last June. The endowment fund was set up as a memorial to the teen, and to remember all students whose lives have been cut short.

The Endowment will fund a scholarship benefiting a Cass City High School student who is furthering his or her education, whether it be at a university or trade school. The first scholarship will be awarded in May.

In addition, another fund has been established at the high school to assist students with alternative education needs.

### AYSO volunteers attend training

Nine volunteers with the Cass City AYSO program traveled to Traverse City Friday, Jan. 31 and spent 3 days in training.

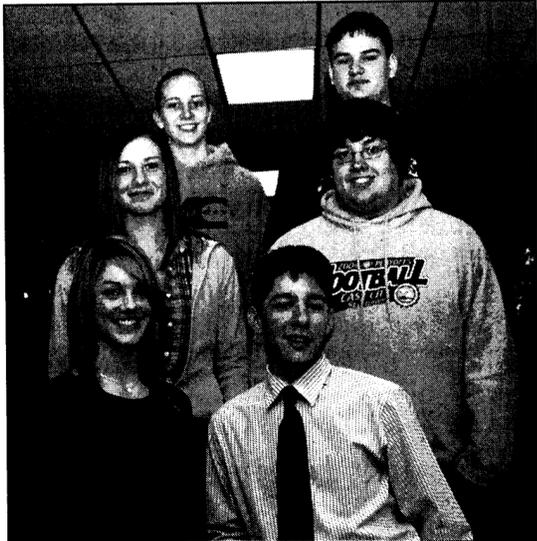
A wide range of classes were offered and attended, including Board and Staff Introductory Certification, Child Volunteer Protection Advocate, Registrar, Finance, Management, Refereeing. All participants learned new things and ideas about the program and they are more than willing to share their knowledge.

Several volunteers met with the AYSO soccer camp representative and set the date for soccer camp, which will be held in Cass City Aug. 1 through Aug. 5.

With all the training behind them and fresh in their memory, they are all geared up for the start of the spring soccer season. Registration is set for Feb. 16 and Feb. 19 in the middle school cafeteria.

If anyone has questions please feel free to call Regional Commissioner Nancy Braun at (989) 658-2486.

# Snow Coming 2005



SELECTED TO THE Cass City 2005 Snow Coming court are underclassmen, left, top to bottom, Ashleigh Rabideau, Jenni Brinkman and Caitlin Sorenson, right, top to bottom, Derek Suro, Jarod Stoutenburg and Chris Childs.



VYING FOR CASS CITY'S 2005 Snow Coming King and Queen honors are Red Hawk seniors, from left, Tara Sherman, Krista Homakie, Carrie Hillaker, Tara Whittaker, Luann Laming, James McKnight, Nick Stoutenburg, Andrew Schinnerer, and Paul Hoelzle. Missing is Mike Havens.

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**TOWNSHIP OF NOVESTA****BLIGHT ORDINANCE**Ordinance No. 2005-01

An ordinance to protect the public health, safety and general welfare by eliminating blight within Novesta Township; to define and prohibit blight; and to provide penalties for violation hereof.

**THE TOWNSHIP OF NOVESTA ORDAINS:****ARTICLE I****Blight Defined and Prohibited**

**Section 1.1.** It is hereby determined that the uses of land described in this Article constitute blight which, if allowed to exist, will result in unsafe, unsanitary and undesirable conditions.

**Section 1.2.** No person shall maintain or permit to be maintained any of the following types of blight upon any premises owned, rented, or occupied by such person:

- (a) The outdoor storage of any junk motor vehicle. The term "junk motor vehicle" shall include any motor vehicle which is not currently licensed, and which has been inoperable for any reason for a period in excess of thirty (30) days.
- (b) The storage or accumulation of garbage of any kind, except domestic refuse originating on the premises and stored in a sanitary manner for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days. The term "garbage" shall include food waste matter and discarded food containers, as well as any other household refuse.
- (c) The outdoor storage or accumulation of junk. The term "junk" shall include machinery parts, tires, containers, motor vehicle parts, tin cans, unused appliances, metal remnants, cast-off materials, inoperable farm machinery, discarded building materials, and any other inoperable or discarded machinery or materials. This section shall not apply to farm machinery which is located on a bonafide operating farm, provided the farm machinery is needed for farming operations.
- (d) The dumping or landfilling of any junk, garbage, or junk motor vehicles. The term "dumping or landfilling" shall include burying or otherwise disposing of items on property not licensed as a landfill pursuant to the Michigan Solid Waste Management Act.

**Section 1.3.** This Ordinance shall not apply to junkyards or salvage yards which are zoned I-Industrial and have been granted special approval under the Novesta Township Zoning Ordinance.

**ARTICLE II****Penalties and Enforcement**

**Section 2.1.** Any person, firm, or corporation, or anyone acting on behalf of said person, firm or corporation, who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall upon conviction thereof be subject to a fine of not more than Five Hundred and no/100 (\$500.00) Dollars and court costs, or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period of not to exceed ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day such violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense. The imposition of any sentence shall not exempt the offender from compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance.

**Section 2.2.** As an alternative to criminal proceedings under Section 2.1, the Township may seek injunctive relief through Circuit Court to abate the violation and clean up the property.

**Section 2.3.** Any violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a public nuisance.

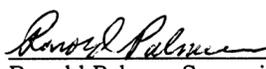
**Section 2.4.** Any person found responsible for blight shall eliminate such blight and shall be liable for the cost of elimination of the blight. If such blight is not eliminated by the responsible party, the Township may cause such blight to be eliminated and bill the cost to the responsible party. The cost of such blight elimination, if it is not voluntarily paid for by the responsible party, shall be assessed against the property on the next tax roll.

**ARTICLE III****Enactment and Effective Date**

**Section 3.1.** This Ordinance was adopted by the Novesta Township Board at a meeting duly held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2005.

**Section 3.2.** This Ordinance was published in the Cass City Chronicle on the 16 day of February, 2005.

**Section 3.3.** This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after the date of publication specified in Section 3.2.

  
Ronald Palmer, Supervisor

  
Karen M. Mozden, Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF NOVESTA****TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN****DANGEROUS BUILDINGS ORDINANCE**

Ordinance No. 2005-02

An ordinance to protect the public health and safety by providing for the repair, demolition, and making safe of dangerous buildings; to define dangerous buildings; to provide for inspections of dangerous buildings; to provide for notices, hearings, and appeals for persons having interests in buildings determined to be dangerous; and to provide for the tax roll assessment of the cost of making dangerous buildings safe.

**THE TOWNSHIP OF NOVESTA ORDAINS:****Section 1. DANGEROUS BUILDINGS DEFINED**

As used in this Ordinance, "dangerous building" means any building or structure which has any of the following defects:

- (a) Whenever any portion has been damaged by fire, wind, flood, or by any other cause in such a manner that the structural strength or stability is appreciably less than it was before such catastrophe and is less than the minimum requirements of the Township building code for a similar new building or structure.
- (b) Whenever any portion of the building or structure is likely to fall or to become dislodged, or to collapse and thereby injure persons or damage property.
- (c) Whenever for any reason whatsoever the building or structure or any portion is manifestly unsafe for the purpose for which it is used.
- (d) Whenever the building or structure has been so damaged or deteriorated that the interior of the building is exposed to elements and is accessible to entrance by trespassers and may become an attractive nuisance to children who might play therein to their danger.
- (e) Whenever a building or structure used or intended to be used for dwelling purposes, because of dilapidation, decay, damage or faulty construction or arrangement or otherwise, is unsanitary or unfit for human habitation or is in a condition that is likely to cause sickness or is likely to cause injury to the health, safety or general welfare of those living in or near it.

**Section 2. INSPECTION.**

The building inspector shall conduct an inspection and file a report on all buildings and structures which the inspector has reason to believe may be dangerous buildings as defined in the Ordinance. The report shall specify the nature of the dangerous conditions and the repair or demolition necessary to make the building or structure safe.

**Section 3. NOTICE.**

When any building or structure is found to be in a dangerous condition, the Building Inspector shall file the inspection report with the Township Clerk and the Clerk shall issue a notice of public hearing which shall be accompanied by a copy of the inspection report and a copy of this Ordinance.

- (a) The notice shall specify the time and place of a hearing before the Township Board at which the person or persons to whom the notice was directed shall have the opportunity to contest the findings of the building inspector.
- (b) The notice shall be directed to the person or persons in whose name the property appears on the most recent Township tax assessment records.
- (c) All notices shall be sent by regular mail or otherwise delivered at least ten (10) days before the date of the hearing described in the notice.

**Section 4. HEARING.**

The Township Board shall conduct a hearing reviewing the findings of the building inspector. All relevant information provided by the owners or other persons interested in the property and all relevant information provided by the building inspector shall be considered.

- (a) If it is determined by the Township Board that the building or structure is not dangerous or unsafe, no further action shall be taken.
- (b) If it is determined by the Township Board that the building or structure should be repaired, demolished, or otherwise made safe, it shall so order, fixing a time within which compliance must be completed.
- (c) A copy of the decision of the Township Board shall be sent by regular mail or otherwise delivered to the person or persons to whom the original notice was sent.

**Section 5. COMPLIANCE.**

Complying with a Township Board decision to require the repair, demolition, or making safe of a building or structure shall be the responsibility of the duly notified persons having an interest in the property.

**Section 6. FAILURE TO COMPLY; LIEN.**

If the responsible persons do not comply with the Township Board's decision within the time specified, the township may arrange to have the required repair, demolition, or other work completed. The cost of such required repair, demolition, or other work shall be a lien against the real property on which the building or structure is located and shall be assessed against said real property on the next tax roll.

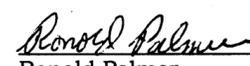
**Section 7. APPEAL**

A Township Board decision requiring the repair, demolition, or other work on a building or structure may be appealed by any person having an ownership or financial interest in the property. An appeal of the decision shall be made to the Circuit Court by filing an action within twenty-one (21) days from the date of approval of the minutes of the meeting at which the decision was made by the Township Board.

**Section 8. ENACTMENT AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall become effective upon the day following the date of publication specified below.

We, the undersigned, Supervisor and Clerk of the Township of Novesta, Tuscola County, Michigan, do hereby certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Novesta Township Board on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2005, and was published in the Cass City Chronicle on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2005.

  
Ronald Palmer  
Supervisor

  
Karen M. Mozden  
Clerk

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Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KRISTY L. MOORE, A SINGLE WOMAN, AND MATTHEW P. HOWEY, A SINGLE MAN, AS JOINT TENANTS TO MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR MAC-CLAIR MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Mortgage, dated August 09, 2002 and recorded on August 13, 2002 in Liber 889, on Page 1044 in TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy nine thousand one hundred ninety seven and 55/100 Dollars (\$79,197.55), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola, MI, at 10:00 AM on March 17, 2005.

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

PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWN 13 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING 940 FEET EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWN 13 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST; THENCE EAST ON THE SOUTH SECTION LINE 196.5 FEET; THENCE NORTH RIGHT ANGLES TO SAID SOUTH SECTION LINE 222 FEET; THENCE WEST PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTH SECTION LINE 196.5 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 222 FEET TO BEGINNING.

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

DATED: February 16, 2005  
 ATTORNEY FOR: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR MAC-CLAIR MORTGAGE CORPORATION  
 Mortgage  
 Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.  
 401 South Old Woodward Avenue, Suite 300  
 Birmingham, MI 48009-6616  
 For More Information Call:  
 (248) 540-7701

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

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Julius J. Richard and Beverly A. Richard, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgage, dated December 12, 2003 and recorded on December 12, 2003 in Liber 968 on Page 1413 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Four and 44/100 Dollars (\$124,774.44), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 17, 2005.

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

Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, commencing at a point that is South 89 Degrees 40 Minutes 03 Seconds West 2361.80 Feet from the East 1/4 corner of said Section; thence South 89 Degrees 40 Minutes 03 Seconds West 150 Feet; thence North 00 Degrees 40 Minutes 40 Seconds West 207 Feet; thence North 89 Degrees 40 Minutes 03 Seconds East 150 Feet; thence South 00 Degrees 40 Minutes 40 Seconds East 307 Feet to the point of beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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

DATED: February 16, 2005  
 FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
 FC H (248) 593-1300  
 Trot & Troit, P.C.  
 Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
 File #040021F02

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary L. Powell, a married man, and Laura Powell his wife, to Alliance Funding, a Division of Superior Bank FSB, mortgage, dated October 27, 2000 and recorded November 16, 2000 in Liber 815, Page 1203, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by LaSalle National Bank, in its capacity as Indenture Trustee under that certain sale and servicing agreement dated 12/1/00 among AFC Trust Series 2000-4, as Issuer, Superior Bank FSB as seller and servicer and LaSalle National Bank as Indenture Trustee, AFC Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Notes, Series 2000-4 and any amendments thereto by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety and 31/100 Dollars (\$48,990.31), including interest at the rate of 8.90% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on March 17, 2005.

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

Commencing 13 1/2 rods South of 1/4 post between Section 16-17 thence East 9 rods thence South 74.25 feet thence West 9 rods thence North 74.25 feet to the Point of Beginning, Section 16, Township 13 North, Range 8 East, Village of Fairgrove, Fairgrove Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

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

Dated: February 16, 2005  
 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC National Association f/k/a LaSalle National Bank, in its capacity as indenture trustee under that certain sale and servicing agreement dated 12/1/00 among AFC Trust Series 2000-4, as Issuer, Superior Bank FSB as seller and servicer and LaSalle National Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee, AFC Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Notes, Series 2000-4 and any amendments thereto, As Assignee

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 Troy, MI 48007-5041  
 (248) 457-1000  
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jason F. Johnson and Mashonda L. Johnson, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgage, dated June 9, 2003 and recorded on July 21, 2003 in Liber 945 on Page 118 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Six and 11/100 Dollars (\$67,306.11), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

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

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

Commencing at the Southeast Corner of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 7; thence West along the South Line of Said Section 7, 640 feet; thence North 490 feet; thence East 640 feet; thence South 490 feet to point of Beginning, being part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 7, All Land Described located in Section 7, Town 13 North, Range 10 East, Ellington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, Macomb County Records.

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

Dated: February 9, 2005

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Cipriano Fierros, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Acceptance Corporation, Mortgage, dated February 9, 2000 and recorded on February 22, 2000 in Liber 794 on Page 1427, and assigned by mesne assignments to Bank One, National Association, as Trustee as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Sixty-Five and 72/100 Dollars (\$72,065.72), including interest at 12.4% per annum.

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

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

Parcel 1: Lot 15, Block 25 of the Plat of the Village of Centerville (n/a) Village of Caro), except the Northwesterly 6 feet thereof, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 56, now being Page 59A of Tuscola County Records.

Parcel 2: Lot 16, Block 25 of the Plat of the Village of Centerville (n/a) Village of Caro), according to the Plat recorded

in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 56, now being Page 59A 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.

Dated: February 9, 2005

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth B. McMullen and his wife, Deborah K. McMullen, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgage, dated February 10, 2001 and recorded on March 5, 2001 in Liber 823 on Page 045 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Eight and 53/100 Dollars (\$51,768.53), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

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

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

Section 15, Town 10 North, Range 9 East; Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4; thence North 18 rods; thence East 14 rods to the Point of Beginning.

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

DATED: February 09, 2005

ATTORNEY FOR: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.  
 Assignee of Mortgage  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jason Schenk, an unmarried man, a/k/a Jason T. Schenk, of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Long Beach Mortgage Company, dated the 23rd day of September, A.D. 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 8th day of October, A.D. 2003, in Instrument No. 2003008338834 of Tuscola Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$79,932.60 (seventy-nine thousand, nine hundred thirty-two dollars and sixty cents), including interest thereon at 9.00% (nine point nine zero percent) per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of March, A.D. 2005, at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

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

Parcel 1: Part of the Southwest fractional quarter of Section 30, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South line of said Southwest quarter, which is South 88 degrees 49 minutes 31 seconds East along said South line, 489.07 feet from the Southwest corner of Section 30; thence continuing South 88 degrees, 49 minutes 31 seconds East along said South line, 192.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 54 minutes 59 seconds East, parallel with the West line of said Southwest quarter, 330.33 feet; thence North 88 degrees 49 minutes 31 seconds West, parallel with said South line, 192.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 54 minutes 59 seconds West, parallel with said West line, 330.03 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel 2: Part of the Northwest fractional quarter of Section 31, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 31, which is South 88 degrees 49 minutes 31 seconds East, 489.07 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 31; thence continuing South 88 degrees 49 minutes 31 seconds East, 489.07 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 31; thence continuing South

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by SHANER, MEYERS, AN UNMARRIED MAN, to MAC-CLAIR MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Mortgage, dated April 08, 2004 and recorded on June 23, 2004, in Liber 997 on Page 1153 in TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgage to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of forty eight thousand two hundred forty seven and 88/100 Dollars (\$48,247.88), including interest at 6.000% per annum.

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

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

PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWN 14 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT WHICH IS NORTH 01 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 1320.00 FEET ALONG THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 8 TO THE SOUTH, EAST AND WEST 1/8 LINE OF SAID SECTION 8 AND ALONG SAID SECTION 8, EAST AND WEST 1/8 LINE, NORTH 88 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST, 365.38 FEET FROM THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 8, SAID POINT BEING THE BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID SOUTH, EAST AND WEST 1/8 LINE, NORTH 88 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST, 382.52 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF BAY CITY-FORESTVILLE ROAD (M-25); THENCE NORTH 62 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 438.53 FEET ALONG SAID CENTERLINE; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, 216.39 FEET PARALLEL WITH SAID NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SECTION 8 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

DATED: February 09, 2005

ATTORNEY FOR: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.  
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88 degrees 49 minutes 31 seconds East, 192.00 feet along said North line; thence South 01 degrees 54 minutes 59 seconds West, 55.93 feet to a point 50 feet (measured perpendicular) from the centerline of Ormes Road; thence South 84 degrees 14 minutes 44 seconds West, 193.72 feet parallel with said centerline; thence North 01 degrees 54 minutes 59 seconds East, 79.30 feet to the point of beginning.

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Dated: February 9, 2005

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.  
 By: Daniel E. Best (P58501)  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lawrence E. Giddings, A/K/A Lawrence Giddings, and Faith D. Giddings, A/K/A Faith Giddings, husband and wife, to Ford Housing Finance Services, a div. of Associates Housing Finance Services, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, Mortgage, dated April 1, 1998 and recorded on April 9, 1998 in Liber 734 on Page 1283, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy-three thousand two hundred forty-two and 98/100 Dollars (\$73,242.98), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2005.

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

A parcel of land located in Section 29, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, described as: Commencing at a point 44 1/2 rods North of the Southwest corner of North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 12 North, Range 7 East; thence East 195 feet; thence North 60 feet; thence West 195 feet; thence South 60 feet to the Place of Beginning. Subject to the right of way for Van Buren Road over the Westerly side thereof.

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

Dated: February 9, 2005

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Notice is hereby given that default has occurred in a mortgage given by Jeffrey R. Fyvie and Lisa R. Fyvie to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture. The Mortgage is dated May 13, 1997 and was recorded on May 15, 1997 in Liber 710 on Pages 1205 through 1210 of the Tuscola County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt, which is now One Hundred Thousand Three Hundred Twelve and 65/100 (\$100,312.65) Dollars.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on March 4, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. local time, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, with is the location of the Tuscola County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the rate of 7.25% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance, which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, F/K/A THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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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.

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

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

**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 FROM 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 20 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 300 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

TAX PARCEL ID#: 017-018-000-2850-00

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

Dated: January 13, 2005

**GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION OF PA NKA GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION**  
Mortgagee

**PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.**  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Marvin A. Curl and Sandra A. Curl, husband and wife, of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagee to Old Kent Bank, successor by merger to Fifth Third Bank, dated the 24th day of September, A.D. 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 17th day of December, A.D. 1999, in Liber 790 of Tuscola County Records, on Page 1123, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$23,295.56 (twenty-three thousand, two hundred ninety-five dollars and fifty-six cents), including interest there on at 10.60% (ten point six zero percent) per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of March, A.D. 2005, at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

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

Commencing at a point on the Section line 530 feet South of the Northwest corner of Section 28, Town 13 North, Range 9 East; thence South on said Section line 114 feet; thence East parallel with the North line of Section 28, a distance of 247.5 feet; thence North parallel with the West Section line 114 feet; thence West to point of beginning.

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

Dated: February 9, 2005

**WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.**  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth Earl Woolwine and Jenny L. Woolwine, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated May 13, 2004 and recorded on June 10, 2004 in Liber 996 on Page 252 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Ameriquest Mortgage Securities, Inc., Asset-Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2004-R7, Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of July 1, 2004, without recourse as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Nine and 75/100 Dollars (\$72,399.75), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 17, 2005.

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

Part of Lot 15 of Longacres, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 89, now being Page 39B, described as beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 15 which is North 02 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds East 2006.70 feet and North 89 degrees 02 minutes 33 seconds West 33.0 feet from the Southeast corner of Section 6, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; thence South 02 degrees 04 minutes 00 seconds West 82.50 feet along the East line of Lot 15, thence North 89 degrees 02 minutes 33 seconds West 492.32 feet, thence North 02 degrees 44 minutes 47 seconds East recorded as North 01 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds East 82.50 feet along the West line of Lot 15, thence South 89 degrees 02 minutes 33 seconds East 492.20 feet recorded South 89 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds East 495.00 feet along the North line of Lot 15 to the point of beginning. Subject to Easements, restrictions, right of way and mineral rights of record or in common use.

