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ELKLAND TOWNSHIP fire fighters estimate the loss at about \$160,000 in a shed fire early Friday morning across from the John Scherzer residence, 6709 Delong Rd., Cass City.

Fire loss estimated at \$160,000

Elkland Township fire fighters responded to a costly shed fire about 3 miles southeast of Cass City early Friday morning.

The department was dispatched to a residence at 6709 Delong Rd. at 1:54 a.m. Elkland Township Fire Chief Ron Pawloski said the

homeowner, John Scherzer, reported the blaze, but by that time flames were already shooting through the roof and the 32-foot by 48-foot wood structure was all but destroyed. "It was pretty well gone," Pawloski said.

"He had approximately \$100,000 worth of tools and

equipment in there, so we're going to put the total fire loss at about \$160,000," the fire chief said.

The cause of the fire has not been determined. "Right now it's under investigation," Pawloski said, "but we're speculating it was caused by a woodburner he had in the

shed and had started up yesterday."

Scherzer told Pawloski he is insured.

Elkland Township firemen remained at the scene for 2 1/2 hours. They were assisted by the Elmwood Township-Gagetown, Caro and Kingston fire departments.

Mural or sign?

Cass City VFW painting back in spotlight

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Cass City Village Council Monday vowed to settle a dispute with members of Cass City VFW Post 3644 over a patriotic mural/sign painted on the local veterans' annex building.

The controversy erupted in June 2003 when then-village Manager Frank Sheridan and members of the VFW post clashed over the large painting, which featured the Pledge of Allegiance and an eagle wrapped in the American flag.

Sheridan said the images painted on the building amounted to a "wall sign" in the village's sign ordinance, which allows such signs pro-

vided they pertain to the use of the building and meet certain size restrictions.

Sheridan said the post was repeatedly asked to apply for a sign permit, but VFW members refused, saying the painting was a mural, not a sign. VFW members later refused to apply for a zoning variance.

The issue has remained on the back burner, although unresolved since, but village Trustee Don Richards pushed for action during Monday's regular council meeting.

Richards said the council's failure to back up Sheridan's enforcement efforts, and the lack of action on the issue, was setting a poor precedent. He proposed that interim vil-

lage Manager Darcy Long proceed by requesting action from the village's law firm,

which council members indicated has been reluctant to. Please turn to page 9.

Beet growers face million-dollar loss

State legislators are vowing to find a way to help soften the blow for sugar beet growers who stand to lose millions of dollars from the loss of thousands of tons of rotting beets.

The setback comes in the wake of the celebration marking the historical merger of Michigan Sugar and Monitor Sugar Co. into a single grower-owner cooperative last fall.

Michigan Sugar Co. officials announced last week that sugar beet growers' December payment of \$24 per ton will be the only payment they will receive for the 2004 crop.

The news, delivered by Michigan Sugar Co. president and chief executive officer Mark Flegenheimer in a letter to grower-owners early last week, affects more

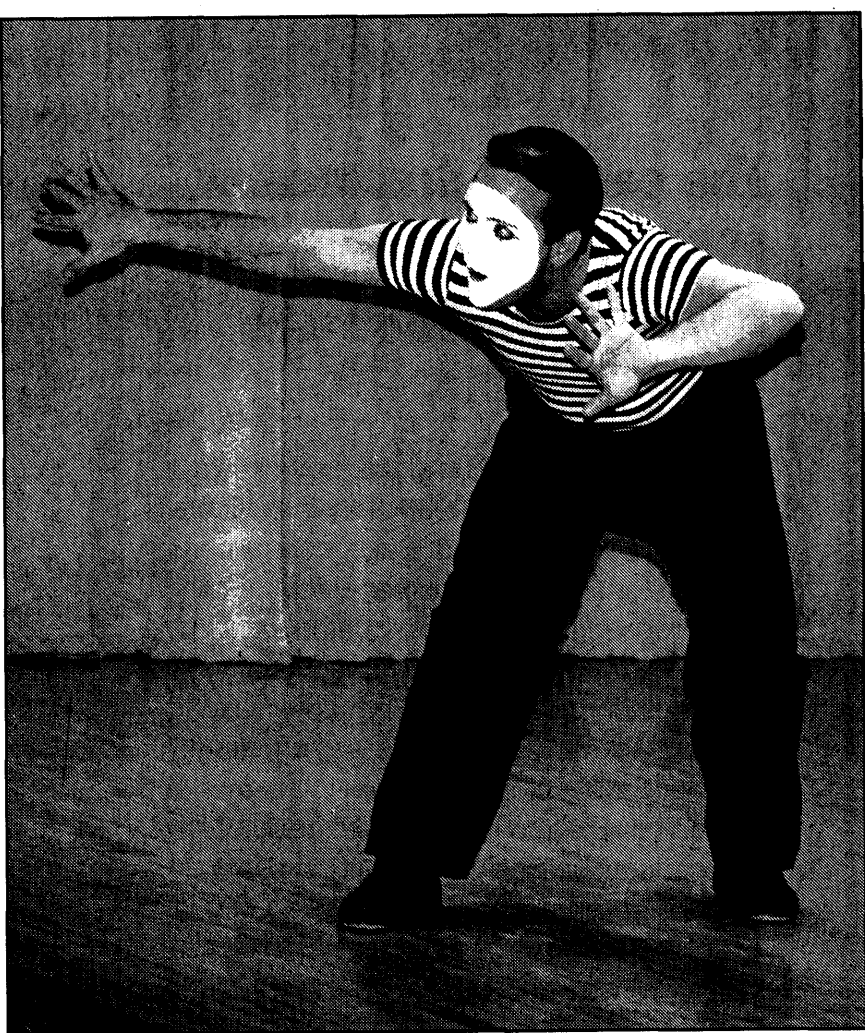
than 1,200 growers in 21 Michigan counties, including the Thumb, as well as in Ohio and Ontario, Canada.

Ray VanDriessche, director of community relations for the grower-owner cooperative, said a disastrous beet storage season is to blame for what company officials are projecting will be the loss of up to 250,000 tons of beets, translating into an estimated net loss of \$32.8 million.

The difference for growers is the loss of \$9 per ton, money they would have received in regularly scheduled payments next spring and fall.

"We had a very warm fall and it stayed warm right on through," VanDriessche said of the conditions that led to the crisis. Even after the fall,

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Mime time...

THE CASS CITY American Association of University Women treated students at Campbell Elementary School to an afternoon of mime entertainment Friday. "Toma the Mime", also known as Traverse City resident Tom Johnson had no problem keeping his young audience's attention as he displayed the skills and talents he honed in Paris, France, where he studied with the world's greatest mime, Marcel Marceau.

Gagetown man kills wife, then himself

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County Sheriff's Department investigators say money problems may have contributed to a murder-suicide involving a married couple in Gagetown over the weekend.

Tuscola County Undersheriff Jim Jashinske identified the victims as Deborah Ann Pinkoski, 51, and Terry Brent Pinkoski, 52.

One of the couple's sons arrived home at about 7:45 a.m. Saturday to discover both of his parents dead in the living room of their home at 6605 Gage St., according to Jashinske, who said an investigation revealed both died of shotgun wounds.

Jashinske said the Pinkoskis both went to the Gagetown Inn Friday afternoon to attend a wedding reception.

"They had a son pick them up and drive them home at 2:30 a.m. Saturday morning," he said. "They had been having money problems and supposedly they were about to lose their house. The father had been arguing with the son, so his mother told him to go and stay with a friend for the rest of the night."

The department's investigation determined that Terry Pinkoski shot his wife while sitting in a chair. He then turned the single shot 20-gauge shotgun on himself and pulled the trigger.

Jashinske said the Pinkoskis had no history of domestic violence. "I've known that couple for some time. Debby worked for my wife

at the medical care facility. She was a housekeeper up there," he added.

Jashinske said that an autopsy performed Friday verified the causes of death.

Gagetown police and the Michigan State Police Crime Lab from Bridgeport assisted deputies at the scene. The deaths remain under investigation.

OBITUARIES

Terry B. Pinkoski was born Nov. 3, 1952, in Cass City, the son of Sylvester and Loretta (Champagne) Pinkoski. Deborah Ann Pinkoski was born in Marquette Dec. 21, 1953, the daughter of John and Shirley (Wood) Killinger. They were married in Caro June 17,

1971.

He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, serving in Okinawa, Japan as a motor transportation specialist and with the military police.

He and his wife were members of the Loyal Order of Moose, Lodge 1366, Caro, and of the Eagles, Aerie 3587, Caro. Terry worked as a handyman and remodeler.

Deborah had been employed with the Tuscola County Medical Facility in the housekeeping department for 29 years.

Surviving are their sons, Bret (Valerie) of East Tawas, Eric (Laura) and John, both of Gagetown; and 2 grandchildren, Miranda and Bryan Pinkoski.

Surviving Deborah are: her parents; 2 brothers, David

(Lori) Killinger and Richard Killinger, both of Caro; 2 sisters, Laurene (Dave) Dicks of Caro and Cindy Warren, of Saginaw.

Surviving Terry are: 2 brothers, Ken (Mary Jane) Pinkoski of Harrison and David (Sheila) Pinkoski of Detroit; 2 sisters, Cecilia (Morris) Creason of Detroit and Sandy (Terry) Stone, of Illinois.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Mar. 4 at the Gagetown United Methodist Church, with the Rev. John Heim officiating.

Visitation will be at Gagetown Funeral Chapel Wednesday from 5 to 9 p.m.; Thursday, from 2-9 p.m., and at the church from 10 a.m.

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School okays 2.5% non-union pay hikes

The Cass City School Board, at its regular monthly meeting at the school Monday, voted an across the board increase of 2.5 percent for all non-union personnel, including the administrators, and set public information meetings to explain the upcoming vote on a bond issue to provide a new Center for the Arts building and maintenance of all school buildings for the next 15 years or more.

Wages for the staff were increased on the recommendation of a board committee of president Teresa Rabideau, Danny Haag and Doug Lautner. Considered were the salary schedules of 13 area districts and the statewide salary averages for 2005-06. Increases for teachers averaged 2.66. Cass City's teacher salary in-

creases for next year have been set at 2.5 percent.

The salary for superintendent Ken Micklash was increased from \$87,194 to \$89,374 and a \$6,500 payment for negotiation and contract maintenance with the union was retained. The contract is for 3 years with terms subject to review yearly. Micklash's salary is 9th among districts reviewed. Principal salaries are in the midrange of the schools reviewed. In addition to the overall raises, the assistant principal/athletic director, who is at the bottom of the principal pay scale, was granted an extra \$1,000. Principal contracts are for 2 years.

Secretaries with 25 years or more experience were granted an additional service step that amounts to 6 cents

per hour. Teacher assistants after 5 years' service can get paid for one "snow" day a year to be deducted from accumulated sick leave. A complete salary schedule appears in this issue.

The board passed a resolution to place the \$11 million bond issue on the May 3 school vote, which includes the election of board members. The board set plans for public meetings to explain the need for the Center for the Arts facility. Representatives from the TSSF Architects, Inc and R.C. Hendrick & Sons, Inc. are expected to attend to answer questions. The first meeting will be Mar. 17 at Campbell Elementary School where some of the funds from the bond issue will be used for

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Curtis Caro's top citizen

The Caro Chamber of Commerce honored Cass City and Caro businessman Pat Curtis as the 2004 "Citizen of the Year" during an annual banquet Saturday at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Caro.

Chamber officials said the new Citizen of the Year started his career as a porter at Leo Calloun Ford in Plymouth, working for his father who was the body shop manager.

After graduating from St. Mary's High School in Wayne, he took the next step up the car business ladder by becoming a service writer for Clayborne Buick in Detroit. Curtis then worked at a number of Detroit area dealerships before becoming the service manager at Mark Chevrolet in Wayne.

After a successful stint there, he was recruited to Hemlock, where he was named service manager at Martin Chevrolet. While there, he helped the dealership with its expansion and move to Saginaw. Once in Saginaw, he became more involved in the day-to-day operations of the dealership when he became the general sales manager.

Late in 1982, at the age of 29, Curtis had the opportunity to purchase the former Mike Serra Chevrolet in

Caro. In March 1983, he officially became president and dealer of Pat Curtis Chevrolet, Oldsmobile and Cadillac Inc.

In his 22 years in Caro, he has overseen not only a huge increase in sales, but also a dramatic upgrade in its facilities. The improvements have included a full remodel of the parts and service area, an addition and improvements to the now state-of-the-art body shop, and the construction of the all-new showroom on Ellington.

In March 1999, Curtis bought Curtis Chrysler Dodge and Jeep in Cass City. He recently turned the day-to-day operations of that store over to his oldest son, Dan.

Chamber officials said Curtis has always supported the community with countless donations and sponsorships, and all with little fanfare.

He has always had a special interest in sponsoring the area youth and demonstrated that by sponsoring, coaching and serving as president of the Caro Baseball Federation, sponsoring and coaching the Caro Lions Club Basketball Program, sponsoring the greens fees for the Caro High School football golf outing, and being one of the

first contributors to the Caro Youth Football program.



Pat Curtis

Curtis has also been one of the main sponsors of the Big Brothers-Big Sisters annual bowl-a-thon, and has been a supporter of the Tuscola County Fair, Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival and the Tuscola County United Way, in which he sponsors a dealership-wide donation drive and matches his employees' donations.

Curtis has been married to his wife, Patti, for 29 years, and they have 4 children. His interests outside of work include golf, being a loyal follower of Notre Dame football, watching any and all football games, and following Red Wings hockey.

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The Young Ideas Farm Bureau group met Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wolschlag. After a video was shown and a meeting was held, the group played cards. High prizes were won by Dorothy Heleski and Joe Sweeney. Low prizes were won by Delores Bouchard and Stanley Heleski. The next meeting will be March 17 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bouchard.

Jim and Kay Sweeney spent Thursday with Wayne Sweeney at Auburn Hills.

Julie Koroleski and daughter Katie of Bad Axe and Allen Farrelly were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly and sons for birthday cake and ice cream for Allen Farrelly's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the K of C Mass at St. Columbkille Church and the breakfast at St. John's Hall in Ubyly.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Mary Sweeney at Bad Axe Health Center Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Barb Salowitz, Doris Western Margaret Cook and Allen Farrelly attended the Bad Axe K of C Fish Fry Friday.

10 members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at the same place next week.

Bernard Morley, Claude Mestack, Vic Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Elvin and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Thursday morning.

Sally and Pat Bell, Katelyn and Lauren of Cheboygan; Mr. and Mrs. Eric Sweeney, Brandon, Nicole and Brett were Saturday afternoon and dinner guests of Jim and Kay Sweeney.

Allen Farrelly spent Thursday at Flat Rock.

Claude Mestack, Jack Kennedy and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's Saturday morning.

Allen Farrelly visited Eleanor Koskie at the Caro Lighthouse Rehab Center Tuesday afternoon.

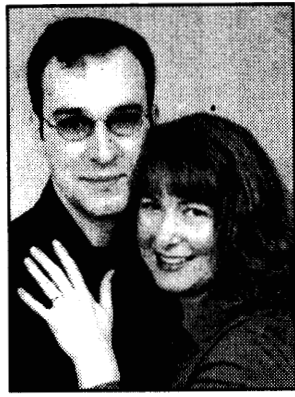
Dick Jackson and Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Thelma Jackson last week.

Doris Western, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Margaret Cook, Barb Salowitz, and son Kim, had supper at the Franklin Inn for Allen Farrelly's birthday Saturday evening.

David and Sherry Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Zurek.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Carpenter and family of Caro.

Engaged



Julia Milligan and Matthew Shay

Juliana and James Marshall of Caro announce the engagement of their daughter, Julia Joy Milligan, to Matthew Alan Shay, son of Virginia and Terry Shay of Caro. Julia is also the daughter of the late Frederick Milligan, Jr.

