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On national talk show

Teen says Internet bullies harassed her

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Michigan news programs focused on Internet bullying last week when officials in the Kearsley School District expelled some student for allegedly sending Internet threats to other students.

At the same time, Cass City School officials found themselves in the national spotlight during an interview of an area teen who told her story of being harassed online by other students.

Fox News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor", 14-year-old Heather Simpson, Cass City, told show host Bill O'Reilly that she had been the victim of attacks via e-mail messages that she described as being "really nasty, nasty."

Simpson, the daughter of Sue and Brian Simpson, told O'Reilly that the verbal attacks had gone on for 4 years — since she was in the fifth grade — and involved about 7 other girls.

The Simpson family declined to be interviewed for

this story. However, during their interview with O'Reilly, Sue Simpson said school officials' response when she approached them regarding the problem was that the incidents were taking place outside of school and they didn't really have any control over it.

School officials did, however, talk about allowing Heather to get her lunch early and eat in a separate room so that she would not have to be around the other kids, according to Simpson, whose daughter has since

transferred to a private Christian school.

The nationally televised broadcast caught Cass City School officials off guard.

"I don't feel we have a systems problem," Supt. Ken Micklash said, adding school officials make every effort to address individual discipline issues.

Cass City Schools has very clear policies regarding the use of school computers, and any student caught using that equipment to threaten or bully another student faces severe discipline that may include expulsion, Micklash said.

At the same time, he added, "When kids are doing things at 8 or 9 o'clock at home, it's difficult for the school" to control that behavior.

The Cass City Schools have also worked diligently to prevent students from picking on or bullying each other, according to Micklash.

"We have a strong character education program that we've been working on for years," Micklash noted. And, he said, school officials are preparing to implement an anti-bullying program that state officials have encouraged all schools to adopt.

"It should go nicely with our character education program," he said. "Anything we can do to enhance the learning environment for our children, we're going to do."

Last week's broadcast drew praise from another Cass City area parent, Susan Wynn, who said the interview made her realize she wasn't alone in her concerns over the welfare and safety

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CASS CITY DEPUTY Police Chief Craig Haynes (right) and interim Cass City Village Manager Darcy Long did their part to support the Read Across America project last week by sharing some books with students from the Cass City Early Childhood Education Center.

Another offer made on Gagetown school building

Another potential buyer has made an offer to purchase the Gagetown Elementary School building, but Owen-Gage School officials indicate they're not comfortable with the buyer's terms.

Sue Weise of Kelly and Co. Realty, Sebawaing, who listed the house last fall, provided the board of education with an update during Monday's regular monthly meeting.

Weise said a buyer has made an offer in the \$90,000 range, but wants to meet only half of the asking down payment (20 percent) and would like to purchase the school building on a short-term (2-year) land contract.

Weise didn't offer many details about the potential buyer's plans, but indicated he is interested in using the building for a community center and for storage.

Trustee Mike Mandich said he isn't comfortable with a land contract. "The district has had some bad experiences with such arrangements, he added, and con-

ventional financing would eliminate the risks inherent in a land contract should the buyer be unable to complete the purchase.

"I'd rather see him come back with an offer," Mandich said.

Other board members agreed, saying they're not in a big hurry to get rid of the building, which is still in good condition.

School officials closed the 19,000-square-foot Gagetown building after the 2003-04 school year in an effort to cut costs and offset a deficit caused by several factors, including shrinking student numbers. The original structure was constructed in 1939 and an addition was built in 1968.

The building has been listed for sale since September.

One other potential buyer offered to meet the district's asking price of \$95,000 several weeks later, but was unable to arrange the financing.

LAYOFF

Turning to personnel matters, the board reluctantly voted to lay-off sixth grade teacher Shannon Marion due to a certification issue.

Interim school Supt. Bob Peterson explained that a high school math teacher, Terri Falkenburg, is not certified to teach high school math, and because she has 6 years of seniority, the decision was made to reassign her to the sixth grade.

The decision was based on the district's seniority policy

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Suit targets registers

Four title insurance companies from across the state recently filed a complaint in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan against some Michigan register of deeds for refusing them access to public land records.

First of American Title Insurance Company, Transnation Title Insurance Company, Lawyers Title Insurance Company and Chicago Title Insurance Company claim the register of deeds in several counties, including Tuscola, Lapeer, Eaton, Saginaw and Newaygo, are violating federal antitrust laws by unlawfully maintaining monopolies over land title information in their respective counties.

The plaintiffs allege that the defendants have violated the business practices that have been in place for the past 100 years.

"Michigan laws ensure that public documents are available for reasonable fees and available without use restrictions," said Robert Meredith, vice president and Michigan state manager for First American Title Insurance Company.

"In this instance, registers of deeds are abusing their positions as custodians of public information," Meredith said. "They should not be in the business of monopolizing public documents through the creation of access restrictions on public records that title companies previously had accessed for more than 100 years."

The title companies allege that the registers of deeds are increasing the prices for reproductions of land title records to "anticompetitive" levels, and that they are attempting to restrict the use of the purchased copies.

Tuscola County Register of Deeds Ginny McLaren said the claim simply isn't true.

"The fee for copies is actually set by the state Legislature. The fee is \$1 per page. That's what we charge here," said McLaren, who noted the \$1 fee has been in place since the early 1960s, when it was increased from 75 cents per

page. "The fee has been the same. No register of deeds I know of charges more than \$1 per page."

McLaren pointed out that the fee is not only for copying cost, but also for expenses related to maintaining 200 years worth of archived land information.

As for the records themselves, she said, "The records are public records. They can come in anytime and search them."

McLaren said that some counties have given title companies a bulk rate. They were not required to do that, but they did it. Tuscola County does not offer a bulk rate, she added, in part because the practice is tantamount to treating for-profit businesses differently than the general public.

"I maintain now and I have always maintained they are public records, but we can't give a service or benefit to a business over the public," McLaren said. "We treat everyone the same here."

The recent lawsuit is similar to another suit that was filed several years ago by a Tuscola County title company against the county's register of deeds office. McLaren said the company that filed the suit had kept a copy machine in the register of deeds office for its use, while the public was being charged the \$1 per page. The bottom line, she added, is that the company was demanding "free" services at taxpayers' expense.

At one time, back in the mid-1990s, the register of deeds offered businesses the option of obtaining records via microfilm. The cost was initially 10 cents per image. When the office raised that fee to 20 cents, compared to a statewide average of 22 cents, the companies decided they no longer wanted microfilm, according to McLaren.

"Even at that rate we weren't recovering our cost," she said. The suit was in the courts for 14 years and was finally resolved when the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the county.

Meredith claims that the alleged unlawful actions taken by the county registers named in the litigation are increasing the cost of title insurance to home buyers and home sellers, and reducing the quality of title insurance, abstracts of title and other related products produced by the land title industry.

If not stopped, he said, these actions will continue to have a harmful effect on the entire Michigan real estate title and insurance industry. "There is no legitimate public purpose for the registers of deed to change pricing practices and restrict the use of land title information," said Gary Opper, executive vice president of Transnation Title Insurance Company. "All this will accomplish is an increase in the cost of obtaining title information, which is the consumer pays for in the end."

Walter D. Quillico, president of the Michigan Land and Title Association (MLTA), whose members

consist of title companies throughout the state, said the real estate industry requires access to recorded public records in order to properly function.

"The MLTA supports our members in their litigation effort to prohibit the registers of deeds from unilaterally declaring ownership of the documents that they hold in trust for the public," Quillico said. "We think the registers' actions violate a public trust."

Quillico said it is unfortunate that litigation has become necessary, especially since MLTA has tried to work with the registers of deeds in the past.

"Unfortunately, the registers have decided they should be allowed to make money off of public real estate documents, while driving up the cost of real estate transactions for homeowners, banks and private businesses," Quillico said. "We believe this to be wrong."

McLaren strongly dis-

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Cass City man faces prison time

A Cass City man was sentenced to prison and a Caro man was found guilty following a 3-day jury trial in separate criminal sexual conduct cases last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Claude W. Golbeck, 35, Cass City was sentenced to 3 years and 4 months to 15 years in prison for his convictions on 12 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct and 4 counts of fourth degree criminal sexual conduct.

Court records indicate the crimes involved one victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years and took place between the fall 1995 and July 2003 in Cass City. Golbeck was found guilty on the charges following a 3-day jury trial in January.

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay court

costs and fines totaling \$960. In a separate case, David A. Ruiz, 21, of Caro, was found guilty by a jury on 3 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct and 2 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct.

The case involved a victim who was injured during the crimes, which took place July 11-12 in Wells Township, according to court records.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered for Ruiz, whose bond was revoked by the court. He was remanded 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. Second degree criminal sexual conduct is a 15-year felony.



ALBION COLLEGE student Kerry Shagene, a Cass City High School graduate, is spending the spring semester studying in Australia as part of Albion College's off-campus programs. (See story, page 5)

Fire damage estimated at \$90,000

Elkland Township Fire Department officials say a house fire last week in Cass City caused nearly \$100,000 in damage.

Fire fighters were called to the 2-story wood frame home, located at 6325 Main St., at 7:47 p.m. Thursday.

Fire Chief Ron Pawloski said the blaze ignited shortly after the homeowner, Chris Hughes, lit the fireplace.

"Within minutes it (fire) was coming through the walls, so we're speculating that the chimney was full of creosote or it was poor construction of the chimney," Pawloski said.

"At one point we thought we had the fire out, but unbeknownst to us, the basement was totally engulfed," he added. "We're estimating the loss at approximately \$90,000."

No one was injured in the blaze.

Elkland Township firemen remained at the scene for about 3 hours. They were assisted by the Elmwood Township-Gagetown, Kingston and Caro fire departments.

Holbrook Area News

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Carolyn and Donald Carpenter of Caro, Susan Krozek, Ryan and Samantha of Fillion, Theresa Depcinski and Nicole, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski and other aunts, uncles and cousins were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Carpenter and family at Caro for Timothy Carpenter's 12th birthday.

Ten members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill Thursday morning. They will meet at McDonald's Deli next week.

Renee Puterbaugh was a Wednesday lunch guest of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Bernard Morley, Alvin Peruski, Claude Mestack, Jack Kennedy, Ron Wolschlagel and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Thursday morning for Bernard Morley's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western and Allen Farrelly attended the Argyle senior citizens dinner on Sunday.

Arlene Reich of Deckerville visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland Tuesday.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski visited Lois Wolschlagel and Theresa Duran at the Huron County Health Center on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western and Allen Farrelly met June Rutz in Bay City on Wednesday, and Mrs. Franzel, June Rutz and Mary Catherine Nicol left for Atlanta, Ga. where they will spend a few days.