Dated: February 9, 2005

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Attorneys For Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Ameriquest Mortgage Securities, Inc., Asset-Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2004-R7, Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of July 1, 2004, without recourse  
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File #048112F01

**2-16-4**

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by HARLAND J. GOODHUE and ELIZABETH GOODHUE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 21, 2004 and recorded on March 30, 2004 in Liber 985 on Page 537, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FOURTEEN AND 23/100 DOLLARS (\$15,214.23), including interest at 5.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on March 17, 2005.

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

**Parcel C-1:** Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 34, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, running thence North 89 degrees 52 minutes 35 seconds West, 1174.44 feet along the East and West 1/4 line; thence South 18 degrees 11 minutes 50 seconds East, 700.28 feet; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 32 seconds East, 963.07 feet; thence North 0 degrees 37 minutes 54 seconds West, 664.02 feet; along the East section line to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, excepting the North 332.01 feet thereof.

**Parcel C-2:** Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 34, Town 10 North, Range 8 East; thence North 89 degrees 52 minutes 35 seconds West, 1469.36 feet along the East and West 1/4 line to the point of beginning; running thence North 89 degrees 52 minutes 35 seconds West, 112.64 feet along the East and West 1/4 line; thence South 0 degrees 55 minutes 20 seconds East, 665.43 feet; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 32 seconds East, 320.70 feet; thence North 18 degrees 11 minutes 50 seconds West 700.55 feet to the point of beginning, excepting the North 332.71 feet thereof, being part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 10 North, Range 8 East.

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

Dated: Feb. 9, 2005

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

**PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.**  
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450  
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Dated: February 9, 2005

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey R. Sutton and Antonette R. Sutton, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to DMR Financial Services, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 10, 1999 and recorded on March 9, 1999 in Liber 765 on Page 692, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp. as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Seventy-One and 11/100 Dollars (\$70,071.11), including interest at 7% per annum.

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

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

Lot 14, Block 9 and 15.00 feet of the West side of Lot 15, Block 9 of Village of Millington, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in plat Liber 1, Page 42A, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: February 9, 2005

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**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.

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.

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

Beginning at a Point on the Section line 87.1 feet West of the Northeast corner of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East; thence West along the Section line 50 feet; thence South at right angles to the Section line, to the Northeast boundary line of the Oakwood Addition to the Village of Caro; thence Southeast along the Northeast line of the Oakwood Addition to the Southeast Corner of Lot 6, Block 2 of the Oakwood Addition to the Village of Caro; thence Northeast Parallel with State Street 47.4 feet to the land of Alice Thomas; thence North 279.19 Feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: January 26, 2005

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
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Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #037583F03

**1-26-4**

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FC H (248) 593-1300  
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Attorneys For Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Ameriquest Mortgage Securities, Inc., Asset-Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2004-R7, Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of July 1, 2004, without recourse by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixty and 43/100 Dollars (\$75,560.43), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

**2-9-4**

**Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-One Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Four and 73/100 Dollars (\$161,194.73), including interest at 5.875% per annum.**

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

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

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

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

Dated: February 9, 2005

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
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Attorneys For Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. f/k/a Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
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File #047604F01

**2-9-4**

**Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.** is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by MICHAEL H. FRAMBES AND DAWN A. FRAMBES, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to FIRST NLC FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC, Mortgagee, dated July 18, 2000 and recorded on July 26, 2000 in Liber 806, on Page 1480 in TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, and assigned by MESNE assignment to THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE EQCC ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2001-2, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred fifty seven thousand seven hundred and 32/100 Dollars (\$157,070.32), including interest at 10.990% per annum with an adjustable rate rider.

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.

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

**COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE SECTION LINE 285 FEET NORTH OF THE EAST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 14, TOWN 14 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST; THENCE NORTH 195 FEET WEST ALONG THE SECTION LINE, WEST 190 FEET, SOUTH 195 FEET, EAST 190 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

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

Dated: February 16, 2005

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
FC S (248) 593-1304  
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File #047959F01

**2-16-4**

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy M. Stanek and Rhonda Stanek, a/k/a Rhonda M. Stanek, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to New Century Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 23, 2004 and recorded on April 6, 2004 in Liber 986 on Page 1204 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2004-1 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Five and 69/100 Dollars (\$139,845.69), including interest at 10% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 3, 2005.

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

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 3, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 3; thence South 00 Degrees 23 Minutes 41 Seconds West, 400.00 feet beginning; thence continuing along the East Section line, South 00 Degrees 23 Minutes 41 Seconds West 421.12 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 51 Minutes 25 Seconds West 517.03 feet; thence North 00 Degrees 23 Minutes 41 Seconds East 15.78 feet; thence South 82 Degrees 37 Minutes 10 Seconds East 80.47 feet; thence South 00 Degrees 23 Minutes 41 Seconds West 5.24 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 51 Minutes 25 Seconds East 154.40 feet to the point of beginning.

Dated: February 2, 2005

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
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**2-2-4**

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Phyllis Hooock, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor, to Mac-Carr Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 24, 2002 and recorded on January 24, 2003 in Liber 912 on Page 472, and assigned by said Mortgagee to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixty and 43/100 Dollars (\$75,560.43), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 17, 2005.

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

Lots 7 Block 19 of Plats of the Village of Fostoria, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Pages 44-45, now being 45A-46A.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with

MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 16, 2005

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
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Attorneys For ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
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File #047859F01

**2-16-4**

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eric M. Jobson, a single man, original mortgagor, to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated May 18, 2001 and recorded on May 21, 2001 in Liber 832 on Page 748, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighteen and 52/100 Dollars (\$94,718.52), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 17, 2005.

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

Part of the northeast 1/4 of Section 10, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the North section line that is North 89 degrees 46 minutes 30 seconds West 416.80 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 10; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 45 seconds West 208.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 30 seconds West 209.42 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes

# ACT Assessment on tap April 9

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment April 9, the next

nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is March 4. Late

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Students can receive registration information from their high school guidance counselors or they can register on ACT's website at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). The website also features test tips, practice tests, and a database for students to find out if a prospective college requires a writing score.

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**THE ARTWORK OF** these Cass City High School students will be on display through March 6 at the Saginaw Art Museum in conjunction with the Michigan Art Education Association Region 11 Student Exhibit. The students are (from left) Bryan Hill, Tara Sherman, Ashley Barrigar, Angela Stoeckle and Jessie Tuckey. They and their families were honored at a reception Thursday.

## French classes slated at library

Beginning French classes are being offered for the second time this winter at Rawson Memorial Library. Alice Ward, who has many years of experience teaching French at the high school and college levels, will again teach the classes. The class is designed to add to the material covered in the first set of classes, but the lessons will be appropriate for new students also. The sessions will cover topics such as transportation (trains, taxis, the subway),

buying things, getting a hotel room, telling time and reading important signs, while reviewing materials covered previously.

The cost of the program is \$25 for the 4 weeks: Feb. 23, March 2, 9 and 16. The class will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. at the library.

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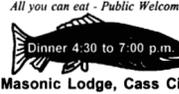
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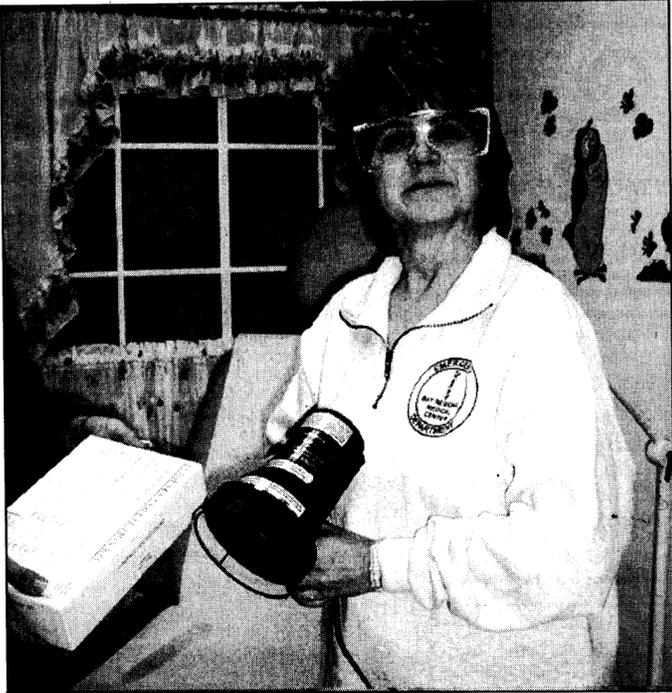
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SEXUAL ASSAULT Nurse Examiner Sue Plessner, R.N., demonstrates the use of the ALS (alternate light source) used to detect fibers and biological samples from a victim's skin and clothing.

## Several appear on charges

A Fostoria husband and wife face possible jail time following their convictions last week on drug and firearm charges.

A Tuscola County Circuit Court jury convicted both David E. Fisher, 42, and Dawn Fisher, 42, following a 3 day trial.

David Fisher was convicted on charges of delivery/manufacture of marijuana, maintaining a drug house and possession of marijuana. Dawn Fisher was also convicted of possession of marijuana and maintaining a drug house as well as possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

The charges stem from the couple's arrest last September in Watertown Township, according to court records.

Pre-sentence investigations were ordered for both defendants. Bond was continued at \$3,000 for David Fisher and \$7,500 for Dawn Fisher. Sentencing dates for both are to be scheduled.

In other circuit court proceedings last week:

•Ronald C. Babcock, 34, Vassar, was sentenced to 3 years and 10 months to 30 years in prison for his jury convictions on charges of possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony July 27 in Fairgrove Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,585 plus \$1,000 in attorneys fees and restitution of \$202.18.

•Trevor D. Bitzer, 25, Caro, was sentenced to 18 months to 10 years in prison for his

pleas of guilty to assaulting a police officer and 2 counts of assault and battery Aug. 8 in Almer Township, and to being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

He was also ordered to pay \$240 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$2,512.55.

•Donald A. Estep, 45, Caro, was sentenced to 18 months to 10 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Feb. 1 in Caro, and to being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

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

•Victor H. Long, 61, Millington, was sentenced to 237 days in the county jail for his pleas of no contest to fleeing a police officer and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor June 16 in Millington Township.

He was also ordered to pay fines and costs totaling \$165 plus restitution of \$200.

•Timothy J. Maurer, 18, Reese, was sentenced to 180 days on an electronic tether for his plea of no contest to second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years June 26 in Reese.

He was also ordered to pay \$820 in costs and fines.

•Ann Marie Buff, 44, Millington, was sentenced to 90 days in jail (deferred) and 24 months probation for her plea of guilty to embezzling \$1,000 to \$20,000 while employed at Simon's IGA and Variety Store in Arbel Township between January and May.

She was also ordered to pay \$620 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$5,000.

•Shaunder J. Novak, 19, Caro, was sentenced to 3 to 15 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to second degree home invasion June 5 in Wells Township, and to carrying a concealed weapon, 5 counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder June 6 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$480.

•Bruce B. Simmons, 53, Fairgrove, pleaded no contest to a charge of attempted second degree criminal sexual conduct involving injury to the victim between November 2003 and November 2004 in Fairgrove Township.

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

•Robert A. Leader Jr., 34, Caro, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 4 in Wells Township, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$35,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Joshua Gillespie, 19, Caro, pleaded guilty to larceny from a motor vehicle Nov. 24 in Caro and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions), and 2 counts of stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without the consent of the device holder Oct. 24 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at a combined \$27,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Cary D. Moyer, 40, Burton, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to failure to pay child support from May 2003 to the present.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,060 in costs and fines.

# Local grad now a medical detective

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"In a recent exam my patient reported being assaulted in a grassy place like a field. She had possibly been incapacitated by a drug, so she couldn't remember," Hurd recalled of one case. "Dur-

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pering in court."

Hurd and her fellow SANEs say their work, while intense, provides them with a great deal of satisfaction.

"It can be difficult at times because we are dealing with people often times in both physical and psychological pain," said Shelli Trigg who, like Hurd, is a board certified SANE. "What they have already been through is quite traumatic, and now we are asking them to go through an interview and exam that can also be traumatic due to the type of questions asked and the nature of the exam.

"It can be emotionally draining, but we are all very supportive of one another as a group."

Hurd agreed. "I do find the work very rewarding," she said. "We provide a much-needed service to these patients with physical and emotional trauma. And the real reward is a successful outcome at trial and the 'bad guy' in prison.

"The statistics show that conviction rates are much higher when exams are performed by SANE nurses. That in itself is also a reward, and the payoff for many hours of hard work."

## Ruling good news for pharmacies

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first step to prevent the Department of Community Health from violating laws that the Legislature and the governor established," Wagenknecht said.

"Michigan pharmacists believe that they can provide better care to Michigan patients and keep business in the state, rather than sending it to another state. Keeping patients safe, and a strong economy within the state should be a high priority."

The proposed Medicaid mail order issue is the latest in a series of severe financial blows to the state's pharmacies.

A year ago, Michigan's major unions, including those representing autoworkers, teachers and municipal employees, established mandatory mail order prescription programs for their workers.

### MANDATORY

Steve Eyer, manager of Coach Light Pharmacy in Cass City said that decision was reflected in the overall sales last year at Coach Light. Once major groups mandate mail order prescriptions, he said in a recent interview, "it really cuts into our business. This really kind of put the point on the sword."

Jon Shores, who along with his wife, Cheryl, own and operate the New Sheridan Health Mart Pharmacy and Book Mart Photo Studio in Cass City, said the mandatory prescription programs have been devastating to pharmacy owners throughout Michigan, who have watched their customer bases shrink significantly.

"It's huge. The difference is huge," he said. "Pharmacies are losing half of their prescription load, and not by the customer's choice.

"All I've got right now are small business insurance types (customers), cash customers and Medicaid recipients. The Medicaid recipients are my last big insurance group," he said, adding if that group is taken away, "I don't know what a store like mine will do. It's very frustrating."

Mail order prescription companies have been around since the mid-1980s, and local pharmacies have competed side by side with them until now, Shores said.

"By making it (mail order prescriptions) mandatory, they basically capture all of the business. I have never feared competition, but we can't fight a monopoly like this."

Shores is trying to take his case to legislators as part of a group called Citizens for Consumer Prescription Protection. He has already collected about 600 signatures supporting adoption of a proposed Consumer Prescription Protection Act that was first introduced in the Michigan House in April 2003.

The legislation wouldn't discriminate against mail order companies, but it would require them to adhere to the same safety rules and regu-

lations as all Michigan pharmacies, according to Shores. For example, he said, mail order firms would be required to establish pharmacies in the state and be subject to inspection.

Equally important, Shores said, the legislation would reestablish a level playing field by reasserting the rights of all Michigan consumers to choose what pharmacy they do business with.

In a letter Shores has sent to legislators and others, Shores states mandatory pharmacy services agreements enforced by out-of-state pharmacy providers are siphoning billions of dollars - at least \$2.5 billion last year - in taxable prescription drug sales out of Michigan.

"The financial prosperity of Michigan pharmacy business is an important tax revenue generator for this state, and much of this prosperity has recently been spirited across state lines to the fiscal detriment of the citizens of our cash-strapped government," he said.

"These billions lost in sales also directly translate into tens of hundreds of lost pharmacy, pharmacy-related and pharmacy-dependent jobs. Sales losses at many Michigan pharmacies are severe enough to spell the eventual demise or bankruptcy of those businesses, adding to the gloomy fiscal picture for our state."

The result, according to

Shores, has been a shifting among the state's pharmacies towards cash-paying, non-insured customers.

The upward pressure on cash prescription prices - by up to 40 percent statewide - is already punishing the very people who can least afford to pay for more prescription services, the working poor, Shores said.

In spite of the seriousness of the issues, Shores continued, politicians are reluctant to take on the major unions by supporting the Consumer Prescription Protection Act.

"I don't think it will get passed, but it will keep it high profile," said Shores, who would like to see the act put before a statewide vote in 2006.

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## Student numbers increase

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Last week's enrollment tally will be blended with the next count in September to determine funding for the 2005-06 school year. Should Cass City's blended count still add up to an additional 16 students, the district would receive some \$107,000 more in revenue.

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## High tech tools

**BOARD CERTIFIED Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners Sue Montei, R.N. (left) and Yvette Hurd, R.N. demonstrate the many uses of the video colposcope. Hurd is a former Cass City resident.**

## Medical detective

### Hurd now a sexual assault nurse examiner

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Yvette Hurd has made a career out of caring and compassion as a registered nurse. Now, the former Cass City resident combines her skills in medicine with some high tech and intense detective work in the field of forensic nursing in an effort to help sexual assault victims and put their attackers behind bars.

Hurd, a 1986 graduate of Cass City High School, is one of 5 sexual assault nurse examiners (SANEs) in Bay County who serve victims in several surrounding counties, including those in the Thumb. They are part of what is known as the SART team (sexual assault response team), which includes law enforcement and a patient advocate to lend support and counseling to victims.

"I became interested in forensic nursing several years ago when reading about SANE nurses in nursing journals," Hurd recalled. "At that time it was mostly prevalent out West. The opportu-

nity presented itself 2 years ago when the Bay Area Women's Center set up the program. They provided the training" and funding.

"Forensic nursing goes beyond the traditional role and knowledge of the registered nurse and we practice independent of a physician," explained Hurd, who has also been employed full-time at Bay Regional Medical Center for 15 years.

"It allows for complete autonomy in my profession and I love that part of it. We have a physician consultant on our team to allow us to dispense medication and for periodic chart review, but exams are conducted exclusively by the SANE.

"The goal of any program like this is to take the patient outside of an ER (emergency room) setting where their care is one to one," Hurd explained.

"Sexual assault patients in any ER setting are likely to be considered 'low priority' and can wait several hours before being seen while more critical patients are attended to. In our program,

patients are seen in our own special exam room at the Nathan Weidners Children's Advocacy Center. We have a room there specially designed for a comprehensive exam of the female or male victim of sexual assault using state of the art equipment."

Hurd and her fellow SANEs work together to ensure one of them is on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. When a victim enters an ER or law enforcement agency, the nurse on call is paged.

They see patients ages 13 years and up, according to Hurd, who noted exams of the victims can take anywhere from 3 to 4 hours. "If the patient has injuries that are life threatening, then the exam is performed in the emergency room.

"You must remember that in the case of sexual assault, there are essentially 2 crime scenes - the place where it happened, but most importantly the patient herself," Hurd said.

"The quicker we see patients after the event, the

more likely we are able to recover evidence. After 72 hours, biological evidence degrades and we lose our window of opportunity," she continued. "Typically, however, because of the stigma associated with sexual assault, and the emotions involved in reporting, we don't always see patients as quickly as we would like."

After first meeting with a victim, the SANE begins by collecting as much information as possible.

"We obtain very detailed information pertinent to the event and use this information to guide our physical exam," Hurd said. "Once the medical interview is completed, a head-to-toe exam is performed.

"We use a state issued 'sexual assault kit' and collect evidence...used by the criminalist at the crime lab to determine the patient's DNA. We look carefully for trace evidence on the body. For example, grass, dirt, twigs. We perform combing and swabbing of all body surfaces, looking for evidence foreign to the patient that can be linked to the suspect."

Hurd said the process includes a detailed genital exam to determine if any trauma has occurred.

The SANEs make good use of the state-of-the-art equipment at their disposal.

"One of our most important pieces of equipment is a digital colposcope," Hurd said. "This special camera allows us to magnify images up to 40 times what we can see with the naked eye and is wonderful in helping us see microtrauma that we may ordinarily miss," she explained.

The SANE also use an "alternate light source" that, when used in a darkened room, enables them to visualize body fluids that may have been left behind on the body or on clothing.

Aside from the state-of-the-art equipment, forensic nurses' eyes and ears make all the difference," Hurd pointed out. "Listen to the patient, listen for clues, and look for those clues at the 'crime scene'.

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## 3-year pact ratified

# O-G Board approves teacher pay increases

The Owen-Gage Board of Education ratified a new teachers contract during its regular monthly meeting Monday night.

Approval of the 3-year pact came after a 30-minute session behind closed doors.

Interim school Supt. Bob Peterson said the labor agreement, affecting 15 certified staff members represented by the Owen-Gage Education Association, will be in effect for the 2004-05 school year through the 2006-07 school year.

The contract provides a wage increase of 3 percent in the first year, according to Peterson, who said the teachers union agreed to a change in health insurance deductibles from \$50 and \$100 to \$100 and \$200. Co-pays were increased from \$2 to \$5 and \$10.

The district's teachers will receive a salary increase of 2.5 percent the second year and must stay with their current insurance carrier. Another 2.5 percent pay hike was approved for the third year.

Peterson declined to estimate what the pay increases will cost the district.

Turning to old business, the board reviewed the status of the district's superintendent search.