They will be married Aug. 13, 2005.

Owen-Gage students winners

Two students from Owen-dale-Gagetown Area School in Owendale have been named local winners in the 36th annual America and Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

The 2 students who earned the first and second place awards for their school are Brandalyn Plowman, first, and Brittany Periso, second. Both received award certificates for their achievement.

Plowman's first place essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top 10 essays in Michigan will be selected. The top 10 statewide winners, who will be announced in April, will receive plaques, cash, and U.S. savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000.

Several thousand eighth grade students from more than 500 Michigan schools participated in the 2004-2005 America and Me Essay Contest. The topic of the contest was "My American Hero."

Engaged



Meg's Peg
Household hints
by Melva E. Guinther

The main purpose of Mary Hunt's publication "Cheap-skate Monthly" is to help people get and stay out of debt. However, it contains loads of other helpful information on all kinds of subjects.

One issue featured an article about fresh produce. A rather startling statistic is that the average American family throws out 150 pounds of rotten produce every year, according to the Garbage Project at the University of Arizona Tucson.

I'd like to know who works on the "Garbage Project" and if they've been looking in my crisper.

Anyway, in an effort to reduce the waste, the article listed rules for proper storage of produce.

The experts point out that you should NOT wash most fruits or vegetables before storing. Water speeds up spoilage. Rather, you should wash them just before eating. This applies especially to berries.

An exception to this rule, the article says, is lettuce. This is in direct contrast to another tip I read recently that suggested washing lettuce just before using. Frankly, I've found that we've thrown out considerably less lettuce by not washing it in advance.

Wrapping celery in foil prolongs its freshness and usability.

A neat tip on storing onions is to cut one leg off an old pair of panty hose. Drop an onion into the toe, tie a knot, drop another onion in, tie another knot, etc. Then hang it in a cool, dark place. When you want an onion, simply cut below the lowest knot.

The suspended onions will have good air circulation, which lengthens their life and discourages sprouting. Potatoes and onions should not be refrigerated.

A couple other tips from the Tiptonary section of Cheap-skate Monthly:

Shredded Fels Naptha mixed together with water in a spray bottle will stop bug invasions on flowers and vegetables. Shake the bottle vigorously and spray on plants. It's nontoxic and reportedly does wonders.

Most parents and grandparents can vouch for the fact that kids often have more fun with the boxes their toys come in than the toys themselves.

A lady from Oregon took advantage of this knowledge for her son's birthday party. She called the appliance store and asked for big boxes, those that hold refrigerators, stoves, dishwashers, which they were happy to supply.

On the day of the party, they turned the kids loose with the boxes and some duct tape and told them to make something. The party lasted an hour longer than scheduled because they were having so much fun.

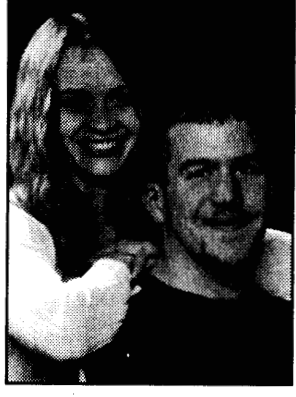
Who needs a piñata when a box will do?

Here's a novel use for Preparation H. A jeweler suggested using it to shrink a swollen finger long enough to remove a ring that's stuck. She claims it worked for a woman whose finger was swollen late in her pregnancy so she couldn't get her ring off.

Finally, an optician recommends a method for getting stained white lab coats clean. Soak them overnight in the washer with just enough water to cover and a large scoop of dishwashing detergent. Complete the washing cycle the next day and they'll come out clean.

Next time we'll share some of the myriad uses for dryer sheets. They're not just for laundry any more!

Engaged



Nicole Clapsaddle and Christopher Patrick

Theresa Kuslak and the late Gary Patrick announce the engagement of their son, Christopher Patrick of Cass City, to Nicole Clapsaddle of Cass City, daughter of Michelle and Vernon Clapsaddle.

A June 4, 2005 wedding is being planned at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Marlette. The reception will follow at the Lamotte Township Hall.

Learn the ins, outs of eBay

Wouldn't you love to sell your treasures on eBay? Come to Rawson Memorial Library on March 7 and 14 from 6 to 8:30 p.m., and join others to learn the ins and outs of selling on eBay.

Glenda DeMasellis, education specialist trained by eBay, will be the instructor. What better way to learn than by having a professional teach you? DeMasellis uses the most up-to-date training materials that are used by eBay University.

The training will teach you how to: do research and create listings that will attract buyers, enhance listings with better descriptions and photography, set pricing that will maximize your profits, open and use a PayPal account to simplify getting paid. Monitor sales to know exactly what's working and what's not, and avoid many of the costly mistakes that new eBay sellers may make.

Register now at the library. Cost of this program is \$50 per person, which includes 5 hours of instruction and an eBay booklet (\$10 value). The program is limited to the first 15 people who register. Payment is due at the time of registration. Computer literacy is a must for this program. Questions? Call the library for more information at 872-2856.

Calendar of Events

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

Friday, March 4
Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.
Dance with Denny Ewald, 7-11 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

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

Tuesday, March 8
Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.
Tuscola County Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Family Support/Education Group meeting, 1:30 p.m., Adult Day Services building, 435 Green St., Caro. For additional information, call (989) 672-2273.

Wednesday, March 9
Swiss steak dinner with all the trimmings, noon, Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City. For takeouts, call 872-4604, and pick up between 11 a.m. and noon or after 12:30 p.m.

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Swieconka slated March 20

The White Eagle Lodge 3046, a fraternal benefit society of the Polish National Alliance, will host its 8th annual Swieconka, Sunday, March 20, at the American Legion Hall in Caro.

The doors will open at 1 p.m., with dinner served at 2

p.m.

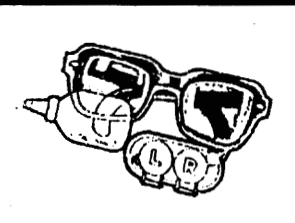
The Swieconka, a traditional Polish Family Blessed 8-course Easter dinner, will be served with a wine and will begin with opening prayers by the Rev. Dennis Kucharczyk, Lt. Commander, U.S. Naval Reserve, and pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Caro. He will also make a few remarks about his recent trip overseas with the U.S. Naval Aircraft Carrier Task Force.

The dinner will also feature Janina Parrott Jacobs, director of music at St. Basil Church, Eastpointe. Jacobs, a professional musician and one of the top amateur women golfers in Michigan, will entertain with Easter music.

Dean's list

Brent Goslin of Gagetown has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Aquinas College, Grand Rapids.

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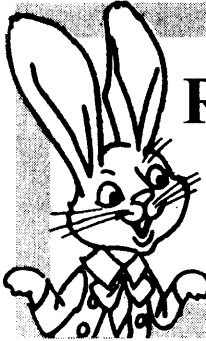
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Bill Dupuis of Caro is a retired mail carrier with over 30 years on the job. In casual conversation he once revealed that for him the worst weather for delivering the mail was when it rained.

In casual conversation last week with a Cass City mailman, he said that the weather last week where a dry snow covered patches of ice was the most hazardous.

I'll be happy when summer comes, he said, and spring is okay, too.

You don't have to be a mailman to agree with that.

The Tsunami relief concert organized by Richard Little of Cass City raised \$1,139.40. Little says that he was impressed by the talent in the community and the generosity of people in the community that braved a stormy night to attend. The money was raised by a free-will offering.

The money will be sent to the Habitat for Humanity to help build houses for some 414,000 Tsunami survivors living in tents. Homes there cost about \$5,000 to build. We collected enough to build a fifth of a home, thanks to the community response, Little noted proudly.

We are all aware, I'm sure, that the number of requests for help for worthwhile charities has sharply increased this year. The other day set a new record in the Haire household when 4 different requests arrived in the day's mail.


It's a matter of pick and choose and then feel faintly guilty for not contributing to organizations that deserve support in deference to those that are higher on your priority list.



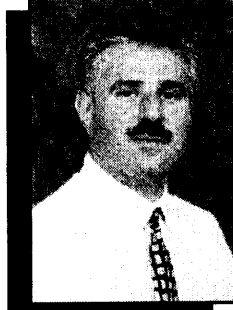
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Motorist convicted in deaths of 2 kids in crash

A Lincoln Park woman could face prison time following her conviction last week on 2 charges stemming

Caro man faces time in prison

A Caro man charged with multiple counts of criminal sexual conduct faces a lengthy prison term.

Fredrick G. Heinz, 53, appeared in Tuscola County Circuit Court last week and pleaded no contest to 4 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct involving a child at least 13 years of age but under 16 years.

Court records state the offenses took place between Jan. 30, 2002, and May 24, 2002, in Caro; and between August 1995 and January 2002 and between August 1994 and June 1995 in Vassar.

Two of the defendant's pleas were taken under advisement by the court, which ordered a pre-sentence investigation and remanded Heinz to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

First degree criminal sexual conduct is punishable by up to life in prison or any term of years.

from a traffic crash that claimed the lives of 2 children in the fall of 2003 in Dayton Township.

A jury handed down verdicts of guilty Thursday on charges of negligent homicide and involuntary manslaughter against Dawn M. Booterbaugh, 28, following a 3-day trial in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$50,000. A sentencing date has not been scheduled yet.

According to troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro, who investi-

gated the accident, the crash occurred at about 6:18 p.m. Sept. 4, 2003, on Snover Road near Pattison Road.

Reports stated there were 5 occupants in a vehicle driven by Booterbaugh, who lost control while cresting a hill at a high rate of speed. The vehicle left the roadway and struck some trees.

Booterbaugh's passengers included Brenda Ambris of Silverwood and her children, Brenna Ambris, one, and Jeffrey Ambris, 3, who both died in the crash. Booterbaugh's daughter, Jenna Pruitt, 4, was also in the vehicle.

The Haire Net

Bauers made great team



Chances are, if you knew Lucile (Champion) Bauer you are either a native or a long-time member of the community and if you didn't know her personally, at the very least you knew of her.

Memories of Lucile came rushing back when David Henderson, Sandusky, sparked by an item in 'Down Memory Lane' about the demolition of the Cass City depot 25 years ago, sent a postcard with a reproduction of a painting of the facility by Lucile.

Lucile was a good painter and in her biographical sketch it says that she became a well-known artist throughout the state. What the sketch doesn't reveal was her amazing talent to push projects and generate publicity. She was a Rembrandt in that area.

She was able to latch onto a goal and, come hell or high water, make it happen. If opponents with the best of intentions were left strewn on the roadside, so be it.

The Christmas card sent to us was part of a campaign to raise money for Teen Ranch in Kingston. She raised thousands of dollars for the facility over the years.

There will be no attempt

here to recount all of the ways that Lucile remained in the public eye. But it did come at a cost.

Lucile was contentious? Sure. Lucile was abrasive? Undoubtedly. Lucile was publicity seeking? Without a doubt. Did she leave her mark in the community? Of course.

More than once I can recall her sitting across the table to pound away at whatever she wanted done, sticking to the goal and never getting upset (or even notice) what her detractors (she had many) said.

It was a surprise to me when she married the late Jim Bauer. Bauer was a community leader active on the board of Hills and Dales General Hospital, Walbro board member and village councilman. Well known, middle aged and set in his ways, some probably would say opinionated.

I confess that I was one of the group that predicted it would never last. I couldn't have been more wrong. It turned out to be a great marriage and Jim was ready, willing and able to heed Lucile's beck and call.

Together they made a great team and the Cass City area benefited from it.

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The back forty

by Roger Pond

A recent skydiving incident reminded me of the old Simon and Garfunkel song, "Still Crazy After All These Years." A news report says a 96-year-old Seattle man suffered a dislocated shoulder while attempting to qualify as the oldest person to make a solo skydive.

He wanted to be in the Guinness Book of World Records. The previous record holder was a 92-year-old man from Ohio.

The skydiving company took some extra precautions by putting radio receivers in both of this man's ears so they could communicate with him. That way he would know where the landing area was and how fast the ground was approaching.

This fellow said his arm hurt on the way out the airplane door, and that gave him a little problem in turning. (There is no evidence anyone shoved him or anything like that.)

This man should make the Guinness Records, I think. There's nothing that says what kind of shape you have to be in after the dive. Besides, at 96, how can you tell?

All of this is part of a trend in which folks are maintaining hobbies later in life and refusing to let age dictate their activities. You can see it in the television commercials — where the 70-year-old man is jogging along beside his 35-year-old wife.

Besides, it's probably easier for a 96-year-old to jump out of a plane than for a twenty-something. The 20-year-old has his whole life ahead of him, while the 96-year-old says, "What the heck? I'm going for the record!"

I can understand why a person would want to do this. I've jumped out of airplanes many times, and there's no greater feeling, in my opinion.

I generally wait until all the other passengers are gone. Then, I run to the front of the plane and jump out. Never mind about records, I'm just trying to make the next flight.

I'm reminded of the 90-year-old man who made a hole-in-one at a Toronto golf course several years ago. After seventy years of golf this fellow still had the strength

and the ability to hit the ball onto the green and roll it directly into the cup.

Unfortunately, his eyesight wasn't what it used to be, and he couldn't see the ball go in. His playing partner said, "Max! It's a hole-in-one. You've made a hole-in-one!"

Max's hearing wasn't too good, either; so he couldn't hear his partner cheering. Finally, Max turned up his hearing aid enough to hear what was happening.

Then he said, "A hole-in-one? Nah, it couldn't be."

The two men walked up to the green, and sure enough,

there's the ball — right in the bottom of the cup.

So here we have a 90-year-old man with the physical ability to make a hole-in-one. But his eyes won't let him see it, his ears can't hear the cheering, and his mind won't let him believe it.

Now, I don't want to sound jealous or anything like that; but I've been playing golf since I was 17, and I've never made a hole-in-one.

Still, when I get to the point where I can't see it, hear it, or believe it, I think I'll just go fishing.

Deputies identify Millington victim

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department Friday identified the name of a man who died in a fire at his Millington Township residence early last week.

Undersheriff Jim Jashinske identified the victim as Rex B. Newberry, 53.

Deputies discovered the fire at 6:51 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, when they arrived at the home to execute a court-ordered mental health pickup order for Newberry.

Jashinske explained that Newberry's wife had obtained the order, requiring that her husband undergo a psychiatric evaluation, because she was concerned about his depression.

"Upon arriving deputies observed smoke coming from the rear of the residence," Jashinske said. "Deputies contacted central dispatch and requested Millington-Arbela Township Fire Department to respond."

"Deputies attempted entry (into the home) from a

locked rear door and a locked front door, but were unable to gain entry due to heavy smoke. They were unable to determine if anyone was inside at that time," the undersheriff said.

Fire fighters, who reported all the doors were barricaded from the inside, found Newberry's body in the rear bedroom of the house. They also discovered 4 dead dogs.

"Detectives took the dental records of the owner of the residence to assist in obtaining the identity of the victim," Jashinske said. "Initial reports from (a forensic pathologist) indicate the victim was deceased prior to the fire starting."

Sheriff's deputies were assisted at the scene by the Millington-Arbela and other area fire departments, and Michigan State Police Fire Marshals Sgt. Jerry Carter and Sgt. Geoffrey Boyer.

The case remains under investigation.

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High: 23 Low: 9

Thursday
Partly Cloudy
High: 26 Low: 18

Friday
Cloudy
High: 30 Low: 21

Saturday
Snow Possible
High: 30 Low: 20

Sunday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 29 Low: 17

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of snow showers, high temperature of 23°, humidity of 59% and an overnight low of 9°. The record high temperature for today is 55° set in 1964. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 26°, humidity of 23% and an overnight low of 18°.

