

*Thumbody Transportation*

# Bus service expands to serve Cass City riders

Caro Transit Authority officials and the Human Development Commission (HDC) have made good on a promise to expand bus transportation service to Cass City.

Officials announced last week that the Thumbody Transportation System is now offering transportation between Cass City and Caro as well as limited service within the village.

According to Judy Murphy, HDC transportation director, departure times from Cass City to Caro are 8:15 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 5 p.m., with trips from Caro to Cass City scheduled for 6:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. Fares are \$1 for senior citizens and \$2 for the general

public.

Local service for village residents will be offered on Tuesdays. The fare is 50 cents for seniors and disabled individuals, and \$1 for the general public.

Reservations must be made the day before service is needed. Residents can call (989) 673-8488.

HDC officials, including Murphy, met with a small group of Cass City residents last fall to discuss transportation needs in the village. The consensus was that a need exists particularly among senior citizens and individuals in need of rides to area medical facilities.

Initially, Murphy said, officials have promoted the ser-

vice within the medical community, including Hills and Dales General Hospital, Thumb MRI Center, Thumb Area Dialysis Center, and the Hills and Dales General Hospital Center for Rehabilitation and health and Fitness Center, formerly known as the Michigan Athletic and Rehabilitation Center (MARC).

Murphy said she's always felt there was a need in Cass City, in spite of a failed attempt to expand service to the village in 1999 after receiving a one-time grant to help offset the cost. At the time, the service cost Cass City residents \$4 per trip.

Thumbody Express has a fleet of 11 busses and a

trained staff of 13 that primarily serve residents in Almer and Indianfield townships and the village of Caro. The service to those areas is funded through a tax levy.

The recent expansion to Cass City is being funded by a combination of state and federal grant money.

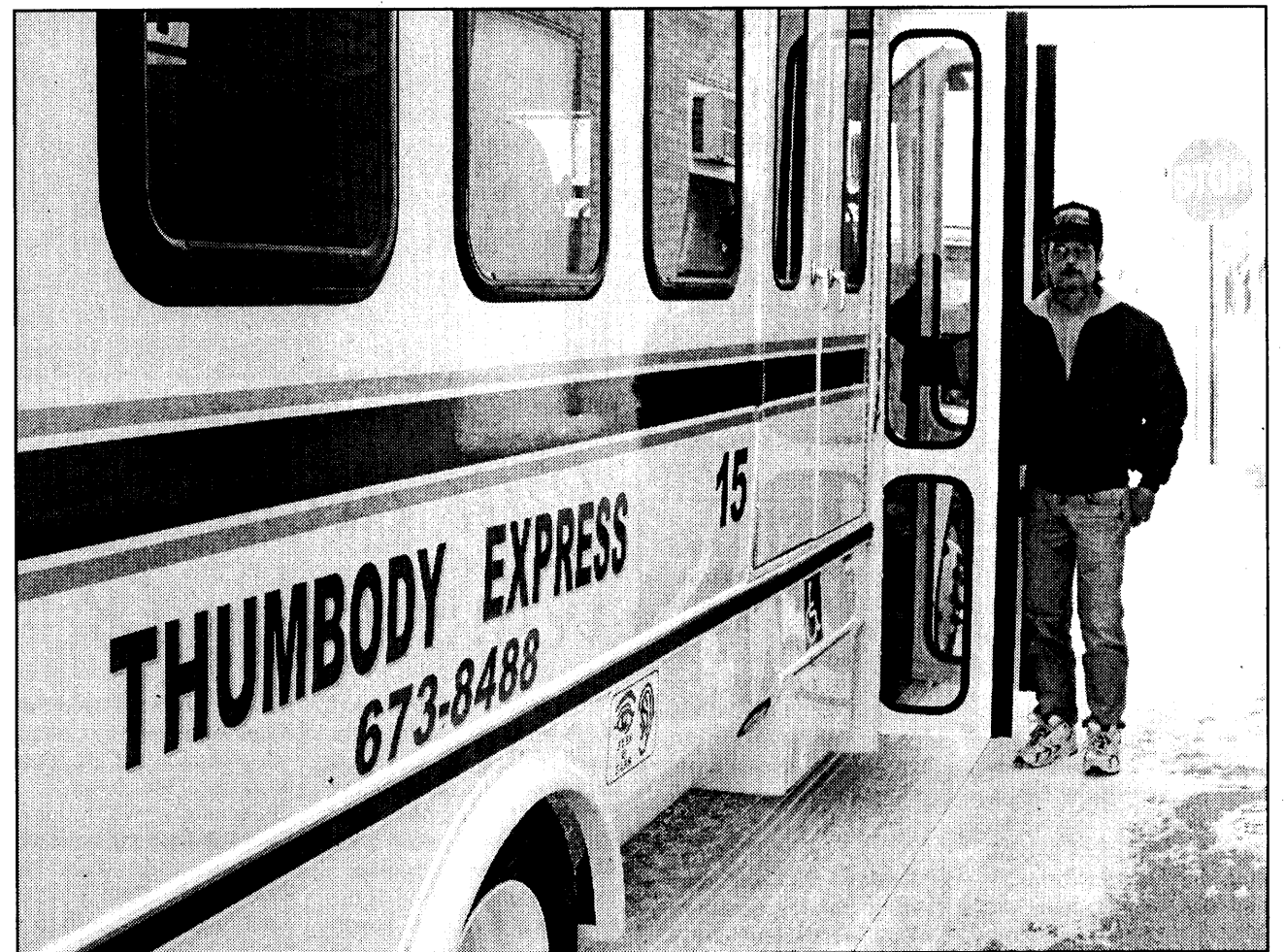
Aside from a more consistent funding source, HDC officials believe the second attempt to expand in the village has a better chance of working out because Thumbody Express now has busses traveling to and from Cass City 5 times a day to transport Head Start students.

The logistics and long-term funding are in place to make the expansion here a success, according to HDC Communications Specialist Ruthann Osterhout, who said the key ingredient now is finding a way to get residents to utilize the service.

"The (grant) is a renewable resource, but we do have to prove that the service is needed," she explained. "We are non-profit, so this isn't about making a killing. However, we can't renew the grant money if we don't have riders."

"If we can't make it fly here, it's only because people are not on the bus," Murphy agreed.

"I want this to be a real service that will meet people's needs," she said. "I know the need's there. It's got to be."



**THUMBODY EXPRESS** now offers expanded service in Cass City, giving residents an alternative mode of transportation to run errands, travel to medical appointments or make a trip to Caro and back. Above, driver Dale Vandemark stands ready to serve local residents.

## Exam set for Jan. 28

# John Bulla arraigned

The suspect in the death of a Cass City High School senior turned himself in to the authorities last week after the Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office authorized a warrant for his arrest on a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

John P. Bulla, 20, of Cass City, was formally arraigned on the charge in Tuscola County District Court Tuesday. A preliminary exam in the case was scheduled for Friday, Jan. 28, at 9 a.m.

The warrant charging Bulla

was issued nearly 2 months after the Nov. 13 death of Andrew James Arthur Haas, 18, of Ubyly.

Investigators say Haas and Bulla were among several young people attending a weekend party in Elmwood Township when the 2 exchanged words and Bulla allegedly struck Haas in the face with his fist. Friends took Haas to Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City.

According to the autopsy

report filed with the prosecutor's office, 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," Prosecutor Mark Reene said in explaining the decision to charge Bulla with involuntary manslaughter.

"We're not alleging intent. Please turn to back page."

# Danger zone

## Ed Hewitt home safe after 13 months in Iraq

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Ed Hewitt shakes his head a little when he recalls his 7-month deployment to Kuwait during Operations Desert Shield-Desert Storm.

"Ten years (ago). It's been awhile," the 1984 Cass City High School graduate commented Thursday while visiting with family, including his mother, Amor West, in Cass City.

Hewitt, 38, recently returned home from his second

tour of duty in a combat zone - just over 13 months at a base located about 20 kilometers from Mosul, north of Baghdad in Iraq, where he recalled he handled some different duties in the midst of a very different conflict compared to his time in Kuwait.

Hewitt, a U.S. Army staff sergeant, deployed to Iraq more than a year ago with Delta Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry out of Fort Drum, New York.

His assignment was similar to the one he carried out in

Kuwait - to ensure Army attack helicopters were kept in top shape at all times.

"I work on the avionics and armament systems on the OH-58D Kiowa helicopter," said Hewitt, who explained the aircraft was formerly only a scout helicopter but is now used for scout missions, reconnaissance and attack duties. "That and the Apache Helicopter is what we have for attack helicopters now," he said.

Hewitt, who also served in a leadership position as platoon

sergeant, noted he was in charge of maintenance and repair of 24 helicopters in all.

"We lost 2 of them over year - we lost 2 pilots," he recalled. "They were on a mission along the Euphrates River. The crew was observing when they got the call to help rescue some infantrymen. What the insurgents are doing over there is painting the electrical wires, telephone wires - everything - tan so they blend in, and they (helicopter crew) got caught up in the wires and went into the river."

Hewitt, who found himself in the roles of foot soldier and combat soldier as well as helicopter mechanic, described a tense atmosphere among his fellow servicemen in Iraq.

After arriving, Hewitt and the other soldiers in his unit found themselves the targets of rocket launches designed to harass them - most never found their target, he said.

"As we did the sweeps out of Baghdad...then they were finding other places to move into and they were getting closer to Mosul," he continued. "During the latter half of the deployment, now we're seeing more and more rocket launches. Now we're seeing more IEDs (improvised explosive devices). There was a lot of anxiety. The guys weren't used to it."

"I think a lot of the guys have a feeling for what the guys in Vietnam went through; not knowing who the enemy is, not knowing what's going to happen day to day."

In Kuwait, he said, the strategy involved "carpet bombing" and then sending in tanks. In Iraq, however, the mission has been to flush out insurgents and remove their weapon caches, and then secure cities and villages, one battle at a time.

"It's totally different. That's what's throwing so

many people off," he added. "It's a lot different than Desert Storm was. Now, at any moment, we're called upon to help with a raid. We're doing foot patrols, doing a convoy from one city to another."

Hewitt's unit also completed 3 civilian military operations (CMOs) a week in which they would identify secure villages and help to build up schools and reestablish water supplies and other necessities.

"It's a nice thing because the villages are outside our base and we were supplying them with food and water to make the villagers self-sufficient. So they're going to make sure nothing's going to happen to us," he said.

Still, the focus was to remain vigilant, particularly when it came to the roadside explosive devices that have claimed so many lives. Hewitt said Iraqi insurgents have proven themselves very creative - first burying bombs underneath roadways, then concealing them in rubbish, animal carcasses and disabled vehicles along the road. Some exploded upon impact with an Army vehicle. Others could be ignited by a cell phone, he explained.

"Everywhere we went we had our weapons out. We were watching where we were going."

Hewitt confirmed news accounts of soldiers reinforcing their own vehicles due to a lack of armor. He said armor was ordered, "but the supply system was slow. We were scrounging for any kind of spare metal to bolt onto the trucks. We looked like a bunch of gypsies."

"We can't not go, so we have to do something," he said.

After his deployment was over, Hewitt returned to the

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tives of the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, and United Way of America awarded the grants.

According to Dale Perz, communications director for the Human Development Commission (HDC), local boards have been charged with distributing the funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

In this area, he explained, the local board is made up of several community agencies, including Church of the Sacred Heart, Gagetown Church of the Nazarene, Bethel Chapel Assembly of

God, Jewish Faith, Saginaw Inter-Tribunal Association, American Red Cross, United Way of Tuscola County, and Continuum of Care - Thumb area.

"This local board will determine how the funds awarded to Tuscola County will be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies," Perz said. "The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program."

Under the terms of the grant, local agencies chosen to receive the money must be private, voluntary, non-profit groups or units of government; have an accounting system; practice non-dis-

crimination; have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs; and if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board.

Agencies that qualify are urged to apply.

"Tuscola County has distributed emergency food and shelter funds previously with many organizations, including Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, St. Agatha Food Pantry, Tuscola Place for Peace, Tuscola County Homeless Coalition, and Share Shop," Perz said. "These agencies were responsible for providing 17,324 meals."

