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Blaze destroys house

Six area fire departments responded to a blaze that gutted a house west of Cass City last week.

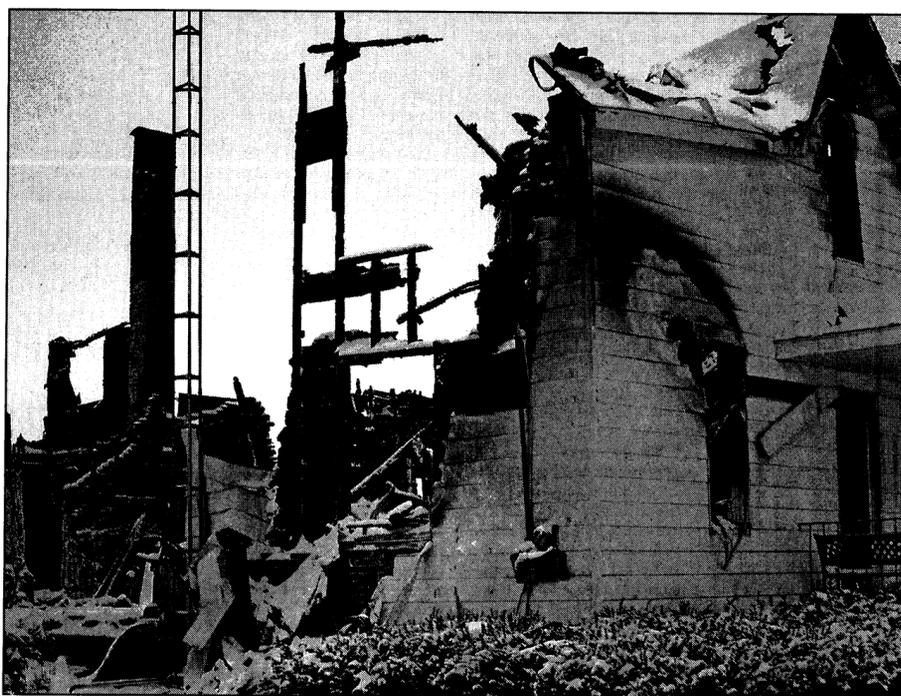
The fire was reported Wednesday at 12:22 a.m., according to Elmwood Township-Gagetown Fire Chief Paul Lopez, whose department was first called to the scene.

Lopez said the 2-story farmhouse at 4709 Cedar Run Road was engulfed in flames when they arrived. "It was going pretty good when I got there. It looked like it got a pretty good start," he added.

Lopez said the cause of the fire has not been determined yet, but noted he would not call it suspicious. An estimate on the dollar value of the loss was not available.

Fire fighters remained at the scene for about 5 hours. The Elkland Township, Caro,

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AN EARLY MORNING blaze last week gutted the Doyle Likens residence, 4709 Cedar Run Rd., Cass City. Six area fire departments responded to the fire.

Pantry assists county children

Families in need of a helping hand with supplies for their infants, toddlers and young children now have a new resource to turn to in Tuscola County.

The Tuscola County Baby Pantry opened in December, offering families free baby foods, formula, clothing, diapers, high chairs, bedding and toys and books.

Caro residents Cheryl Cowsert and Dorothy Kreil, who spearheaded the project, plan to open the pantry twice a month, every second and fourth Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The pantry is housed in the basement of the Wahjamega Country Church, located at 2551 Center Rd., near Caro. "The Tuscola County Baby Pantry is a community program designed to help families with babies and small children in Tuscola County," said Cowsert, a childcare referral specialist with 4C Child Care Unlimited. "Our goal is to offer basic necessities such as baby food, diapers, baby wipes and clothes to small children and babies. "Baby furniture will be distributed on an as-needed ba-

sis," she added. "The baby pantry will also have a resource library of organizations, agencies and other services offered to families throughout Tuscola County."

Cowsert emphasized that the pantry is open to any family in Tuscola County with children up to age 5. Pregnant women are also welcome, and there are no income guidelines, although families are required to adhere to a specific list of items they may take during their visits to the pantry.

Cowsert, who has been working on opening a baby pantry in the county for the past year, said the first such program in Michigan was launched in 1993 by a social worker in Montcalm County, Huron and Sanilac counties both already have similar baby pantries, she noted.

Both Cowsert and Kreil, a Head Start teacher in Caro, took on the non-profit project as part of an internship they are completing while earning their social work degrees at Spring Arbor University in Flint.

But Cowsert, whose job

puts her in touch with many family service agencies, including the Family Independence Agency, said she had planned to open the pantry anyway. "I personally was working on it because I saw a need for it," she said.

Cowsert successfully wrote a \$1,200 grant funded by the Tuscola County Child Abuse and Neglect Council, and she went on to accept other contributions, including \$700 from the Human Development Commission. Her own employer has donated a phone line and fax machine. Cellular One donated a cell phone, and the Family Independence Agency has kicked in a large supply of diapers.

Cowsert said many individuals have come forth with

donations of items or other assistance, while the church is providing donated space for the pantry.

Donations are always welcome, she continued. "We can use good, gently used baby clothes, baby blankets, high chairs, strollers, toys and books. Other donations could include diapers, baby food and baby formula," she said. Volunteers are also needed.

Items can be dropped off at Wahjamega Country Church during regular baby pantry hours, or residents can contact Cowsert or Kreil at (989) 670-2176. Cowsert can also be reached at 672-4089.

Cowsert and Kreil plan to host an open house for agencies, churches and anyone

interested in learning about the pantry, Monday, Jan. 24, from 4 to 6 p.m.

But the pair already know word is getting out about their new resource for families. Cowsert noted she initially wrote a grant to serve 20 families, and they exceeded that number during their first 2 days of business last month.

"Our first day we served 45 families and the second day we served 30 new families and 12 return families," she said.

"There have been so many cuts (in services statewide), that many people just don't qualify for help," Cowsert added. "What are they going to do? Go without? The need is there."

Involuntary manslaughter

Warrant issued in death of area teen

by Tom Montgomery Editor

The Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office Monday issued an arrest warrant in the death of a Cass City High School senior last November.

The warrant alleges a charge of involuntary manslaughter against John Patrick Bulla, 20, of Cass City, in the Nov. 13 death of Andrew James Arthur Haas. Involuntary manslaughter is a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison and/or a fine of \$7,500.

"It's our understanding he (Bulla) will be surrendering himself tomorrow (Tuesday) morning to be arraigned," Prosecutor Mark Reene said Monday afternoon.

Reene said a number of factors played into the length of time between the death and the time charges were filed. "We're still less than 2 months from the incident

date. There was a large number of witnesses interviewed by the sheriff's department," he said, noting his office didn't receive the written autopsy report until mid-December, and then the holidays followed.

The autopsy report confirmed what investigators believed; that Haas died as a result of blunt trauma to the head.

"We're comfortable that it was a single strike to the face - no weapon involved - but that blow did cause the death of the victim."

Police believe Bulla struck Haas during an altercation between the 2 men at a weekend party at a location near Cass City Road, west of Hurds Corner Road, in Elmwood Township. Deputies called to the scene found the remains of a fire and numerous beer cans and bottles. Friends had already trans-

ported Haas, 18, of Ubyly, to Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Investigators later identified Bulla as the suspect during interviews with several witnesses at the party.

There was evidently some friction between Bulla and Haas, but it isn't clear why, according to Reene. "They had a conflict that evening with some talk back and forth," he said, adding there was no longstanding problem between them.

Given the circumstances and evidence, Reene continued, involuntary manslaughter is the proper charge in the case.

"We're not alleging an intent to kill or to do any great bodily harm, but an intentional assault and battery resulting in death," he said. "It's horribly tragic that it ends with these consequences, but the accountability is there."

Wilson named acting interim village manager in Cass City

Despite the recent departure of former village manager Frank Sheridan, Cass City residents will have a familiar face to turn to concerning village affairs.

At least till the end of the month.

That's the period of time the village council appointed police chief Gene Wilson as interim Acting Manager during a special meeting held Monday night at the municipal building.

On the recommendation of

the Personnel and Public Safety Committee, Wilson's primary responsibilities will be day-to-day operations. Further, all purchases above \$500 must be approved and any incident reports will be submitted to the committee.

In the event of Wilson's incapacity, Rick Mohr and Craig Haynes, in that order, will act as alternates.

Wilson, or his alternate, will be paid an additional stipend of \$100 per week. If needed, a pair of qualified and experienced persons, Peter Cristiano and Don Duggar, have been contacted about providing village manager consultant services at a fee of \$30 per hour.

Looking ahead, the council hopes to have in place an Interim Manager entering February. Four individuals have expressed an interest in the position. They are: John Berthold, 25 years of city manager experience in 6 municipalities; Peter Cristiano, former city administrator of Southfield; Darcy Long, former city manager of Brown City; and Dennis White, former interim manager for villages of Douglas

and Fowlerville. The successful candidate is projected to serve for a period of 3-6 months. During that time the council hopes to have hired a permanent village manager. To assist with the search, the council entered into an agreement with the Michigan Municipal League at a cost of \$6,000 plus expenses.

TAX ABATEMENT

As expected, the council granted an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate request from TI Automotive. Jim McLoskey, Tuscola Economic Development Corporation Director told the board that this is "one of the few local incentives you have to offer."

McLoskey stated that he has been involved with nearly 25 different tax abatement projects in the county and believes this one would benefit the community.

The agreement calls for a 50% tax abatement on personal property coming to Cass City totaling \$608,000

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YFC to host game dinners

It isn't "Dinner and a Movie", but upcoming events sponsored by Youth for Christ offer area residents 2 opportunities to enjoy dinner and a Red Hawk basketball game, and at the same time contribute to a great cause.

The local Youth For Christ Campus Life group will host dinner before the Friday, Jan. 14 Cass City-Lakers matchup. The seventh annual baked potato dinner will be held in the Cass City High School Cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m.

The dinner will include all-you-can-eat baked potatoes with your choice of toppings - chili, cheese, broccoli, stroganoff and bacon bits. Salad, beverages and dessert are also included in the meal.

The suggested donation is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and \$20 for families. Proceeds will help area teens pay for trips hosted by Campus Life/Youth for Christ.

Also on tap is Youth For Christ's fourth annual soup supper, Friday, Jan. 21, prior

to the Cass City-USA basketball game.

The dinner, slated from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria, will include 8 to 10 varieties of soup, bread, crackers, dessert and beverages.

Donations will be accepted at the door. Again, the proceeds will go towards Campus Life/Youth for Christ activities.

Youth for Christ is a non-denominational organization that works together with families, local pastors, youth pastors and educators to give every teen the opportunity to make positive decisions in their life.

In Cass City, Youth for Christ Campus Life has been a constant partner with area churches and schools for the past 7 years, offering teens and pre-teens positive opportunities for growth and faith.

"The ministry's work is done through programs, trips and events that take teens out of their normal, and sometimes destructive, day-to-day

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First Cass City baby arrives

THE FIRST BABY of the new year reported by a Cass City couple arrived Thursday, Jan. 6, at 9:44 p.m. Emily Rae McGee was born at Covenant Harrison in Saginaw. Her parents are Kristen Edwards and Dan McGee. Grandparents are Peggy Edwards and Duane Edwards of Cass City, and Charles McGee of Detroit. The family will receive a host of gifts donated by local businesses.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 989-269-6994



Charlotte Particka entertained 8 members and 2 guests of the Greenleaf Homemakers at a holiday tea party at her home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen visited Donelda Meske at the Huron County Medical Care Facility and Bud Baker at Courtney Manor on Sunday.

Claude Mestack, Ron Wolschlag, Jack Kennedy and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Sweeney of Brown City met Jim and Kay Sweeney at Inlay City for dinner on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Al Peruski of Parisville, Jim Lewis, Bernard Morley and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Monday morning.

Around 75 members of the Alex Particka family met at Lamotte Hall for a Christmas dinner and a get together Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were New Year's Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Depcinski.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Particka of Humble, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Reid and Ethan of Clinton Township, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Particka, Jeanie and Ted Particka and Ashley of Ohio were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Melvin Particka.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly, Grant, Heath and Lee were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Al Salowitz at Mt. Clemens.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western, Allen Farrelly and Margaret Cook attended the Ruth K of C New Year's Eve party on Friday where Barney Schubering played.

Bob Zurek and Ray Depcinski attended the John Deere Show Thursday in Sandusky.

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

Brooke Depcinski spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski.

