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Community Thanksgiving dinner Volunteers sought for holiday dinner

A Thanksgiving tradition in Cass City spanning nearly 2 decades will continue this year, but the task of preparing a meal with all the trimmings for some 300 people is no small task.

Which is why organizers of the annual Cass City Community Thanksgiving Dinner are asking area residents to consider sacrificing some time and effort during their own holiday celebrations to make this year's event another big success.

Anyone interested in helping out is invited to attend an organizational meeting today (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. at the Knight Insurance Agency, 6468 Main St. in Cass City. Those unable to attend but who would still like to contribute are asked to contact Scott Mills at 872-5114.

"We're looking, obviously, for volunteer help with clean-up," said Mills, who has headed up the all-volunteer Thanksgiving dinner committee for the past 10 years.

"We have some students that help out with set up and serving, but then they want to be with their families for the holiday, and I understand that," added Mills, who said additional volunteers are also needed to help with setting up the dinner and serving the meal.

"There's a core group of about 8 (volunteers) - people that I can count on to help me, who stay behind the scenes and make things happen," Mills said. "But otherwise, we depend on 15 to 20 people we normally have to help."

The community dinner, scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 24, starting at noon, has been held at the Cass City VFW Hall the past several years, but this year the event will be

hosted by the Cass City United Methodist Church. Mills explained that a large oven at a local bakery is no longer available to cook the turkeys, and volunteers have been welcomed to use the United Methodist facilities in the past. "With their kitchen, it seemed like a wise idea" to move the dinner, he said. Mills is also in the process of sending letters out to local service clubs, requesting

donations to help cover the \$500 it typically costs to pay for the dinner.

The local tradition started about 17 years ago by a group of area residents who wanted offer members of the community, particularly those who might otherwise spend the holiday alone, an opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving together.

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Kingston teacher's hearing adjourned

The Kingston teacher accused of having sexual contact with one of her students has again delayed her decision to accept or reject a plea agreement that would significantly reduce the penalty she could face at sentencing.

Kristen A. Margrif was scheduled to appear for a pre-trial hearing in Tuscola County Circuit Court Thursday, but the case was adjourned for one week and has been rescheduled for Thursday this week.

The adjournment came after continued discussion of the case between Margrif's attorney and Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reese.

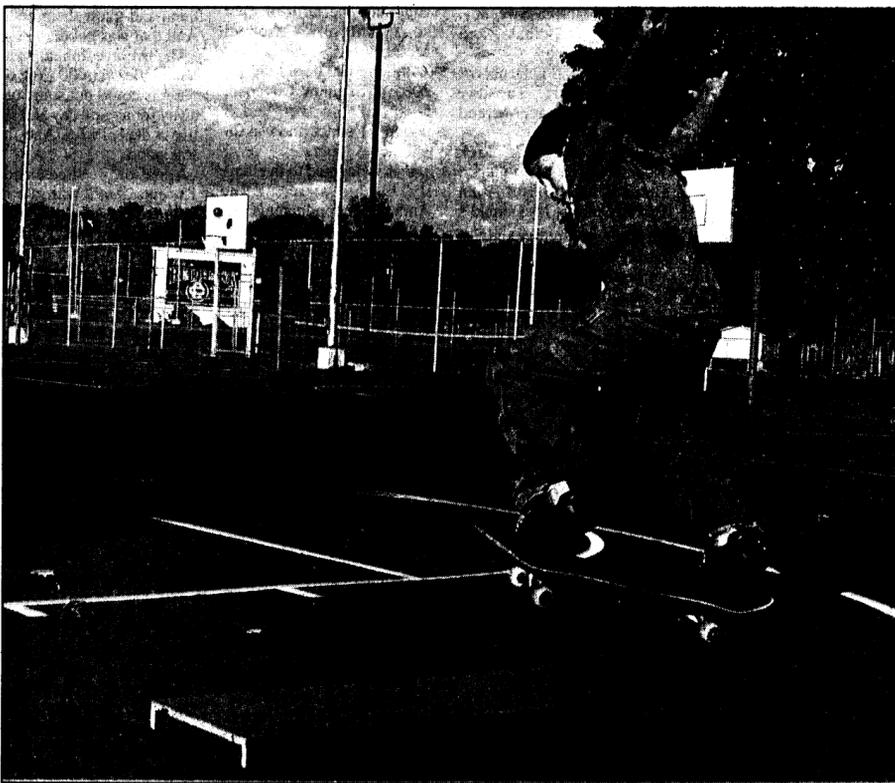
Margrif, an English teacher at Kingston High School, was arraigned in Tuscola County District Court last August on 7 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct - a 15-year felony - and one count of fourth degree criminal sexual conduct. She was charged under a state law that makes it illegal for a

