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## Crash leaves area 9-year-old boy dead

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A 2-vehicle traffic crash claimed the life of a 9-year-old Kingston boy and left another child critically injured Sunday morning.

Troopers at the Michigan State Police post in Caro were dispatched to the intersection of M-24 and M-46, about 6 miles south of Caro, at 10:45 a.m., according to

First Lt. Doug Lautner, post commander.

Lautner reported 2 vehicles collided in the intersection when the driver of a west-bound Dodge Intrepid attempted to turn south on M-24. The driver of the second vehicle, a Ford F-250, pickup truck, was eastbound on M-46 and made contact with the first vehicle's passenger side midsection.

Lautner said the crash resulted in one fatality. Two other occupants were injured and both were transported to Covenant Hospital in Saginaw. A 7-year-old was listed in critical condition, and a 38-year-old driver was treated for minor injuries and then released.

Troopers did not release the names of the occupants by press time.

Reports state alcohol does not appear to be a factor in the accident.

Troopers are continuing their investigation. They were assisted at the scene by the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, Caro Fire Department, MMR personnel and 2 conservation officers from the Department of Natural Resources.



NORTHWOOD Meadows Director Kelly Richmond congratulates CNA Kay McLellan on her completion of the specialized assisted living-adult foster care training program as instructor Paula Pobanz (second from right) and Hills and Dales General Hospital CEO and President Dee McKrow look on.

## Arts center proposal moving ahead

### Board passes resolution

The Cass City School Board took another step at its regular meeting Monday towards a vote May 3 on a proposed \$11.5 million bond issue for a new Performing Arts Center together with building and equipment renovations.

The board passed a resolution asking the Michigan Department of Treasury to approve the preliminary bond qualification. The bond issue is to be decided at the new regular election May 3 that includes election of school board members. This year the election will be held at the school because the VFW hall is not available. The election will be at the school this year only.

Supt. Ken Micklash released figures that show the cost to taxpayers if the millage is approved. Taxes will increase 1.26 mills from 4.2 mills now paid to 5.46 mills

in 2005. See box in this issue for amounts homes of various values would cost.

Athletic director Aaron Fernald presented a tentative schedule for switching girls' basketball from the fall to the winter and it was approved by the board. Next year the girls will play on Monday and Thursday and the boys on Tuesday and Friday. The following year the girls will play on Tuesday and Friday and the boys on Monday and Thursday. Fernald said that playing a triple-header was discussed, but discarded because of the use of lockers by boys and girls on the same night.

A final court decision on the change is expected in July, Fernald said.

In another decision regarding athletics, the board okayed a cooperative swimming team arrangement with Caro High School. Cooperative teams are not new to the schools. Presently 5 girls

from Caro are participating with the Cass City gymnastic team.

Regulations concerning theft in the school cafeteria were presented by principal Jon Good and approved by the board. Now a first offense of stealing from the snack bar will cost 6 points and a 30-day ban from the snack bar. Police may be called. A second offense will cost 6 points, plus a minimum of 90 days ban up to a ban for the remainder of the school year. Police may be called.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Five bids for the purchase of a new school bus were opened. They will be examined by a committee and a recommendation will be made to the board on which bid to accept.

Beverly Auten, a former school board member, was voted to be the Cass City representative at the Thumb

Meet of Champions in Caro. The person is nominated for the work the individual has done for area children.

A committee of Teresa Rabideau, Douglas Lautner and Danny Haag were appointed to review non-union personnel contracts and compensation for 2005-06.

Kyle Swanson has been elected to serve on the Michigan Community Foundation Youth Program Board. Trustee Jim Turner said that he believed Swanson was the first person from the Thumb to receive that honor.

In conjunction with school board recognition month, board members were awarded plaques and the thanks of the administration. They also received a balloon and a mug filled with small items from the student council. The gifts from the council were presented by Leah Sherman, student representative on the board.

CURRENT VALUE OF HOME:	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	120,000
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ADDITIONAL COST/ <sup>\$1</sup> YEAR:	\$25.20	\$37.80	\$50.40	\$63.00	\$75.60

## Storm blasts Thumb

A weekend snowstorm that dumped several inches of snow in the Thumb caused headaches for motorists and translated into long hours for road crews, but law enforcement officials reported few serious traffic accidents.

The blustery storm blew into the area early Saturday morning and increased in intensity, with wind gusts reaching nearly 40 miles per hour, causing whiteout conditions at times.

According to weather data recorded at the Cass City Wastewater treatment plant, the total snowfall was 6.8 inches, although amounts varied from area to area, with some portions of the Thumb receiving nearly a foot of snow.

The blizzard prompted Tuscola County Central Dispatch officials to urge residents to stay home unless they had an emergency. The announcement came as county road commission officials decided to instruct their truck drivers to pull off the roads and stand-by when they encountered zero visibility conditions.

In Cass City, a DPW crew of 5 men along with 3 blade trucks and a grader started plowing early, but their efforts proved futile by mid-day.

"Saturday we went out from around 8 until noon," said DPW Supt. Gary Barnes, who said the crew was eventually forced to give up.

"It was a blizzard. It just kept coming down," Barnes

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by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Kelly Richmond ran into a problem when she sought out a training program that would hone her staff's skills specifically in assisted living and adult foster care environments - there were none to be found.

But that didn't deter Richmond, who serves as director at the Northwood Meadows assisted living and dementia care facility in Cass City.

Richmond turned to Paula Pobanz, nurse manager at Hills and Dales General Hospital, and Karen Perry, director of nursing, also at Hills and Dales. And together they created a unique training program they hope will become a model for similar facilities across the nation.

The first students to complete the program received their certificates and congratulations from Northwood and hospital officials during a "graduation" ceremony Friday.

"It all started early this summer - the end of June," Richmond said of the innovative training. "Assisted living in this area, the business itself, is going to become more competitive as the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility opens up its new wing, and we wanted to make Northwood the choice of families that would need assisted living or dementia care."

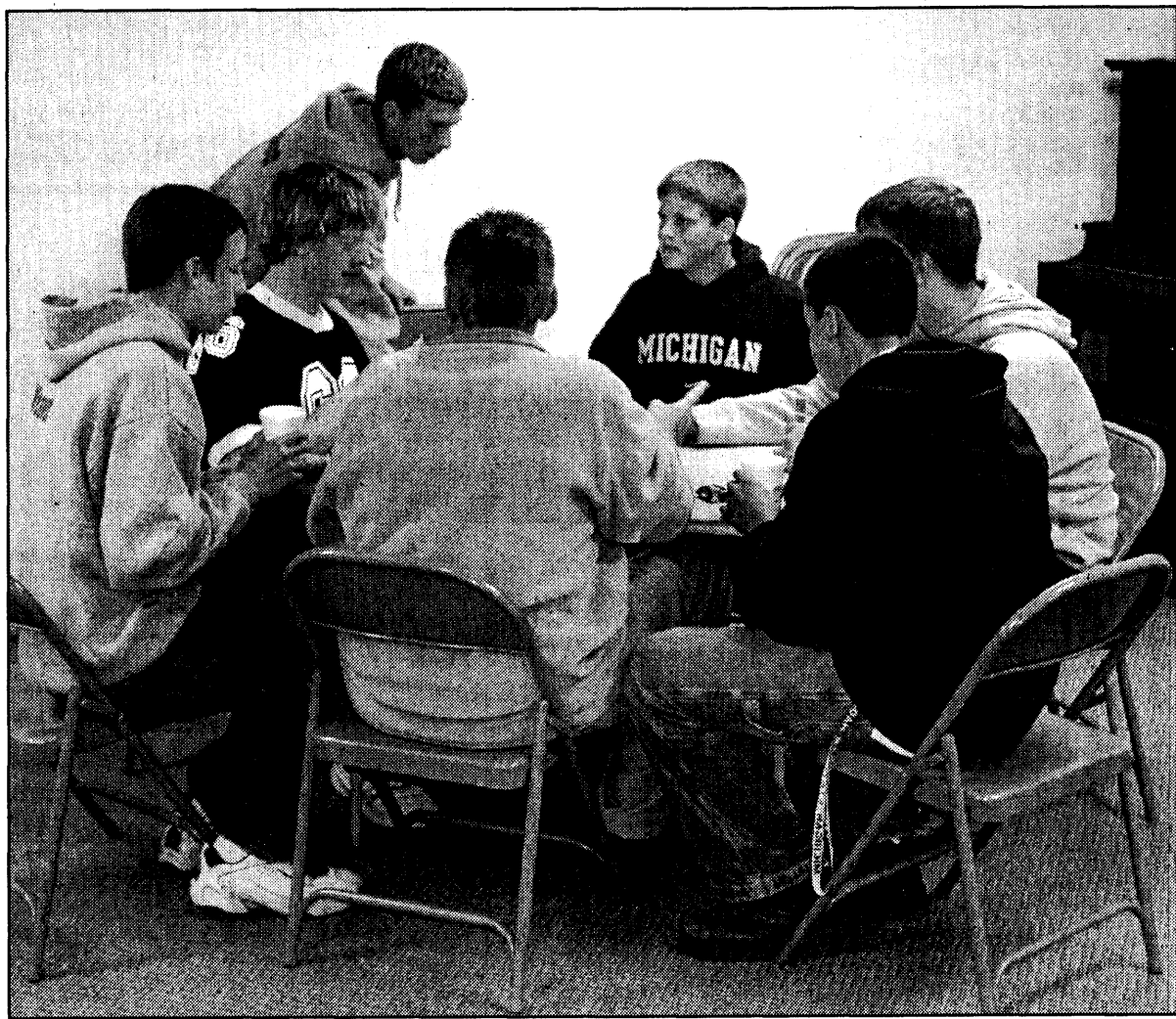
Richmond said she began to look into accreditation for certified nursing assistants

(CNAs) in the areas of long-term and adult foster care.

"There aren't any," said Pobanz, who wears many hats at Hills and Dales including CN trainer and director of infection control, employee health and chemotherapy.

"So, with Paula's help and Karen's help, they put together a course," Richmond said, adding the 4-month training session included a couple hours of classroom

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AN AVERAGE OF 150 area youths have been attending the Novesta Church of Christ's Fifth Quarter Parties during this basketball season. Future Youth Involvement, a branch of the Tuscola County Community Foundation, recently awarded a \$5,000 grant to pay for new games and other activities made available during the parties.

## Generous gift FYI investing \$5,000 in youth

A community youth organization in Tuscola County has invested in the Novesta Church of Christ's popular "Fifth Quarter Parties".

Future Youth Involvement (FYI), a branch of the Tuscola County Community Foundation, recently awarded \$5,000 to the church to help fund the youth parties, which are held after Cass City High School home football and basketball games.

The grant money is being used to purchase a number of items, including an air hockey table, new board games, recreational equipment and a swing set, according to Brad Speirs, youth minister at Novesta. "We've got 3 new TVs with an X-Box, Playstation and a Game Cube," Speirs said.

The Tuscola County Community Foundation's mission is to maintain and strengthen the quality of life for all Tuscola County residents, to encourage philanthropy in the area by serving as a convenient vehicle to receive and distribute gifts of all sizes, to grow and maintain

a permanent endowment asset base from a wide range of donors, to address the changing needs of the community, and to provide a neutral, non-political convening place where visions and ideas for improvement can be presented, researched, developed and prioritized.

The goal of the Fifth Quarter Parties, meanwhile, is to provide students in grades 7 through 12 with a safe and enjoyable environment to socialize. It's an outreach ministry for the church that has literally served hundreds of young people in the community.

The parties were started during the boys basketball season in the mid-1990s following a tragic accident involving a teen who was killed in an accident after drinking and then getting behind the wheel of a car.

Speirs said the church's youth group decided then to spearhead a weekend activity that might help kids to make better choices, one that offered an alternative to gatherings involving alcohol and drugs.

"There were maybe 10 or 15 of us that first couple of years," he recently recalled. "It was 10 to 30 kids for 3 years, and then it started to slowly get bigger. In the late 90s up until a couple of years ago we'd have 50 to 60 kids."

Attendance has continued to grow, with 100 teens or more attending Fifth Quarter Parties in 2002. During the football season last fall, up to 175 youths poured into the Cass City area church on Friday nights.

And the numbers are holding this basketball season. "We're averaging 150 (youths) per night," Speirs said. "We're still surprised every time they all show up."

The parties begin shortly after the home games and continue through about 11:30 p.m.

"It's 95 percent Cass City (students that attend), but occasionally somebody from Cass City will bring their friends," said Speirs, who noted the atmosphere is informal, although the teens are asked to sign in and fill

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## Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
Phone 989-269-6994



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

Visitors to see Thelma Jackson last week were Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, and Mrs. Allen Depcinski.

Allen Farrelly visited Eleanor Koski at the Caro Lighthouse Rehab on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Iseler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Rutkowski and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Laming and family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Depcinski and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Henley were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski and Erwin, where they celebrated Allen Depcinski's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski went to the Hudson Funeral Home to pay respects to Arlene Schultz.

Eight members of the Greenleaf Extended Homemakers met at Charmont on Thursday with a special guest, Sarah Scitias from Italy. The next meeting will be February with Mrs. Curtis Cleland as hostess.

Allen Farrelly spent Tuesday and Thursday at Flat

Rock.

Mrs. Hiram Keyser visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Krozek, Ryan and Samantha, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Depcinski and Nicole were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Peruski, Doris Western, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel attended the Euchre party at the Ruth K of C Hall on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hagen and new daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hagen Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen were afternoon visitors to their new great-granddaughter, Anabell Hagen.

Doris Western, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly were among a group who attended the fish fry at the Bad Axe K of C Hall on Friday.

Tom Talaski, Claude Mestack, Jack Kennedy, Allen Farrelly and Bernard Morley met at McDonald's Monday and Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Guigar, Angeline Burkhardt and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Depcinski for Clarence's 65th birthday party.



Mr. and Mrs. John Kemp

## Brown, Kemp exchange vows

Lori Ann Brown and John Edward Kemp were married Saturday, July 31, 2004 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebawaing, with the Rev. Daniel Hahn officiating the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of James and Judy Brown of Cass City and the granddaughter of Fay Ballagh, the late Harold Ballagh, and the late Grant and Alison Brown, all of Cass City. The groom is the son of Edward and Lori Kemp of Sebawaing and the grandson of Duane and LoAnn Riemann and John and

Norma Kemp, all of Sebawaing.

Special music was provided by Kyle Swanson of Cass City, cousin of the bride; and Kristy Williamson of Sebawaing. The organist was Pamela Geiger of Sebawaing.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a strapless brocade gown with Swarovski crystal beading and a cathedral train with brocade band. The bride carried a bouquet of white roses and hydrangeas.

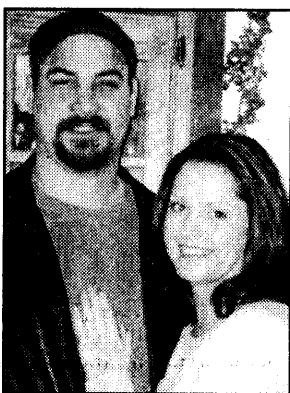
Matron of honor was Michelle Hill of Pigeon, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Elizabeth Eiler of Williamston, cousin of the bride; Sarah Kemp of Sebawaing, sister of the groom; Jennifer DeVree of Suttons Bay, friend of the couple; and Kristy Speirs of Cass City, friend of the couple. Junior bridesmaid was Elise Nicol of Cass City, cousin of the bride. Flower girl was Mackenzie Eurich of Sebawaing, cousin of the groom.