The board last month hired former Owen-Gage interim Supt. Don Gleeson to conduct the search at a cost of \$2,000. Gleeson has distributed and collected questionnaires asking school officials

and residents to identify the characteristics they deem most important in their next superintendent, who will serve in dual roles of both superintendent and K-12 principal.

"At this point, we've had 4 applications turned in and he (Gleeson) requested they turn in a list of questions that they want to ask the candidates," Peterson said.

Board members have al-

ready approved a base salary of not less than \$80,000 for the new administrator, and they are expected to offer him or her a multi-year contract. Gleeson has indicated he hopes to have the new superintendent on the job sometime in June.

In other business Monday, the board selected Tom Fritz as the district's nominee for this year's "Friend of Youth" award.

## Prescription ruling good news for area pharmacies

A judge's signing of a temporary restraining order and an order to show cause last week in Ingham County Circuit Court could bode well for pharmacies in the Thumb area as well as across the state.

The temporary restraining order prevents the Michigan Department of Community Health from enforcing a

Medicaid mail order program until a hearing takes place on a preliminary injunction filed by the Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA). That hearing is scheduled for Thursday.

The association filed a motion for the injunction in an effort to block the March 1 implementation of co-pay provisions in the mail order

program. According to Larry Wagenknecht, CEO of the Michigan Pharmacists Association, the basis of the complaint centers on Medicaid's decision to waive the co-pay only for Medicaid recipients who utilize the new mail order program.

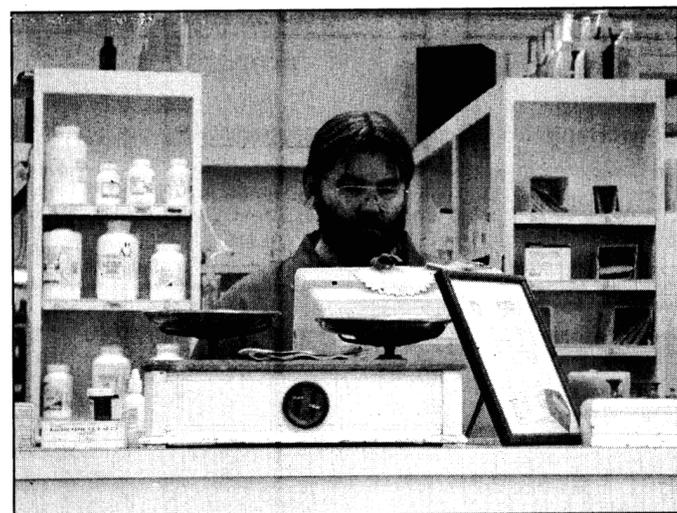
"The complaint specifically includes claims that the Department of Community Health provides preferential treatment to out-of-state mail order facilities at the expense of local pharmacies," Wagenknecht explained.

The complaint also alleges that the state Medicaid office is violating the equal protection provision in both the state and federal Constitutions. Wagenknecht said not collecting the patient co-pay required under the law is a direct violation of state law and provisions of the Medicaid Provider Manual.

MPA officials say the temporary restraining order is significant.

"We believe this is a good

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**NEW SHERIDAN Health Mart Pharmacy owners Jon (above) and Cheryl Shores have been active in trying to get state legislators to approve the Consumer Prescription Protection Act, which they say would enable local pharmacies to again compete fairly with mail order companies by putting an end to mandated prescription programs.**

## Cass City enrollment up

In the business of running a school district, student numbers add up, which is why last week's biannual statewide enrollment count left Cass City School officials smiling.

For the first time in recent memory, the district saw a significant increase in student numbers.

Supt. Ken Micklash reported a total enrollment of 1,542 - 527 students at the high school, 497 at the middle school and 518 at Campbell Elementary School. The total marks an increase of about 16 students over last fall, when the tally was 1,525 students. The enrollment totaled 1,519 students a year ago.

"It's hard to compare apples to apples because we've got a couple of programs we didn't have before," Micklash said of the increase, which is due in part

to the district's new Alternative Center for Education (ACE), which is housed in the former Deford Elementary School.

The ACE enrollment stands at 14 students, up from 9 last fall, "which is just about up to that break-even point," Micklash said, noting the target enrollment is 16 to 17 students in order for the program to be self-sustaining.

Cass City's enrollment is also receiving a boost because the district now serves as fiscal agent for a Tuscola Intermediate School District secondary transition program that generates additional per-pupil funding.

The increase is welcome. Cass City's 2003 enrollment marked the loss of about 38 students compared to 2002. That figure followed losses of about 20 students a year earlier and some 40 students the year before.

Student numbers are critical to the financial health of Michigan schools, which receive a majority of their funding in the form of a state foundation allowance. That allowance - currently \$6,700 per pupil - is applied to the number of students enrolled in each district, and the enrollment is determined by "blending" 2 separate counts; one conducted in September and the other during the previous February.

In recent years, the state's formula placed a heavy emphasis on the fall count, which had been worth 80 percent of a district's blended total enrollment. Under a Senate plan approved last year, the weight of the fall count was reduced to 75 percent of the blended total, with the winter count worth 25 percent.

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## School board races set

The election of school board candidates will be a quiet one in Cass City, but other area districts will host races when voters go to the poles Tuesday, May 3.

The deadline to file nominating petitions and affidavits of identity was Tuesday, Feb. 8.

In Cass City, incumbents Vice President Michelle Bidding and Treasurer Danny Haag both filed for reelection to the board of education.

Voters in the school district 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.

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 School and the former Deford Elementary School, boiler replacement at the high school, and a conversion from steam heat to water heat at Campbell.

### OWEN-GAGE

Three candidates - all newcomers - are vying for a pair of 4-year terms in the Owen-Gage School District. The candidates are Terry L. Muntz, who previously served as president of the Owen-Gage Board of Education, and Jerry Radabaugh and Loretta Mae Schmidt.

Incumbent Trustee Tom Mellendorf and veteran board Treasurer Walt Swiastyn opted not to seek reelection.

### KINGSTON

In the Kingston Community Schools, only the incumbents filed to run for 4-year terms. They are David Kolacz, the current school board president, and Trustee Seth Geister.

### UBLY

Voters in the Ubley Community School District will choose from among 5 candidates running for 2 school board seats.

Incumbent Lucy Recker and Don Booms are seeking a lone 4-year term, while Mike Byarski, Carol Peruski Fess and Martin Kubacki are running for a 2-year term that was created when board member Janice Sageman resigned.

## Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
Phone 989-269-6994



Those who visited Thelma Jackson last week were Bonnie Saucedo, Morris Brown, Robert Becker of Cass City, Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, and Mr. and Mrs. John Pechett.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the K of C and D of I potluck lunch and meeting at the K of C Hall in Bad Axe on Thursday.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland and Mrs. Jim Doerr visited Leone Doerr at Argyle on Saturday.

Mrs. Clarence Depcinski entered Covenant Hospital on Tuesday where she underwent heart surgery.

Bernard Morley, Claude Mestack and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Holdwick of Harbor Beach and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the Our Lady of Lake Huron K of C Super Bowl breakfast at Harbor Beach on Sunday and later went to the Holdwick home for the afternoon.

Patsy Eggert of Harbor Beach and her sister Joyce Soper and son Kenneth and grandsons Noah, Nethi and Nathaniel of Oak Grove, Mo. visited their aunt Mrs. Curtis Cleland on Tuesday. Another visitor was Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Allen Farrelly visited Eleanor Koskie at the Caro Lighthouse Rehab on Sunday.

Six members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at Big Boy Thursday morning. They will meet at the Big Boy in Bad Axe next week.

Bernard Morley, Jack Kennedy, Jim Lewis, Claude Mestack, Ron Wolschlagler and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sageman, Mr. and Mrs. John Pfaff, Donna Nobel and Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen went to the Frankenmuth Snofest Friday where they had dinner at Zenders.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sweeney went to the Tri-County Honor Band at USA Auditorium where their grandchildren Alex and Beth Ritter participated in the band.

Nancy Braun, Michelle Hanby, Wendy Rickett spent the weekend in Traverse City at an AYSO conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Peters, Allen Farrelly, Bob Salowitz and Bob Sutton attended the senior dinner at the Argyle Hall on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Moorman were evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Depcinski.

Mrs. Hiram Keyser was a Tuesday lunch guest of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

## Senior movies Friday

Senior Movies will be shown at Rawson Memorial Library Friday, February 18 at 1:30 p.m.

**Wright Brothers' Flying Machine:** Orville and Wilbur Wright were remarkable inventors, mechanics, risk-takers and visionaries. They designed and built their own wings, steering devices, engines and wind tunnel. But just how did they construct such an impressive flying machine? It takes a team of modern pilots, builders, aviation experts, and historians joined together to retrace, rebuild and re-fly planes built to the specifications developed by the Wright Brothers a century ago. Vivid footage captures both the Wrights' own historic flights and the team's attempt to fly an authentically recreated Wright "Model B". Discover how the Wright Brothers transformed themselves from bicycle mechanics to high-flying inventors who built a machine that changed the world during a flight at Kitty Hawk Dec. 17, 1903. (60 minutes)

**Identity Theft:** This program will educate consumers about the fastest growing crime in America. Reveal how identity thieves exploit their victims. Teach viewers how they can minimize their risk. Provide step-by-step instruction on what to do if you are a victim of this crime. Working hand-in-hand with the FTC, the information for this program was developed through extensive research, examining consumer complaints and interviews with victims, industry experts and professionals. (45 minutes)

## Engaged



Sheila Guilds and Brent Morey

The parents of Sheila Guilds and Brent Morey announce the engagement of their children.

A March 1 wedding at Sunset is planned at Clearwater Beach in Florida.

Sheila works as a nurse and Brent works as an EMT. A reception for family and friends will be held July 30, 2005.

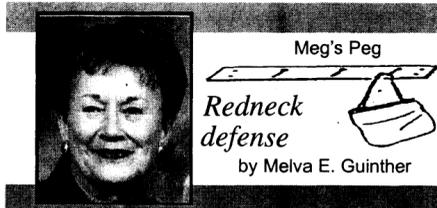
## Engaged



Heidi Hartwick and Randall Smith

Richard and Donna Hartwick of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Heidi Lynn, to Randall Lee Smith II, son of Randall and Jacquelyn Smith of Decker.

The couple is planning a March 2005 wedding.



Meg's Peg  
Redneck defense  
by Melva E. Guinther

Someone down South is fed up with all the redneck jokes that northerners find so amusing and came up with this defense:

I am sick and tired of hearing about how dumb people are in the South. I challenge any so-called smart Yankee to take this exam:

1. Calculate the smallest limb of a persimmon tree that will support a 10-pound possum.

2. Which of these cars will rust out the quickest when placed on blocks in your front yard? A. '65 Ford Fairlane, B. '69 Chevrolet Chevelle, or C. '64 Pontiac GTO.

3. If your uncle builds a still which operates at a capacity of 20 gallons of shine produced per hour, how many car radiators are required to condense the product?

4. A woodcutter has a chainsaw which operates at 2700 RPM. The density of the pine trees in the plot to be harvested is 470 per acre. The plot is 2.3 acres in size. The average tree diameter is 14 inches. How many Budweisers will be drunk before the trees are cut down?

5. If every old refrigerator in the state vented a charge of R-12 simultaneously, what would be the percentage decrease in the ozone layer?

6. A front porch is constructed of 2x8 pine on 24-inch centers with a field rock foundation. The span is 8 feet and the porch length is 16 feet. The porch is 1-inch rough sawn pine. When the porch collapses, how many hound dogs will be killed?

7. A man owns a Tennessee house and 3.7 acres of land in a hollow with an average slope of 15%. The man has 5 children. Can each of his grown children place a mobile home on the man's land and still have enough property for their electric appliances to sit out front?

8. A 2-ton truck is overloaded and proceeding down a steep slope on a secondary road at 45 MPH. Given average traffic conditions on secondary roads, what is the probability that it will strike a vehicle with a muffler?

9. A coalmine operates a NFPA Class 1, Division 2 Hazardous Area. The mine employs 120 miners per shift. A gas warning is issued at the beginning of the third shift. How many cartons of unfiltered Camels will be smoked during the shift?

10. At a reduction in the gene pool variability rate of 7.5% per generation, how long will it take a town which has been bypassed by the Interstate to breed a country-western singer?

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This bit has nothing to do with the redneck lifestyle (unless you make meatloaf with road kill).

Thanks to our daughter-in-law, we have a recipe for tasty meatloaf, but 2 people can eat meatloaf only so many times before getting tired of it.

A tip from Tiptonary in Cheapsteak Monthly suggests chopping leftover meatloaf, combining it with mushroom soup and serving it over noodles or rice.

We tried it and it's great!



Mr. and Mrs. Michael LaRue

## Dunn, LaRue exchange vows

Heather Anne Dunn and Michael Martin LaRue were married June 25, 2004 in the garden at Addison Oaks in Leonard. Father Paul Bala and the Rev. Larry Acuff officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of David and Sharon Dunn of Cass City. The groom is the son of Villyar LaRue of Taylorsville, N.C., and Dr. Lawrence LaRue of Rochester Hills.

The maid of honor was Amber Dunn of Rochester Hills, sister of the bride. The bridesmaids were Andrea Cooper Brown of Farmington, friend of the bride; Villyar LaRue of Shelby Township, sister of the groom, and Robbie Thomas of Warren, friend of the couple. Flower girls were Amanda Perrone and Olivia Behle of Omaha, Neb., cousins of the bride.

The best man was Jason Fletcher of Troy, friend of the groom. The groomsmen were Nathan Borsheim of Waterford and Frank Brunel of Clinton Township, friends of the groom, and Christopher LaRue of Morgantown, N.C., brother of the groom.

Music during and immediately following the ceremony was provided by a string quartet.

A dinner reception for 175 guests was held after the ceremony in the ballroom at Addison Oaks.

Heather and Mike are graduates of Oakland University. Heather teaches at Heritage Junior High School, Utica, and Mike is an electrical engineer employed by Ben Tech, Auburn Hills.

Following a honeymoon to San Lucia, they currently reside in New Baltimore.

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## 25 attend Feb. 7 meet of U-M women

The United Methodist Women met Feb. 7, for a noon luncheon, with 25 members present.

Sally McGrath and Marge Dickinson were the co-chairmen. Pat Greenwood and Ellen Toner were guests.

Sherryl Seeley announced the Antique and Craft Show is scheduled for April 2.

The women's retreat at Bay Shore Camp is Feb. 19, and Pam Ross, Opal Schneeberger, Louise

Buehrly and Marge Dickinson will attend.

Jane Mitchell and Louise Buehrly will head up the rummage sale. The date will be announced later.

Shirley Wisenbach donated a quilt to be quilted or tied.

Shirley Wagg talked about the prayer quilts and announced the prayer workshop will be Feb. 16.

Jane Mitchell announced there will be a benefit for Ray Garety at Northwood Meadows Feb. 24.

Shirley Wagg prepared the program by having the group make valentines.

## Societies to meet

The February meeting of the Cass City Area Historical Society and Genealogy Society will be held Monday at 7 p.m. at the Rawson Memorial Library.

In keeping with the library theme for February, "Threads Across the Thumb," the program for the evening will be on the history of quilts by Jackie Glaspie and Judy Zimmer.

Following the program there will be a tour of the library and the display of over a hundred quilts.

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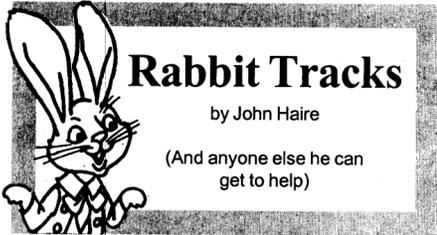
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This item came our way from Ruth Esau, one of the pioneer Cass City residents. The "Fabulous 50's" band that played at a recent fundraiser for Hills and Dales General Hospital has a Cass City connection. The band is run by Larry Vance of Lansing, a retired teacher. You have to be a well-along senior citizen to figure out the connection. Larry is the son of Milo Vance. Milo is the son of Ella Vance who real old timers remember ran a hat shop in Cass City for many years.

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In the upcoming edition of the newsletter issued by Rawson Memorial Library and the Cass City Historical Society the early history of the newspapers serving Cass City will be detailed. It's the work of the indefatigable Katie Jackson. She also notes that the Chronicle has had only 2 owners in the last 99 years. The late H. F. Lenzner from 1906 to 1951 and John Haire from March 1951 to the present.

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More pertinent to serving the needs of the community is a reaction of Darcy Long, new temporary village manager, when he learned that the Chronicle is locally owned and operated, rather than just another unit of a newspaper chain. It's great to have a paper that stresses the community it serves rather than one that features the same stories for various communities in the chain, he said.

# FEMA awards county fire department \$54,977

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded a \$54,977 grant to the Caro Fire Department under the 2004 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Program for fire operations and fire fighter safety. Congressman Dale E. Kildee (D-MI) announced the grant last week. "We must continue to provide more funding to ensure the safety and preparedness of those brave men and women who continually risk their lives to protect our lives," he said. "These funds will enable the Caro Fire Department to pursue new training and wellness programs and to provide them with access to new equipment."

The competitive federal grant was awarded to the Caro department after they submitted what Kildee described as a "well-written and persuasive grant application that underwent a grueling national peer review process by 300 fire service leaders who evaluated and scored each application." The Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Program is designed as an opportunity

for the U.S. Congress to work with FEMA to enhance basic fire service delivery across the country. Fire departments nationwide received more than \$750 million to support fire protection, EMS delivery, vehicle purchase and prevention programs last year. FEMA received some 19,950 applications this year from fire departments across the country.

## The Haire Net Plan good for the other guy



Gov. Jennifer Granholm's plan to consolidate school districts makes good sense for the other guy, but, horrors, it's inconceivable for the district and the school where we live.

That was my reaction to the plan proposed by the governor and I immediately thought about Huron County. It has 7 "country" schools where all the students in the 8 grades are housed and taught together. It's the only county in the state that has successfully resisted the pressures to attend a central school system.

That's an extreme example, of course, of the deep-rooted allegiance to its schools by district residents. And the size of the school doesn't matter. In fact, the smaller the school the more intense the support.

Hindsight is easy, but the present plight of schools in Michigan was enhanced when the present funding system was adopted. It provided tax-relief for property owners when payment was provided by an increase in the state sales tax.

The system removed much of the financial control from district residents and for a healthy school system like Cass City's it resulted in oceans of money, compared to what the school operated on previously.

It's certain that the kind of money that poured into the system would have been

greatly curtailed if it required a vote of the people in the district.

That river of money resulted in an addition to the Campbell Elementary School, the establishment of the Early Childhood Center, an athletic complex, a garage for repairing and maintaining school vehicles and an upgrade of the facilities generally. All of this came from money not required to operate the school. A bond issue voted by the district residents is paying for the new middle school.

In addition, the contingency fund has swelled to over \$1.6 million. Supt. Ken Micklash proved to be prophetic when he said, as the money poured in, that there might be a time when the sales tax money declines and the money available will not be as great. It could be that some of that money will be needed during the current school year.

At Owen-Gage the new tax system bailed the school temporarily out of severe economic problems. But the tightening of the state's purse strings has O-G cutting costs any way possible to balance the budget.

The only way that districts in the Thumb will combine, is if student numbers decline so the money from the state is not enough to run even a bare bones curriculum.

If that happens, Granholm is sure to lose votes galore in the affected districts.



# The back forty by Roger Pond

This has been a bad year for colds. I got a nasty cold before Christmas, finally got rid of it in January, and caught it again in February.

I don't know if a person can catch the same cold twice, but it sure feels the same. I probably should go to the doctor, but you know how that goes.

I grew up in the days of the old country doctors, and you didn't go see them if you didn't have to. Our doctors were always nice people, but they didn't want to see you if you weren't really sick.

We have to give the old doctors credit. They knew when to treat you and when to leave you alone.

That's how it was when a bunch of fellows from town got together for a fishing trip on Lake Erie. Our town wasn't very big; so it didn't matter if you were a doctor, minister, or a suspected horse thief, everyone was invited for the big fishing trip.

Most of the men in town went, including my dad and brother, who provided this eyewitness account.

Spirits were high as the charter left the dock and headed for open water. Everyone chipped-in with a dollar for the first fish, most fish, and biggest fish.

Doc suggested they have a pool for first sick, too; seeing as how he would probably get that money one way or another. This drew a big laugh from everyone. Everyone except Dwight.

Dwight came along for the camaraderie. He was feeling the sway of the boat more than most.

The captain cut the engine, and the boat began to drift with the waves. Dwight reached in his pocket for a little bottle of dramamine. (His other bottle was thrown away earlier.)

Soon they were into fish. Nothing big, but a few walleye and some perch. My brother, Kenny, caught a walleye and unhooked another for Dad.

The second fish was hooked pretty deep, and Kenny got some blood on his arm. The blood didn't bother him, but it had a noticeable effect on Dwight.

He had given up fishing and

was sitting in a deck chair, staring at the horizon. Dwight looked kind of puny, and his coloring was bad. His normally ruddy complexion had turned to ashen gray.

Soon it was lunch time. My brother got out the boxed chicken furnished by the charter. He took out a drumstick and began to gnaw on it.

Dad looked over at Dwight. The combination of fish blood on Kenny's arm and

the chicken leg in his hand was the last straw for Dwight. His gray turned to green.