Allen Farrelly visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Erwin in Bad Axe Thursday afternoon and Don Rackoff, Henry Leppek and Leo Bodis at the Huron County Health Center Tuesday.

Angelina Burkhardt, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Guigar attended Clarence Depcinski's 65th birthday party Wednesday evening.

Christmas day dinner guests of Debbie Siebel, David and Becky in Frankenmuth were Helen Decker of Freeland, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Damm of Pigeon, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Katz and Michala and Landon of Wayland, Mrs. Chuck Rubey and Paul, Clara Bond of Cass City, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hurford, Grant and Jenilee of Attica, and Christy Damm of Washington, D.C.

Allen Farrelly visited Eleanor Koski at the Caro Rehab on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the 6 o'clock evening mass at Ubyly at St. John's Church and later were supper guests of Greg and Susan Krozek and family at Filion.

Rick Stuart, Jim Lewis, Wayne Kennedy, Allen Farrelly and Ron Wolschlag met at Burger King on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Deachin spent New Year's Eve day with Thelma Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Depcinski, Cindy, Brooke, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Carpenter and family of Caro, Betty and Joe Meyers were Christmas dinner guests of Charlie Depcinski.

Over 40 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were at the home of Clarence and Vivian Rumpitz Christmas Day. They all enjoyed a big Christmas dinner and opened gifts. The oldest person at the Christmas dinner was Clarence Rumpitz at 91 years of age, and the youngest was a great-grandchild at 6 months. Family members came from different parts of Michigan and Chicago, Ill. A grandson, Army PFC Matthew

Rumpitz, Arlington, Va., and a granddaughter, Army PFC Rebecca Rumpitz, Fort Huachuca, Ariz. were able to be home for the Christmas holiday. Matthew and Rebecca are the children of Mike and Linda Rumpitz of Ubyly. Mike and Linda have another son in the Air Force, Sgt. Joshua Rumpitz, who was not able to be home.

Bob Cleland Sr. of Florida, Jean Osentoski, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cleland of Walled Lake, Bob Cleland Jr., Alex and Andy were Christmas day dinner guests of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

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

Mary Kay, Dan, Alex and Beth Ritter of Elkton, Sally and Pat Bell, Lauren and Katelyn of Cheboygan, Eric, Heidi, Brandon, Nicole, and Brett Sweeney and Bruce Sweeney of Ubyly were early family Christmas dinner guests of Jim and Kay Sweeney.

Mark Farrelly was a Saturday evening guest of Allen Farrelly. Jamie and Courtney Doerr, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Doerr of Cass City, Amy Doerr and friend, Mike, Wendy Rickett, Caitlyn and Corey, and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Kevin Sweeney of South Lyon spent a couple of days with Mrs. Martin Sweeney. Bernard Morley, Jack Kennedy, Allen Farrelly, Jim Lewis and Al Peruski met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nicol and sons, Jason and John, of Mt. Pleasant, Sharon Franzel of Atlanta, Ga., and Doris Western were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mrs. Allen Depcinski were Wednesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Holdwick.

Julie Korolaski and daughter, Katie, were Sunday afternoon guests of Allen Farrelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mrs. John Pechett visited Thelma Jackson last week.

Angelina Burkhardt and Mrs. Ray Depcinski went to the McAlpine Funeral Home for Magdaline Krantz Thursday.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland visited Mrs. Hiram Keyser Thursday.

Allen Farrelly was a Christmas Eve guest of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly and family.

Sharon Franzel of Atlanta, Ga. and Allen Farrelly were Friday morning guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wiese and Stephanie of Virginia Beach, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Marty Chockley, Amy and Christopher and Velma Cleland were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland.

Engaged



Dawn Enderle and Matthew Bussey

Mr. Frank Enderle of Bay City, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald and Arlene Jamieson of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Enderle, to Matthew Bussey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bussey of Wheaton, Ill.

Dawn is a graduate of Owen-Gage High School and is currently serving in the U.S. Army as an Arabic linguist. She is stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Matthew is a graduate of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., with a math major. He is currently serving in the U.S. Navy as an Arabic linguist. He is stationed in Augusta, Ga. at Ft. Gordon, but has been recently deployed to Bahrain in the Persian Gulf.

A wedding date has not been determined.



Despite the traditional Christmas card winter scenes, I really believe I enjoyed the holiday season just as much sipping latte under a palm tree as I would have shoveling snow.

Our family opted for Christmas in California this year.

Part of the incentive was that our grandchildren (and their parents) live there, so we had a place to stay and got to watch the kids open their gifts Christmas morning.

It's my observation that some toys these days are just too realistic.

Aunt Sandy and Uncle Andy, who arranged the family get-together, gave 3-year-old Gretchen a Baby Chou Chou. She laughs, coos, cries and makes sucking noises when taking her bottle, just like a real baby. She's adorable - most of the time.

But try to get Chou Chou (pronounced Shoo Shoo) to close her eyes and go to sleep! The "off" switch wouldn't do it, and Gretchen refused to go to bed until the baby did. It took 2 grandmas and a real mother to get those eyes closed.

Chou Chou could be very useful in one of those real-life high school classes.

Like most 3-year-olds, Gretchen is a constant source of fun, amusement, and surprises.

The first night we were there, after she'd gone to bed, the adults were down the hall talking. Gretchen called her dad and asked him to tell us to "keep it down" because people were trying to sleep. Then she asked if Grandma got the message, "because I can still hear her."

While shopping one night at Costco, similar to Sam's Club, I attempted to keep her occupied while her mother looked at merchandise.

Gretchen had assumed the identity of a fictional character and I was singing a silly song about it - very softly, mind you - but Gretchen confided, "Grandma, you're beginning to embarrass me." Nevertheless, we got along famously most of the time.

I also had the opportunity to try to help the boys with their homework. It reminded me that I've been out of school a l-o-n-g time!

With Spencer's 4th grade math, I was able to come up with the right answers, but I couldn't understand the method he was supposed to use.

Drew's 6th grade science was over my head.

It seems to me that they have far more and far more difficult homework than boys their ages should be expected to do. When are kids supposed to have fun?

Anyway, it was good to get away for a few weeks and spend time with the family.

Before going to the airport, I made sure my socks weren't holey (We had to remove our shoes), and I was careful to remove manicure scissors, clippers and tweezers from my carry-on bag. The last time we flew, the scissors were confiscated by security.

This time they had to investigate a penlight in my purse. On the return flight, it was Stan who got the third degree. Security spent a long time checking his cane, leg brace and foot pads, but they finally decided to let me bring him home.

The weather wasn't terrific while we were there, but Sandy and Andy missed the huge snowstorm that hit Dayton, Ohio, where they live. It rained a lot in California, but at least we didn't have to plow or shovel it.

Now I think we can make it through the rest of winter.



Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Siemen

Matthew and Bensinger wed

Bryanne Jocelyn Bensinger and Kurt Matthew Siemen were married July 24, 2004.

Bryanne is the daughter of Betty and the late Kirk Bensinger of Ubyly, and the granddaughter of the late Lorn and Belva McIntosh and Evelyn and the late Clayton Bensinger. Kurt is the son of James and Lillian Siemen of Harbor Beach, and the grandson of Fabian and Laura Clor and Ferry and the late Marcus Siemen.

The ceremony took place at the Cass City United Methodist Church, with the Rev. George Ward officiating.

The organist was Don Greenleaf and the soloist was Jeff Bader, both of Cass City. The bride was given in marriage by her mother and uncle, Lytle Bensinger of Carmel, Ind.

The maid of honor was Brooke Bensinger, sister of the bride. The bridesmaids were Cori Gniwek of Cass City, cousin of the bride; Megan Whitlock of West Bloomfield, friend of the couple; Kathy Franzel of Ray Township, friend of the couple; Janis Sahr of Ossineke, friend of the couple; Sarah Piskowky of Indianapolis, Ind., cousin of the bride; Jessie Lamke of

Harbor Beach, friend of the couple; and Julie Siemen of Bad Axe, sister of the groom.

The flower girl was Jocelyn Boote of Manchester, cousin of the bride.

The best man was Brian Siemen of Ionia, brother of the groom. The groomsmen were Michael Sopczynski of East Pointe, friend of the couple; Paul Siemen of Grand Blanc, cousin of the groom; Jonathon Ligrow of Port Huron, friend of the couple; Phil Fuhrman of Wadhams, friend of the couple; Tony Burkhardt of Harbor Beach, friend of the couple; Mark Dekoski of Ruth, friend of the couple; and James Siemen of Harbor Beach, father of the groom.

The ring bearer was Garrett Siemen of Ionia, nephew of the groom. The ushers were Jason Geiger of Rochester, friend of the couple; and Bobby Bensinger of Ubyly, cousin of the bride.

A pond-side white-tent reception was held at the home of the groom's parents for 350 guests. After a week-long honeymoon to Lake Tahoe and northern California, the couple resides in Almont.

Methodist women air meeting

The United Methodist Women met Jan. 3, with 20 members present. A noon luncheon was prepared by group 2; Bea Baker and Laura Bryant are the co-chairmen.

The group welcomed Judy Wallace as a member to the United Methodist Women.

Shirley Wagg presented the pledge service. The United Methodist Women have been in missions and existence for 136 years, and Isabell Thobier was the first missionary.

Senior Menu

Senior Dining Center Sponsored by HDC 6106 Beechwood Drive Cass City, MI 48726 Call Nancy Thane before 8:30 a.m. on the day you wish to come, 872-3656. This is a non smoking dining center. Please bring your own table service. JAN. 14-17-18

Friday - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, beets, biscuit, pineapple upside down cake.

Monday - Closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. birthday.

Tuesday - Spaghetti and meat sauce, tossed salad, cauliflower, garlic bread, fruit.

It's a girl!



Alexa Seiggreen

Ron and Stephanie (Szarapski) Seiggreen of Saginaw announce the birth of their daughter, Alexa L. Seiggreen.

Alexa was born Sept. 14, 2004. Her grandparents are Stan and Arlene Szarapski of Cass City.

Support pro-life this month

Area residents have the opportunity to commemorate the 32nd anniversary of 2 U.S. Supreme Court decisions.

These decisions, Roe v. Wade and its companion case Doe v. Bolton, made elective abortion legal in America throughout all 9 months of pregnancy.

You can join others to show your support of life Saturday, Jan. 22, from 6 to 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 503 S. State St., Caro. This event is sponsored by the Tuscola County Right to Life Affiliate. Light refreshments will follow.

Carrots

Carrots originated in Afghanistan and possibly northern Iran and Pakistan.

Calendar of Events

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

Friday, January 14

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

Saturday, January 15

Drum & Bugle Corps Program, 1 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Monday, January 17

Right to Life Oratory Contest, 6:30 p.m., Caro Indianfields Public Library. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, call (989) 673-5782.

Tuesday, January 18

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

Wednesday, January 19

United Sportsmen's Alliance meeting, 7 p.m., Cass City Gun Club, 2676 Eleghart Rd. Finalization of plans for annual dinner and raffle. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call (989) 872-2398.

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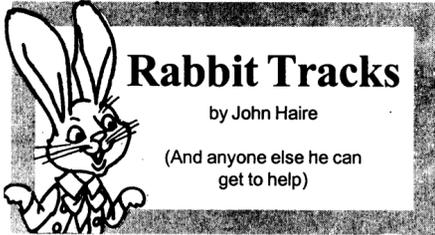
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

If you have a favorite Cass City area resident, one that you feel has done more than most to promote the community, why not submit their name as an excellent choice for the Cass City Citizen of the Year?

It's easy to do. Just list the achievements and mail the information to the Chamber of Commerce, 6506 Main Street, by January 31.

The person selected will be honored at the Chamber of Commerce dinner April 2.

Lost in the bureaucratic shuffle over the busy holiday season was the announcement of the winners of the Christmas Decorating Contest. The top 4 houses: Glen Perkins 4856 Crestwood Circle; Al Graham, 4299 Woodland; Rick Mohr, 4678 Houghton, and Keith Pobanz, 6787 Houghton. The top business firms were Knight Insurance and Special Scents.

There was a surprisingly large crowd at the Bad Axe-Cass City basketball game Friday night. After all, Bad Axe is 1-6 this year. Cass City is 7-0 and that helps ignite fan interest.

If the trend continues and the Hawks remain undefeated in their next 3 games, it just may be that it will be standing room only when USA comes to town Jan. 21. The Patriot fans support their team at home and on the road.

We haven't had a full house for several years now in Cass City, but to be safe better get there early.