Best man was Courtney Kemp of Sebawaing, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Kendall Kemp of Sebawaing, brother of the groom; Eric Brown of Cass City, brother of the bride; Douglas Livingston of Sebawaing, cousin of the groom; and Joel Fiebig of Sebawaing, friend of the couple. Junior groomsmen was Ethan Nicol of Cass City, cousin of the bride. Ring bearer was Isaiah Williamson of Sebawaing, cousin of the groom.

Ushers were Marc Hill of Pigeon, brother-in-law of the bride; Justin Nitz of Sebawaing, friend of the couple; and Jeff Sakon of Sebawaing, friend of the couple. Hostesses were Andrea Goward of Lapeer, Kathryn Khoury of Naperville, Ill., and Kayla Roemer of Sebawaing, all friends of the couple.

The couple greeted 400 guests at the Franklin Inn, Bad Axe. The bride teaches second grade at Campbell Elementary School, Cass City; and the groom is employed at Kemp Tiling, Sebawaing. Following a honeymoon to Colorado, the couple resides in Sebawaing.

## Engaged



Brandea Sieradzki and Arnold Fritz

Brandea Sieradzki and Arnold Fritz of Elkton announce their engagement.

Brandea is the daughter of Michael and Stephanie Sieradzki of Portsmouth, Va., and the granddaughter of Marlene Sieradzki of Deford. Arnold is the son of Esther and Arnold Fritz of Owendale.

She is a 1997 graduate of Mtn. Park Boarding Academy in Patterson, Mo. and a 2004 honors graduate of St. Clair County Community College with a certificate of practical nursing where she is currently working toward her associates degree. She is employed at St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw, as an LPN.

Arnold is a 1990 graduate of Owendale-Gagetown High School and has since been employed at Huron Castings, Pigeon. He also owns, and Brandea manages, their business, Fritz Taxi-dermy.

The couple will be married July 23, 2005.

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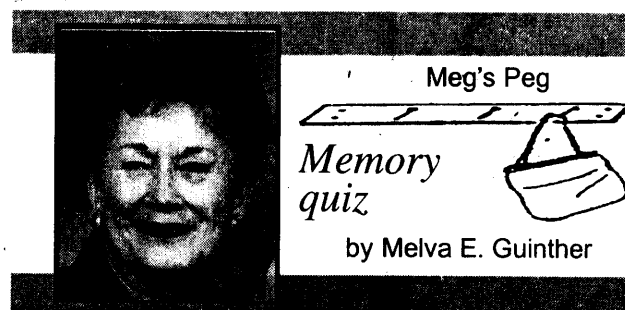
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As this is being written, the weather is conducive to staying indoors and keeping warm. Here's a quiz to help pass the time in case it hasn't improved. Old-timers should do well on it — if their memories are intact. See how much you remember.

1. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, "Who was that masked man?" Invariably someone would answer, "I don't know, but he left this behind." What did he leave behind?
2. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. in early 1964, they appeared on what show?
3. Where were you to "Get your kicks"?
4. "The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed."
5. "In the jungle, the mighty jungle, the lion..."
6. After the Twist, the Mashed Potato and the Watusi, people "danced" under a stick lowered as far as they could go. What was it called?
7. "NESTLES, Nestles makes the very best..."
8. Satchmo was America's "ambassador of good will." This great jazz trumpeter's real name was \_\_\_\_\_.
9. What "takes a licking and keeps on ticking"?
10. Red Skelton's hobo character was \_\_\_\_\_ and he always ended his show saying, "Good night and..."
11. What was the price of a

pack of Lucky Strike cigarettes in 1929?

12. The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in front was called the VW. What other names did it go by?

13. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about "the day the music died." This was a tribute to

14. The first satellite, put into orbit by the Russians, was called \_\_\_\_\_.

15. One of the big fads of the 50s and 60s was a large plastic ring that was twirled around the waist called a

16. "I'll Walk Alone." Why?
17. Girls were asked not to sit where "with anyone else but me"?
18. Who starred in the radio show, "Mayor Of The Town"?
19. What was the name of Tonto's horse?
20. What were some of the items rationed during World War II?

Answers:  
1-A silver bullet; 2-The Ed Sullivan Show; 3-Route 66; 4-to protect the innocent; 5-limbo; 6-the lion; 7-chocolate; 8-Louis Armstrong; 9-the Times Square; 10-Ford; 11-11¢; 12-Bug; 13-Buddy Holly; 14-Sputnik; 15-cent; 16-Beele or Bug; 17-11¢; 18-Bele or Bug; 19-What was the name of Tonto's horse? 20-What were some of the items rationed during World War II?



Mr. and Mrs. Eric Zawilinski

## Zawilinski and Smalley wed

Crystal Marie Smalley and Eric Michael Zawilinski were married Saturday, June 12, 2004 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Parisville. Father George Serour officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Ron and Delores Smalley and the granddaughter of Eugene and Gloria Smalley of Ubyly and the late Dolan and Beatrice Sweeney. The groom is the son of Michael and Jacquie Zawilinski of Cass City and the grandson of Evelyn and the late William Catron of Cass City, Raymond and Maxine Merritt of Davison, and the late Bruno and Martha Zawilinski.

Geralyn Kolar of Ruth, friend of the couple, provided the music for the ceremony and Sandy Vogel of Ubyly, friend of the bride's family, was the soloist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a Mori Lee gown. Pink embroidery and beading embellished the strapless neckline and fitted bodice. The multi-layered, tulle ballgown skirt featured scattered, embroidered flowers and a detachable, chapel length train. Her headpiece was a tiara and two tiered, fingertip length veil, which was worn by her mother for her wedding 25 years ago. She carried a bouquet of roses and alstroemeria in shades of pink, intertwined with the rosary of her Grandma Sweeney.

Kristyn Peterson of Westland, cousin of the bride, was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Alicia Walsh of Mt. Pleasant, cousin of the bride; Katie Vanderkolk of Dorr, Marsha Klee of Ruth, Melissa Siemen of Lansing, Susan Vanderkolk of Dorr, all friends of the couple; and Renee Zawilinski of Cass City, sister of the groom.

The junior bridesmaid was Lauren Peterson of Birmingham, Ala., cousin of the bride. The flower girls were

Kaitlyn Kociba of Bad Axe and Emily Booms of Ruth, cousins of the bride. The miniature bride was Madelyn Smalley of Ubyly, cousin of the bride.

The best man was Taylor Diegel of Saginaw, friend of the couple. The groomsmen were Paul Powell, Jeremy Kilbourn, Nick King, all of Mt. Pleasant and friends of the couple; Kevin Smalley, Scott Smalley, both of Ubyly and brothers of the bride; and Tim Stoll of Cass City, future brother-in-law of the groom.

The ring bearer was Nick Kociba of Bad Axe, cousin of the bride.

The host and hostess were Rod and Marilyn Walsh of Ubyly, uncle and aunt of the bride. The readers were Kelsey Smalley of Ruth, Kyle Walsh of Ubyly, and Lisa Krueger of Reese, cousins of the bride.

The gifts were presented by Dorothy Peterson of Westland and Gary Smalley of Ruth, godparents of the bride, and Frank and Nancy Keller of Cass City, uncle and aunt of the groom.

The eucharistic ministers were Eugene and Gloria Smalley, grandparents of the bride, and Chris Diegel of Cass City, friend of the groom's family.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bad Axe for over 400 guests from Alabama, California, Indiana, Minnesota, and throughout Michigan.

The bride is a graduate of Michigan State University and is employed in marketing and event planning at Guardian Building Products in Greer, South Carolina. The groom is a graduate of Central Michigan University and is employed in logistics management at TNT Logistics at BMW in Greer, South Carolina.

After a weeklong honeymoon to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the couple resides in Greenville, South Carolina.



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Balwinski

## Balwinski and Fahrner wed

Rebecca Lynn Fahrner of Williamsburg and Mark Henry Balwinski of Linwood were married July 31, 2004 with Craig Trierweiler, pastor of New Hope Community Church, officiating the ceremony. The wedding ceremony and reception took place at Castle Farms, Charlevoix.

The bride is the daughter of Frederick and Faith Fahrner of Owendale and the groom is the son of Henry Balwinski of Linwood and Carolyn (Darel) TudeThout of Linwood.

The bride wore an ivory halter style dress with a flowing train. There were embroidered daisies on the bodice of the gown and all the way down the back of the train. She also wore her grandmother's pearls that she wore on her wedding day 53 years ago.

The matron of honor was Mary Ruppert. Bridesmaids were Michelle Becker, Melissa Osborne and Heather Fahrner. The flower girl was Miranda Becker.

The best man was Paul Bach. The groomsmen were Steve Hamlin, Sterling Gatling and Philip Fahrner. The ring bearer was Isaac Fahrner. Ushers were Robert Brinkman and Rodney Balwinski.



Nathan Blain Woodruff II

Cassey and Nathan Woodruff announce the birth of their son, Nathan Blain Woodruff II.

Nathan was born Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004. He weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long.

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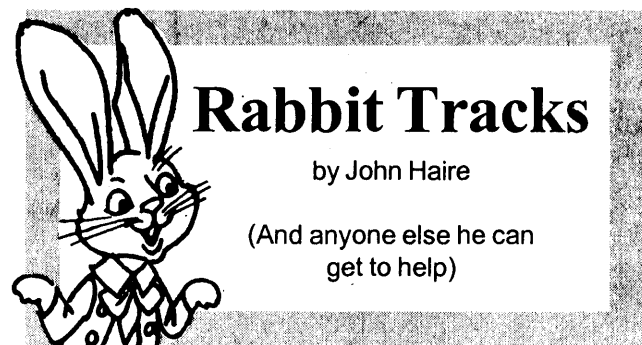
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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Harmony Doerr, Cass City, just has to have a 4-leaf clover in each pocket. How else can you explain this?

Remember that last week Friday was the start of the storm that eventually reached blizzard conditions. No time to be on the road.

Ignoring the storm warning, Doerr took off for Holland right after work Friday at 5 p.m. It was planned as a super quick trip. To Holland and back immediately, and don't worry about the weather.

Sometimes it pays to take a chance. All the way there and all the way back not a drop of snow or ice was encountered.

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AAA Michigan and the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging are offering a video that screens for seniors' driving health just as they screen for their medical health.

The Chronicle received a publicity packet about it that included a CD-ROM with the program.

It sells for \$3 for AAA members and \$5 for non-members. But be careful. We attempted to run the program on our computer and came up empty.

No, it's not because I'm a klutz with a computer (although I am). I had expert help and still came up empty and, no, I'm not about to buy a new computer.

Maybe when I'm older?

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It was a big night all around for Cass City High School and school sports fans. Not only did the team come away with a big victory over USA, but also Cass City was awarded the TV 5 spirit award in competition with Kingston and Freeland.

The undefeated Hawks also benefited from an ocean of publicity in area papers and more minutes on TV than small school high school games are allotted.

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Here's another item from the 1890 Cass City Enterprise. "The Kickapoo Indians are still true to their name. They refuse to be counted by the census taker and in effect kicked him off the reservation."

Kickapoo Indians? I'll bet that you, like me, have never heard of that tribe. Just have to wonder if Indian Dave (well known in the area in his time) was a Kickapoo also.

## During crack down

# Cops arrest 1,141 drivers

Law enforcement officers in Michigan arrested 1,141 motorists for drunk driving and another 676 for other alcohol-related offenses during the "You Drink & Drive. You Lose," crackdown.

Police agencies, sheriff's offices and Michigan State Police posts across the state focused on drunk driving from Dec. 20 to Jan. 2 as part of the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning's (OHSP) campaign.

"Law enforcement officers again showed drunk drivers that their actions have consequences and will not be tolerated," said Michael L.

Prince, OHSP division director. "Because of their commitment to stopping drunk drivers, officers made Michigan's roadways safer during the holidays."

More than 500 agencies participated in the statewide crackdown. According to the agencies reporting statistics to OHSP, 35,512 vehicles were stopped. In addition to the alcohol arrests, there were 661 felony and 3,142

misdemeanor arrests. Officers also wrote 8,381 speeding citations and issued 1,294 belt citations for motorists over the age of 15 and 135 child restraint citations.

Preliminary results show there were 7 traffic fatalities in Michigan over Christmas and New Year's holidays, 4 of which involved alcohol, according to the Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Information Center.

## The Haire Net

New arts center offers advantages



It's not too self-centered to say "what's in it for me?" when considering whether to endorse the proposed \$11.5 million bond issue for a new \$8 million Performing Arts Center and maintenance of Cass City District school buildings for 12 to 15 years.

The facts are that if you live in the Cass City District there is something in it for you. The question that remains is it is enough to warrant paying the price?

There are obvious motivations for voters with children or grandchildren, especially if they are active in any of the now thriving music programs at the school. You are sure to be flooded with information when approval for a vote for a bond issue is issued. You will hear more than enough about that.

Let's talk about benefits not as obvious. It's indisputable that in small towns like Cass City the school is one of the vital pumps that keep the community alive.

These are changing times. As little as a decade ago it was hard to envision that schools would not be available in the communities where they served for a century or more. That's not so today. Schools are in a competitive situation. Students can enroll in Cass City or any other school in Michigan providing there are openings. Schools are the lifeblood of the community and students are the lifeblood of the

schools. Revenues from the state are based on the number of pupils attending. And this year each student enrolled brings \$6,700 to the school.

Schools must pay operating expenses from these funds and are prohibited from asking taxpayers for more operating funds.

As schools enlarge and we move headlong into the electronic age, vital equipment and facilities are not only necessary for the education of the kids, but also good business. Students looking around or being forced to find a new school will weigh and compare what's available.

Today Cass City schools are accepting more out of district students than they are losing and each helps to pay the operations bill.

In recent years, Bad Axe, Unionville-Sebewaing Area, Lakers and Sandusky have upgraded.

A shining new arts center is proposed to be available for community use as well as school activities and will not go unnoticed when students are making new school choices.

Like the hospital, the park and the library, an arts center would add to the quality of life and provide a needed spur to Cass City's business community.

And stay competitive, or ahead, in the race for available students.



# The back forty

by Roger Pond

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New dietary guidelines from the USDA are creating quite a stir. Well, not really. Most folks are ignoring them as usual.

The new USDA Dietary Guidelines say we should eat more whole grain bread, more fruits and vegetables, and exercise 90 minutes a day. Didn't we know that already?

Why don't we do what we already know? Maybe the government's psychological guidelines will answer that question.

I will give the Dietary Guidelines credit for one thing. This document suggests, "When grabbing lunch, have a sandwich on whole grain bread and choose low-fat/fat-free milk, water or other drinks without sugar."

In other words, "Dump the half-gallon of pop!" (My words, not theirs.)

I blame the restaurants for the gallon of pop syndrome. We can get 32 ounces of pop for two bucks. What would that much milk cost?

Who knows? I've never seen that much milk in a restaurant. (Why can't they put a little spigot for milk right there beside the Sprite, Coke, and Pepsi?)

I have to take issue with the idea of grabbing lunch, however. We should never "grab lunch." We should sit down and eat it like human beings.

We should avoid talking with our mouths full, too. The modern trend toward suspending conversation only long enough to reload leads to a lot of overeating, and some bad manners, too.

A news report says the new Dietary Guidelines will likely change menus served in the schools. (Good luck.) That won't make much difference as long as we let the kid's head off to Burritoville for lunch.

I have long been an advocate of drinking milk, no matter what the age. A diet of straight milk wouldn't be the best, but it might be better than the diet many folks are getting.

I'm always surprised to see a study proving milk is good for us, and then read the conclusion that maybe we could drink 8-ounces or so with a

D. Researchers said 24% of teenagers tested had inadequate levels of this important vitamin. The body requires sunlight to make Vitamin D. Milk is fortified with D, also.