Jack Kennedy, Claude Mestack, Jim Lewis, Bernard Morley and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's Friday morning.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the Over 50 meeting at Oswald Hall in Bad Axe on Tuesday. After the Rosary was said, a potluck dinner was served. After the meeting, the group played cards. The next meeting will be April 12.

Ida Sageman, Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Brian Sweeney, Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hurford, Mrs. Allen Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson.

Allen Farrelly visited Don Rachoff, Henry Leppke and John Barie at the Huron County Medical Care Center Friday afternoon.

Allen Farrelly went to Sterling Heights Monday to get June Rutz who spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel.

Senior movies on tap

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

Mystic Iran, The Unseen World: Join filmmaker Aryana Farshad on a mesmerizing journey deep into the heart of her native Iran. Shot entirely on location, this unprecedented cinematic tour reveals spiritual rites and rituals hidden for centuries. From the women's chamber of the Great Mosque, to the temple-caves in the land of Zarathustra, to the sacred dance of the Dervishes in Kurdistan, discover religious ceremonies and locations never before seen by the outside world. (52 minutes)

Africa's Elephant Kingdom: This movie takes you into the heart of the continent and face-to-face with the great elephants of Africa. Featuring spectacular cinematography and the amazing picture and sound quality that comes from giant-screen film, this is the same widely acclaimed motion picture playing in giant-screen theaters worldwide. Africa's Elephant Kingdom is the story of one elephant clan's struggle for survival as it travels across vast stretches of land in search of dwindling sources of food and water. Wide and high above Africa, the camera travels over waterfalls, rivers, plains, and forests. Large groups of elephants move across the plains. One comes closer. He is massive, weathered, craggy. He is the Old Bull, our storyteller, and it is through his eyes that the film dramatically unfolds. (40 minutes)

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

It's a boy!

Nathan Keith Baudoin was born Feb. 20, 2005 in Las Vegas, Nev. to Brian and Terri Baudoin of Tonopah, Nev.

Nathan weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces and was 17 inches long. His grandparents are Keith and Gail Baudoin of Las Vegas, Nev.

He is the great-grandson of Louis Nemeth of Cass City and Jean Crigger of Cullman, Ala., formerly of the King-area.

Engaged



Sara Streight and Richard Parrott II

Richard J. Parrott II of Cass City and Sara E. Streight of Baxter, Minn. announce their engagement.

Richard is working as an engineer for Walbro Engine Management. Sara is a teacher for Lake Region Christian Schools.

A June 18, 2005 wedding is being planned.

Engaged



Amanda Goik and Christopher Smutek

Ray Smutek and Kim Smutek, both of Cass City, announce the engagement of their son, Christopher Edward, to Amanda Marie Goik of Bay City.

Amanda is the daughter of Paul and Margie Goik, and the granddaughter of Julia Moszyk of Bay City. Christopher is the grandson of Jay L. and Maxine Smith, and the great-grandson of Muriel Bathgate, all of Clearwater, Fla.

An Aug. 6, 2005 wedding is being planned at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church with the reception at The Grand in Bay City.



Meg's Peg

Soul time

by Melva E. Guinther

Author and speaker John Fischer related a story about some native porters hired to carry supplies for a group of tourists on safari in Africa.

After 3 days, the porters announced that they would have to stop and rest for a day. When the tourists asked why, since they didn't appear to be tired, they replied that they had "walked too far too fast and now we must wait for our souls to catch up."

Have you ever felt that life has been moving too fast for your soul?

It seems we're so busy keeping up with what we "have to do" that we have little or no time for "soul."

What happened to lazy days of looking up at the sky and studying cloud formations? When was the last time we stopped to watch a spider spin its intricate web? How about playing in the rain or in the puddles after the rain? Or allowing our kids to do so?

Fischer suggests that viewing a high-tech modern culture is like watching people come right out of their souls.

He says that the ethical compromises, business scandals and sports steroid accusations that have put people behind bars or at least under suspicion seem to spring from an inability of a generation to find its soul.

Maybe running ahead of our souls is why society seems to have no conscience and feel no shame.

An article by psychologist Dr. Joyce Brothers in Parade Magazine discussed the absence of shame in today's world and what it has cost us as a society.

Brothers says that shame is related to virtue, "a word that is not used much anymore but continues to have meaning."

I'm not sure how we go about getting those qualities back into everyday life, but surely taking time to let our

souls catch up would be a start.

After she learned that she was dying, Erma Bombeck wrote about the things she would do if she had her life to live over:

"When my kids kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, 'Later. Now go get washed up for dinner.' There would have been more I love you's, more I'm sorry's."

"I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained or the sofa faded."

"I would never have insisted that the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed."

"Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy, I'd have cherished every moment and realized that the wonderment growing inside of me was the only chance in life to assist God in a miracle."

"I would have talked less and listened more."

"I would have eaten the popcorn in the 'good living room' and worried much less about the dirt when someone wanted to light a fire in the fireplace."

"But mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute...look at it and really see it...live it and never give it back. Stop sweating the small stuff."

Isn't it a shame that so many of us don't let our souls catch up with us until it's almost too late?

Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, March 17

Genealogy Group meeting, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.
Huron County Right To Life benefit dinner, Knights of Columbus Hall, Bad Axe. Social hour, 6 p.m.; dinner, 7 p.m. For information and to RSVP, please call Jeannie Guza at (989) 658-8701.

Friday, March 18

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.
Playgroups for toddlers, preschoolers and their parents, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library. There will be stories, refreshments, crafts, toys and information for parents promoting literacy with their children. For more information, call Early On at (989) 673-5200 (ext. 445). Sponsored by Early On.

Senior Citizen Movies, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Saturday, March 19

YA (Young Adult) Book Club, 11 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Tuesday, March 22

Rawson Memorial Library will be closed for a staff in-service training on a new circulation system.

Wednesday, March 23

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

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Raymond D. Meredith completes basic training

Army Spec. Raymond D. Meredith has graduated from basic combat training at Fort

Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the 9 weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Meredith's parents are Dale and Marcia Meredith of Snover.

The specialist graduated in 1997 from Cass City High School and received a bachelor's degree in 2001 from Northern Michigan University, Marquette.

Church to show film

The Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, will show the Mel Gibson movie "The Passion of the Christ," Friday, March 25 beginning at 7 p.m.

The public is invited free of charge, however, the church is discouraging pre-teens from its viewing due to the film's graphic nature.

There will be no nursery provided or other programs for pre-teens to be occupied.

For more information, call the church at (989) 872-3658 or 872-1195.

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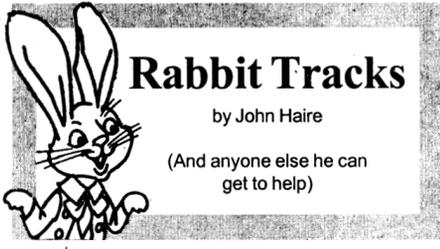
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

What Michigan State needs for its basketball team is a pressure-time free throw shooter. Jordan Bitzer of Unionville-Sebewaing comes to mind.

Saturday was a good day for an outside fish fry, or, more accurately, frying fish outside to be eaten inside. And, yes, they were hot when they reached the buffet line.

All of this happened at the Shabbona Methodist Church's dinner/auction. The free-will offering for the dinner netted \$1,222 after expenses. The auction that followed netted \$5,355.

The profits went into the church building fund.

Okay, the first harbinger of spring usually is associated with the first arrival of robins. This year robins have been sighted and reported by readers in February.

So, perhaps we should shift gears and look for a sure sign that spring has really sprung—when the mushroom pickers report in.

In the past, the mushroom derby front-runners have been Marilyn Erla, Chuck Emmert and Dick Szarapski.

Police: victim had drugs and alcohol in his system

Laboratory results indicate a Millington man who died in a house fire late last month had several drugs in his system and a blood alcohol level of .19, according to Tuscola County Sheriff's Department investigators.

"The medical examiner, Dr. (Dennis) Smallwood, indicated the combination of these drugs and alcohol could be lethal," Undersheriff Jim Jashinske said.

"The Michigan State Police fire marshal has determined the fire started in the bedroom where the victim was found, but so far he has not determined what caused the fire to start," Jashinske

added. "We are awaiting more test results from the crime lab in Bridgeport."

The fire claimed the life of Rex B. Newberry, 53, of Millington Township.

Deputies discovered the blaze during the evening hours of 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 resi-

dence," he 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 the time."

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 identified the victim through dental records, according to Jashinske. "Initial reports from (a forensic pathologist) indicate the victim was deceased prior to the fire starting," he said. The case remains under investigation.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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Here's more evidence that men and women are different. (As if we needed more evidence.)

All of that hoopla created by the president of Harvard merely confirms the obvious: Of course the sexes think differently! Just ask a member of the opposite sex for directions if you want some proof.

I've reached the point where I won't ask a woman for directions, if I can avoid it. They look at me as if I just fell off a turnip truck.

The first thing a woman says when I ask for directions is, "Do you know where Wal-Mart is?"

"No," I tell them. "How about the statue downtown?"

"No."

"Well, do you know how to get to the school?"

I just want to say, "Look lady, if I knew where stuff was, I wouldn't need direc-

tions!"

It's just as bad for a woman to ask directions from a man. They have a natural aversion to this kind of advice, anyway, and a man always provides a bunch of street names and distances.

Streets and distances mean nothing to a woman. She needs landmarks, not a lot of frivolous details.

That's how Sacajawea got Lewis and Clark over the mountains. She'd been there. She knew every rock and stump along the way.

If there had been a Nordstrom store, the Corps of Discovery would have arrived at the ocean much later, and better dressed I suspect.

I've often wondered what might have happened if Lewis and Clark had picked up a male member of the Nez Perce, instead of Sacajawea? I suspect they would still be wondering which direction the Columbia was flowing.

Sacajawea didn't care if the river was flowing east, west, or uphill; she just remembered that same heron was there the last time she went by.

A group of scientists in Germany has put a finger on gender differences when it comes to getting around. They say men and women use a different part of the brain for navigation. Therefore, we may not define

"lost" in exactly the same way.

These scientists found that men use a part of the brain called the hippocampus for navigation, while women use the right prefrontal cortex to find their way around. This reflects a woman's tendency to look for landmarks, and a man's penchant for the geometric approach.

That's why a man won't stop for directions. We were going north, and we turned right, so we're going east. That's not lost, is it?

The German scientists found that men in the study could escape a virtual reality maze in less time than women could. This suggests men can find their way out of unfamiliar places faster than women.

Personal experience bears this out. I've noticed I can get out of a shopping mall in nothing flat, while it generally takes my wife most of the day.

Production of butter

The United States produces more than 1.2 million pounds of butter every year. Americans consume more than 4 pounds of butter per person per year.