Dad yelled at Doc. "Hey, Doc. Do you suppose there's anything you can do for Dwight here?"

Doc put down his fishing rod and made a big scene of examining the patient. Then he said solemnly, "I'm afraid there's nothing I can do."

"What he's going to do, he can do all by himself."

## Foundation offering funding

The Tuscola County Community Foundation is offering grants to fund projects within Tuscola County.

To provide an equal opportunity for those wishing to apply for funding, the community foundation will offer a Grant Information Seminar from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at the Tuscola Technology Center, 1401 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

The seminar will acquaint participants with the community foundation's grant guidelines, its grant application forms and additional details concerning the available funding.

Everyone is welcome to attend the seminar. Interested parties are asked to RSVP on or before Feb. 17 by writing to: P.O. Box 534, Caro, MI 48723, calling (989) 673-8223, or sending an email to tccf534@yahoo.com.

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**SCHOOL INFORMATION**  
Here are a couple more questions and answers dealing with the potential school renovation and expansion project that is currently being discussed.  
**QUESTION - Why build an auditorium with 800 seats?**  
**ANSWER -** The Board of Education is not only looking at today, but the future needs of our students and community. When our high school was built almost 40 years ago, there was concern expressed that the facility may be too large, the gym too big and other items such as the automated pull-out bleacher system not necessary. Today, nearly 40 years later, we are not discussing replacing the high school, but updating it and adding a performing arts center. Our current Board of Education, like the board in 1966, is planning for the future. The performing arts center is not only being planned for today, but for 10, 20, 30 and even 40 years from now. In addition, current music concerts are attracting attendance of 800 or more parents and community members. Hopefully, the facility constructed now will serve our student and community needs for several decades to come, long after the bond is paid off.  
**QUESTION - Why are we spending money to put a roof on the Deford School?**  
**ANSWER -** The Board of Education does not wish to sell the Deford property at this time. Since the rubber membrane roof system was installed in 1983 and the warranty expired in 1993, the roof has lasted longer than its life expectancy. If it is not eventually replaced, it is likely that significant structural damage to the building will result. Since we do take pride in maintaining our facilities and want to remain a good neighbor in Deford, it is necessary to replace the roof.  
Questions can be sent to me at 4868 N. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726. Thank you.

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**Thursday**  
Snow Possible  
High: 25 Low: 12  
**Friday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 27 Low: 16  
**Saturday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 28 Low: 18  
**Sunday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 31 Low: 20  
In-Depth Local Forecast  
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of snow showers, high temperature of 25°, humidity of 50% and an overnight low of 14°. The record high temperature for today is 54° set in 1954. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy with a 30% chance of snow showers, high temperature of 25°.  
Upcoming Moon Phases  
Full 2/23 Last 3/3 New 3/10 First 3/17  
Sunrise/Sunset Times  
Sunrise today 7:29 a.m.  
Sunset tonight 6:05 p.m.  
Last Week's Local Almanac  
Day High Low Normals Precip  
Sunday 39 30 27/13 0.00"  
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## Red Hawk Talks

by Leah Sherman

Snowcoming is here! This is the biggest event of the second semester. It's the last time the seniors will be a part of this school wide excitement before they graduate.

The week of Snowcoming is packed with events to get the students excited for the big game. It's Spirit Week! The days of the week each have a designated theme. Monday was pink and red day (appropriate for Valentine's Day). Tuesday was hick day (sometimes hard to define). Today, Wednesday, is camouflage day. Thursday will be generation day. And Friday, as always, will be maroon and white day.

For generation day, each grade will dress as a different generation. The freshmen will dress as babies, the sophomores as college students, the juniors as middle aged people going through a mid-life crisis, and the seniors will dress as senior citizens.

Wednesday is the Aftershave volleyball tournament. This is the second year that the tournament has taken place. Several people thought that it would be a fun idea to have a game, much like Powder Puff football during Homecoming, but that involves the guys in a sport that is commonly played by girls. The tournament will be at 8:00 p.m. in the high school gym. There will be no admission fee. If nothing else, the game should be quite entertaining.

On Friday there will be a pep assembly to get the basketball freshmen, junior varsity, and varsity teams ready for their big games. This gives the students an opportunity to show their enthusiasm and support. There will be games and the band will play, helping everyone get their spirits up.

For Homecoming the grades build floats based on a theme. The floats are judged and then ranked. Since it wouldn't be easy to

display floats at Snowcoming, the grades make banners which are hung from the balcony railing in the gym. They are judged before the game and the winner is announced at half time. Like Homecoming, the banners all have a common theme. This year's theme is songs from the musical group Queen.

Following the game Friday night will be a Snowcoming dance lasting until 11:45 p.m. The dance is a perfect way to socialize and have a good time after an exhilarating game. It's the perfect end to a long, eventful week. Good luck Red Hawks!

It is a thrilling week in the elementary school as well. This week the elementary students are Jump Roping for Heart. Students raise awareness for heart health while raising money to go toward education, research on heart disease, and the American Alliance for health, physical education, recreation, and dance. Our school has raised over 17,000 dollars in the past two years, which is unheard of even in the larger schools throughout the country.

When people donate money to the students they become sponsors. For the money that the students raise, they receive prizes. The prizes range from water bottles, to jump ropes, to bouncing shoes. The students jump all week during their gym times, rotating to different stations throughout the gym. Some of the stations include individual jumping, long rope jumping, and the rest station. At the rest station, students are given the chance to dedicate their jumps to loved ones, whether it's someone who's had heart problems, or someone that they want to stay healthy.

This program helps educate the students while keeping them active and healthy. It encourages the students to do good things for others, which is always a good lesson to learn!

# Letters to the editor

## Cost and need are the issues

It is my intention to raise questions based on facts as reported in the Chronicle, not desires and projected possibilities.

So far there have been projected conjecture of wants, potential needs, creative understated financing and opinions. The size of the media center was never the issue; the information was never shared locally with the public. Cost and need is the issue.

The statement that "many schools that have auditoriums with smaller seating capacity regret their facilities aren't large enough to hold their student body." Who made these statements, which schools? Without additional information the statement is just generalization.

"A performing arts center with 800 seat capacity will be filled to capacity on many occasions." Another projected ambiguous statement without any corroboration. There is a mathematical equation which architects use to determine the seating capacity of a media center factoring in student population, and projected growth. We build a house depending upon our needs, 2 bedrooms, 3 bedrooms, or even 4. Our decisions are not based upon what size home our neighbors wished they had built.

Costs: \$11,500,000 (taxable households in Elkland Township 2004-2,261)  
Cost 1 year: \$958,333.33  
Cost 1 month: \$79,861.11  
Cost 1 week: \$18,429.48

### Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number.

The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper.

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

The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.

Cost 1 day: \$2,625.48  
Our obligation is not short-term, it is 24/7, 365 days per year for 16 years. Sounds much larger than the .97 cents previously printed. The above figures do not include interest or the 4 years at 4.2 mills, which we still will be paying on the middle school debt. As the interest figures haven't been released to the public yet, I can't factor them in. I will say they will be much, much higher.

Artistic future of Cass City? This building whether approved or not, will not diminish the artistic future of Cass City. This statement is an insult to the fine artists who have graduated from Cass City. The students are the artists of the community, not a building. Our schools have many different types of tal-

ented students, and each deserves recognition and a place to demonstrate their talents.

Maintenance. As a former factory superintendent and physical plant superintendent for the state of Michigan, I understand the need to maintain buildings and equipment. It costs much less for a shot of grease than it does to replace a bearing. The repairs, which I see listed in the Chronicle: painting doors, replacing ceiling tiles, replacing light covers, replacing counter tops, are normal ongoing maintenance projects. This is why we have a maintenance department.

With proper funding and scheduled maintenance planning, the listed repairs should

have been completed years ago. With the fund equity, and low cost per pupil expenditures the superintendent elaborates on, the state of repairs in our buildings is understandable. A school is like a marriage; you only get out of it what you put into it.

A small town in Massachusetts is handling their media arts center acquisition much more fiscally responsible. Look it up on your computers at [www.wakefieldarts.org/CPA\\_Facts.html](http://www.wakefieldarts.org/CPA_Facts.html), [www.bishoptimmon.com/artsmedia.php](http://www.bishoptimmon.com/artsmedia.php), or [www.zeeland.k12.mi.us/zpac/dewitt\\_index.html](http://www.zeeland.k12.mi.us/zpac/dewitt_index.html) (my favorite at \$3.5 million).

Homer Bailey,  
Cass City

## This would be another good step

Dear Editor,

Recently our family visited the Brandon High School Performing Arts Center in Ortonville, to listen to our daughter play in the Tri-County Honors Band. It was a great feeling listening to the 'best of the best' performers from around our area.

The students may have sup-

plied the music, but the environment in which we sat supplied the atmosphere. We were not sitting on bleachers as if we were watching a basketball game, but chairs that were favorable to listening to the performance of 70-80 fantastic young musicians.

The proposed performing arts center would give our

community and also this entire area an arena where many different venues could be performed. This center, once built, has an enormous number of possible uses and is only limited by scheduling conflicts.

Envision what people could enjoy with a performing arts center centrally located in Cass City: local and professional theatrical groups to present plays, local and professional singers, bands and orchestras to perform, award ceremonies (not only school wide, but area businesses and civic groups), dance recitals, host to band festivals (both district wide and state wide), Tri-County Honors Band, forensic meets, and that is just to name a few.

Yes, it would cost money to build and maintain. What doesn't? Being able to attend and enjoy all the different venues that would use such a building, should tip the scales.

It has been mentioned that the current bond would be extended another 12 years, but within that time, Cass City, quite possibly, could become a focal point in which people from all over the area would gather. Not only would this help the school in leasing out the facility, but area businesses including the motels, bed and breakfast inns, restaurants, gas stations, and retail stores would benefit with the added traffic.

Cass City is moving forward and this is just another step toward making our town a great place to live.

Thank you for your time,  
Carol Knight,  
Cass City

## Social Security - It's our money, pay us back

Dear Editor,

I find that I must write my opinion of our president's suggested changes to our Social Security System. I also want to encourage everyone else to write their opinions to their congressmen and women and also President Bush as I am.

It is my understanding that since about 1963 the past presidents and Congress have raided the Social Security Fund for their projects, wars, etc. when they needed funds. I would like an accounting of the amount that they have "borrowed." I would like them to pay it back and if they need to do it in payments so be it...that is how so many of the government taxpayers do things.

Social Security is a fine system that does not really need to be tampered with in my opinion and I fear for the coming generations if the proposals Bush has made go through.

We hear so much about when the baby boomers retire there will be a crisis...these same baby boomers have and are paying our share into the system. If they had not kept taking moneys from "our" retirement savings via Social Security we would not have to worry.

I have a hard time really believing anything that poli-

ticians say as I get older.

I admire the people who really want to "serve the people" and hope that there are still some brave people in government who will stand up and voice what "we the people" want.

AARP magazine's February issue had some interesting articles on Social Security that the library has for you to read if you do not get this magazine. You can also type in Michigan congressman and search the web for congressmen and their opinions and choose who you want to contact. As I stated, I am writing the president also, he does work for us and I believe our letters will be brought to his attention.

Whether Republican or Democrat or independent voter or student, voice your opinion and give these representatives of ours some fire in their hearts to do the right thing, which obviously in my opinion is stand up and demand to know how much money has been filtered off OUR RETIREMENT SAVINGS.

It is the peoples' money and I think they need to pay us back. Social Security, from what I understand, would be fine if this were done.

M. Louise Wright, Cass City  
Very concerned citizen



## Bulldog Beat

by Mary McKee

When trying to think of a topic to write about for this week, I started thinking about deadlines.

If you think about it, everyone has them. There are homework deadlines, bill deadlines, the list goes on. I was thinking about deadlines because the biggest one on my mind was my own, and how hard it is to think of topics and getting them in on time. I started wondering who has deadlines like me that are associated with the school, and find them as hard to accomplish as I do. Then I had my answer, journalism.

The Owen-Gage journalism class consists of some very talented juniors and seniors, and one very talented advisor. Not only do they have a school newspaper to complete, they also have a community newsletter, and a yearbook to create and put together.

One of the many activities that the journalism class has is creating the school newspaper. "The Dawg Street Journal" is published every other month and is distributed to the Owen-Gage students, teachers, and staff. It is filled with interviews, stories, horoscopes, games, and happenings that are going on in and around the school. Everything in the newspaper is written and reported by members of the journalism staff.

The Owen-Gage Community Newsletter is another publication created by the journalism class. The newsletter is not given to people in the school like the newspaper. It is actually sent out into the community. The newsletter consists of activities going on in the Elementary, Junior High, and Senior High. It also gives schedules and reminders of events going on at school.

The last and maybe most important job of the journalism class is creating and putting together the yearbook.

Along with having to make it, they also have to get the money to pay for it. Some-

thing a lot of people don't know is that the school gives no money to help in the making of yearbooks. The journalism class has to make the money by going around to area businesses and sponsors to have them purchase ads.

According to Mrs. Sattler, the brilliant yearbook advisor, the cost of producing 80 yearbooks is almost \$10,000. Making a yearbook that will contain all our memories of the past year is stressful, and that stress is on the shoulders of the journalism class. I also think there is some pride involved too, knowing that you made the layout that everyone sees, that you took the pictures everyone looks at, and you wrote the captions everyone reads, and knowing that you created something that will be remembered the rest of your life.

Seeing all that the journalism class does, you must be wondering where they get all the time to do everything, and the truth is, they don't. Unlike myself, who has 4 deadlines a month to reach, the journalism class has 9. The challenge the class faces is time. They only have about one hour a day to work on their assignments, which is only about 5 hours a week, so journalism students have to find some way to make extra time.

When I asked community newsletter editor Nashia Prich if she wanted to tell me anything for this article, she said, "I don't think the journalism class gets the credit they deserve."

That is why I wrote this article. When writing newspaper or newsletter articles, positive feedback is a must. Nashia told me she wants to know when she writes a good article, she wants to know if she had good ideas. She needs feedback to improve on her writing.

I am writing this article to give the journalism the credit they deserve, because believe me, I know how hard it is and how stressful having deadlines is. After this article, I hope everyone else does too.

## Tsunami victims will benefit from concert

A variety of talented musicians are lending their voices and musical skills to a benefit concert being organized by Cass City resident Richard Little.

The concert is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 20, at 3 p.m. in the Cass City High School gym. A free-will offering will be taken, with proceeds going to help build Habitat for Humanity homes for the Tsunami survivors.

Nearly 100 area residents will be performing, including

individual vocalists and instrumentalists. There will be piano soloists as well as performances by the Excel Dance School dancers. Featured groups will also include the Cass City High School Jazz Band and Choir, the Tom Thumb Singers and the Cass City United Methodist Church Choir.

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# Labor of love

## Deford's Stachura opens ceramics business

Ask Antoinette Stachura what it takes to create art-work with ceramics and she'll reply with a single word: imagination.

The Deford area resident has enjoyed a lifelong love of ceramics spanning more than 3 decades. Now, she's hoping to share that love and her skills with other area residents.

Stachura opened her own business, "Ceramics by Antoinette", last fall in a vacant building at 5816 Bruce St. in Deford. Her specialty lines include greenware, bisque ware, paints, electrical components for lighting and other supplies. She also offers outside kiln firing for customers with items not purchased at her store.

Her winter hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. She also offers classes from noon

to 2:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"Saturdays are mainly for groups or 'make and take' classes," Stachura said. "Groups can be scouts, 4-H, churches, seniors or physically challenged" individuals.

It's a busy schedule for Stachura, 64, who also works full-time as a bookkeeper for Astech Inc., Vassar.

Her interest in ceramics started at an early age.

"I was about 8 years old when my aunt was into it, and she started me out with Play Doh to make flowers. She loved flowers," recalled Stachura, who went on to share her interest in ceramics with her late husband and her children, Raymond and Annette, as they were growing up. "It was a family affair, but it was a hobby, and then it grew and grew and

grew.

"It's been more than a hobby for many years," Stachura said. "I have a 30-by-40 shed, and half of that was my showroom, and I have a 20-by-30 shed with molds, pouring machines."

Stachura decided to open her own business when Deford businessman, Jim Dorland, moved his Deford Country Service to a new location in town.

"I've always wanted to, and when Jim moved over to the other store, I asked what he was going to do with the building," she said.

Stachura hopes to add a porcelain line to her business, but for now is concentrating on ceramic figurines, decorations, cookie jars and other crafts.

Stachura begins each creation with greenware, which starts out as a liquid material called "slip" which is poured into a mold of her choice.

"It's like the thickness of a medium cream," she said. "It takes up to a week or more (for the mold to dry), depending on the size. It depends, too, on the mold."

Molds can weigh anywhere from a few pounds to a hundred pounds or more, according to Stachura, who explained a ceramic piece is created through several stages.

"Greenware is when it's just out of the mold. It's very easily cracked and it has a different feel," she explained. "Bisque is when it's (greenware) been 'fired' once. It's got like a white cast to it. From there you can go in any direction; you can go into stains, under glazes, glazes - just about anything you want your imagination to do."

"It's a hobby that anyone can enjoy," Stachura added. "Anybody that's interested that's got an imagination - I always tell them to think like a kid," she said.

"There's so many things you can do with a piece. Just bring your imagination when

you come. That's basically it."

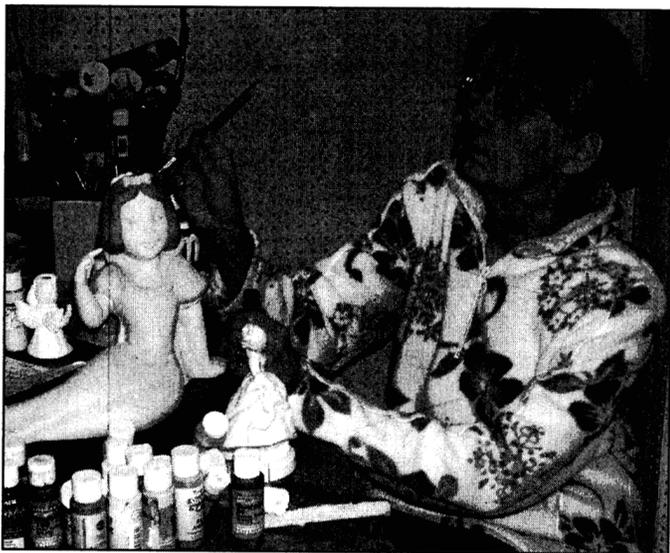
After taking a piece out of the mold, Stachura uses various grit materials to remove any seams and other imperfections. Curing takes place in a kiln with temperatures reaching 2,200 to 2,500 degrees, according to Lowell Fritz, a Caro area resident who works with Stachura. "It takes about 5 hours," he noted.

"One piece can be fired up to 6 times," Stachura said. "The first firing is your curing. It takes all the moisture out."

It's a lot of work, but Stachura indicated ceramics, for her, is definitely a labor of love. "It's hard to understand, but what I get out of it is, time is no factor - I can work on this for hours."

"It's the best therapy," Fritz added.

"I'm not the kind of person to be sitting still," Stachura said. "I enjoy it so much. I can't see when people can sit and look at me and say, 'I have nothing to do'. I just love it."



DEFORD RESIDENT Antoinette Stachura applies paint to a custom Snow White figurine she created for one of her customers at her "Ceramics by Antoinette" business in Deford.

## Cartwright in SVSU play

An area resident is among the cast members of an upcoming Saginaw Valley State University Theatre presentation.

Colleen Cartwright, a theatre and political science major from Cass City, will perform in the cast of "The Little Prince" to be presented to the public Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. in the SVSU Performing Arts Theatre.

The play is an adaptation of the children's book by Antoine de Saint-Exupery and captures the story of a little man who comes to Earth and befriends an aviator stranded in the Sahara Desert. Together, the Little Prince and his aviator friend learn about friendship, responsibility, memory and love.

The play is this year's selection for SVSU's annual

youth theatre production, which invites students to attend a special presentation designed to introduce stage performance to a youthful audience.

Ticket prices for the public performances are \$7 for general admission, \$5 for seniors and students, and \$3 for children. Ticket information is available by calling the SVSU Box Office at (989) 964-4261.



AMONG Stachura's larger figurines is this polar bear and cub.

## Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



### 5 YEARS AGO

The best athletes start practicing at an early age. Evidently, so do the best scholars. Of the 90 students registered to take the standardized college entry test, ACT, at Cass City High School Saturday, 42 were currently in either 7th or 8th grade, reports Cheryl Kilbourn, who coordinates the testing which is offered 6 times annually. (From Rabbit Tracks)

It was a splendid ending to a fabulous regular season, the best in Cass City school history. The Red Hawk grapplers set the school record for wins in a season Wednesday night when they defeated host Capac and New Haven in the team's final double match of the season. The victory ups the Hawks' lofty record to 25-1 on the year.

Good news for bus transit agencies across the state - \$5.4 million in additional operating assistance will be released starting in March, bringing the total FY 2000 allocation to nearly \$150 million, MDOT officials announced last week. The \$5.4 million will be distributed to local transit agencies to help cover their operating costs. Half of the money will be distributed in March, with the remaining funds dispensed over the next 6 months.