Upcoming Moon Phases

Last 3/3 New 3/10 First 3/17 Full 3/25

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today 7:07 a.m.
Sunset tonight 6:23 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Sunday	27	10	30/15	0.00"
Monday	34	27	31/15	0.00"
Tuesday	30	19	31/15	0.00"
Wednesday	25	1	31/16	0.00"
Thursday	25	14	31/16	0.00"
Friday	30	18	32/16	0.00"
Saturday	25	-2	32/17	0.00"

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Departure from normal -0.42"
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Red Hawk Talks

by Leah Sherman

It's already March, and the end of the fourth marking period is this Friday. This year is flying by, and it always seems that the busier a person is, the faster time flies. Judging by this theory, March will be no exception for the students of Cass City Public Schools.

The elementary school is entering into March Madness with its huge Scholastic book fair to celebrate "March is Reading Month." Every year, Scholastic brings a book fair to the Cass City schools. Because of the hefty sales that have happened in the past, Scholastic will be sending its largest book fair this year. The sales of books in Cass City exceed those of some of the largest schools in Michigan.

The book fair is run entirely by a committee of parents. Mrs. Janie Kus is this year's chairperson and is in charge of organizing and staffing the fair.

The book fair is in the elementary school gym until Friday, March 4. There is open buying everyday (contact the elementary school for hours). Tonight, Wednesday, is Family Night from 3 to 7 p.m. The book fair includes material for all ages, something for everyone. It's a great chance to spend time with family and shop for yourself and others.

Throughout the week, students participate in contests, with the winners earning books for their classrooms. The theme of this year's book fair is animals saying, "Read a Great Tale!" The contests are designed to match the theme, including a contest that challenges the students to bring in cat and dog food to donate to the

Letters to the editor

Obey blindly and pay the cost

Two separate and important issues have appeared recently in your Letters to the Editor section that I felt compelled to address.

First is the issue of Social Security. I certainly understand and agree with many of Louise Wright's concerns, but I believe the so-called Social Security "Trust" Fund has been raided by greedy bureaucrats since its inception. Not really very "trustworthy", are they?

Concerning their paying back the money they have "borrowed," since government produces nothing, politicians can only pay it back by stealing more money from those who do produce

Supports millage for DPW

RE: DPW Department

I have supported only one millage proposal in my entire life. That was for the Rawson Memorial Library. It is well run and provides a wonderful service to the community.

I have found a second. I support our DPW Department and their request for new buildings and equipment. They have been put on the back burner for far too long now. Their buildings are falling apart. The walls are badly cracked. The roof is rotted and leaks. Their leaf truck should be junked. We know the men in the DPW to be hardworking, friendly and good people. They deserve our support.

They, like the library, provide great (necessary) services to the community. We urge the village to put their needs on the front burner.

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Cass City Public Schools

PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Here are a couple more questions and answers that relate to the proposed arts center project. Information was provided by Band Director Doug Burtch.

QUESTION - Why is it necessary to build a new band/music room at the high school?

ANSWER - Our high school band has currently outgrown its rehearsal and storage facilities. 245 concert, band, concert choir and marching band uniforms are crammed into inadequate closet spaces. Over 2,000 concert, jazz, marching and vocal music titles are stored in spaces designed to hold 500 pieces of music at best. On a daily basis, 80 musicians try to rehearse in a space that was designed for a 65 member band. Further, if the new performing arts center is to be used to its full potential it is vital to have the band/vocal rehearsal spaces near the auditorium. If we want to host Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association Band Festivals (district and state) we will need two large rehearsal areas (warm-up and sight reading) in close proximity to the main performance hall. Finally, it is important that the band room have acoustics that are very close to that of the new stage. As the band room is the primary day-to-day rehearsal spot for our concert bands, it is vital that it sound similar to the area where the band will be performing. Unfortunately, that is not the case at the present time.

QUESTION - Is the performing arts center design finalized?

ANSWER - The existing floor plan is a realistic concept based upon the input received from various people after touring several performing arts centers. Architectural specifications will not be developed until a bond election has been successfully passed. Modifications to the floor plans as they currently exist certainly are possible and very likely.

Questions can be sent to me at 4868 N. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726. Thank you.

- working taxpayers.

Personally, I view President Bush as more of a statesman than a mere politician, trying to do what he believes is right for the country rather than score political brownie points. Bush Jr. seems to have the courage to tackle problems that typical politicians are afraid to touch, and the current Social Security system is a problem.

Since its beginning I believe SS "contributions" have increased by about 1500 percent. If they increase by only half that rate over the next 60 or 70 years my grandchildren or great-grandchildren will eventually pay 100 percent of their earnings into SS just to keep the system solvent. As in all pyramid schemes, someone eventually gets burned and that seems to be precisely what the president is trying to avoid. If something doesn't change, our grandchildren will be that someone.

Nothing he said suggests that anyone who paid into SS will be deprived of their benefits. If I'm not mistaken, those taxpayers who choose to take advantage of his plan will still be paying 11 percent of their earnings into the current system and only 4 percent into their own personal retirement account to which the doom and gloom bureaucrats will not have access. (That may be why they're so upset.)

I would suggest that we pay closer attention to what the president said and less attention to the "chicken little", doom and gloom democrats who, as President Bush warned, would tell us the sky was falling. Fact is, the sky has been falling on SS since the very beginning. It's nothing more than a socialist scheme to put more money into the hands of our politicians who can then keep us dependent upon them for our

retirement.

Shouldn't we wonder why the great and glorious saviors who devised this system conveniently exempted themselves and all of their employees? That they have provided themselves with the opportunity for personal retirement accounts instead of SS but want to deny us the same option should certainly send up a red flag.

The plan President Bush is offering is at least moving in the direction that Social Security should have taken from the very beginning. If more of our SS contributions were made to our very own private account in a bank or some other investment firm, untouchable by politicians, collecting interest for the past 40 or 50 years, we could all retire quite well-to-do, not having to depend upon government for our monthly handout. But, if that were the case, how could socialist politicians buy our votes?

Second: Dittos to the "out-of-towner" who I believe suggested that we take up a collection to pay for Frank Sheridan's gas to leave town. And, concerning the village resident who criticized the out-of-towner, stating that everyone should have to "follow the rules" - perhaps she should tell that to Rosa Parks. Maybe she should have followed the rules and kept riding the back of the bus.

What might have happened if all of the women in history had followed the rules? Women would still be unable to vote or own property. Perhaps all of the Germans in Nazi Germany should have followed the rules and not hidden Jews in their attics or helped them escape the country. Perhaps the founding fathers of our country should have followed the rules and we could all be bowing to the queen and paying our dues to England.

Do you know how much you will pay?

Editor,

To hear a child play a musical instrument, and be able to judge school community involvement is unbelievable. To determine auditorium size just by recording music is simply amazing. "How poorly they performed and appeared" is a totally insensitive, and unprofessional statement.

The implication that perfection doesn't come from hours, days and years of practice, but is determined by the size of a physical building and seating capacity is again unbelievable. Would it be correct to assume then that if we purchased \$100 gym shoes for our basketball team, they could be state champs?

Mark Twain once said that the "government is extremely generous when giving away my money." I believe that to be applicable here, to say this proposal is a small cost to the taxpayer, obviously doesn't understand the financial condition of this community.

The median household income is 25 percent less than the state average. The unemployment rate of Tuscola County is 8.5 percent. Employment growth for Tuscola County is 2 percent and population growth for Tuscola County is 61st out of 83 counties, with only a .2 percent growth from years 2000 to 2003.

Tax time is here. We all know what our obligations are to the community for this year. If the performing arts center is constructed, as proposed, next year's tax statement will be much different. At \$1,000,000 per year, and 2,261 taxable households, the average additional taxes we could pay is \$442.28. Some of you will only pay \$50 per year, some of us will pay much more. This is in addition to what we now pay. Do you know how much you'll pay?

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Bulldog Beat

by Mary McKee

Believe it or not, it takes a lot of people to keep Owen-Gage up and running even though it is such a small school.

The people it takes are often unrecognized and not given the credit they need. The people behind the scenes of the school do tons of work, and a lot of things they do are not even in their job description. Even though a lot of people do those things, I am going to focus on a few people that do a lot of it. Those people are the secretaries at Owen-Gage.

There are 3 secretaries at Owen-Gage, and they are Judy Winchester, Liz Roemer, and Cindy Mellendorf. Judy has been working as a secretary for 10 years, Liz for 16 years, and Cindy for 11 years. She also worked for 9 years as a custodian.

There are a lot of things that secretaries do as a part of their job description. As a secretary for the superintendent, Liz Roemer is the bookkeeper for the school. She requests grant funds and does required reports from federal, state, and local agencies, and prepares for board meetings. Judy is the transportation coordinator. She also does the progress reports, report cards, and transcripts, and secures substitute teachers. Cindy does the morning announcements, and attendance and picks up the mail. She also takes care of the sick students, and keeps the files up-to-date.

One of the questions I had for the secretaries was: What is the easiest and hardest part of your job? Liz and Judy both said the easiest is coming to work everyday and Cindy said answering the phone is the easy part of her job. When it came to the hard part, once again, Liz and Judy had the same answer. They both said it is difficult to keep up with the changes that come, and Cindy said it is hard to do the student count reports that come 3 times a year.

The next question I had was

what they liked the most about working at Owen-Gage. Cindy and Liz both think it is the students. Cindy said that she likes the students the most because she has watched all of them grow up. Judy said she liked, "Working with my office 'buddy' and the great staff we have here at O-G. It is nice working for a small school district when you are able to know staff and students on a first and last name basis."

When the junior/senior high and elementary schools consolidated, a lot of changes had to occur when it came to the staff, so I wanted to know how they thought their job would change and how it did actually change after the consolidation. All 3 secretaries said that they didn't think it would change a lot. The only thing that has changed is the workload because the school had to lay off a secretary so the additional work is shared between the 3 of them.


When I asked what was one thing people do not know about their job, Cindy and Liz's answers were very similar. Liz said it is "How many different hats we have to wear in a small school. Even though we are small, we still have to do the same things larger schools have to do, just with less staff." Cindy said, "It's not as easy as people think. I am constantly busy, and sometimes working on - it seems like 100 different things all at the same time."

The secretaries at Owen-Gage do so much more than their job entails. They not only keep everything in order, they also do things that might not be expected of normal secretaries, like giving a "hi" and a smile in the hallway, or having a nice conversation while making copies, or in my case, getting the copy machine fixed every time I break it.

Now, I hope people realize if they didn't already, how hard our secretaries work to keep our school a great place to be.

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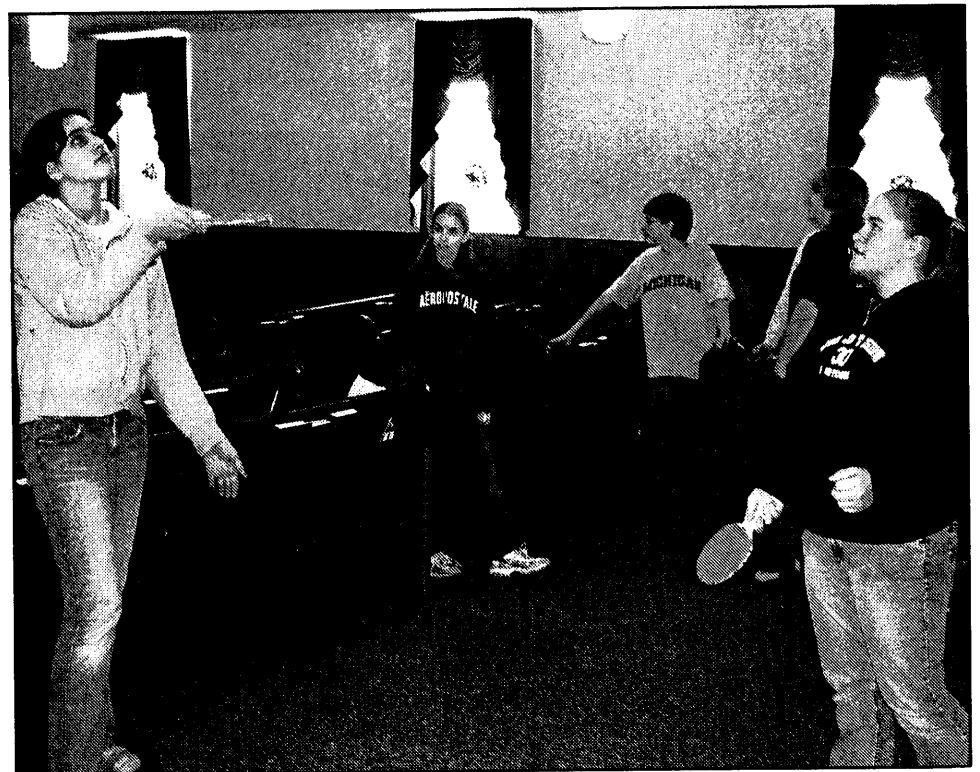
Amanda Woodruff has never known starvation or even tasted gut-wrenching hunger, but she knows a little something about compassion.

The 13-year-old Cass City teen and several other members of the youth group at the

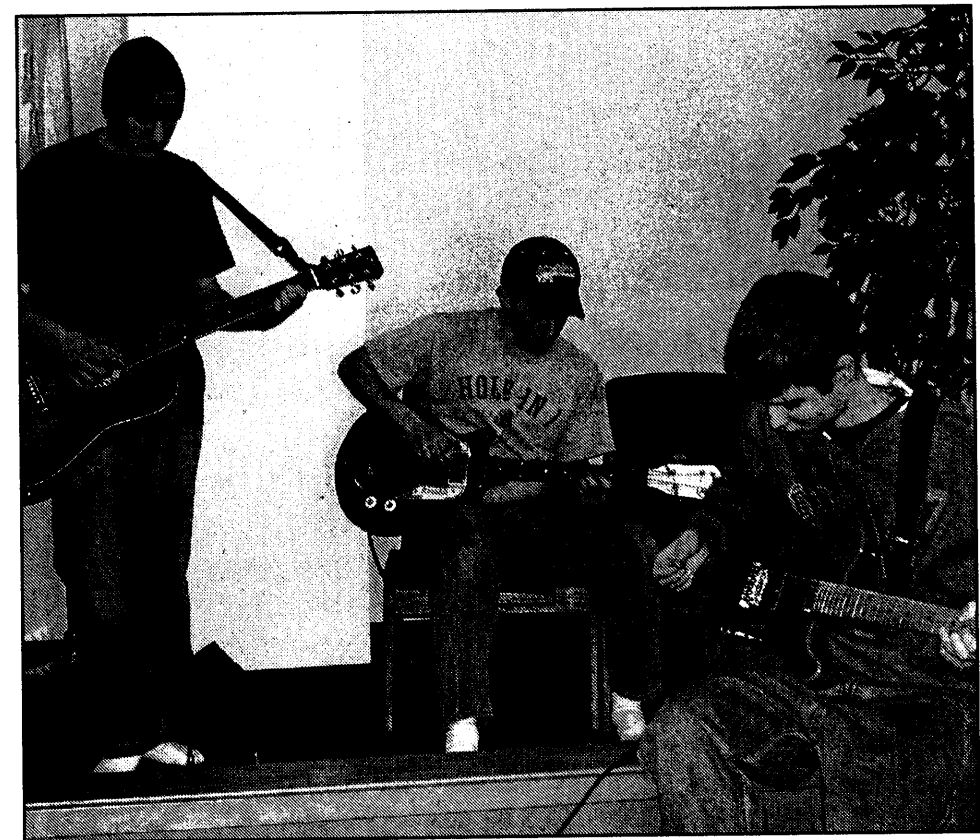
Gagetown Church of the Nazarene were among an estimated half-million young people worldwide to participate in World Vision's 13th annual 30-Hour Famine over the weekend.