teacher to have sexual contact with a student younger than 18 years of age who attends the school where the teacher is employed.

Investigators said the charges stem from sexual activity between the 27-year-old Mayville woman and a 16-year-old student on several different occasions between June 25 and July 18, in her car and inside a resale shop near the intersection of M-24 and M-46.

Reese has offered Margrif a plea agreement in which she could admit guilt to 3 counts of criminal sexual conduct, which would bring a maximum sentence of one year in jail and 4 years probation.

Margrif is on an unpaid leave of absence from her job in the Kingston Community School District. School officials have said her acceptance of the plea agreement would mean her immediate resignation from the school district.



JOSH WUTZKE, 13, of Cass City, made this stunt look easy recently as he practiced his skateboarding moves at Cass City Recreation Park. He is the son of John Wutzke and Evelyn Crandall, both of Cass City. The approaching winter months mean area youth won't have too many more days to enjoy mild temperatures and sunny skies.

DNR: plenty of deer this season

Hunters planning to bag a deer in the Thumb area this fall shouldn't lack for opportunities.

Farmers have harvested their corn fields early this year and Department of Natural Resources officials are continuing to expand hunting opportunities and make antlerless deer permits plentiful in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties.

The regular firearm deer season opener begins Tuesday, Nov. 15, and the season

will conclude Wednesday, Nov. 30.

"The hunters should have a lot of fun this year. There seems to be a fair number (of deer) around. I think the numbers haven't changed that much from recent years," said Arnie Karr, a DNR wildlife habitat biologist who works out of the DNR's Cass City Field Office.

"I think hunters will be pretty pleased with this hunting season. Huron County

will probably have more deer," Karr added. "In Tuscola and Sanilac, perhaps fewer, but whether that will be detectable by hunters, I don't know."

Karr said evidence of a plentiful deer herd in the Thumb can be seen in requests for crop damage permits, along with continued high numbers of car-deer collisions.

"There's still a lot of those (crop damage permit requests). We still issue a lot

of permits in the summertime. Crop damage remains high," said Karr, who issues permits only after personally documenting field damage. "As far as car-deer accidents, all we can do is keep issuing antlerless licenses and hope hunters use them."

Karr said the DNR will again issue some 14,000 antlerless permits each in Tuscola and Sanilac counties. Officials have upped the number of permits that will

Huron official killed

A veteran Huron County official was killed in a farm-related accident Thursday in Gratiot County's Bethany Township.

Robert D. "Dale" Wertz, 62, of Bay Port, died shortly after the 7:30 a.m. accident in which several 650-pound straw bales fell off a truck at a cattle farm, crushing Wertz, according to published reports.

Wertz was the longest standing member of the Huron County Board of Commissioners, serving for 19 years. He represented District 3, which is composed of Winsor, Caseville and McKinley townships.

Wertz, a well-known auctioneer for Great Lakes Auctioneering, was employed as a truck driver. But he was also very active in several other agencies in the Thumb, including the Human Development Commission, serving as board chairman.

He was also active in his church, Salem United Methodist Church in Pigeon, and volunteered his time and talents at Bay Shore Camp.

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DEFORD AREA RESIDENT Tyler Perry, 14, is writing a book on the history and memories of Novesta Township. The Cass City Middle School eighth grade student is asking area residents to share their memories of life in the township to be included in the publication.