Groups interested in applying for funding must contact Sean Smith, local board contact person at HDC, by calling (989) 673-4121.

## Thomas trial rescheduled

A Caro Center patient charged in the brutal attacks of 4 people was found incompetent to stand trial early last week, prompting Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge Patrick R. Joslyn to postpone his trial.

A state psychiatrist found Corbin A. Thomas, 28, of Saginaw, mentally incompetent to stand trial Monday, 3 months after declaring him competent to stand trial. The examination was the third conducted with the defendant, who was scheduled to go to trial last week in Manistee County.

Thomas is charged with 4 counts of assault with intent to murder, a felony punishable by up to life in prison.

The charges stem from a June 25 incident when Thomas walked away from the

Caro Center while on a 15-minute break. Prosecutors allege Thomas returned to the state psychiatric hospital 3 days later and assaulted 4 staff members with a hammer and 2 knives.

The victims were identified as Sarah Cox, who escaped an altercation with Thomas; Larry Gettel, a custodian who was seriously injured; Patty Spencer, a teacher who was also seriously injured; and Kristie Rah, a paraprofessional who was treated for her injuries and then released from Caro Community Hospital.

According to reports, Thomas allegedly struck Gettel and Spencer with a hammer, and Rah was stabbed during the attack.

A state psychiatrist at the Center for Forensic Psychia-

try near Ypsilanti found Thomas incompetent to go to trial early last week, citing the defendant's bizarre behavior.

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reene, however, suggested that with proper treatment and medications, Thomas will be made competent, and that the trial will proceed in time.

During last week's hearing, Joslyn set Tuesday, March 8, as the new trial date for Thomas. He also ordered state health officials to report on Thomas' competency status 21 days prior to the trial date.

Joslyn previously moved the trial location to Manistee County, citing Thomas could not receive a fair trial in Tuscola County due to extensive and continuing media coverage.



**U.S. ARMY VETERAN Ed Hewitt**, who recently completed a 13-month tour of duty in Iraq, adjusts the yellow ribbon placed by his mother, Amor West, outside her Sherman Street residence in Cass City. Hewitt was in town last week visiting family.

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## Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
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Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Peruski, Barbara Salowitz, Hazel Mattice, Allen Farrelly and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel attended the Argyle senior dinner Sunday.

Arlene Reich of Deckerville, Michael Cleland of Uby, Jamie Doerr and Courtney, Wendy Rickett, Caitlyn and Cory visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland last week.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland went to the Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City to pay respects to Joy Anthony.

Mark Farrelly was a Sunday evening guest of Allen Farrelly.

Those who visited Thelma Jackson last week were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. John Pechett, Mrs. Martin Sweeney and Brian Sweeney.

Allen Farrelly spent Thursday at Flat Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland of Bad Axe were Tuesday supper guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland. Mrs.

Jeff Doerr was an evening guest.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and Mrs. Curtis Cleland attended the funeral of Joy Anthony at 11 o'clock at Kranz Funeral Home and the dinner that followed at Northwood Meadows at Cass City Wednesday.

### Senior Menu

Senior Dining Center  
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**Friday** - Chicken breast file, parsley potatoes, Key West blend, bread stick, fruit.

**Monday** - Pollock primavera, zucchini and tomatoes, tossed salad, rice pilaf, cookie.

**Tuesday** - Beef stroganoff, carrots, tossed salad, egg noodles, fruit.

### Huron County picnic slated

The 45th annual Huron County Picnic will be held Saturday, Feb. 12, at Sun-n-Fun Resort, 7125 Fruitville Rd., Sarasota, Fla. Use Exit 210 off of I-75, then one mile east.

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. in Woodland Hall. A buffet potluck will be held at noon, with everyone bringing their own table service and a dish to pass.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Flores

## Pair exchange vows Dec. 18

Lola Marie Osentoski and Joseph Frank Flores were married Dec. 18, 2004. A ceremony was held at the Cass City United Methodist Church with Pastor Tom Wachterhauser officiating. Molly Dando, friend of the bride, was matron of honor. Whitney Osentoski, son of the bride, was best man.

Lola's sons, Christopher and Brice, walked her down

the aisle. Joe's sons, Joey and Ryan, were the ring bearers.

A reception for 70 guests was held at the church.

Lola and Joe will reside in Cass City, where Lola will continue to work at Osentoski Realty and Auctioneering. Joe is employed by Halliburton Energy Services, International Operations in Angola, West Africa.

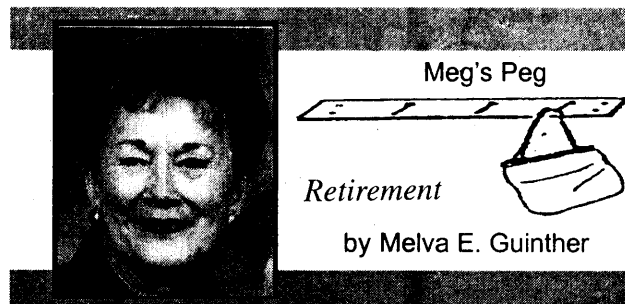
## Senior movies set

Senior Movies will be shown at Rawson Memorial Library Friday, January 21 at 1:30 p.m.

**Cass City, The First 150 Years:** This video was prepared by long-time Thumb area residents David and Al Eicher. It tells the story of how the town of Cass City was established and how it has grown in the last 150 years. The video shows the many changes in businesses, churches and schools that have taken place in this town from the time it was established. Anyone interested in the history of Cass City will enjoy this film. (61 minutes)

**Lewis & Clark, Great Journey West:** Relive an amazing tale of discovery and exploration in "Lewis & Clark, Great Journey West," as National Geographic brings to life the first crossing of what would become the United States. With careful research and meticulous re-creations, this scientific expedition lives again on the screen. Two hundred years after their epic journey, go back in time with Lewis, Clark, their guide Sacagawea, and the brave Corps of Discovery as they discover the adventure, danger, and beauty of the unmapped West. (40 minutes)

Refreshments will be served. This Older Adult Program is offered free of charge.



We had a mini-tour of the new part of the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility last week and were truly impressed. It's absolutely beautiful. It may not be a cruise ship, but it's a far cry from the facility my grandmother retired to many years ago.

When I first read this article by an anonymous author on "Cruising Through Retirement", I thought it was just for laughs. A little later, the AARP Bulletin carried a legitimate account of 2 doctors who are seeking to promote the concept.

They argue that cruise ships offer the same amenities as assisted living centers and cost about the same. They say waiters could easily serve retirees' medications with their meals.

It's hard to imagine that it will work out, but who knows? Stranger things have

happened. Anyway, this came from my email buddy:

### AN ALTERNATIVE RETIREMENT HOME

There will be no nursing home in my future. When I get old and feeble, I am going to get on a Princess Cruise Ship.

The average cost for a nursing home is \$200 per day. I have checked on reservations at Princess and I can get a long-term discount and senior discount price of \$135 per day.

That leaves \$65 a day for:

- Gratuities, which will be only \$10 per day.
- I will have as many as 10 meals a day if I can waddle to the restaurant, or I can have room service (which means I can have breakfast in bed every day of the week.)

- Princess has as many as 3 swimming pools, a workout room, free washers and dryers and shows every night.
- They have free toothpaste, razors and shampoo.

- They will even treat you like a customer, not a patient. An extra \$5 worth of tips will have the entire staff scrambling to help you.
- I will get to meet new people every 7 or 14 days.
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- Clean sheets and towels every day, and you don't even have to ask for them.
- If you fall and break your hip in a nursing home, you are on Medicare. If you fall and break a hip on the Princess ship, they will upgrade you to a suite for the rest of your life.

- If you want to see South America, the Panama Canal, Tahiti, Australia, New Zealand, Asia or wherever you want to go, Princess will have a ship ready to go.

So don't look for me in a nursing home, just call shore to ship.

(P.S. And don't forget, when you die, they'll just dump you over the side at no charge.)

Anyone for a cruise?

**USA meet set**

The next meeting of United Sportsmen's Alliance will be Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Cass City Gun Club, located at 2676 Englehart Rd., off Severance Rd. (4 miles south of Cass City).

The group will be finalizing planning for its annual dinner and raffle.

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



Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Siemen

## Siemen 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 Uby, 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 Gniewek 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 Plaskowy 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; Jonathan Ligrow of Port Huron, friend of the couple; Phil Fuhrman of Wadham, friend of the couple; Tony Burkhard 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 Uby, cousin of the bride.

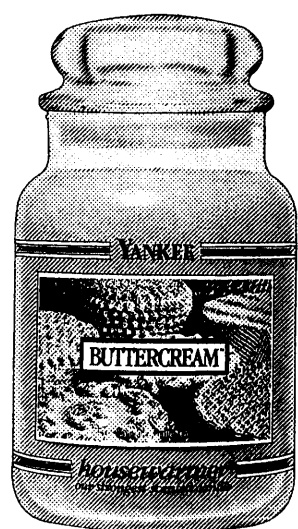
A pond-side white-tent reception was held at the home of the groom's parents for 350 guests.

After a week-long honeymoon to Lake Tahoe and northern California, the couple resides in Almont.

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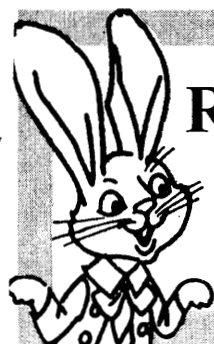
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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Tom Montgomery's presentation of drum and bugle performances Saturday at Rawson Memorial Library attracted some 23 music lovers, including Craig Bellew, Cass City.

Why single out Bellew? Mainly because he is a veteran of one of Michigan's past corps, playing and marching with the Lancers of Wyandotte.

Not to toot his horn, but it has to be mentioned that at the show he displayed the horn he used when he was a member.

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We pass along kudos to Kate VanAuken and her staff that Montgomery said had everything ready for the show and the coffee ready to make the guests feel welcome.

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For 8 years now we have chronicled the progress and the prowess of Craig Emmert on the basketball floor. That includes 4 years playing at Cass City High School and he's now in his 4th year at Milligan College.

Emmert is tied percentage-wise for the tops in the statistic chart with a .638 average. He's played in 17 games, hitting 115 of 181 shots.

It's not listed, but Emmert's assist total just has to be up there, too. In high school his passing was always a top feature of his game.

## School board candidates face earlier deadlines

Area residents planning to seek election to their local school board in the spring will have to act much more quickly this year to meet new deadlines created by changes in Michigan election law. The state's election consolidation law now requires school board candidates to file nominating petitions by Tuesday, Feb. 8 - a full 2 months earlier than in the past.

### Writers' workshop scheduled

To paraphrase Walter Red Smith, "There is nothing to writing. All you do is sit down at a keyboard and open a vein." (Reader's Digest, July 1982)

Those who are interested in donating that kind of blood and sweat are candidates for the Writers' Workshop sponsored by Rawson Memorial Library. This fun class will meet once a month at the library from February through May on the third Wednesday of each month. Class time is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The first class will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 16. This will be an orientation/get-acquainted meeting. Please bring pencil and paper to the first meeting so that we can begin writing!

The last class will meet in May. Throughout these months, participants will collaborate and share their work, honing their skills as writers. The class will be "edited" by Gail Smith and Ruth Steele.

Please call Rawson Memorial Library at 872-2856 to register. Computer skills are not required, but encouraged.

For decades, school elections have been held on a Monday in mid-June, with filing deadlines in April. Now, most local board of education elections will take place Tuesday, May 3. This year's early filing deadline requires prompt action by candidates to qualify for a spot on the ballot.

Key deadlines for citizens to file their forms include:

- Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 4 p.m. — nominating petitions and affidavits of identity are due (a \$100 non-refundable fee may be paid in lieu of a petition).
- Friday, Feb. 11, at 4 p.m. — the deadline for a written withdrawal.

•Friday, April 29, at 4 p.m. — the deadline for write-in candidates to file intent.

Under the new law, candidates must file their petitions with either their city or township clerk, or with any county clerk.