Jury convicts local man on 16 counts of CSC

A Cass City man faces prison after being convicted on 16 counts of criminal sexual conduct last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

A jury handed down verdicts of guilty to 12 counts of second degree and 4 counts of fourth degree criminal sexual conduct against Claude W. Golbeck,

35, following a trial that began Tuesday and concluded Thursday. The jury deliberated for 4 to 5 hours.

According to court records, the crimes involved a single victim under the age of 13 years and took place between the fall of 1995 and July 2003 in Cass City.

Criminal sexual conduct is punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered for Golbeck. The court revoked his bond and remanded him to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Agencies partner to help working parents

Thumb Area Michigan Works! has partnered with 4C Child Care Unlimited, a Flint-based organization, to bring assistance to working parents in the Thumb area.

Child Care Advice Days, launched in October 2004 and held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., give TAMW! customer-clients the opportunity to gather information on childcare in the Thumb Area.

Parents are able to browse listings of licensed childcare providers, learn tactics of searching for a day care provider and how to recognize quality placement. They also have the opportunity to register for notification of upcoming special family/parenting classes and on-line childcare help.

The Child Care Advice Days are held on Tuesdays at the Huron County Service Center at 614 North Port Crescent in Bad Axe; on Thursdays they are held at the Lapeer County Service Center at 323 East Genesee in Lapeer, the Sanilac County Service Center at 213 North Elk in Sandusky and at the Tuscola County Service Center at 1184 Cleaver Rd. in Caro.

Three on-site childcare outreach specialists have been stationed in the Thumb area

to assist with this initiative: Cheryl Cowsett in Tuscola County, Sue Foley in Sanilac County and Margaret Filer in Lapeer County.

The Haire Net

It's not worth taking chances



At the end of the school day, Friday, Jan. 21, the first semester ends at Cass City High School. That's indisputable. What's open for debate is when the second semester starts.

If it starts immediately after the first semester ends, Junior Derryl Schenk will be eligible to play against potent Unionville-Sebewaing that night. If the second semester doesn't start until the following Monday, Schenk's debut will be delayed until the following Tuesday at Reese.

Because he transferred to Cass City from Uby this fall, he was not eligible to participate in sports until the first semester was complete. He couldn't play with the football team, but he was at practice playing on defense to help the varsity sharpen its offense.

Besides determining when he becomes eligible to play, the second question is how much will his addition to the squad do for the team? The positive he brings to the Hawks is that at 6'-3" he will be, along with Andrew Martin, the tallest player on the squad. Schenk also is athletic and weighs 210 pounds and can provide the squad with much needed rebounding

strength.

But Hawk fans should remember that Schenk will have missed 9 or 10 games before he becomes eligible and game action never can be replaced by practices. It also should be noted that the transfer student has never played varsity basketball and was a member of the Uby junior varsity last season.

He potentially could be of great value against USA that has a very strong, tall front line and is used to dominating the boards.

Supt. Ken Micklash discussed the situation informally. He said that there is a chance that Schenk could be eligible.

He feels that the safest way to go is to contact the Michigan High School Athletic Association for a ruling. If it okays playing the same day after the official end of the first semester we can proceed safely, without risking having to forfeit any games.

It's not worth taking any chances, Micklash said.

It's especially not worth taking any chances considering that Cass City is cruising along with a record of 7-0, 2-0 in the conference, and will be in the title chase regardless of what happens on Jan. 21.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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My search for an old story about Lawrence Welk's birthplace caused me to do some research. That's kind of unusual for me: I usually just make things up as I go.

This was different, though. I remembered that Lawrence was born in Strasburg, South Dakota; but when I looked at the map I noticed Strasburg is in North Dakota.

This led me to question whether I had the town wrong, also. So I called a newspaper publisher in South Dakota and confirmed that Lawrence was indeed from the other Dakota — and probably Strasburg.

Still thirsty for knowledge, I called a chamber of commerce near Strasburg and the lady on the line said, "Why don't you check the internet? I'll bet there's plenty of stuff about Lawrence on the internet."

The Internet? Duh! How do I do that?

I typed in "Welk" and found a cute, little site from roadside.com, describing Lawrence Welk's birthplace and the old farmstead where he grew up. I also learned my original belief that someone got a huge federal grant to fix up the Welk place is false.

A proposed \$500,000 congressional appropriation for restoration of the Welk farmstead was shot down by Senator Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas back in the '80s. (Thank you, Nancy.)

The folks around Strasburg restored the place themselves. (And I'll bet it didn't take \$500,000, either.)

My basic question of "Why didn't Lawrence fix the house himself?" was also answered. He hated the place!

The web site says Lawrence often donated money to causes in Strasburg, but always stipulated that none of it be used on the farmstead. He hated farming, hated his parents, and apparently wasn't too fond of North Dakota.

When the old place was being renovated in the late '80s, "Mr. Wunnerful" was nowhere to be seen. He died in 1992, the year restoration was completed.

The site suggests he preferred "sleazy Southern California" over his home state. I always said there was some-

thing a little different about Lawrence.

Contrast this with the dentist's son from Arlington, Oregon. This fellow went on to fame and fortune, too, but he never forgot where he came from.

A friend tells me his mother used to go to the dentist in Arlington and listen to a boy practicing his trumpet in the next room. Those were the days when doctors and dentists had their office in the home. The family was always part of the business — whether they wanted to be or not.

My friend's mother said the

boy got pretty good with his trumpet over the years. Still, there's nothing more frightening than listening to the whine of an old, foot-pedal drill while someone sounds a cavalry charge in the next room.

The young man left Arlington for the big city, but has returned many times to play at the Big River Band Festival held in Arlington each June. Folks around Arlington always figured Dr. Severson spent a lot of money on his son's music lessons, but most of them agree it was probably worth it.

Concert scheduled

It will be an afternoon of down-home picking and singing when The Lonesome Mountain Boys make a return visit to the Thumb.

The concert is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 15, from 1 to 4 p.m. The Lake Huron Community Arts Council is hosting this event at the Heidelberg Gallery in downtown Sebewaing.

There is no admission charge, but a freewill offering will be taken.

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This is the time to thank your school board members for the tough decisions they make, their commitment to receive board training on their own time and working tirelessly for the future of our kids.

This year's theme, *School Boards Build Brighter Futures*, is reflected in a proclamation from Gov. Granholm and a resolution from the Michigan State Board of Education, naming January as "School Board Recognition Month." The governor and the board note that this year's celebration "reflects the efforts of thousands of men and women whose actions and decisions help to shape the education and future lives of the next generation."

The contributions of school board members reflect a year-round effort attending school-related meetings, setting priorities for school budgets and speaking out for the best interest of all children. Their tireless efforts play a significant role in the continuing success of students in the workplace.

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Red Hawk Talks

by Leah Sherman

Among our Student Council representatives in the high school are three students who attend a meeting once a month at the tech center in Caro. This meeting is specifically geared toward granting money to non-profit organizations and getting youth to volunteer in the community. The group is FYI (Future Youth Involvement) and the students involved are sophomores, Jill Dillon, Courtney Rabideau and Kyle Swanson.

FYI was started in 1998 by a grant from WK Kellogg. The local schools all have student representatives who review grant applications, and participate in the voting process and other events. FYI dedicates itself and its members to "volunteerism and youth philanthropy."

Each year FYI sponsors the Cardboard City Sleep-out on the Courthouse lawn in Caro. The purpose of this event is to raise awareness of homelessness in Tuscola County and to help people realize the importance of the problem.

FYI also grants money to schools and other non-profit organizations. A grant application must be filled out and reviewed by the FYI members, and a decision is made whether to grant the money, and, if so, how much. This year the members will be surveying local schools to find out where money is needed.

Kyle and Jill both joined at the beginning of their freshman year, and Courtney is a new member this year. Most FYI members are also members of their Student Councils at their schools. Courtney is the president and Jill is a representative of their sophomore class. Kyle is the FYI representative on the executive board, a newly appointed position this year. Kyle is also this year's FYI president.

Jill really enjoys being a part of FYI. She says, "I like giving out money and feeling like I can help people and make a difference." She says that she plans to be involved with FYI throughout her

high school career.

Kyle also enjoys working with youth to make a difference, and says that his favorite part of the program is being able to meet new people from other schools.

Besides getting a couple students from our school involved in the community, FYI is closely related with a program in our school that affects a much larger group of students. Without the grant money that the Student Council received from FYI this year, our after prom party would not be possible.

The after prom party takes place after the prom on May 14. This will be the third year that it has taken place, and it keeps growing in popularity among the students. It was established to keep students off of the streets, and to give them some good clean fun after their high school prom.

The party is at no cost to the students. The only requirement is that the student (and their guest) attended the prom. There is a free concession stand that will have food such as nachos, hot dogs, chips, etc. An electronic bull, a climbing wall, bingo, a volleyball tournament, and a poker tournament, and other games will also add to the fun for the attending students.

At the end of the night, beginning at 4:00 a.m., is an auction. Students use the money that they won by participating in the games to bid on prizes. In previous years there have been TVs, DVD players, bicycles, video game systems, stereos, and many other great prizes given away at the auction. This year's prizes will total approximately \$3,000.

For students who may not have been very lucky in winning throughout the evening, there is a raffle. Anyone who attends the party has their name entered to win a grand prize at the end of the auction. Last year the prize was a computer, and this year the revealing of the grand prize is greatly anticipated.

FYI granted the Student Council our entire requested sum of \$7,996.68. This money will help pay for the prizes, the games, the concession stand, and other expenses. Thanks to FYI, students have another reason to remember their prom night forever!

Letters to the editor

Road patrol will not end in county

Dear Editor,

The Jan. 1, 2005 article in the Tuscola County Advertiser with the headline "Elimination of state police road patrol alarms leaders," has caused concern among area residents. A number of people have contacted me and asked about that item. I feel there are several statements made in that story that need to be clarified.

I want to assure the public that there is no plan by the Department of State Police to eliminate road patrol functions of this agency. I have also contacted Rep. Tom Meyer's office in Lansing and have been told that there is no discussion among lawmakers to take troopers off the road.

The Advertiser story apparently stems from a recent article in the Detroit Free Press,

History has taught us some lessons

Editor

RE: Former Cass City Resident

History has long recorded that man has a problem following established rules. History has also taught us that some men feel superior to ordinary people. Because of this self-conceived importance, they feel they don't have to follow the rules (I personally know of several).

History has also recorded what man is capable of. They crucified the Son of God, the supreme rule maker and doer of great good. The good people also thought he was a thorn in their side.

Your remarks do not shock or surprise me. I am glad you moved. I will not be following you now or in your next move.

God bless Cass City and its residents.
Ray and Marlene Donaldson,
Cass City

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.

other voices sections (Dec. 27, 2004, Local Comment, "To fix budget, ax State Police..." by Stephen Dresch). This columnist proposed a state savings of over \$50 million by eliminating state police road patrol and turning some of the money back to county sheriffs.

What is also disturbing about the Advertiser article are statements made about hours of operation, duplication of services and state trooper salaries.

State police patrols are scheduled for 20 hours per day and are not "done at 4 p.m." The post is open to handle walk in traffic every Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition, the post is also open on most Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 8 p.m. and on many weekday afternoons until 11 p.m. as the schedule permits. The normal weekday office hours are always covered, but with limited staff we have found it difficult to regularly schedule other public hours.

While it is true that road patrol functions are handled by both agencies, there are marked differences in organization and approach to law enforcement activities. If we are going to look at eliminating the duplication of services, I think we would need to take a comprehensive look at the policing functions statewide. Perhaps looking at the Pennsylvania model should be considered, where there is no duplication of services. The Pennsylvania State Police handle all road patrol functions and sheriffs operate the county jails.

It is true that state troopers have a higher rate of pay than deputy sheriffs in Tuscola County. But that is not true in many other counties where troopers work. In the more metropolitan areas of the state, trooper salaries lag behind sheriff's departments and local agencies. It is also interesting to note that when comparing state police agencies with like duties in the Midwest, Michigan State Troopers are among the lowest paid. I have always felt that the pay differential issue is really more a matter of Tuscola Deputy Sheriffs being under-paid. I have been really surprised when I've heard other county workers and village police officers make more money and have better benefits than our deputies. Those deputies deserve higher pay for the duties they perform.

Consideration must also be given to overall state security and crisis response. Rioting in East Lansing and Benton Harbor brought a trained, organized response of troopers from around the state to assist. That same response has been available when natural disasters have struck areas in Michigan.