World Vision is a Christian Relief and development or-

ganization dedicated to helping children and their communities worldwide reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty. The organization serves the world's poor regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender.



ASHLEIGH MOORE, 12 (left), and Amanda Woodruff, 13, both of Cass City, enjoy a little impromptu ping pong during the Gagetown Church of the Nazarene Youth Group's 30-hour "famine" organized by World Vision over the weekend.



YOUTH GROUP members (from left) Stephen Roemer, 13, Josh McLaren, 15, and Jason Seibel, 15, play some music during the World Vision 30-hour famine event at the Gagetown Church of the Nazarene.

Snowmobiler hurt in Sanilac

A Sanilac County man was injured in a snowmobile accident last Wednesday in the Minden City area, Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies reported.

Sgt. Jim Wagester said Sanilac County Central Dispatch received a call regarding a personal injury accident at about 8 p.m. and responded to the Gillis Hotel in Minden City.

"Investigation revealed that the lone operator of a snowmobile, Gary Lee Franzel, a 41-year-old male from the Argyle area, had been trav-

eling across an open field within the village of Minden City and came upon a drainage ditch that was approximately 12 feet wide, causing him to go airborne and strike the opposite embankment," Wagester said. "Mr. Franzel then struck the handle bar on the snowmobile."

Franzel was transported to Deckerville Community Hospital by Sanilac EMS and later transferred to St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw for treatment.

Wagester said alcohol was a factor in the accident, which remains under investigation.

During this year's famine event, Woodruff and 10 other members of her youth group along with 3 adults went without food from noon Friday until 6:30 p.m. Saturday to get a taste of what the world's poorest children and families face on a daily basis.

"I'm glad I did it. I'm learning how other kids around the world feel when they don't eat for a period of time," Woodruff commented Saturday at the church, where the youth group members and their leaders spent the night Friday.

"I probably haven't ever gone this long without food," added Woodruff, a seventh grade student at Cass City Middle School and the daughter of Julie and Stan Woodruff.

"I hadn't really thought about it, but I thought this would be a good experience."

"It was kind of tough," said Nicole Pasanski, 13, also a seventh grade student at Cass City Middle School and the daughter of Michele and John Pasanski.

"It changed my perspective of other kids who can't eat or have fresh water, (and) how fortunate we are to have food and water," she added.

"This is the first year we've done it. They sent us some information and we thought it would be something fun to do, so we did," said Matt Roemer, who along with his wife, Angie, are youth leaders at the Gagetown Church of the Nazarene.

Interestingly, Roemer pointed out, the church's pastor, the Rev. Don Ault and his wife, Nancy, left Friday for a 2-week work and witness trip in Kenya, Africa. Funds raised from this year's famine event will be used to fight hunger and poverty in Kenya, Sudan, Chad, Southeast Asia and elsewhere. Roemer noted that World Vision's efforts include responding to a major drought in Kenya that has resulted in food shortages for 3.3 million people, including 1.5 million children.

In preparation for the 30-hour famine, members of the Gagetown youth group spent a month collecting sponsor-

ship funds from anyone interested in contributing. They also canvassed neighborhoods over the week, collecting returnable pop cans and bottles. The combined efforts raised nearly \$1,000.

"We're pretty proud of them. We thought they did real well," said Roemer. "They've had a lot of fun."

During the weekend famine "lock-in" at the church, the youth group participated in organized activities as well as free time in between juice/water breaks.

Angie Roemer explained one of the games involved the kids wearing a heavy backpack, symbolizing the burden and heaviness of hunger. The youth also experimented with ways to experience blindness and disabilities. "It's just focused on the needs over there and how different it is," she said.

The couple, who were joined by adult volunteer Nathan Haag, said the kids coped well with a 30-hour diet of juice and water.

"We haven't had anybody complain," said Matt Roemer.

His wife agreed. "It wasn't as bad as we thought it would be with teenagers," she added.

Matt Roemer indicated he believes the youth group met the goals of the fundraiser.

"I hope just to have them see how rough other people have it in other parts of the world," he said. "We see it on TV all the time, but even for myself, it doesn't always sink in."

The weekend ended Saturday evening with a nice dinner for all of the participants. As for the youth group members, the meal marked the end of a worthwhile experiment they said they would repeat in the future.

For Josh McLaren, 15, a sophomore at Owen-Gage High School, the "famine" proved educational rather than grueling.

"It wasn't that tough. It was fun," said McLaren, son of Jennifer and Brian McLaren of Owendale. "I thought I was going to be a lot hungrier."

"Hunger's a worldwide problem and I had an opportunity to help take care of that, and I felt that I should do it."

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

My son-in-law, Roger Salo, is the chief pilot and flight coordinator for Masco Corp. When I whined about the recovery time it took to get over the flight from Australia, he said that return trips normally take about a day for every 2 hours of time change. When he returned from a trip to China with his boss, it required 4 days for complete recovery, he pointed out. He also said that the time lag problem was only severe when traveling west to east, not east to west. That proved to be 100 percent accurate for Esther and me. You, too? (From Rabbit Tracks)

Twelve bids have been awarded for the expansion of Campbell Elementary School for a total maximum cost of \$570,000. Supt. Ken Micklash stressed that the amount was a "worst case" figure. We expect, he explained, to rework some of the work to reduce the cost so that the architect fees and project management costs will total between \$625,000 and \$650,000 as originally planned. The cost includes 2 options that were added, creating a barrier-free entrance and moving the office to a larger room near the building entrance.

The Owen-Gage spikers cruised to an easy 3-game win Thursday against visiting North Huron, securing the North Central Thumb volleyball Crown on the way. The parents' night crowd was treated to victories of 15-2, 15-2, and 15-10 against the Warriors, giving the defending champion Bulldogs a 12-2 conference mark for the season.

10 YEARS AGO

Last week brought good news to patients of Dr. Richard Hall, who formally announced the return of his practice to Cass City. The announcement came last Wednesday at the Family First Community Health Center, 4674 Hill St., where Hall has begun treating patients following a 6-month absence from the community. The long-time Cass City physician closed his practice last August after 17 1/2

years, citing ever-increasing demands at his office and the hospital. Hall, who subsequently opened a new office in Reese, indicated he's happy to be back. "It feels good," he said.

A delegation of Special Tact Highland Pines School athletes representing Area 10, Tuscola County, is home now, proudly displaying medals and ribbons won during competition at the 1995 Michigan Special Olympics Winter Games. The local group was among 925 Special Olympics athletes from across the state at the event, held Feb. 7-10 at Sugar Loaf Mountain Resort, Cedar. The county team was composed of David McPhail, Rod Wakefield, Scott Robinson and Ginnifer Kidney, all of Cass City, and Lori Sedlow and Michelle Sapien, both of Caro. They were accompanied by coaches Ed Crosby and Sue Kidney.

Owen-Gage High School band students earned top ratings at the District 111 Solo and Ensemble Festival, held Feb. 18 at Caro High School. Representing Owen-Gage Schools were Jason Ramirez, Susie Roemer, Beth Nickerson, Jamie Dietzel, Tonya Smith, Lisa Warack, Ann Warack, Michelle Pisarek, Kristy Fahrner and Jenny Niester. All 10 students received excellent or superior marks.

25 YEARS AGO

The cost of farmland has increased 200 percent since 1970. A 14 percent hike is forecast for 1980. Spending on farm inputs will rise 11 percent in 1980, after a Hi percent increase in 1979, predict U.S. Department of Agriculture economists.

OLD BONES - Diana Eckenswiler and her dog skeleton, The Misha bear, symbol of the Moscow Olympics, was a gift at the Junior Miss Pageant. The rabbit skeleton she assembled now belongs to the Michigan State University poultry science (and rabbit) department. After the Sanilac County 4-H Fair this summer, the dog skeleton will be donated to the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine. Life is one continuous ob-

stacle race for people who insist on jumping to conclusions.

35 YEARS AGO

The second school bus accident at the corner of Cleland and Gilbert roads in Sanilac County in 2 years has prodded authorities at the Sanilac County Road Commission and Greenleaf Township into plans for making the road safer for drivers. Last Wednesday, a Cass City school bus driven by Mrs. Marion Brown came over the crest of the hill and was unable to stop on the icy road and went off the road into the ditch. The busload of children were not hurt and a thorough garage check of the bus revealed very minor damage.

Farmers will be able to "talk" to a computer and get soil tests analyzed March 24-26 during Farmers' Week at Michigan State University. Touch-tone telephones installed at MSU will be hooked into a computer at the University of Michigan. Farmers bringing a soil test and information on what crop they will plant can have the data punched on the phone and then hear the computer respond with fertilizer recommendations. MSU Soil Scientist Dr. Eugene Doll says the free service will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Stadium Concourse each of the three days.

Opportunity sometimes looks much bigger going than coming. It's give and take in this modern world, with too many people trying to take. It's worthwhile remembering that every day is the beginning of a new year.

Pair on dean's list

More than 1,000 students, including 2 from Cass City, were placed on the fall dean's list at Michigan Technological University for earning grade point averages of at least 3.5.

The local students are Joshua V. Dillon, a senior majoring in computer engineering, and Jalal K. Khoury, a senior majoring in engineering technology.

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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
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& Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.
Pastor - Rev. Darold Ward

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4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-2729
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
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Pastor - Robert Sweeney

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Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Rev. George F. Ward

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Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Biblical Counseling
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould



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Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Eric Holmgren
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872-5400
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Cass City spikers end season on positive note at Frankenmuth

Cass City's volleyball season ended Saturday in the Class B district semifinals against Otisville-Lakeville in Frankenmuth.

But even in defeat, Coach Beth Howard was delighted with the effort from her Red Hawk spikers who put forth their best showing of the year.

Cass City opened the day with a long, seesawing affair against Birch Run. The match, which lasted over 2

hours, featured many awesome rallies before Cass City prevailed 25-22, 23-25, 25-15, 15-25 and 15-13.

"That was the best the girls have played all season. Everyone was on, they played as a team and didn't let up all day," Howard said.

Offensively, Ashley Hendrick and Sara Meeker split 26 kills, while Emily Schinnerer added 12 winners. Schinnerer also was credited with 5 aces. 18 as-

sists, while Hendrick added 29 assists and 6 blocks.

In the semis, Cass City ran out of gas as the Hawks bowed in another 5-game classic. The scores were 25-22, 20-25, 26-25, 13-25 and 10-15.

"That's a lot of ball in one day," Howard said. "It's hard on the seniors, there were a lot of tears, but they played their hearts out and that's all you can ask."

Individually for Cass City,

Hendrick had 21 kills, 18 assists and 2 blocks; Schinnerer had 10 kills, 15 digs, 22 assists; Jenni Brinkman, 7 kills, 14 digs; and Luann Laming, 19 digs.

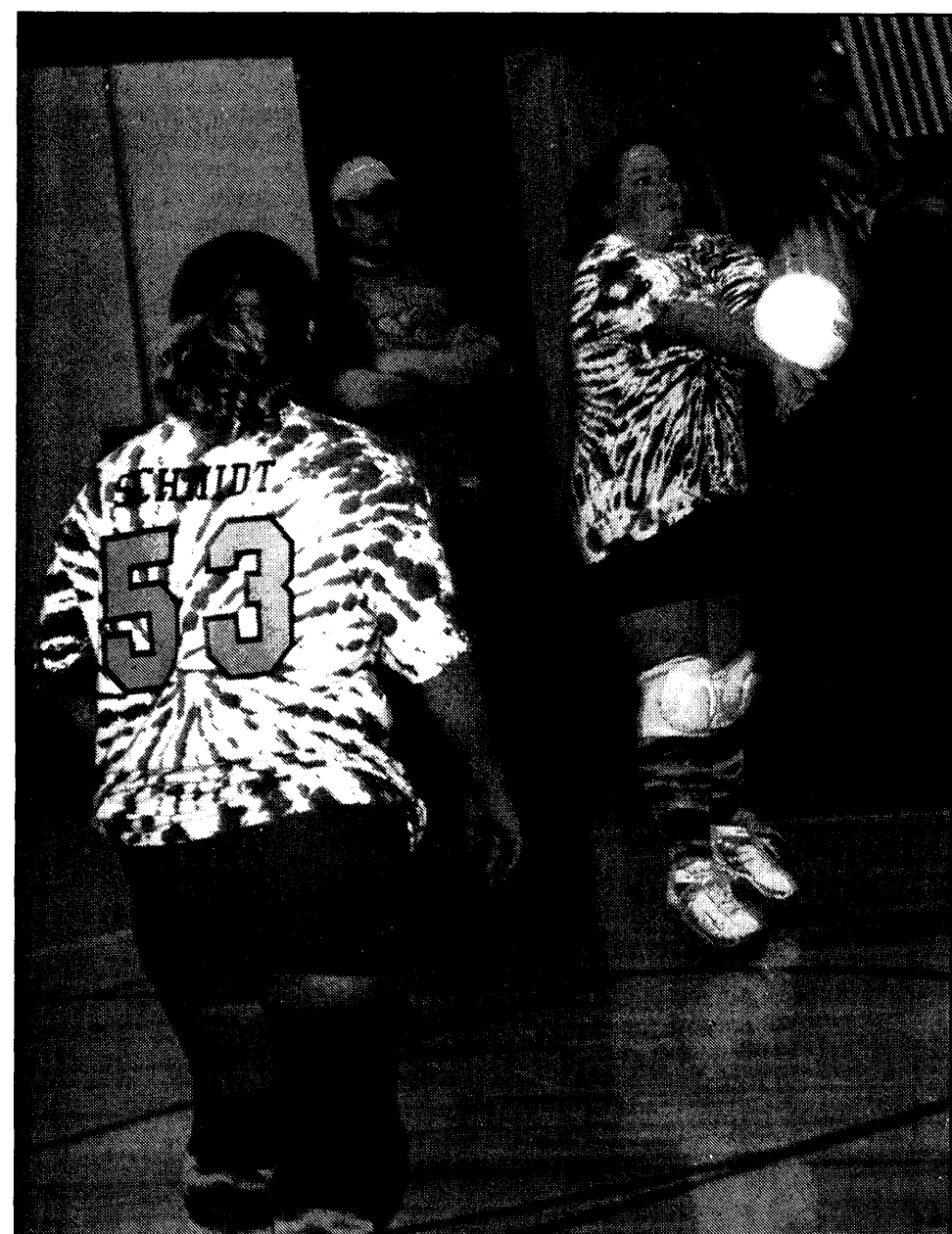
"We can take a lot away (from our performance), I saw a lot to build on for next year," Howard commented.

Playing in their final game for the Hawks were seniors Tara Sherman, Luann Laming, Traci Woodward and Danielle Dohn.

OWEN-GAGE celebrate the school's 14th consecutive district crown Saturday in Akron.

Bulldog spikers earn glory

Owen-Gage collects district and NCTL hardware



The Owen-Gage volleyball team returned to its old familiar self this past week and collected its 14th consecutive district crown and 11th straight North Central Thumb League championship in tow.

The Bulldogs, who have played uninspired and sloppy at times throughout the season, handed in a near perfect outing Saturday while winning the Class D district title in Akron.

Owen-Gage dominated its challengers en route to a perfect 9-0 record on the day. Defensively, the Bulldogs held their opponents under double-digit points in all but 3 games.

Owen-Gage set the tone for the day early with easy wins of 25-1, 25-2, 25-10 over Saginaw Arts & Science. In the semifinals, the Bulldogs eliminated another Saginaw school as Grace Baptist surrendered 25-7, 25-4, 25-7.

Then in the championship match, Owen-Gage proved it wouldn't be denied and defeated host Akron-Fairgrove 25-16, 15-12 and 25-7.

Owen-Gage (20-8-5 overall) will advance Saturday to face North Huron at the Peck regional. The Warriors will be looking to avenge Thursday's showdown defeat in Owendale and will be primed to settle a score.