So why are teenagers deficient? You can't get Vitamin D from the television for one thing, and most teenagers don't drink enough milk.

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### 5-Day Local Forecast

**Wednesday**  
Snow Possible  
High: 24 Low: 6  
**Thursday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 15 Low: 3  
**Friday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 23 Low: 16  
**Saturday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 29 Low: 21  
**Sunday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 30 Low: 23

### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 40 percent chance of snow showers, high temperature of 24°. The record high temperature for today is 64° set in 1950. Thursday, skies will be mostly sunny in the morning and afternoon with partly cloudy skies in the evening, high temperature of 15°.

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Sunday	10	7	27/13	0.00"
Monday	10	-1	27/13	0.00"
Tuesday	14	-2	27/13	0.00"
Wednesday	28	12	27/13	0.00"
Thursday	18	14	27/13	0.00"
Friday	14	-6	27/13	0.00"
Saturday	16	3	27/13	0.00"

### Upcoming Moon Phases

Last 2/2 New 2/8 First 2/15 Full 2/23  
**Sunrise/Sunset Times**  
Sunrise today ..... 7:55 a.m.  
Sunset tonight ..... 5:37 p.m.

### Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Sunday	10	7	27/13	0.00"	Normal precipitation ..... 0.42"
Monday	10	-1	27/13	0.00"	Departure from normal ..... -0.42"
Tuesday	14	-2	27/13	0.00"	Average temperature ..... 10.0°
Wednesday	28	12	27/13	0.00"	Average normal temperature ..... 20.0°
Thursday	18	14	27/13	0.00"	Departure from normal ..... -10.0°
Friday	14	-6	27/13	0.00"	
Saturday	16	3	27/13	0.00"	

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## Red Hawk Talks

by Leah Sherman

Last Friday marked the end of the first semester and, more importantly for the high school students, the end of exams. There couldn't have been a better way of celebrating than by attending the basketball game against USA. Besides the fact that we won, the school spirit and excitement helped make the game outstanding!

Cass City was one of three schools nominated for the Spirit Award by WNEM 5. We were up against Kingston and Freeland schools. Welcome signs for the news team were all over town, and people were sure to come to the game in their maroon and white. Many students were covered in face paint, and several made T-shirts to welcome channel 5 and support our team.

Even without the competition for the Spirit Award, it wouldn't have been difficult to get the crowd excited. The game was amazing. The score was close all the way through, and the crowd couldn't be sure of a winner until the game was over. The fans were wild with anticipation. At the final sound of the buzzer, the bleachers emptied in mere seconds with everyone running to congratulate the Cass City victors.

Needless to say, Cass City won the spirit award.

As Adam Wentworth, a sophomore this year, said, "The spirit was high for two reasons. Channel 5 was there, but it was also our biggest game of the season. It was great!" Adam's favorite part of the game was Brad Langenburg's three-point shot at the end that put Cass City in the lead. He said that this game was especially sweet because Cass City was the underdog going in, but then we came out on top. I couldn't agree more.

Unfortunately, while the high school students were celebrating the end of their

big exams, the fourth graders still had tests hanging over their heads. All of this week and part of next week the fourth grade students will be taking the MEAP tests. The fourth grade MEAP tests are compiled of two parts: ELA (English/language arts) and math.

The ELA section requires the students to write from experience, respond to reading, and listen for details.

For the first part, the students will receive a topic. They must use their own experiences and previous knowledge to write about that topic. The students use one testing session to pre-write and write a rough draft. During the second session the students revise, proof-read, and write their final drafts.

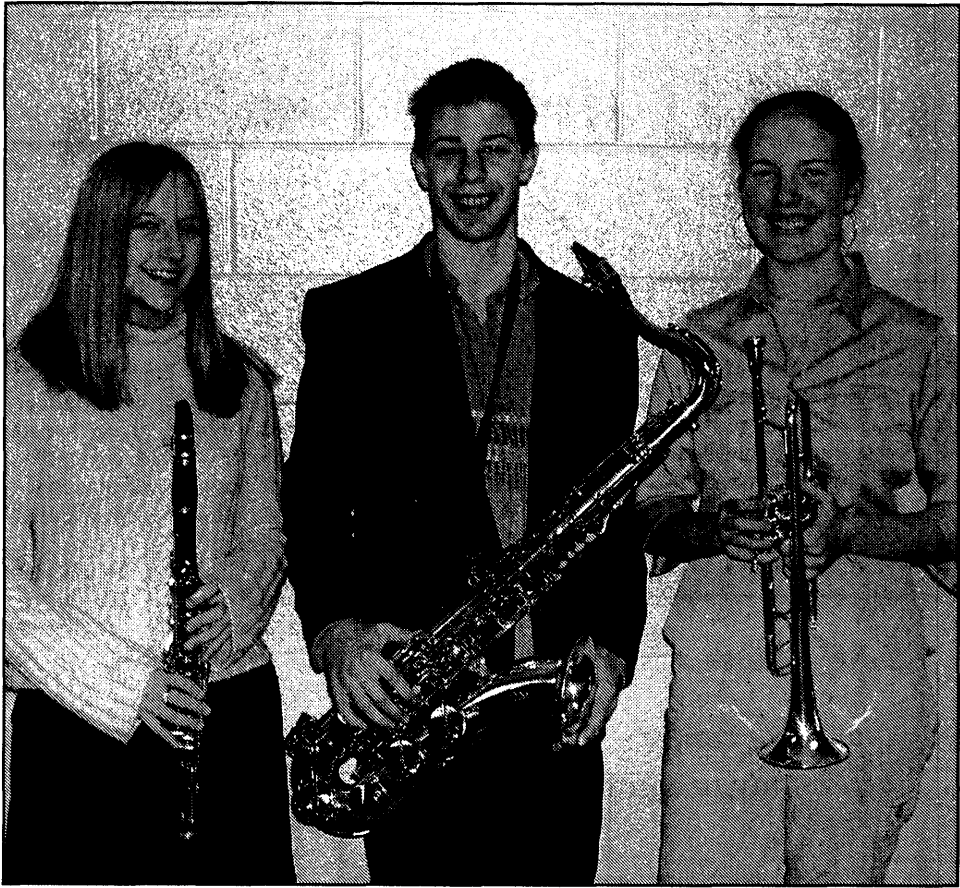
The students will also have to read two pieces of literature. They will have to write a response to each text, and link the themes together.

Finally, there is a listening portion of the test. Each student will have to answer questions about something that will be read to them. The questions will focus on the details of what they have heard.

Next week, the students will test their math skills.

Shannon Bardwell, a fourth grade student in Mrs. Gogola's room, says that the fourth graders have been preparing for these tests for a long time. She said that they've taken many practice tests. However, even though she has been practicing, Shannon says that her least favorite test will be the language arts portion. She's already looking forward to the tests being finished.

Obviously, I don't envy the fourth graders this week. I know that it's not fun to have a test every day. Good luck fourth graders! I hope you do well.



**CASS CITY HIGH School students (from left) Laura McComas, Marcel Helland and Lysa Knight were recently selected to perform with the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) District III Honors Band. The students were chosen based on the recommendation of Doug Burtch, director of bands, and will perform Saturday beginning at 6 p.m. in the Ortonville-Brandon High School auditorium.**



**CASS CITY Middle School musicians selected to perform Saturday with the MSBOA Honors Band are eighth grade students (from left) Sarah Reed, Ariel Veneziano, Kyle Kausch and Kelli Lautner.**

## Ice fishing contest scheduled

The Fowler Center will host its 10th annual Ice Fishing Contest Saturday, Feb. 12, on

Harmon Lake in Mayville. The grand prize to the person who catches the tagged

pike is \$6,000. Other cash prizes will be given away throughout the day. This year there is a guaranteed \$500 prize for the largest pike of the day by length.

There are 2 sessions: 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. Linda's Chicken dinner will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$6. Snacks and hot drinks will be available all day. The entry fee is a \$15 donation for entrants over 16, and a \$5 donation for kids 7 to 16 years old.

All proceeds from the contest go directly to support camping opportunities for the children, teens and adults with disabilities at The Fowler Center.

For more information, call the center office at (989) 673-2050.

## Drive draws 58 donors

Fifty-eight people donated blood during a recent blood drive sponsored by the Hills and Dale General Hospital Auxiliary at the VFW Hall in Cass City.

One-gallon donors were Robert Becker and Larry Chandler; 2-gallon donor was Joseph Babik; 3-gallon donor was Curt Byler; 4-gallon donor was Vicky Thorold; 5-gallon donor was Cynthia Kluger; and 10-gallon donor was Howard Parker.

The next blood drive is scheduled for April 12.

## Letters to the editor

## Money out the window

RE: Millage Proposal

Think the Cass City School District needs money? Think again. They closed the Deford school because of declining attendance. Sounds good. They then reopened the Deford school as an alternative education center and plan to spend more than 6 figures to maintain it for just "10 students". (Ref. Cass City Chronicle, Aug. 25, 2004). Now that's just throwing money out the window.

They could move the project to Cass City Schools and save a bundle, but why when the taxpayer is an easy touch for more millage.

God bless Cass City!  
Raymond Donaldson, Cass City

### Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

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

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

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

We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.



## Bulldog Beat

by Mary McKee

With exams being over, and school being back to the way it was, it is now time to focus on other things that need to be done.

For junior students, it is now time to prepare for the MEAP test, where they can have the opportunity to receive \$2,500 for college courtesy of the Michigan Merit Award. That is also true for seniors who want to retake the MEAP test, so they can get the Merit Award before college.

Speaking of college, high school seniors also have to start thinking about the FAFSA application before the deadline approaches, and also finishing up on scholarships while there is still time left.

At Owen-Gage, doing well on the MEAP test is stressed and encouraged. In order to prepare, teachers will give assignments that will specifically help them for the test prior to taking it, so when students do take it, they are not as overwhelmed or get surprised by anything they might not know or understand.

Teachers prepare students for the MEAP test very early on in high school. Before a special reading or writing assignment, teachers will tell you whether or not it will be on the MEAP test, so the students know to pay extra attention. Even though the juniors will not take the MEAP until April, it is a good thing to start early so they will know exactly what to do when they actually have to take the test.

One thing that is definitely a priority for high school seniors who plan to go to college is filling out the FAFSA.

For those who don't know, FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid, and it is one of the most important things to have when it comes to college, because it is the first step in the financial aid process. To begin, the students need help from their parents. The rea-

son for that is because before you can send your FAFSA application in, it is a good idea to have your parents complete their tax return, because if you send in your FAFSA before completing your tax return, it could result in inaccurate information, and may delay the federal student aid process.

It is important to also get in your application early, so if corrections have to be made, it will leave your college enough time to do it, so apply as soon as you can after Jan. 1, 2005.

When thinking of the Michigan Merit Award and the FAFSA application, it also serves as a reminder of application deadlines for scholarships.

When looking for the right kind of scholarships, you can visit your guidance counselor's office, or go online. There are websites actually dedicated to scholarship searches. It can narrow down the scholarships you are eligible for by asking questions about your family, extracurricular activities, and different things that you have been involved in or have been awarded to you in school. It also gives you the amount the scholarships are worth and will send you e-mails when a scholarship is nearing its deadline. Some of those scholarship websites are [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), and [www.cashe.com](http://www.cashe.com).

After exams are over, most people think that school goes back to normal, and for some that is true, but for juniors and seniors, it is a time of preparing for the MEAP test and making scholarship and financial aid deadlines. Doing all those things are preparing us for the future that seems so far away.

For all the procrastinators, I will say that the best way to go is to get everything done now, so you don't have to worry about it later, because that future that seems so far away will be here before we know it.

## Academy grad named to Calvin College dean's list

Steven A. Miller, a graduate of the Deford Christian Academy, has been named to the dean's list at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, following the fall dean's list.

To achieve the honor, a student must earn a minimum

grade point average of 3.5 for the semester and have a 3.3 cumulative grade point average.

Miller, the son of Glen and Diane Miller, Marlette, is a sophomore at Calvin College.



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# Who will be crowned king and queen?



**VYING FOR the Owen-Gage 2005 Snowball King and Queen honors are seniors: (front, from left) Nicole Schmidt, Amanda Pillsbury, Kayla Zaleski, Jenny Czewski (back) Matt Downing, Charles Martin, Josh Leinweber and Josh Powell.**

## Month is devoted to quilting

Rawson Memorial Library is hosting "Threads Across the Thumb" throughout the month of February. Join local quilters at the Quilt Extravaganza reception Friday, Jan. 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The beautiful quilts and quilt items will be on display all month during regular library hours. Anyone interested in displaying a quilt may call the library.

Quilt Demo Day is set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Feb. 5. Local quilters will join together to demonstrate various aspects of quilting such as rotary cutting and machine piecing, red work, Thangles, free motion machine quilting, hand appliqué quilt dating and binding techniques, Snippets, paper piecing and Seminole patchwork. Tickets for this event are \$2 and may be purchased at the door.

Special classes will be offered on 3 Thursdays during Quilt Month. The classes include Paper Piecing with Jackie Glaspie on Feb. 10; Snippets with Beth Phillips on Feb. 17; and Red Work and Hand Quilting with Melva Coleman and Michelle Zdrojewski on Feb. 24. All classes will meet from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The cost for each class is \$10. There may be an additional fee for a "kit" for some of the classes. Class size is limited, so register early. For more information, call the library at 872-2856.

### Attention all Quilters and Quilt Lovers:

Do you have a special quilt that you've created or received that you'd like to display at Rawson Memorial Library during "Threads Across the Thumb" in February?

Perhaps you've made a quilted table runner, pillow, or wall hanging that you'd like to show off to quilt lovers at the quilt exhibition.



**MEMBERS OF the 2005 Owen-Gage Snowball court include underclassmen: (front, from left) Courtney Lester, Amy Powell, Rose Faupel, (back) Nathan Minkler, Trace Lopez and Aaron Gaeth.**

## Perdue O-G "student of month"

Tabatha Perdue has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month for January.



Tabatha Perdue

During high school, Perdue was selected by her classmates as junior representative for homecoming court. As a freshman, she served as class vice president. For 3 years Perdue was a member of the cheer squad at Owen-Gage. She currently serves as a teacher's aide.

Perdue has also excelled academically. She has been a member of the 3.0 Honors Club for the past 4 years, and

has been on the honor roll as a junior and senior.

## Super Bowl party on tap in Shabbona

Area residents who want to be a part of the action on Super Bowl Sunday are invited to the Shabbona United Methodist Church to watch the game on an 88-square-foot screen.

The party starts at 2 p.m., Feb. 6, with Madden 2005, ping pong and an air hockey tournament. Devotions will be held at halftime, led by Lew Tibbitts, director of Bay Shore Camp in Sebawaing.

Pizza and snacks will be provided throughout the afternoon and during the game.

The church is located 2 miles east of M-53 and 2 miles north of Deckerville Rd. on Decker Rd., at the corner of Severance and Decker roads.

For more information, call (989) 872-5079.

Perdue is the daughter of Donald and Michelle Perdue of Sebawaing. Her future plans include attending Saginaw Valley State University.

## Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



### 5 YEARS AGO

A job well done isn't always rewarded, but the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department took time recently to thank some Cass City police officers for their assistance at the scene of a fatal traffic accident. Cass City Village Council members reviewed a letter from Sgt. Kevin Thane, written to village Police Chief Gene Wilson, during a brief monthly meeting Monday night. Thane specifically thanked full-time Cass City Officer Mike Gebauer and part-time officers Bill Hartzell and Mark Durfee for their assistance during the early morning hours of Jan. 16 after a pickup truck struck and killed a pedestrian south of Cass City. "Without the assistance of these officers, the accident would have been very difficult to control with only the 2 county officers," Thane continued. "Having your officers on scene within a few minutes was a great benefit in securing the scene and preventing contamination of the evidence."