### 10 YEARS AGO

WIND CHILLS dropped to as cold as minus-50 degrees Fahrenheit over the weekend. Aside from bitter cold, gusty winds reduced visibility to zero at times on Thumb area roads, causing a host of motorists to end up in ditches. In true Michigan fashion, this week's temperatures are expected to reach 40 degrees.

Rapid Growth - The rapid growth in 2-income families means consumers have considerably more money, but much less time for food preparation. That means that consumer food expenditures away from home have grown

nearly 4 times as fast as spending on food at home.

Seven Cass City High School students will take part in a series of government studies seminars in Washington, D.C., April 2-9. According to government teacher Kathleen Tuckey, the local students have been invited by the Close Up Foundation to attend the weeklong non-partisan government students program in which the nation's capital will become their classroom. While the students are in Washington, Tuckey said, they will meet with and question policy makers, lawmakers and behind-the-scenes members of the federal bureaucracy. The students include Amber Carlisle, Carol Guza, Brad McNeil, Ben Hobbs, Joenie Remsing, Wilma Mayer and Heather Zawilinski.

### 25 YEARS AGO

A link with Cass City's past will soon be gone. The railroad depot at Garfield and Vulcan Streets, which has stood at least since early in this century, is scheduled for demolition. It was last used as a freight depot in 1975. The last passenger got on board 20 years earlier. The owner, the Grand Trunk Western Railroad, is presently soliciting bids for its demolition, according to Richard Dykman of the engineering public services division.

If they form a Polar Bear club in the Thumb, Cliff Kibbey should be the first to join. Last week, with the temperature in the very low teens, Kibbey was walking around without a jacket. When bugged about it, Kibbey said he doesn't even own a jacket. That's surprising. Even more strange is that Kibbey claims he's never cold even when the temperature goes below zero. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Cass City High School debate team finished fifth at the state final debate tournament at Central Michigan University, Jan. 31 through Feb. 6.

The team of John Scollon, Steve Corcoran and Crystal Gallaway was in third place after the six preliminary rounds.

Three students from Owen-Gage High School have been named local winners in the 11th annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance Group. The three are Scott Thies, first; Carolyn Zimmer, second, and Glenda Sue McPhail, third. All three received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, Thies' name will be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

### 35 YEARS AGO

A host of unsolicited, but appreciated, help has flown in to Mrs. Helen Keyser of Cass City, a widow with seven children, since her home was gutted by fire 10 days ago. A total of \$800 has been given to the family by five area churches, the Elkland-Novesta Community Chest, service clubs and some 25 individuals. The family is temporarily in a house owned by Jack Spencer at 4391 Woodland. It is expected to be at least two months before the fire-gutted house where she lived will be ready for occupancy.

The most disappointed people in the world are those who get what's coming to them.

Intermediate Principal Bob Stickle was all smiles this week following the drawing for the Class C District Basketball tournament here. The reason for his glee is that Harbor Beach and Cass City are in opposite brackets. Stickle is the tournament manager. If form is followed, Cass City will face Harbor Beach in the finals. Most tournaments are finishing on Friday and Cass City's finals are on Saturday. Because of this a full house is not a remote possibility. If it all happens, it will be the first full house in the history of basketball at the new high school. (From Rabbit Tracks)

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

**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.)  
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Pastor: David Mercer  
email: dcoadca@band.net  
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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  
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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  
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Youth Minister: Brad Speirs  
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**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**  
4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3336  
Saturday Liturgy 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.  
Pastor: Father Steve Fillion

**Shabbona United Methodist Church**  
4455 North Decker Rd., Decker, MI 48426  
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989-872-8094 (church)  
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## Hawks earn victory over Bad Axe at foul stripe

Superior free throw shooting kept the Cass City Red Hawks from enduring a frustrating defeat at Bad Axe last week. The Hawks topped the host Hatchets Tuesday, 57-54.

The Hawks, 5-2 in the GTW, entered the game as heavy favorites over Bad Axe, (2-6 GTW), and in the first half it appeared as if the expected outcome was to be correct. Cass City jumped off to a 13-9 lead, with Andrew Schinnerer showing the way with a pair of treys and a free throw.

It appeared to be just a matter of how wide Cass City's final margin was going to be as the Hawks widened the lead all during the first half. Brad Langenburg and Nick Stoutenburg each connected for a trey and a regular hoop and the Hawks also added 7 out of 7 free throws in the second quarter to push the lead to 33-16 at the intermission.

That all changed when David Smith caught fire in the third quarter. The Hawk lead was 19 points with just under 2 minutes played when Smith started to pour in hoops from the perimeter. He found the net for 4 treys and added a 2-pointer before the quarter ended. He continued his scoring spree in the fourth quarter chalking up 6 more points, including another 3-pointer. For the night, he netted 23 points.

The Hatchets moved to within 9 points at the end of the third quarter and continued to cut the margin in the final 8 minutes. With a half minute left in the game the Cass City lead was just 3 points, 56-53, and Smith was at the foul line with 3 shots. He made just one of the 3 to end the Hatchet rally.

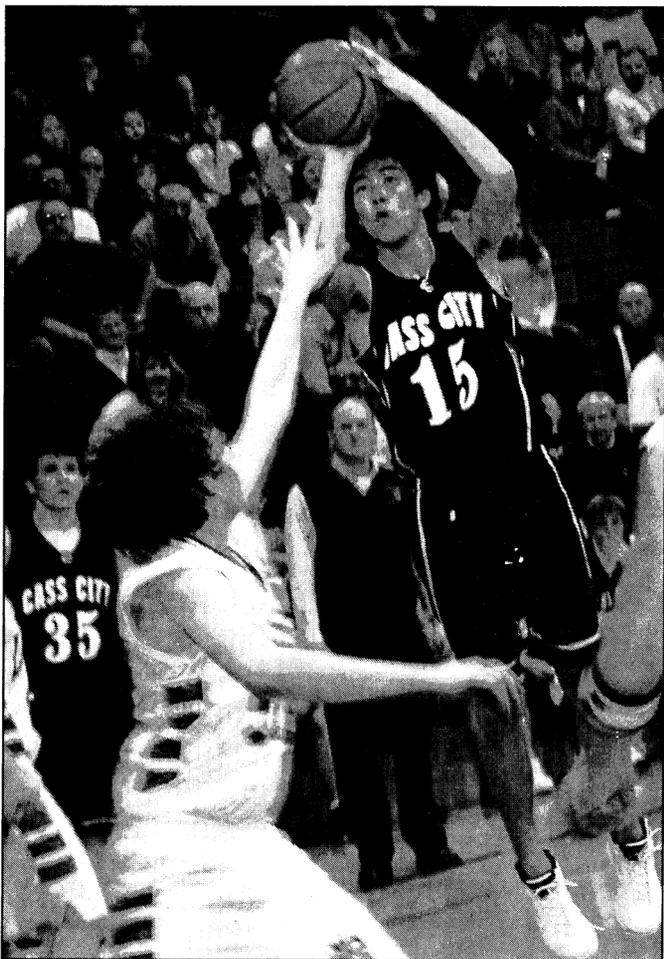
The Hawks ability at the free throw line proved decisive. All of the Cass City points in the fourth quarter came at the free throw line when the team converted 10 of 12 from the charity stripe. For the night, Cass City made 22 of 26 free throws.

Justin Glaza, who donned a mask to protect his broken nose, was held to 4 points, his lowest total of the year. In the next practice he ditched the mask and wasn't expected to wear it in the game at the Lakers.

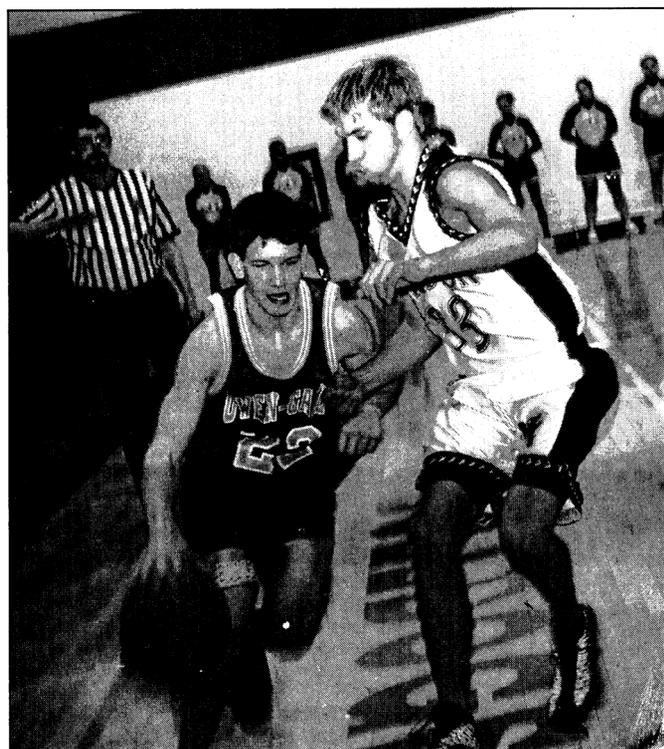
Schinnerer and Langenburg, with 13 points each, and Nick Stoutenburg, with 11, paced Cass City.

Although coach Aaron Fernald was far from pleased with the way Cass City played, he and all Hawk fans can be consoled because the Hawks are now in first place in the GTW all alone because Reese fell to surging Saginaw Valley Lutheran.

The Cass City JV was defeated by Bad Axe, 47-46.



ANDREW SCHINNERER tries for a hoop that missed in the second half of the game with the Lakers. Watching the action is Brad Langenburg (35).



OWEN-GAGE'S ERIC Zaleski is pressured by Kingston's Chad Jobson. The Cardinal defense keyed the 72-42 victory. Jobson scored 16 points for the winners.

# Lakers demolish Cass City

## Hawk shooting woes lead to one-sided decision

It was not nearly as great a surprise that the cellar-dwelling Lakers upset the league-leading Cass City Red Hawks Friday, as it was the margin of victory that the host Lakers administered to the team that defeated them easily, 69-45, the first time they met.

A sterling Laker defense, aided by a game-long Cass City shooting slump, resulted in a disappointing one-sided win for the Lakers, 58-27.

The loss moved the Hawks into a tie for first place against the rampaging USA Patriots, each with a 6-3 GTW league record. The Hawks were to play the favored Patriots on the road Tuesday, the last of 6 straight games away from home.

The Hawks will have to get back on track to have a chance to defeat the Patriots, but a win at USA would put either team on the inside track for the title. However, it doesn't get much easier for Cass City in the season-closing 2 league games. Both are at home, Friday with Reese and Tuesday, Feb. 22, against Bay City All Saints.

The Lakers trailed just once in the game when Andrew Martin hit a 12-foot jumper in the opening minute. After that it was all Elkland-Pigeon-Bay Port. Brody Beachy started the onslaught with a hoop followed by a trey as the Green and White went on an 18-0 run before the string was broken with a

hoop by Justin Glaza.

The Hawks stopped the hemorrhaging briefly in the second quarter and closed the gap to 10 points, 26-16, at the half.

Whatever hope the Hawks had was eliminated at the start of the second half with 8 quick Laker baskets. Chris Harder and Juan Howell net-

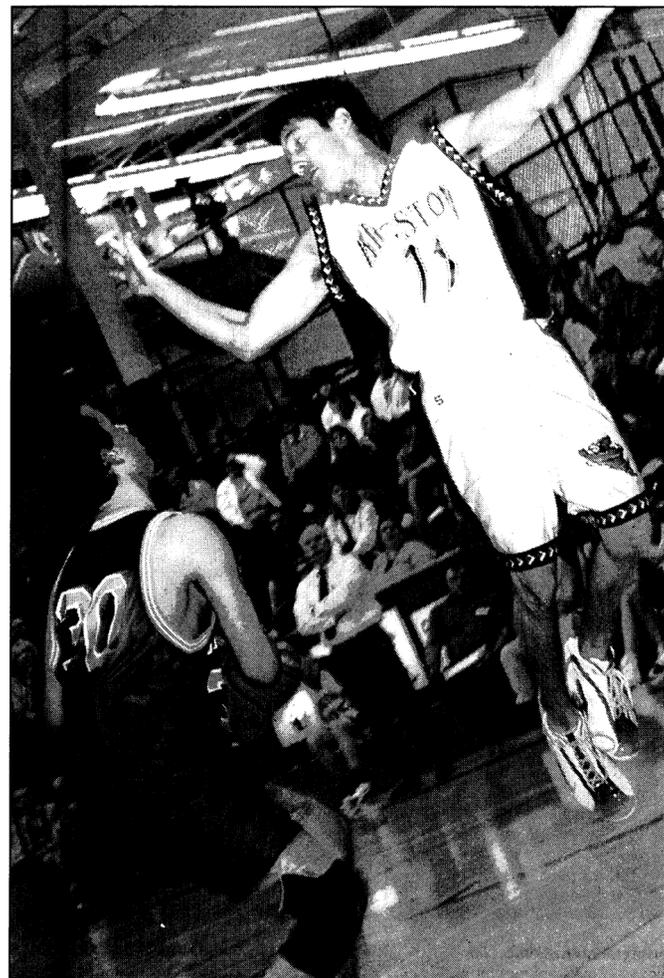
ted treys and Aaron Osentoski hit a 2-pointer and the air went out of the mini-rally that the Hawks staged before the half.

In the first game between the clubs, Glaza had a career night with 34 points, but the Lakers keyed on him all night and he scored just 6 points. It was a horrible

shooting night for the Hawks that were able to convert just 8 shots from the field in 37 attempts for a 22 percent average. No Cass City player was in double figures.

Brody Beachy led the Lakers with 16 points.

The score of the junior varsity game was Lakers 43, Cass City 36.



FLYING HIGH is Kingston's Nick Benedict as he attempts to block the shot of Bulldog Nathan Rogers in Friday's NCTL clash.

### BASKETBALL STANDINGS

#### GREATER THUMB WEST

| Team         | W | L | W  | L  |
|--------------|---|---|----|----|
| Cass City    | 6 | 3 | 13 | 3  |
| USA          | 6 | 3 | 12 | 4  |
| Valley Luth. | 5 | 3 | 9  | 7  |
| Reese        | 5 | 4 | 10 | 6  |
| BCAS         | 5 | 4 | 9  | 7  |
| EPBP         | 2 | 7 | 6  | 10 |
| Bad Axe      | 2 | 7 | 4  | 13 |

#### GREATER THUMB EAST

| Team        | W | L | W  | L  |
|-------------|---|---|----|----|
| Ubyly       | 8 | 0 | 13 | 3  |
| H. Beach    | 6 | 2 | 6  | 9  |
| Sandusky    | 5 | 4 | 9  | 7  |
| Marlette    | 5 | 4 | 7  | 9  |
| Brown City  | 4 | 5 | 10 | 6  |
| Mayville    | 1 | 7 | 1  | 15 |
| Deckerville | 1 | 8 | 2  | 14 |

#### NCTL NORTH

| Team        | W  | L  | W  | L  |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|
| *Caseville  | 12 | 3  | 12 | 4  |
| Owen-Gage   | 6  | 9  | 7  | 10 |
| North Huron | 3  | 11 | 3  | 12 |
| Port Hope   | 2  | 13 | 2  | 14 |
| A-Fairgrove | 1  | 14 | 2  | 14 |

#### NCTL SOUTH

| Team     | W  | L | W  | L  |
|----------|----|---|----|----|
| CPS      | 14 | 1 | 15 | 2  |
| Kingston | 13 | 1 | 15 | 1  |
| Memphis  | 10 | 4 | 10 | 6  |
| Peck     | 7  | 9 | 8  | 9  |
| Dryden   | 6  | 9 | 6  | 10 |

## Kingston outlasts Bulldogs

Owen-Gage stayed within striking distance of North Central Thumb League guest Kingston Friday throughout the opening half, but saw the visitors outscore the Bulldogs 44-25 over the final 16 minutes to earn the easy victory.

The Cardinals led 17-9 af-

ter one period and built a 28-17 margin by the break. Matt Neff led the way early for Kingston, recording 3 treys in the half en route to a game-high 17 tallies.

After the break, Chad Jobson picked up the scoring chores for the winners. Jobson added 6 points in the

third stanza and 5 markers in the final period, helping the Cardinals earn the 72-42 decision. Brandon Dubs was the only Bulldog to reach double figures and finished with 10 points. Nathan Rogers added 9 for the hosts.

### BOX SCORES

CASS CITY - Glaza 1-1 (1-2) 6; Schinnerer 0-2 (1-1) 7; J. Stoutenburg 1-0 (0-0) 2; Schenk 0-0 (1-4) 1; Landrith 0-0 (2-3) 2; N. Stoutenburg 0-1 (2-2) 5; Martin 2-0 (0-0) 4.  
TOTALS - 4-4 (7-11) 27.

LAKERS - Osentoski 3-0 (2-6) 8; Howell 0-3 (2-4) 11; Harder 3-1 (0-0) 9; Torres 1-0 (0-0) 2; R. Schember 3-0 (2-2) 8; Gaeth 1-0 (0-0) 2; Beachy 4-2 (2-2) 16; B. Schember 1-0 (0-0) 2.  
TOTALS - 16-6 (8-16) 58.

CASS CITY - Glaza 0-1 (1-2) 3; Schinnerer 0-2 (7-8) 13; Jeff Stoutenburg 0-0 (2-2) 2; Schenk 2-0 (2-2) 6; Landrith 0-0 (1-2) 1; N. Stoutenburg 3-1 (2-2) 11; Langenburg 3-1 (4-4) 13; Martin 2-0 (2-2) 6; Otulakowski 0-0 (1-2) 1.  
TOTALS - 10-5 (22-26) 57.

BAD AXE - Smith 2-6 (1-3) 23; Jason Iskow 2-0 (0-0) 4; Eskau 2-0 (0-0) 4; Brad Iskow 5-0 (3-4) 13; Durr 4-0 (2-2) 10.  
TOTALS - 15-6 (6-9) 54.

## Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

This week's match ups



John Haire



Clarke Haire



Tom Montgomery



Doug Hyatt

| Tuesday, February 15       | John Haire      | Clarke Haire    | Tom Montgomery  | Doug Hyatt      |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Bad Axe at Valley Lutheran | Valley Lutheran | Valley Lutheran | Valley Lutheran | Valley Lutheran |
| Reese at Lakers            | Reese           | Reese           | Reese           | Reese           |
| Cass City at USA           | USA             | USA             | USA             | USA             |
| BCAS at Marlette           | BCAS            | BCAS            | BCAS            | Marlette        |
| Mayville at Ubyly          | Ubyly           | Ubyly           | Ubyly           | Ubyly           |
| Harbor Beach at Sandusky   | Sandusky        | Sandusky        | Sandusky        | Harbor Beach    |
| Brown City at Deckerville  | Brown City      | Brown City      | Brown City      | Brown City      |
| Caseville at Owen-Gage     | Caseville       | Caseville       | Caseville       | Caseville       |
| North Huron at Port Hope   | North Huron     | North Huron     | Port Hope       | North Huron     |
| Kingston at Dryden         | Kingston        | Kingston        | Kingston        | Kingston        |
| Memphis at CPS             | CPS             | CPS             | CPS             | CPS             |
| A-Fairgrove at A. Eastern  | Arenac Eastern  | Arenac Eastern  | Arenac Eastern  | Akron-Fairgrove |
| Friday, February 18        |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| BCAS at Bad Axe            | BCAS            | BCAS            | BCAS            | BCAS            |
| Lakers at Valley Lutheran  | Valley Lutheran | Valley Lutheran | Valley Lutheran | Valley Lutheran |
| Reese at Cass City         | Cass City       | Cass City       | Cass City       | Reese           |
| Ubyly at Marlette          | Ubyly           | Ubyly           | Ubyly           | Ubyly           |
| Mayville at Harbor Beach   | Harbor Beach    | Harbor Beach    | Harbor Beach    | Harbor Beach    |
| Brown City at Caseville    | Brown City      | Caseville       | Caseville       | Brown City      |
| North Huron at Dryden      | North Huron     | North Huron     | North Huron     | North Huron     |
| Owen-Gage at CPS           | CPS             | CPS             | CPS             | CPS             |
| Port Hope at Kingston      | Kingston        | Kingston        | Kingston        | Kingston        |
| A-Fairgrove at Memphis     | Memphis         | Memphis         | Memphis         | Memphis         |
| Last Week's Results        | 16-8            | 16-8            | 15-9            | 16-8            |
| Season's Results           | 136-53 (72%)    | 138-51 (73%)    | 131-58 (69%)    | 137-52 (72%)    |

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## Gymnasts fall to Vassar

The Cass City gymnastics team hosted a rare home meet last week and suffered a 122.1 - 114.2 defeat by guest Vassar.