Tuscola County was recently faced with a potentially dangerous situation when a Caro Center patient assaulted Caro Community School staff. Troopers were quickly mobilized from surrounding posts and Canine, Aviation and Emergency Support teams were quickly on scene to help apprehend that subject. This effort involved probably 100 state police personnel during that 3-day manhunt. Some years ago the Ku Klux Klan rallied in Caro. The Michigan State Police responded with assistance in planning for a safe event and assigned over 50 troopers to bolster local police resources during the rally.

At a time when we are concerned about homeland security and terrorism, I find it very hard to believe that anyone would recommend compromising our safety by eliminating the state police.

Our department was established in 1917, at a time when local military reserve units were sent to fight World War I. The state was left without a force to provide for overall security in case of enemy attack. It seems to me that since 9/11, we are back in that same situation.

Cutting back the county road patrol is a real concern to many people. The public should be made aware of the real facts about law enforcement needs in our county. They should be informed about the countywide decline of police personnel and they should be shown the local crime trends. Our public should also be aware of the actual increase of police response time to 911 calls when we have fewer officers available. Discussions about items that lack any factual basis serve no purpose.

I am in favor of increased road patrol funding, as are many others in our county. If our safety is at state, (as it certainly is with this issue) then the voters need those facts to make the right decision about higher taxes to fund police services.

Sincerely,
Douglas C. Lautner, First Lieutenant
Caro Post Commander

Blood drive scheduled Jan. 18 in Cass City

The next opportunity to donate blood locally will be Tuesday, Jan. 18, from 11 to 6:45 p.m. at the VFW Hall in Cass City. This blood drive is sponsored by the Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary.

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6. You will be someone's hero - you may give a newborn, a child, a mother or a father, brother, or a sister another chance at life. In fact, you may help save up to 3 by just one donation.
7. It's the right thing to do.



Bulldog Beat

by Mary McKee

With 2004 quickly becoming a distant memory and 2005 going in full swing, people are starting to make goals, or resolutions, on how they want to spend their new year.

Resolutions change from year to year as someone grows up. They can go from being something small, like wanting to buy that piece of clothing you always wanted, or something big, like buying a new car or house. It almost seems like a habit to just make a resolution whether or not people plan to keep it.

With 2005 finally here, it is time to make those resolutions that we are so used to making, and because of that I decided to find out what some Owen-Gage students' resolutions were for the new year. I received a wide variety of answers, along with some strange ones.

Whitney Brown would like to save money this year. Amanda Pillsbury's resolution is to try not to have an attitude with her mother. Kayla Kady made a very clever goal for this year, and it is planning ahead.

It is time to think of a New Year's resolution for next year. Nathan Rogers would like to keep a girlfriend longer than a month and Trace Lopez just wants to be a good kid.

Another person I asked said they wanted to not do anything to impress anyone but themselves. Nicole Nowaczyk had a rather unusual resolution, which is to do a stagedive at a concert.

Making resolutions is great, but are they usually kept? Some people make a New

Year's resolution to start keeping their resolutions. Some people don't even make them because they know it is almost impossible to keep them.

When I asked students about their resolutions, I also asked approximately how long they keep them for, or if they actually accomplish them. Jenny Czewski, who wanted to lose about ten or fifteen pounds, says she keeps her resolutions about two to three months. Amanda says her resolutions last about a month. Nathan, who wanted to have more than a one-month relationship, keeps his resolutions for about a week. Nicole said she is determined this year to keep her stagediving goal, because all she has to do to achieve it is go to a concert.

Out of all the answers I received, only a few actually keep their resolutions. Most of the people I asked said they only can keep their resolutions a couple of weeks, but I also noticed that they don't really seem to mind whether or not they accomplish them.

New Year's resolutions can turn out to be a good thing. That is because almost all the resolutions that people make are ones that can better themselves and the people around them. People actually make resolutions and goals all the time, but there is something special about making one at the beginning of a new year.

It is like the slate is wiped clean, and it is a time to start over and make the new year better than the last. I wish everyone luck in their resolutions, and whether or not you keep them, I hope everyone has a great and memorable 2005.

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In fact, the couple is currently hosting the nephew of

their first exchange student for a 2-month visit.

The Winters will host 16-year-old Gabriel Baggiaro until the end of this month, when he will return to his native Brazil. He is the nephew of Paulo Leme, who stayed with the area couple some 23 years ago through

the Cass City Rotary Exchange program.

Three years after hosting Leme, the Winters befriended his cousin, Neto Acerbi.

"He (Acerbi) wasn't our exchange student - he had 3 exchange families in Caro," Marv Winter recalled. "But

when (Cass City native and Astronaut) Brewster Shaw went up, we took him down to Florida to watch" the shuttle liftoff.

Later, the Winters hosted Leme's parents and grandmother at their cottage in Caseville.

And, about 18 months ago, Leme, Acerbi and their wives stayed with the couple for a few days and enjoyed dinner together in Frankenmuth.

"They live in a different country, but people are people," Winter said. "We've always had good times."

Winter said Baggiaro's visit was arranged after Leme e-mailed his daughter, Kelli Hendrick. "He said, would it be all right if he (Baggiaro) came up here, and I said, what would he do up with us - we're old," he joked. "But he's been fun. We tease him."

Winter recalled the couple's time with Leme, saying he was 16 years old at the time. "He's a good kid. He's working for Ford Motor Company in Brazil now and he's making good money. He's doing well," he said.

Shortly after arriving at the Winter's home, he recalled, Leme went to St. Louis, Mich., to say goodbye to a girl from Brazil who was headed for home. He didn't arrive back in Cass City until 5 a.m. the next morning, and he was in no hurry to get up.

Winter said he insisted that Leme get up and eat breakfast. He recalled pointing to a slumbering tomcat on the floor. "I said, 'you see that? He prowls all night and sleeps all day. He can get away with that, but you can't,'" he said, grinning. "So, when he writes letters now, it's still the 'tom cat'."

Baggiaro, who has been attending classes at Cass City High School during his stay, indicated he was looking forward to visiting the Winters after hearing about his uncle's experiences.

"He told me lots of things. He was here in the summer-time, so he told me about the

cottage, and he was the kicker on the football team," he said.

"To get a good job in Brazil, you have to speak more than one language, so (I came here) to improve my English," added Baggiaro, who lives in Barra Bonita, a town of some 35,000 people.

"It's fun. I'm doing better now because I can understand people better. It's difficult in the first week, but I'm good now."

Baggiaro said he still has 2 years of high school to complete before enrolling in college. "I'd like to be a teacher. I'd like to teach economics," he noted.

During his stay in Cass City, the teen has enjoyed attending a Pistons game as well as Red Hawk volleyball and basketball games along with the local band concerts.

"I like sports, probably all of them, but I practice handball, soccer, mountain biking, and I play the guitar."

Baggiaro said life in Brazil has improved quite a bit since his uncle was an exchange student. Back then, the inflation rate in Brazil was 1,000 percent. "Now, it's 8 or 9 percent," he added. "We're still a poor country, but we are improving."

"Here you have sugar beets, and where I live in Brazil, we have lots of sugar cane. My dad works with sugar cane - he's a kind of agriculture engineer and works in the biggest (sugar cane) factory in the world. It's located in my town," Baggiaro continued. He said the factory produces 10 million bags of sugar and 280 million liters of alcohol annually.

"Our agriculture - it's the best thing that we have."

As for his stay in the United States, Baggiaro indicated he has enjoyed the opportunity to experience the people and another culture.

"It's the same. It's a different culture from Brazil - it's a different life. But you can live in the same way. I like it," he said. "I hope to be able to come back someday."

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

Bob Dezomits wears many hats, from artist, sculptor and costume creator to designer and quality control specialist. New to the area, the Deford resident is interested in organizing a group of area residents who share his interest in a variety of artistic works.

The influenza bug has proven to be a greater menace than the Y2K Bug, although a number of Tuscola County residents took the precaution of getting a flu vaccination last fall. Hills and Dales General Hospital officials are scrambling to deal with the same flu outbreak that has filled beds and clogged emergency rooms at a number of Michigan hospitals, including facilities in Bay City, Saginaw and Detroit. The good news is that local hospital officials have kept pace with rising admissions, despite staffing crunches.

Cass City's volleyball team completed a busy week of competition Saturday at the highly regarded Bad Axe Invitational. Coach Beth Howard's spikers will now turn their focus toward Greater Thumb Conference play, which opens Thursday when Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port invades the Cass City Middle School gym. To defeat the perennial power Lakers, the Hawks will need to play with more consistency than they have displayed during their early season matches.

10 YEARS AGO

Walbro Automotive Corporation, a designer and manufacturer of automotive fuel system products, has signed a letter of intent to acquire the Fuel Tank Division of Dyno Industrier AS, Oslo, Norway. Dyno Industrier, one of Norway's largest corporations, is a manufacturer of chemicals, explosives and plastics with operations in 35 countries throughout the

world. Walbro will acquire the fuel tank business of Dyno, with 1994 sales of approximately U.S. \$150 million. Sales of Walbro in 1994 were \$308 million.

The University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute reports that traffic crashes cost the state more than twice the cost of crimes in 1993. The \$12 million spent on crashes in 1993 translates to \$3,166 for each Michigan taxpayer that filed a return in 1992, as compared to \$1,315 per return for crime costs. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Four Cass City school teachers are being recognized by Harvard University for their work in a developmental program. The teachers include Shirley Tuckey, Kathleen Iseler, Brenda Fulcher and Barbara Tuckey.

25 YEARS AGO

One year after the Cass City Area Ambulance Service (CCAAS) began operation, "It's going as well as was expected," according to Jack McDaniel, operator of the service. The chairman of the 4-township ambulance board that oversees its operation, Elkland Township Supervisor Jack Gallagher, said the board is satisfied with its operation. The ambulance serves Elkland, Novesta, Evergreen and Greenleaf townships, each of which contributed the equivalent of \$2.75 per township resident in 1979 to subsidize the service. That totaled \$15,220.

The demise of the McDonald Cooperative Dairy Co. will mean a loss for some dairy farmers of thousands of dollars. How much of a loss partly depends on how much McDonald's gets from sale of its assets and partly on how one defines a loss. Lewis Babich of Gifford Road, Deford, had about \$10,000 in stock in the cooperative, stock which is now worthless.

Either the Calka girls are extremely photogenic or have a knack for being at the

right place at the right time. About a year ago or so Carla Calka was a guest on one of the network television contest shows. In the recent Hula Bowl in Hawaii the cameras scanned the crowd and zoomed in on Mona Calka. She was spotted by Dave Asher. (From Rabbit Tracks)

35 YEARS AGO

According to a reformed Cass City drug user, it's easy to get marijuana in Cass City and kids here are using Pot and popping pills during school hours. This intelligence was revealed to members of the Cass City Rotary Club Tuesday noon by Cass City Police Chief Carl Palmateer who played a taped interview for Rotarians. The Cass City High School student who was unidentified in the tape said that many kids take pills at the school and she had seen them do it. According to this student, she never saw or heard of anyone in the village that was using Heroin.

The Cass City Chamber of Commerce moved ahead with plans for producing a new brochure to introduce residents to the community. President Rodney Krueger has appointed Arthur Randall, treasurer, to handle the details. According to present plans, industry and a few selected businesses will be asked to contribute to the cost of production. The remainder of the book's cost will be realized through a \$5 increase in Chamber dues.

It took a rare combination of circumstances to launch the Marshall Plastic Co. in Cass City. It began with the casual sale of a few snowmobile windows and has turned into a reasonably high volume business catering to the replacement of snowmobile parts and accessories market. Ramroding the venture is Roger Marshall, who is a snow bug himself and early in the boom realized the business potential in the sport.



16-YEAR-OLD Gabriel Baggiaro is visiting with Cass City area residents Marv and Janice Winter. The Brazilian teen is the nephew of a Cass City Rotary exchange student (in framed photo) the couple hosted more than 20 years ago.

Drum and bugle corps focus of library program

Area residents are invited to take a close look into the world of the young musical athletes that comprise today's world class drum and bugle corps during a special program scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 15, at 1 p.m., at Rawson Memorial Library.