Bitterly cold temperatures and snow aren't exactly ideal conditions for running, but that hasn't deterred Lindsey Mills from training for what she hopes will be her best ever high school track season. "I'm going after the records. They were set the year I was born and I really want them," Mills said, referring to the 1,600-meter record of 5 minutes and 8 seconds, and the best 3,200-meter time of 11 minutes and 30 seconds. "I'm running about 40 miles a week. I'm running 7 days a week," she added. And Mills has matched her skills against some stiff competition over the past few months, competing in Junior Olympics Nationals in South Carolina last month. Just a few months before that, she trained in Australia and competed in the 29th annual City to Surf Race in Sydney.

Veteran Cass City Wastewater Treatment Plant Superin-

tendent Rick Mohr is moving on to a new town and a new job. After 19 years as chief of wastewater treatment in Cass City, Mohr, 44, has accepted the position of plant manager for Genesee County Water and Waste Services. His resignation in Cass City is effective Jan. 31.

### 10 YEARS AGO

The proposed merger between Thumb National Bank & Trust Co. and Independent Bank Corp. has been discontinued, both companies have announced. Talks between TNB, based in Pigeon, and IBC, the Ionia-based bank holding company, were ended late last week, and both companies said they had been "unable to agree on certain material terms of the proposed transaction."

Better taste - Biotechnology means better tasting tomatoes year around. Because the fruit softens more slowly, tomatoes bred through biotech can stay on vines longer before shipping to market, thereby adding flavor and color. This also will be possible with other fruits such as peaches, bananas and strawberries.

Officials at General Cable Corporation of Cass City recently announced the company has received the internationally coveted ISO 9000 registration. ISO stands for the International Standards Organization, which was established by the European Common Market in 1985 to standardize quality systems' requirements across the international spectrum. In order for a company to do business in Europe, or the world for that matter, ISO registration has become an absolute requirement. Even in the United States, most major corporations now insist their suppliers be ISO registered. Underwriter's Laboratories (UL), a certified registrar for the International Standards Organization, evaluated General Cable's quality system in August. According to

Jesus Valdez, manager of the Cass City plant, the plant's quality system met all requirements with flying colors.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Here's more on the sales tax. Reader response indicates that the sales tax probably started at 3 percent. At least it was in 1935 when Merrill Carpenter purchased some furniture. The sales slips were brought in by Charles Carpenter. Further confirmation was provided by Jack Esau. Esau worked for Gross & Maier (Cass City Meat Market) in 1937. What we did then, Esau said, was take the tax money and keep it in a tin can separate from the money paid for the groceries, which was placed in the cash register. At the end of the month we sent in what we considered was fair. Just so you will know, Jack, most of us do it differently today. What happens is we place all the money due for taxes in the cash register and what's left we place in a tin can, a very small tin can. (From Rabbit Tracks)

**FOUR-WHEEL FOOLISHNESS** - The hill in the Cass City Recreation Park is intended for sledding, but the driver of a presumably four-wheel-drive vehicle preferred to make his own mark. The damage was done Friday. Police have no suspects. There are also numerous other deep tire tracks in the vicinity of the hill. Fortunately for sledders, if there is ever enough snow for sledding, the main slope for the downhill sport is the one in profile to the right.

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department received 566 calls in December involving what were classified as criminal matters, compared to 585 the month before. The greatest number, 221, involved traffic violations or accidents, followed by larcenies, 72, vandalism, 61, domestic problems, 32, and burglaries, 29. Deputies

made 50 arrests during the month, of which 28 were for traffic offenses - and five for family offenses. There were 212 traffic tickets issued.

### 35 YEARS AGO

Cooking for a crowd is easy. In fact, it's easier to cook for 500 persons than it is to prepare a small family dinner. It's easier, that is, if you happen to be Pat Martin, 59, of Cass City and have spent a lifetime as a commercial chef. What makes it easier, says Martin, the silver haired owner of Martin's Restaurant, is that when you prepare a dinner for two or three there is no room for mistakes. But when I cook for a crowd I can make the meal to a high standard by altering the seasoning as I go along. There is never a dish that is cooked here at the restaurant or any restaurant where I have been in charge that I don't taste before it is served.

Carl Palmateer resigned for personal reasons as Cass City Police Chief Friday after serving for nearly eight years in the village. During his tenure here we've disagreed with Carl and his handling of the law in relation to the people's right to know. But I agree with President Lambert Althaver who said that he felt that he did a very good job for the village. The resignation was his idea, not ours, said Althaver. No man is indispensable and Carl will be replaced. His successor will be hard pressed to retain relations as cordial with the young as Palmateer did. In some respects a policeman's job in a small town is more difficult than it is in a large town. The trouble is that everyone knows the lawman personally and everything the officer does is taken the same way...personally. Given these circumstances it is hard to see anyone handling the often disagreeable chore of the village policeman better than Palmateer. (From Rabbit Tracks)

## Cass City Area Church Directory

### Caivary Bible Fellowship

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

### Cass City Church of Christ

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

### Cass City Church of the Nazarene

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

### Cass City Missionary Church

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

### Cass City United Methodist Church

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

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

### Deford Community Church

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

### Evangelical Free Church of Cass City

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



### First Baptist Church

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

### First Presbyterian Church

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

### Living Word Worship Center

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

### Novesta Church of Christ

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

### Potter's House

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

### St. Agatha's Catholic Church

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

### St. Pancratius Catholic Church

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

### Shabbona United Methodist Church

4455 North Decker Rd., Decker, MI 48426  
810-672-9929 (parsonage)  
989-872-8094 (church)  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
UMW Monthly 1st Wed., 7:30 p.m.  
Youth Group Sunday Evenings 5:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Ellen Burns  
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### Cass City Public Schools Proposed Bond Formation Budget Project 3 - Campbell Elementary School

This is the third 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 2 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.

Additions			
1	Add Two Classrooms (2,592 SF @ \$100/SF)	\$259,200	
		subtotal	\$259,200
Renovations			
1	Convert Steam Heat System with Water in 1950 Portion of Building and UV's	\$210,000	
2	Replace North Double Doors	\$1,820	
3	Replace Toilet Flush Valves Throughout Building	\$10,000	
4	Replace Sinks and Countertops in Many Classrooms	\$10,920	
5	Refinish Student Locker or Replace if Necessary	\$42,750	
6	Lower Ceiling in 1950 Section of Building	\$50,000	
7	Refinish Wood Doors and Trim	\$6,750	
8	Re-roof 1950 Portion of Building with Built-Up Roof System	\$90,000	
9	Technology - Replace Computers	\$56,400	
10	Expand Elementary Gymnasium	\$229,575	
		subtotal	\$708,215
Proposed Project 3 Subtotal			\$967,415



# HAWKS FIND A WAY

## Cass City remains unbeaten with exciting finish over Patriots

It was a battle of Greater Thumb West Conference heavyweights that went head to head for 31 minutes and 52 seconds before Brad Langenburg delivered the knockout blow from the top of the key, a 3-point shot that propelled the Hawks to a 52-51 victory.

Both Cass City and the Unionville Sebewaing Patriots battled on nearly even terms all the way. There were 7 lead changes, the game was tied twice and there was never more than 5 points separating the teams all night. And that lead came in the third quarter as the Patriots posted an 11-5 run behind a red-hot Jordan Bitzer who scored 9 of the points in the rally and USA was in front, 40-35. In the quarter the Patriot junior scored 12 of his team's 14 points. He led all scorers with 19 points.

The Hawks responded to that surge with a scoring streak that moved Cass City from 5 behind to 4 points in front in the next 2 minutes. Chris Landrith and Nick Stoutenburg contributed hoops in the charge. Andrew Schinnerer whipped in 2 hoops, one a trey, as he continued his bid to be the best sixth man in the league.

Coming off the bench he scored 10 points, grabbed 3 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals.

In the first half, Justin Glaza carried the scoring load for the Hawks. Glaza, who is just as liable to score a trey as a two-pointer, notched 4 in the first half. He scored all 18 of his team-high 18 points in the first half.

As it does in most close games, defense was the key to the Hawk win. Cass City trailed by 2 points and USA had the ball out of bounds with 27 seconds left. The Hawks put on a full-court press and the Patriots failed to get the ball in bounds. That set the stage for Langenburg's key shot. USA had a final chance to pull the game out of the fire, but a 3-point shot missed as the final whistle sounded.

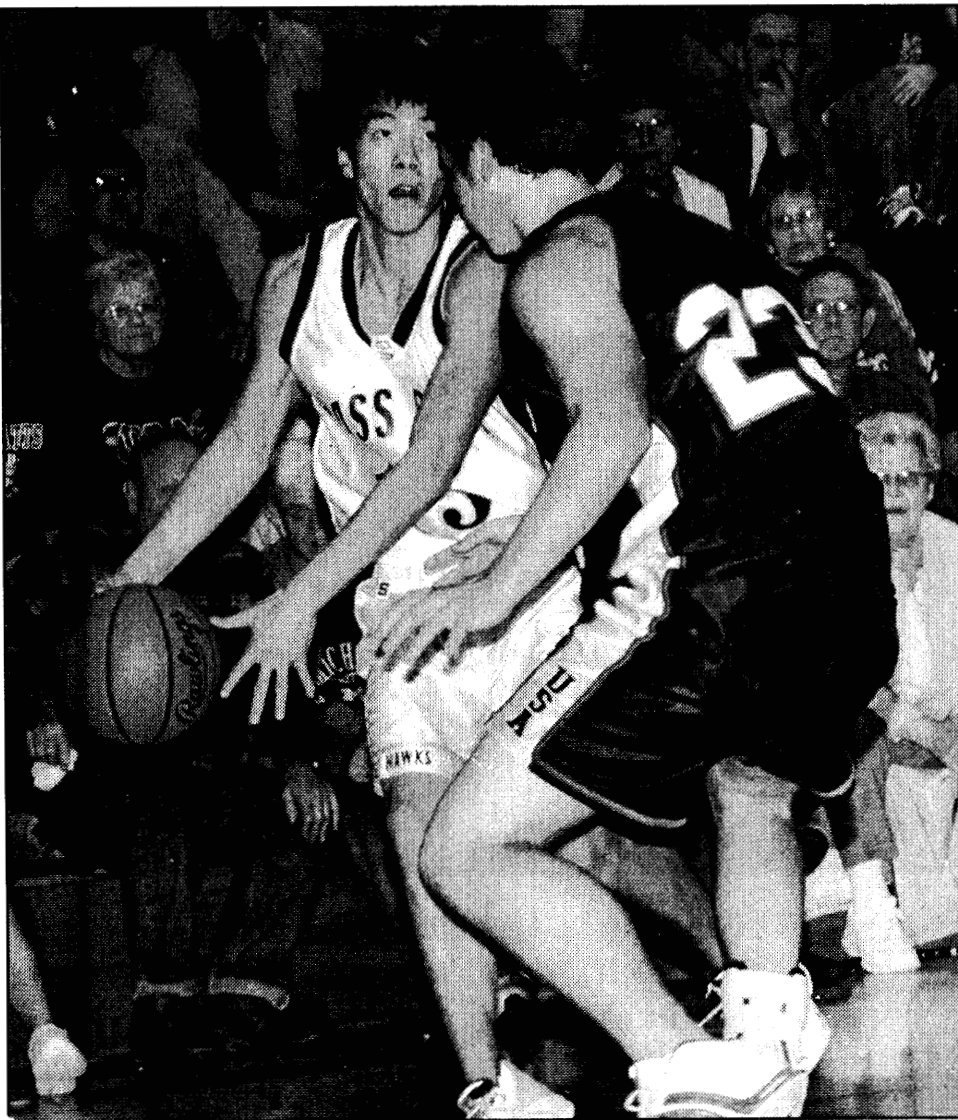
It was a fierce battle under the boards all night. Bitzer, Steve Koch and Lance Travis battled under the boards for the Patriots and Landrith and Andrew Martin responded for the Hawks. Landrith grabbed 4 offensive and 6 defensive rebounds and Martin had 7 boards and 2 blocked shots.

The 11-0 Hawks didn't have long to savor the victory. Tuesday the team was to play at Reese and Friday at Bay City All Saints. Before Tuesday's game, Reese was 3-1 in the league and 8-2 overall, one game behind Cass City in the GTW.

The Patriot junior varsity defeated the Hawk JV 52 to 38.

**CASS CITY** - Glaza 2-4 (2-3) 18; Schinnerer 2-2 (0-0) 10; Landrith 3-1 (1-1) 10; Nick Stoutenburg 1-1 (0-0) 5; Langenburg 3-1 (0-0) 9. **TOTALS - 11-9 (3-4) 52.**

**USA** - Bitzer 5-2 (3-3) 19; Johnson 1-2 (0-0) 8; Richardson 2-2 (0-0) 10; Koch 2-0 (1-1) 5; Travis 2-0 (3-3) 9. **TOTALS - 11-6 (7-7) 51.**



Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast				
This week's match ups	John Halre	Clarke Halre	Tom Montgomery	Doug Hyatt
Tuesday, January 25 Bad Axe at BCAS Valley Lutheran at Lakers Cass City at Reese USA at Saginaw Nouvel Harbor Beach at Mayville Sandusky at Deckerville Marlette at Ubyly North Huron at Caseville Arenac Eastern at Owen-Gage Port Hope at A-Fairgrove Dryden at Peck Kingston at Memphis	BCAS Lakers Cass City Saginaw Nouvel Harbor Beach Sandusky Caseville Arenac Eastern Port Hope Dryden Kingston	BCAS Lakers Cass City USA Harbor Beach Sandusky Ubyly Caseville Owen-Gage Akron-Fairgrove Peck Kingston	BCAS Lakers Cass City Saginaw Nouvel Harbor Beach Sandusky Ubyly Caseville Owen-Gage Port Hope Peck Kingston	BCAS Lakers Cass City USA Harbor Beach Sandusky Ubyly Caseville Owen-Gage Akron-Fairgrove Peck Kingston
January 28 Bad Axe at Lakers Cass City at BCAS USA at Valley Lutheran Reese at Sandusky Harbor Beach at Ubyly Marlette at Deckerville Mayville at Brown City CPS at Caseville Kingston at North Huron Dryden at Owen-Gage Memphis at Port Hope Peck at A-Fairgrove Last Week's Results Season's Results	Bad Axe Cass City USA Reese Ubyly Marlette Brown City Caseville Kingston Dryden Memphis Peck 14-6 89-31 (74%)	Lakers Cass City USA Reese Ubyly Marlette Brown City Caseville Kingston Owen-Gage Memphis Peck 15-5 91-29 (76%)	Lakers Cass City USA Reese Ubyly Marlette Brown City CPS Kingston Owen-Gage Memphis Peck 15-5 84-36 (70%)	Lakers Cass City USA Reese Ubyly Marlette Brown City CPS Kingston Owen-Gage Memphis Peck 13-7 89-31 (74%)

## Cass City ends first half of season with win at Harbor Beach

The best thing about the game with Harbor Beach last Tuesday is that we found a way to win, coach Aaron Fernald said after Cass City chalked up its 10th consecutive win of the year Tuesday, 59-47.

The season is now at the halfway mark and certainly Cass City fans have cause to celebrate the first half of the hoop year.

As great as it has been there is still a galaxy of potholes in the road in the last half. While chalking up its undefeated first half of the year, the Hawks had the advantage of the schedule. It's sure that the games ahead will be more difficult. Six of the first 10 games have been at home and Cass City will play the

other 3 Greater Thumb League powerhouse teams twice before the season ends. The grueling half of the schedule started Friday against USA.