A slice of history

Deford teen writing about Novesta's past

"Novesta Township is a quiet little piece of the Thumb", safely guarded between Tuscola and Sanilac County. There aren't any thriving businesses, but there are nice people, a cemetery, and hundreds of stories to tell. In this book, you will be able to read about the history and memories of the township we call 'Novesta'."

Tyler Perry, author

"The History and Memories of Novesta Township".

Tyler Perry is still working on his book. He has much of the history documented, but hopes to encourage those who know the township best to contribute with stories of their own memories of the area.

Letters detailing stories of past deer hunts, barn raisings or demolitions, first impressions of the township, local characters, churches, schools, businesses, Novesta Corners, farming and township government are all welcome.

It's a big project, but Perry has had some experience when it comes to researching the past and putting all of the

information into a book.

Not bad, considering he's just 14.

Perry, the son of Randy and Joy Perry, Deford, is an eighth grade student at Cass City Middle School. But his book has nothing to do with a classroom assignment.

"This is just for fun," he said. "The library (Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City) has kind of like a bind machine, and they're letting me use it as long as I give them a copy of the book. So, I'm doing all of the work there."

Perry previously entertained the Cass City Historical Society at the library last August with his own Power Point presentation on the history of the New Sheridan building at the corner of Seeger and Main streets. He put 7 months into the project.

His interest in the past and his own family roots led him to his current endeavor.

"I've always been interested in history, and I got the DVD that the historical society put out," he recalled, adding he has drawn on historical information printed in the historical society's publications on Cass City and surrounding

areas.

Perry has a variety of old photos that will be included in his publication. He has also collected some historical items, including a 1954 pulpit copy of a hymnal from the Novesta Baptist Church, and an authentic axe head believed to have belonged to a member of the Algonquin Tribe, which was made up of 6 branches of Indians.

"There's not a whole lot of information on Novesta Township out there, and I knew where there was some information," Perry said. "The information wasn't all compiled in one setting, and I've just always been in Novesta Township, so I thought it would be interesting to put a book together."

The book will feature some interesting facts about the township, including how the founding fathers named their new home.

"While most townships are named after kings, chiefs, explorers and prominent figures, Novesta was named after an appliance," Perry writes.

"When the people that lived in today's Novesta Township decided that they wanted to

separate from Elkland Township, some members of the county board met in Centerville, now Caro. They wanted to decide on a name for the new township. Their meeting was held at Farley Craw's store. Nobody could come up with a name. Finally, Mr. Craw pointed at the stove. The name read: Vesta No. ____ He suggested that the words be reversed to form 'Novesta'. And the rest, as they say, is history."

"He's sixth generation in Novesta Township, so it's been interesting," commented Perry's father, who noted Tyler's great-great-great-grandparents are John W. and Rosetta Mae (Plaine) Perry. Tyler is also a fifth generation member of the Collins family, and also is a member of the Warner family. His grandparents are Jim and Geri (Warner) Perry.

Perry has also gotten increasingly active with area historical groups, joining the Cass City Historical Society last February.

"I'm also involved in the Old Settler's Reunion. It was started in 1913 as a 65th

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Holbrook Area News

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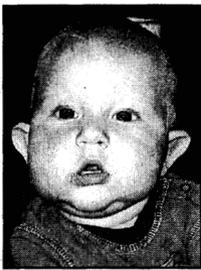


Mr. and Mrs. Truman Maxwell of Detroit and Leone Doerr of Argyle were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr. June Rutz of Sterling Heights came Tuesday to spend a few days with Allen Farrelly. Janis Peyerk visited Thelma Jackson Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen were Sunday supper and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hind. Mr. Hagen played the piano to entertain the residents at the Huron County Medical Care Sunday. Allen Farrelly and June Rutz visited Jim Sommerville at Mercy Hos-

pital in Port Huron Monday. Mrs. Gerald Wills visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland Friday. Mrs. Bryce Hagen visited Ethel Ross, Thelma Jackson and Bud Baker Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Depcinski, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Depcinski and Ray Depcinski were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Zurek. Allen Farrelly visited Gene Talaski at the Huron County Medical Care Center Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Doris Western attended the Masonic breakfast at Bad Axe Sunday. Marge Murdick and Janet