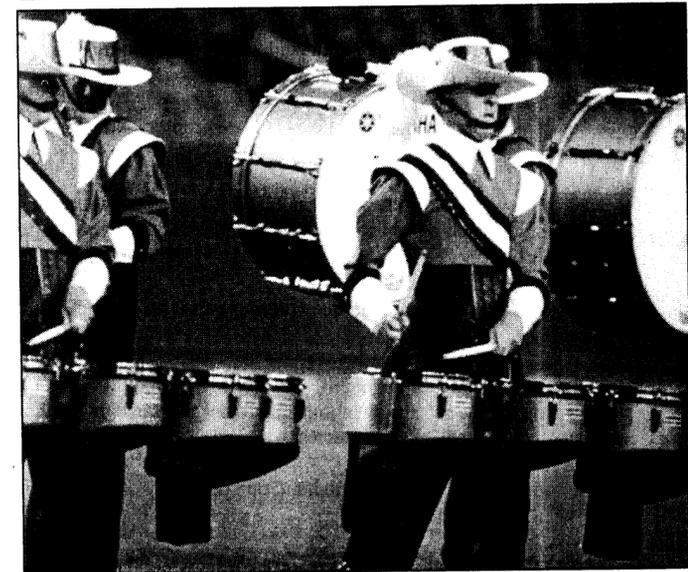
Cass City resident and drum corp fan/sponsor Tom Montgomery will present the program, which will focus on the 6-time World Champion Cavaliers Drum and Bugle

Corps based in Rosemont, Ill.

The drum corps activity is unique. Unlike marching bands, corps are independent groups comprised of young people ages 16 to 21 that travel thousands of miles each summer to compete against one another under an umbrella organization called Drum Corps International (DCI). The corps are also unique in that they perform with brass and percussion

only, and they spend the entire summer polishing and performing one 13-minute show, enabling them to execute complex drill and music programs ranging from the classics to jazz.

The upcoming program will include a showing of the Cavaliers' 2004 World Championship show, "007" in Denver, Colo., along with the shows of another corps or 2, time permitting.



THE CAVALIERS Drum and Bugle Corps captured its sixth Drum Corps International World Championship title last August in Denver, Colo. The Rosemont, Ill., group is the focus of a program on drum corps slated for Saturday at Rawson Memorial Library.

Cass City Area Church Directory

Calvary Bible Fellowship

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

Cass City Church of Christ

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

Cass City Church of the Nazarene

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

Cass City Missionary Church

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

Cass City United Methodist Church

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

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

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.
Pastor: Eric Holmgren
Youth Pastor: Bryan Heller
Website: www.fbccus

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

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. Agatha's Catholic Church

4618 South St., Gageton, MI 48735
665-9966
Sunday Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Parish Administrator: Joan Wyskiel

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.
Youth Group Sunday Evenings 5:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ellen Burns
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Red Hawk grapplers undefeated in GTW

Cass City Red Hawk wrestling fans will have just 2 more opportunities to see the team at home this season. One of the matches will be tonight (Wednesday) against Greater Thumb Conference foes, Saginaw Valley Lutheran and Elkton Pigeon Bay Port. The only other home match will be Jan. 19 against Nouvel and Bad Axe.

The Hawks will enter tonight's matches undefeated, 2-0, in league play. The Hawks defeated Unionville Sebewaing Area 54-22 and host Brown City, 45-36, last week.

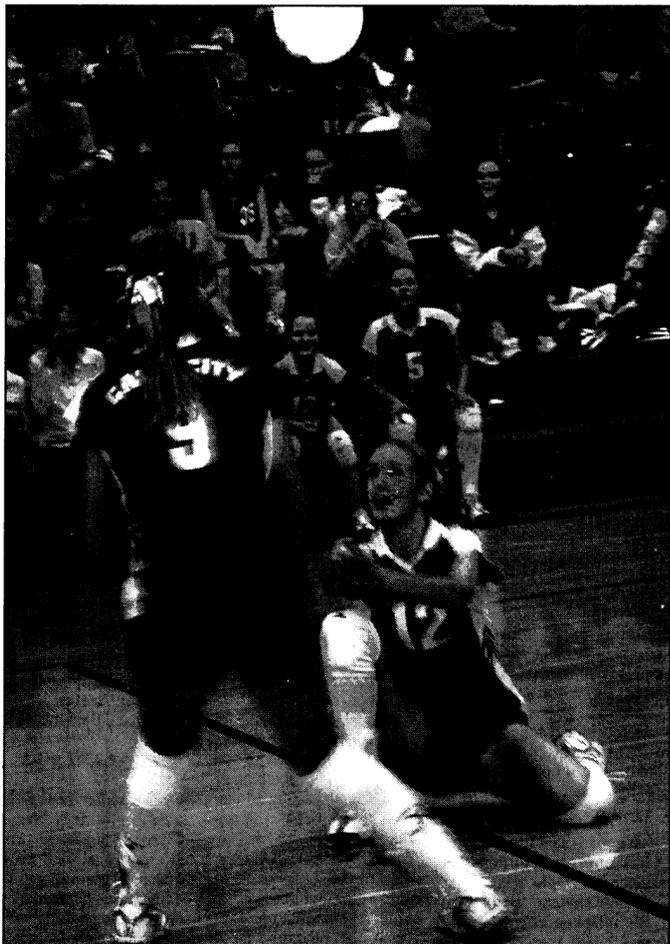
Double winners for the Hawks were: Andrew Peruski, 103 and 112 pounds; Ken Grady, 103 and 112 pounds; Jeremy Farr, 119 pounds; Kyle Reif, 130 pounds; Jerry Crandall, 171 pounds; Jason James, 189 pounds, and Steve Meeker, 215 pounds.

Saturday the Hawks finished third in the 6-team tournament at North Branch, won by Lapeer East, 5-0. Other teams finished in the following order: North Branch, 4-1; Cass City, 3-2; Saginaw Nouvel, 2-3; Cros-Lex, 1-4; Warren Woods Tower B, 0-5.

Earning perfect 5-0 records for Cass City were Peruski and Reif.

Coach Don Markel said that considering that several varsity wrestlers were missing from the starting lineup due to medical reasons, we had a fairly good week. We went 5-2 for the week and many of the rookies stepped up and performed very well.

Cass City's season record is 9-9.



RED HAWK Ashley Hendrick drops on one knee to set up this shot Thursday against guest Bad Axe. The Hatchets won the GTW meeting with scores of 25-19, 26-24 and 25-13.

Cass City Bowling Leagues

Thursday Nite Trio as of Jan. 6

Jebco Consulting 24.5

Martin Electric 19
Schmaltz Construction 17 *
United Building Centers 17 *
Dairy Queen Brazier-Caro 15.5
Doerr Landscaping 15
Mycogen Seeds 15

Individual High Games & Series: D. Miller 230 (597); K. Martin 256 (593); L. Summers 223 (591); R. Doerr (580); D. Dickinson 213 (578); G. Robinson 236; J. Baker 223; D. Burkel 221.

Team High Game & Series: Jebco Consulting, 663 (1890).

* United Building Centers and Schmaltz Construction points subject to change due to makeup later this week.

Merchanettes

All Season Video 41
Thumb Octagon Barn 32
Gagetown Cutting Corners 30
Osentoski Realty/Auct. 27
Charlie's Angels 26
FBI Gals 25
Crowley Chiropractic 23
Cablettes 20

Individual High Games & Series: S. Hutchinson 181 (516); K. Maurer 198 (504); M. Gray (483); S. Buschlen (480); P. Bauer 195; J. Morell 182; C. Brown 181.
Team High Game & Series: FBI Gals 808 (2390).

Merchants as of Jan. 5

Charmont

Lee Morgan Painting 30
Curtis Chrysler
Patrick's Flooring 19

Individual High Games & Series: T. Lis 228-244-234 (706); J. Reed 213-204 (597) 147 over average; C. Gruzowski 224.

Village

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for 12 years. In turn, Don Hulén, TI Automotive Caro plant manager, says the company will shut down 13 after-market lines in its Meridian, Connecticut plant and transfer the equipment, 80-90 pieces, to its machine tool center, located across from Anrod Screen Cylinder on Garfield Avenue.

Hulén stated that 50 new jobs will be created in the village and that the company hopes to have the equipment in place by the end of February. At the end of June, Hulén feels the building, including a 10% management force, will be fully staffed.

Hulén stated that the work to be performed at the machine tool center is assemble work and not manufacturing. "For us it's logistics," Hulén said. Adding, the company will save an enormous amount on economy of scale.

Cass City spikers bow to Hatchets

Cass City struggled through a testing opening week in its 2005 volleyball schedule, bowing Monday to Greater Thumb West favorite Bad Axe, before traveling to compete at the always-tough Freeland Invitational on Saturday.

Coach Beth Howard's squad worked its way to a 1-2-1 mark in pool play at the tourney, defeating Michigan Lutheran Seminary 25-20, 25-17, while bowing to Freeland and Hemlock. Cass City's split with Clare, 13-15, 25-23, advanced the Hawks into the consolation bracket where they met up with

Bridgeport.

"The potential is there," commented coach Howard. Adding, "When we communicate, we play as a team."

Following a 25-22 setback in the opener, the Hawks, playing shorthanded, evened the match against their Tri-Valley East foe with a 25-16 victory in game 2. However, Bridgeport sent Cass City home with a 15-10 decision in the rubber match game.

"Sara (Meeker) has a injured back, so I had to call on a couple of sophomores. They did pretty well considering that they have never practiced with us before."

Luann Laming recorded 12 points to pace Cass City. Laming also contributed 29 assists, 43 digs and 33 receptions.

Also for the Red Hawks, Ashley Hendrick and Emily Schinnerer combined for 59 kills, while Danielle Dohn had 29 digs and 36 receptions, and Traci Woodward, 17 digs and 20 receptions.

GTW

Bad Axe needed just 3 games to defeat host Cass City Monday in the opening match of conference play for both schools.

The Hatchets took game one 25-19, but had all it could handle in game 2, squeaking out a tight 26-24 win. The defending GTW champs ended the contest with a 25-13 decision in the final game.

"We had some really long volleys, it was the best I've seen the girls play this year," said coach Howard.

Leading the Hawks in kills was Hendrick with 10, while Laming posted a team best 11 assists and Schinnerer was high for the hosts with 20 digs.

Cass City will travel Thursday to face Ubyly.

Owen-Gage falls in quarterfinals at invite

The more things change, the more they stay the same. That old adage seems fitting for the North Central Thumb League volleyball wars.

Using rally scoring, for the first time in league play, Owen-Gage started the defense of its NCTL volleyball title in regular fashion last Monday with a victory in straight games over host Akron-Fairgrove.

The Bulldogs followed their opening performance with a gutsy outing at the Bad Axe Invitational on Saturday, where coach Ashley Adams' squad advanced into the

quarterfinals before bowing to the eventual champion Bad Axe, 25-13, 25-15.

"Our girls and I will need to get used to the rally scoring, said Adams of the rule change in scoring. "It's exciting and makes the games a little closer."

The Bulldogs compiled a 2-1-1 mark over the weekend in its pool play with a pair of victories over Port Hope (25-21, 25-18) and Millington (25-10, 25-15), while bowing to Cros-Lex, 25-15, 15-22, and splitting with Harbor Beach 15-25, 25-19.

Senior Katie Swiastyn led

the Bulldogs with 34 points, 17 aces, 23 kills, 19 assists and 22 digs. She received plenty of help from Kayla Zaleski, who recorded 22 points, 14 aces, 44 kills, 21 digs and 3 blocks.

Owen-Gage also had Michelle Brown with 16 points, 9 aces and 4 saves, while Nicole Schmidt registered 14 points, 4 aces, 7 kills, 22 assists and 7 saves.

NCTL

Owen-Gage got its season off to a splendid start with wins of 25-15, 15-19 and 12-19 over their NCTL host Vi-

ings. "We played together as a team. Hustling, communicating, no one player stood out," Adams said.

On the evening, Zaleski posted a team-high 15 points and 15 kills. Swiastyn had team highs in assists and digs, recording 9 and 11, respectively.

The Bulldogs also received 9 points each from Mary McKee and Brown, while Schmidt added 5 assists and 9 digs.

Owen-Gage, 1-0, 3-2-1 overall, will entertain Caseville on Thursday.

Ordinance 152 defines the use of snowmobiles within the Village of Cass City. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available at the Village Hall, 6506 Main Street. The highlights of the new Ordinance are:

A. No person shall operate a snowmobile upon any public property, railroad right-of-way or public utility area, except as follows:

- i. Snowmobiles may be operated in these areas in the performance of official duties for law enforcement.
- ii. Snowmobiles may be operated in these areas during a period of emergency or when travel by conventional automotive equipment is not possible, as declared by a police agency having jurisdiction.
- iii. Snowmobiles may be operated in these areas for a special snowmobile event of limited duration, which is conducted according to a pre-arranged schedule under a permit from the Village of Cass City.