Sanilac ISD hosting ROBOLAB Challenge

The Sanilac ISD is offering 2 different sessions of ROBOLAB Team Challenge Summer Camp this year.

On June 13-15, the ISD will host a beginners class for students without any prior knowledge, followed by an advanced class June 20-22.

Both sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for children entering grades fifth through eighth.

The camp will be held at the Sanilac Career Center in the computer and science lab. Students will work in teams to build a robot using LEGO parts and program it using ROBOLAB software. The robots will be designed to

perform a specific function and will compete with each other in an event.

During this camp, each child will apply their creativity and ingenuity to collaboratively solve problems, use LEGO and ROBOLAB materials - something familiar with a technology twist, and participate in a friendly, competitive event.

Team challenge is open to 16 students. Participants may register individually or as a team of 2 students. To receive a registration form and cost information, please call Bonnie Amey at (810) 648-4700 (ext. 260).

The Haire Net

Measuring educators



A large study of board-certified teachers in North Carolina shot another hole in the theory that certification results in a better education for the students.

The study showed that certified teachers' students made slightly larger one-year gains in reading and math than students of teachers who never applied or failed in an attempt for certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

The certified teachers' students did slightly better, but the difference was so small that they were unlikely to make any practical difference in the classroom.

It's no surprise that measuring teacher attributes and qualifications to predict classroom performance was of doubtful value.

The board certification program costs \$2,300 and requires up to 200 hours of unpaid work and many school districts often pay board-certified teachers thousands of dollars more than non-certified teachers.

It is suggested that value-added assessment, a direct measure of classroom performance, reflects what actually has been accomplished with students and costs substantially less than the board-certified plan.

It would be great to be able to identify a top teacher in advance, but no one has come up with a way to find them.

One result of the study in North Carolina showed just how much top teachers do for students. The top teachers, regardless of certification, produced gains 27 times larger than the average for board-certified teachers only. In math, it was 40 times

larger. Most folks can recall teachers who made a difference. For me a history teacher in high school and a college journalism teacher stand out.

History came alive when he presented it. Discipline was never a problem in his classroom and history became fun. The journalism course was easy and hard. Easy because only one paper was needed and no formal tests given. Hard because to pass you needed to get an idea, research it, write it and get it published.

Everyone is quick to acknowledge the worth of a teacher or teachers that made a difference. The trick is to identify them before they start and no reliable way to determine that has been found.

It doesn't take special testing to find, especially in smaller communities, the teachers who are above the average. The problem is not in identifying them, but in making sure that they remain around to help the kids.

219 attend 45th picnic

The 45th annual Huron County Picnic was held Feb. 12, at the Sun-n-Fun Resort in Sarasota, Fla.

The oldest guest was Lillian Davis, and the longest married were Mr. and Mrs. Olin Krause. The group enjoyed the presence of 219 people. The new president is John Hunt and the vice president is Harold Cook.

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Red Hawk Talks

by Leah Sherman

This week, in comparison to weeks prior, is one of enormous calm. Since the end of last semester, many students were busy getting ready for the all school play. Once the play was over, the seniors dove into a frenzy of scholarship applications, letters of recommendation, and essay after endless essay compositions - all of which were due at the end of last Friday.

The band had an exciting Friday to look forward to as well. Band festival was held at Caseville High School and I was pleased to see a very large crowd of supporters from Cass City. The band rarely ceases to impress, and their performance at festival was no exception. Percussionist JT Ketterer, a sophomore, said, "It was our best performance ever. It was the first time we've gotten an immediate standing ovation."

After the performance, the band competed in sight reading. For this event they are given two musical selections that they have never seen before. They are given a brief amount of time to look them over and contemplate the rhythms and sounds as a group. The selections are then performed for a judge. Our band did exceedingly well, receiving straight 1s, the best possible score. Congratulations band students!

While this week may mark the calm after the chaos, it is also the beginning of the springtime pandemonium. Spring sports' practices started Monday. We're looking forward to some strong teams and a successful season all across the board.

On account of the busy schedules that the students have been enduring, it's time for a vacation. Spring break is something that all students begin looking forward to on the first day back from Christmas break. Plans have been in the making since the first day of school. Spring break isn't just a vacation; it's an event, a time to celebrate the coming of warmer weather.

The most popular spring break destination is Florida. This year, the band and softball team are both heading down to enjoy the warm weather.

The band was invited to perform at Epcot in Disney World. A performance like this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for most, and the fact that Cass City band students are being honored in such a way is monumental. Trumpeter Alex Hiatt, a junior, has never been to Florida and is excited about the trip. He's sure that it will be a lot of fun. While the band is going primarily to perform, they will spend their free time soaking up the sun at amusement parks and beaches.

The softball team will be taking advantage of the warm weather, getting in practice time. The team will be staying at Disney World, and they'll spend their free time enjoying the park. Ashley Barrigar, a senior this year, is really excited about the trip. Ashley is sure that the team will have a great time, and she's especially looking forward to Space Mountain!

The forensics team will be leaving Friday for their second trip to London, England. During their 6-day excursion they will go to places such as Westminster, the Tower of London, and the House of Parliament. Sophomore, Jenny Hacker says that it is just starting to sink in that she's going to Europe. She's really looking forward to traveling overseas and seeing new places. Jenny says, "It's great to be able to get away from Cass City and to experience a different culture. And the fact that I'm doing this with friends, that makes it even better!"

Spring break doesn't always mean that people have to leave the state to have a good time. Eighth grader Kelli Pettit can't wait for spring break. She plans to go skiing with her friends and family. When I asked if she was nervous about the snow being gone her response was, "Of course not, it's Michigan!" The rest of Kelli's spring break will be spent sleeping in and enjoying her time without homework.

I'm hoping to have a relaxing spring break as well, and I wish the same for every Cass City student!



CASS CITY SCHOOLS crossing guard **Connie Lapeer** safely ushers **Jeremy Burns, 11**, past traffic at the intersection of Seeger and Main streets Monday morning. Lapeer said she sees just a handful of students during recent mornings, but expects the number to increase as the weather warms.



Bulldog Beat

by Mary McKee

The month of March brings many holidays and events. There is St. Patrick's Day, spring break, and even though it doesn't seem like it now, spring is supposed to arrive this month.

One thing that happens in March that only happens at Owen-Gage is that March is reading month. For those who don't know, reading month has been going on for a long time in the elementary school. I even remember doing it when I was younger. Elementary students receive a calendar at the beginning of the month and it lists different activities to do every day. These activities can be done with their family, or on certain days with their friends and classmates at school.

This year, March reading month got off to a fun start with a surprise visitor.

The elementary students kicked off the month by celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday by doing activities in the classroom. During the daily morning assembly, one of Dr. Seuss's most famous characters made an appearance, the Cat in the Hat. All the kids were happy to see the Cat in the Hat, as were some high school kids who were peeking in the door to see what all the excitement was about. The teachers and aides also helped celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday by sporting the Cat in the Hat's famous red and white striped hat while working.

Celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday was just one of the activities during reading month that happen at school. The 23rd of March, elementary students and staff will be showing off their pins with sayings on them so people can read them on "Button Day," and on St. Patrick's Day, everyone will be wearing green to commemorate the holiday. On March 7th, it was "D.E.A.R. Drills Day." On this day, all the students had to bring a book and be ready to "Drop everything

and read!!!"

One day that elementary aides Mrs. McLaren and Mrs. Rogers couldn't wait to see happened on March 11th. It was "Crazy Hair Day," and the name pretty much says it all.

Some of the activities during reading month are happening at school, but the majority of the activities happen at home with the help of the student's family. A lot of the days have the parents helping out, like on March 20 when a parent has to take their child on a walk and have them talk about everything they see. On another day, the parents have to ask their child to describe what they did in school that day.

Even though March reading month is usually just for elementary students, this year the high school is getting in on some of the fun as well.

On March 14, it was "Big Buddy Reading Day." On that day, high school basketball and volleyball players were invited to come read to elementary students. On March 4, the National Honor Society took the idea of March reading month to help out a good cause. They conducted a read-a-thon to help out and raise money for cystic fibrosis. The only way NHS members could participate was if they had people pledge them and donate money. Everyone who participated had a lot of fun and helped out, too, in the process.

As you can see, March reading month is a lot of fun for everyone who is a part of it. This event has gone on for a long time and will continue for many years to come. It helps kids to want to read by bringing in fun aspects that they normally wouldn't if reading by themselves. It helps make reading exciting instead of boring.

So, no matter what age you are, try to make it a priority this month to get you and your family to read a good book, because that is what March reading month is all about.

Several appear in circuit court

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

•Jason T. Schnell, 31, Cass City, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 21 in Elmwood Township, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

•Edward Bukraba Jr., 49, Caro, stood mute to 2 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of second degree criminal sexual conduct involving personal injury to the victim Jan. 27 in Caro. He also faces charges of assaulting a police officer, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and possession of an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case and bond was continued at \$150,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Donald D. Taylor, 33, Sebawaing, stood mute to a charge of failure to return property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 Oct. 23 in Indianfields Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond

was continued at \$10,000.

•David W. Duncan, 36, Vassar, stood mute to a charge of possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, Feb. 11 in Vassar.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$4,000.

•Matthew W. Austin, 34,

Millington, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, Feb. 11 in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000.

•Bruce A. Scott, 48, Saginaw, was sentenced to 2

years and 6 months to 28 years in prison for his conviction on a charge of forgery of a receipt/invoice between September 2003 and May 2004 in Denmark/Vassar Township.

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

•Matthew B. Smith, 43, Cass City, was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail (deferred) and 6 months probation for his plea of guilty to writing 3 non-sufficient fund checks within 10 days. The case involves checks for \$81.09, \$81.09 and \$80, all drawn on Independent Bank Aug. 9-11, according to court records.

Smith was also ordered to pay \$420 in costs and fines.

•Andrew L. Sykes, 21, Millington, pleaded guilty to fleeing a police officer, possession of marijuana and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense, July 10 in Arbel Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Johnathon H. Billington, 18, Caro, was sentenced to 6 years and 6 months to 15 years in prison for his plea of guilty to second degree home invasion Oct. 28 in Indianfields Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$120 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$827.76.

Village would share funding

Tuscola County would receive some \$600,000 in federal funding under H.R. 3, the Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (TEA-LU), according to Congressman Dale E. Kildee.

A portion of that funding is earmarked for improvements to Cass City's industrial park. Kildee originally requested \$600,000 for the county from the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The bill passed the U.S. House of Representatives Thursday.

"I am delighted that I was able to secure 100 percent of the funding that was requested for Tuscola County," Kildee said. "All of these projects will help improve the quality of our local roads, increase economic productivity and expedite the commute for thousands of area residents."

Tuscola County will receive \$600,000 to finance 3 road projects designed to increase access to rural areas and improve traffic safety.