For a school district whose entire territory lies within a single city or township, the city or township clerk is the school district filing official. For a district that has territory in more than one city or township, the county clerk of the county in which the largest number of registered school district voters reside is the filing official.

### The Haire Net Bible class a tough situation



The yearlong saga of a Bible course at Frankenmuth High School has come to an end, at least for the present. There will be no Bible course at the school.

As a staunch backer over the years of the separation of church and state it would seem natural that I support the decision, and I do.

But not for the reason that you might reasonably believe, given my record over the years.

A little history here. I took a course on the Bible 60 years ago at Michigan State University. It was a study of the Bible as literature, not a vehicle for salvation. It was a course that had been offered before I was a student and I don't know, but would be surprised if it were not available today.

Believe me, that course did nothing, nothing at all to promote the Bible as the basis of the Christian religion.

The personal beliefs of the instructor were never discussed, but if I were asked to bet one way or another I would put my money on the line that he was an atheist or an agnostic.

He would discuss various events in the Bible, saying

for instance, that Jesus being born in a manger was a great piece of literature. He then told why it was a great story and outlined the reasons why it is outstanding.

That course did nothing to be unconstitutional. It definitely retained the separation of church and state.

But I would join the Frankenmuth's board majority in refusing to offer the course. The key is who would teach the course. If it were offered the same way as it was in MSU there would be an uprising of Christians protesting and if it were offered as a religious document it would spawn a court case in the blink of an eye.

Speculate what would be the community action if half of the course was a study of the Bible and the other 50 percent a study of the Koran?

Frankenmuth superintendent Mike Murphy had it right when he said that perhaps a faith-based course could be established for teens with the area churches.

You can get by with a study of the Bible at MSU, but it's hard to imagine doing it in the Thumb or, if you did, find a teacher who would be impartial and keep the job.



## The back forty

by Roger Pond

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Well, are they going to move, or aren't they? A recent news story says our presidential election has caused some folks to consider moving to Canada. They apparently believe our neighbor to the north has a better political environment for liberal and progressive thinkers.

I have no problem with that. I've always thought some folks might be happier in another country. I've been making a list.

The news story claims a couple of Vancouver, B.C. immigration attorneys are holding seminars in Seattle, Los Angeles and San Francisco to tell folks how to move to Canada. The turnout has been impressive so far. I would expect other attorneys are doing the same thing on the east coast.

I suspect eastern Canada is a harder sell than the West. A lot of folks moved to Quebec and Ontario to avoid a draft many years ago — and found themselves in the icebox, instead.

I have no idea what the lawyers are telling prospective immigrants, but I hope they include some weather information. They could explain, "It's quite mild on Canada's west coast and in the Vancouver area, but the Interior can be extremely cold. That's what keeps the riffraff out."

I have to admit I love Canada, but moving there to escape the conservatives might be a bit extreme. I'm told that most of Canada isn't real happy with their country's government, either.

Maybe we could make a trade? We'll send you some liberals from California, and you send us folks from Alberta or Saskatchewan.

(Tell them to bring their guns. We've got some pretty good hunting down here, too.)

The whole idea of escaping to Canada reminds me of my little sister running away from home back in the '50s. We never had any elections at our house, but seven kids made squabbles fairly common. One day my six-year-old sister packed her bags and ran away to Artie's house.

Artie and her husband, Earl,

lived in a second house on the farm, and their house was only about 60 yards from ours. I remember playing baseball in Artie's yard, while the runaway watched from the front window.

It wasn't hard to tell where my sister went. We watched her packing her suitcase!

Artie was one of our favorite people. She always gave Janet and me ice cream or candy bars when we stopped in to visit. It just naturally seemed like a better place to live.

I can still see my little sister sitting at the window, eating a banana and watching the rest of us play baseball. Her protest was over in a few

hours — about the same time the bananas ran out.

I'm not suggesting my little sister was a liberal or anything like that, but we have to admit six-year-olds do lean that way.

Anyone planning on moving to Canada should remember folks up there have seen a lot of emigrants in recent years; and many Canadians are not very happy about it. A few have suggested some new questions for Canada's immigration forms.

Such as, "Do you know anything about the cold?" And, "Are you, or have you ever been, a part of the Riffraff?"



JAIME FLUEGGE (right) of Cass City was recently invited to attend the Soil and Water Conservation Society's (SWCS) annual conference in Lansing, where she was awarded the "Scholarship in Conservation" by Wendy Ogilvie, SWCS Scholarship Committee chairman. The Michigan chapter gives the scholarship to one student per year who is enrolled in a conservation-related degree program in a Michigan university. Fluegge was also recognized for her participation and involvement as president of Grand Valley State University's SWCS Student Chapter. She will graduate in the fall of 2005 with a degree in natural resource management.

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One measure of the benefit conferred by higher education is the percent difference in earnings between the median earnings for high graduates and college graduates. The following is a representation of the median annual earnings of year-round, full-time workers by education level in 1996."

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Ph. D.	\$60,827
MASTER'S	\$46,269
BACHELOR'S	\$36,155
HIGHSCHOOL	\$23,317

Education does cost, but it does pay off. Questions can be sent to me at 4868 N. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726. Thank you.

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### Cass City Chronicle

Jan. 19, 2005

5-Day Local Forecast	In-Depth Local Forecast	Upcoming Moon Phases
<b>Wednesday</b> Snow Possible High: 27 Low: 13 <b>Thursday</b> Scattered Flurries High: 16 Low: 4 <b>Friday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 13 Low: 6 <b>Saturday</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 20 Low: 11 <b>Sunday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 24 Low: 13	Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 40% chance of snow showers, high temperature of 27°, humidity of 29% and an overnight low of 13°. The record high temperature for today is 56° set in 1996. Thursday, skies will remain mostly cloudy with scattered flurries likely, high temperature of 16°.	Full 1/25 Last 2/2 New 2/8 First 2/15 <b>Sunrise/Sunset Times</b> Sunrise today ..... 8:00 a.m. Sunset tonight ..... 5:27 p.m.
Last Week's Local Almanac		
Day	High	Low
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Monday	34	25
Tuesday	32	25
Wednesday	52	30
Thursday	55	28
Friday	28	7
Saturday	16	5

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## Red Hawk Talks

by Leah Sherman

Last week I wrote a little about the After Prom Party. It's an excellent program to keep students off of the streets late at night, and a great time for socializing and having fun. Novesta Church of Christ does something very similar to the After Prom Party. After every home football or basketball game on Friday nights there is a Fifth Quarter Party.

These parties appeal to a variety of students. They offer basketball courts, music, food, board games, video games, and many other forms of entertainment. The attendance at last Friday's Fifth Quarter Party was about 175 students. I was among the students who attended, and I had a great time hanging out with my friends and playing games.

These parties started almost nine years ago. Brad Speirs has been the coordinator of the parties for six years. It's great to see a program that's been happening for so long still going strong. Brad said that the main goal of the parties is to give the students a place to go where they feel safe and comfortable.

The parties begin following the football and basketball games and last until 11:00 p.m. The only requirement is that the students are between seventh and twelfth grade.

There is no charge for the students to get into the parties. Novesta recently received a grant of \$5000 from FYI (Future Youth Involvement) to put toward the entertainment at the Fifth Quarter Parties. Brad said that the money that they received has been or will be used to purchase new TVs, a new air hockey table, and other games.

Caleb Hanby, a senior, was among the faces that I saw Friday night, and I asked him

what he enjoys about the Fifth Quarter Parties. Caleb said, "They have a lot of fun things to do and a lot of good food. It's also fun to hang out with friends after the game." Caleb likes seeing all of the kids that are there. He said that it's good to know that they have this positive alternative to other activities and that they aren't out on the streets.

Speaking of being off the streets, a big "thank you" goes out to all of you who have been clearing your sidewalks. This gives students a place to walk on their way to school, keeping them out of the streets. Many students have to start walking to school before it's daylight, and when your sidewalks are clear you give them a safe place to do that.

Keeping your sidewalks clear is a great service to both the students and the community. The elementary and high school student councils are both working to provide a service to a much larger community, the victims of the Tsunami.

The elementary school is having pop and popcorn sales on Friday, with all of the profits going to the victims of this terrible tragedy. The high school student council will be placing cans in the local businesses around town starting today. They will be labeled as High School Tsunami Relief. They will be in the businesses until January 28. Please remember that every little bit helps, even if it's just the change after you break a dollar (or a \$20).

Acts such as this really do prove that students are not only learning how to read, write and do arithmetic in school. They are also learning to be helpful and caring individuals!



ALEX SUTHERLAND, 11, helps Erika Badgley on her way down the sledding hill in Cass City recently.



## Bulldog Beat

by Mary McKee

Exams. They are basically one big review of what you have learned since the beginning of the school year. Some students fear them while others just take them in stride and treat them like any other test, and that basically is what exams are.

The only difference is that regular tests are taken maybe once a week, while some students are taking 7 exams in a span of 2 days. Exams also mark the halfway point of the school year. I have been taking exams since I was in the seventh grade, but even now I still get a little nervous when exam time comes around, so I decided to give some tips on how to make exam time a little easier and not as hard to handle.

Tip #1: Don't Stress!!! Exam time can be overwhelming, but being able to manage stress definitely helps when it comes to studying. When studying under stress, it seems no matter how many times you read over the material, it doesn't stick in your head, and then frustrations start to set in, and you have accomplished nothing and you still have a whole review to memorize. If you go into exam studying with an open mind, cramming all that information into your head will seem a lot easier.

Tip #2: Plan Ahead. When exam day nears, teachers usually give exam reviews to study off of the week of exams or sometimes two weeks in advance. With all that time, it would be a smart idea to plan out studying time. Study a little bit from each subject each day in the days leading up to the exam. By planning ahead and spreading out study time, you will be able to remember more, and not be as nervous as exam day comes.

Tip #3: Use all your resources. Exams are over what you have learned in the past eighteen weeks of school, so when it comes to studying, you have a lot of resources to work with. Some examples are a textbook, notes, old assignments, and review sheets, among other things. Use all

those things to your advantage. Look at old tests, essays, and quizzes to see what you did well on and what you have to spend a little bit more time on to understand.

Tip #4: Get help from your teachers. Remember, teachers were teenagers, and they were in your place once too. If you need help, all you have to do is ask for it, that is what teachers are there for. Ask your teacher if they will tutor you, or go over things that you just are not getting. Sometimes when another person explains something that you try to explain to yourself, they make it easier to comprehend because they make it less confusing and easier to understand.

Tip #5: Study with a friend. It is said that two heads are better than one, and that is right when it comes to studying for exams. When you study with a friend, you can come up with games or make clues to help remember answers. Having a friend study with you also makes a light atmosphere because it is not just you alone in a room studying. You can also compare notes to see if you have anything wrong, so you know you are studying all the right things.

Exams can be very difficult. It really tests students' minds and shows how much they are really learning every day in school. It is also one of the only tests you can take that affect your grade without giving you time to change it, by doing extra credit or make-up assignments. Doing bad on an exam can be the difference between passing and failing, so preparing for them is very important.

Another thing to remember is that exams are not just done in junior high and high school. They are also done in college, and in some jobs, so learning how to study for exams early in life can really help when it comes to your future.

I hope I can help some people with my "survival guide" for exams, and good luck to anyone who has to take them.

# Letters to the editor

## Bond not fiscally responsible

Upon reading the Jan. 5 edition of the Chronicle regarding the application for state permission to hold a bond issue for the construction of the fine arts addition to the school, I'm left with several questions.

First it is difficult to comprehend or consider this debt as an immediate issue given our declining budget, reduced state money and the loss of revenue in the Deford experiment alternative education program. The latter to be discarded or reconsidered if after the first year it didn't prove profitable will still be held accountable.

We also have the additional funding for the maintenance and upkeep of the newly constructed weight building funded without voter input or required approval and wouldn't require additional custodial or maintenance costs as the students could clean up after themselves (sounds similar to the new addition).

Second, prior to spending

any public funds for anything, there should be a feasibility study performed to determine what the needs are, not just what the school board wants. If it is determined that there is a need, the community should be notified of those possible needs and their input should be requested.