Hoyt were Sunday afternoon guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland. Those who visited Thelma Jackson last week were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Filar of Washington, Mr. and Mrs. John Pechett, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hurford, Brian Sweeney, Bertha Sweeney, Mrs. Ray Depcinski, and Mrs. Bill Murphy. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dennis of Davison were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr. Claude Mestack, Jack Kennedy, Ron Wolschlagel, Bernard Morley and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Monday and Saturday morning. Susan Krozek, Ryan and Samantha spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Ray Depcinski. Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen attended the funeral of Mrs. Elgin Wills at the First Presbyterian Church, Bad Axe, Monday. Twelve members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Coffee Cup Plus, Bad Axe, Thursday morning. They will meet at the Peppermill next week. Reta Wills Selleck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wills, died in Fletcher, North Carolina, last week.

It's a boy!



Anthony McCarty

Jason and Carol McCarty announce the birth of their son, Anthony Michael McCarty. Anthony was born May 16, 2005 at Saginaw Covenant Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 1/2 inches long. He is welcomed to the family by his sister, Erin. Anthony's grandparents are Anthony and Mary Ann Kubacki of Cass City, and Michael and Glorie McCarty of Ubyly.



Meg's Peg
The 50s
by Melva E. Guinther

At the risk of dating myself, I feel compelled to share this article sent by a friend who's not quite as old as I am, but who shares memories from the 50s. (Thanks, Fred.)

In 1953 the US population was less than 150 million. Yet you knew more people then, and knew them better. And that was good.

The average annual salary was under \$3,000. Yet our parents could put some of it away for a rainy day and still live a decent life. And that was good.

A loaf of bread cost about 15 cents...but it was safe for a 5-year-old to skate to the store and buy one. And that was good.

Prime time meant I Love Lucy, Ozzie and Harriet, Gunsmoke and Lassie. So nobody ever heard of ratings or filters. And that was good.

We didn't have air conditioning, so the windows stayed open and half a dozen mothers ran outside when you fell off your bike. And that was good.

Your teacher was Miss Matthews or Mrs. Logan or Mr. Adkins, but not Ms. Becky or Mr. Dan. And that was good.

The only hazardous material you knew about was a patch of grass burrs around the light pole at the corner. And that was good.

You loved to climb into a fresh bed because sheets were dried on the clothesline. And that was good.

People generally lived in the same hometown with their relatives, so "child care" meant grandparents or aunts or uncles. And that was good.

Parents were respected and their word was law. Children did not talk back. And that

was good. TV was in black and white, but all outdoors was in glorious color. And that was certainly good.

Your dad knew how to adjust everybody's carburetor, and the dad next door knew how to adjust all the TV knobs. And that was very good.

Your grandma grew snap beans in the back yard and chickens behind the garage. And that was definitely good.

Just when you were about to do something really bad, chances were you'd run into your dad's high school coach, or the nosy old lady from up the street, or your little sister's piano teacher, or somebody from the church, all of whom knew your parents' phone number and your first name.

I was instructed to pass this along to people who can still remember Nancy Drew, the Hardy Boys, Laurel and Hardy, Abbott and Costello, Sky King, Little Lulu comics, Brenda Starr, Howdy Doody and the Peanut Gallery, The Lone Ranger, The Shadow Knows, Roy and Dale, Trigger and Butter-milk.

The same people would no doubt recall the sound of a reel mower on Saturday morning, summers filled with bike rides, playing hide and seek, kick the can, Simon says, bowling and visits to the pool; eating Kool-Aid powder, wax lips and bubblegum cigars.

If you remember those things, I've done my duty. And I hope the trip down memory lane brought at least a few smiles as you reminisced. That's always good.



Mr. and Mrs. Brian Santos

Couple mark their first year

Brian and Rebecca (Kruse) Santos celebrated their first wedding anniversary. They were married Nov. 6, 2004 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City.