The village of Millington will receive \$494,000 to re-

place the Cain Road Bridge and to upgrade the rest of Cain Road from Industrial Drive to Millington Road. The village of Cass City will receive \$26,000 to construct an access road to help develop a 65-acre municipal tract of industrial land. Lastly, the village of Caro will receive \$80,000 to construct a bike and pedestrian trail in Chippewa Landing River Park.

The funding represents a \$160,000 increase over the funding that Kildee originally secured in the TEA-LU bill from the last Congress.

TEA-LU is the latest reauthorization of the 6-year federal highway and transit bill, which provides billions of dollars in federal funding for the nation's highways and transit systems.

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Here are a couple of questions, which relate to the proposed school renovation and expansion project.

QUESTION - There has been a lot of discussion about the performing arts center, but what are some of the other things to be addressed by this proposal?
ANSWER - Actually, there are many improvements proposed for other facilities of the district, which will improve the learning environment for our students. Some of the major items planned for the high school include replacing the boilers, roof, fire alarm system, public address and telephone systems. Also included are remodeling classrooms, the boys and girls locker rooms, the gymnasium bleacher seating and the existing band room area into classroom, storage, teacher work space and small group student meeting rooms.

Campbell's major planned projects include replacing portions of the roof, converting the steam heat system to a water system, expanding the multipurpose room (gym) an additional 30 feet in order to increase the space from its present 50 ft. by 50 ft. area to 50 ft. by 80 ft., replacing the lockers in the older section of the building, remodeling restrooms, classroom sink areas in the older part of the building, adding two classrooms so an all day kindergarten program option, which many parents are inquiring about, can be implemented and connecting the Campbell building to the early childhood building.

QUESTION - Why hasn't the issue been split into two proposals, one for the performing arts center and one for the other remodeling items?
ANSWER - The reason this entire initiative is being considered at this time is because of the interest in a performing arts center expressed by parents and community members about a year ago. At that time, it was determined that if the arts center project moved forward the district, at the same time, would look at other items of general improvement to other school facilities. So, from the beginning discussions, this school improvement project has been viewed as a single proposal.

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

Albion student K. Shagene studying abroad this spring

Albion College student Kerry Shagene is spending the spring semester studying in Australia as part of Albion College's off-campus programs.

Currently studying at the University of Australia, Bond, Shagene is taking classes in nutrition, psychology and Australian culture and the international perspective.

"I thought Australia was a lot like the U.S., but now I realize we have very different backgrounds and concerns," Shagene said. "I love being here in Australia and missing winter back home."

It's on average 85 degrees here."

Shagene, a senior majoring in speech education and minoring in management, is completing an elementary education program. She is a Cass City High School graduate and the daughter of William Shagene and Andrea Shagene of Cass City.

Albion's off-campus programs allow students to study different cultures and work in professional environments with internships and studies offered in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America and the United States.

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Trip planned

A trip to attend the Broadway smash hit musical "Beauty and the Beast" is being offered by The Ubyly Lionsess Club, Sunday, April 17.

A chartered bus will leave the Ubyly High School parking lot at 9 a.m. for the 1 p.m. matinee performance at The Fox Theater. For further information, contact Marilyn Schneider at (989) 658-8124.

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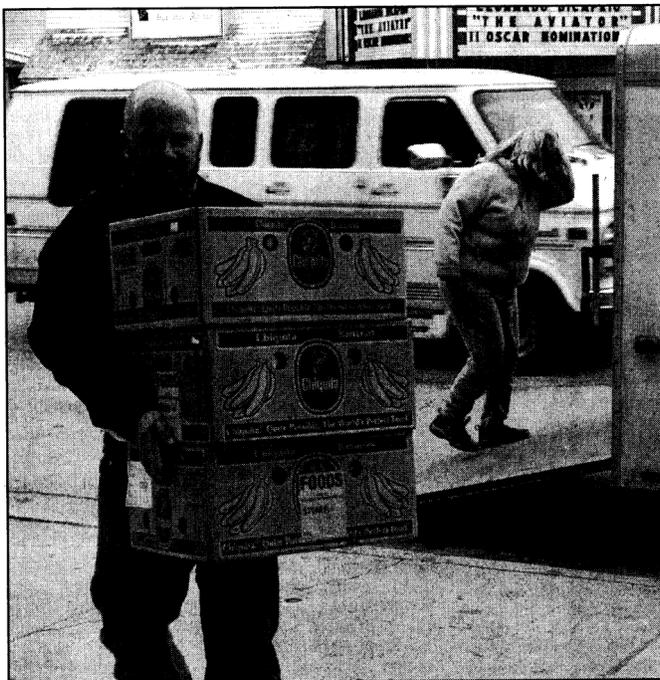
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JERRY AND Veronica Fenningsdorf help to unload more than 2 tons of food at the Cass City Food Pantry in preparation for a recent food distribution. Their daughter, Jerica Fenningsdorf, along with Klyn Puterbaugh and Lauren Brzuchowski, all local senior Girl Scouts, started and run the pantry. Below, Jerry and Justin Fenningsdorf set boxes of food near shelves inside the food pantry.



Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

The first Academic Track meet of the year was held Tuesday, Feb. 29, with Reese Middle School. Cass City won the meet, taking first place in 19 out of the 27 categories. First place winners were: Lauren Rowe, Allison Ellis,

Shanna Spencer, Krystee Dorland, Luann Laming, Erika Karavas, Beth Hoxie, Eric Hanby, Kristi Fluegge, DeAnna Newby, Samantha Glaspie, Leah Sherman, Raven Clemens, Kaylene Ziehm, Sarah Hobbs, Josh Wark, Bryan Warju, Sean Severance, Scott Duquesnay, Patty Dale, Krista Homakie, Cole Mellendorf, Allison Emmert, Alyson Bell, Christina Osentoski, Angela Stoeckle, Val Scasny, Kayla Karr, Derrick Mallory, Dustin Mallory, Zach Sutter, Justin Kipper, Mallory Powell, Lauren Brzuchowski, Ivy Hiatt, Nicole Heronemus and Raechel Babich. With a first place win, these students qualify for the All-Star Invitational to be held at Bridgeport April 18.

American Bikers Aiming Towards Education (ABATE) is lending its support to a Cass City auto racing team. Sharon Swallow, secretary and public relations coordinator for ABATE, said the organization plans to sponsor racecar driver Dana Truemmer of Truemmer Racing in Cass City. In turn, Truemmer will promote ABATE by displaying the group's logo on his racecar.

Cass City High School students selected to participate in the Region 11 Michigan Art Education Association art exhibit are Sonya Regnerus, Sarah Cooper, Megan Powell, Grant Gould and Roy Davis.

10 YEARS AGO

Beef products should soon be a bargain at the grocery store, thanks to the fact that beef supplies are expanding faster than experts had predicted. It's possible that prices by the middle of the year could drop to levels last seen in 1990.

Cori Bullock, a Cass City High School senior, was recently recognized as Out-

standing Secondary Student by the Michigan Occupational Special Populations Association (MOSPA). Bullock, a second-year sales and marketing student at the Tuscola Area Skill Center, received her award at the MOSPA annual conference, held March 2-3 at Radisson-on-the-lake in Ypsilanti. On hand to see her claim the honor at a recognition luncheon were her father, Dale Bullock; Russell Biefer, Cass City High School principal; and Lenore Lemanski, counselor at the Tuscola Area Skill Center. Bullock's award recognizes her success in overcoming a learning disability that has made school especially challenging for her.

Most of us have grown up with dozens of familiar American candies, many of which are produced from Michigan-made sugar. Those same candies are also becoming part of the cultures of many other countries, especially developing nations. Overseas candy sales are booming, hitting half a billion dollars last year. Hot markets include the Philippines and Central and South America.

25 YEARS AGO

U.S. wheat producers harvested a 1979 crop of 2.11 billion bushels, 18 percent more than 1978 and the second largest crop on record, says the Department of Agriculture.

Teresa J. Scollon is one of 10 seniors at Interlochen Arts Academy who have been named finalists in the 1980 National Merit Scholarship Competition. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Scollon of Cass City. The 10 are among 14,000 finalists nationally being considered for about 4,000 scholarships to be awarded late this spring. To obtain finalist standing, students must place in the top half of the top one percent of all students taking the qualifying exam. Further requirements stipulate that the student must be applying for college, must demonstrate high academic standing throughout high school and be recommended by the high school principal. Interlochen, affil-

ated with the National Music Camp, is a co-educational boarding high school located near Traverse City.

COMMENTARY - Taxation without representation was unjust - but taxation with it is darned expensive.

35 YEARS AGO

The Eckenswiler garage and gas station in Argyle is the oldest in the community and has been run by the family for over 50 years now. And even though Argyle is far from booming these days, it appears that the business will remain in the family and it is not unlikely that the diamond anniversary of the business will be celebrated with an Eckenswiler at the helm.

I've got to set the record straight. A week or so ago I reported that two girls in the office and I couldn't tell the name of a street a block away. Everyone thinks it was me, says Mrs. Melva Guinther, and I know practically every street in town. I could hardly believe it until, town map in hand, I quizzed her...now I believe, I believe. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Joe Hillaker capped a top year as the top Cass City High School basketball player by earning selection on the 1970 Thumb B All Conference first team. The players are selected by a vote of the coaches with each coach rating 10 players with numbers one through 10. No coach can vote for members of his own team. Hillaker's value to his team can be seen by the statistics. He led in points with an average of 19 per game and a total of 380 for the season. He also gathered in a wide margin in rebounds, averaging 17.3 of the 44.3 the Hawks averaged per game for the season.

Plenty of pickles

Approximately 100,000 to 125,000 acres are devoted to growing pickling cucumbers in the United States. They are grown in more than 30 states, with the biggest producers being Michigan and North Carolina.

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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 7:00 p.m.
Pastor - Chuck Carr
Transportation available

Cass City Church of Christ

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

Cass City Church of the Nazarene

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

Cass City Missionary Church

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

Cass City United Methodist Church

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

Evangelical Free Church of Cass City

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

First Baptist Church

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
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Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Gerald Meyer

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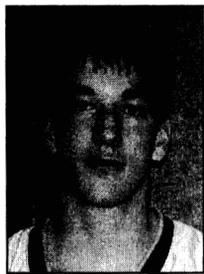
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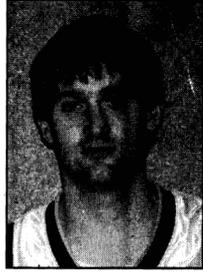
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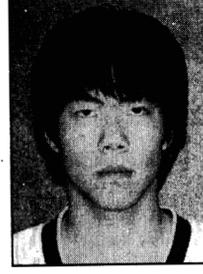
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Glaza selected to GTW cage dream team

Underclassmen ruled on the Greater Thumb West all-conference basketball team as selected by league coaches. Four of the 6-member squad are juniors. Two juniors were also named to the second team.