B. No person shall operate a snowmobile upon any sidewalk or municipal right-of-way within the Village, unless it becomes necessary to cross that sidewalk or right-of-way. However, the snowmobile shall be brought to a complete stop before entering the sidewalk or right-of-way and the operator shall yield to all approaching pedestrians and motorized and non-motorized vehicles.

C. Snowmobiles shall only be operated upon the streets, alleys or other public roadways of the Village as follows:

- i. Snowmobiles shall not be operated on Main Street between Brooker Street and Ale Street, or on Seeger Street between Garfield Street and Huron Street, unless it becomes necessary to cross those streets. However, the snowmobile shall be brought to a complete stop before entering the street and the operator shall yield to all approaching pedestrians and motorized and non-motorized vehicles.
- ii. Snowmobiles shall not be operated in these areas with a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour.
- iii. Snowmobiles shall only be operated in these areas between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays, and between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.
- iv. When operating snowmobiles in these areas, they shall only be driven along the extreme right side of the proper lane of traffic for that street, alley or other public roadway.

D. When two or more snowmobiles are operated together, they shall be driven in single file.

E. No person shall operate a snowmobile while under the influence of alcoholic liquor, a controlled substance, or a combination thereof.

F. No person shall operate a snowmobile on private property without the consent of the property owner or his or her agent.

G. No person shall operate or ride a snowmobile without wearing a crash helmet on his or her head, unless such person is riding or operating the snowmobile on his or her own private property.

H. No person shall operate a snowmobile with more than the designated occupant/passenger capacity.

I. No person shall operate a snowmobile within one hundred (100') feet of a slide, ski or skating area. However, a snowmobile may enter such an area for the purpose of servicing that area for medical emergencies.

J. No person shall use a snowmobile to hunt, pursue, worry or kill a wild bird or animal.

K. No person shall transport a bow or firearm on a snowmobile unless the bow is unstrung or the firearm is securely encased or equipped with, and made inoperative by, a manufactured, key-locked, trigger-housing mechanism.

L. The owner of a snowmobile shall not permit his or her snowmobile to be operated in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance.



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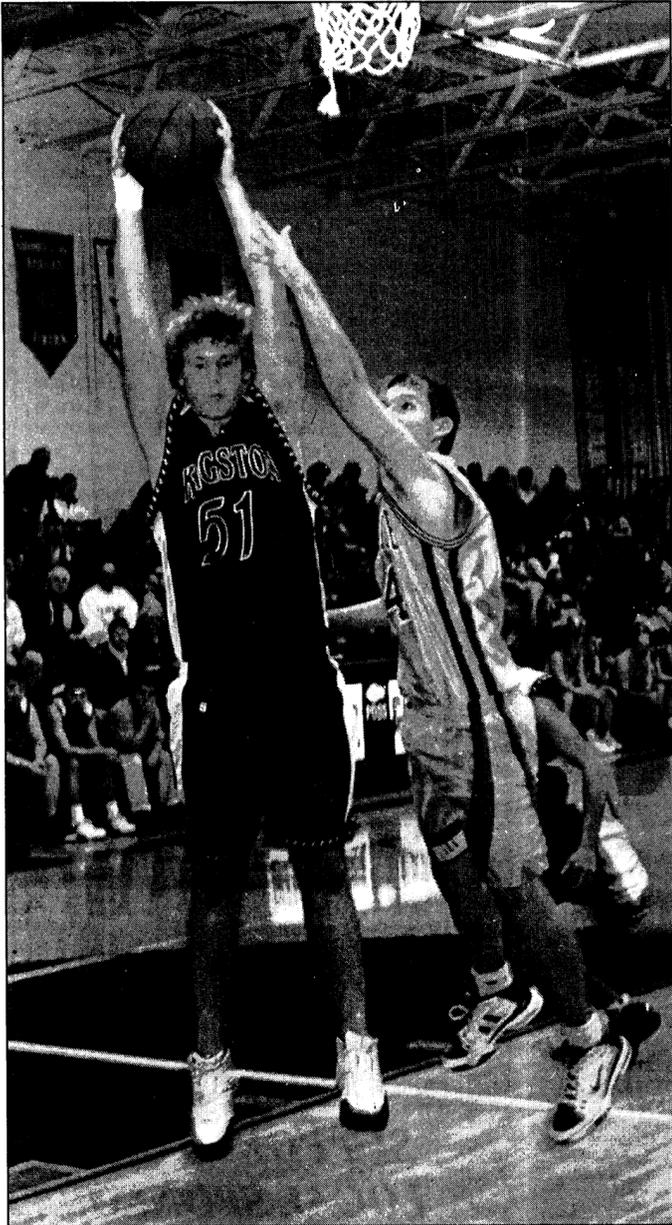
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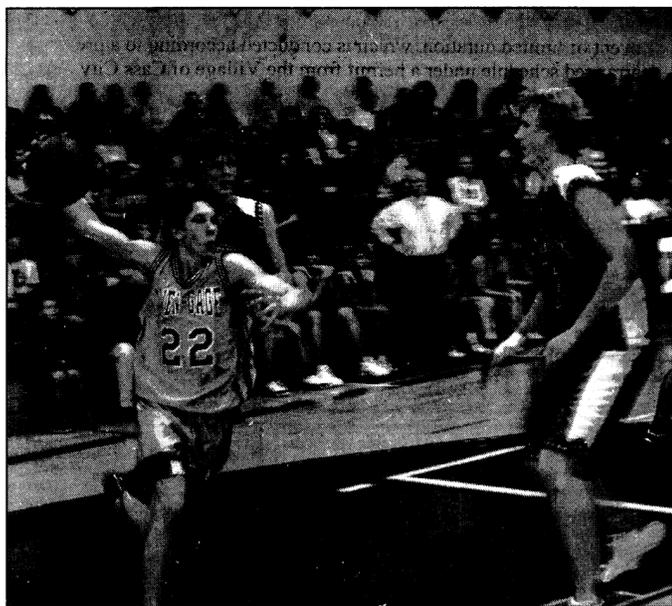
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FULLY EXTENDED for this rebound is Kingston's Nathan Harneck. The sophomore center scored 17 points during Friday's 78-24 whitewashing of visiting Owen-Gage.



BULLDOG FRESHMAN ERIC Zaleski challenges Cardinal defender Nathan Harneck in Friday's North Central Thumb League crossover battle in Kingston.

Kingston whips Bulldogs

Not so fast Owen-Gage. Kingston showed the Bulldogs it still has a way to go before they will be able to challenge the North Central Thumb League's elite. After jumping out to a surprising start with a 4-1 record, the Bulldogs suffered a 78-24 whipping Friday on the Cardinals' home floor. The hosts leaped out to a 19-8 advantage after one period and then built a 43-14 edge by the intermission. The Bulldogs will need a better start if they hope to return to the win column during this week's games against Caseville on Tuesday and Friday when they play host to Carsonville-Port Sanilac. Nathan Harneck and Tristin Pennington, a pair of 6' 5" sophomores, controlled the boards, while Brennan Osantowski and Chad Jobson were hitting shots from the perimeter in the early going for the winners. Kingston continued to have its way after the intermission and outscored their guests

35-10 over the final 16 minutes. The Cardinal defense held the Bulldogs to just 5 points in each of the 2 final periods. Harneck and Jobson split 34 tallies to lead Kingston, while Brandon Jones and Pennington each added 10 points. Brandon Dubs was the high scorer for the Bulldogs with 7 points. **MEMPHIS** On Tuesday the Bulldogs traveled to Memphis and suffered a 72-56 setback. Leading 17-12, the Yellowjackets went on a 23-11 run to close the first half. Both schools traded field goals throughout the final half, but the Yellowjackets' 40-23 advantage at the break proved too much to overcome. Josh Thomson led the host with a game-high 23 points while Nick Arnold added 18. Dubs posted 21 points to lead Owen-Gage, while Aaron Faist recorded 15 points.

OWEN-GAGE - Dubs 2-1 (0-0) 7; Zaleski 2-0 (1-4) 5; Wilcox 1-0 (0-0) 2; Rogers 2-0 (0-2) 4; Faist 1-0 (1-2) 3; Adams 1-0 (0-0) 2; Pawlak 0-0 (1-2) 1. **TOTALS - 9-1 (3-10) 24.** **KINGSTON** - Bastain 0-0 (2-2) 2; Neff 3-0 (1-2) 7; Osantowski 0-2 (0-0) 6; Filipek 2-0 (3-4) 7; Jones 5-0 (0-0) 10; Jobson 6-1 (2-2) 17; Pennington 5-0 (0-1) 10; Harneck 5-0 (7-7) 17; Pierce 1-0 (0-1) 2. **TOTALS - 27-3 (15-19) 78.** **OWEN-GAGE** - Dubs 6-3 (0-2) 21; Zaleski 1-1 (0-4) 5; Wilcox 1-0 (0-0) 2; Rogers 0-0 (3-4) 3; Edler 1-0 (0-0) 2; Faist 5-1 (2-4) 15; Adams 2-0 (0-0) 4; Pawlak 2-0 (0-0) 4. **TOTALS - 18-5 (5-14) 56.** **MEMPHIS** - Healy 1-0 (0-0) 2; Heldt 0-0 (4-4) 4; Jock 0-0 (1-2) 1; Marnon 1-0 (3-6) 5; Arnold 4-2 (4-6) 18; Thomson 9-0 (3-5) 21; Ponder 2-0 (2-4) 6; McIlhargie 4-0 (1-1) 9; Hanley 3-0 (0-0) 6. **TOTALS - 24-2 (18-30) 72.**

Hawk bench sparks win over Hatchets

It took a little fire from the Hawk bench to shake the team out of a discouraging performance in the opening half of a Greater Thumb West game with Bad Axe Friday and register a 59-38 decision. The fire was provided by Andrew Schinnerer, who burned the Hatchets for 21 points. That's not easy to do coming off the bench, coach Aaron Fernald said. Turnovers were frequent and shots for both teams were missing the mark. It was not until there was 5:26

left in the quarter that Brad Langenburg broke the spell with a basket. That was quickly followed by a hoop by Schinnerer. The Hatchets countered with hoops by Brad Iskow and David Smith. Justin Glaza countered a pair of hoops to close out the low scoring first period with the Hawks in front, 8-6. Schinnerer took charge in the second quarter. The Hawks opened with a 10-2 run, with Schinnerer counting 5 of the points. He closed

out the Hawks' scoring in the quarter with a trey and one of 2 free throws. Jason Iskow and Kelly Durr, each with 4 points, helped the Hatchets stay in a challenging position at the half, 24-17. The outcome of the game was settled in the third quarter as the Hawks outscored Bad Axe, 19-12, paced by Chris Landrith who connected for a pair of treys and a regular hoop and Schinnerer who netted a hoop and 3 of 3 free throws. Comfortably ahead, 43-29,

going into the final period, Cass City stretched the lead to 55-32 with 3 minutes left in the game and the benches from both teams finished the game. The Hawks were to face Marlette Tuesday and then jump back into GTW competition Friday against the Lakers in the last of 4 straight home games. The Cass City junior varsity chalked up its first win of the season, topping the Hatchets, 56-48.

CASS CITY - Glaza 3-0 (2-2) 8; Little 1-0 (0-0) 2; Schinnerer 6-1 (6-8) 21; Landrith 2-2 (0-0) 10; N. Stoutenburg 0-1 (0-0) 3; Langenburg 3-0 (0-0) 6; Martin 0-0 (5-6) 5; Otulakowski 0-0 (2-2) 2; Hoyt 1-0 (0-0) 2. **TOTALS - 16-4 (15-18) 59.** **BAD AXE** - Smith 3-1 (0-0) 9; J. Iskow 4-0 (1-5) 9; Young 1-0 (0-0) 2; Geiger 1-0 (2-3) 4; B. Iskow 2-0 (1-2) 5; Durr 3-0 (3-6) 9. **TOTALS - 14-1 (7-17) 38.**

Chargers bow 63-48 to Hawks

The Cass City Red Hawks extended their winning streak to 6 in the first of 2 games last week with a comfortable win over visiting Saginaw Valley Lutheran Tuesday, 63-48. While the official early season record is gaudy, the win is just number one in the Greater Thumb West competition. The Hawks took control of the game early, jumping off to a 10-0 lead in the first 4 minutes. Three Hawks paced the run that started with a hoop by Chris Landrith, followed by a pair of free throws by Andrew Martin and a trey and a regular hoop by Justin Glaza.