Their reception was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bad Axe. They honeymooned in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

The bride is employed as an LPN at the Caro Center and the groom is employed by Infransource Underground Construction in Saginaw. The couple reside in Cass City.

Rebecca is the daughter of Dean and Cindy Kruse of Cass City. Brian is the son of Joe and Wanda Santos of Cass City.

Caro residents are new troopers

Michigan will soon benefit from the services of 20 additional Michigan State Police (MSP) motor carrier officers after the 15th Motor Carrier Recruit School graduates today at a ceremony held in Lansing.

The graduates include Gregory Dombrowski of Caro, who has been assigned to the Richmond Post, and Jason Newcomb of Caro, who has been assigned to the Bridgman Post.

"Today, each graduate pledges to preserve, protect, and defend the great State of Michigan and its citizens; a commitment no officer takes lightly," stated Colonel Tadarial J. Sturdivant, director of the MSP. "I am honored to welcome this hard working group of motor carrier officers into the department."

Motor carrier officers have full police powers for the purpose of commercial vehicle enforcement and perform thousands of comprehensive equipment and driver inspections annually. The new officers are trained experts at detecting unsafe and defective vehicles and will perform a full range of enforcement duties including the detection and apprehension of individuals who use commercial vehicles for criminal activities.

"The possibility that a future terrorist attack could involve hazardous materials makes the role of the motor carrier officer in regulating and inspecting hazardous materials carriers even more important," Sturdivant stated. "These new graduates are vital to our state and will be

instrumental in protecting Michigan's families."

The 15th Motor Carrier Recruit School began on June 19, when 25 recruits reported to the MSP Training Academy in Lansing. Over a 20-week period, the recruits received training in criminal law, commercial vehicle safety, patrol tactics, problem solving, interpersonal relations, communication skills, physical fitness, first aid, firearms, defensive tactics and precision driving techniques. Graduating recruits will be assigned to work sites across the state and will report for duty beginning Nov. 7.

Of the 20 graduating recruits 6 have college degrees, 3 have served in the U.S. military and one has prior law enforcement experience. Eighteen of the graduating recruits are male and 2 are female.

The graduates were addressed by keynote speaker Colonel Tadarial J. Sturdivant. During the ceremony, Motor Carrier Officer David M. Haynes, Class Orator, spoke on behalf of the graduating class and received the Academic Achievement Award. In addition, Motor Carrier Officer Ronald R. Courtney received the Team Building Award and Motor Carrier Officer Neil L. Biallas received the Marksmanship Award. Each of the award recipients were elected by their fellow recruits.

A previous MSP Motor Carrier Recruit School was held in 2002. With the addition of these officers, MSP has 122 at-post motor carrier officers statewide.

Hospital auxiliary airs meet

The monthly meeting of Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary was held Oct. 24 at Northwood Meadows, with 21 members and 2 guests attending.

The guest speaker was Kathy Droseski, RN, BSN from Hills and Dales General Hospital, Community Education and Occupational Health coordinator. Her presentation on heart disease included understanding key risk factors and emphasizing ways to heart healthy living.

Reports were given on legislative issues and bi-polar illness. 2 topics that were discussed at the fall conference of the East Central District, which was attended by 6 auxiliary members.

The next blood drive will be Nov. 15. The annual raffle and bake sale will be held in the lobby of the hospital Dec. 2.

The next meeting will be held at Northwood Meadows Nov. 28. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to begin at 12:30 p.m.

Wigilia slated Dec. 11

Thumb Area American Polish Lodge No. 3046, formerly White Eagle Lodge, a fraternal benefit society of the Polish National Alliance, is sponsoring its "Wigilia," a traditional Polish family Christmas Eve dinner.

This Polish affair is for the benefit of a fund that is organized by the Caro American Post No. 7 in order to buy a van to transport Tuscola County veterans to hospitals for medical services.