League champion Unionville Sebewaing

placed a pair on the dream team. Jordan Bitzer, the USA leading scorer and point guard, and Steve Koch, Jr., at forward, were named. Both are juniors.

Junior Justin Glaza, Cass City's leading scorer, was elected, as was junior Ryan

Janer of Bay City All Saints. Rounding out the first team were 2 seniors, Nathan Pike of Reese and Jordan Hurt of Valley Lutheran.

Brad Langenburg, Cass City, and Drew Saylor, Reese, were juniors elected to the second team. Others on the second team are seniors:

Jason Brzezinski, BCAS; Aaron Osentoski and Juan Howell, Lakers; and Lance Travis, USA.

Seniors Andrew Schinnerer and Nick Stoutenburg of Cass City received honorable mention accolades. Others on the honorable mention list

are: Dave Smith, Kelly Durr and Brad Iskow, all of Bad Axe; A. J. Lukowski, BCAS; Jason Bierlein and Ben Burnson, both of Reese; Nolan Felsing, Ryan Perlberg and Aaron Treiber, all of Valley Lutheran; and Kyle Richardson, Jr. and Justin Johnson, both of USA.

Hendrick named to GTW volleyball first team

Cass City junior Ashley Hendrick joins Bad Axe's Dana Peterson and Stephanie Byrne as repeat selections to the Greater Thumb West all-conference volleyball fantasy team.

"Ashley is a hard worker and one of the hardest hitters in the league," coach Beth Howard said, adding, "her blocking during district was awesome."

Also named to the GTW all conference first team, domi-

nated by league co-champs Elkland-Pigeon-Bay Port and Bad Axe, were Amanda Dubey, Ashley Mitchell and Kayla Wisenbaugh of Lakers; Jasmine Schmitt - Bad Axe and Megan Gainforth - USA.

Players named to the GTW second team included Corey Stockmeyer - Reese; Liz Wichert, Kayla McKenzie - Lakers; Kayla Winecki, Ashley Butterfield, Katie Rayl - USA; Katie Middleton

- Bay City All Saints and Amanda Bendrey - Bad Axe. Cass City sophomore Emily Schinnerer and senior team captain Luann Laming were chosen as honorable mention representatives.

"Emily is the type of athlete no matter what you ask her to do she'll do a good job and Luann is a good leader and good communicator," Howard said.

Also earning honorable mention distinction were

Courtney Campbell, Erin Giltrop, Jade Roekle, Stephanie Petzold - Valley Lutheran; Jamie Guigar, Lacey Bachman - Bad Axe; Hope Kwapiszewski, Tiffany

Middleton - Bay City All Saints; Jessica Treiber, Sandy Geiger - USA; Marisa Hecht, Kelly Radka, Jessica Hayward - Reese and Sam Kruger - Lakers.

Cass City Bowling

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Individual High Games & Series: R. Wright 228-221 (609); T. Lis 234 (593); B. Joseph 210-207 (589); R. Hull 233; S. Nauka 214.

Sunday No Rollers as of Feb. 27

Pinheads	17
JebCo	16
Par-T-Ranch	16
Damn Near Last	14
Sometimers	11
CB's	11
Deford Drifters	6

Individual High Games & Series: B. Potrykus 261-212 (625); T. Betzold 228-211 (612); T. Potrykus 210 (594); J. Mathewson 213; D. Witkovsky 200 (506). Team High Game: Damn Near Last, 717. Team High Series: Pinheads, 2000.

Thursday Nite Trio as of March 10

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Employees raise cash for heat

Independent Bank employees recently raised nearly \$250 for the Human Development Commission's (HDC) Walk for Warmth in February.

Employees made the donations to the commission in exchange for the privilege of wearing jeans to work Feb. 11.

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Letters to the editor

Legal notice

Bob Papovich: I owe no one an apology

Letter to my friend, John, and others:
Actually John, I can do better than that, and I will. I wrote my last letter before I knew of the village council's most recent plans to bully the VFW members and violate their property rights. That the article and my letter ap-

peared in the same issue of the CCC was merely a fortunate coincidence. I guess this ego thing is just part of politics. Those who are in positions of authority refuse to believe there are those who would "just say no!"
"An intellectually consistent radical" - hmmm. I guess

I'll take that as a compliment since the authors of our Constitution were intellectually consistent radicals, not to mention the thousands of radicals throughout history who have stood against ignorant and oppressive laws to whom we all owe a debt of gratitude (some just don't know it).

If you understand the "law," as a matter of law, codes and ordinances are interpreted by the courts to mean exactly what they say. You can't read anything into them or out of them. It's called "code pleading." If the ordinance pertains only to signs and does not mention "murals" then

murals are not included in the ordinance. Neither word in this particular context is mentioned in Black's Law Dictionary so the courts would go to the common dictionary for definitions. In my Webster's, there is no mention of the word "sign" under the definition of "mural" and visa versa.

I recently attended a meeting to discuss the proposed ordinance changes in Evergreen Township. The proposed ordinances were simply written and easy to understand. I didn't necessarily agree with some of the restrictions but the Evergreen trustees seemed willing to consider at least some compromise on some of the issues. It may not be a bad idea

stand the objection to many of these sign ordinances.

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If you've never had to twist wrenches on a broken down car, truck or tractor, lying on

your back in the snow in your driveway in the middle of winter because you couldn't afford the luxury of a heated garage or pole barn then you can't possibly understand why the Novesta ordinance is bigoted and discriminates against the poor.

If you've never had to wait weeks, months or longer just to come up with the money to fix your broken down vehicle sitting in your driveway then you can't possibly understand why the Novesta ordinance is bigoted and discriminates against the poor.

If you've never been in a personal and financial position where you were alone with a very minimal fixed income and could only afford to build, maintain and pay taxes on a 600 sq. ft. home on your own little piece of retirement property in the country, you can't possibly understand... But if you are a compassionate "Real American," you darn well should!!!

I only criticize those who deserve to be criticized and only offend those who need offending. I only apologize when I'm wrong. I owe no apologies.

Bob Papovich,
Cass City

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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 Southeastly 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 foregoing mortgage 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

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Project needs to be affordable

Editor:
Again I feel compelled to comment on concerns for the proposed performing arts center.

There is no misunderstanding concerning the purpose of such a facility. I am strongly in favor of having a place for the people of the community to comfortably observe the students of the community perform. It has not been determined that the existing facility prohibits these activities or limits their success.

The superintendent is scheduling community meetings to inform the public as to what is being proposed. I believe you will learn we are not being asked to approve a performing arts center, but rather approve \$11.5 million so that our school board, superintendent and a select group of socially ambitious citizens can determine how they will allocate the funds.

Proposed estimate figures for repairs reiterated pleas will only be restated. A percentage of money for repairs is now additional rationale for this bond. The former principal at Campbell had requested furnace replacement over 10 years ago. Most of these anticipated repairs could have been done years ago using local contractors and funded by the \$1.6 million fund equity we hear so much about.

A district of this size normally carry around \$300,000 fund equity, \$1.3 million of these funds could have gone for (long needed repairs) as published. What are the superintendent's plans for these funds? My understanding is any excess tax revenue is supposed to be returned to the taxpayers.

I have placed in the letter to the editor the website for the Zeeland Performing Arts Center, and have since talked with the facility manager concerning the cost of the facility, and for any problems with the design.

The total cost to the Zeeland High School was \$4 million in 1998, of which \$1.9 million was grant money. Within 2 years after completing the performing arts center, the superintendent wrote a grant for a \$5 million addition to the high school for an auditorium. For \$5 million grant dollars, this superintendent presented his district with an auditorium, swimming pool

and additional classrooms. Paid with grant funds the superintendent secured.

I wouldn't give REMAX \$200,000 and have them buy me a home without seeing it, I wouldn't give our car dealership \$30,000 and have them pick me out a car they thought would be best for me. Neither is it a good idea to give \$11.5 million to our school board and superintendent

Center possibilities are endless

To the Editor:

My name is Bobby Windsor, I am a 15-year-old student at Cass City High School and I am a proud member of the soccer team and the high school bands. I'm writing this letter as a fan of the Cass City Schools and the program they provide both in the fine arts and athletics. I would like to directly respond to recent attacks against the so-called "performing arts center bond."

First, I believe that it is important to point out that the proposed bond in the Cass City Schools is not just for a performing arts center.

This proposal is also for: renovating the existing high school band room into much needed classrooms, replacing the 40-year-old boiler system and replacing the roof, resurfacing the running track, expanding the elementary gymnasium and connecting the two elementary buildings, replacing the outdated roof at the Deford school, and much, much more.

Perhaps many readers are not aware that the Michigan High School Athletic Association will be requiring schools to re-align the girls and boys sports seasons in the fall of next year. This is cause for a concern in our school district as we already have students who have to practice late at night because of the lack of facility space available for the different teams to practice in. Not to mention that the band, choir and drama departments are also trying to use that same space to hold concerts and other events. The passing of this bond proposal would help to eliminate this "overcrowding" problem.

As for the new construction of a performing arts center, I feel it is long overdue. In a recent letter to the editor by Mr. Homer Bailey, who is clearly a very misinformed citizen, the implication was made that this facility would not work magic any more than buying a part of \$100 basketball shoes would make the basketball team become state champs.

While I agree with Mr. Bailey, this facility in and of itself will not make the fine arts department better, but what it will do is provide our fine arts programs with an appropriate home. Just as the basketball team could not function without a gymnasium and a football and soccer team without a field, the fine arts program, who represent a very large portion of the student body, should not be forced to set up shop in an athletic arena for the purpose of performance.

"Do you know how much you will pay?" asks Mr. Bailey. Perhaps a more important question to ask is "Are we students worth it?" and "Do you know how much we will be able to

paid without 3 competitive bids on cost and itemization, and a clear accurate and complete plan of operation.

Why does our superintendent refuse to solicit bids from other architectural firms? Why doesn't the Chronicle ask these questions of the superintendent and publish his answer?

Would a performing arts center be good for the band

and choir? Sure. Would an enclosed dome be good for the football players? Sure. An indoor arena for track and field events would be great, but it needs to be affordable to the community. My tax obligation for 2005 went up 8.7/8 percent already, how much did yours? Got questions, I'm in the book.
Homer Bailey,
Cass City

PLAY, if you vote yes?" The possibilities are endless.

With concern for my fellow

students and the community,
Bobby Windsor,
Cass City

Supports center

Thank you for the photo on the front page of the Chronicle. Paul Hoelzle was a wonderful lead as the Music Man. His voice and acting were effective in a demanding role. What was not reported was the very limited space for 40 actors, a pit band, and, at the end, a good portion of the great high school band in parade uniform and playing the final scene of "76 Trombones led the Big Parade."