Third, the funding for such major construction projects have the opportunity for funding from numerous sources other than taxpayers, especially for the arts in a rural community. This would help to defray the cost of construction, maintenance and even offer a variety of programs that would target this area's needs and make the structure a true asset to the entire community.

The school board's selection of bias committee members to determine what is best for the district does not necessarily reflect the true feelings of the community.

Fourth, does the proposed building adequately meet our needs or does it supercede

our needs? Can the community afford the luxury of a building, which will still require winter heating, cooling, electrical and custodial staff?

If my math is correct, our high school junior class, which might be the first class to use this addition, would be over 30 before this obligation was paid for. This action suggests a hurry-up building agenda, before the knowledge of what this would really cost or be used for over the long run without a thorough plan of action and planned program offers.

There are many in this district that are having a hard time meeting their tax obligations. The economy is very slow, the jobs for full and part-time employment in the local area are almost nonexistent. To burden the homeowners with a tax obligation with this long term increase is not being fiscally responsible. At this point, I haven't seen much evidence in purpose, plan, proposal or potential prospects.

Homer Bailey

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.

I hope this will clarify the true cost to taxpayers for the proposed performing arts center.  
The figures on the millage and the corrected rates were determined after speaking with the superintendent of Cass City Schools.  
Sincerely,  
John Ryba,  
Cass City

Publisher's note: Our thanks for this explanation of the proposed tax. It should be noted that the millage is not only for a performing arts center, but also for all maintenance expenses for the school buildings for the next 12-15 years.

## Reader clarifies cost of arts center to taxpayers

To the Editor,  
I would like to correct the cost figures taxpayers would have to pay for a new performing arts center for the Cass City School District. The figures as presented in last week's Chronicle were incorrect.

The figure on the last tax bill for retiring the debt of the Cass City Schools was 4.2 mills. The figure used to make it more attractive to voters was 4.8 mills. This was the rate when the debt was incurred. It has worked its way down to the current 4.2 mills. The article stated that the new millage would be 5.2.

The correct rate would be

5.02 mills for the first year. The article used \$80,000 state equalized evaluation as an example. I came up with 5.02 mills (new proposed rate) minus 4.2 mills (existing rate) equals .82 mill increase times one half SEV (\$40,000) .82 x 40 = \$32.80 (not \$16.40 as stated).

Now for the second 2 years - 5.44 mills (new) minus 4.2 mills (old) equals 1.24 mill increase times one half SEV (\$40,000) 1.24 x 40 = \$49.60 (not \$20 as stated).

This assumes that the state equalized assessed value remains the same. I cannot recall when this has not increased in each of the last several years.

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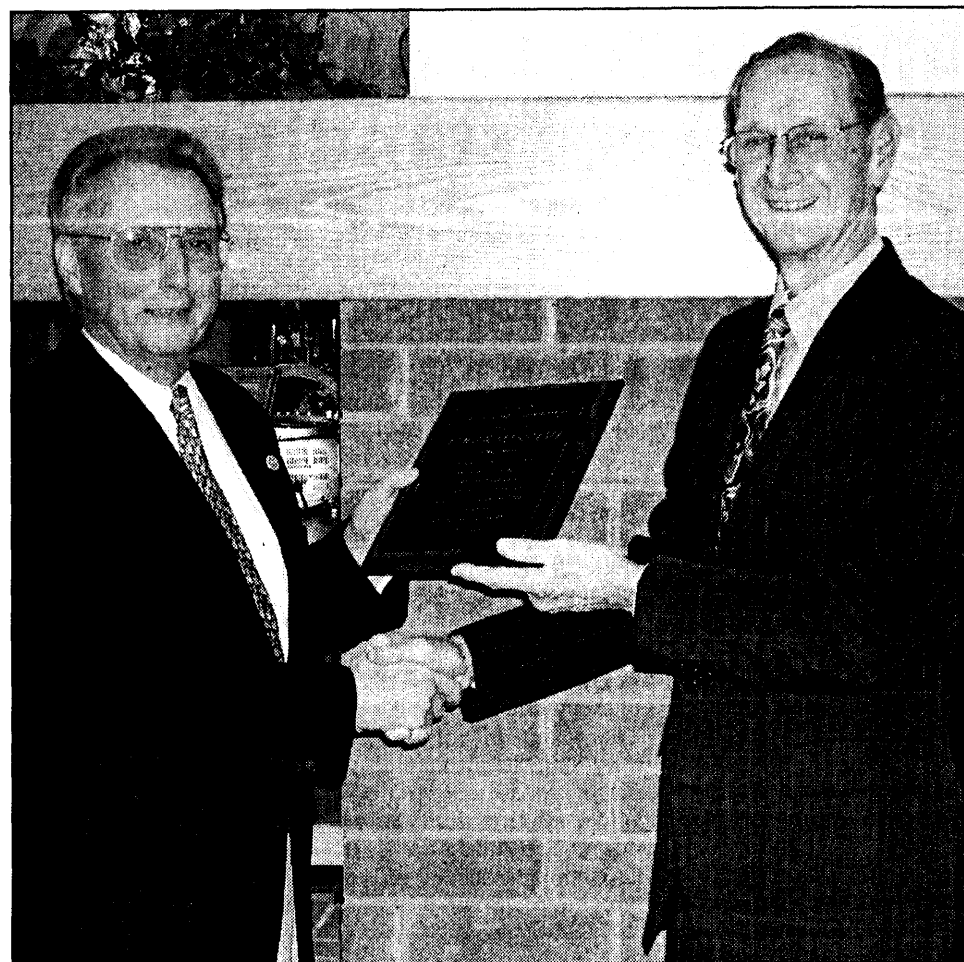
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## Changing of the guard...

**HILLS AND DALES Board Chairman Dan Hittler (right) presents a plaque to retiring board member Roger Marshall, who served 10 years, including the past 8 years as chairman. The board recently honored Marshall for his leadership in and commitment and devotion to a number of hospital projects, including Northwood Meadows. He was presented with a signed photo of Michigan State University Basketball Coach Tom Izzo.**



**NEWLY ELECTED hospital board officers are (from left) Chairman Dan Hittler, Vice Chairman Barb Butucel, Secretary Orvil Beecher and Treasurer Bert Althaver.**



**NEW MEMBERS joining the Hills and Dales HealthCare Board of Directors are (from left) Beverly Frank, Mary Cunningham and Dave Weiler.**

## Meyer takes the oath

State Rep. Tom Meyer last week took the oath of office at a capitol ceremony to officially start his third legislative term as the 84th District's voice in Lansing.

The Bad Axe Republican was re-elected to the Michigan House of Representatives Nov. 2. Meyer, who serves the people of Huron and Tuscola counties, was one of 110 House lawmakers sworn into the 93rd Legislature.

"The next 2 years will be a time of tough choices as we continue to energize our economy and put people back to work," Meyer said. "Although there certainly are challenges, it can also be a time of great opportunity. I look forward to the new session."

Constituents can reach Meyer by calling toll free at 1-888-254-5284, emailing tommyer@house.mi.gov, or writing to P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909.

"As always, I encourage area residents to contact me with a question or concern about state government," Meyer said. "I am grateful for having the people's trust for another term in office and I will work hard to serve their needs."

## Right to Life plans memorial

Huron County Right to Life will be holding its annual Memorial Service on the steps of the Huron County Building Sunday, Jan. 23 at 1:30 p.m. to commemorate all the lives lost to the Roe v. Wade decision.

Sherry Learman will be the featured speaker along with pastors Deewerd Smith and Jim Nihiser, who will be offering prayers.

Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bad Axe. Call Deanna Bingham at (989) 269-5047 with questions.

## Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



### 5 YEARS AGO

Cass City fifth grade students Allie Richards, Courtney Rabideau, Ryan Biddinger and Brad Severance finished among the top 10 competitors, including first and second place, in the Saginaw Diocese Regional Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee, held Saturday at Saginaw Nouvel High School.

Chocolate syrup was used for blood in the famous 45-second shower scene in Alfred Hitchcock's movie, "Psycho," which actually took 7 days to shoot.

Cass City High School debaters advanced to the Michigan Interscholastic Forensics Association Class B Varsity Tournament with a strong showing at districts last week in Cass City. "We finished 5-1 (at districts). Our loss came to Elk Rapids," Cass City Debate Coach Chad Daniels said. Cass City debaters Anand Raythatha, Manisha Raythatha, Shawn Engler, Amanda Frederick, Dara Iwankovitsch and Rajen Raythatha combined efforts to defeat teams from Marshall, Caro, Frankenmuth, Jackson County Western and Flint Northwestern high schools during district competition.

mission on Sleep Disorders Research, it's going to sleep at the wheel. An estimated 200,000 traffic accidents per year are caused by driver fatigue. And, no, coffee doesn't help you stay awake. (From Rabbit Tracks)

New Theory: A new study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association says that high cholesterol may not be much of a threat to healthy people over the age of 70. The theory is that if heart disease is not a problem throughout middle age, the bullet may have missed you.

### 25 YEARS AGO

How windy was it Friday? It was so windy that James Pierce's semi-truck was blown over. "I've been driving 30 years and that never happened to me before," the still-shaken Melvindale trucker said afterwards. He left Elktion at about 1:30 p.m., the time that the winds started picking up. He was headed south on Elktion Road (Cemetery Road), nearing the Tuscola-Huron county line, when he decided his empty truck was going to be blown over. He had only a couple of hundred yards further to go to Huron Line Road, the first place he could turn to head his rig into the wind, when he decided he wouldn't make it. He pulled his truck-tractor off the right side of the road and was moving toward the right side door to get out when the wind blew the tractor and trailer onto their sides, into the left lane. "It just picked it up and tipped it over," he explained.

McDonald's hamburgers taste the same in Japan as they do here, but in Japan, they cost more. That is the observation of Teruyo (Terry) Hayashi, who likes them in either country. The 18-year-old arrived in Cass City Aug. 27 as an exchange student through the Youth for Understanding program. She is spending the year with the

Ronald Nicholas family of Cass City, and will be returning home in July. At home, Miss Hayashi eats American and Chinese food in addition to her native Japanese, but declares, "I like American food best." In addition to hamburgers, her other favorites are French fries and cake.

### 35 YEARS AGO

PERFECTIONISTS - The happiest people are those who spend less time forgetting and more for giving.

Checking in with Cass City IGA Foodliner this week, we find that there was a first gigantic week anniversary sale. Some of the sale items included jelly in 1-pound jars at 4 for \$1; semi-boneless hams for 79 cents a pound; Jell-O coupons of 12 for \$1; Betty Crocker cake mixes at 4 boxes for \$1; and Fame breaded shrimp at 49 cents for a 10-ounce package.

Wondering what movies were playing back in 1970 at the theaters? At the Cass Theatre, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang starring Dick Van Dyke was starting; at the Bad Axe Theatre, Walt Disney's 101 Dalmatians was playing for a week; at The Strand, Barbara Streisand was starring in Funny Girl.

John Sommers, former resident and baker in Cass City, and his family are now living in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He is an associate in the Art Department of the University of New Mexico and will be manager and economics teacher in the Tamarind Lithography Studio to be opened soon in Albuquerque. Sommers just completed the lithography course at Tamarind Studio in Los Angeles. He is now a Tamarind Master Printer, one of 15 to complete the course at the studio, which was mentioned in Life Magazine issue of Jan. 23. The object of the studio is to encourage and promote others to open lithography studios.

## D. Kranz qualifies as CFSP

Debra L. Kranz of Cass City has qualified for recertification of the designation of Certified Funeral Service Practitioner (CFSP), by the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice (APFSP).