The Hawks used a second quarter spurt to put the game with the Pirates in the win column. In the first period Harbor Beach used a balanced attack to jump off to a 14-11 lead with 5 players sharing the scoring load, led by Justin Osentoski and Kevin Ginther with a pair of hoops each. Treys by Justin Glaza and Nick Stoutenburg and 4 for 4 free throw shooting by Chris Landrith kept the game close.

A big second quarter shoved the Hawks in front to stay. Andrew Martin, who had one of his better games, showed the way with 3 hoops in the period. He also helped control the boards for Cass City with 9 rebounds. Brad Langenburg and Andrew Schinnerer each chipped in treys and the Hawks were in front 27-24 at the intermission. Langenburg led the Hawk rebounding corps for the night with 10 boards.

The Hawks stopped several Pirate runs in the third quarter to stay in front 40-35 going into the final 8 minutes. Glaza's outside bombing lengthened the lead in the last quarter. He connected for a pair of treys and a regular hoop for 8 of his team-high 14 points.

## Bulldog cagers split pair of NCTL contests

A sluggish start didn't doom Owen-Gage Friday against visiting Memphis. But when the Bulldogs' shooting woes carried over into the final half, Memphis used the opportunity to post a 47-30 North Central Thumb League victory.

With the loss, the Bulldogs fall to 4-6 in NCTL play entering this Friday's Snowball contest with Dryden.

Both schools had trouble finding ways to score in the defensive battle early. The Yellowjackets, unable to score in the paint throughout the half, were limited to solo treys from Bobby Jock and Nick Arnold during the initial stanza.

Owen-Gage, who was also held to 6 first quarter points, outscored Memphis 11-6 to the intermission as freshman Brandon Dubs poured in 8 of his team-high 13 points in the frame.

Owen-Gage also benefited from 5-6 tries from the foul line to gain the 17-12 edge.

In the final half, however, the Yellowjackets took control with a huge 15-3 run and never looked back.

Owen-Gage's advantage at the foul line disappeared after the break. The Yellowjackets converted 11 of 15 second-half attempts, while the hosts were limited to just 3 tries.

Leading 27-20, Josh Thomson held the Bulldogs at bay with 12 points in the final 8 minutes.

Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, Owen-Gage returned to the win column, after a 4-game absence, with a 56-42 decision over guest North Huron.

After trading baskets to a 12-10 start, Owen-Gage exploded for 34 points over the 2 middle quarters to gain a 44-24 edge.

Several Bulldogs contributed to the win, as 6 players finished with 7 or more points.

Dubs and Levi Adams split 20 tallies to pace the winners.

### BOX SCORES

**OWEN-GAGE** - Dubs 4-1 (2-2) 13; Zaleski 1-0 (2-2) 4; Faist 1-1 (1-2) 6; Adams 0-0 (1-2) 1; Pawlak 3-0 (0-1) 6. **TOTALS - 9-2 (6-9) 30.**

**MEMPHIS** - Healy 0-0 (1-2) 1; Jock 2-1 (2-3) 9; Marnon 1-0 (1-2) 3; Arnold 4-1 (3-4) 14; Thomson 5-0 (6-6) 16; McIlhargie 2-0 (0-2) 4. **TOTALS - 14-2 (13-19) 47.**

**OWEN-GAGE** - Dubs 1-2 (2-4) 10; Powell 0-0 (4-7) 4; Zaleski 2-0 (3-6) 7; Wilcox 0-1 (0-0) 3; Rogers 2-0 (3-3) 7; Faist 1-1 (2-2) 7; Adams 5-0 (0-0) 10; Pawlak 3-0 (2-4) 8. **TOTALS - 14-4 (16-26) 56.**

**NORTH HURON** - LesPerance 0-0 (1-2) 1; Risch 4-0 (1-3) 9; M. Dhyse 1-0 (3-4) 5; Pedler 2-0 (4-6) 8; Neumayer 1-0 (2-2) 4; Schramski 3-0 (3-6) 9; R. Dhyse 1-0 (0-0) 2; Navock 1-0 (2-4) 4. **TOTALS - 13-0 (16-27) 42.**

**CASS CITY** - Glaza 1-4 (0-4) 14; Schinnerer 1-1 (0-0) 5; Babich 0-0 (1-2) 1; Landrith 3-0 (5-5) 11; Stoutenburg 2-0 (3-5) 7; Langenburg 3-1 (0-1) 9; Martin 4-0 (0-0) 8; Otulakowski 1-0 (2-2) 4. **TOTALS - 15-6 (11-19) 59.**

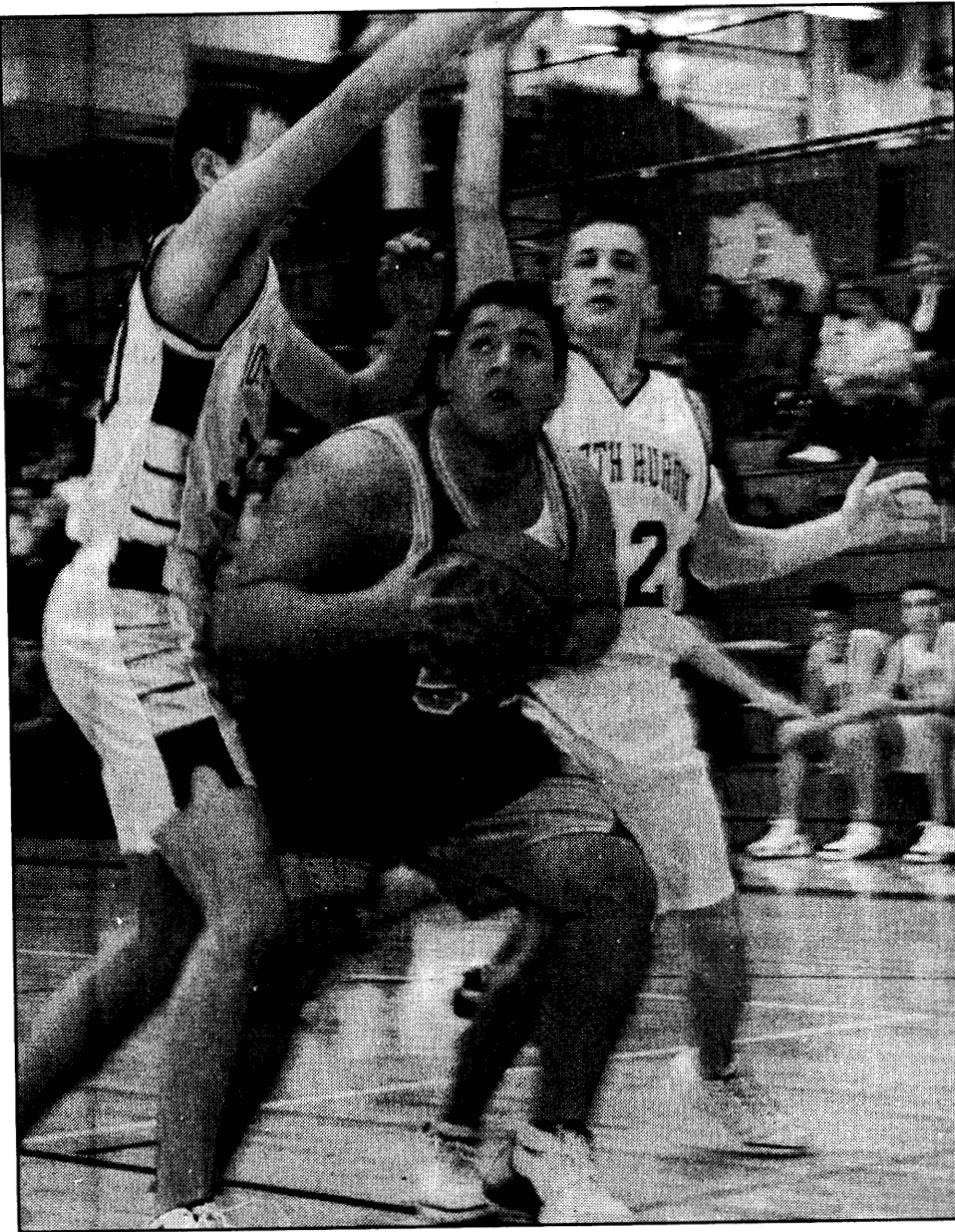
**HARBOR BEACH** - Jones 4-0 (1-1) 9; Ginther 4-0 (0-2) 8; Osentoski 2-0 (0-0) 4; Tschirhart 3-1 (0-0) 9; Delpiere 1-1 (1-2) 6; Turscak 1-0 (2-5) 4; Heissner 1-1 (1-2) 6; Essenmacher 0-0 (1-2) 1. **TOTALS - 16-3 (6-14) 47.**

### BASKETBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST			
Team	W	L	W L
Cass City	4	0	11 0
Reese	3	1	8 2
BCAS	2	1	6 4
USA	2	2	7 3
EPBP	1	3	4 6
Bad Axe	1	3	3 8
Valley Luth.	0	3	3 7

GREATER THUMB EAST			
Team	W	L	W L
Ubyly	3	0	7 3
H. Beach	3	0	3 6
Brown City	2	2	8 3
Sandusky	2	2	5 5
Marlette	1	2	3 7
Mayville	1	2	1 9
Deckerville	0	4	1 10

NCTL NORTH			
Team	W	L	W L
Caseville	8	2	8 2
Owen-Gage	4	6	5 6
North Huron	3	6	3 7
Port Hope	1	8	1 9
A-Fairgrove	0	9	1 9



**OWEN-GAGE'S MIKE Pawlak** draws attention from a pair of North Huron defenders during the Bulldog's 56-42 North Central Thumb League win.

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## Hawk wrestlers record parents' night victories

The next 2 weeks will be decision time for the undefeated (6-0) Cass City Red Hawk wrestlers in the Greater Thumb League. The next 2 matches will be against the other 2 league powerhouses, also undefeated in the GTC.

Wednesday the Hawks face Mayville in a double dual meet with Sandusky and Wednesday, Feb. 2, face Marlette in a dual meet that also includes Unionville-Sebewaing.

The Hawks celebrated parents' night last Wednesday with 2 one-sided wins over Saginaw Nouvel CC, 64-9, and Bad Axe, 84-0.

Double winners for the Hawks were Ken Grady (103); Andrew Peruski (112); Jeremy Farr (119); Marcel Helland (125); Dean Wilson (135-140); Kyle Sieradzki (145); Jeff Tenbusch (152); Micah Randall (160); Wes Becker (171); Jerry Crandall (189); Steve Meeker (215), and Lee Hutchinson (275).

In a 13-team individual tournament Saturday at Imlay City, the Hawks finished in 6th place with 119

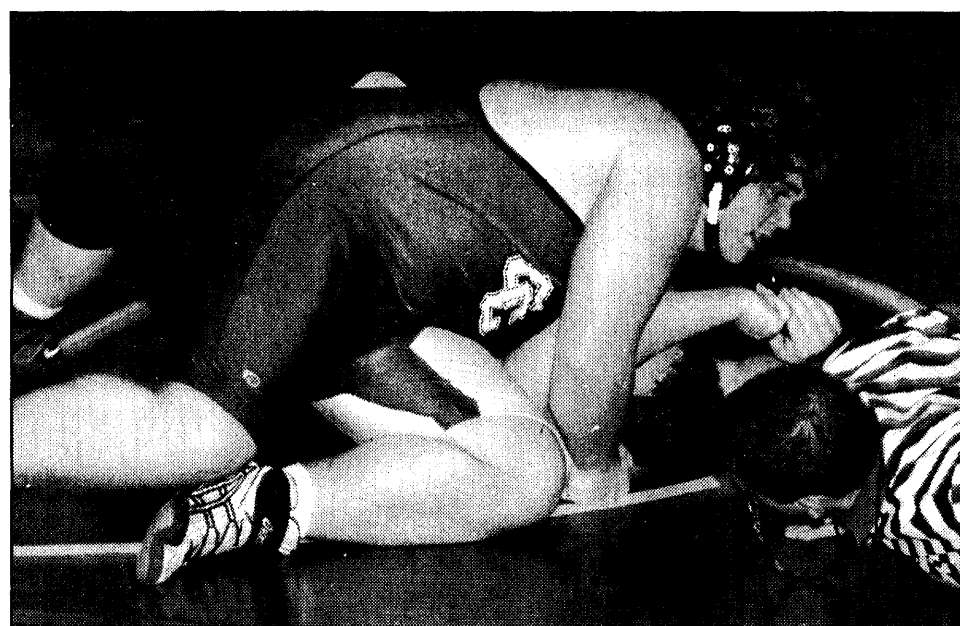
points. Oxford won easily with 234.5 points. The final results: Oxford; Imlay City, 185; Capac, 128; Durand, 126; Marlette, 124; Cass City, 119; Millington, 76; Brown City, 64; Almont, 42; Lapeer West B, 42; Dryden, 20.5; Burton Bentley, 20; Saginaw Nouvel CC, 17.

Placing and earning medals for Cass City were: Helland (119) and Hutchinson (275) with first places; Sieradzki (145); second place; Meeker, (215) third place; and Kyle Reif and Becker, fourth places.

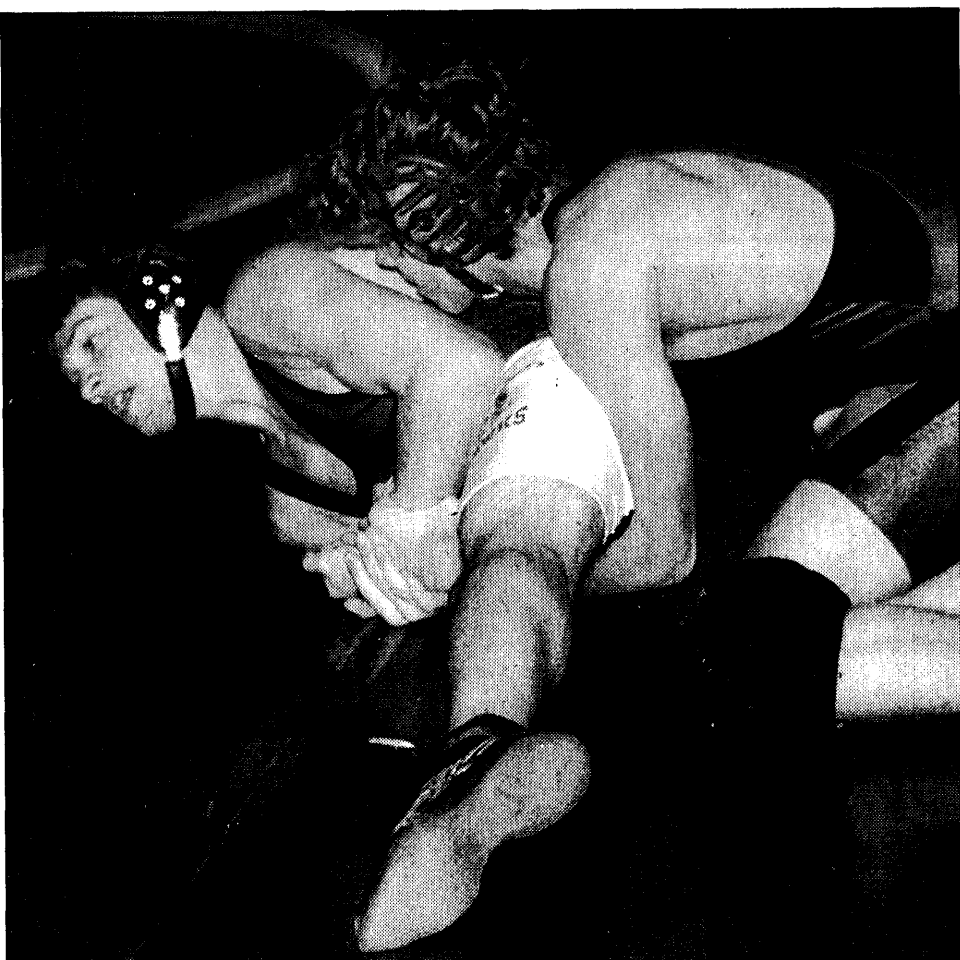
Coach Don Markel said that "we performed fairly well during the week...we will be working extra hard during the next 2 weeks to prepare for these opponents (Marlette and Mayville).