Our limitations are not quality students or teachers. Nor is it Superintendent Ken Micklash and the school board. Their work to incorporate the needs of the schools in repairs and improvements is well thought out and vital. Ten are projects for the high school, which was constructed in 1966! Every one is important. I think the remodeling of the bleacher seats and the locker rooms will benefit both teams and spectators.

The Campbell Elementary School, constructed in 1950, has 10 major projects to upgrade very deficient systems. The heating system must be converted and portions of the roof replaced. Two new classrooms, refurbishing sinks, toilets, countertops and some doors because some class rooms and offices require wearing of coats on cold days. Yet other places, like the nursing station, seems to always be at 80 degrees.

Another important issue for the Campbell grade school, is the insulating of the exterior block walls and appropriate exterior material for the early childhood education center. (It was used for bus maintenance and then became classrooms.) It will be connected to Campbell with an enclosed walkway so that students do not have to bundle up to go from room to room.

This connection is possible because the state of Michigan has ruled that all schools must offer same sports for males and females in the same season. We have 2 regulation size gyms and Campbell is a third but it is 30 ft. too short. This simple

Written with hope for your support,
senior citizen Tom Proctor,
Cass City

Special services at Good Shepherd

Holy Week services at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church begin with morning worship Palm Sunday, March 20, at 9:30 a.m.

Special services are set for Maundy Thursday at 7 p.m. and Good Friday at 1:30 p.m.

addition of 30 feet will allow a badly needed third gym. There will be architectural drawings of this for your viewing.

This is a small part of the bond issue program, which is set for May 3. Absentee ballots are available by contacting Norma Wallace at 872-2657. Our school district covers 13, (yes 13) townships!

I have saved the best information to last. Our 50 member eighth grade band received perfect ones at regional held in the auditorium at Laker High School. Seventh grade received two, an excellent result. Our 80-member high school band playing in competition in the Caseville auditorium received the perfect ones. Both eighth grade and senior bands will go to state competitions shortly.

Think of this...next year, the eighth grade will join the high school band making about 120 members. They won't fit in the current music room. Our music program is awesome under Doug Burch and Katie King. The audiences have been as high as 1,000 people. Our band has been invited to play at Epcot in Disney World. (The International Park represented by the familiar huge globe of the world).

Let's face it, what is being asked for is a great plan for the future. Our family has benefited from our school program. They have moved on to greater things. It is now the time for parents, teachers and all others in our school district to join in making the most of the present and preparing for the future.

In every way I can think of, we need a positive vote to compete in the education of our young. Read the materials, come to the community meetings and ask questions, talk over the finance and decide if you can be supportive of our young people. They are giving their best every day.

Written with hope for your support,
senior citizen Tom Proctor,
Cass City

Chronicle welcome each week

Mr. Haire,
Thank you for taking this ole timer back to my start at Cass City High School in 1948, coming from the one room Crawford School.

Us ninth grade gals had such fun every noon trying on all the hats at Ella Vance's shop. She never got tired of us young gals being there, and would tell us what ones looked the nicest on us.

After losing Raymond on 8-03, I moved to Texas to be with my daughter. Thanks to my little sister I get to enjoy the Chronicle every week here. It brings back a piece of my childhood. It's always nice to see my brother Carl's picture in the paper, too.

Thank you,
Marion (Palmateer)
Frederick
Killeen, Texas

Local band deserves praise

I would like to congratulate the Cass City High School

Center positive

Dear Editor,

I would just like to comment about the talented people, young and old, that live right here in our community who performed during the concert for the Tsunami Relief organized by Richard Little that was held Feb. 20. This type of concert reminded me of when I was younger and would go to the local outdoor band shell and listen to local artists performing different events.

While I sat on the bleachers, I couldn't help but wonder what a benefit our area would have if there were a performing arts center, which has been proposed. There were quite a few older people in attendance, who found it rather difficult to navigate the steps to get up into the bleachers if they were not lucky enough to find a chair on the floor. A performing arts center would be designated to be easily accessible by people of all types of mobility.

I can only imagine what other events could be held here for the enjoyment of all. This would be a place where families could come, watch and listen to many different events such as professional musicians, plays and dances. People from the entire area would benefit from a centrally located event center rather than having to drive a long distance.

A beautiful auditorium would make this area shine even more.

Mavis Parker,
Cass City

Band on being selected to perform at Walt Disney World on Thursday, March 24. This is a great honor.

I would like to invite anyone that has not heard the band play to attend their Disney send off concert on March 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

Again, the band proved their talents March 11 by receiving a Division I rating during its competition at Caseville, great job!

Mr. Burch and Miss King have done a great job with the band and it really shows in the performance of the band. This is due to the respect that the students have for Mr. Burch and Miss King, but also the respect that

the students are shown from their instructors. The Cass City Community has been very supportive of the band and this is greatly appreciated.

I am sure that you have read about the upcoming bond. Please keep in mind that this bond is not only a performing arts center but also for renovations needed for the Cass City Public Schools. We as homeowners cannot ignore repairs needed to our homes and neither can the school. This bond is for our children and giving them the best possible education we can. Let the community support continue with a yes vote.

Sincerely,
Teri Deering

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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 Corp., 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:
 FC M (248) 593-1306
 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 Corp., 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
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eldred Fulk, 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:
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 Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
 File #048655F01

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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 Bruce B. Simmons and Margaret R. Simmons, his wife, as Tenants by the Entireties, original mortgagors, to Union Federal Bank of Indianapolis, Mortgagee, dated August 8, 2003 and recorded on October 10, 2003 in Liber 958 on Page 1423 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgage to JPMorgan Chase Bank as trustee for Certificate holders of Bear Stearns asset backed securities incorporated as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Four and 27/100 Dollars (\$69,564.27), including interest at 6.875% 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 April 7, 2005.

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

Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 29, Town 13 North, Range 8 East, thence South 90 Degrees 00 Minutes, Thence 633.25 feet along the South Line of Section 29 to the Point of Beginning; running thence South 90 Degrees 00 Minutes West 228.0 feet along South Line of Section 29; thence North 0 Degrees 00 Minutes East 205.0 feet; thence North 90 Degrees, 00 Minutes East 229.94 Feet; thence South 0 Degrees 32 Minutes 30 Seconds West 205.0 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: March 9, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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 Trott & Trott, P.C.
 Attorneys For JPMorgan Chase Bank as trustee for Certificate holders of Bear Stearns asset backed securities incorporated
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 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary L. Powell, a married man, and Laura Powell his wife, to Alliance Funding, a Division of Superior Bank FSB, mortgagee, dated October 27, 2000 and recorded November 16, 2000 in Liber 815, Page 1203, in 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 12/10/00 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 13 1/2 rods South of 1/4 post between Section 16-17 thence East 9 rods thence South 74.25 feet thence West 9 rods thence North 74.25 feet to the Point of Beginning, Section 16, Township 13 North, Range 8 East, Village of Fairgrove, Fairgrove Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

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

Dated: February 16, 2005

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 12/10/00 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 James E. Moore, a married man, original mortgagor, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 7, 2003 and recorded on March 11, 2003 in Liber 919 on Page 973, and re-recorded on March 30, 2004 in Liber 986 on Page 319, and assigned by said Mortgage to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Company, as Trustee, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Two and 91/100 Dollars (\$43,622.91), 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 April 7, 2005.

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

Part of the fractional Northwest 1/4 of fractional Section 2, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 2; thence along the centerline of East Dayton Road, East 489.00 feet and North 71 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds East 203.49 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 01 degrees 31 minutes 50 seconds West 207.65 feet; thence North 88 degrees 18 minutes 34 seconds East 100.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 11 minutes 10 seconds East 179.28 feet to said centerline of East Dayton Road; thence along said centerline of East Dayton Road, South 71 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds West 100.00 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to an easement for ingress and egress, 12.00 feet in width, the centerline of which is described as commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 2; thence along the centerline of East Dayton Road, East 489.00 feet and North 71 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds East 303.49 feet; thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 10 seconds West 91.54 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 44 degrees 36 minutes 48 seconds West 118.32 feet to the point of ending.

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 9, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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 Attorneys For Chase Home Finance, LLC, successor in interest by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation
 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
 File #049676F01

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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 Adventa National Bank, Mortgagee, dated February 16, 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 Gagatown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots No. 4 & 5, Block 1, also alley lying adjacent to said Lots and Block 1 of 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.

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 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
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Willie W. Randall, unmarried, original mortgagor, to Cresleigh Financial Services, LLC, Mortgagee, dated January 8, 2002 and recorded on February 1, 2002 in Liber 862 on Page 1115, and assigned by said Mortgage to Bankers Trust Company, as Trustee, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Two and 63/100 Dollars (\$59,362.63), including interest at 9.053% 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 April 7, 2005.

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

Lot 1, Spec's Cat Lake Subdivision, Section 7, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan as recorded in Liber 2, Page 10, 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 9, 2005

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Wayne G. Sparkman, a single man, by Julia J. Vansmaey, Attorney in fact, original mortgagor, to Choice Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated January 24, 2002 and recorded on February 15, 2002 in Liber 864 on Page 1480, and assigned by mesne assignments to Citimortgage, 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 Eighty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty and 70/100 Dollars (\$82,930.70), 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 31, 2005.

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

Commencing at the East quarter corner of Section 29, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, thence South 89 degrees 32 minutes 22 seconds West, 663.26 feet along East-West quarter line to the point of beginning; running thence North 00 degrees 24 minutes 01 seconds West, 660.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 32 minutes 22 seconds West, 330.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 24 minutes 01 seconds East, 660.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 32 minutes 22 seconds East, 330.00 feet along the East-West quarter line to the point of beginning. Being part of the Northeast quarter of Section 29, Town 11 North, Range 11 East.

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

Dated: March 2, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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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 898.13 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:
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 Attorneys For Centex Home Equity Company, LLC
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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 Arbeta, 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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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ruth M. Elwan, a single person, original mortgagor, to Bank One N.A., Mortgagee, dated November 6, 2003 and recorded on January 13, 2004 in Liber 973 on Page 453 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Six and 85/100 Dollars (\$42,506.85), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on April 14, 2005.

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

Premises is situated in the Township of Fremont, Village of Mayville, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan to-wit: Section 36, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, Lots 5 and North half of Lot 6, Beechwood Annex, Village of Mayville, as recorded in North half of Lot 6, Block 6, Beechwood Annex, Village of Mayville as recorded in Liber 1, Page 31, as

Thumb Quiz Bowl winter season almost in books

The winter season of the Thumb Area Quiz Bowl League is almost in the books.