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Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136  
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**Cass City Church of the Nazarene**  
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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
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Pastor - Rev. Darold Ward

**Cass City Missionary Church**  
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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Youth Group & Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.  
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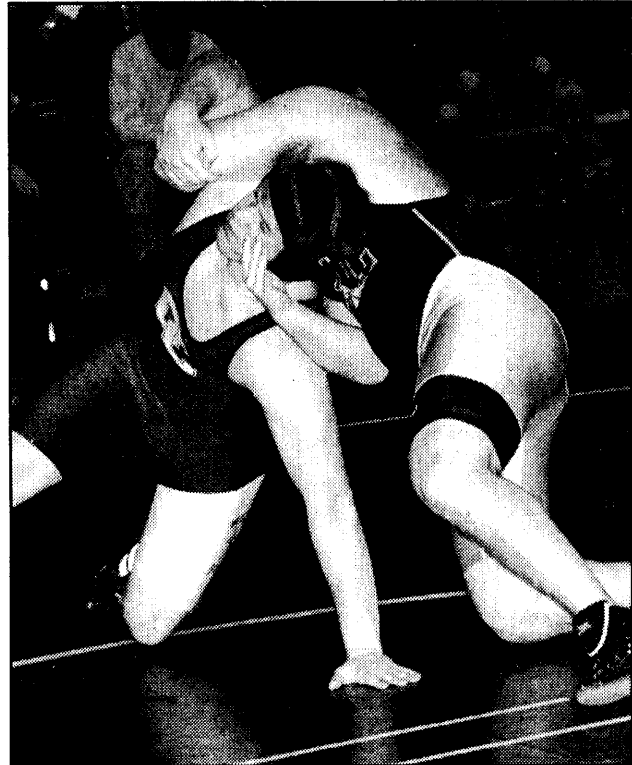
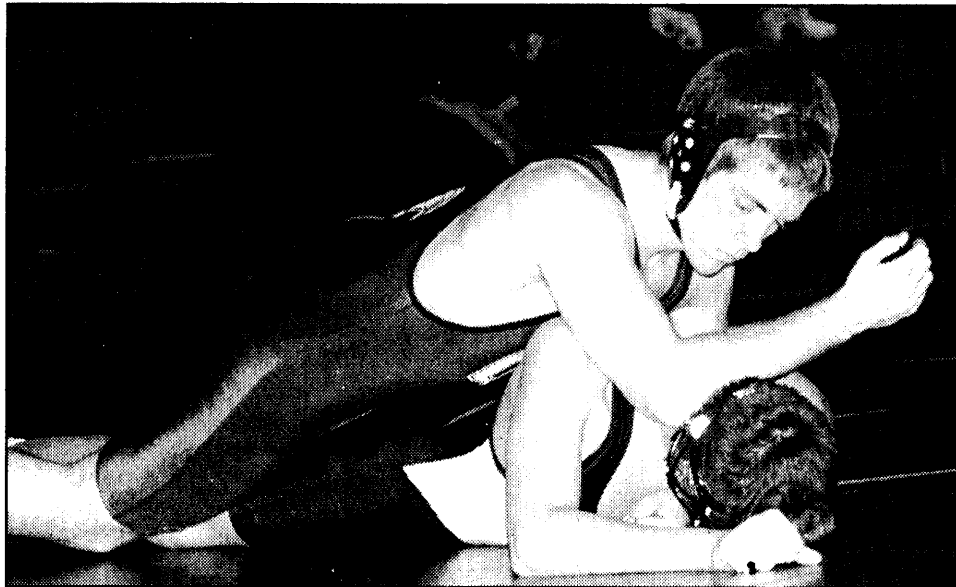
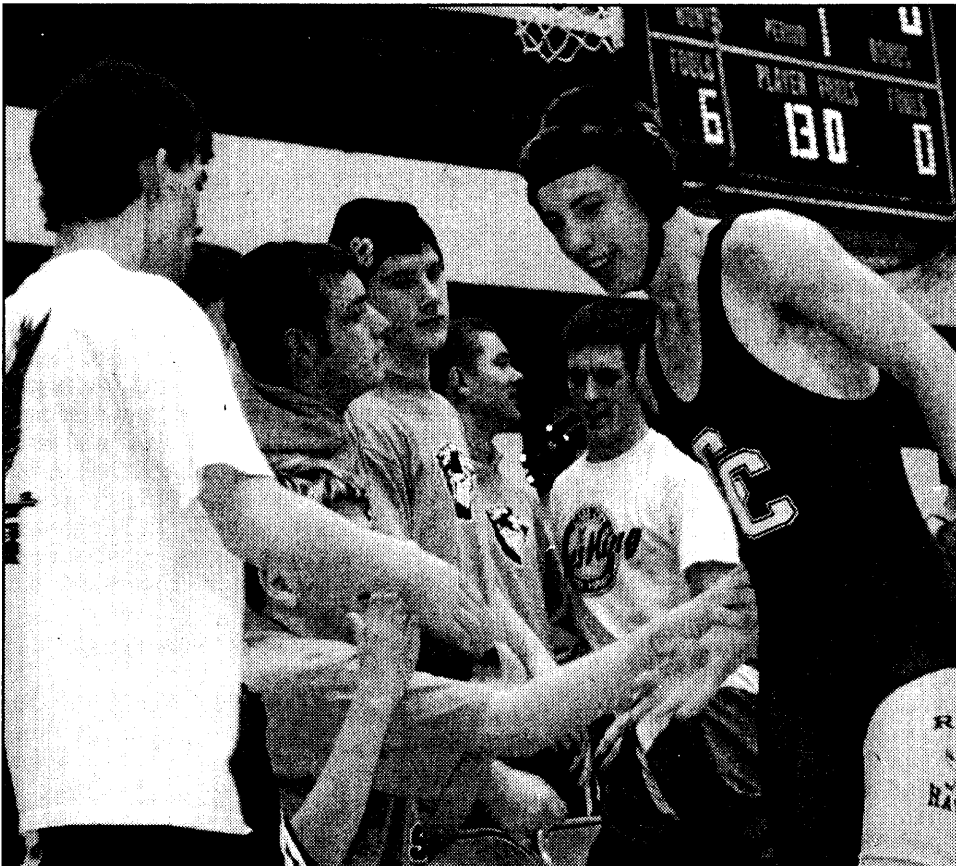


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Thursday Nite Trio as of Jan. 13	
Jebco Consulting	27.5
United Building Centers	21
Martin Electric	20
Dairy Queen Brazier-Caro	18.5
Mycogen Seeds	18
Schmaltz Construction	17
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Individual High Games & Series: K. Martin 217 (610); D. Dickinson 265 (607); O. Beecher 215 (597); D. Doerr 222-220 (581); J. Enos 243; T. Summers 212.	
Team High Game & Series: United Building Centers 664 (1853).	
Merchants as of Jan. 12	
Charmont	46
Lee Morgan Painting	37
Curtis Chrysler	24
Patrick's Flooring	19
Individual High Games & Series: T. Lis 246 (587); R. Hull 235.	

Sunday No Rollers as of Jan. 2	
JEBCo	8
Damn Near Last	7
Par-T-Ranch	6
Pinheads	5
Sometimers	4
Deford Drifters	1
CB's	1
Individual High Games & Series: C. Hutchinson 209; J. Baker 223-217 (598); R. Wright 211.	
Team High Game: Pinheads, 696.	
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Merchanettes	
Crowley Chiropractic	5
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Split Conversions: C. Davidson 2-4-5-10; C. Wallace 6-7-10.	
Team High Game & Series: Crowley Chiropractic 863 (2416).	



**HAWK GRAPPLER** Marcel Helland (top) is congratulated by teammates after posting his 100th career win Wednesday night against Valley Lutheran. Cass City's Jeff Tenbusch (middle) and Steve Meeker wrestle their way to victories against Valley Lutheran, who was demolished by the hosts, 78-3.

Hawk spikers split matches

The Red Hawk volleyball team split a pair of non-conference matches last week, before traveling Saturday to compete in the always-tough Birch Run Invitational tournament. Coach Beth Howard's spikers will return to the Greater Thumb West Conference wars this Thursday when the Hawks play host to visiting Bay City All Saints. Howard is hoping for a better start against the Cougars, who have struggled in GTW play this year. "I am not taking anybody for granted. I am not sure which team will show up for us," Howard said. "We are a slow starting team. We get playing better (as the match progresses), but we need to play better from the start."

At Birch Run, the Hawks advanced into the championship bracket with a 3-4 mark in pool play. Cass City dropped a pair of matches to North Branch, 25-13 and 25-14; topped Chesaning with a pair of identical 25-23 wins and traded games with New Lothrop 14-25, 25-23, before bowing 10-15 in the rubber game. In the elimination rounds, Cass City's day ended with losses of 25-13 and 25-5 to Marysville. "Marysville is very tough, they have about 8 consecutive state championships. I think we got a little intimidated in the second game," said Howard. Luann Laming led Cass City on the day with 5 aces, 25 assists and 20 digs. Ashley Hendrick had 18 kills, 16 assists and 21 digs. Emily Schinnerer had 13 kills, 38 digs and 2 assists. Sara Meeker had 15 kills, 2 assists and 3 digs.

**UBLY** Cass City traveled to face Greater Thumb East foe Uby Thursday and bow during a seesaw affair in 5 games. The scores were 12-25, 10-25, 28-26, 25-5, 10-15. Hendrick paced the Hawks with 7 kills, 7 digs, 4 blocks, and 4 assists. Laming had 15 assist, 8 digs, and 6 ace serves. Schinnerer recorded 6 kills, 6 digs, and 3 aces while Meeker added 5 kills and Danielle Dohn chipped in 20 digs. **SANDUSKY** Earlier in the week, on Monday, Cass City downed hosts Sandusky by the scores of 19-25, 25-20, 25-18 and 25-8. Schinnerer had a big night for the winners, recording 15 kills, and 34 digs. "Emily played awesome," Howard said. "She served well, blocked well, received well."

Hawk grapplers stand undefeated on top of conference standings

The last chance this season for fans to see the Cass City Red Hawk wrestling team at home is tonight (Wednesday) in a double dual meet with Bad Axe and Saginaw Nouvel. The fans that attend will be looking at a squad undefeated in the Greater Thumb Conference after it posted a pair of league wins last week, Wednesday. Valley Lutheran was demolished 78-3 and the Lakers fell 61-12. We are beginning to show signs of improvement as the season progresses, coach Don Markel noted. "The tough Christmas vacation practices that we had are beginning to pay some dividends." Double winners for Cass City were: Ken Grady (103), Marcel Helland (119-125), Lyle Reif (130), Chris

Wingett (135), Kyle Sieradzki (145), Micah Randall (152-160), Jeff Tenbusch (152-160), Wes Becker (171), Jerry Crandall (189) and Lee Hutchinson (275). The 2 victories pushed the Cass City record to 4-0 in the conference. Achieving a career milestone was senior co-captain Marcel Helland, who posted his 100th career victory when he pinned his Valley Lutheran opponent in 38 seconds. **MAYVILLE TOURNNEY** The Hawks finished second in the 16-team Wildcat tournament at Mayville Saturday. The winner was Madison Heights Lamphere. Other teams finished in the following order: Cass City, Mar-

lette, Mayville, Gladwin, Millington, Vassar, Mio, Sanford-Meridian, Brown City, Capac "B", Lakers, USA, Burton Bendle, Flint Central, Yale "B". Markel said, "The team showed a great deal of character on Saturday as several wrestlers sacrificed personal glory to help the Hawks to a second place finish. I moved some of the wrestlers into weight classes to face quality opponents in an effort to help the team win. Those wrestlers did the job I asked of them with no complaints. This group of young men truly understands the meaning of a team concept. We will continue to work hard to improve because we still have a tough schedule ahead of us." The Hawks went 3-0 to win their pool and qualify for the

championship bracket. In pool competition Cass City defeated Sanford-Meridian, 42-39, Millington, 54-27, and Burton-Bendle, 70-12. In the semi-finals the Hawks defeated Marlette, 42-40. In the finals Cass City fell to a powerful Madison Heights Lamphere squad, 49-15. Several Hawks had outstanding performances Saturday. Going 4-1 were Helland (119-125), Steve Meeker (215) and Lee Hutchinson (275). Recording perfect 5-0 marks for the day were sophomores Sieradzki (145) and Randall (152-160). Special congratulations go to Helland for his 100th career victory, Markel said. With the victories on Saturday, the Hawks are 15-10 for the season.