Special congratulations go to Lee Hutchinson, Markel said, who earned his 100th career victory Wednesday when he pinned his Bad Axe opponent in 17 seconds.

In the junior varsity portion of the Imlay City tourney, Markel noted, the Red Hawk wrestlers performed well with nearly every wrestler bringing home a medal.



**MILESTONE.** Cass City's Lee Hutchinson earned his 100th career victory Wednesday night, pinning his Bad Axe opponent in just 17 seconds.



## Cass City spikers tumble against visiting Cougars

Cass City traded games with visiting Bay City All Saints Thursday, before falling in the seesawing Greater Thumb West affair.

The Red Hawks will look to get back on the right track Thursday at Valley Lutheran before entering the annual Klinger-Dast Invitational Saturday in Pigeon.

After splitting the opening 2 games, 25-20 and 23-25, the hosts captured an exciting 27-25 win in game 3.

However, the Cougars sent the match to a deciding 5th game with a 25-20 victory in game 4 before outlasting Cass City 15-10 in the finale.

"We were just terrible," coach Beth Howard said afterward. "Usually we don't start strong, but that wasn't the problem. We aren't aggressive enough."

Cass City had 3 girls finish in double digits in kills. Emily Schinnerer led the way with 16 kills, while Sara Meeker added 13 and Ashley Hendrick chipped in a dozen.

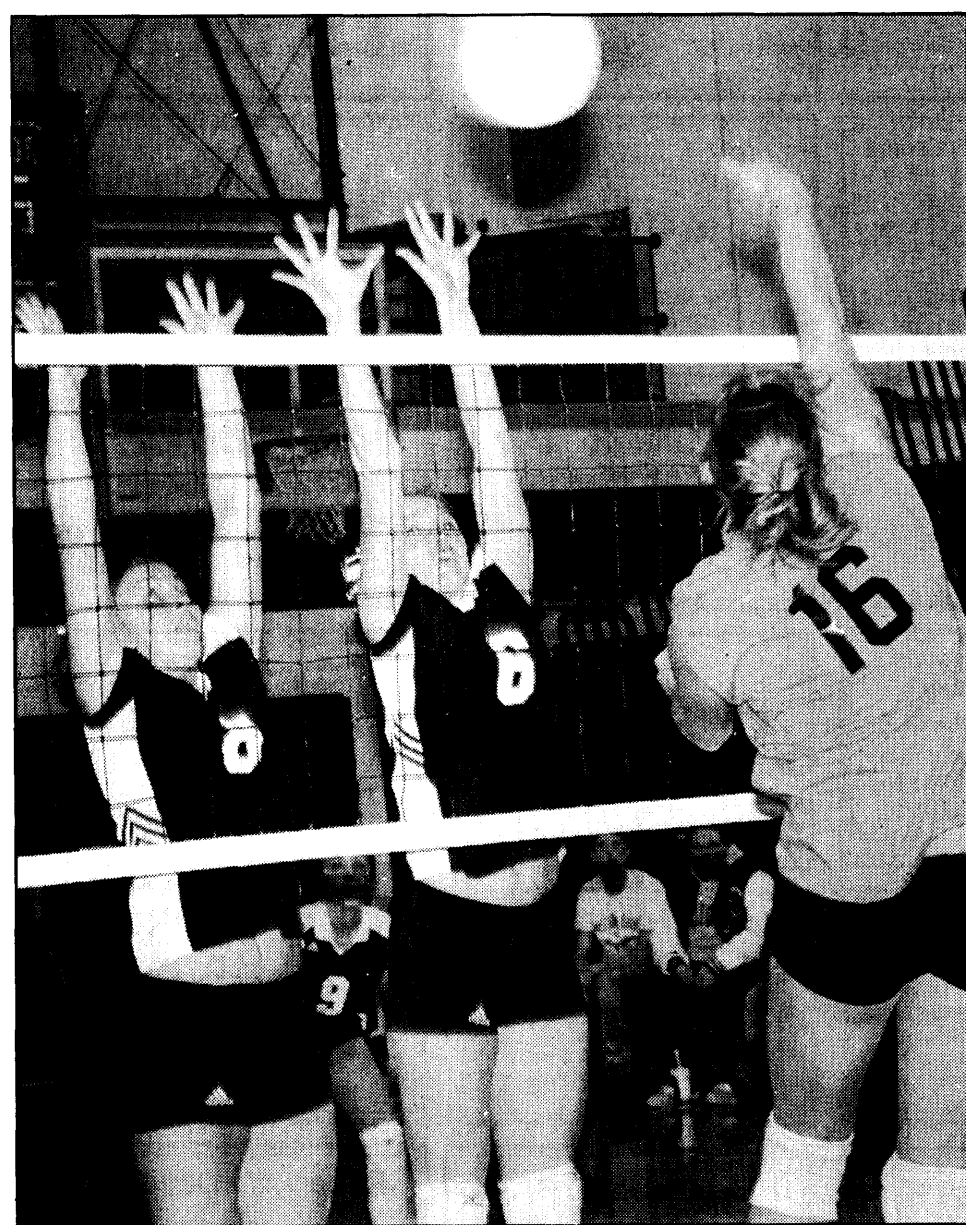
"Emily is my most aggressive player," Howard said.

Luann Laming recorded 19 assists to complement 19

digs. Danielle Dohn had 27 digs and Jenni Brinkman added 24 digs.



**SYNCHRONIZED VOLLEYBALL.** Cass City teammates Danielle Dohn (left) and Emily Schinnerer converge on a shot during Thursday's 5-game loss to guests Bay City All Saints.



**RED HAWKS** JENNIFER Brinkman (left) and Sara Meeker attempt a block in Greater Thumb West Conference action Thursday against the Cougars.

## Owen-Gage spikers whip Dryden Monday, survive scare Thursday from talented host North Huron

The Owen-Gage volleyball team returned to its old form Monday, disposing of visiting Dryden in straight games.

After rallying to defeat North Huron in their previous North Central Thumb League contest, the Bulldogs wasted little time registering wins of 25-20, 25-12 and 25-21 against the Cardinals.

Mary McKee paced the winners with 14 points, which included 8 aces. She received plenty of help from Kayla Zaleski who posted 10 points, 9 aces, 16 kills and 3 blocks. The Bulldogs also had Katie Swiastyn with 7 points, 1 ace, 8 kills and 7 assists, while Michelle Brown had 7 points, 2 aces

and 8 assists.

### NORTH HURON

The Bulldogs ran their unblemished mark in NCTL play Thursday to 5-0, but not without a scare from hosts North Huron.

After controlling game one, 25-21, the Bulldogs surrendered their first individual game setbacks in NCTL play as the Warriors took a 2-1 lead with decisions of 25-17 and 25-16.

Owen-Gage fought to a 25-20 victory in game 4 and then ended the match with a 15-6 margin in the final game.

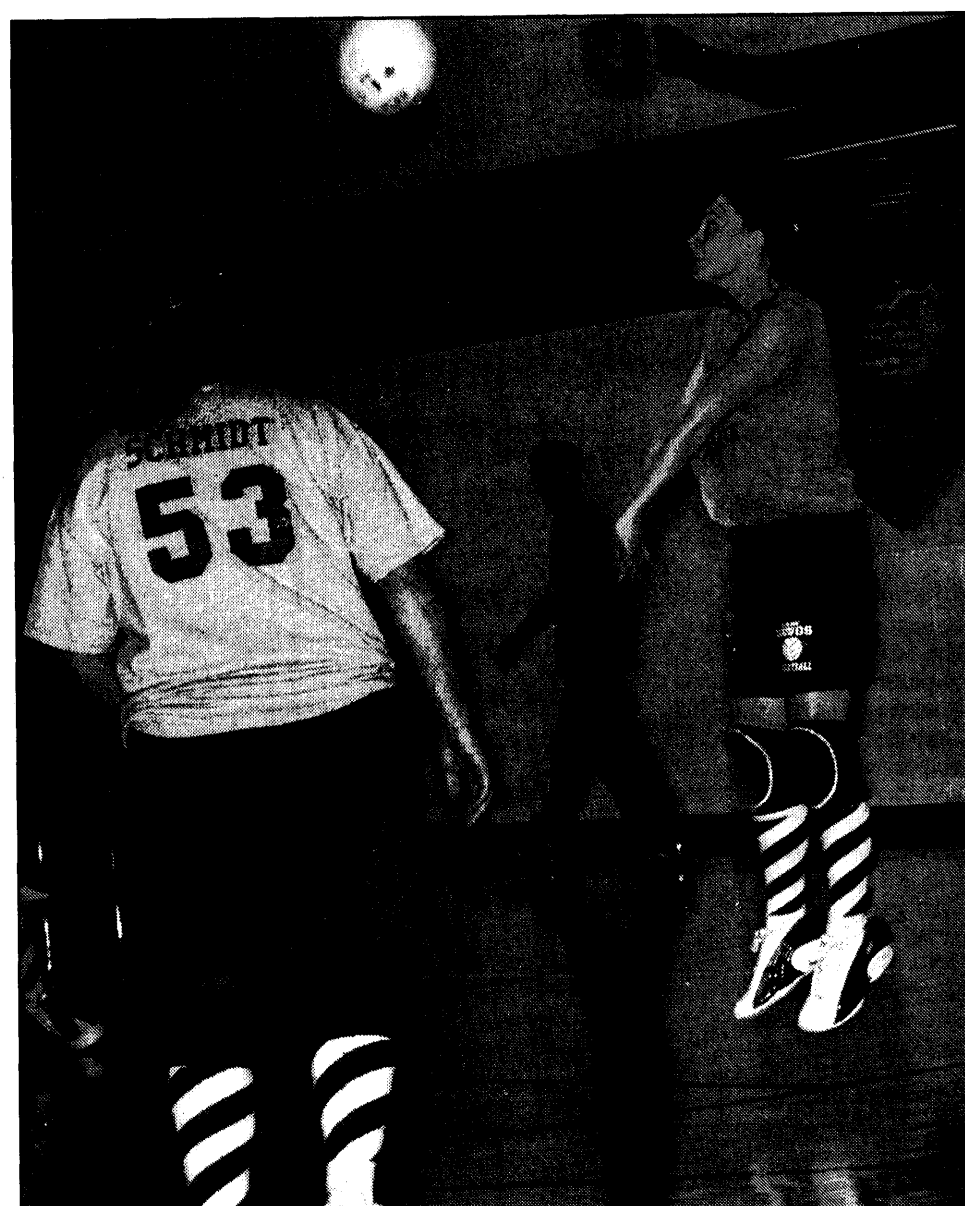
Swiastyn was perfect, again, from the service line in 24 attempts and recorded

14 points and 6 aces for the Bulldogs. Swiastyn also added 13 assists, 10 kills, and 23 digs.

While Swiastyn was busy at the line, Zaleski was making her presence felt on the floor. Zaleski recorded team highs in both kills and digs with 23 and 24 respectively.

Bulldog McKee continues to produce for the defending NCTL champs and accounted for 11 points, 6 aces and 21 digs. Brown added 9 points and 4 saves, while Nicole Schmidt had 5 points and 7 assists for the winners.

Owen-Gage, 8-2-1 overall, will entertain Memphis this Thursday and travel to compete in the Laker Invite on Saturday.



**BULLDOG** Michelle Brown leaps for a return in Monday's NCTL contest with Dryden.

**REVENGE.** CASS CITY'S Kyle Reif (left) surrendered a decision in the 130 lb. Division to his Saginaw Nouvel opponent Wednesday at home, but defeated him 13-1 over the weekend at the Imlay City invite.

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Individual High Games & Series: K. Martin 280-238 (694); G. Robinson 212-212 (628); S. Osentoski 211 (611); D. Doerr 232 (601); J. Baker 233; O. Beecher 224; J. Hacker 224; D. Beecher 216; E. Schmaltz 210.

Team High Game & Series:

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Gagetown Cutting Corners 10  
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Individual High Games & Series: J. Krol 182 (485); K. Mauer 204 (485); E. Romain 179 (482); D. Zdrojewski (481); C. Brown 202 (470); P. Tyll 181.

Split Conversions: M. Sieradzki 4-10.  
Team High Game & Series: Gagetown Cutting Corners 829 (2398).

## Benefit concert slated

The Brentwood in Caro will host a benefit concert in February to help the Tsunami victims in the Indian Ocean basin.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 5, from 1 p.m. until midnight. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the Brentwood.

Featured will be 8 area bands - Vince Dynamic, Hindsight, Back to Back, Superthick, Thunderhorse, Rockway 5, Belt and Mrs. Crab Tree. Other special guests will be announced, and there will be a Fender guitar and amplifier raffled off along with other prizes.

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

Date	Team	Time
Dec. 7	Vassar 61, Cass City 65	
Dec. 10	Ubyly 53, Cass City 55	
Dec. 14	Sandusky 46, Cass City 51	
Dec. 17	Mayville 38, Cass City 72	
Dec. 21	Caro 44, Cass City 56	
Jan. 4	Valley Lutheran 48, Cass City 63	
Jan. 7	Bad Axe 38, Cass City 59	
Jan. 11	Marlette 44, Cass City 49	
Jan. 14	Lakers 45, Cass City 69	
Jan. 18	Harbor Beach 47, Cass City 59	
Jan. 21	USA 51, Cass City 52	
Jan. 25	Reese	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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## BASKETBALL

Fri., Feb. 18  
Cass City vs. Reese

## VOLLEYBALL

Thurs., Feb. 3  
Cass City vs. Lakers

## WRESTLING

Tues., Feb. 1  
Cass City vs. Midland

## Cass City Red Hawks 2004-2005 Volleyball

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

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## Cass City Red Hawks 2004-2005 Gymnastics

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

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## Obituaries

### Robert Atkin

Robert J. Atkin, 76, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005, in St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw, after a short illness.

He was born Aug. 13, 1928 in Otisville, the son of Lloyd A. and Frances P. (Smith) Atkin.

Atkin served in the U.S. Navy after World War II. His first job after returning from the service was as a welder on the Mackinac Bridge. He retired from General Motors in 1988 after nearly 30 years as a skilled tradesman. Atkin was a member of the Flint VFW Post #3087; Flint American Legion Post #342, where he served as finance officer; and of the Eagles Club #629. He also participated in an American Bowling League Tournament in Texas.

Atkin is survived by a son, Mark (Keri) Atkin of Cass City; a granddaughter, Stacy Atkin of Missouri; 2 sisters: Joan (Harold) Little of Cass City, and Jean (George) Bernaldi of Florida; and a special friend, Carol Caldwell.

He was preceded in death by a son, Scott Atkin, who died in 1997; his mother, Frances (Maurice) Justin; and his father, Lloyd Atkin.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 22, at Novesta Church of Christ, with Pastor JT Mabe, Mizpah Missionary Church, officiating. Military services were provided under the direction of the Cass City VFW Post #3644.

Interment was in the Novesta Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Novesta Church of Christ. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

### Kathleen Auvil

Kathleen Leona Auvil, 82, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005 at her residence.

She was born Feb. 13, 1922 in Frostburg, Md., the daughter of the late William and Ella (Plocher) Roberson.