The after-dinner speaker will be Stanley Kuczynski, a music director at St. Stanislaus Church in Bay City. Kuczynski's topic will be "Polish Americans Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

The dinner is Sunday, Dec. 11, at Caro American Legion Hall in downtown Caro. Doors will open at 1 p.m. and dinner will be served at 2 p.m. Donation is \$11 for adults, and children from 7 to 15, \$7. Children under 7 are free. Free door prizes and a 50/50 raffle after dinner. For tickets and reservations, call Vicki Wolak at (989) 683-2465.

Pumpkin pie

In early colonial times, pumpkins were used as an ingredient for the crust of pies, not the filling. Colonists sliced off pumpkin tips, removed seeds and filled the insides with milk, spices and honey. This was baked in hot ashes and is the origin of pumpkin pie.

Patrick featured in posse's show

John Patrick of Tuscola County will open the 2005 Tuscola County Sheriff Department Mounted Unit's (the posse) annual country music show.

Patrick is a singer and songwriter who has performed at Opryland, the Fox Theater, in Las Vegas and Nashville. Two songs he wrote and performed reached the national hit charts. He is a member of the Country Music Association and Nashville Songwriters Association.

Patrick will open for George Hamilton IV of the Grand Ole Opry. Hamilton is affectionately known as the International Ambassador of Country Music. He has

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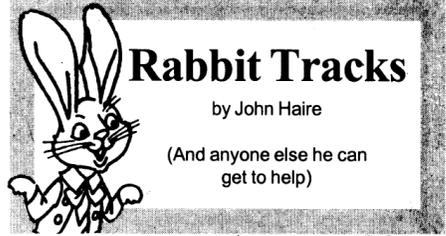
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

There are stories floating around that some Thumb area landowners have been issued permits to shoot turkeys on their land because they have been destructive to farm crops. That's not true, Arnie Karr, of the Department of Natural Resources in Cass City reports. There has not been a single special permit issued in the Thumb to shoot turkeys. Nada, zip, none. When I investigate calls, he added, about supposed crop damage due to turkeys, it has always been caused by deer or possums.

Anyone that has a problem they feel is caused by turkeys should contact us, Karr added.

There's a new plaque hanging on the wall of the Cass City High School gym. It was painted by Jerry Langmaid to resemble a scroll and contains the Cass City fight song. It was purchased with funds contributed in memory of the late Ryan Storm, who succumbed after a long battle with cancer.

There has never been an interview that was easier than the one conducted with Ed and Virginia Bilicki that appears in the health section of this issue. Mrs. Bilicki had written down complete details of the remarkable episode and all that remained for me was taking a "today" picture and a little supplementary chitchat. The picture of him in the hospital was E-mailed.

The supplemental bleachers were back at the football field for the district finals Friday. There was no cost to the school this time, as there was when they were used for the USA-Cass City game. That's because all gate receipts, after expenses, go to the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

There's a man or a woman that uses the rail trail that has to have a hole in his/her pants pocket. How else can you explain this?

One day I found 2 quarters, a dime and a nickel about midway between Garfield and Division Streets.

The next day I found another quarter in a similar location. The third day I found a dime midway between Garfield and Main Street.

All the change was sparkling new and hadn't been exposed to the elements long enough to even lose their sheen.

Vassar man killed

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies are continuing their investigation into a traffic accident that claimed the life of a pedestrian in Vassar Township last week.

The accident occurred at about 7:05 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, on M-15 (South State Road) south of Dubois

Road, according to Undersheriff Jim Jashinske.

Reports state a northbound vehicle on M-15 struck the victim, Kelly Carl Denike, 38, of Millington. The victim, who was wearing dark clothing, landed in the roadway and was struck by another northbound vehicle.

Denike was pronounced dead at the scene.

Jashinske said the wife of the victim told officers that her husband had been walking on M-15 to meet her at her place of employment at the west end of Vassar.

A preliminary investigation by deputies determined that there was no alcohol involved with the drivers of the vehicles.

Vassar police, the Vassar Fire Department and MMR Ambulance personnel assisted deputies at the scene.

Cass City to host blood drive at VFW hall

Area residents can help meet the need for blood in the Thumb area by attending a blood drive slated for Tuesday, Nov. 15, from 1 to 6:45 p.m. at the Cass City VFW Hall, 4533 Veterans Dr.