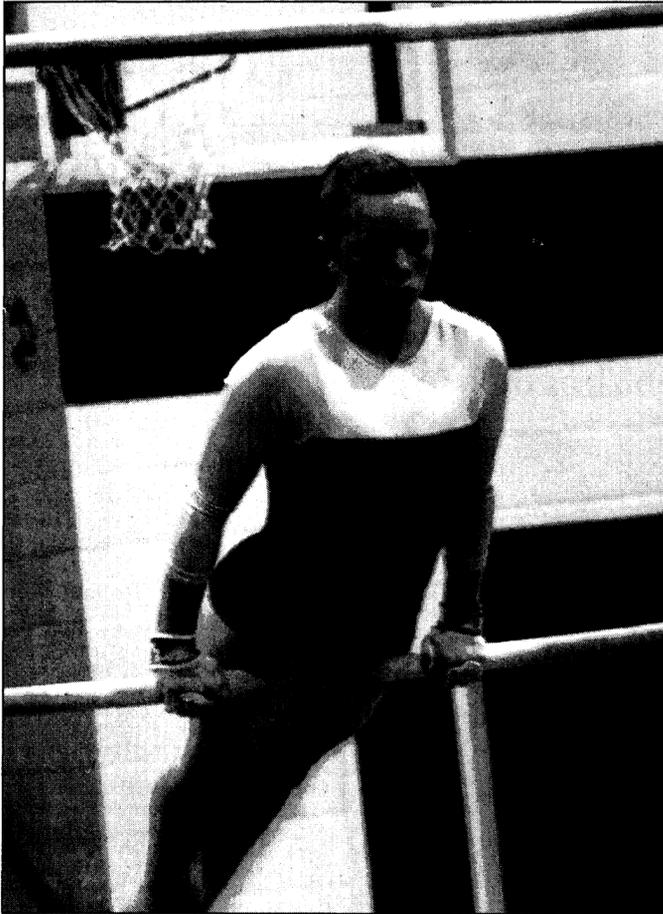
The Red Hawks turned in several regional qualifying scores during the Tuesday meet. In the vault, Tara Whittaker paced the hosts with a score of 8.2. She was followed closely by teammates Caitlin Sorenson, Val Scasny and Allie Richards in the event who earned marks of 7.85, 7.8 and 7.7, respectively.

Richards also recorded Cass City's lone regional qualifying marks on the beam and floor exercise with scores of 7.85 and 7.9.

On the bars, Scasny's score of 7.65 and Whittaker's score of 7.55 also reached regional qualifying status.

Cass City has one scheduled match remaining this Saturday in Midland to post a regional qualifying mark. To reach regional competition, individuals must record 4 qualifying scores to advance.

Already meeting the requirements for regional play for Cass City are Scasny on the vault and bars, Richards on the floor and beam, and Whittaker and Sorenson in the vault.



CASS CITY'S VAL Scasny works towards a regional qualifying score of 7.65 on the bars Tuesday night against visiting Vassar.

## Quiz bowl teams shine

The Cass City varsity A & B Quiz Bowl teams earned 2nd and 3rd place, respectively, Thursday night at the 13-team Peck Invitational. The 2 teams have a combined 29-7 record in the Thumb Area Quiz Bowl League.

The junior varsity quiz bowl team captured top honors at the event, winning their 4th straight invitational. The young Hawks are currently in first place in the JV league with a 15-3 record.

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Thursday, February 24, 6-8 p.m.

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\* Age group is determined by player's age as of August 1, 2005.

## Cass City Bowling

### Thursday Nite Trio as of Feb. 10

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| Dairy Queen Brazier-Caro | 6    |
| Jebco Consulting         | 6 *  |

Individual High Games & Series: O. Beecher 238-215 (651); D. Doerr 226 (617); G. Robinson 222 (606); R. Doerr 225; L. Summers 217.  
Team High Game & Series: Dairy Queen Brazier-Caro 675 (1967).

\* Points subject to change

### Merchanettes

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Osentoski Realty/Auct.   | 22 |
| All Season Video         | 21 |
| Gagetown Cutting Corners | 20 |
| Cablettes                | 20 |
| Crowley Chiropractic     | 19 |
| Thumb Octagon Barn       | 14 |
| FBI Gals                 | 13 |
| Charlie's Angels         | 11 |

Individual High Games & Series: S. Hutchinson 214 (535); S. Buschlen 181 (499); C. Brown (471); C. Davidson 175 (471); E. Romain 177 (471); P. Hellwig 187; J. Krol 177; L. Pabst 175.

Team High Game: Osentoski Realty/Auctioneering, 833.  
Team High Series: FBI Gals (2380).

### Merchants as of Feb. 9

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Lee Morgan Painting | 18 |
| Charmont Lanes      | 15 |
| Patrick's Flooring  | 9  |
| Curtis Chrysler     | 0  |

Individual High Games & Series: T. Lis 243-207 (618); D. Doerr 245-202 (604); T. Furness 229; R. Wright 228 (579); L. Morgan 222 (600); T. Potrykus 214; J. Krol 205-200.

Team High Game: Charmont Lanes.

### Sunday No Rollers as of Jan. 30

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Damn Near Last  | 13 |
| JebCo           | 12 |
| Pinheads        | 10 |
| Par-T-Ranch     | 10 |
| Sometimers      | 7  |
| CB's            | 7  |
| Deford Drifters | 3  |

Individual High Games & Series: T. Potrykus 199; B. Potrykus (563); D. Witkovsky 184; D. Potrykus (522).  
Team High Game & Series: Pinheads 718 (1995).

# CHAMPS

## Hawk grapplers earn GTC title

No matter what happens in the team districts today (Wednesday) and the individual districts Saturday, both to be played at Caro, the Cass City Red Hawks have safely tucked away the Greater Thumb Conference championship.

Caro will be the odds-on favorite to win the team districts, but coach Don Markel proudly says, "The team has

really come together in the past few weeks and worked hard to win the league championship. I was really happy for the seniors on the team who 4 years ago had a hard time envisioning that such an accomplishment was possible.

"They persevered and through their leadership, sacrifices and great work ethic have led the team to the GTC

championship."

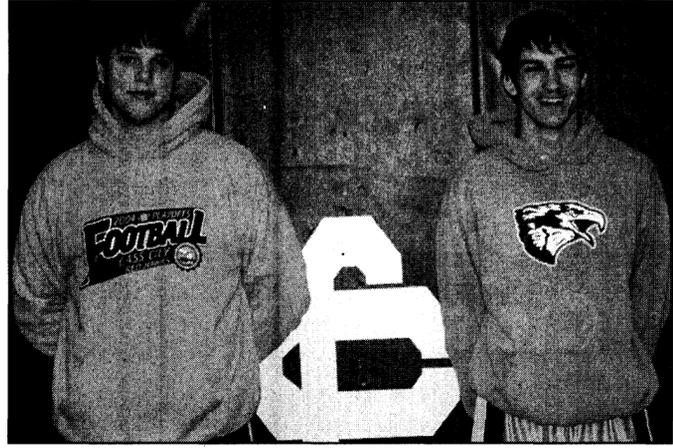
The Hawks' victory Saturday marked the first time since the 1999-2000 season that Cass City won the championship.

Eleven members of the team earned all conference honors by placing in the top 3 in their weight classes.

Champions of their weight classes and first team all conference were Kyle Sieradzki

(145) and Scott Meeker (215).

Taking second team honors were Andrew Peruski (103), Jeff Tenbusch (152), Wes Becker (171) and Jerry Crandall (189). Honorable mention winners were Marcel Helland (125), Kyle Reif (130), Dean Wilson (135), Micah Randall (160) and Lee Hutchinson (275).



WINNING ALL CONFERENCE honors at the GTC league meet at Saginaw Valley Lutheran Saturday were Scott Meeker (215) and Kyle Sieradzki (145). The outstanding wrestlers will be around to anchor next year's team. Meeker is a junior and Sieradzki is a sophomore.

### Final standings

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Cass City       | 9-0 |
| Mayville        | 8-1 |
| Marlette        | 7-2 |
| EPB Lakers      | 5-4 |
| Saginaw Nouvel  | 5-4 |
| Brown City      | 4-5 |
| USA             | 4-5 |
| Sandusky        | 2-7 |
| Bad Axe         | 1-8 |
| Valley Lutheran | 0-9 |

### Conference meet

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
|                 | Pts. |
| Cass City       | 209  |
| Mayville        | 199  |
| Marlette        | 160  |
| Saginaw Nouvel  | 110  |
| Brown City      | 106  |
| USA             | 97   |
| EPB Lakers      | 86   |
| Sandusky        | 69   |
| Valley Lutheran | 60.5 |
| Bad Axe         | 27   |

## Owen-Gage bows in semis to champions Ubly at Laker invite

Owen-Gage advanced to the semi finals of the Laker Invite Saturday where Ubly sent the Bulldogs home in 3 games. The scores were 25-16, 14-25 and 15-5.

The Bulldogs reached the semis by finishing first in their pool with a 3-3 record. The Bulldogs defeated the Bearcats 25-14, 25-21, 17-25, while suffering defeat by Valley Lutheran 25-18, 24-26, 22-25.

The Bearcats went on to

defeat host Lakers in the finals 25-20, 25-21.

Katie Swiastyn paved the way for the Bulldogs at the event with 26 points, which included 8 aces. Swiastyn also recorded team highs with 29 assists and 9 saves.

At the net, hard-hitting Kayla Zaleski posted 52 kills and 2 blocks to complement 25 points and 13 aces. The Bulldogs also had Mary McKee with 20 points, 7 aces, Amanda Faist with 15

points, 4 aces and Nicole Schmidt with 13 points, 8 aces and 16 assists. Michelle Brown led the Bulldogs in digs with 40.

### PORT HOPE

Owen-Gage continued on its path towards another North Central Thumb League title Thursday turning back guests Port Hope in 4 games. With the 25-21, 25-19, 21-25, 25-11 win, the

Bulldogs improved to 9-1 in conference play.

Swiastyn led the hosts with 22 points, 5 aces, 14 assists, 10 kills, 11 digs and 2 saves. Owen-Gage also had Zaleski with 28 kills, 17 digs and 3 blocks; McKee, 14 points, 6 aces, 5 digs; Kayla Kady, 10 points, 4 aces, 5 digs; Nicole Schmidt, 8 points, 3 aces, 16 assists; and Brown, 18 digs.

Owen-Gage will host Carsonville-Port Sanilac on Thursday.

## USA tops Hawks

Cass City's struggles in Greater Thumb West play continued Thursday as host Unionville-Sebewaing knocked off the Hawks in 4 games. Despite committing several mistakes and playing short-handed, coach Beth Howard's spikers hung tough before falling by the scores of 26-24, 25-23, 21-25 and 25-16.

"I have yet to have my entire team healthy for a league match," Howard said, who noted Sara Meeker was out with the flu. Adding, "We continue to make too many errors. We gave USA 87 of their 97 points off our own mistakes."

Without the services of

Meeker, Howard praised the effort of Tara Sherman who recorded 4 blocks and 4 kills. "Tara stepped up big tonight and played the middle, never having played that position before and did a really nice job."

Cass City also had Ashley Hendrick with 10 kills, 6 assists and 4 blocks, while Emily Schinnerer added 8 kills, 7 assists and 11 receptions, Jenni Brinkman, 3 kills, 3 blocks and Ashleigh Rabideau, 11 digs.

Cass City will wrap up its conference schedule this week with a match Thursday at Reese before Saturday's Greater Thumb West Invitational at USA.

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# HATC sponsoring raffle

The Huron Area Technical Center (HATC) is sponsoring a raffle to raise money for student youth club activities. Items to be raffled are a video gaming computer (first prize), storage shed (second prize) and a playhouse (third prize). Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from

HATC students and staff or by calling (989) 269-9284. The winning tickets will be drawn during a HATC open house scheduled for Thursday, April 14, at 7:45 p.m. at the HATC, which is located at 1160 S. VanDyke Rd., Bad Axe. The winners need not be present to win.

Students enrolled in Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs at HATC have the opportunity to acquire skills that will prepare them for continuing education, successful career entry and advancement. These skills are transferable as well as job-specific and basic to a

student's general education, providing them with the foundation for life-long learning. The primary objectives for CTE students include an awareness of the future trends within high skill, high wage careers along with increased options for occupa-

tional choices in the pursuit of a career, as well as providing students with the knowledge and skills for continued education and learning.

## Obituaries

### Robert Dibble

Robert "Bob" Francis Dibble, 73, of Caro, died after a short battle with cancer, Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005 in Tendercare Nursing Facility. He was born Dec. 16, 1931 in Grand Blanc (Wigsville), the son of Earl and Sylvia (Streeter) Dibble. He married Myra Emma Muehlfeld May 17, 1952 in Richville.

Dibble served in the U.S. Army. He was an independent truck owner, hauling pickles for Royal Crown, which became Mary Jane Pickle Co. He retired in 1997 from Saginaw Machine Systems after 30 years as a machinist. He attended St. Paul Lutheran Church, Caro.

He is survived by his wife, Myra; daughters: Margo (Curtis) Titsworth and Marla Riley, all of Mt. Morris; 4 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; siblings: Arlene Costello of Burton, James Dibble of Mayville, George (Peggy) Dibble of Caro, Elaine (John) Newton of Mayville, Donna (C.G.) Edwards of Winterhaven, Fla., Shirley (Lyle) Ludlow of Greenville, Ohio, Ronald (Lou) Dibble of Deford, Connie (Thomas) Motley of Brown City, and Donald (Karin) Dibble of Cullman, AL; many nieces and nephews; and special friends: Dennis Rieck of Kingston, and Eli and Bobbi Collins of Belleville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 brothers: Earl Jr. and Gerald Dibble; and a sister-in-law, Jacklene Dibble. Memorial services were held Monday, Feb. 14, at Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston, with the Rev. Cameron Steele of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Caro, officiating. Military honors were under the direction of the Kingston AMVETS Post #1072 and the Kingston VFW Post #5317.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

### Elmer Grifka

Elmer Grifka, 55, of Argyle, died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005 at the United Hospice Residence in Marlette. He was born June 23, 1949 in Bad Axe, the son of the late Enoch and Selma (Pionk) Grifka.

Grifka lived in Sanilac County all his life. He attended Ugly School. He worked road construction all his life and was a member of the Labor's Union Local #1191. He belonged to a pool league for many years.

Grifka is survived by a daughter, Carmen (Chris Doyle) Grifka of Ugly; 2 sons: Robert (Julie Puvalowski) Grifka of Cass City, and Brandon Leppek of Ugly; a granddaughter; siblings: Beatrice (Cliff) Ross, Eleanor Franzel, Joe

(Bernice) Grifka, Richard (Beverly) Grifka, and Alice (Fred) Pallas, all of Ugly; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by 2 brothers-in-law: Jerome Franzel and Mark Peters.

Funeral mass was held Monday, Feb. 14, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Argyle, with the Rev. Stephen Fillion, pastor of St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, officiating.

Burial will be in the St. Ignatius Cemetery in the spring. Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ugly.

### Ronald Hampshire

Ronald G. Hampshire, 77, of Flint, Texas, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005 at his home.

He was born Sept. 13, 1927 in Kingston, the son of George E. and Alice (Seddon) Hampshire.

He married Floy Waldie June 17, 1952 in Gaylord.

Hampshire served in the U.S. Air Force. He attended Michigan State University, Midwestern State University and received his degree in Christian Ministries from Wesley Biblical Seminary in Jackson, Miss. Hampshire was a dairy farmer. He was a member of Lakeview Church of the Nazarene and The Challengers Sunday School Class. He was in the organic gardening business, and was an ardent organic grower and advisor. He spoke to garden clubs, 4-H clubs and Boy Scouts of America troops.

He is survived by his wife, Floy; children: Randy (Shirley) Hampshire of Kingston, Kenneth (Kathi Williams) Hampshire of Brighton, Colo., and Fae Stuart of Hersey; 13 grandchildren; a great-grandson; and a brother, Richard (Joyce) Hampshire of Phoenix, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Russell Hampshire; and a sister, Arlene Moore.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 12, at Kingston Wesleyan Church, with the Rev. Kenneth Sanderfur officiating.

Military honors were under the direction of the Kingston AMVETS Post #1072 and the Kingston VFW Post #5317.

Interment was in the Kingston Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

### Mildred Sabo

Mildred Mary Sabo, 84, of Deford, died suddenly Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005.

She was born, a twin, Feb. 7, 1921 in Belmont, the daughter of Walter and Beulah (Lynch) Schultz.

She married Louis Sabo, Jr. July 4, 1945. He died Dec. 13, 1981.

Sabo graduated from St. Francis High School, Traverse City, in 1939. She worked her way through high school, later working in Pontiac and Bloomfield Hills. She lived and worked in Cleveland, Ohio during WWII. In 1946, Sabo and her husband moved to Deford. After her husband's death, Sabo continued farming and she worked at Highland Pines, Caro, and the Colony House, near Cass City. She was an active member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Wilmot, where she served many years on the Parish Council as president of the Ladies' Altar Society, as chair of the funeral breakfast committee and as a catechism teacher.

Sabo is survived by her children: Delores Sabo of Deford, Mary Ann (Roger) Pohlod of Deford, Vera (Roger) Bouck of Cass City, Luella (John) Krug of Deford, Louis (Rochelle) Sabo of Marlette, Madelene (Bill) Parker of Caro, Michael (Jenny) Sabo of Fairgrove and Thomas (Michelle) Sabo of Deford; a daughter-in-law, Sherry Kish of Cass City; 28 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; 3 sisters-in-law; 2 brothers-in-law; many friends, former co-workers and classmates; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her siblings: Daniel, John, Robert, Bernard, James (her twin), Margaret, Gertrude and Francis.

Funeral mass was held Saturday, Feb. 12, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Wilmot.

Interment was in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette.

## Distribution of food scheduled

Human Development Commission (HDC) officials will hold their Tuscola County Temporary Emergency Food Distribution (TEFAP - yellow registration card) Friday, March 4.

The distribution will take place at the HDC Warehouse, 165 Butler St., in Caro, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Those planning to attend should bring a box with them to carry food.

The surplus commodities have been made available to HDC by the federal government and are intended for personal consumption by eligible low-income families. Income guidelines and household size are used to determine eligibility.

More information is available by contacting HDC at (989) 673-4121 or toll-free 1-800-843-6394.

## Clabuesch elected chairman



Paul Clabuesch

Paul Clabuesch, chairman, president and CEO of Thumb National Bank, Pigeon, was recently elected chairman of the board of directors of Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis (FHLBI), Ind. Here replaces William White, chairman, president and CEO of Dearborn Federal Savings, whose term expired in 2004.

Clabuesch, a graduate of Michigan State University, has been CEO of Thumb National Bank since 1985 and a member of the FHLBI Board since January 2003.

He has played a leadership role in the Michigan Bankers Association (MBA) for several decades, serving as chairman in 2000 and as chair of numerous committees over the years. Clabuesch has also been involved with the American Bankers Association, accepting several committee assignments.

He currently is a board member of the Michigan Association of Community Bankers and serves on the Policy Development Committee of the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA).

Outside of banking, Clabuesch has a long-standing history of community involvement. Highlights include a 27-year tenure on the Scheurer Hospital Board of Trustees, 13 years of which he has served as chairman. He is also treasurer of the Michigan 4-H Foundation and is a member of the Pigeon Rotary Club.

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# Masons honor Lounsbury, Britt

Cass City area resident William (Bill) Britt was recently honored as "Citizen of the Year" by members of the Tyler Masonic Lodge 317, Cass City.

honor is that you be a non-member and contribute to the betterment of the community," explained lodge member and Past Master Ed Good. "Certainly Bill Britt qualifies, having been a

teacher, coach, principal in the Owendale-Gagetown School system for 38 years and is now retired."

Bill is married and he and his wife, Judy, have 4 daughters and 8 grandchildren.

During Britt's tenure at Owen-Gage, the faculty developed a "good character and academic awards" program and was awarded the state's coveted "Golden Apple" award. In addition, in 1999, the high school's boys basketball team was recognized for having earned the highest academic average in the state.

"Over time, many of the students went on to become teachers, college professors, doctors, pharmacists, lawyers, engineers, successful farmers and business people," Good said. "Certainly some of the credit has to go to Bill Britt's leadership and his staff, having directed these students in their formative years."

In his retirement, the Britt's spend much time working in their church, the Shabbona United Methodist Church, and helping others.

Britt was honored during a dinner that also included installation of officers for the new year.

The new officers are: Lyle Melkerson, worshipful master; Ken Blue, senior warden; Elmer Francis, junior warden; Ted Furness, secretary; Robert Wood, treasurer;

Charles Timmons, senior deacon; James Wilson, junior deacon; Roger Kling, tiler; Carl Palmateer, marshal; and Barney Hoffman, chaplain.



**TYLER MASONIC Lodge 317 Past Master Carl Palmateer (from left) stands with the Tyler Lodge's "Citizen of the Year" William (Bill) Britt and his wife, Judy, and Worshipful Master Lyle Melkerson.**

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## Calendar of Events

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

### Wednesday, February 16

Writer's Workshop, 6:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

### Thursday, February 17

Quilting class "Snippets", 6 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Please call to register, 872-2856.  
Genealogy Group meeting, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

### Friday, February 18

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.  
Senior Citizen Movies, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

### Monday, February 21

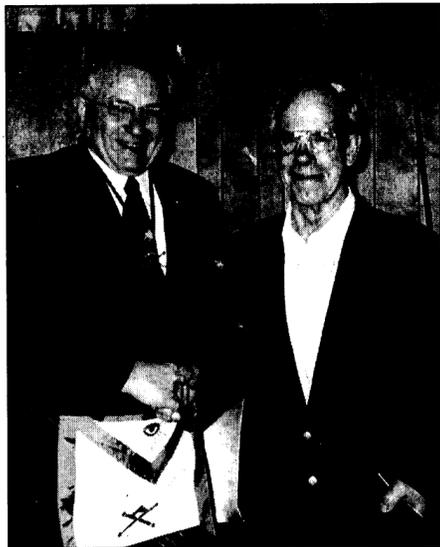
Cass City Area Historical Society, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.  
Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Charnont.