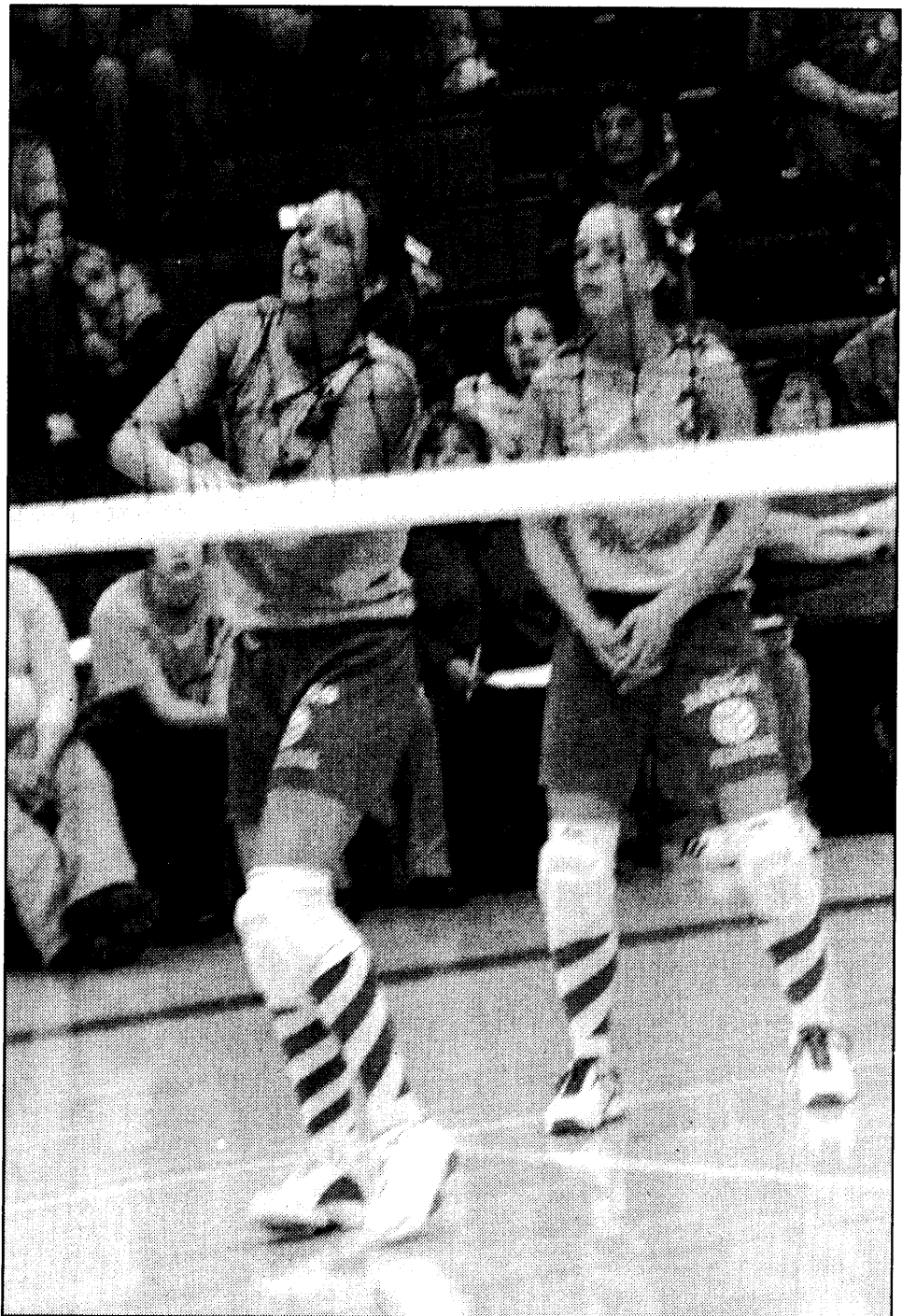
Owen-Gage perfect in NCTL play

Owen-Gage made short work of running its North Central Thumb League mark to 4-0 Monday night. Playing host to old friend Judy Campbell and her Akron-Fairgrove spikers, the Bulldogs sent their former mentor home with a 3-game defeat. The scores of the match were 25-22, 25-21, and 25-20. The Bulldogs, who have yet to lose a single game in NCTL competition, will travel to face North Huron on Thursday, before defending their title at the Carsonville-Port Sanilac Invitational on Saturday.

Several lady Bulldogs turned in solid showings against the Vikings. Nicole Schmidt led the way with 10 points, 4 aces, 10 assists and 8 digs. Mary McKee recorded 8 points, 7 aces, 10 digs and 2 saves. Kayla Zaleski had 7 points, 4 aces, 17 kills and 2 blocks. Kayla Kady had 7 points, 2 aces and 6 kills. Katie Swiastyn had 6 points, 2 aces, 8 assists, 16 kills, while Michelle Brown had 4 points, one ace and 6 digs. Owen-Gage had similar success Thursday, downing visiting Caseville in straight games. The Bulldogs recorded wins of 25-12, 25-13 and 25-12.

Swiastyn had a banner outing for the winners, especially from the service line where she was perfect in 30 attempts, netting 25 points, which included 12 aces. Swiastyn also chipped in 6 assists, 8 kills and 7 digs. Zaleski had 6 points, 18 kills, 7 digs and 3 blocks. McKee had 8 points and 3 digs. Schmidt had 9 assists and 4 digs, while Brown had 7 points, 5 digs and 2 saves.

**PORT HOPE** Owen-Gage opened last week, Monday, traveling to face Port Hope. The Blue Stars provided a stern test for the defending NCTL champs before falling, 25-21, 25-19 and 25-20. Zaleski had 9 points, 12 kills and 7 digs. McKee had 9 points, 5 digs; Brown had 8 points, 17 digs and 2 saves; Swiastyn had 10 kills, 10 assists and 3 saves.



**DYNAMIC DUO.** Owen-Gage's Kayla Zaleski (front) Katie Swiastyn ready for a shot in Monday's action against Akron-Fairgrove. The senior pair have led the Bulldogs to an unblemished mark in NCTL play.

**Cass City Public Schools**  
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**Project 2 - Cass City Middle School**

This is the second of 5 projects outlined by Supt. Ken Micklash to estimate costs to care for the needs of the buildings and special equipment for the next 12 to 15 years. The 3 remaining outlines will appear in following editions. The amounts are based on the approval of an \$11.5 million bond issue of which \$8.1 million will be used to build a new Performing Arts Center.

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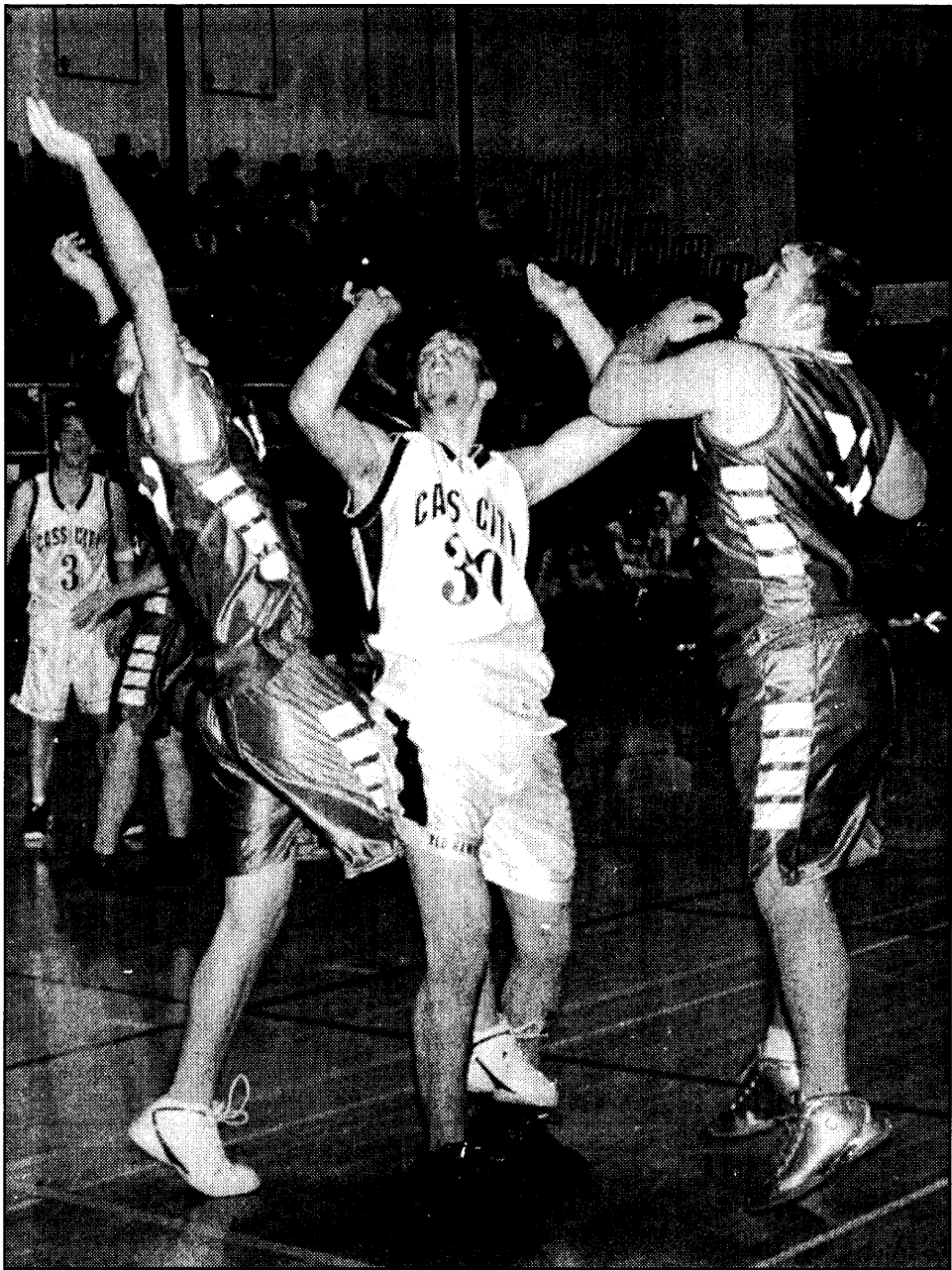
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CASS CITY'S CHRIS LANDRITH does heavy duty under the boards on both the offensive and defensive backboards. His efforts will be needed in Friday's showdown with visiting USA.

# Glaza sets record in win over Lakers

Riding the wave of the record-breaking flood of 3-point shots by Justin Glaza, the Cass City Red Hawks, for at least a week, reigned at the top of the Greater Thumb West after demolishing the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Lakers Friday, 69-46.

Glaza burned the nets with 10 shots from outside the circle to break Joel Brinkman's record of 7, set in 2001. When he left the game in the fourth quarter he received a standing ovation from the fans and his teammates. He set his own personal scoring high with 34 points.

Despite the win, over-confidence won't be a problem for Cass City. They were favored with a game slated Tuesday at Harbor Beach.

Then comes USA Friday at home and despite the Hawks' unblemished 9-0 record the Patriots will probably be favored, judging by their defeat of Buena Vista, then ranked number 2 in the state.

That will be followed by 2 tough games on the road. The Hawks play at Reese, Jan. 25, and Bay City All Saints Jan. 28. Both the Rockets and the Cougars are especially proficient at home.

Glaza started his record-breaking night early in the first quarter, riddling the Lakers mostly zone defense with 4 triples and paced the Hawks to a 23-6 first period lead.

The Cass City scoring machine slowed in the second quarter and the Lakers started hitting shots that were

bouncing off the rim in the first period. Paced by a pair of triples by Chris Harder, the Lakers posted a 13-10 advantage in the second quarter. Glaza netted 5 of the Hawk points in the quarter. At the intermission Cass City was in front, 33-19.

Glaza opened a big third quarter with his second and last 2-pointer of the night and then added treys number 6-7-8 in the period to set a new record. His 11 points in the quarter helped pad the Hawk lead to 53-34 going into the final 8 minutes.