The league only has one more event scheduled, the Tournament of Champions and the TQBBL Tournament for high school teams March 17 at the Sanilac Career Center.

Students will compete individually for top honors by grade levels (9-12) and by subject area (math, science, social studies and language arts). The top 4 students in each area will receive a trophy. This year, the top student overall will receive a trophy and a \$100 college

scholarship for their performance in the Tournament of Champions.

The winter TAQBL Tournament will also be held amongst the top 8 teams from the 21-field winter season. Those teams include (in order) Bad Axe B, Sandusky A, CPS, Cass City B, Cass City A, Marlette A, Brown City A, and Deckerville.

High School Quiz Bowl teams met March 3 at Marlette High School for their last regular match. Three separate tournaments were held with Bad Axe B taking first in varsity tournaments followed by CPS and Sandusky A, which also

earned varsity trophies.

In a tournament amongst area teams that had not previously qualified for state quiz bowl games, it was Brown City earning top honors and a spot at state games in April at MSU.

Peck and Deckerville also earned trophies. Other area high schools that will compete at State Quiz Bowl Games April 23 include Bad Axe, Sandusky, Marlette, CPS and Cass City.

In the junior varsity tournament, all 6 teams competed, with Cass City C winning once again, followed by Bad Axe and Sandusky JV.

On Saturday, March 5, an

all-day invitational tournament was held at the Sanilac Career Center for 10 teams from across the state. Taking part were North Branch, Yale, Capac, Breckenridge, Saginaw Heritage, Dryden and Marlette high schools. The overall winner of the tournament was North Branch with Breckenridge earning runner-up honors.

On Tuesday, March 8, 14 area teams from Sandusky, Marlette, CPS, Cros-Lex and Deckerville met at Cros-Lex Middle School for their last monthly meet of the school year.

Marlette's A and B teams finished the first 5 preliminary matches with a perfect record with last-round wins over Sandusky A and B. However, when the championship match was determined, it was Marlette B facing Sandusky B once again for first place. Sandusky's Stephanie Fraley came out strong by correctly answering the first 3 questions and putting her team out to an early 45-0 lead over Marlette B. Sandusky's Rob Irland also added to the 180-65 win over Marlette, with Ben Taylor being Marlette's leading scorer in the final match.

In the battle for the third place trophy, it was Marlette A facing Sandusky A, again the 2 teams had met in the last round with Marlette taking the win. And, once again, it was Sandusky over Marlette for the trophy by a score of 160-90. Cros-Lex E won fifth place in the tournament.

Several area middle schools will also take part in a weekly quiz bowl season starting April 19 and running through May 24. Those schools include Deckerville, Cass City, Marlette, Sandusky, Cros-Lex and Yale.

The Northern Division of the middle schools league also held their last match of the season at North Huron Schools. Fifteen teams from Bad Axe, Owen-Gage, Harbor Beach, Uby and North Huron have met monthly for quiz bowl. Students there were treated to pizza, MVP awards and certificates to those teams that had won during the school year.



CLOWNS BRENDA Hall of Brown City and **Julie Klein** of Kingston are part of a newly-formed clowning troupe of volunteers for United Hospital Service. The volunteers plan to go into adult foster care facilities, nursing homes and hospice family homes with the goal of spreading some cheer wherever they can. United Hospital officials are looking for others who are interested in giving some of their time to help hurting families. More information is available by calling Joan at (989) 635-3819.

Obituaries

Bernard Braun

Bernard J. Braun, 79, of Ruth, died Sunday, March 13, 2005 at the Harbor Beach Long Term Care Facility.

He was born July 31, 1925 in Harbor Beach, the son of the late John H. and Mary (Holdwick) Braun.

He married Fay Dore Nov. 17, 1947 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Ruth. Braun attended the Pumpkin Center School. He hauled cattle for 5 years and farmed. He was a self-employed milk hauler from 1957 to 1995 and a member of the MMPA. He also hauled water for a number of years. He was a life-long member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Ruth.

Braun is survived by his wife, Fay; a brother-in-law, Richard Dallas of Ruth; several nieces and nephews; 19 great-nieces and great-nephews; and a great-great-nephew.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Rita Dallas.

Funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 16, at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Ruth, with the Rev. Steve Gavit, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery in the spring. Memorials may be made to the Harbor Beach Long Term Care Facility or the Family Discretionary Fund.

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

Nella Dodson

Nella Mae Dodson, 87, of Dickinson, Texas, died March 10, 2005.

She was born January 22, 1918 in Alabama to Margaret Virginia and Elbert M. Franks.

She married Willard Dodson in 1935.

Dodson was a homemaker. She lived much of her life in Winfield, Alabama and Wyandotte, Michigan, moving to Cass City in 1972, where she was a member of The Church of Christ.

Dodson is survived by her children: Gail (Gene) Waldrop of Collierville, Tenn.; Cheryl (Frank) Dykes of Slocomb, Ala.; Carol (Pe-

ter) Ducharme of Auburn Hills, Ivy Robin-Bender of Dickinson, Texas, Will Dodson of Seabrook, Texas, Vicki Guernsey of Tucson, Ariz., and Valerie (Lawrence) Dodson-Garcia of Tucson, Ariz.; a daughter-in-law, Jan Thomas of Farmington; 15 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; a sister, Dean Schmitz of Woodhaven; a brother, Sammy Franks of Vinton, Ohio; and a dear friend, Knowles Henley of Dickinson, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willard Dodson; a son, Jeff Dodson; and a daughter, Pamela Dodson.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 14, at Lawrence Funeral Home, Winfield, Ala.

Holly Marshall

Holly Nicole Marshall was born and died Tuesday, March 8, 2005 in the University of Michigan Women's Hospital, Ann Arbor. Her parents are Beth and Scott Marshall.

Holly is survived by her brother, Tayler Marshall; grandparents: Roy and Betty Powell and Dave and Ruth Ann Marshall, all of Cass City; aunts and uncles: Robyn (Mark) Murdoch of Cass City, Cindy (Anthony) Moran of Phoenix, Ariz., Kristy (Dave) Scheuer of Washington, Mike (Mary) Marshall of Decker; several cousins; and great-grandparents: Rita Powell of Cass City, Irma and Kendall Jacobs of Caro, Esther Severance of Cass City, and Ted and Evelyn Marshall of Davenport, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents: Lloyd "Chic" Severance, Sanford Powell, Floyd Kennedy, and Eleanor Hotchkiss.

A private funeral service was held Friday, March 11, at her graveside in Evergreen Township Cemetery, with Chuck Emmert of Novesta Church of Christ officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Make A Wish Foundation.

Arrangements were made

by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Irvin Schram

Irvin "Irv" Robert Schram, 61, of Saginaw, formerly of Cass City, died unexpectedly Thursday, March 10, 2005 in his home.

He was born Aug. 21, 1943 in Kinde, the son of William and Dorothy (Stiles) Schram. Schram served in the U.S. Navy and the Naval Reserve. After leaving the Navy, he worked for General Motors on production, where he has continued to work until his disability retirement.

Schram is survived by his sons: James L. (Kathy) Schram, Daniel L. Schram, and Wayne D. (Janet) Schram, all of Caro; 4 grandchildren; a sister, Linda (Keith) Cooper; a brother, Leslie Schram of Spencer, Okla.; 3 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, David Schram.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 14, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor JT Mabe of Mizpah Missionary Church officiating.

Military honors were given under the direction of Cass City VFW Post #3644.

Interment will be in the Elkland Township Cemetery in the spring.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Esther Severance

Esther May Severance, 83, of Decker, died Saturday, March 12, 2005 in Hills and Dales General Hospital.

She was born May 24, 1921 in Clinton County, the daughter of David Lewis and May (Miller) Woodhull.

She married Lloyd "Chic" Severance Aug. 24, 1938 in Decker. He died May 30, 2001.

Severance was a member of the Shabbona United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her chil-

dren: Arthur (Janet) Severance, Leslie (Kay) Severance, Linda (Leland) Hirsch, all of Decker, and Ruth Ann (Dave) Marshall of Cass City; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and a nephew, Wilbur (Sarah) Sanderson of Keystone Pines, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her grandson-in-law, Daniel Cooper; a brother, Ralph Sanderson; and a great-granddaughter, Holly Nicole Marshall.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 15, at Shabbona United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Ellen Burns officiating. Interment was in the Evergreen Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Shabbona United Methodist Church, Lamotte Missionary Church, Bay Shore Camp or Gideon's International.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Diabetic classes slated

Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe, is offering a series of diabetic classes on Thursday mornings, April 7, 14, 21 and 28.

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For more information or to register for the classes, please call Huron Medical Center's Health Management Department at (989) 269-2882. Classes will be held at Huron Medical Center's West Campus at 1142 S. Van Dyke

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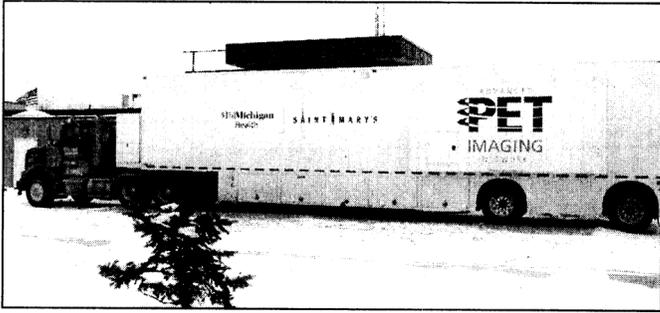
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PET available in area

Marlette Community Hospital is announcing the introduction of Positron Emission Tomography (PET), and cancer imaging services to the greater Thumb area.

"One in 3 people will experience cancer in their lifetime. According to the American Cancer Society, 1.3 million new cases of cancer will be diagnosed this year alone in the United States. Despite the rapid pace of technology advancements and medical care, the incidence of new cancers suggests there is still a need to do much better," said Nate Petrie, senior director of Ancillary Services and Business Development.

"PET is a new technology designed to do just that. This medical scan takes about 30 minutes to complete. The scanner looks very similar to a CT scanner, but the information it provides is very different," Petrie said.

PET has 3 key areas where it has an important impact to patient care and outcomes: (1) early cancer detection, (2) staging the progression of cancer, and (3) monitoring the success of therapy, he explained.

Early cancer detection is very important. PET helps physicians identify cells that grow at a very fast rate. In cancer patients, a change in cell metabolism occurs before tumor mass forms. PET

can often identify the presence of disease earlier than other tools that image anatomy such as CT or MR. In many cancer types, early detection of the cancer has been directly linked to the success of the patient's outcome.

"In addition to finding a primary tumor, physicians need to know if the disease has spread to other parts of the body, and where. This is called staging the patient. At Marlette Community Hospital, we provide oncologists with the full story. Not just is there cancer, but where, and how aggressive is it. That's what they need to know to choose the most appropriate treatment for their patients," Petrie said.