### Tuesday, February 22

Diabetes Support Group, 2-3 p.m., DLC Classroom at Hills & Dales General Hospital. For further information, call (989) 872-2121 (ext. 342).

### Wednesday, February 23

Ravenous Readers' Book Club, noon, Rawson Memorial Library.  
Thumb Retired Officers of Police Service (TROOPS) meeting, 11:30 p.m., Franklin Inn, Bad Axe.



**CARL Palmateer (left), past master of Tyler Masonic Lodge 317, Cass City, congratulates "Mason of the Year" Harland Lounsbury, a member of the lodge for 52 years.**

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| <p>05 Colorado</p> <p>Lease \$193** mo.<br/>Now \$13,837**</p>     |                                                                                                                                                         | <p>05 Trailblazer 4X4</p> <p>Lease \$263** mo.<br/>Now \$25,023**</p>    |
| <p>05 Equinox AWD</p> <p>Lease \$226** mo.<br/>Now \$21,321**</p>  |                                                                                                                                                         | <p>05 Cadillac CTS</p> <p>Lease \$329** mo.<br/>Now \$30,259**</p>       |

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### Supper to benefit C. Merz endowment

A perfect combination for a Friday night in February includes cold weather, high school basketball hosted by a strong Cass City High School team - complete with enthusiastic fans - and a chili supper.

Fans are invited to enjoy a chili supper prior to the game Friday night, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Cass City High School. The cost is \$3.50 per person (children under 5 free) and includes chili, cornbread, crackers, drinks and desert.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Cory Merz Endowment Fund.

Merz was a junior at Cass City High School when he was killed in a tragic automobile accident last June. The endowment fund was set up as a memorial to the teen, and to remember all students whose lives have been cut short.

The Endowment will fund a scholarship benefiting a Cass City High School student who is furthering his or her education, whether it be at a university or trade school. The first scholarship will be awarded in May.

In addition, another fund has been established at the high school to assist students with alternative education needs.

### AYSO volunteers attend training

Nine volunteers with the Cass City AYSO program traveled to Traverse City Friday, Jan. 31 and spent 3 days in training.

A wide range of classes were offered and attended, including Board and Staff Introductory Certification, Child Volunteer Protection Advocate, Registrar, Finance, Management, Refereeing. All participants learned new things and ideas about the program and they are more than willing to share their knowledge.

Several volunteers met with the AYSO soccer camp representative and set the date for soccer camp, which will be held in Cass City Aug. 1 through Aug. 5.

With all the training behind them and fresh in their memory, they are all geared up for the start of the spring soccer season. Registration is set for Feb. 16 and Feb. 19 in the middle school cafeteria.

If anyone has questions please feel free to call Regional Commissioner Nancy Braun at (989) 658-2486.

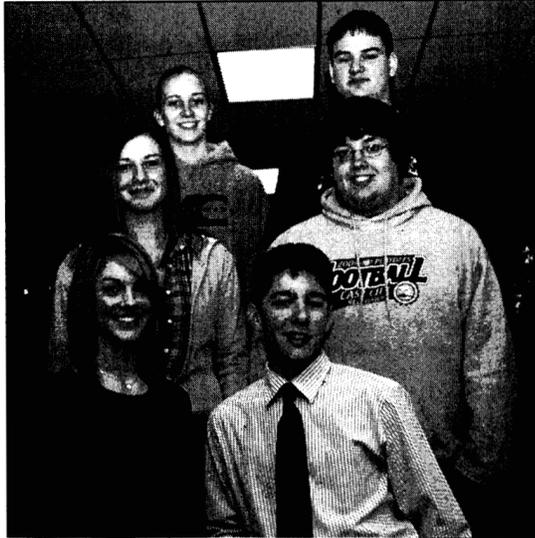


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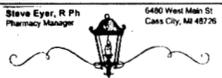
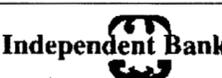
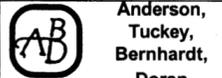
SELECTED TO THE Cass City 2005 Snow Coming court are underclassmen, left, top to bottom, Ashleigh Rabideau, Jenni Brinkman and Caitlin Sorenson, right, top to bottom, Derek Suro, Jarod Stoutenburg and Chris Childs.



VYING FOR CASS CITY'S 2005 Snow Coming King and Queen honors are Red Hawk seniors, from left, Tara Sherman, Krista Homakie, Carrie Hillaker, Tara Whittaker, Luann Laming, James McKnight, Nick Stoutenburg, Andrew Schinnerer, and Paul Hoelzle. Missing is Mike Havens.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY, 18 Cass City Red Hawks -VS- Reese Rockets

### Best Of Luck From These Community Minded Merchants

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**TOWNSHIP OF NOVESTA****BLIGHT ORDINANCE**Ordinance No. 2005-01

An ordinance to protect the public health, safety and general welfare by eliminating blight within Novesta Township; to define and prohibit blight; and to provide penalties for violation hereof.

**THE TOWNSHIP OF NOVESTA ORDAINS:****ARTICLE I  
Blight Defined and Prohibited**

**Section 1.1.** It is hereby determined that the uses of land described in this Article constitute blight which, if allowed to exist, will result in unsafe, unsanitary and undesirable conditions.

**Section 1.2.** No person shall maintain or permit to be maintained any of the following types of blight upon any premises owned, rented, or occupied by such person:

- (a) The outdoor storage of any junk motor vehicle. The term "junk motor vehicle" shall include any motor vehicle which is not currently licensed, and which has been inoperable for any reason for a period in excess of thirty (30) days.
- (b) The storage or accumulation of garbage of any kind, except domestic refuse originating on the premises and stored in a sanitary manner for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days. The term "garbage" shall include food waste matter and discarded food containers, as well as any other household refuse.
- (c) The outdoor storage or accumulation of junk. The term "junk" shall include machinery parts, tires, containers, motor vehicle parts, tin cans, unused appliances, metal remnants, cast-off materials, inoperable farm machinery, discarded building materials, and any other inoperable or discarded machinery or materials. This section shall not apply to farm machinery which is located on a bonafide operating farm, provided the farm machinery is needed for farming operations.
- (d) The dumping or landfilling of any junk, garbage, or junk motor vehicles. The term "dumping or landfilling" shall include burying or otherwise disposing of items on property not licensed as a landfill pursuant to the Michigan Solid Waste Management Act.

**Section 1.3.** This Ordinance shall not apply to junkyards or salvage yards which are zoned I-Industrial and have been granted special approval under the Novesta Township Zoning Ordinance.

**ARTICLE II  
Penalties and Enforcement**

**Section 2.1.** Any person, firm, or corporation, or anyone acting on behalf of said person, firm or corporation, who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall upon conviction thereof be subject to a fine of not more than Five Hundred and no/100 (\$500.00) Dollars and court costs, or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period of not to exceed ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day such violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense. The imposition of any sentence shall not exempt the offender from compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance.

**Section 2.2.** As an alternative to criminal proceedings under Section 2.1, the Township may seek injunctive relief through Circuit Court to abate the violation and clean up the property.

**Section 2.3.** Any violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a public nuisance.

**Section 2.4.** Any person found responsible for blight shall eliminate such blight and shall be liable for the cost of elimination of the blight. If such blight is not eliminated by the responsible party, the Township may cause such blight to be eliminated and bill the cost to the responsible party. The cost of such blight elimination, if it is not voluntarily paid for by the responsible party, shall be assessed against the property on the next tax roll.

**ARTICLE III  
Enactment and Effective Date**

**Section 3.1.** This Ordinance was adopted by the Novesta Township Board at a meeting duly held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2005.

**Section 3.2.** This Ordinance was published in the Cass City Chronicle on the 16 day of February, 2005.

**Section 3.3.** This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after the date of publication specified in Section 3.2.

  
Ronald Palmer, Supervisor

  
Karen M. Mozden, Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF NOVESTA****TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN****DANGEROUS BUILDINGS ORDINANCE**

Ordinance No. 2005-02

An ordinance to protect the public health and safety by providing for the repair, demolition, and making safe of dangerous buildings; to define dangerous buildings; to provide for inspections of dangerous buildings; to provide for notices, hearings, and appeals for persons having interests in buildings determined to be dangerous; and to provide for the tax roll assessment of the cost of making dangerous buildings safe.

**THE TOWNSHIP OF NOVESTA ORDAINS:****Section 1. DANGEROUS BUILDINGS DEFINED**

As used in this Ordinance, "dangerous building" means any building or structure which has any of the following defects:

- (a) Whenever any portion has been damaged by fire, wind, flood, or by any other cause in such a manner that the structural strength or stability is appreciably less than it was before such catastrophe and is less than the minimum requirements of the Township building code for a similar new building or structure.
- (b) Whenever any portion of the building or structure is likely to fall or to become dislodged, or to collapse and thereby injure persons or damage property.
- (c) Whenever for any reason whatsoever the building or structure or any portion is manifestly unsafe for the purpose for which it is used.
- (d) Whenever the building or structure has been so damaged or deteriorated that the interior of the building is exposed to elements and is accessible to entrance by trespassers and may become an attractive nuisance to children who might play therein to their danger.
- (e) Whenever a building or structure used or intended to be used for dwelling purposes, because of dilapidation, decay, damage or faulty construction or arrangement or otherwise, is unsanitary or unfit for human habitation or is in a condition that is likely to cause sickness or is likely to cause injury to the health, safety or general welfare of those living in or near it.

**Section 2. INSPECTION.**

The building inspector shall conduct an inspection and file a report on all buildings and structures which the inspector has reason to believe may be dangerous buildings as defined in the Ordinance. The report shall specify the nature of the dangerous conditions and the repair or demolition necessary to make the building or structure safe.

**Section 3. NOTICE.**

When any building or structure is found to be in a dangerous condition, the Building Inspector shall file the inspection report with the Township Clerk and the Clerk shall issue a notice of public hearing which shall be accompanied by a copy of the inspection report and a copy of this Ordinance.

- (a) The notice shall specify the time and place of a hearing before the Township Board at which the person or persons to whom the notice was directed shall have the opportunity to contest the findings of the building inspector.
- (b) The notice shall be directed to the person or persons in whose name the property appears on the most recent Township tax assessment records.
- (c) All notices shall be sent by regular mail or otherwise delivered at least ten (10) days before the date of the hearing described in the notice.

**Section 4. HEARING.**

The Township Board shall conduct a hearing reviewing the findings of the building inspector. All relevant information provided by the owners or other persons interested in the property and all relevant information provided by the building inspector shall be considered.

- (a) If it is determined by the Township Board that the building or structure is not dangerous or unsafe, no further action shall be taken.
- (b) If it is determined by the Township Board that the building or structure should be repaired, demolished, or otherwise made safe, it shall so order, fixing a time within which compliance must be completed.
- (c) A copy of the decision of the Township Board shall be sent by regular mail or otherwise delivered to the person or persons to whom the original notice was sent.

**Section 5. COMPLIANCE.**

Complying with a Township Board decision to require the repair, demolition, or making safe of a building or structure shall be the responsibility of the duly notified persons having an interest in the property.

**Section 6. FAILURE TO COMPLY; LIEN.**

If the responsible persons do not comply with the Township Board's decision within the time specified, the township may arrange to have the required repair, demolition, or other work completed. The cost of such required repair, demolition, or other work shall be a lien against the real property on which the building or structure is located and shall be assessed against said real property on the next tax roll.

**Section 7. APPEAL**

A Township Board decision requiring the repair, demolition, or other work on a building or structure may be appealed by any person having an ownership or financial interest in the property. An appeal of the decision shall be made to the Circuit Court by filing an action within twenty-one (21) days from the date of approval of the minutes of the meeting at which the decision was made by the Township Board.

**Section 8. ENACTMENT AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall become effective upon the day following the date of publication specified below.

We, the undersigned, Supervisor and Clerk of the Township of Novesta, Tuscola County, Michigan, do hereby certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Novesta Township Board on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2005, and was published in the Cass City Chronicle on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2005.

  
Ronald Palmer  
Supervisor

  
Karen M. Mozden  
Clerk

**Advertise it in the Chronicle**

# Legal Notices

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KRISTY L. MOORE, A SINGLEWOMAN AND MATTHEW P. HOWEY, A SINGLE MAN, AS JOINT TENANTS TO MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR MAC-CLAIR MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated August 09, 2002 and recorded on August 13, 2002 in Liber 889, on Page 1044 in TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy nine thousand one hundred ninety seven and 55/100 Dollars (\$79,197.55), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola, MI, at 10:00 AM on March 17, 2005.

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

PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWN 13 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING 940 FEET EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWN 13 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST; THENCE EAST ON THE SOUTH SECTION LINE 196.5 FEET; THENCE NORTH AT RIGHT ANGLES TO SAID SOUTH SECTION LINE 222 FEET; THENCE WEST PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTH SECTION LINE 196.5 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 222 FEET TO BEGINNING.

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

DATED: February 16, 2005

ATTORNEY FOR: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR MAC-CLAIR MORTGAGE CORPORATION  
Mortgagee

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.  
401 South Old Woodward Avenue, Suite 300  
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616  
For More Information Call:  
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Julius J. Richard and Beverly A. Richard, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 4, 2003 and recorded on December 12, 2003 in Liber 968 on Page 1413 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Four and 44/100 Dollars (\$124,774.44), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 17, 2005.

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

Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, commencing at a point that is South 89 Degrees 40 Minutes 03 Seconds West 2361.80 Feet from the East 1/4 corner of said Section; thence South 89 Degrees 40 Minutes 03 Seconds West 150 Feet; thence North 00 Degrees 40 Minutes 40 Seconds West 207 Feet; thence North 89 Degrees 40 Minutes 03 Seconds East 150 Feet; thence South 00 Degrees 40 Minutes 40 Seconds East 207 Feet to the point of beginning. Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: February 16, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
FC H (248) 593-1300  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary L. Powell, a married man, and Laura Powell his wife, to Alliance Funding, a Division of Superior Bank FSB, mortgagee, dated October 27, 2000 and recorded November 16, 2000 in Liber 815, Page 1203, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by LaSalle Bank National Association f/k/a LaSalle National Bank, in its capacity as indenture trustee under that certain sale and servicing agreement dated 12/1/00 among AFC Trust Series 2000-4, as Issuer, Superior Bank FSB as seller and servicer and LaSalle Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee, AFC Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Notes, Series 2000-4 and any amendments thereto by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety and 31/100 Dollars (\$48,990.31), including interest at the rate of 8.90% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 17, 2005.

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

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

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jason F. Johnson and Mashonda L. Johnson, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 9, 2003 and recorded on July 21, 2003 in Liber 945 on Page 118 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Six and 11/100 Dollars (\$67,306.11), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

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

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

Commencing at the Southeast Corner of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 7, thence West along the South Line of Said Section 7, 640 feet; thence North 490 feet; thence East 640 feet; thence South 490 feet to point of Beginning being part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 7, All Land Described located in Section 7, Town 13 North, Range 10 East, Ellington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, Macomb County Records.

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

Dated: February 9, 2005

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File #047320F01

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

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Cipriano Fierros, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Acceptance Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 9, 2000 and recorded on February 22, 2000 in Liber 794 on Page 1427, and assigned by mesne assignments to Bank One, National Association, as Trustee as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Sixty-Five and 72/100 Dollars (\$72,065.72), including interest at 12.4% per annum.

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

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

Parcel 1: Lot 15, Block 25 of the Plat of the Village of Centerville (n/k/a Plat of Caro), except the Northwest 6 feet thereof, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 56, now being Page 59A of Tuscola County Records.

Parcel 2: Lot 16, Block 25 of the Plat of the Village of Centerville (n/k/a Village of Caro), according to the Plat recorded

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in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 56, now being Page 59A 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.

Dated: February 9, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth B. McMullen and his wife, Deborah K. McMullen, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 10, 2001 and recorded on March 5, 2001 in Liber 823 on Page 045 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Eight and 53/100 Dollars (\$51,768.53), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

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

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

Section 15, Town 10 North, Range 9 East; Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4; thence South 18 rods; thence West 14 rods to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: February 9, 2005

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

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Delmer L. McClain, an unmarried man and Cheryl A. Adams, an unmarried woman, jointly with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagors, to Amerquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated March 24, 2004 and recorded on April 23, 2004 in Liber 989 on Page 449 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee to Amerquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-R6 under the Pooling & Servicing Agreement dated as of June 1, 2004, without recourse as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-One and 60/100 Dollars (\$127,551.60), including interest at 8.99% per annum.

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

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

Lot 120 of Shay Lakes Heights Subdivision No. 2, according to the recorded plat thereof Section 14, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Lots 110, 111, 112, and 113 of Shay Lake Subdivision, Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, all in Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Dated: February 9, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
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Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee to Amerquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-R6 under the Pooling & Servicing Agreement dated as of June 1, 2004, without recourse  
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #047012F01

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by SHANE R. MEYERS, AN UNMARRIED MAN, to MAC-CLAIR MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated April 08, 2004 and recorded on June 23, 2004, in Liber 997 on Page 1153 in TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of forty eight thousand two hundred forty seven and 88/100 Dollars (\$48,247.88), including interest at 6.000% per annum.

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

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

PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWN 14 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT WHICH IS NORTH 01 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 1320.00 FEET ALONG THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 8 TO THE SOUTH, EAST AND WEST 1/8 LINE OF SAID SECTION 8 AND ALONG SAID SOUTH, EAST AND WEST 1/8 LINE, NORTH 88 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST, 365.38 FEET FROM THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 8, SAID POINT BEING THE BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID SOUTH, EAST AND WEST 1/8 LINE, NORTH 88 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST, 382.52 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF BAY CITY-FORRESTVILLE ROAD (M-25); THENCE NORTH 62 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 438.53 FEET ALONG SAID CENTERLINE; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, 216.39 FEET PARALLEL WITH SAID NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SECTION 8 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

DATED: February 09, 2005

ATTORNEY FOR: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.  
Assignee of Mortgagee

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jason Schenk, an unmarried man, a/k/a Jason T. Schenk, of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Long Beach Mortgage Company, dated the 23rd day of September, A.D. 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 8th day of October, A.D. 2003, in Instrument No. 2003008338834 of Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$79,932.60 (seventy-nine thousand, nine hundred thirty-two dollars and sixty cents), including interest thereon at 9.90% (nine point nine zero percent) per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of March, A.D. 2005, at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

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

Parcel 1: Part of the Southwest fractional quarter of Section 30, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South line of said Southwest quarter, which is South 88 degrees 49 minutes 31 seconds East along said South line, 489.07 feet from the Southwest corner of Section 30; thence continuing South 88 degrees, 49 minutes 31 seconds East along said South line, 192.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 54 minutes 59 seconds West, parallel with the West line of said Southwest quarter, 330.33 feet; thence North 88 degrees 49 minutes 31 seconds West, parallel with said South line, 192.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 54 minutes 59 seconds West, parallel with said West line, 330.03 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel 2: Part of the Northwest fractional quarter of Section 31, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 31, which is South 88 degrees 49 minutes 31 seconds East, 489.07 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 31; thence continuing South 88 degrees 49 minutes 31 seconds East, 489.07 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 31; thence continuing South

88 degrees 49 minutes 31 seconds East, 192.00 feet along said North line; thence South 01 degrees 54 minutes 59 seconds West, 55.93 feet to a point 50 feet (measured perpendicular) from the centerline of Ormes Road; thence South 84 degrees 14 minutes 44 seconds West, 193.72 feet parallel with said centerline; thence North 01 degrees 54 minutes 59 seconds East, 79.30 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: February 9, 2005

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.  
By: Daniel E. Best (P58501)  
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee  
Welman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.  
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Troy, Michigan 48064  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel D. Cole and Tina M. Cole, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated October 30, 1996 and recorded on October 30, 1996 in Liber 699 on Page 1471, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Eight and 41/100 Dollars (\$56,408.41), including interest at 8.6% per annum.

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

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

PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING DISTANT SOUTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST 633.67 FEET ALONG THE WEST SECTION LINE FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 13; THENCE FROM SAID PLACE OF BEGINNING, NORTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST 556.31 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST 211.29 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 556.31 FEET TO SAID WEST SECTION LINE; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 211.29 FEET ALONG SAID SECTION LINE TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING AND ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON INCLUDING A 1997 PATRIOT MODEL UV003 28x70 MANUFACTURED HOUSING UNIT BEARING SERIAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER LLP-7262B/AIN.

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

DATED: February 9, 2005

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey R. Fyvie and Lisa R. Fyvie to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture. The Mortgage is dated May 13, 1997 and was recorded on May 15, 1997 in Liber 710 on Pages 1205 through 1210 of the Tuscola County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt, which is now One Hundred Thousand Three Hundred Twelve and 65/100 (\$100,312.65) Dollars.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on March 4, 2005 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, with is the location of the Tuscola County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the rate of 7.25% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance, which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

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 less 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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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on February 17, 2005.