Seniors Katie Swiastyn and Kayla Zaleski led the Bull-

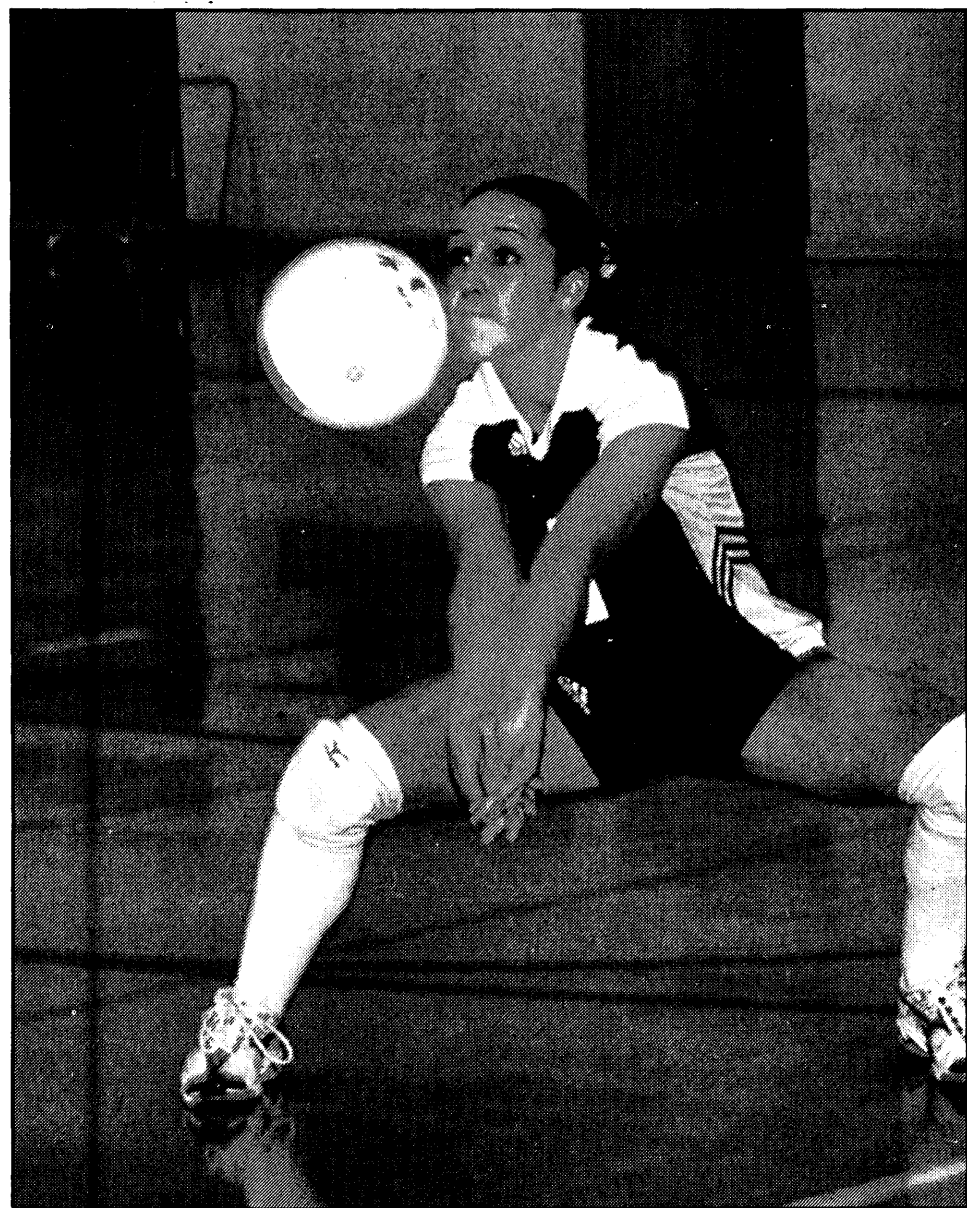
dog efforts at Akron. Swiastyn posted 53 points, 31 aces, 22 kills, 28 assists and 21 digs, while Zaleski had 45 points, 35 aces, 43 kills and 5 digs. Owen-Gage also received 45 points, 29 aces and 9 digs from Mary McKee; 19 points, 7 aces and 2 kills from Nicole Schmidt; and 16 assists, 10 points, 4 aces, 5 digs from Michelle Brown.

NCTL

Owen-Gage was in no mood for sharing Thursday and secured the North Central Thumb League volleyball title in 4 games over visiting North Huron.

The Bulldogs prevented North Huron from taking a slice of the title with wins of 25-11, 21-25, 25-7 and 25-22. With the win, the Bulldogs finish league play with a 12-1 record, while the Warriors end conference play at 10-3.

Swiastyn was perfect at the service line in 24 attempts, netting 15 points and 3 aces to lead Owen-Gage. Swiastyn was also credited with 17 assists, 15 kills, 33 digs and 4 saves. Zaleski chipped in 12 points, 4 aces, 22 kills and one block; Michelle Brown recorded 15 points and 5 aces; Nicole Schmidt, 15 assists; Kayla Kady, 21 digs; and Wendy Errer, 2 kills for the winners.

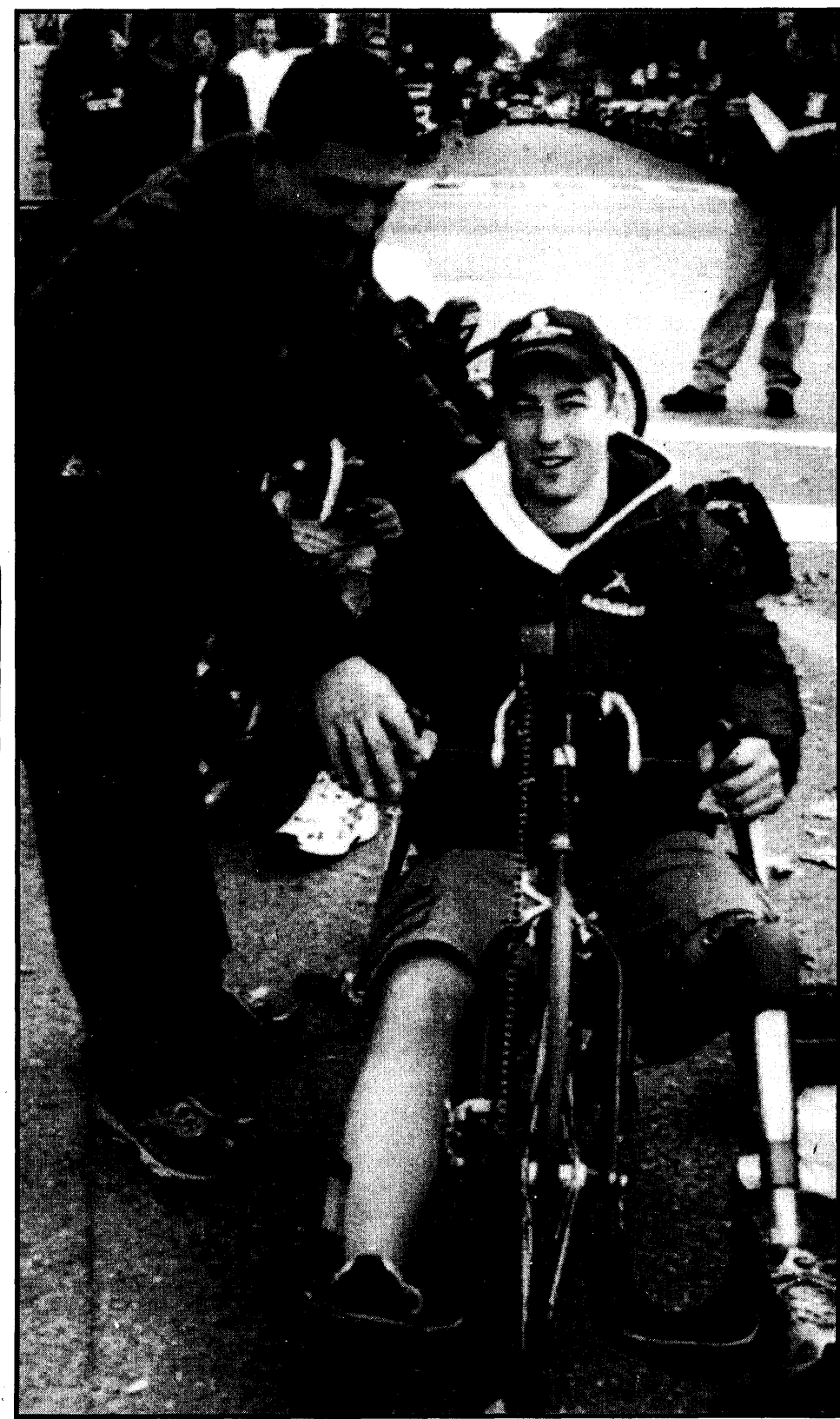


CASS CITY'S LUANN LAMING spreads wide for a solid return during Saturday's Class B district match up with Birch Run.

BULLDOG MARY MCKEE makes a good pass during Thursday's North Central Thumb League showdown against North Huron, while Nicole Schmidt closes in on the action. The hosts won their 11th straight conference title in 4 games.

BOWLING RESULTS

See page 12.



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Glaza sinks Panthers

Hawks advance into semis against Caro with last second heroics from star junior guard

Justin Glaza took the pass, leaned in, backing his defender off slightly, before rising to hit a long-range jump shot that legends are created from during the opening night of Class B district basketball action in Birch Run.

The Red Hawk junior star guard nailed a well-guarded triple from the left wing that caught the bottom of the net with just .2 of a second remaining on the clock to lift the visitors over Tri-Valley East host Birch Run 41-40 in

the district thriller.

The Hawks will now meet a familiar Tri-Valley East foe, Caro, tonight (Wednesday) in a semifinal meeting with a stake to the championship game on the line. If the Hawks, who defeated Caro 56-44 during the regular season, advance into Saturday night's championship they will face the winners in Thursday's other semifinal match-up between Frankenmuth and North Branch. The tournament favorites Eagles advanced into the semis with an impressive 77-36 decision over Vassar in the district's other opening night contest.

To keep Cass City's tourney trail on track, a fast start like

the one against the Panthers will be needed. The Red Hawks matched Birch Run's infamous defensive intensity in the early going and leapt out to an early margin. Sophomore Andrew Martin got things started as he hit his first mid range jumper and the visitors scored the game's initial 8 points.

Andrew Schinnerer, inserted into the starting lineup for Brad Langenburg, who was out with the flu, carried the scoring load for the Hawks in the opening stanza. Schinnerer hit for a pair of field goals, including one at the buzzer, to hand the Hawks a 10-1 edge. Cass City's defense confused the Panthers and held them to a Donnie Wilson free throw in the stanza.

Despite the low scoring affair, the game was up-tempo. Birch Run guards Lance Belill and Kyle Duby took advantage of the pace before the intermission and sparked a 20-12 run that gave the hosts a 21-20 edge at the break.

Foul troubles plagued Cass City in both halves as Glaza was forced to the bench after collecting his second personal foul early in the second frame. In the final half, Schinnerer collected his fourth foul in the opening minutes of the third period.

Despite the Hawks' 2 main scoring threats seeing limited action, Cass City battled back to take a 33-31 margin

entering the game's final 8 minutes.

With the offense stalled, Cass City turned to a pair of in bound plays in the final period for offense. Nick Stoutenburg and Glaza each scored on plays from under the Hawks own basket to keep pace with the Panthers.

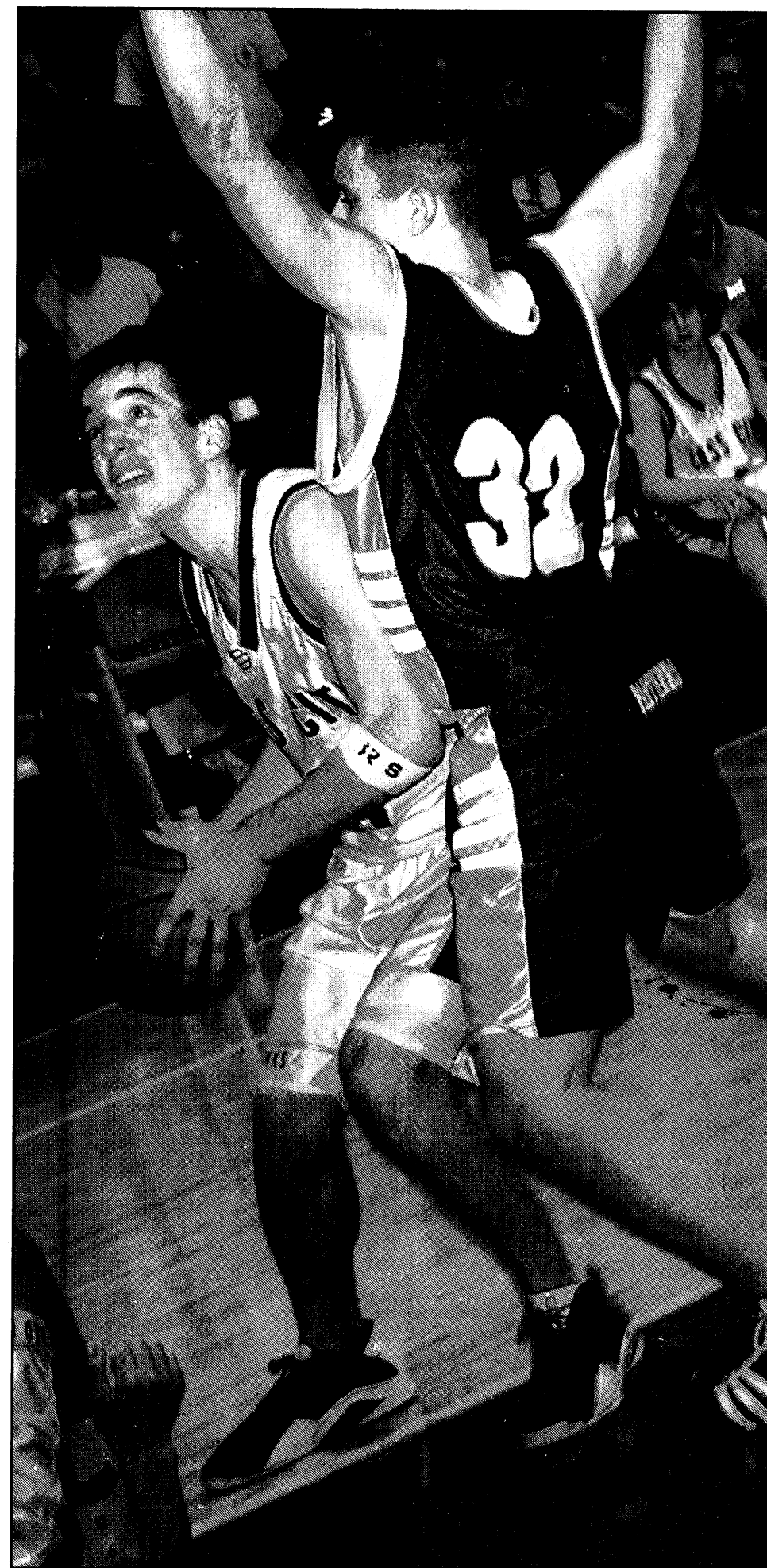
Trailing 40-38, Glaza brought both school's fans to their feet when he hit a short pull-up jumper to bring the Hawks even with less than 45 seconds remaining. However, the basket was taken away as Glaza was called for traveling.

Birch Run faced Cass City's half court trap in the closing seconds and the Hawk pressure got the ball back with 17 seconds remaining. After a time out, Glaza squared and launched the game winner.