The Chargers finally found the range after Jordan Hurt hit a trey and Valley Lutheran stayed within shouting distance to trail 16-7 at the end of the first period.

That was as close as the Chargers came to the Hawks the rest of the way. The Hawks opened the second quarter with an 8-2 run and with 5:12 left in the half were in front, 24-9. The spurt was paced by Andrew Schinnerer who connected on a pair of hoops. Cass City profited from balanced scoring, as 6 players counted hoops in the quarter to extend its lead to 36-14 before Hurt connected for 2 hoops for the Chargers as the first half ended with Cass City in front, 36-18.

Valley Lutheran rallied in the third quarter and the 2 teams played on near even terms. Paced by Nolan Felsing with 3 hoops and Hurt with a pair, the Cass City lead was trimmed to 44-31. Schinnerer then converted a pair of free throws and Jeff Stoutenburg added a hoop to maintain Cass City's lead, 50-31 at the end of the period.

The teams traded baskets in the last period with both benches seeing action. Glaza with 14 points and Martin and Landrith with 10 each were in double figures for the Hawks. Hurt with 18 and Felsing with 17 paced the Chargers.

Much of the excitement for the night occurred during the junior varsity game. With one second left on the clock, a Charger stepped up to the free throw line to convert the first of 2 shots to give Valley Lutheran a 45-44 decision.

CASS CITY - Glaza 3-2 (2-3) 14; Little 0-0 (1-2) 1; Schinnerer 3-0 (1-1) 7; J. Stoutenburg 2-1 (2-4) 9; Landrith 3-1 (1-2) 10; Langenburg 3-0 (0-0) 6; Martin 3-0 (4-5) 10; Otulakowski 2-0 (2-2) 6. **TOTALS - 19-4 (13-17) 63.**

VALLEY LUTHERAN - Hurt 5-2 (2-4) 18; Schibelhut 3-0 (0-1) 6; Felsing 7-0 (3-4) 17; Perlberg 1-1 (0-0) 5; Kern 1-0 (0-0) 2. **TOTALS - 17-3 (4-5) 48.**

STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST			
Team	W	L	Pct
Cass City	2	0	7
Reese	2	0	6
USA	1	1	5
BCAS	1	1	4
EPBP	1	1	3
Valley Luth.	0	2	2
Bad Axe	0	2	1

NCTL NORTH			
Team	W	L	Pct
Caseville	5	1	5
Owen-Gage	3	3	4
North Huron	2	3	2
Port Hope	1	5	1
A-Fairgrove	0	6	1

GREATER THUMB EAST			
Team	W	L	Pct
H. Beach	2	0	2
Ubyly	1	0	3
Brown City	1	1	7
Bandusky	1	1	3
Marlette	1	1	2
Mayville	1	1	4
Deckerville	0	3	0

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This week's match ups



John Haire



Clarke Haire



Tom Montgomery



Doug Hyatt

Date	John Haire	Clarke Haire	Tom Montgomery	Doug Hyatt
Tuesday, January 11				
Harbor Beach at Bad Axe	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Bad Axe
Ubyly at Lakers	Ubyly	Lakers	Lakers	Ubyly
Saginaw B.V. at USA	Saginaw B.V.	USA	Saginaw B.V.	Saginaw B.V.
Mayville at Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Brown City at Imlay City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City
Marlette at Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Flint Beecher at V. Lutheran	Flint Beecher	Flint Beecher	Flint Beecher	Valley Lutheran
Deckerville at Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck
CPS at Memphis	CPS	CPS	CPS	CPS
Owen-Gage at Caseville	Caseville	Caseville	Caseville	Caseville
Port Hope at North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron
Dryden at Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Friday, January 14				
Bad Axe at USA	USA	USA	USA	USA
Lakers at Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Reese at BCAS	Reese	Reese	Reese	BCAS
NBW at Deckerville	NBW	NBW	NBW	NBW
Mayville at Valley Lutheran	Valley Lutheran	Valley Lutheran	Mayville	Valley Lutheran
Brown City at Ubyly	Brown City	Ubyly	Brown City	Ubyly
Peck at Caseville	Caseville	Caseville	Caseville	Caseville
Dryden at North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron
CPS at Owen-Gage	CPS	CPS	CPS	CPS
Kingston at Port Hope	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Memphis at A-Fairgrove	Memphis	Memphis	Memphis	Memphis
Last Week's Results	13-7	13-7	13-7	13-7
Season's Results	59-18 (77%)	59-18 (77%)	55-22 (71%)	58-19 (75%)

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Several appear in circuit court

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

•Sarah N. Colosky, 20, Millington, pleaded guilty to embezzlement of \$1,000 to \$20,000 while employed at Mayville State Bank Oct. 18.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Alex E. Enos, 21, Caro, pleaded no contest to charges of indecent exposure and being a sexually delinquent person June 14 in Almer Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$15,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.

•Matthew B. Smith, 43, Cass City, pleaded guilty to writing 3 non-sufficient fund checks within 10 days Aug. 9-11 in Cass City. The checks, for \$81.09, \$81.09 and \$80, were all drawn on Independent Bank.

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

•Johnathon H. Billington, 18, Caro, pleaded guilty to second degree home invasion Oct. 28 in Indianfields Township.

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

•Bruce A. Scott, 50, Saginaw, pleaded guilty to forgery involving a receipt/invoice for \$73.06 between September 2003 and May 2004 in Demark Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$3,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Donald C. Gerds Jr., 27, Caro, pleaded guilty to obtaining personal identity information without authorization in 2002-2003 in Caro.

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

•Gregory A. Hewitt, 20, Saginaw, pleaded guilty to larceny of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 and larceny of property valued at less than \$200 April 11 in Reese.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Michael P. McGeshick, 27, Vassar, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and assaulting a police officer July 21 in Vassar.

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

•Ricky T. Sommerfield II, 21, Kingston, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a motor vehicle - causing dam-

age May 8 in Dayton Township.

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

•Robert K. Anthony, 53, Saginaw, stood mute to charges of carrying a concealed weapon, driving while his license was suspended or revoked, subsequent offense, driving without insurance and furnishing false information to a police officer Jan. 22 in Vassar.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case, bond was continued at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Larry L. Hunter, 39, Caro, stood mute to 2 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years last November in Wells Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled, bond was continued at \$50,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Ricke R. Paquette, 19, Millington, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years between the spring of 2001 and the summer of 2002 in Millington Township.

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

•Catherine M. Lomerson, 45, Kingston, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 180 days in the county jail (60 days deferred), with work release, for her plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, June 27 in Wells Township. She was also ordered to pay fines and costs totaling \$1,120.

•Thomas P. Lajoie, 23, Unionville, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny, April 4-7 in Ellington Township and June 1 in Caro; and to larceny of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 between December 2003 and May 2004 in Ellington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at a combined \$30,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.

•Charles A. Clyne, 43, Caro, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 180 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of no contest to fourth degree criminal sexual conduct involving an incapacitated victim Sept. 21, 2003, in Ellington Township.

He was also ordered to pay fines and costs totaling \$3,120.

•Keith E. Acre Jr., 44, Caro, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 365 days in jail, with work release, for his pleas of guilty to domestic violence, third offense, Sept. 17 in Indianfields Township, and to third degree home invasion Sept. 18 in Indianfields Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$560 in costs and fines.

BASKETBALL - VOLLEYBALL - WRESTLING - GYMNASTICS

Cass City Red Hawks 2004-2005 Boys' Basketball

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

* Home games are bold

Cass City Red Hawks 2004-2005 Wrestling

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

* Home games are bold

Cass City Red Hawks 2004-2005 Volleyball

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

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Cass City Red Hawks 2004-2005 Gymnastics

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

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Fri., Jan. 14
Cass City vs. Lakers

VOLLEYBALL

Thurs., Jan. 20
Cass City vs. BCAS

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Cass City vs. Valley Lutheran/Lakers

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles Taylor, a married man, original mortgagor, to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated September 21, 2001 and recorded on November 8, 2001 in Liber 847 on Page 1207, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Mortgage Company, an Ohio Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated February 3, 2003 and recorded on March 5, 2003 in Liber 918 on Page 112 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand Seven Hundred Seven and 56/100 Dollars (\$106,707.56), 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 January 20, 2005.

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

Part of the South half of the Southeast quarter of Section 29, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan. Beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 29 that is 316.56 feet, North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West on said South line of Section 29, 200.00 feet, then North 0 degrees 28 minutes 40 seconds West 380.00 feet, then North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 200.00 feet, then South 0 degrees 28 minutes 40 seconds East, 380.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: December 22, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Chase Mortgage Company, an Ohio Corporation
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #043310F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rose Marie Cook and Harry J. Cook, husband and wife, to EquiVantage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 10, 1998 and recorded December 11, 1998 in Liber 758, Page 297, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by JP Morgan Chase Bank, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2004, among Credit-Based Asset Servicing and Securitization LLC, C-BASS ABS, LLC, Litton Loan Servicing LP and JP Morgan Chase Bank, C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Certificated, series 2004-RP1 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 Fifty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Nineteen and 29/100 Dollars (\$55,419.30), including interest at the rate of 9.45% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said 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 January 13, 2005.

The premises are located in the City of Cass, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a point 443 feet East of the Southwest corner of the East half of the Southeast quarter of Section 24, Town 14 North, Range 10 East, running thence North 180 feet; thence East 190 feet; thence South 180 feet; thence West 190 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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

Dated: December 15, 2004

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for JP Morgan Chase Bank, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2004, among Credit-Based Asset Servicing and Securitization LLC, C-BASS ABS, LLC, Litton Loan Servicing LP and JP Morgan Chase Bank, C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Certificated, series 2004-RP1, as Assignee

P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 213.0270

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by CAROLYN J. DUTY and BARRY L. DUTY, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC., Mortgagee, dated February 13, 2004 and recorded on February 20, 2004 in Liber 980 on Page 1240, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWO AND 77/100 DOLLARS (\$16,202.77), 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 Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on February 3, 2005.

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

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

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

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

Dated: December 23, 2004

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

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

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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 Timothy A. Jansen, a single man, and Valerie D. Blackner, a single woman, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 9, 2002 and recorded on August 21, 2002 in Liber 890 on Page 1066 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Ninety-One and 35/100 Dollars (\$57,191.35), including interest at 6.25% 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 January 20, 2005.

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

Commencing at a point on the Section line 330 feet East of the Northwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 11 North, Range 9 East; thence South at right angles 208 feet; thence East 208 feet; thence West to the point of beginning. Subject to easements, restrictions, and reservations of record, if any.

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC R (248) 593-1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #042836F01

12-22-4

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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 Cheryl D. Keels (formerly known as Cheryl D. Torres), a single

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

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 10, 2005.

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

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

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 12, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC F (248) 593-1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Towne Mortgage Company D/B/A AmeriCo Mortgage Company
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #012538F04

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

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided and to pay said amount with interest as provided in said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including attorney's fees allowed by law, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises at public venue to the highest bidder at the front entrance of the Tuscola County Courthouse in Village of Caro, the place of holding the Circuit Court within the County of Tuscola, Village of Caro, on February 24, 2005 at 10:00 a.m., local time.

Pursuant to Public Act No. 104, Public Acts of 1971 (MSA 27A3240(3)) the redemption period shall be (1) one year from the date of the foreclosure 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.

The premises covered by said mortgage is situated in the Township of Koylton, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and more fully described as:

The Southerly 600 feet of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, excepting 5 acres in the Southeast corner thereof, 36 rods, 6 feet North and South and 22 rods East and West, except the following described parcel of land known as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 28, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, and except the following described parcel of land known as: Section 28, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4, commencing at a point 363 feet West of Southeast corner of subdivision Section; thence West 200 feet; thence North 600 feet; thence East 200 feet; thence South 600 feet to the point of beginning.

LASALLE BANK, N.A.
Assignee of Mortgagee

Dated: January 12, 2005

Walter J. Russell (P19781)
RUSSELL & McCARGAR, LLP
161 Ottawa Ave. NW, Suite 411-S
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 774-8422

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AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Randall S. Valentine and Angela Valentine, husband and wife, of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Flagstar Bank, FSB, dated the 1st day of November, A.D. 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 8th day of November, A.D. 1999 in Liber 786 of Tuscola County Records on Page 1450, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$59,718.04 (Fifty-Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Four Cents), including interest thereon at 7.12% (Seven Point One Two 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 20th day of January, 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 Village of Mayville in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Commencing at a point 12 Rods North of the Northeast corner of Block 9, Village of Mayville; thence West 8 Rods; thence North 4 Rods; thence East 8 Rods; thence South 4 Rods to the place of beginning, being a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 9 East.