Glaza scored 2 more treys in the final stanza before retiring for the night. Besides Glaza, Chris Landrith was in double figures with 13. Aaron Osentoski with 13 and Juan Howell with 12 points

led the Lakers.

**JUNIOR VARSITY**

The junior varsity lost both games last week, bowing to Lakers 68-53 and to Marlette 45-36.

**CASS CITY** - Glaza 2-10 (0-0) 34; Whittaker 1-0 (0-0) 2; Schinnerer 1-0 (0-0) 2; Babich 0-1 (0-0) 3; Landrith 4-0 (5-5) 13; N. Stoutenburg 0-1 (3-3) 6; Langenburg 1-0 (1-2) 3; Martin 3-0 (0-0) 6.

**TOTALS - 12-12 (9-10) 69.**

**LAKERS** - Harder 0-2 (1-2) 7; Beachy 4-0 (1-2) 9; J. Howell 5-0 (2-2) 12; Osentoski 4-1 (2-3) 13; B. Schember 1-0 (0-0) 2; Torres 0-0 (2-2) 2.

**TOTALS - 14-3 (8-11) 45.**

## BASKETBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST			
Team	W	L	Pct
Cass City	9	0	1.000
Reese	3	1	.750
USA	2	1	.667
BCAS	2	1	.667
EPBP	1	2	.333
Valley Luth.	0	2	.000
Bad Axe	0	3	.000

GREATER THUMB EAST			
Team	W	L	Pct
Ubyly	2	0	1.000
H. Beach	2	0	1.000
Sandusky	2	1	.667
Mayville	1	1	.500
Brown City	1	2	.333
Marlette	1	2	.333
Deckerville	0	3	.000

NCTL NORTH			
Team	W	L	Pct
Caseville	7	1	.875
North Huron	3	4	.429
Owen-Gage	3	5	.375
Port Hope	1	7	.125
A-Fairgrove	0	7	.000

NCTL SOUTH			
Team	W	L	Pct
CPS	8	0	1.000
Kingston	5	1	.833
Memphis	5	2	.714
Dryden	3	5	.375
Peck	2	6	.250

## Clutch free throws key

# Cass City hangs on to down Marlette

For 3 quarters it was a smooth ride for the undefeated Cass City Red Hawks, but the ride turned exceedingly bumpy in the final period as the Marlette Red Raiders came perilously close to snapping Cass City's 7-0 win streak last week, Tuesday. The Hawks edged the visiting Raiders, 49-44.

Cass City led all the way, except for a brief moment when Marlette used a 9-3 splurge to lead 9-7 with 4:52 left in the first quarter.

The Hawks answered with an 11-0 run to forge in front, 18-9. The defenses dominated in the second period. The Raiders and Hawks

played excellent, tough defense and that combined with some cold shooting made the total offense in the second quarter 5 points for Cass City and 4 for Marlette.

Despite the low score, the Hawks made no turnovers in the period. For the night, Cass City committed 10.

The Hawks led 21-13 at the half and the easy ride continued in the third quarter despite 4 turnovers, 2 unforced. Featuring balanced scoring Cass City went into the final 8 minutes with a 37-26 lead.

That all changed in the last quarter. Marlette opened with a 6-1 run to close the gap to just 6 points. The pressure eased for a moment when Andrew Schinnerer connected for a trey, but the Raiders bounded back to close within a single possession, 45-42 with 2:01 left to play. Marlette missed an opportunity to move within a point when a lay-up bounced off the rim.

One of the keys to the Cass City win was clutch free throw shooting. With the

game on the line the Hawks converted 8 out of 10 from the charity stripe.

Justin Glaza led the Hawks with 16 points. Keegan Rinn netted 16 and Garrett Lange and Brian Redman, 10 each for the Raiders.

# Bulldogs' slide continues with loss to Tigers

After 4 straight victories to close out the year, the Owen-Gage basketball team is still searching for win number one in 2005.

Following Carsonville-Port Sanilac's 52-37 North Cen-

tral Thumb League defeat Friday, the Bulldogs have now dropped 4 consecutive league battles and have slipped below .500 for the first time this season.

Owen-Gage, 4-5 overall, will try to get back to the win column this week. Owen-Gage was to have completed its opening round NCTL match ups on Tuesday against North Huron, before facing visiting Memphis Friday for the second time this year.

Tigers Kevin Calahan and Jon Bezemek dominated Friday's action in Owendale, as a big 24-10 first quarter scoring advantage held up against the Bulldogs.

Calahan hit for his lone trey in the early going and recorded 9 of his game-high 23 tallies before entering the second stanza. Bezemek was also effective early and collected 5 field goals en route to 16 points on the night.

Owen-Gage closed the gap to 29-22 as they held the visitors to a pair of solo field goals in the 8 minutes before the intermission.

However, CPS matched the Bulldog's defensive effort in the final half, holding the hosts to an Eric Zaleski basket and Nathan Rogers free throw in the third frame that ended 40-25.

Both schools shot well from the foul line. CPS, led by Calahan's 6-6 effort, converted 12 of 17 attempts, while Owen-Gage made good of 7 of 10 tries.

Aaron Faist led Owen-Gage with 13 points that included 3 treys.

**CASEVILLE**

Kyle Quinn and his Caseville Eagles dished out a 77-46 whipping over guests Owen-Gage Tuesday near the bay.

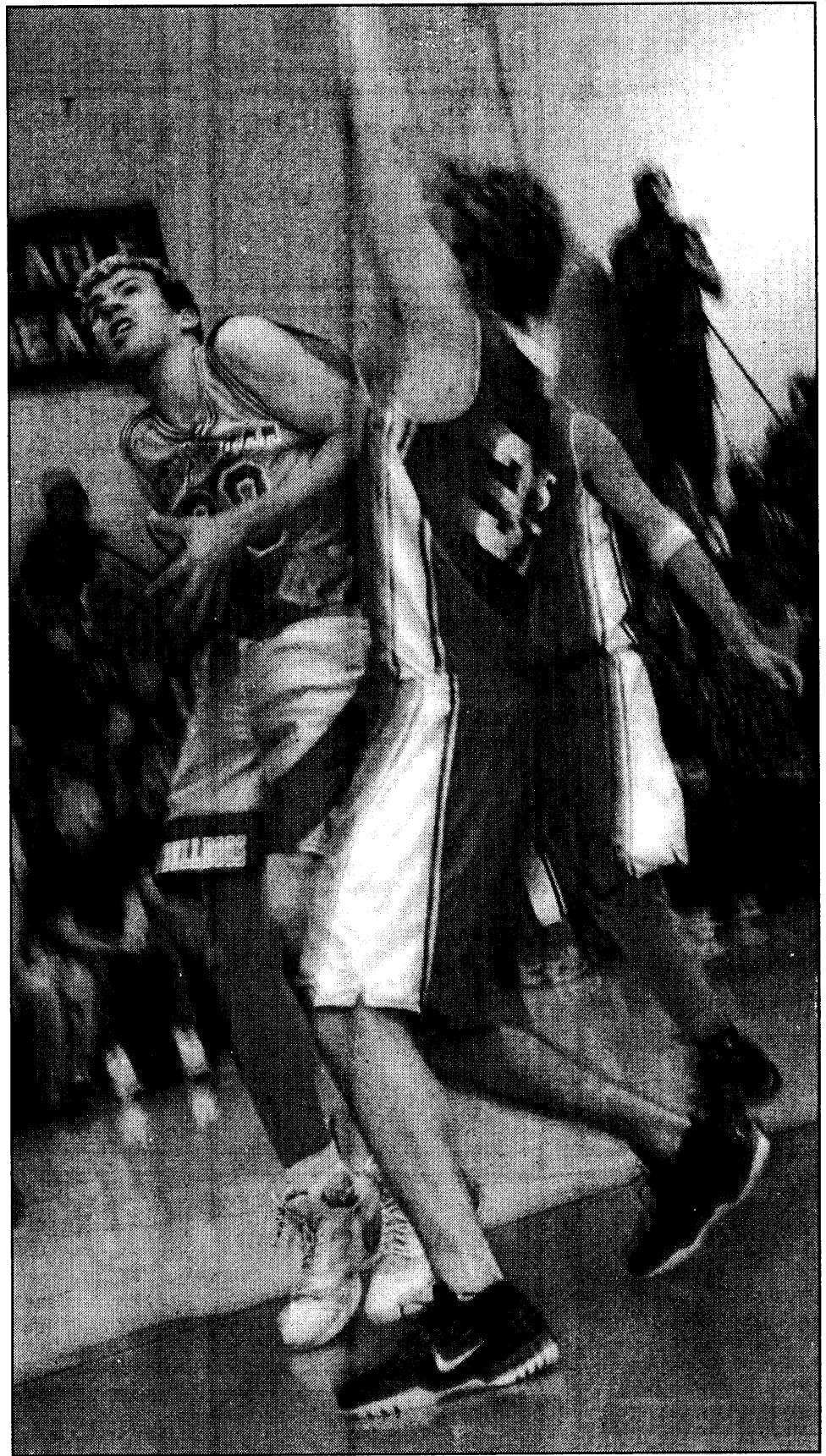
Quinn hit on all cylinders, recording a game-high 33 points, despite sitting out the entire final period.

Quinn scored 17 first half points, leading the Cardinals to a 39-25 margin at the break.

Caseville's defense continued its assault on the Bulldogs after the break and limited Owen-Gage to 6 points in the third quarter where the game's outcome was put to rest.

Nathan Rogers led Owen-Gage with 13 points, while Faist and Levi Adams each scored 10 points.

Besides Quinn, Caseville had Chad Davis and Curtis Ostrander in double digits with 13 and 12 points, respectively.



BRAD LANGENBURG grabs an offensive rebound and prepares to shoot. Watching the action at back left is Justin Glaza.

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Bad Axe at Marlette	Cass City BCAS	Cass City BCAS	Cass City BCAS	Cass City BCAS
Lakers at Mayville	Carrollton Kingston	Carrollton Kingston	Carrollton Kingston	Valley Lutheran Kingston
Cass City at Harbor Beach	North Huron Caseville	North Huron Caseville	North Huron Caseville	North Huron Caseville
BCAS at Ubyly	Memphis Memphis	Memphis Memphis	Memphis Memphis	Memphis Memphis
Valley Lutheran at Carrollton				
Kingston at CPS	Valley Lutheran USA	Valley Lutheran USA	Valley Lutheran USA	Valley Lutheran Cass City
North Huron at Owen-Gage	Reese BCAS	Reese BCAS	Reese BCAS	Reese BCAS
A-Fairgrove at Caseville	Sandusky Ubyly	Sandusky Ubyly	Sandusky Ubyly	Sandusky Ubyly
Memphis at Peck	North Huron CPS	North Huron CPS	North Huron CPS	North Huron CPS
Friday, January 21	Memphis Kingston	Memphis Kingston	Memphis Kingston	Memphis Kingston
Valley Lutheran at Bad Axe	Dryden 16-7	Dryden 17-6	Dryden 14-9	Dryden 18-5
USA at Cass City	75-25 (75%)	76-24 (76%)	69-31 (69%)	76-24 (76%)
Lakers at Reese				
Marlette at BCAS				
Sandusky at Harbor Beach				
Ubyly at Mayville				
Peck at North Huron				
CPS at Port Hope				
Memphis at Owen-Gage				
Caseville at Kingston				
A-Fairgrove at Dryden				
Last Week's Results				
Season's Results				

**OWEN-GAGE'S NATHAN ROGERS** draws contact as he drives down the lane against host Caseville. Rogers scored 13 points to pace the Bulldogs.

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Genealogy Group meets, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Multiple Sclerosis and Fibromyalgia Support Group meeting, 7 p.m., Northwood Meadows, 6086 Beechwood Dr., Cass City. For more information, call Deb at (989) 872-2121 (ext. 216).

### Friday, January 21

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

### Saturday, January 22

Group Exercise Workshop, 8 a.m., Hills & Dales Health & Fitness, 1186 Cleaver Rd., Caro. Potential and current fitness instructors will learn basic academic and practical application of teaching group exercise. Workshop registration includes a full-day review, written exam, 2-year certificate and membership. To register, call 800-AEROBIC or register online at [www.netafit.org](http://www.netafit.org).