"Once a patient has been accurately staged and treated, PET can be used to determine if the cancer has been successfully treated, or if it has returned. The cost of most PET scans ranges from \$2,000 to \$3,500. Medicare, Medicaid and many private payers now cover the cost of a PET scan. While not all cancer types are eligible for PET insurance payments, the cancers that affect the largest number of people are. These include lung, breast, colorectal, lymphoma, melanoma, head and neck, esophageal, and thyroid cancers."

Patients who would like to know more about PET

should contact their physician, or call a specialty clinic directly. For more information, contact Hilda Heberd, RN, Specialty Clinic supervisor, at (989) 635-4344. To schedule a patient for a PET scan, call the Central Scheduling Department at (989) 635-4360.

Walbro reaches a milestone with ignition system

Walbro Engine Management has reached a major milestone with the shipment of its 50,000,000th ignition system.

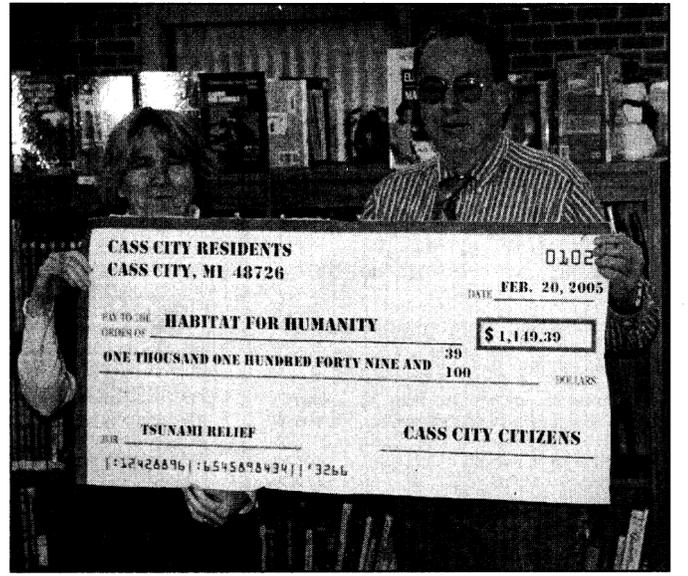
"Hitting the 50 million ignition system mark is especially gratifying as it reflects the success of our strategy to develop products that meet our customers' specific needs," said Andrew V. Masterman, president, Walbro Engine Management. "Plus, the combination of ignition technology and our long-established carburetor expertise places Walbro in a unique position in the industry as a manufacturer of engine management systems."

"Walbro's ignition line includes digital systems that monitor engine operating parameters and adjust the ignition curve accordingly. Our

advanced engine management systems control both the ignition and fuel systems, for even greater precision. In each case, the result is improved engine performance, easier starting and increased customer satisfaction," said Masterman.

Long a leader in carburetors for outdoor power equipment, Walbro entered the ignition business in 1988 through a joint venture with SEM of Amal, Sweden. By 1991, Walbro had bought the SEM-Walbro joint venture and forged out on its own.

Today, Walbro is a leader in ignition systems for outdoor power equipment and is the primary or sole supplier to several major equipment manufacturers. Walbro produces ignition modules in Mexico, Japan and China, and holds many patents in ignition technology.



MORE THAN 100 people performed during a recent concert in Cass City to benefit Tsunami victims. Some 200 people attended the event, which raised \$1,149 that will be donated to Habitat for Humanity. Above, concert organizer Richard Little formally presented the check to local Habitat for Humanity representative Linda Volz Friday.

Meyer appointed

Michigan House Speaker Craig DeRoche recently appointed Rep. Tom Meyer to the influential Legislative Council, a bipartisan group of lawmakers made up mostly of leadership from the state House and Senate.

The Legislative Council is playing a key role in balancing future state budgets through its work on health care policy.

"I'm honored to accept this new challenge on the Legislative Council," said Meyer, R-Bad Axe. "We have some issues ahead that could help improve Michigan's budget picture. I look forward to working on the council and improving efficiency within state government."

The council is currently evaluating companies that will study various health care systems that could be more

effective in saving money and maintaining excellent school employee benefits.

"This has become a somewhat polarizing issue, but I truly believe we will develop a win-win situation for all parties involved," Meyer said. "We can continue to provide quality health care for teachers at a lower cost for everyone, including the state, Michigan taxpayers and the teachers themselves."

Emmert on list

Craig Emmert of Cass City has named to the academic dean's list at Milligan College, Tennessee, for the fall semester.

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THE CASS CITY High School Concert Band drew rave reviews from the judges during Friday's Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District III Band and Orchestra Festival in Caseville. The band, under the direction of Doug Burtch, was the only Class C group to earn straight Division I ratings, the highest mark possible, and will now advance to the state festival. A week earlier, Cass City's eighth grade bands earned straight Division I ratings for the first time in 30 years.

Another offer made on Gagetown building

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and the fact that she is qualified to teach the sixth grade, according to Peterson, who emphasized the decision is not a reflection on Marion's performance in the class-

room.

In fact, he said, every effort was made to find a feasible way for Falkenburg to earn her secondary certification so the school could keep both instructors.

Falkenburg has 11 years of

teaching experience, including 6 years at Owen-Gage. Marion has taught in the district for 3 years. Her layoff is effective June 30.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday,

computer technology consultant Scott Zimmer presented information on distance learning opportunities for the district.

Zimmer explained that the Huron Intermediate School District wrote a grant a few years ago for distance learning equipment, and all county schools except Owen-Gage opted to participate.

Distance learning allows students in one location to take courses that are taught by an instructor in another location. The advantages include the fact that the technology allows smaller districts in particular to offer a greater variety in terms of curriculum.

Zimmer noted the reason Owen-Gage didn't initially participate was cost; the district qualifies for a grant of \$54,000, which would have required a local match of \$23,000. However, Zimmer told the board, the matching amount could come in the form of in-kind services and equipment, such as computers, and Owen-Gage meets that criteria. In addition, the technology used in distance learning has become more cost effective.

The board agreed to consider the grant after first determining if the school is still

eligible for the funding.

•Accepted the resignation of softball coach Barb Adams.

•Was updated by longtime retired school administrator Don Gleeson, who is conducting the search for a superintendent-K-12 principal for the district. Gleeson said he has received 15 applications to-date. He also discussed the board's participation in the interviewing process.

•Recognized several students, all nominated for best exemplifying the district's March "adult role focus" of being critical, creative thinkers.

The students are: Zachary Leger, Kylea Eavy, Dylan Fritz, Eric Rievett, Jacob Fuller, Mitchel LaPratt, Ryan Francis, Derek Bucholtz, Joshua Volk, Alec Powell, Barbara Littlepage and Joshua Powell.

Internet bullies

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of her child.

"My child has been harassed, bullied and ridiculed by teachers and students since the first grade," Wynn stated in a "letter to the editor" to the Chronicle.

"I've been to the principals at the elementary school and the middle school many times about it with nothing being done. How many incident reports does my child need to fill out before something is done about the situation?"

"It scares me when my child comes to me with remarks about suicide because

they don't fit in and are tired of being ridiculed by a great number of students in the same grade," Wynn added.

"Being told as a parent that 'kids will be kids and it's all part of growing up' is not what I needed to hear nor was it what should have been done. 'Kids are cruel' should no longer be accepted as an easy out.

"The school has an obligation to keep our children safe and to build character/self confidence as well as we the parents. We build these blocks at home only to have them crumble when they get on the bus to spend 9 hours of cruelty at school."

Legislators act quickly to help beet growers

State legislators are moving quickly to come to the aid of Michigan Sugar Company growers in the wake of a disastrous sugar beet piling season.

Under a bill unveiled last week by state Rep. Tom Meyer, growers would not have to pay a zero-interest \$5 million state loan.

Meyer said the bill helps farmers deal with last year's devastating crop losses by forgiving the loan given to Michigan Sugar Company, a cooperative of sugar beet growers that owns 4 sugar production facilities in mid-Michigan, including one plant in Caro.

"Last year's weather situation could be a knockout punch to local sugar beet

farmers if we don't do something to help," said Meyer (R-Bad Axe). "The losses are affecting people's livelihoods and their families. Rescinding the loan would help the farmers get back on their feet and prepare for the coming spring.

Michigan sugar officials are predicting that sugar production will be down significantly from previous estimates, and growers throughout Michigan, including the Thumb, are looking at losing tens of thousands of dollars in payments for acres of beets they grew in 2004.

Michigan Sugar's operating revenue, meanwhile, is expected to be down by nearly \$33 million from previous estimates.

"The weather conditions certainly constituted a natural disaster for local farmers and their families, so federal relief will hopefully be on the way," Meyer said. "Forgiving the loan to Michigan Sugar could be a way for the state to provide a form of financial assistance."

Meyer's bill is now headed for the House Agriculture Committee for consideration.

A week prior to Meyer's announcement, 2 other state legislators introduced a bill that would allow Michigan Sugar officials to extend the time period they have to repay the loan.

Senator Jim Barcia (D-Bay City) and Rep. John Espinoza (D-Crosswell) introduced the legislation.

Barcia, who earlier called on Michigan's federal delegation to approve disaster relief money for beet growers, said the new legislation could help Michigan Sugar maintain its financial stability.

"By allowing Michigan Sugar to begin repayment of these loans in 2008 rather than in March 2005, the \$1 million that would have gone to the state can help Michigan Sugar strengthen its short-term cash flow problems," he said.

Under the terms of the zero-interest \$5 million loan, Michigan Sugar was required to begin making quarterly payments of \$250,000 beginning in March, with fi-

nal repayment scheduled for 2007. The legislation introduced by Barcia and Espinoza would push back the first payment on the loan to 2008, with final payment coming due in 2010.

"Michigan sugar beet industry needs immediate assistance," Espinoza said. "Hopefully, the federal government will step up to the plate and address this crisis as soon as possible. However, in the meantime, if the state of Michigan can offer some financial relief in the short term, we need to do that."

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

The news affects more than 1,200 growers in 21 Michigan counties as well as some growers in Ohio and Ontario, Canada.

Ray VanDriessche, director of community relations for the grower-owner cooperative, said last fall's beet storage season was plagued by drastic swings in temperatures, which resulted in "hot spots" within the piles, hastening the rotting process.

The bottom line, he said, is that company officials are projecting the loss of up to 250,000 tons of beets, adding up to a net revenue 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.

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agrees. The truth, she said, is the title insurance companies want free service — at the expense of taxpayers — so they can make a profit by charging their customers for the documents they obtain from the register of deeds offices.

"Really what it is, is we're cutting in on what they're making on it," McLaren said.

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