She married Dellitt Auvil Dec. 5, 1939 in Cumberland, Md. He died April 9, 1979.

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Auvil is survived by a son, Charles (Chris) Auvil of Saginaw; 3 daughters: Joan (Julius) Navarro, Betty (Wilbur) Palmer, and Dale (Thomas) Kelly, all of Cass City; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by 2 brothers: Paul and Bill Roberson.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 22, at Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. George Ward of Cass City United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice, Bad Axe. Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

### Aidan Fritts

Aidan Dane Fritts was born still Jan. 15, 2005 in Bay Regional Medical Center, Bay City.

He was born the son of Amy Skiles and Brandon Fritts.

Aidan is survived by his grandparents: Delores Williams of Cass City, L. David (Tammy) Skiles of Deford, Michael and Judy Fritts of Oxford; aunts and uncles: L. David (Carrie) Skiles Jr., Jason (Laurie) Skiles, Stephanie (Dustin) Bouvrette, Bill Thane Jr., Scott Thane, Christopher Skiles, Michael Skiles, and Michael A. Fritts, Jr.; several cousins; and great-grandparents: Joe and Olla Fritts, William and Berniece Frazier, and Arnold Skiles.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandmother, Barbara Skiles.

A private funeral service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund and may be mailed or dropped off at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

### Glenn Groth

Glenn Elmer Groth, 92, of Cass City, died unexpectedly Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005 in his home.

He was born Nov. 15, 1912 in Warren Township, the son of Albert and Ida (Talowsky) Groth.

He married Jacqueline L. Wagner July 12, 1973 in Caro. She died Dec. 29, 1993.

Groth served in the U.S. Army. He was a farmer and later worked for Evans Products as a welder.

Groth is survived by his children: Judith (Gerald)

Muntz of Bad Axe, Harold Groth of Cass City, Deana Mathews of Fort Carson, Colo., Dianne Cook of Cass City, Gaillynn (Mike) Wagner of Midland, Brad (Gloria) Groth of Midland, Michelle Groth of Cass City, and Randy Groth of Cass City; 14 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; a sister, Violet Czerwinski; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Marie Young; 4 brothers: Arnold, Harvey, Fred, and Martin Groth; and a sister, Myrtle Sadro.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Burial will be in Valley Cemetery, Uby.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund and may be mailed or dropped off at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

### Judith Rocheleau

Judith Raye Rocheleau, 64, of Cass City, died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005.

She was born Aug. 8, 1940 in Flint, the daughter of James and Mary (Louse) Hudson.

She married Robert Rocheleau May 25, 1968.

Rocheleau was a press operator with Snover Stamping Company for 25 years, and also held the same position at EDM Company, Cass City. She was a member of the Flint German Shepherd Club and the Thumb of Michigan Dog Club.

Rocheleau is survived by her husband, Robert; a daughter, Cindy (Jeff) Swartz of California; 2 sons: Roland (Dawn) Hayward of Clarkston, and Scotty (Genia) Hayward of Lapeer; her step-father, Melvin Pohl, Sr.; 7 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; a brother, Melvin Pohl, Jr. of Auburn Hills; a sister, Brenda (Frank) Skosich of Auburn Hills; her mother-in-law, Viola Schiatone; and a sister-in-law, Frances (Richard) Wyant.

She was preceded in death by her mother; a brother, Robert Hudson; and her father-in-law, Victor Rocheleau.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 24, at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were made by Gagetown Funeral Chapel, Gagetown.

# Cass City 8th grade class gearing up for trip to Capitol

The eighth grade at Cass City Middle School is once again preparing for a first-hand discovery trip to the nation's Capitol, Washington, D.C.

Students going on the trip will be reinforcing and investigating for themselves the topics studied through the year.

This trip differs from any at the high school in that it reinforces and correlates to the history segments rather than

the political portion of our government. Students have the opportunity to explore the past, present and the future of the United States, events that made this country great and what is going on now to preserve and protect everyone for the future, according to trip organizer Linda Bailey.

"Lessons learned come to life when visiting sites such as the Smithsonian museums, memorials, Holocaust Museum, Arlington,

Monticello, Mt. Vernon and battle sites of Antietam and/or Fredericksburg and much more. A sprinkling of events such as cruising the Potomac and attending a dinner theater round out the activities for the group of attending students and adults," she said.

A variety of activities have been designed for students who are interested to earn the cost of the trip or help defray the cost. Students sell magazines beginning in the fifth grade, and all their profits are compiled through their 4 years at the middle school and are sent into their indi-

vidual accounts.

This year students have had a bottle drive, sold Red Hawk discount cards and held a 2-day Santa's Workshop for young children to buy gifts for family.

"The bottle drive was a very ambitious effort this year and the students were helped out in supportive sponsorship by a variety of donations from Gilligan's, TotalCom, Book Mart, Erla's, Knight Insurance, Special Scent, individual citizens and matching funds," Bailey said. "Final fundraising currently going on are candle sales, Red Hawk sweatshirts, snack

sales and finally a pancake dinner March 15 at Cass City McDonald's."

There are 12 applicants for the Maharg Scholarship and those students have qualified by filling in the application and creating an educational product to present to clubs, organizations or individuals upon request. Many of the young people are eager to offer their services for sponsorship of their trip.

More information regarding the trip, reports, or speaking engagements is available by contacting the directors at the middle school at 872-4397.

## TAMW! earns very high honor

The Thumb Area Michigan Works! received a very high honor from the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL).

The TAMW! was recently visited by Lynn Bajorek, a workforce development specialist from the USDOL's Region V in Chicago. The exclusive purpose of Bajorek's visit was to gain information and insight into TAMW! innovative workforce development programs.

According to Marv Pichla, director of Thumb Area Michigan Works!, the Department of Labor rarely sends a specialist to review out-of-state workplace initiatives.

"This is a direct confirmation that we are creating ground-breaking programs for people here in the Thumb region," says Pichla. "We are very fortunate that the USDOL's Region V office selected our area as a leader in innovative practices."

During her visit, Bajorek had the opportunity to study some of TAMW!'s most celebrated programs, including: \* Job Success TOOL CHEST Voucher System: One of the nation's only

voucher-based workforce training systems, the TOOL CHEST highlights employability and skill strengths in a complete, customer-driven way.

\* Thumb Area Virtual Chamber of Commerce: A new, online, regional Chamber of Commerce opportunity designed to build Thumb Area businesses and community commerce.

\* Auto-Mation/Serv-Ustry: Auto-Mation and Serv-Ustry are special introduction-to-apprenticeship programs that are co-sponsored by Ford Motor Company. Auto-Mation concentrates on work principles in the manufacturing industry, while Serv-Ustry focuses on service industry values in non-manufacturing fields.

\* Youth Career Diary Disc: A special mini-CD program created to encourage young adults to regularly journal their career-building experiences.

The Region V division of the USDOL is responsible for servicing the employment and training needs of 10 states. More information can be found at [www.doleta.gov](http://www.doleta.gov).



**FIVE GENERATIONS** are represented above by (from left) great-great-grandmother Jean Boyl of Kingston, and great-grandmother Norajeane Little; grandmother Sandy Wolny; mother Kimberly Morrish and daughter Rylee Koslaskiewicz, all of Cass City.

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The best advice for the protection of life during severe winter weather is to stay inside and out of harm's way. Specifically, Sheriff Kent D. Tibbits encourages citizens to:

\* Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to make it on your own for at least 3 days. While there are many things that might make you more comfortable, your priority should be fresh water, food; prescription medicine, and clean air.

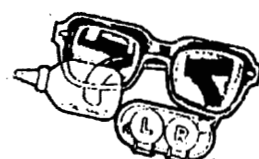
\* Put together multiple disaster supply kits. One for your home should include everything needed to stay where you are and make it on your own. Keep a smaller disaster supplies kit in the trunk of each car. If you become stranded or are not able to return home, having some items will help you to be more comfortable until help arrives. Keep items in airtight plastic bags. This will help protect them from damage or spoiling.

\* Gather basic emergency supplies - a cell phone, a flashlight, a battery-powered

radio, extra batteries, extra blankets, a first aid kit, toilet articles, prescription medicines, and other special things your family may need.

\* While in your vehicle, try to steer clear of streams and washes, particularly during threatening conditions. Flood waters can rise quickly and carry you or your belongings away.

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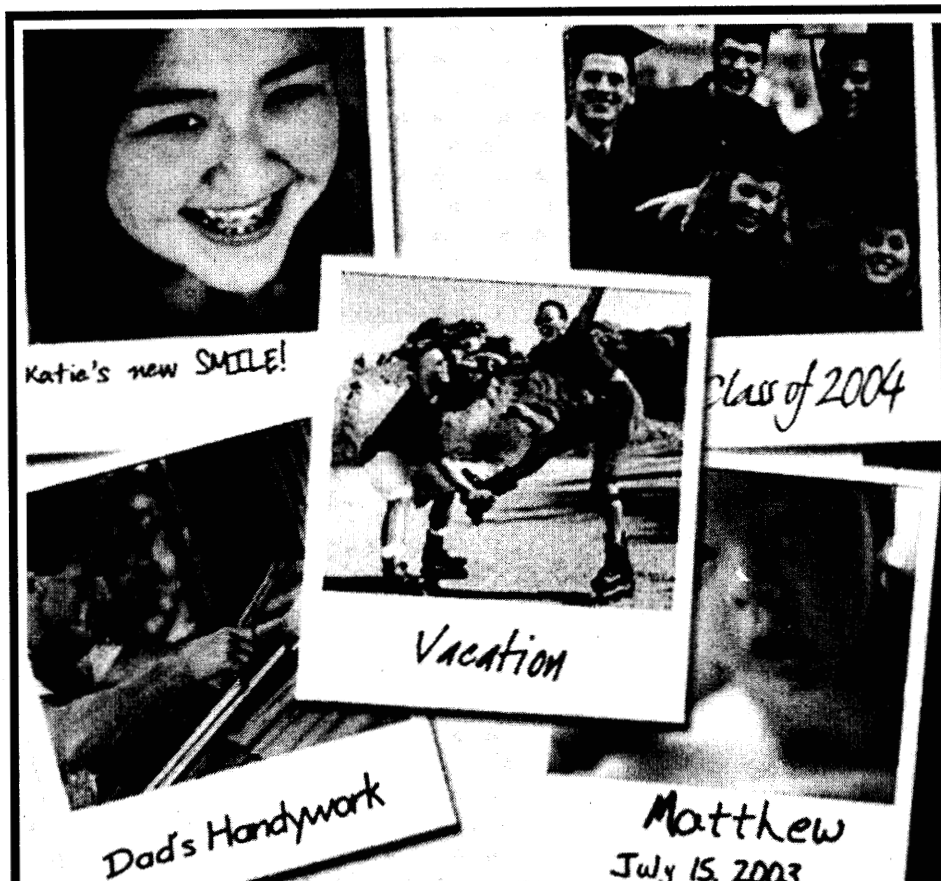
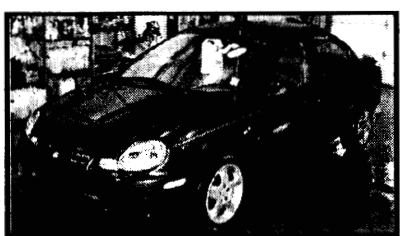
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Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, January 27

Seniors' Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church. Free Senior Citizen Bingo, 1-4 p.m., Cass City VFW Hall.

Friday, January 28

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Quilt Show Reception, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Saturday, January 29

Cass City Boy and Cub Scouts Tsunami Benefit Bottle Drive, 9 a.m. to noon, door-to-door. You may put your returnables out on your front porch for easy pick up. All money will go to the American Red Cross. For information, contact Richard Little at (810) 710-0466.

Sunday, January 30

St. Columbkille Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., St. John's Parish Center, Uby. Adults, \$5; Children, \$3; under 5, free. To benefit Capital Campaign.

Monday, January 31

Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Tuesday, February 1

Aftercare Program for Grief Counseling, 6:30 p.m., VFW Annex Building, 4530 Veterans Dr., Cass City. Everyone is invited to attend. Sponsored by Thabet Funeral Home.

Collectibles show set

The Thumb Area Old Engine and Tractor Association will be hosting its second annual Farm Collectibles and Toy Show, Saturday, Feb. 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Brentwood, 178 Park Dr., Caro.

Club members are expecting at least 60 tables on display, with vendors selling farm products, farm toys, and antiques along with new and used parts and literature on farm engines and tractors. Farm toys at the show will

range from small-scale models for children to play with to precision collectibles that are highly detailed and sell for hundreds of dollars. Admission will be a \$2 donation for adults. Children age 12 and under get in free if accompanied by an adult. Everyone in attendance will be eligible for door prizes that will be given away throughout the day. More information is available by calling Dale at (989) 673-3430 or Dick at (989) 673-2579.

Area scouts gear up for Crest Sale

Boy Scouts of America has started its 2005 fundraising efforts. New this year is the Crest Sale.

According to Mike Herrington, Thumb District executive, more than 30 businesses in Tuscola and Huron counties are selling the donation card, the Boy Scout Crest. Herrington said for a \$1 donation residents can support the scouting program and help send a boy to summer camp. The participating businesses will then display the sold crest in their store.

There are nearly 1,000 youth active in the scouting program in Tuscola and Huron counties. They include Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing.

According to Herrington some of the money raised will help send scouts to summer camp. He said one of the best adventures a boy can experience as a Boy Scout is a week at summer camp. Some families, however, cannot afford the couple hundred dollars it costs, but the scouting organization sees to it that any boy who wants to go to camp does.

Bill Jackson, Scouting Finance chairman for the Thumb District, said the theme for this year's fund raising is "Scouting, reaching out to others" and that this year's goal for the 2 county area is \$28,000.

"We have met or exceeded our goals for the past 5 years. We have accomplished that largely due to a great scout-

ing program because of dedicated Cub Scout den and pack leaders and scoutmasters in the Boy Scout program. The scouting program helps build youth confidence, character and citizenship so people are more willing to support it," he added.

The fundraising, frequently referred to as "Friends of Scouting" helps support scouting through services to youth in addition to professional training to hundreds of volunteers who work with them. Last year, more than 300 scouting families contributed to the program. In addition, they ask for contributions from anyone in the community who wants to support this extremely strong values-driven organization.

The Friends of Scouting Leadership banquet is entering its fifth year.

In 2004 it raised over 40 percent of the groups' goal. This year's banquet will be held March 5 at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe. The featured guest speaker will be Wallace Kent, Tuscola County probate judge. According to Jackson, several hundred people interested in scouting normally attend the banquet. It gives them an opportunity to learn what the scouting program is doing in their communities and to contribute to it," he said.

The Crest Sale will continue through February 15 at several area businesses.

OLD MAN Winter left some of his own natural artwork throughout the Thumb during a weekend snowstorm that dumped several inches of snow on the area.

Landfill materials banned

As of Nov. 1 a series of new state laws were passed that adds to the list of materials that are banned from all Michigan landfills.

Michigan landfills and waste hauling companies can no longer knowingly transport or accept for disposal whole tires, yard waste, or beverage containers. These laws are intended to stop importation of Canadian and out of state waste, but will affect all of us also.

Beverage containers are described as one-gallon or less in size and either a soft drink, soda water, carbonated natural or mineral water or other non-alcoholic carbonated drink, beer, ale or other malt drink of whatever alcoholic content, or mixed wine drink or mixed soft drink.

The prohibition does not include green glass containers before June 1, 2007.

All materials with a Michigan 10 cent deposit should be returned to stores that sell them for a refund. All other non-deposit beverage containers and green glass should be recycled through curbside recycling or taken to a recycling facility.