Birch Run got 2 opportunities to win it at the buzzer. A time clock blunder on the Panthers' first attempt resulted in a redo, and their final attempt resulted in a shot that rolled off the rim as time expired.

Glaza, who hit 2 treys in the final period, led Cass City with 12 points. Chris Landrith added 7, Jeff Stoutenburg, 6. Schinnerer, Martin, Nick Stoutenburg and Brandon Otulakowski all added 4 tallies for Cass City.

Belill led Birch Run with 12 points, while Kyle Duby added 9, Corey King, 8, Patrick Kettler, 4, Chad Allen, 4, and Wilson, 3.



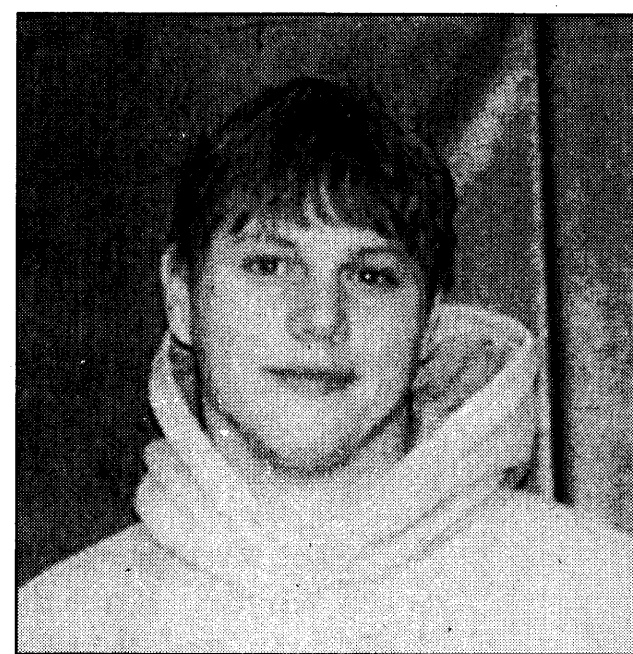
CASS CITY'S Justin Glaza worked for a shot against Birch Run's Corey King.

Red Hawk Meeker earns state final wrestling spot

Scott Meeker placed fourth at the individual regional wrestling tourney held at Coruna Saturday and earned his way to the state finals slated at the Palace at Auburn Hills Mar. 10-12.

Meeker started with an 11-5 win over David Murphy of Napoleon. He lost to Ron Roddy of Caro by fall in 44 seconds. He bounced back to defeat Ryan O'Connor of Bridgeport by fall in 4:42 and lost in the consolation finals to Nick Burnham of Portland by fall in 2:17. For the season, Meeker's record is 44-11.

Two other Hawk wrestlers in the regional were eliminated. Sophomores Kyle Reif, 125 pounds, finished with a 39-2 record and Kyle Sieradzki, 145 pounds, finished with a 44-11 mark.



Scott Meeker

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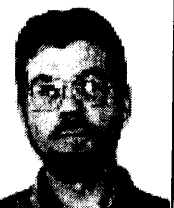

DECKERVILLE GAME

It's been a tough year for the Deckerville Eagles (2-18) and the game with the Hawks was all but decided in the first quarter when Cass City jumped off to a 25-11 lead and coach Aaron Fernald was able to give his entire squad playing time.

Glaza spearheaded the opening quarter blitz with 4 treys and ended the night with 14 points, one of 4 Hawks in double figures.

Derryll Schenk had the best night in his short Hawk career with 22 points, 12 of which were scored in the last quarter where Cass City outscored the out-manned Eagles, 22-12.

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Obituaries

Glenna Fox

Glenna L. Fox, 84, of Cassopolis, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005 in the Cass County Care Facility after an extended illness.

She was born Aug. 3, 1920 in Cass City, the daughter of Stanley and Elsie (Britton) Asher.

She married Howard E. Fox Jan. 31, 1945 in Cassopolis.

Fox was a retired literature and English teacher. She taught at Cassopolis Ross Beatty High School for 20 years, and for 2 years at the Pinconning Schools.

Fox is survived by her husband, Howard; 2 sons: Tim (Jan) Fox of Kalamazoo, and Pat (Jayne) Fox of Cassopolis; 7 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Harold Asher.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 22 at Connelly Funeral Home, Cassopolis, with the Rev. Rick Campbell, Interim Pastor at the United Presbyterian Church, Cassopolis, officiating. Cremation followed the service.

Memorials may be made to the Cass County Council on Aging.

Phillip Gambell

Phillip Clark Gambell, 63, of Decker, died unexpectedly Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005 at home.

He was born July 11, 1941 in Detroit, the son of Estell Ezell and Kathryn (Hughes) Gambell.

Gambell attended Almont High School. He enlisted and served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany. He worked for Hydraulic Tubing in Almont as a painter/packer for several years.

Gambell is survived by a sister, Sharon (Robert) Stewart of Deford; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Beverley Sanday; 3 nephews: Mark Wayne Sanday, Boyd Craig Sanday and Craig Sanday; a niece, Cynthia Stewart; and an uncle, George Miller.

A private family graveside service will be held in the spring.

Burial will be in the Bruce Township, Cemetery, Armada.

Military honors were under the direction of the U.S. Army.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Emerson Gorton

Emerson Gorton, 88, of Grand Rapids, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005.

Gorton retired from Lear-Siegler after 31 years of service as an electrical engineer.

Gorton is survived by his wife, Grace; children: Charles (Melody) Gorton and Carol Gorton; 3 grandchildren; 4 grandchildren; a sister-in-law, June (Russel) Stiffler; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Aaron Gorton.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 23, in the chapel at Clark Retirement Community, Grand Rapids, with Chaplain Cathy Rafferty officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Arrangements were made by Zaagman Memorial Chapel, Grand Rapids.

Ruth Morell

Ruth C. Morell, 85, of Cass City, died Monday, Feb. 21, 2005.

She was born Sept. 17, 1919 in Harbor Beach, the daughter of George and Anna (Gainor) Steadman.

She married Stanley Morell Jan. 11, 1938 in Lexington.

Morell was a member of the Cass City United Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #337, Cass City. She was a book-keeper for Hills and Dales General Hospital for 14 years.

Morell is survived by her husband, Stanley; 3 daughters: Joyce (Jim) Neal of Florida, Betty (Jack) Laurie of Gagetown, and Marilyn (Jim) Dennis of Caro; 11 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and a great great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Shirley Houghton; a great great-granddaughter, Hailey Rose

Dennis; 5 sisters; and 3 brothers.

Funeral services were held Friday, Feb. 25, at the Cass City United Methodist Church, with the Rev. George Ward officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Cass City United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were made by the Gagetown Funeral Chapel, Gagetown.

Ted Morgan

Ted Eugene Morgan, 76, of Snover, died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw.

He was born March 31, 1928, in Brighton to Scott and Lucille (Palmer) Morgan.

He married Marilyn J. Loney April 22, 1950, in Cass City.

Morgan graduated from Pershing High School and then enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served during World War II, stationed in China. A dairy farmer, he was a member of the Masonic Lodge Tyler #317 in Cass City, the Michigan Draft Horse Association, Thumb Area Antique Auto Club, Thumb Area Gas Engine Club, and the Cass City United Methodist Church.

Morgan was one of the original members of the Evergreen Township Zoning Board and was a former trustee of the Evergreen Township Board and the Evergreen Township School Board. He was a former 4-H leader and substitute mail carrier. He served as sexton of the Elkton Township Cemetery for 20 years until his retirement in 1997.

Morgan is survived by his wife, Marilyn; children, Ellen Kay Curtiss of Cass City and James P. Morgan of Decatur, Texas; 5 grandchildren; a brother, Thomas (Linda) Morgan of Marlette; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son, Philip S. Morgan, and his parents.

Funeral services were scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, at the Cass City United Methodist Church, with the Rev. George Ward officiating.

Interment was to be in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City, with military honors under the direction of

Cass City VFW Post 3644, Cass City, and the U.S. Navy.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association or St. Jude's Children's Foundation.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Mary Swierczynski

Mary Swierczynski, 81, of Deford, died Friday, Feb. 25, 2005, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw.

She was born Sept. 8, 1923, near Warsaw, Poland, to Frank and Cecilia Skuza.

She married Bernard Swierczynski in Poland. He died Oct. 29, 1987.

Swierczynski worked on the farm. She was a member St. Michael Catholic Church, Wilmot.

She is survived by her son, Joseph Swierczynski of Deford; a brother, Joseph Skuza of Poland; a sister, Eugenia Skuza of Poland; an adopted grandson, Tim Wolak; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard; a son, Gregory Swierczynski; and a sister, Janina Felisiak.

Funeral services were Monday, February 28, at St. Michael Catholic Church, Wilmot, with the Rev. Reginaldo Salcedo and Sr. Riccardina Silvestri officiating.

Interment was in St. Michael Cemetery, Wilmot.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

Hessel Venema

Hessel Venema, 78, of Caro, died suddenly Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005 at St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw.

He was born Nov. 12, 1926 in the Netherlands, the son of the late Dirk and Maryke (Dykstra) Venema. He married Ruth Ann Graubner May 26, 1956 in Caro.

Venema was employed as a milk tester for the Dairy Herd Improvement Association until 1962, at which time he began his own dairy farm near Deford and continued to operate it until his retirement in 1994. He was a member of the Caro First Baptist Church.

Venema is survived by his wife, Ruth Ann; 5 children: Stuart (Brenda) Venema,

Maryke (Dale) Weidman, all of Cass City, Stanley (Cindy) Venema, Martin (Lisa) Venema, all of Deford, and Robert (Angie) Venema of Burlington; 11 grandchildren; 5 siblings: Florence Postma, Siebren Venema, Pieter Venema, all of the Netherlands, Ann Leyenaar and Fetz Venema, both of Canada; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Dirk Venema in 1977; an infant granddaughter, Maureen in 1990; and 2 brothers: Fekke and Marten Venema.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 28, at the Caro First Baptist Church, with Pastor Ronald C. Wigand officiating.

Burial was in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Venema Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Ransford Funeral Home, Caro.

Joseph Walkowski

Joseph C. Walkowski, 84, of Decker, died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005 at the Marlette Community Hospital Hospice House.

He was born Dec. 12, 1920 in Detroit, the son of the late Adam and Adele (Tudyk) Walkowski.

He married Betty Corey May 28, 1949 in Big Rapids.

Walkowski has been an area resident since 1928. He served in the United States Marines Corps from 1942 to 1946 as a Technical Sergeant during WWII. He attended Ferris State University, where he received his drafting degree. He worked for General Coach in Marlette and Pontiac Truck and Bus until his retirement in 1983. He was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Marlette, a life member of the Marlette VFW Post #4837, and a former Lamotte Township fireman for many years.

Walkowski is survived by his wife, Betty; a son, Mark (Tina) Walkowski of Holly; 3 daughters: Nancy (Pete) Mutch of Lapeer, Roxann (Dale) Nichol of Flint, and Peggy (Paul) Gilmour of Decker; a brother, A. Jay (Marian) Walkowski of Salt Lake City, Utah; 11 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held Friday, Feb. 25, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Marlette, with Fr. Reginaldo Salcedo officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the United Hospice Service or Marlette VFW Post #4837.

Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Inc., Marlette.

lette, with Fr. Reginaldo Salcedo officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the United Hospice Service or Marlette VFW Post #4837.

Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Inc., Marlette.

Carol Wright

Carol Ann Wright, 58, of Decker, died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005, at Bay Regional Medical Center, Bay City, following a lengthy illness.

She was born Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, 1946, in Lexington, Tenn., to Troy Lee and Ida Estell (Murren) Autry.

She married Otis H. Wright Aug. 29, 1964, at the East Side Central Church of Christ in Detroit.

Wright started her college education in 1987 when she was 41 years old. She received her bachelor's degree in 1991 in elementary education, and earned her master's degree in early childhood education from Saginaw Valley State University in 1999. She worked for the Detroit Public Schools, General Motors, Tuscola Intermediate School District and Kingston Community Schools.

Wright is survived by her husband, Otis; sons, Robert S. Wright of Kingston and Scott A. (Candy) Wright of Caro; a daughter-in-law, Kathy Wright of Caro; 5 grandchildren; a brother, Charles W. (Mary Lou) Autry of Parsons, Tenn.; her mother, Ida E. Autry of Parsons, Tenn.; a sister-in-law, Gladys Autry of Chula Vista, Calif.; and several nieces, nephews and special friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Troy Autry; and brothers, Roy Autry, Bobby Autry and Max Autry.

Funeral services were held Sunday, February 27, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Elder Glynn Wright of the Van Dyke Church of Christ, Warren, and Lyle Clarke of the Cass City Church of Christ officiating.

Interment was in Evergreen Township Cemetery, Shabbona.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Shults-Lewis Child and Family Services Inc., P.O. Box 471, Valparaiso, Ind., 46383.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Wanted: literacy tutors in area

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) will soon be training literacy tutors in Huron and Tuscola counties.

Training will be held in Tuscola County March 22, 24, 29 and 31. In Huron County, training will be held May 17, 19, 24 and 26. Residents of Huron and Tuscola counties can attend either training, but must attend all 4 sessions.

RSVP volunteers who are certified through this training will then be eligible to tutor adults in the area.

If you would like more information on RSVP programs, including the Literacy Training Program, contact

RSVP staff by calling the Human Development Commission (HDC) at (989) 673-4121.

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For
Evergreen Township

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MARCH 14

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

MARCH 15

2 - 8 p.m.

Tentative Equalization Factor		
	Ratio	Multiplier
Agricultural	48.73	1.02606
Commercial	49.97	1.00060
Residential	51.48	.97125

Evergreen Township Hall
6331 Shabbona Rd., Decker, MI 48426

A nonresident may protest to the Board of Review by letter.
Audrey Leslie, Supervisor

Notice of 2005 BOARD OF REVIEW

For
Elmwood Township

Will Be Held

MARCH 14 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

MARCH 17 3-9 p.m.

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and Equalize the 2005 assessments.

Elmwood Township Hall
6437 South Street, Gagetown, MI 48735

Tentative Equalization Factor		
	Ratio	Multiplier
Agricultural	50.02%	.99960
Commercial	48.15%	1.03842
Industrial	45.63%	1.09577
Residential	46.04%	1.08610
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

Christopher Graff, Supervisor
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Notice of BOARD OF REVIEW

For
Greenleaf Township

Will Be Held

MARCH 8 9 a.m.

MARCH 14

9 a.m. - Noon & 1 - 4 p.m.

MARCH 15

2 - 5 & 6 - 9 p.m.

Greenleaf Township Hall
2 miles north of Cass City Rd. on Gilbert Rd.

Taxpayers may appeal assessments at either of the last two meetings or by mail to:
Judy Doerr, Clerk, 7381 Germania Rd., Ubly, MI 48475

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For
Elkland Township

Will Be Held

MARCH 14, 2005

9 a.m.-Noon & 1-4 p.m.