Tax ID: 79-400-025-000-0800-00

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: December 22, 2004

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
By: Daniel E. Best (P58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1820
Troy, Michigan 48064
WWR#04019889

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian Riley, a/k/a Brian K. Riley and Twila Hart, as Joint Tenants, a Single Man and a Single Woman, original mortgagors, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 4, 2001 and recorded on January 8, 2002 in Liber 855 on Page 1159, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated May 4, 2001 and recorded on February 20, 2002 in Liber 865 on Page 977 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Three and 16/100 Dollars (\$127,103.16), 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 February 3, 2005.

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

Land beginning 8 Rods South of the Northeast Corner of Block 33; thence West 8 Rods; thence South 9 1/2 Rods; thence East 18 Rods; thence North 13 1/2 Rods to the place of beginning. Excepting the East 33 Feet thereof the Plat of the Village Fostoria according to the Plat thereof as Recorded in Liber 1 of Plats on Page 45 A.

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

Dated: December 22, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
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File #043114F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gerald T. Vanderpool, a married man, and Heather Vanderpool, a married woman, original mortgagors, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 4, 2003 and recorded on December 8, 2003 in Liber 967 on Page 1462, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation as assignee by an assignment in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-One Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-One and 98/100 Dollars (\$41,461.98), 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 January 27, 2005.

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

Land commencing at a point 75 feet North of the Southwest corner of Lot 5, Block 1 of the Plat of the Village of Newberry, (now Kingston), according to the plat recorded in Liber 24, Page 304, thence North 44 feet; thence East 171.5 feet; thence South 44 feet; thence West 171.5 feet to the point of beginning, now known as Lot 15 of Assessor's Plat No. 1 of the Village of Kingston, according to the plat recorded in Liber 4, Page 70.

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

Dated: December 29, 2004

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Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #043310F01

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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 Gary T. Penger and Judy Regger, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Aames Funding Corporation, D/B/A Aames Home Loan, Mortgagee, dated May 19, 2004 and recorded on May 25, 2004 in Liber 993 on Page 1470 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, Trustee on Behalf of the Certificate holders of Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2004-HE7 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Eight and 71/100 Dollars (\$57,128.71), including interest at 9.205% 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 3, 2005.

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

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot 1, Block 2 of Bullard's Addition to the Village (now City) of Vassar, Michigan; thence Northerly along the West lines of Lots 1 and 2, Block 2 to the Northwest corner of said Lot 2; thence Easterly along the North line of said Lot 2, 66 feet; thence Southerly and parallel with Bourne Street, 132.71 feet to a point on the South line of said Lot 1, that is 67.68 feet North-easterly from the point of beginning; thence Southwesterly along the South line of Lot 1, 67.68 feet to the place of beginning.

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

Dated: January 5, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, Trustee on Behalf of the Certificate holders of Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2004-HE7
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #044155F01

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thence West 47 feet to place of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 12, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation
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File #043606F01

1-12-4

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 SUE ELLEN WOOD, A SINGLE WOMAN, to HOME LOAN AND INVESTMENT BANK FSB, Mortgagee, dated January 23, 2001 and recorded on February 15, 2001 in Liber 0821 on Page 1235 in TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR THE HOLDERS OF MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS TRUST SERIES 2002-AFC1, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of twenty one thousand

seven hundred sixty five and 63/100 Dollars (\$21,765.63), including interest at 13.100% 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 January 20, 2005.

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

LOT TEN (10), BLOCK ONE (1), OF PHILLIPS ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF FAIRGROVE, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

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

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

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Obituaries

Joy Anthony

Joy Anthony, 78, of Ubly, died Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005 in Marlette Hospice Residence. She was born Dec. 24, 1926 in Flint, the daughter of Archie T. and Leita M. (LeMay) Solman.

She married James E. Anthony Oct. 30, 1948 in Pontiac. He died March 1, 1973.

Anthony worked as a real estate salesperson for over 55 years, most recently for Osentoski Realty in Bad Axe. She and James built the Wildwood Farms Restaurant in 1972. She was a former member of the Cass City Zonta Club and of the Ubly Library Board. She was a member of the Nomad Travel Club.

Anthony is survived by 2 sons: Kim (Barbara) Anthony and Kevin (Jean) Anthony, all of Ubly; 5 grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Lee Solman.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, January 12, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Dr. Steven Anthony, district director of Nazarene Church, officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Marlette Hospice Residence or the Ubly Library.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Pauline Bartle

Pauline M. Bartle, 83, of Saginaw, died Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005 at Saginaw Geriatrics Home.

She was born April 4, 1921 in Cass City.

She married Kenneth D. Bartle June 15, 1938. He died Feb. 13, 1996.

Bartle was employed at J.C. Penney as a sales clerk for many years. She later became owner/operator of the Northern Traveler Motel in Oscoda. She was a member of Ames United Methodist Church.

She is survived by 3 children: John (Sharon) Bartle of Hale, Betty Leaym and Alice Winchester, both of

Saginaw; a daughter-in-law, Anna Bartle of Conway, S.C.; 11 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; a sister, Lucille (George) Gallaway of Cass City; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, James Bartle; a grandson, Scott Winchester; 2 sons-in-law: Frank "Bud" Leaym and John "Jack" Winchester; and 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

Funeral services were held at 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 12 at the Snow Funeral Home, Saginaw, with the Rev. James R. Neumann officiating.

Burial was in the Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the Saginaw Geriatrics Home or the Visiting Nurse Association.

Arrangements were made by Snow Funeral Home, Saginaw.

Michael Bauer

Michael A. Bauer, 57, of Silverwood, died Monday, Jan. 3, 2005 at his home.

He was born May 7, 1947 in Pontiac, the son of Walter B. and Marguerite A. (Milbocker) Bauer.

He married Alice M. Pope Nov. 14, 1974 in Twenty Nine Palms, Calif.

Bauer served in the U.S. Marine Corp as an electronics technician, sniper, and service officer, among other positions. He served 2 years in Vietnam. Bauer was part of the 5th Marines stationed at Camp Pendleton. He was a Marine Corp tech school instructor. He retired from the U.S. Marine Corp in 1996 after 30 years. He was a member of the Kingston VFW Post #5317 and the Kingston AMVET Post #1072.

Bauer is survived by his wife, Alice; a daughter, Tina Bauer of Millington; 2 grandchildren; his mother, Marguerite Bauer of Lapeer; a sister, Mary (Roy) Carrasco of Lapeer; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Walter Bauer.

Memorial services were held Saturday, Jan. 8, at the Kingston VFW Hall, Kingston.

Military services were under the direction of the Kingston AMVET Post #1072 and the Kingston VFW Post #5317.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

Walter Connolly

Walter John Connolly, 43, of Deford, died Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005 at St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw.

He was born Nov. 30, 1961 in Cass City, the son of James and Violet (Pratt) Connolly. He married Denise June 25, 1994 at the Deford Community Church.

Connolly was employed by Cass City Oil and Gas since 1982 as a truck mechanic. He is survived by his wife, Denise; step-children: Christina (Jim) Hill of Caro, and Jamie and Jessica Pratt, both of Deford; 3 step-grandchildren; his parents; and a brother, Wayne (Donna) Connolly of Deford.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Wesley Connolly.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, January 12 at Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City, with Chuck Emmert and Lewis Tibbits officiating.

Burial was in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Brent Hudson

Brent Sanford Hudson, 54, of Deford, died suddenly Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005, at Covenant Medical Center, Saginaw.

He was born Aug. 19, 1950 in Grosse Pointe, the son of the late Robert C. and Bernadine (Hughes) Hudson.

He married Sharon Denson in October 1998 in Caro.

Hudson was a radio DJ at several radio stations around the state, including the Caro FM station in the 1980s for over 20 years. For the last 7 years, he was the owner/operator and lead facilitator of Stand Back Recovery and Impact Weekend, both at the local and statewide levels.

Hudson is survived by his wife, Sharon; 2 sons: Daniel and James Hudson of Deford; and many friends.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 6, at the Ransford Funeral Home, Caro, with Elder Jerome Bouverette of Restoration Outreach Center officiating.

Burial was in the East Dayton Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Hudson Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Ransford Funeral Home, Caro.

Board irons out chief search details

Owen-Gage School officials began their search for a new superintendent in earnest Monday by firming up details on the search process as well as setting a base pay level for the new administrator.

Meeting in regular session Monday night, the school board approved an agreement with retired veteran school administrator and former interim Owen-Gage School Supt. Don Gleeson, who will be conducting the search.

The contract calls for the school to pay Gleeson \$2,000 for his services, with

additional expenses not exceeding \$500.

Gleeson has already distributed and collected questionnaires asking school officials and residents to identify the characteristics they deem most important in a superintendent. He has also drafted a search calendar projecting the new administrator will be in place sometime in June.

Turning to salary, Gleeson asked the board to set a starting wage and benefit package.

"I think what you should do is set a minimum amount and then negotiate from there," he told the board, noting they

should take into account the revised job description - an administrator who will serve both as superintendent and K-12 principal. "Salary will drive the number of applicants you will receive," he said.

"Keep in mind that your superintendent will work more days than other employees in the district," added interim Supt. Bob Peterson. "So, to me, you've just about got to be looking at - I'm just going to throw out a number - \$80,000. To me, \$75,000 will not draw you a tremendous number of applicants."

Board members agreed, approving a motion setting the base salary at not less than \$80,000.

Gleeson told the board that it will also be important to offer candidates a multi-year contract along with the standard administrative fringe benefit package. Residency in the district will not be required, although it would be preferred.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday, the board:

• Was recognized in conjunction with School Board Recognition Month.

Peterson presented each member with a certificate of appreciation for their service to the district and read a state resolution signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

The board members are: President Jeff Leinweber, Treasurer Walt Swiastyn, Secretary Brenda Kretzschmer and trustees Kathy Champagne, Mike Mandich, Tom Mellendorf and Deb Quick.

• Approved a deed of easement for the village of Gagetown. Village President Charles Wright explained the village wants to run a second water line from its 2 new wells in the park through school property to ensure no disruption in service should the existing line be damaged.

• Adopted a resolution scheduling the annual school election for Tuesday, May 3, in Gagetown. Voters will be electing 2 board members. At least one of those members, Mellendorf, has already said he will not be seeking reelection.

• Heard an update on the planned sale of the Gagetown Elementary School building. Peterson said the initial deal with a Gagetown couple still appears to have failed due to financing is-

sues. Another potential group of buyers has looked at the building, he added, but there is nothing else to report at this time.

• Approved the nomination of Tabatha Perdue as the "Senior Student of the Month" for January.

• Recognized several students, all nominated as best exemplifying the district's January "adult role focus" of being responsible learners.

They are: Jacob Warack, Jacob Wright, Andrea McCreedy, Daniel Jeffery, Carl Warack, Megan McLaren, Ashley Rockefeller, Katie Rhodes, Courtney Lester, Amber Pillsbury, Cassandra Plowman and Jennifer Czewski.

Blaze

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Owendale, Unionville and Fairgrove fire departments all responded to assist Elmwood Township-Gagetown firemen.

No one was home when the fire started. The owner, Doyle Likens, was visiting family in Phoenix, Ariz., at the time. Lopez said Likens is insured.

YFC dinners set

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lives and gives them a break to think and learn about living a balanced life - physically, socially, mentally and spiritually," said Jeff Bader, Cass City Campus Life director.

"In weekly programs, we talk about what's going on in their lives, how they're holding up at school and home. I always share what the Bible says about the issues, but not without giving the teens a chance to share their true feelings without being shot down or interrupted."

In addition to the work that takes place weekly through Campus Life clubs and Bader's interaction with teens in the schools at extracurricular activities, Campus Life offers several trips that are often more successful than the weekly programs.

"Annually, we take teens to Florida for spring break and on a 400-mile cycle tour," Bader explained.

"The Florida trip is an outreach opportunity where teens can have fun in a safe, chaperoned environment, but also have a chance to be challenged about living a bal-

Concert slated

Bob Milne, the top ragtime/boogie-woogie pianist in the country, will present a concert at the Heritage United Methodist Church in Snover on Sunday, Feb. 6, at 2 p.m.

There will be a potluck dinner held at 12:30 p.m. The church is located on Snover Road, a quarter mile east of the village of Snover.

Tickets are available by calling the church at (810) 672-9101.

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