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

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 FROM 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.

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Dated: January 13, 2005

**GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION OF PA NKA GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION** Mortgagee

**PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.**  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dewayne R. Ball, a married man, and Theresa V. Ball, his wife, original mortgagors, to Ameriquest Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 25, 1998 and recorded on April 1, 1998 in Liber 734 on Page 10, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp. as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Fifty-Five and 28/100 Dollars (\$91,055.28), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

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

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

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Hillcrest Subdivision, Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 20, Town 13 North, Range 8 East; thence North 90 degrees West along the South line of said Subdivision 173.0 feet to the Point of Beginning of this description; thence South 0 Degrees 05 Minutes 10 Seconds West, 100.0 feet; thence South 0 Degrees 05 Minutes 10 Seconds West, 239.0 feet to the Centerline of Branch of N.W. Drain; thence South 79 degrees 43 Minutes 10 Seconds West along the Centerline of said Drain, 100.0 feet; thence North 78 Degrees 13 Minutes 54 Seconds West along the Centerline of said Drains, 60.27 feet; thence North 18 Degrees 01 Minutes 17 Seconds West along the Centerline of said Drain, 362.33 feet; thence South 90 Degrees East along the Extended South line of Hillcrest Subdivision, 245.0 feet to the point of beginning. Being in and a Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 20, Town 13 North, Range 8 East.

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

Dated: February 9, 2005

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
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File #046905F01

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Marvin A. Curl and Sandra A. Curl, husband and wife, of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagee to Old Kent Bank, successor by merger to Fifth Third Bank, dated the 24th day of September, A.D. 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 17th day of December, A.D. 1999, in Liber 790 of Tuscola County Records, on Page 1123, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$23,295.56 (twenty-three thousand, two hundred ninety-five dollars and fifty-six cents), including interest there on at 10.60% (ten point six zero percent) per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of March, A.D. 2005, at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

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

Commencing at a point on the Section line of 530 feet South of the Northwest corner of Section 28, Town 13 North, Range 9 East; thence South on said Section line 114 feet; thence East parallel with the North 40 seconds East 2006.70 feet and North 89 degrees 02 minutes 33 seconds West 33.0 feet from the Southeast corner of Section 6, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; thence South 02 degrees 04 minutes 00 seconds West 82.50 feet along the East line of Lot 15, thence North 89 degrees 02 minutes 33 seconds West 492.32 feet, thence North 02 degrees 44 minutes 47 seconds East recorded as North 01 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds East 82.50 feet along the West line of Lot 15, thence South 89 degrees 02 minutes 33 seconds East 492.20 feet recorded South 89 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds East 495.00 feet along the North line of Lot 15 to the point of beginning. Subject to Easements, restrictions, right of way and mineral rights of record or in common use.

Tax ID: 002-028-000-2400-00

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

Dated: February 9, 2005

**WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.**  
By: Daniel E. Best (P58501)  
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee  
Welman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.  
755 W. Beaver Road, Suite 1820  
Troy, Michigan 48064  
WWR#04099660

2-9-5

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by HARLAND J. GOODHUE AND ELIZABETH GOODHUE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 21, 2004 and recorded on March 30, 2004 in Liber 985 on Page 537, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY-ONE AND 23/100 DOLLARS (\$15,214.23), including interest at 5.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on March 17, 2005.

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

Parcel C-1: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 34, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, running thence North 89 degrees 52 minutes 35 seconds West, 1174.44 feet along the East and West 1/4 line; thence South 18 degrees 11 minutes 50 seconds East, 700.28 feet; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 32 seconds East, 963.07 feet; thence North 0 degrees 37 minutes 54 seconds West, 664.02 feet; along the East section line to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, excepting the North 332.01 feet thereof.

Parcel C-2: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 34, Town 10 North, Range 8 East; thence North 89 degrees 52 minutes 35 seconds West, 1469.36 feet along the East and West 1/4 line to the point of beginning; running thence North 89 degrees 52 minutes 35 seconds West, 112.64 feet along the East and West 1/4 line; thence South 0 degrees 55 minutes 20 seconds East, 665.43 feet; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 32 seconds East, 320.70 feet; thence North 18 degrees 11 minutes 50 seconds West, 700.55 feet to the point of beginning, excepting the North 332.71 feet thereof, being part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 10 North, Range 8 East.

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

Dated: Feb. 9, 2005

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

**PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.**  
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450  
Southfield, Michigan 48075

2-16-5

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth Earl Woolwine and Jenny L. Woolwine, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated May 13, 2004 and recorded on June 10, 2004 in Liber 996 on Page 252 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgage to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Ameriquest Mortgage Securities, Inc., Asset-Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2004-R7, Under The Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of July 1, 2004, with recourse as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Nine and 75/100 Dollars (\$72,399.75), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 17, 2005.

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

Part of Lot 15 of Longacres, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 89, now being Page 39B, described as beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 15 which is North 02 degrees 40 minutes 40 seconds East 2006.70 feet and North 89 degrees 02 minutes 33 seconds West 33.0 feet from the Southeast corner of Section 6, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; thence South 02 degrees 04 minutes 00 seconds West 82.50 feet along the East line of Lot 15, thence North 89 degrees 02 minutes 33 seconds West 492.32 feet, thence North 02 degrees 44 minutes 47 seconds East recorded as North 01 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds East 82.50 feet along the West line of Lot 15, thence South 89 degrees 02 minutes 33 seconds East 492.20 feet recorded South 89 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds East 495.00 feet along the North line of Lot 15 to the point of beginning. Subject to Easements, restrictions, right of way and mineral rights of record or in common use.

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

Part of Lot 15 of Longacres, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 89, now being Page 39B, described as beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 15 which is North 02 degrees 40 minutes 40 seconds East 2006.70 feet and North 89 degrees 02 minutes 33 seconds West 33.0 feet from the Southeast corner of Section 6, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; thence South 02 degrees 04 minutes 00 seconds West 82.50 feet along the East line of Lot 15, thence North 89 degrees 02 minutes 33 seconds West 492.32 feet, thence North 02 degrees 44 minutes 47 seconds East recorded as North 01 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds East 82.50 feet along the West line of Lot 15, thence South 89 degrees 02 minutes 33 seconds East 492.20 feet recorded South 89 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds East 495.00 feet along the North line of Lot 15 to the point of beginning. Subject to Easements, restrictions, right of way and mineral rights of record or in common use.

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

Dated: February 16, 2005.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
FC H (248) 593-1300  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Ameriquest Mortgage Securities, Inc., Asset-Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2004-R7, Under The Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of July 1, 2004, without recourse  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #048112F01

2-16-4

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

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John Perkins, a single man, original mortgagor, to Franklin Mortgage Funding, Mortgagee, dated March 11, 2002 and recorded on March 14, 2002 in Liber 869 on Page 1357, and assigned by said Mortgage to JPMorgan Chase Bank as Trustee as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-One and 55/100 Dollars (\$79,471.55), including interest at 11.75% per annum.

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

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

Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 7 of Foster Dam Subdivision according to the plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 32; thence South 108.5 feet; thence East 192 feet; thence North 108.5 feet; thence West 192 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of the Northwest quarter of Section 20, Town 12 North, Range 10 East.

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

Dated: February 9, 2005

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
FC H (248) 593-1300  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For JPMorgan Chase Bank as Trustee  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #047170F01

2-9-4

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffery R. Sutton and Antoinette R. Sutton, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to DMR Financial Services, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 10, 1999 and recorded on March 9, 1999 in Liber 765 on Page 692, and assigned by said Mortgage to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp. as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred One and 11/100 Dollars (\$71,111), including interest at 7% per annum.

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

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

Lot 14, Block 9 and 15.00 feet of the West side of Lot 15, Block 9 of Village of Millington, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in plat Liber 1, Page 42A, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: February 9, 2005

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
FC S (248) 593-1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Chase Home Finance, LLC successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp.  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #046752F01

2-9-4

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

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by 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 (\$55,400.20), including interest at 7.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on February 24, 2005.

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

Beginning at a Point on the Section line 871.1 feet West of the Northeast corner of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East; thence West along the Section line 50 feet; thence South, right angles to the Section line, to the Northeast boundary line of the Oakwood Addition to the Village of Caro; thence Southeast along the Northeast line of the Oakwood Addition to the Southeast Corner of Lot 6, Block 2 of the Oakwood Addition to the Village of Caro; thence Northeast Parallel with State Street 47.4 feet to the land of Alice Thomas; thence North 279.19 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: January 26, 2005

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
FC X (248) 593-1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #037583F03

1-26-4

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

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott R. Kutsch and Amy K. Kutsch, original mortgagors, to The Prime Financial Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 6, 2004 and recorded on February 10, 2004 in Liber 978 on Page 914, and assigned by said Mortgage to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County

Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-One Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Four and 73/100 Dollars (\$161,194.73), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

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

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

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

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

Dated: February 9, 2005

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
FC D (248) 593-1309  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. / Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc.  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
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File #047604F01

2-9-4

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by MICHAEL H. FRAMBES AND DAWN A. FRAMBES, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to FIRST NLC FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC, Mortgagee, dated July 18, 2002 and recorded on July 26, 2002 in Liber 806 on Page 1480 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by MESNE assignment to THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE EQCC ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2001-2, in which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred fifty seven thousand seven hundred and 32/100 Dollars (\$157,070.32), including interest at 10.990% per annum with an adjustable rate rider.

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, MI, at 10:00 AM on February 24, 2005.

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

COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE SECTION LINE 285 FEET NORTH OF THE EAST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 14, TOWN 14 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST; THENCE NORTH 195 FEET ALONG THE SECTION LINE, WEST 190 FEET, SOUTH 195 FEET, EAST 190 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

DATED: January 26, 2005

**ATTORNEY FOR THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE EQCC ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2001-2**  
Assignee of Mortgagee

**Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.**  
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1-26-4

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Phyllis Hook, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 24, 2002 and recorded on January 24, 2003 in Liber 912 on Page 472, and assigned by said Mortgage to ABN AMRO Mortgage

# ACT Assessment on tap April 9

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment April 9, the next

registration postmark deadline is March 18 (an additional fee is required for late

registration). The ACT Assessment now contains an optional writing test. Some colleges will require writing scores from students entering college in the fall of 2006. Students should check the admissions requirements of colleges they are considering before deciding whether to register for the ACT with or without the writing test. The cost is \$28 without and \$42 with the writing test.

Students can receive registration information from their high school guidance counselors or they can register on ACT's website at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). The website also features test tips, practice tests, and a database for students to find out if a prospective college requires a writing score.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation.



**THE ARTWORK OF** these Cass City High School students will be on display through March 6 at the Saginaw Art Museum in conjunction with the Michigan Art Education Association Region 11 Student Exhibit. The students are (from left) Bryan Hill, Tara Sherman, Ashley Barrigar, Angela Stoeckle and Jessie Tuckey. They and their families were honored at a reception Thursday.

## French classes slated at library

Beginning French classes are being offered for the second time this winter at Rawson Memorial Library. Alice Ward, who has many years of experience teaching French at the high school and college levels, will again teach the classes. The class is designed to add to the material covered in the first set of classes, but the lessons will be appropriate for new students also. The sessions will cover topics such as transportation (trains, taxis, the subway),

buying things, getting a hotel room, telling time and reading important signs, while reviewing materials covered previously.

The cost of the program is \$25 for the 4 weeks: Feb. 23, March 2, 9 and 16. The class will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. at the library.

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SUE MONTEI, R.N. (from left) and Yvette Hurd, R.N. review a chart.

# Local grad now a medical detective

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"In a recent exam my patient reported being assaulted in a grassy place like a field. She had possibly been incapacitated by a drug, so she couldn't remember," Hurd recalled of one case. "Dur-

ing the exam I found a very tiny piece of a weed on her body. It corroborated her story and it's an exciting find for the nursing sleuth."

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enforcement officials. "It has to be signed over by the nurse, signed for by the officer and anyone else that comes into contact with the evidence," Hurd said. "It must always be accounted for to preserve the integrity and prevent questions of tam-

pering in court." Hurd and her fellow SANEs say their work, while intense, provides them with a great deal of satisfaction.

"It can be difficult at times because we are dealing with people often times in both physical and psychological pain," said Shelli Trigg who, like Hurd, is a board certified SANE. "What they have already been through is quite traumatic, and now we are asking them to go through an interview and exam that can also be traumatic due to the type of questions asked and the nature of the exam."

"It can be emotionally draining, but we are all very supportive of one another as a group."

Hurd agreed. "I do find the work very rewarding," she said. "We provide a much-needed service to these patients with physical and emotional trauma. And the real reward is a successful outcome at trial and the 'bad guy' in prison."

"The statistics show that conviction rates are much higher when exams are performed by SANE nurses. That in itself is also a reward, and the payoff for many hours of hard work."

# Ruling good news for pharmacies

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first step to prevent the Department of Community Health from violating laws that the Legislature and the governor established," Wagenknecht said.

"Michigan pharmacists believe that they can provide better care to Michigan patients and keep business in the state, rather than sending it to another state. Keeping patients safe, and a strong economy within the state should be a high priority."

The proposed Medicaid mail order issue is the latest in a series of severe financial blows to the state's pharmacies.

A year ago, Michigan's major unions, including those representing autoworkers, teachers and municipal employees, established mandatory mail order prescription programs for their workers.

## MANDATORY

Steve Eyer, manager of Coach Light Pharmacy in Cass City said that decision was reflected in the overall sales last year at Coach Light. Once major groups mandate mail order prescriptions, he said in a recent interview, "it really cuts into our business. This really kind of put the point on the sword."

Jon Shores, who along with his wife, Cheryl, own and operate the New Sheridan Health Mart Pharmacy and Book Mart Photo Studio in Cass City, said the mandatory prescription programs have been devastating to pharmacy owners throughout Michigan, who have watched their customer bases shrink significantly.

"It's huge. The difference is huge," he said. "Pharmacies are losing half of their prescription load, and not by the customer's choice."

"All I've got right now are small business insurance types (customers), cash customers and Medicaid recipients. The Medicaid recipients are my last big insurance group," he said, adding if that group is taken away, "I don't know what a store like mine will do. It's very frustrating."

Mail order prescription companies have been around since the mid-1980s, and local pharmacies have competed side by side with them until now, Shores said.

"By making it (mail order prescriptions) mandatory, they basically capture all of the business. I have never feared competition, but we can't fight a monopoly like this."

Shores is trying to take his case to legislators as part of a group called Citizens for Consumer Prescription Protection. He has already collected about 600 signatures supporting adoption of a proposed Consumer Prescription Protection Act that was first introduced in the Michigan House in April 2003.

The legislation wouldn't discriminate against mail order companies, but it would require them to adhere to the same safety rules and regu-

lations as all Michigan pharmacies, according to Shores. For example, he said, mail order firms would be required to establish pharmacies in the state and be subject to inspection.

Equally important, Shores said, the legislation would reestablish a level playing field by reasserting the rights of all Michigan consumers to choose what pharmacy they do business with.

In a letter Shores has sent to legislators and others, Shores states mandatory pharmacy services agreements enforced by out-of-state pharmacy providers are siphoning billions of dollars - at least \$2.5 billion last year - in taxable prescription drug sales out of Michigan.

"The financial prosperity of Michigan pharmacy business is an important tax revenue generator for this state, and much of this prosperity has recently been spirited across state lines to the fiscal detriment of the citizens of our cash-strapped government," he said.

"These billions lost in sales also directly translate into tens of hundreds of lost pharmacy, pharmacy-related and pharmacy-dependent jobs. Sales losses at many Michigan pharmacies are severe enough to spell the eventual demise or bankruptcy of those businesses, adding to the gloomy fiscal picture for our state."

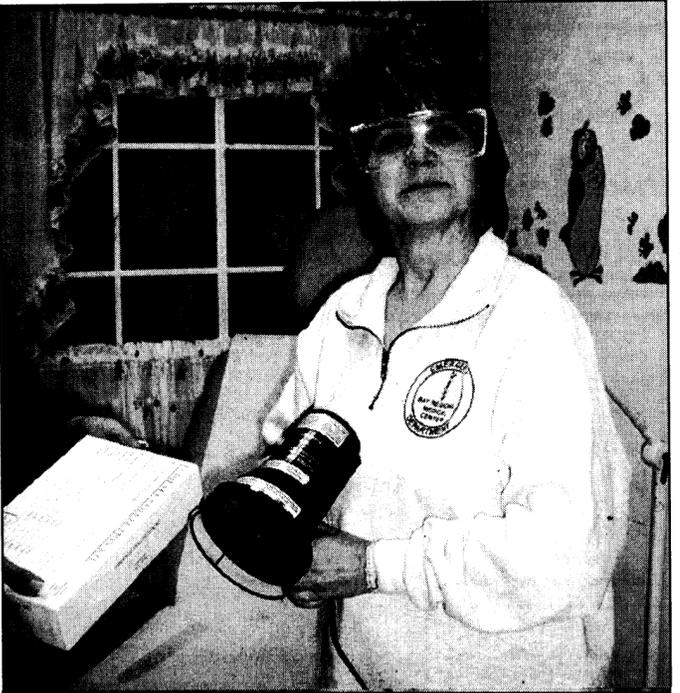
The result, according to

Shores, has been a shifting among the state's pharmacies towards cash-paying, non-insured customers.

The upward pressure on cash prescription prices - by up to 40 percent statewide - is already punishing the very people who can least afford to pay for more prescription services, the working poor, Shores said.

In spite of the seriousness of the issues, Shores continued, politicians are reluctant to take on the major unions by supporting the Consumer Prescription Protection Act.

"I don't think it will get passed, but it will keep it high profile," said Shores, who would like to see the act put before a statewide vote in 2006.



SEXUAL ASSAULT Nurse Examiner Sue Plessner, R.N., demonstrates the use of the ALS (alternate light source) used to detect fibers and biological samples from a victim's skin and clothing.

# Several appear on charges

A Fostoria husband and wife face possible jail time following their convictions last week on drug and firearm charges.

A Tuscola County Circuit Court jury convicted both David E. Fisher, 42, and Dawn Fisher, 42, following a 3 day trial.

David Fisher was convicted on charges of delivery/manufacture of marijuana, maintaining a drug house and possession of marijuana. Dawn Fisher was also convicted of possession of marijuana and maintaining a drug house as well as possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

The charges stem from the couple's arrest last September in Watertown Township, according to court records.

Pre-sentence investigations were ordered for both defendants. Bond was continued at \$3,000 for David Fisher and \$7,500 for Dawn Fisher. Sentencing dates for both are to be scheduled.

In other circuit court proceedings last week:

•Ronald C. Babcock, 34, Vassar, was sentenced to 3 years and 10 months to 30 years in prison for his jury convictions on charges of possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony July 27 in Fairgrove Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,585 plus \$1,000 in attorneys fees and restitution of \$202.18.

•Trevor D. Bitzer, 25, Caro, was sentenced to 18 months to 10 years in prison for his

pleas of guilty to assaulting a police officer and 2 counts of assault and battery Aug. 8 in Almer Township, and to being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

He was also ordered to pay \$240 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$2,512.55.

•Donald A. Estep, 45, Caro, was sentenced to 18 months to 10 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Feb. 1 in Caro, and to being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

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

•Victor H. Long, 61, Millington, was sentenced to 237 days in the county jail for his pleas of no contest to fleeing a police officer and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor June 16 in Millington Township.

He was also ordered to pay fines and costs totaling \$165 plus restitution of \$200.

•Timothy J. Maurer, 18, Reese, was sentenced to 180 days on an electronic tether for his plea of no contest to second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years June 26 in Reese.

He was also ordered to pay \$820 in costs and fines.

•Ann Marie Buff, 44, Millington, was sentenced to 90 days in jail (deferred) and 24 months probation for her plea of guilty to embezzling \$1,000 to \$20,000 while employed at Simons' IGA and Variety Store in Arbel Township between January and May.

She was also ordered to pay \$620 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$5,000.

•Shaunders J. Novak, 19, Caro, was sentenced to 3 to 15 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to second degree home invasion June 5 in Wells Township, and to car-

rying a concealed weapon, 5 counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder June 6 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$480.

•Bruce B. Simmons, 53, Fairgrove, pleaded no contest to a charge of attempted second degree criminal sexual conduct involving injury to the victim between November 2003 and November 2004 in Fairgrove Township.

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

•Robert A. Leader Jr., 34, Caro, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 4 in Wells Township, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$35,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Joshua Gillespie, 19, Caro, pleaded guilty to larceny from a motor vehicle Nov. 24 in Caro and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions), and 2 counts of stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without the consent of the device holder Oct. 24 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at a combined \$27,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Cary D. Moyer, 40, Burton, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to failure to pay child support from May 2003 to the present.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,060 in costs and fines.

# Student numbers increase

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Last week's enrollment tally will be blended with the next count in September to determine funding for the 2005-06 school year. Should Cass City's blended count still add up to an additional 16 students, the district would receive some \$107,000 more in revenue.

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