MARCH 15, 2005

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Non-Union Employees			
	2004-2005	2005-2006	
Bookkeeper	37,972.00	38,921.00	
Superintendent's Secretary	33,880.00	35,727.00	
Accounts Payable Clerk (Part-time)	14.05/Hr.	14.40/Hr.	
Social Worker	Minimum BA Rate plus 5.00%	Minimum BA Rate plus 5.00%	
School Nurse	30,886.00	31,658.00	
Full-time Hourly Secretaries (8 hrs. day)			
0-4 yrs. exp.	13.34/Hr.	13.67/Hr.	
5-9 yrs. exp.	13.39/Hr.	13.72/Hr.	
10-14 yrs. exp.	13.44/Hr.	13.77/Hr.	
15-19 yrs. exp.	13.49/Hr.	13.82/Hr.	
20-24 yrs. exp.	13.56/Hr.	13.90/Hr.	
25+ Yrs. exp.	13.62/Hr.	13.96/Hr.	
Part-time Secretaries			
Building Maintenance Supervisor	18.63/Hr.	19.10/Hr.	
Ass't. Building Maintenance Supervisor	15.72/Hr.	16.11/Hr.	
Grounds and Transportation Supervisor	18.63/Hr.	19.10/Hr.	
M.S./Campbell Cafeteria (Money)	11.26/Hr.	11.54/Hr.	
Cafeteria Secretary/Bookkeeper	13.25/Hr.	13.58/Hr.	
Crossing Guard Supervisor	41.50/Day	42.54/Day	
Crossing Guards	30.11/Day	30.86/Day	
Library Clerk	11.01/Hr.	11.29/Hr.	
Teacher Assistants	11.48/Hr.	11.77/Hr.	
Bus Mechanic	637.00/Wk.	653.00 Wk.	
Supervising Head Cook	15.03/Hr.	15.41/Hr.	
Technology Coordinator	52,247.00	53,553.00	
Administrators			
	2004-2005	2005-2006	Contract Term
Director of Guidance	69,700.00	71,443.00	2 yrs.
H.S./M.S. Ass't. Prin./Spec. Projects Dir.	69,710.00	71,453.00	2 yrs.
Campbell Principal	71,590.00	73,380.00	2 yrs.
H.S./M.S. Ass't. Principal & AD	66,935.00	69,608.00	2 yrs.
M.S. Principal	72,847.00	74,668.00	2 yrs.
H.S. Principal	78,126.00	80,079.00	2 yrs.
*Superintendent	87,194.00	89,374.00	3 yrs.
*Superintendent also receives a negotiations/contract maintenance stipend of \$6,500.00.			

School approves 2.5% increase

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necessary repairs. The second meeting is slated in Shabbona Mar. 30 and the third and final meeting will be April 12 at the middle school. All meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

The school board was presented with 3 changes in policy language for study prior to the next meeting. They include a middle school promotion policy, moving high school work experience grading from a letter grade to a credit/no

credit standard and establishing a policy to stop bullying of students by other students, including physical, emotional and verbal abuse.

The board accepted the resignation of Janice Winter who handled the in-school suspension program for 7 years. She will join the Thumb Educational Services Co. and will be doing the same job as she did previously. Out-sourcing the work will save the school \$12,268 this year, Micklash pointed out. He went on to say that he has other out-sourcing plans that could save the district as much as \$100,000.

Micklash has a plan to ask certain organizations and charity groups if they are able and willing to make sizeable donations to the building of the Center for the Arts. This will not be a request for funds from district residents who will be paying their share in taxes if the bond issue is approved.

Permission was granted to present the all-school play "The Music Man" on Sunday, Mar. 2, a 2 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the school board is scheduled on Tuesday, Mar. 29, a day later than normal because of the Easter holiday.

VFW painting back in spotlight

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act. "The integrity of our ordinances is on the line here," Richards said. "Either we have ordinances that work, or ordinances with no value. I think we need to resolve this issue."

Trustee Dwight Thabet noted there had been some discussions between the village and the VFW, but those talks fell by the wayside after Sheridan pursued what he felt was another zoning violation on the part of the local VFW post.

Thabet said the village's ordinance doesn't clearly define murals, and that he has witnessed other zoning violations in town that have been ignored. "If we go after this, we'd better start going after every one," he added. "Even if we win this one, we're going to lose."

Richards suggested that the council invite VFW representatives to the next regular meeting to discuss the matter.

"If they're willing to talk, we're willing to listen. If they're willing to talk, I think we owe it to them to listen," he said. "Clearly, we're at a stalemate, and we've got to break it."

Trustee Jon Zdrojewski indicated he is not in favor of the village and VFW proceeding by "throwing attorneys at each other."

The point, Richards said, is to get something resolved, and the VFW has refused to seek a sign permit or a zoning variance. "The problem here is that the procedure wasn't followed."

Trustee Jeff Gillig noted there is a lot of history be-

hind the debate, but that perhaps cooler heads could now prevail. "This issue needs to get resolved," he added. "We need to get this behind us."

The council unanimously approved a motion to invite VFW representatives to its next meeting later this month.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The mural issue was just one of 5 proposals Richards submitted Monday. The others included referring to committee ordinance discussions related to dangerous buildings, blight and adult entertainment; taking advantage of cable television franchise agreement language that provides for free service to the village and schools, and making available a cable

channel for community news/use; and use of technology to improve visual presentations at council meetings. All of them passed.

Council members, however, rejected Richards' recommendation to take over a proposed veterans' memorial project spearheaded by local resident Richard Little.

Richards urged the council to refer the project to its Parks and Recreation Committee to make recommendations related to design, construction, engineering, finance and policies and procedures. Richards pointed out monies raised for the memorial have been deposited in village accounts, and that there is a need for someone/group to be responsible for overseeing the project. His motion died for lack of

support.

Village President Bert Althaver told the council that Little has commitments for \$10,000, as well as various pending funding requests. He added he's confident Little will have the necessary funding in place, in part because of Thabet's efforts in securing a much better deal for the necessary granite slabs. In addition, a well-qualified citizen has offered to act as project supervisor, the village already has some engineering designs that would meet construction permit requirements.

The council agreed that Little should pursue finding a non-profit organization to take over the project and handle the funding raised to pay for the memorial.

Beet growers face losses

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he noted, subzero temperatures gave way to warmer weather, even some record highs in the 50s, in late December and early January.

Those drastic swings in temperature made beet piles even more susceptible to "hot spots" or pockets of heat that hasten the rotting process, VanDriessche explained. In this case, those pockets reached all the way down into the piles.

The estimated losses are just that - estimates, VanDriessche said Friday. "We won't know for sure until we're done slicing, and we should be done slicing next week. Hopefully, as we go forward, adjustments can be made. (But) we probably won't be too far off from our estimates."

Aside from weather conditions, VanDriessche said, company officials are already looking at any other possible factors that may have contributed to the loss of the beets, as well as ways to prevent the problem from

repeating itself.

Michigan legislators, including Senator Jim Barcia, meanwhile, are working to help growers. Barcia last Wednesday called on the state's federal delegation to seek relief for Michigan's sugar beet growers.

In a letter to U.S. Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, as well as every member of Michigan's House delegation, Barcia urged Congress to "act swiftly to address this most recent disaster and provide financial relief to affected sugar beet growers."

Barcia pointed out that in 2003, Congress created the Sugar Beet Disaster Program to address a similar crisis in crop production in the years 2001 and 2002. Without similar federal disaster assistance for this year's disaster, he said, individual beet growers stand to lose tens of thousands of dollars in payments for their crop.

"I intend to seek relief from the state of Michigan for sugar beet growers, including possible forbearance on repayments from zero-interest loans that were extended during the last crop disaster," Barcia added. "However, with the state's severe budget deficit, federal action will be required to secure the amount of assistance necessary to provide comprehensive relief."

The financial impact on

growers has also raised concerns among a host of agribusinesses, including lending institutions.

"We're very concerned. It certainly has a major impact on our beet growers," said Dale McIntosh, senior vice president at Thumb National Bank in Cass City.

McIntosh said Thumb National's Pigeon branch will especially feel the impact because that branch works with a number of beet growers. He said it's likely bank officials there will be doing some loan restructuring to help producers make ends meet in the face of substantially reduced incomes.

"We're developing solutions to address this problem," McIntosh said. "I think there'll be some things in place to help our farmers get through this. For years we've kept our farmers going, and we don't plan on changing that."

VanDriessche said company officials are very aware of the financial hardship the loss poses to its grower-owners, but the cooperative will survive the crisis.

"We'll survive, we'll go forward, but it's going to be a difficult process for everyone to get through. It's going to be a setback," he said.

"It's definitely a big bump in the road, but we know we'll get past it."

Master gardeners set to host annual event

The Huron County Master Gardeners will be hosting their third annual "Spring Into Gardening" conference Saturday, March 19, at the Uby Heights County Club.

The day's events begin at 8 a.m. with registration and early bird drawings. The day wraps up at 5 p.m. with final exhibit visitation and end-of-the-trail door prize drawings. Vendors are welcome to sell and/or display their products and services at the Yard and Garden Expo, which is an added feature of the conference. Registration fee for vendors is \$25 per 8 foot space. Spaces are available on a "first come - first served" basis.

Eight workshops will be offered throughout the day: Wondrous Rugosas, Hardscapes Made Easy, Bog Gardening, Simple Steps to Spectacular Roses, Native Plant Landscaping for Butterfly Habitats, Continuous Color, Ornamental Grasses, and Community Supported Agriculture. Speakers are Nancy Lindley of Great Lakes Roses, Matt Esch of Esch Landscaping, Barb Fenningsdorf of Boon Dock Perennials and Water Plants, Dr. Duke Elsner of MSU Extension - Grand Traverse County, Dr. Jim Sillers of Imlay City, and Les Roggenbuck of East River Organic Farm.

An added feature this year is a keynote speaker. Janet Mancunovich, garden and landscape designer and writer, will speak at noon on "Master Gardeners as 21st Century Shamans." Mancunovich is also one of the speakers for an afternoon workshop.

The registration fee for par-

ticipants includes admission to the Yard and Garden Expo, 4 of the 8 workshops, keynote speaker session, door prizes, refreshments, and a lunch buffet. All participants registered by March 7 will be eligible for the grand prize drawing - an arbor from Ironman Fabricators, Filion.

Proceeds support the local Master Gardener Program and its activities in Huron County.

For more information, call the Master Gardener Program at (989) 269-9949.

Curves collecting donations

Curves of Cass City will be joining the Curves International Inc. "Curves Food Drive" campaign to benefit area food banks.

Last year, the food drive resulted in the collection of more than 4,000 tons of food for various communities.

Anyone joining Curves the week of March 7 may bring a bag of groceries and have the normal service fee waived. Non-perishable items may be dropped off at the business, located at 6519 Main St., Monday through Friday during business hours in March.

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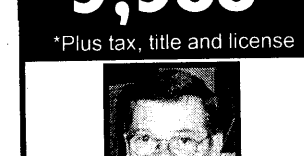
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On March 7, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Eight and 53/100 Dollars (\$51,768.53), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

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

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

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

Dated: February 9, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
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File #045962F01

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Karl H. Weippert, single man, original mortgagor, to Centex Home Equity Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated January 12, 2004 and recorded on January 20, 2004 in Liber 974 on Page 1014 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Four and 68/100 Dollars (\$36,844.68), including interest at 9.95% per annum.

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

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

Part of the Southeast quarter of Section 10, Town 12 North, Range 10 East described as: Commencing at the East quarter corner of said Section 10; thence along the East-West quarter line of said Section 10 South 89 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds West 89.13 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 35 minutes 57 seconds East 220.71 feet; thence South 89 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds West 150.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 35 minutes 57 seconds West 220.71 feet to said East-West quarter line of Section 10; thence along said East-West quarter line of Section 10 North 89 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds East 150.00 feet to the point of beginning as recorded in Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: February 23, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC F (248) 593-1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Centex Home Equity Company, LLC
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #048793F01

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: February 9, 2005
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #047320F01

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

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

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

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

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

Parcel 2: Lot 16, Block 25 of the Plat of the Village of Centerville (a/k/a Village of Caro), according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 56, now being Page 59A of Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: February 9, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Bank One, National Association, as Trustee
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #031041F01

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Delmer L. McClard, an unmarried man, and Cheryl A. Adamic, a married woman, jointly with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagors, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated March 24, 2004 and recorded on April 23, 2004 in Liber 989 on Page 449 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgage to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee to Ameriquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-R6 under the Pooling & Servicing Agreement dated as of June 1, 2004, without recourse as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-One and 60/100 Dollars (\$127,551.60), including interest at 8.99% per annum.

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

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

Lot 120 of Shay Lakes Heights Subdivision No. 2, according to the recorded plat thereof Section 14, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Lots 110, 111, 112, and 113 of Shay Lake Subdivision, Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, all in Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Dated: February 9, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC H (248) 593-1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee to Ameriquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-R6 under the Pooling & Servicing Agreement dated as of June 1, 2004, without recourse
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #047012F01

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

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

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

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

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

DATED: February 16, 2005

ATTORNEY FOR: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR MAC-CLAIR MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Mortgagee

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Neal Ronk, a married man, and Bonnie Ronk, his wife, to Alliance Funding, a Division of Superior Bank FSB, mortgagee, dated March 5, 2001 and recorded April 4, 2001 in Liber 827, Page 458, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by LaSalle Bank National Association, as trustee, in trust for the Holders of Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust Series 2002-AFC 1 by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Five and 28/100 Dollars (\$55,655.28), including interest at the rate of 10.60% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on March 31, 2005.

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

Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 29, Township 14 North, Range 7 East; thence South 03 degrees 58 minutes East 968.00 feet along the East line of Section 29; thence South 73 degrees 56 minutes West 593.50 feet along the centerline of State Trunk Line M-25 to the point of beginning; running thence North 003 degrees 58 minutes West 528.00 feet; thence South 73 degrees 56 minutes West 330.00 feet; thence South 03 degrees 58 minutes East 528.00 feet; thence North 73 degrees 56 minutes East 330.00 feet along the centerline of State Trunk Line M-25 to the point of beginning, being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 19 North, Range 7 East.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.

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

Dated: February 26, 2005
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for LaSalle Bank National Association as trustee, in trust for the Holders of Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust Series 2002-AFC1, As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 231.4587

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

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

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

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

THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, 216.39 FEET PARALLEL WITH SAID NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SECTION 8 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

Dated: February 09, 2005

ATTORNEY FOR: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, PA, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.
Assignee of Mortgagee

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

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

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

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gerald L. Harris and Barbara M. Harris, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to North American Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated April 6, 1999 and recorded on April 12, 1999 in Liber 768 on Page 599, and assigned by mesne assignments to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2000, among Financial Asset Securities, Inc., as depositor, Greenwich Capital Financial Products, Inc., as seller, Litton Loan Servicing LP, as servicer, and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, Soundview Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2000-1, without recourse as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Five and 12/100 Dollars (\$96,395.12), including interest at 10.55% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 31, 2005.

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 28, which is North 87 degrees 37 minutes 12 seconds West, 995.45 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 28; thence continuing along said North line North 87 degrees 37 minutes 12 seconds West, 140.00 feet to a point which is South 87 degrees 37 minutes 12 seconds East, 132.00 feet from the Northwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 28; thence parallel to the West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 28, South 2 degrees 17 minutes 37 seconds West, 660.00 feet; thence South 87 degrees 37 minutes 12 seconds East, 140.00 feet; thence North 2 degrees 17 minutes 37 seconds East, 660.00 feet to the North line of said Section 28 and the point of beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: March 2, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2000, among Financial Asset Securities, Inc., as depositor, Greenwich Capital Financial Products, Inc., as seller, Litton Loan Servicing LP, as servicer, and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, Soundview Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2000-1, without recourse
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eldred Fulks, a single person, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 22, 2004 and recorded on December 6, 2004 in Liber 1019 on Page 1138 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Eight and 95/100 Dollars (\$56,848.95), including interest at 8.875% per annum.

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

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

Lot 24, 25 and 26, Block 3, S. F. Chase's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 18, Now BE.