Tires should be taken to a recycling facility or to a tire retailer where a disposal fee must be paid.

Yard waste cannot be put to the curb for pick up other than during designated yard waste collection program

times. Yard waste can be put into compost piles and grass clippings should be mulched. Trash haulers will be fined for transporting these banned items and can refuse pick up. Other banned items include: used oil, lead acid batteries, medical waste, asbestos, empty drums, and regulated hazardous waste.

The Tuscola County Recycling Facility is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Accepted are glass jars and bottles, aluminum cans, plastics #1 and #2 in bottle form, used oil, batteries and tires. More information is available by calling (989) 672-1673 for a complete list of items.

E. Hoyt awarded scholarship

Elizabeth Hoyt, a sophomore at Northwood University, Midland, has been awarded a Harold N. Metzel Memorial Scholarship for the 2004-05 academic year.

Elizabeth Hoyt

Hoyt, of Snover, is the daughter of Janet Hoyt.

A minimum 2.5 grade point average is required for the scholarship, which was established in 2002 in the memory of Harold N. Metzel, who had a 40-plus year employment with Oldsmobile and was a firm believer in the need for a good education. The dollar amount of the scholarship is not being released.

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Luncheon slated in February

The Human Development Commission's (HDC) annual Walk for Warmth Luncheon is slated for Thursday, Feb. 3, at noon at HDC's dining center at 429 Montague Ave., Caro.

The cost is \$5 per person and includes homemade chili, chicken noodle soup, punch and dessert. Homemade loaves of bread will also be available for purchase at \$2 each.

An auction will follow the lunch.

Proceeds from the lunch and auction will go to the Tuscola County Walk for Warmth Campaign, which is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 19. The event raises funds to heat the homes of needy families that are experiencing heating emergencies.

This is HDC's 15th annual Walk for Warmth, and the goal is to raise \$8,000.

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

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, 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 BUIHL, of 394 Lincoln, Fostoria, Michigan 44845 (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  
Mayville, Michigan 48744

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

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

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by KEVIN T. and VALERIE J. HUGHES, husband and wife, to ALLIANCE FUNDING, a Division of Superior Bank FSB, One Randall 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 mortgage company 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

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Amanda Jammer, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 28, 2001 and recorded on June 29, 2001 in Liber 837 on Page 002 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Two and 20/100 Dollars (\$55,402.20), 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 24, 2005.

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

Beginning at a Point on the Section line 871.1 feet West of the Northeast corner of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East; thence West along the Section line 50 feet; thence South at right angles to the Section line, to the Northeast boundary line of the Oakwood Addition to the Village of Caro; thence Southeast along the Northeast line of the Oakwood Addition to the Southeast Corner of Lot 6, Block 2 of the Oakwood Addition to the Village of Caro; thence Northeast Parallel with State Street 47.4 feet to the land of Alice Thomas; thence North 279.19 Feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: January 26, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
FC X (248) 593-1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #037583F03

1-26-4

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

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

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 3/2 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

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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:  
FC S (248) 593-1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #045054F01

1-12-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by MICHAEL H. FRAMBES AND DAWN A. FRAMBES, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to FIRST NLC FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC, Mortgagee, dated July 18, 2000 and recorded on July 26, 2000 in Liber 806, on Page 1480 in TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, and assigned by MESNE assignment to THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE EQCC ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2001-2, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred fifty seven thousand seventy and 32/100 Dollars (\$157,070.32), including interest at 10.90% per annum with an adjustable rate rider.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola, MI, at 10:00 AM on February 24, 2005.

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

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

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

DATED: January 26, 2005

ATTORNEY FOR: THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE EQCC ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2001-2  
Assignee of Mortgagee

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.  
401 South Old Woodward Avenue, Suite 300  
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jennifer Sochocki, 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 South half of the Southwest quarter 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.

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Dated: January 12, 2005

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

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THE WEEKEND’S snowstorm brought bitter cold, nearly 7 inches of snow and high winds, prompting Tuscola County Central Dispatch officials to urge residents to stay at home Saturday night. That announcement was made after road commission officials decided to pull any plows off the road that experienced zero visibility.

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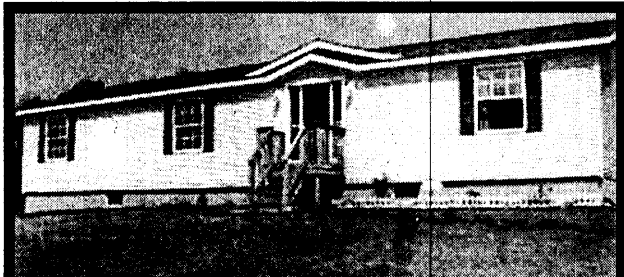
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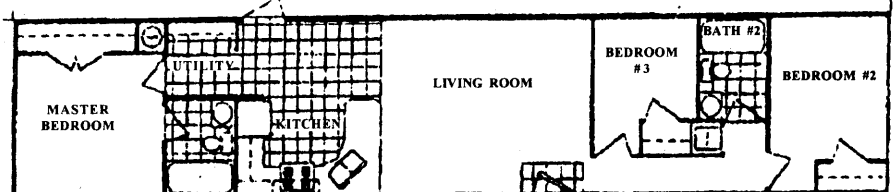
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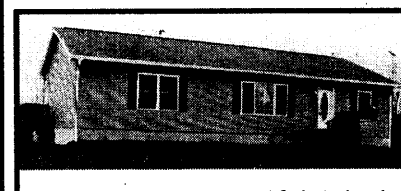
5 Acre Country Home - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large country kitchen, nicely remodeled. Large barn on property with water and electric. Cy2426



Beautiful 2 Story, 3 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath Home Close to Downtown - Almost completely remodeled in the last 3 years. New carpet in living and dining rooms in Feb. 2004. Master and guest bedrooms have 4'x8' walk-in closets. Kitchen cupboards are Hickory. This home is beautifully decorated and ready to move into. TCC1423



Check This Out! Price reduced on this completely refurbished home. All new roof, plumbing, wiring, insulation, windows, siding. On 5 acres with detached 2 car garage and barn. All this plus an apple orchard. \$139,900. Cy2418



Just Listed - Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home located south of Cass City on just under 2 acres. Well laid out with open kitchen/dinette. Has a full basement. Outside is a 3-tier deck off the dinette. Cy2427



This Cute Home is Located in the Southeast Part of Cass City - Lots of cupboards in the kitchen. Upstairs has open bedroom. TCC1393



Ranch Home in Town on an Extra Deep Lot - Lots of updating done. Full basement, 1 1/2 car garage. Ready for a new owner. TCC1437



Very Nice 2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath Condo in Northwood. This condo sets on a hill and looks out over open land from the rear deck. Partially finished basement. Priced right at \$99,500. TCC1436



Cass City Country - 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 2 story home on paved road. 2 car attached garage, plus a 24'x40' pole barn, 3/4 insulated. 1 1/2 acre lot with mature hardwood and fruit trees. Cy2421 \$96,900



Neat, Clean & Nice - Beautiful 3 bedroom tri-level home close to Cass City on 10 acres. Neutral carpet colors. Fireplace in family room. Well kept and ready to move into. F-726

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\$44.00 Per Sq. Ft. - You can't build a home for this. There are 1,582 sq. ft., including 3 bedrooms up, master bedroom down, formal dining room w/large living room. Michigan basement and 1 car det. garage all on nice city lot. With some TLC home could be restored to its grand state. Call Marty or Lola and see what there is to offer. CCT-327



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**NORTHWOOD Meadows director Kelly Richmond (from left) and training instructors Paula Pobanz and Karen Perry address the graduates.**



**THE CERTIFIED nursing assistants that completed a unique training program at Northwood Meadows in Cass City gathered Friday for their graduation ceremony, which included cake and the presentation of certificates.**

## Training a first in nation

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work each week.

"At the end, they then go through competency testing where they have to walk through all the items they learned in class," she continued, noting the program focused on skills such as medication management and emergency care. Finally, the students completed an exam written specifically for the course by Pobanz.

"This helped to not only reevaluate their competency, but also helped them to re-look at their skills," Richmond said.

"This was to invest time and education back into our employees here at Northwood Meadows, so we have the best of the best. That was the

backbone of this - our driving force."

The course emphasized the reasoning behind various policies and procedures at Northwood, according to Richmond, who said one of the main goals of the training was to improve staff members' skills in caring for patients battling diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and diabetes. "We really focused on the medical unit."

"Crisis intervention was another big issue — they don't learn that in a regular CNA class," Pobanz said, adding patients' emotional states can present some real challenges to professionals who care for adults.

Richmond, Pobanz and Perry incorporated the professional experience of agen-

cies such as the Human Development Commission and health department into the training.

In all, 15 students took the course. Most are CNAs and all of them are employed at Northwood Meadows.

"It was quite an accomplishment because they stuck through it," Pobanz said. "They thought it was pretty tough. It was not meant to be an easy class."

"CNA training was the basics in nursing, I would say. The CNA training here was highly valuable to the job," said Kay McLellan of Uby, one of the CNAs who completed the course.

"I felt the training by the nurses was superior. They gave us a lot of information, tips, things that through past experience they have gone through, and that helped a lot. It was very valuable," she added.

"Everybody should take that class. It's vital to nursing excellence."

While the first training session is now in the books, Richmond, Pobanz and Perry aren't finished yet. The trio are now concentrating on making their experiment a model for other adult care facilities, both in Michigan and throughout the country.

"Our next step now is, we will submit this to the state of Michigan for the accreditation process," Richmond said.

Pobanz smiled and nodded. "We don't like little goals," she said.

Richmond added, "We shoot for the moon."

## Grant to fund research into harvesting wind

Farmers have always been at the mercy of the weather. Now, the wind currents that bring rain and snow may also bring Michigan producers money.

Michigan State University and the Michigan Energy Office are exploring the potential of wind energy development in the state - specifically, farms in the Thumb and in western Michigan. Wind energy can diversify the economy of rural areas and provide new sources of income.

"Wind energy is an alternative way for farmers to increase their revenue," said Lynn Hamilton, project coordinator. "It's like a third crop."

The project, entitled Integrating Wind Energy Resource Information into the Michigan State University Extension System, is being funded by a grant from the Michigan Energy Office and the U.S. Department of Energy. It will include wind energy workshops, information for farmers about the legal aspects of wind energy, and help for farmers in determining whether wind energy might be viable for their operations.

Farmers interested in wind energy production have 3 options, according to Hamilton.

"They can lease their land to developers, who put up the capital and operate the wind project while farmers receive payments for use of the property," she explained. "Farmers may also choose to develop and own the wind turbine themselves, either via cooperative or sole ownership. A third possibility is to install a small-scale wind turbine on the farm to reduce the energy costs of their operations."

"If you manage the risk initially, in the long term profitability is good," Hamilton added. "After about 10 to 15 years, after the debt is paid, farmers can bring in 6 figures annually, just from the wind blowing."

MSU Extension farm management agents will work with farmers interested in wind energy to help them pursue grant opportunities and determine the best ownership structure for their operations.

"The ownership structure determines the amount of revenue that stays in the local community," said Stephen Harsh, MSU agricultural economics professor and primary investigator.

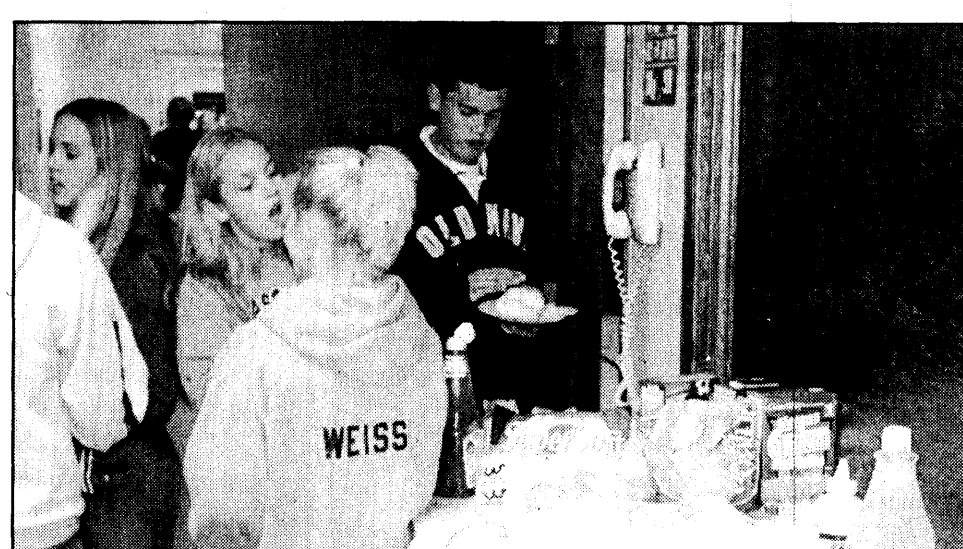
Wind farms in Wisconsin and Minnesota have already demonstrated how wind energy can help meet the demand for affordable and reliable energy.

Because Michigan is a more densely populated state, experts say, the introduction of wind energy could meet with some resistance. Necessary steps should be taken to address concerns of residents, including complaints such as sun flicker, noise and aesthetics.

According to the American Wind Association, Michigan is the 14th windiest state in the country, and the new wind maps show that there is a viable wind resource in western Michigan and the Thumb.

"We are really focusing our efforts to help farmers take the best advantage of this energy source," Hamilton said.

More information is available by contacting Hamilton at (517) 432-6656 or Harsh at (517) 353-4518.



**AREA TEENS help themselves to snacks in the kitchen at the Novesta Church of Christ during a Fifth Quarter Party.**

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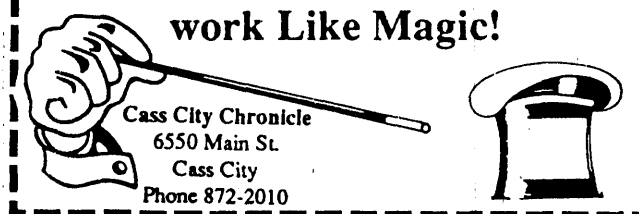
After that, they are free to play games, mill around and visit. They're also welcome to help themselves to plenty of snacks, all free of charge, with the church picking up the average \$100 tab per party.

Speirs along with other members of the church have created a relaxed and inviting atmosphere which, they hope, will continue to en-

courage area teens to choose an evening of safe fun over the sort of activities that all too often end in tragedy and loss of life.

"It's free food and it's comfortable for them. It's casual," Speirs said. "It's just kind of a nice place to hang out after the game."

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## Recruit Fischer finishes training

Navy Seaman Recruit Johnathan L. Fischer, son of Carol L. and Dale L. Fischer of Snover, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the 8-week program, Fischer completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical

fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment.

Fischer is a 2004 graduate of Marlette High School.

## Storm

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said. "Some of them (Streets) we went over twice, and they'd plug up about as soon as we got done."

"Sunday they came back in at 4 o'clock and finished cleaning up, but they've got quite a bit to haul," he added.

Tuscola County Under Sheriff Jim Jashinske said he isn't aware of many serious accidents, although road officers reported seeing many drivers stopped or pulled over due to a lack of visibility.

First Lt. Doug Lautner, commander of the Michigan State Police posts in Caro and Bad Axe, offered a similar report. "I was just talking to my sergeant (at the Caro post) and he said he thought the only traffic crash we handled was that fatal on M-46," he said, referring to an accident that claimed the life of a Kingston boy Saturday (see related story, page one).

## Tillage

Conservation tillage is any one of several farming methods that provide for seed germination, plant growth and weed control, yet maintain effective ground cover throughout the year and disturb the soil as little as possible.