Right to Life Annual Candlelight Vigil, 6-7 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church, 503 S. State St., Caro. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Sunday, January 23

Fit for Life, 8 a.m., Hills & Dales Health & Fitness, 1186 Cleaver Rd., Caro. Learn specific issues that aging participants may encounter, including medical considerations, orthopedic concerns and the normal effects of aging and how these relate to exercise and health. To register, call 800-AEROBIC or register online at [www.netafit.org](http://www.netafit.org).

Huron County Right to Life Annual Memorial Service, 1:30 p.m., Huron County Building. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Bad Axe. For additional information, call Deanna Bingham at (989) 269-5047.

### Monday, January 24

Cass City School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Charnont.

Tuscola County Right to Life Organization meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Library.

### Wednesday, January 26

Thumb Retired Officers of Police Service (TROOPS) meeting, 11:30 a.m., Franklin Inn, Bad Axe.

## Several face charges

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

•Dell A. Hutchinson, 44, Caro, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense, Dec. 14 in Caro, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

•Tony J. Emmons, 26, Mayville, pleaded guilty to forgery involving a \$400 check drawn on Community Bank, and obtaining \$1,000 to \$20,000 by false pretenses Sept. 11-14 in Almer and Akron townships.

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

•Andrew M. Mullin, 41, Vassar, was sentenced to 15 months to 2 years in prison for his plea of no contest to unlawful use of a motor vehicle, larceny of property valued at \$200 to \$1,000, and larceny of property valued at less than \$200 Aug. 9, 2004, in Vassar.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling

\$210.

•Andrew W. Barrigar, 30, Caro, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, second offense, Dec. 16 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$1,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Jeremy A. Likens, 28, Caro, was sentenced to 17 months to 5 years in prison for his plea of guilty to unlawfully driving away an automobile Oct. 7, 2003, in Caro.

•William M. Allen, 51, Flint, stood mute to 2 counts of malicious destruction of personal property, causing damage estimated at \$1,000 to \$20,000 June 29, 2003, in Vassar Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered, bond was continued at \$10,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Troy E. Giddings, 29, Mayville, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 180 days in the county jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 16 in Mayville.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,120.

## BASKETBALL - VOLLEYBALL - WRESTLING - GYMNASICS

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

Date	Team	Time
Dec. 7	Vassar 61, Cass City 65	
Dec. 10	Ubyly 53, Cass City 55	
Dec. 14	Sandusky 46, Cass City 51	
Dec. 17	Mayville 38, Cass City 72	
Dec. 21	Caro 44, Cass City 56	
Jan. 4	Valley Lutheran 48, Cass City 63	
Jan. 7	Bad Axe 38, Cass City 59	
Jan. 11	Marlette 44, Cass City 49	
Jan. 14	Lakers 45, Cass City 69	
Jan. 18	Harbor Beach	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.

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## Follow the Hawks at home

### BASKETBALL

Fri., Jan. 21  
Cass City vs. USA

### VOLLEYBALL

Thurs., Jan. 20  
Cass City vs. BCAS

### WRESTLING

Wed., Jan. 19  
Cass City vs. Bad Axe/  
Nouvel

### 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.

\* Home games are bold

### 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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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by SUSANA A. PRICE, A SINGLE WOMAN, to GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION OF PA NKA GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated January 17, 1996 and recorded on January 24, 1996 in Liber 685 on Page 114, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, and modified by loan modification agreement dated October 31, 1996 and recorded November 14, 1996 in Liber 701, Page 155, and modified by loan modification agreement dated November 27, 1996 and recorded February 3, 1997 in Liber 704, Page 1394, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE AND 44/100 DOLLARS (\$73,625.44), including interest at 8.875% per annum.

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: January 13, 2005

GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION OF PA NKA GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION Mortgagee

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

The South 208.72 feet of the West 208.72 feet of the following described parcel: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 25, Township 10 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of Elm Street, so-called that is North 01 degrees 19' West, 24.25' and North 88 degrees 53' East, 766' and South 01 degrees 09' East, 467.3' from the West 1/4 corner of the said Section 25; thence North 89 degrees 08' East, 555.38'; thence South 00 degrees 30 East, 662.65; thence South 89 degrees 08' West, 547.66' to the East line of said Elm Street; thence North 01 degrees 09' West, 662.65' along the East line of Elm Street to the point of beginning;

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

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

The redemption period will be six months from date of sale, unless the Property is determined to be abandoned under MCL 600.3241 or 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 1 month or 30 days, respectively, from date of sale.

Dated: January 13, 2005

MORTGAGEE: DANIEL DAY  
106 Brown Road, P.O. Box 463  
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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 (\$116,202.77), 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, subject to the use of the Easterly 33 feet thereof, as North Lake Road.

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.

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

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 March 3, 2005.

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

LOT 5, BLOCK 5 OF GARDEN CENTER SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 82, NOW BEING PAGE 42B, TOWN 14 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST.

TAX PARCEL ID#: 035-500-275-0500-00

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: January 13, 2005

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns MORTGAGE INVESTORS CORPORATION Mortgagee

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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 MCL 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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D/B/A AmeriCo Mortgage Company  
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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/k/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 sale of the mortgage 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 one (1) 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, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence South 87 degrees 47 minutes West 563.0 feet along the South line to the point of beginning; running thence South 87 degrees 47 minutes West 210.0 feet along the South line of said Section 28; thence North 02 degrees 26 minutes 27 seconds West 200.0 feet; thence North 12 degrees 57 minutes 04 seconds East 414.43 feet; thence North 87 degrees 47 minutes East 100.0 feet; thence South 02 degrees 26 minutes 27 seconds East 600.0 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 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

1-12-5

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: 79-040-025-000-0800-00

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

12-22-5

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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 Joseph R. Lockhart, a married person, and Patricia A. Lockhart, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 10, 2001 and recorded on April 17, 2001 in Liber 828 on Page 1080 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Two and 26/100 Dollars (\$48,323.26), 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 17, 2005.

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

The North 1/2 of Lot 36 and the North 1/2 of the West 37 feet of Lot 35, Block 9, The Plat of Charles Montague's Subdivision, according to Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, now being Page 11A of Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: January 19, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
FC D (248) 593-1309  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #045310F01

1-19-4

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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 Thomas R. Darling II, a single man, and Courtney Hunkins, a single woman, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 17, 2003 and recorded on October 23, 2003 in Liber 961 on Page 2 in Tuscola County

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.

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 City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 14 of Block No. 29, the plat of the Village of Vassar (Now City), according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in plat Liber 2, Page 93, Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 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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30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #045054F01

1-12-4

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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 Gerald T. Vanderpool, a married man, and Heather Vanderpool, a married woman, original mortgagors, to Maricopa 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 Fifty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Nine and 62/100 Dollars (\$58,739.62), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on 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 MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 29, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
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Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #043310F01

12-29-4

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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 Jennifer Socknicki, a single woman, original mortgagor, to DMR Financial Services, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 19, 1999 and recorded on May 20, 1999 in Liber 772 on Page 7, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp as assignee by an assignment in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of 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 February 10, 2005.

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

Commencing at a point on the North side of Gamble Street in the Village of Caro, 717 feet (43 rods, 7 1/2 feet) East of the West Section line of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East; thence North parallel with said Section line 172.85 feet to the North line of said Section 3; thence East along said 1/8 line 47 feet; thence South parallel with said Section line 172.85 feet to the North line of Gamble Street; and

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

Dated: January



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## Notices

**Greenleaf Township Planning Commission** will meet for reviewing of ordinances  
**Jan. 18, 7 p.m.**  
Township Hall  
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5-1-12-2

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**Greenleaf Township Board** will meet for a regular meeting  
**Jan. 20, 8 p.m.**  
Township Hall  
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5-1-12-2

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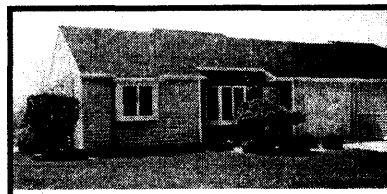
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## Obituaries

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Margaret C. Generous, 87, of Gagetown, died Friday, Jan. 14, 2005.

She was born July 9, 1917 in Gagetown, the daughter of Harry and Teresa (McCarthy) Johnston.

She married Elger R. Generous June 18, 1938. He died March 12, 1992.

Generous was a lifelong resident of Gagetown. She was a member of St. Agatha Catholic Church and its Altar Society.

She is survived by her sons: Richard Generous of Florida, John Generous of Caro, and Gerald (Barbara) Generous of Caro; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; a brother, Harold (Bette) Johnston of Alma; a sister, Marion Carroll of Gagetown, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Madelyn (Jay) Pitcher, a brother, Bill (Shirley) Johnston, and a brother-in-law, Richard Carroll.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, Jan.

17, at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown, with Fr. Steve Fillion officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to the church Altar Society.

### Archie Pionk

Archie A. Pionk, 74, of Uby, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005 at his residence under hospice care.

He was born Sept. 8, 1930 in Smith Corners, son of the late John and Frances (Goszdzinski) Pionk.

He married Marie Evelyn Shemka May 1, 1954 at St. Mary Catholic Church, Parisville.

Pionk attended the Kelly Country School. He was a drummer for 20 years with the band The Polka Chips. He retired in 1997 after 43 years as a machine repairman for Active Industries. He was a parishioner at St. John Catholic Church, Uby, for 45 years.

He is survived by his wife, Marie; 2 sons: Marvin (Barbara) Pionk of Bad Axe, and Michael (Donna) Pionk of Hermitage, Tenn.; 5 grandchildren; 2 sisters: Susie Peruski and Rose Lemanski, both of Bad Axe; a brother, James Pionk of Bad Axe; 3 sisters-in-law: Beatrice (Martin) Osantoski of Bad Axe, Louise Pionk of Uby, and Jeanette Lemanski of Madison Heights; and a brother-in-law, LaVerne (Mary) Shemka of Port Hope.

He was preceded in death by 3 sisters: Lucy Osentoski, Anna Susalla, and Selma Grifka; and 6 brothers: Stanley, Sylvester, John, Clarence, Elmer and Ignatz Pionk.

Funeral mass was held Saturday, Jan. 15, at St. John Catholic Church, Uby, with the Rev. Joseph Griffin, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery in the spring.

Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice.

## The danger zone

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states, reuniting with his wife, Jayne, and children, Isaiah, 4, and Audrey, 14 months, in Hawaii in December.

### Election deadlines nearing

School board and library board candidates who wish to seek office in the Owendale-Gagetown Area School District in the May 3 annual school election must file nominating petitions no later than 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8.

A candidate's petition must contain a minimum of 6 signatures and no more than 20 signatures. A \$100 non-refundable fee may be filed by the candidate in lieu of a petition. An affidavit of identity is required to be filed by the candidate with the petition or fee.

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ber. He arrived in Cass City earlier this month to spend time with family.

"It's always nice to visit Cass City (and) soak in a basketball game," he said.

As for the future, Hewitt has another 18 months to serve - giving him 20 years in the Army - before he can retire with full benefits. After that, he plans to take his Army experience and security clearance and test the civilian job market.

"I'm probably going to concentrate on getting a job with the airlines," he said, adding he's also considering a safety inspection position with OSHA. "My main focus would probably be with the aviation industry. We're looking at going back to Hawaii and seeing what the job situation is there."

Although serving in the Army has meant risking his own life for his country, Hewitt said he has no regrets, largely because of all of the benefits he has reaped. After graduating from high school, he gave college a try, but found it just didn't work for him, so he enlisted and served 3 years in the service. Afterwards, he returned to college for a semester, but decided he would return to the Army for another 6 years. "I just kept rolling with it. The opportunities were good," he said. "The military's been good to me. It's given me direction that I didn't have."

"But I think 20 years is long enough. It's just time to enjoy the family and do other things."



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## Arraigned

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to kill or to do any great bodily harm, but an intentional assault and battery resulting in death," Reese said. "It's horribly tragic that it ends with these consequences, but the accountability is there."

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