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

Dated: February 23, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC H (248) 593-1300
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2-23-4

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

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

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

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

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

Tax ID: 002-028-000-2400-00

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

Dated: February 9, 2005

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
By: Daniel E. Best (P58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1820
Troy, Michigan 48064
WVRW04099660

2-9-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dewayne R. Ball, a married man, and Theresa V. Ball, his wife, original mortgagors, to American Financial Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated March 25, 1998 and recorded on April 1, 1998 in Liber 734 on Page 10, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp. as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Fifty-Five and 28/100 Dollars (\$91,055.28), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

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

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

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Hillcrest Subdivision, Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 20, Town 13 North, Range 8 East; thence North 90 degrees West along the South line of said Subdivision 173.0 feet to the Point of Beginning of this description; thence South 0 Degrees 05 Minutes 10 Seconds West, 100.0 feet; thence South 90 Degrees East, 25.0 feet; thence South 0 Degrees 05 Minutes 10 Seconds West, 239.0 feet to the Centerline of Branch of N.W. Drain; thence South 79 degrees 43 Minutes 10 Seconds West along the Centerline of said Drain, 100.0 feet; thence North 78 Degrees 13 Minutes 54 Seconds West along the Centerline of said Drains, 60.27 feet; thence North 18 Degrees 01 Minutes 17 Seconds West along the Centerline of said Drain, 362.33 feet; thence South 90 Degrees East along the Extended South line of Hillcrest Subdivision, 245.0 feet to the point of beginning. Being in and a Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 20, Town 13 North, Range 8 East.

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

Dated: February 9, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys For Chase Home Finance, LLC
successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #046905F01

2-9-4

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: February 16, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC H (248) 593-1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Ameriquest Mortgage Securities, Inc., Asset-Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2004-R7, Under The Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of July 1, 2004, without recourse
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #048112F01

2-16-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Terry Pinkoski and Debbie Pinkoski, husband and wife, to Advanta National Bank, Mortgagee, dated February 8, 1999 and recorded February 16, 1999 in Liber 763, Page 110, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Custodian or Trustee f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California N.A. by assignment dated 01-30-04 and recorded 02-25-04 in Liber 981 on page 720 by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Twenty-Nine and 94/100 Dollars (\$53,029.94), including interest at the rate of 8.55% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on March 24, 2005.

The premises are located in the Village of Gagetown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots No. 4 & 5, Block 1, also alley lying adjacent to said Lots and Block 10f the Helen Gage Annex Subdivision recorded in Tuscola County Records. Liber 1 Page 57 of Plats, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: February 23, 2005

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys For Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Custodian or Trustee f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California N.A. as Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 209.2526

2-23-5

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: February 9, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys For Chase Home Finance, LLC
successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #046752F01

2-9-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John Perkins, a single man, original mortgagor, to Franklin Mortgage Funding, Mortgagee, dated March 11, 2002 and recorded on March 14, 2002 in Liber 869 on Page 1357, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank as Trustee as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-One and 55/100 Dollars (\$79,471.55), including interest at 11.75% per annum.

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

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

Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 7 of Foster Dam Subdivision according to the plat recorded in Liber 2, of Plats, Page 32; thence South 108.5 feet; thence East 192 feet; thence North 108.5 feet; thence West 192 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of the Northwest quarter of Section 20, Town 12 North, Range 10 East.

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

Dated: February 9, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC H (248) 593-1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For JPMorgan Chase Bank as Trustee
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #047170F01

2-9-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott R. Kutsch and Amy K. Kutsch, original mortgagors, to The Prime Financial Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 6, 2004 and recorded on February 10, 2004 in Liber 978 on Page 914, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: February 9, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC D (248) 593-1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. f/k/a Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #047604F01

2-9-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James J. Oglesby, a married man, and Sharon J. Oglesby, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 8, 2001 and recorded on January 15, 2002 in Liber 856 on Page 1369 in instrument 200200805682, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Three and 33/100 Dollars (\$123,293.33), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

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

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

Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 33; thence North 89 Degrees 53 Minutes 06 Seconds West along the South line of Section 33, a distance of 661.74 Feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing along said South line of Section 33, a distance of 300.00 Feet; thence North 00 Degrees 11 Minutes 11 Seconds West, 500.00 Feet; thence South 89 Degrees 53 Minutes 06 Seconds East parallel with the South line of Section 33, a distance of 300.00 Feet; thence South 00 Degrees 11 Minutes 11 Seconds East, 500.00 Feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: February 23, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
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File #038231F02

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: February 16, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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2-16-4

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

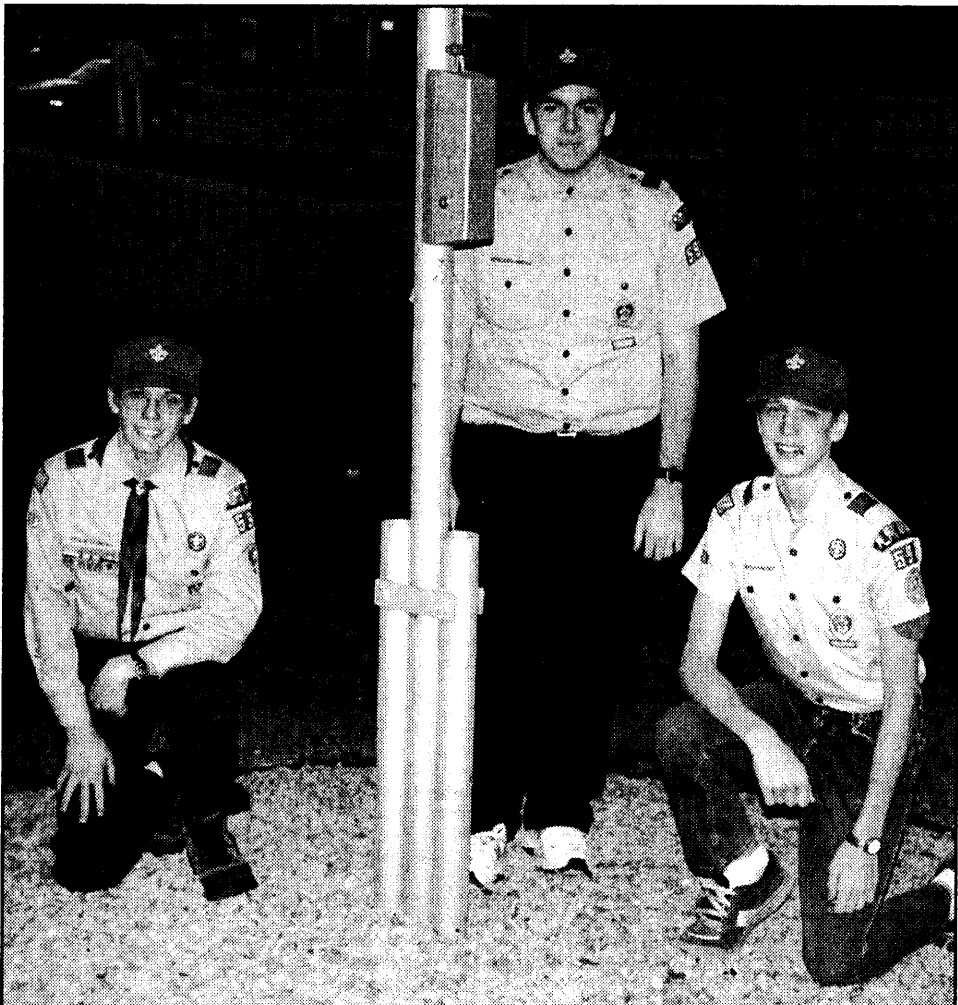
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola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

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

Lot 4, Block 3 of the Plat of the Village of Millington, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Page 41, Now being 42-A, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: February 16, 2005



A RECOGNITION ceremony will be held Saturday, April 9, at 3 p.m. at the Cass City VFW Hall to honor Patrick D. Reed of Cass City, a member of Boy Scout Troop #594 who has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Reed is pictured (center) with fellow Scouts Jeff Wills (left) and Derrick Mallory, who are also pursuing the highest rank in scouting.

Auxiliary airs meet

The monthly luncheon and meeting of the Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary was held Feb. 21 at the Charmont. There were 18 members and 2 guests present.

Vicki Ricker, director of nursing at Tendercare, was the speaker. She spoke of bringing back meaning and purpose in life to nursing home residents. Changes have been made in the quest to eliminate loneliness, helplessness and boredom in their daily lives.

Two new members were welcomed, having joined the auxiliary following last month's "Bring A Friend" meeting. They are Pat Greenwood and Carol Rutkowski.

A report was given on the successful uniform sale, which was supported by staff and community members. The bake sale held on Valentine's Day had to be delayed for a couple of hours due to weather conditions, but ended up as a "sell out".

The auxiliary participated in the hospital's Millionaire Party by providing popcorn to go with the "50s" theme.

The next meeting will be March 28 at the Charmont at 11:30 a.m.

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FOR SALE - Vassar: 2-bedroom, 1 bath, 1,140 sq. ft., story 1/2 fixer upper. Sold As Is. 623 Cass. Investors welcome. Dale Churchill, Home Town USA Realty, 989-551-0279. \$88,900. 3-2-16-3

FOR SALE - Owendale: 3-bedroom, 2 bath, 1,352 sq. ft. ranch. 240' x 120' lot. 7370 Hartman. Dale Churchill, Home Town USA Realty, 989-551-0279. \$88,900. 3-2-16-3

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Thumb "virtual chamber" new tool for businesses

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According to Jody Kerbyson, controller of Thumb Area Michigan Works!, the virtual chamber's sponsoring agency, the virtual chamber is intended to complement local chambers of commerce and has, as its centerpiece, a website that provides information, resources and networking opportunities to business leaders who need those items but lack the time to attend an extra meeting.

"The virtual chamber's website is a veritable 'mecca' of valuable information for its members," Kerbyson said. "Access to resources that impact business is just a mouse-click away."

Joan Nagelkirk and Gloria Jerome of Clear Ideas, Sandusky, enlisted by

Thumb Area Michigan Works! to market the virtual chamber, have been visiting chambers of commerce in Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac and Lapeer counties to offer information about the virtual chamber and to encourage membership in the organization.

"Members have been using this site for several months now as a resource for keeping up-to-date on what is happening in the region and as a source for information that is beneficial to their business or organization," Nagelkirk said. "We've received a great deal of positive feedback regarding the website and are setting goals for enhancements."

Free membership in the Thumb Area Virtual Chamber of Commerce is available to anyone in the Thumb region by calling Kerbyson at (989) 635-3561. On-line registration is expected to be available this month.

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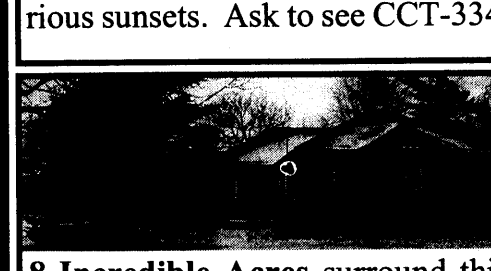
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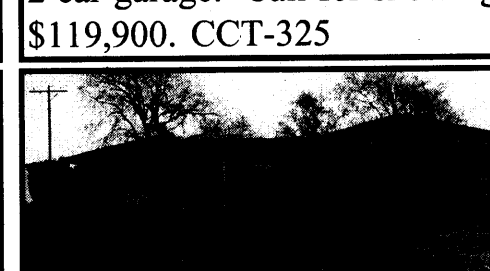
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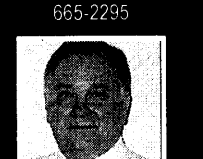
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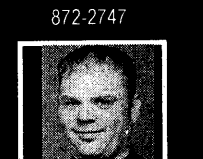
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BLOOMFIELD HILLS residents Mary (second from left) and Frank Greenwood recently donated a \$21,000 lot in the Northwood Subdivision in Cass City that will be the site of a new home constructed by Tuscola County Intermediate School District students. Also pictured are (from left) Career-Technical Education Asst. Supt. Gene Pierce, TISD Supt. Carol Socha and Marty Osentoski of Osentoski Realty and Auctioneering.

Pre-festival concert scheduled

The Cass City Schools Department of Music will present a pre-festival concert Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

Featured in this performance will be the Cass City Middle School Seventh Grade Band under the direction of Kathryn King and the

middle school eighth grade band under the direction of Doug Burch. Also featured will be the 80-member Cass City High School Concert Band.

The concert is in preparation for the bands' participation in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association

District III Band and Orchestra Festival. The middle school bands' performance will be Saturday, March 5, at Laker High School. The high school concert band performs one week later, Friday, March 11, at 6:15 p.m. in the Caseville High School Auditorium.

"The bands have all maintained a rigorous rehearsal schedule in preparation for this important event," said Burch, director of bands at Cass City.

"All 3 bands have been rehearsed and observed by excellent conductors from the University of Michigan, Marshall Music Company and Lapeer West High School," he added. "We are confident that our bands are second to none and are well prepared for this important performance."

In addition to clinicians visiting during rehearsals, the high school concert band was scheduled to travel to Caseville to practice in that district's performing arts center.

"I feel as though our band is at a bit of a disadvantage

in that we do not presently have an auditorium to practice in," Burch said. "Therefore it is to our advantage to take some time and actually get acquainted with the proper acoustics that the auditorium will provide on the night of the performance. Our students are under enough pressure to perform well. If they don't have an understanding of the drastically different sound they will encounter on the stage before they actually perform, the results of the performance can be very discouraging to the students."

In each performance the bands will perform some of the best literature available for concert bands, according to Burch. Included in the high school band's performance is a composition commissioned by the Stewerton Senior Academy Wind Ensemble of Scotland, which was composed by a graduate of the University of Michigan.

There is a \$3 admission charge for the annual concert. The doors will open at 7 p.m.

TOWNSHIP OF EVERGREEN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED NEW ZONING ORDINANCE

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that the Evergreen Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, the 7th day of March, 2005 at the Evergreen Township Hall, 5514 Shabbona Road, which is located at the northwest corner of Shabbona and Decker Roads.

The purpose of this public hearing will be to consider a proposed new zoning ordinance for the Township of Evergreen. Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available from the Township Clerk at 5615 Severance Road, Decker, Michigan 48426.

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The sellers, a couple from Bloomfield Hills who owned a lot in the Northwood Subdivision in Cass City, offered to give away the property, and Cristi Smith, a licensed real estate assistant at the local realty company, hooked them up with the Tuscola County Intermediate School District.

Within a month, the deal was closed and the ISD's Career-Technical Education Department was the proud owner of the lot, located on Crestwood Circle and appraised at \$21,000.

"I've been in real estate for 10 years and I have just never, never, never seen someone give away \$21,000," Smith said. "It happened very quickly."

The couple, Mary and Frank Greenwood, were interested in donating the property and asked if the realty company had any sugges-

tions, according to Smith, a former career-technical education student herself who suggested the Tuscola ISD.

"I called the ISD and they called back immediately and said they were interested in the property," Smith said. "Within 3 weeks, they now own that piece of property."

Smith noted Valley Title of Caro donated the research and closing fees, while Osentoski waived its commission.

The lot will be the site of a future home construction project by the ISD's Construction Technology Program, according to Gene Pierce, assistant superintendent of Career-Technical Education, who explained that students learn various building skills through actual construction of a house.

"Our drafting program will also get involved and most likely our landscaping program as well," he said, adding electronics/electrical program students will probably have a hand in the construction as well.

The ISD students have already built some homes for

different customers in the county. Pierce said the projects typically take one year to complete and involve some 100 students. Proceeds go back into the Career-Technical Education program.

Because of current construction commitments, it will probably be a year before work will begin on the Northwood Subdivision home.

However, Pierce said the Greenwood's donation in Cass City is very much appreciated and will benefit a host of students who are preparing for careers in various building trades.

"It's the greatest thing, especially with the staff we have here," he added. "It's either done right or it's done over. There's no 'halfway'."

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Smith agreed. "I think they are just 2 very wonderful people. I just thought it was great of them," she said. "What a great gift from Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood. You don't hear of that happening."

Classes on tap for babysitters

The Community Education Department at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City will host an American Red Cross Babysitter Training course Monday, March 21, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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