Estimates are that 60 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to give blood, but only 5 percent of eligible donors roll up their sleeves. That is why officials with the Great Lakes Region Blood Services of the American Red Cross are placing an increased emphasis on recruiting and retaining first-time donors, and encouraging community groups, businesses and organizations to become blood drive sponsors.

"Out of 100 people, an average of 3 give blood," said Sharon Jaksa, CEO of the Great Lakes Region. "That's simply not enough to keep pace with the needs of cancer patients, infants in neonatal intensive care, and victims of car crashes and other accidents."

Jaksa pointed out, too, that the current rash of natural disasters makes it even more critical for the nation to be prepared to respond to emergencies. Part of that, she said, is building and maintaining an adequate blood supply.

"Blood is a perishable resource and must be replenished through regular blood donations," she added. "We simply can't wait for something to happen and then mobilize people to give blood. Regular donations are key to making sure we're ready to handle any situation for any person who needs blood to live."

Blood donors must be at least 17 years of age, a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good general health. More information is available by

calling 1-800-432-0083 (ext. 401).

The Haire Net



The headline in the "Detroit Free Press" struck a cord. It read, "Rising prices hit diesel customers."

My first reaction was, I could have told you so and what else is new? I mentally switched back a few years to the nationwide fuel shortage when gas stations ran out of product and motorists lined up to get gas from the few active stations until their supply was exhausted.

Naturally the price skyrocketed and it appeared that the shortage would probably continue and for sure the price of gas would continue to rise to unprecedented levels.

With that in mind, I decided to buy a diesel and a week or so later I was the proud owner of an Oldsmobile Cutlass.

When I bought the diesel the price of diesel fuel was significantly lower than the price of gas. It was worth the hassle of having to occasionally plug in the motor to an electric outlet to assure that it would start, I innocently figured.

I was wrong on both counts. Within weeks after my purchase the price of diesel forged ahead of the price for gas. The gas people had a reason for it different than mine. I figured that it was a case of charging all the traffic would bear.

And there was no way to plug in anything that would make the car reliably start. It would start some mornings and then refuse to start the rest of the day. The next day it wouldn't start at all. Finally, I bought a used gas motor from Bartnik's Service and had it installed.

My feelings towards GM were soothed when they inaugurated a program and paid for the gas motor and its installation. (If I had known that in advance, I would have bought a new engine instead of one about 4 years old.)

But let's get back to the price of diesel fuel today. Traditionally the price of diesel has been tied closely to the price of gas, but in October the price of gas retreated and the price of diesel went up. In Michigan, diesel sold for an average of \$3.48 per gallon statewide and gas for \$2.52 last week. Nationally, diesel prices have jumped 45 percent and gas prices 27 percent in the last year.

In both the last fuel emergency and this one, a variety of explanations (excuses?) for the surging price came from the industry. But last week a story in the Detroit News revealed that Exxon and Shell had record net profits, \$10 billion for Shell and \$9 billion for Exxon.

Who says that history doesn't repeat itself?



The back forty

by Roger Pond

I think I'm coming down with something. I can't tell if it's West Nile virus, the bird flu, or Dutch elm disease; but something is getting me down.

Maybe it's just a news overdose? It seems the media has discovered the flu and is doing everything possible to create a panic. They did the same thing last year.

Readers will recall the vaccine shortage was the big news in 2004. The TV news showed senior citizens standing in the cold rain outside flu clinics.

I was yelling at my television, "Get out of the rain for heaven sakes! You're gonna get pneumonia!"

Once folks learned there was a vaccine shortage people who hadn't had a flu shot in 20 years suddenly wanted to be vaccinated. Someone decided senior citizens should have preference, and folks who haven't given their correct age in 30 years were lining up.

Some of us got a big kick out of the whole thing. It's been so long since we were too young for something we couldn't help but treasure the moment.

Now we've got plenty of vaccine, but the bird flu has thrown the media into a tizzy. Some folks are starting to think they have it already. You can see them in the malls, flocking together and cackling.

Readers may recall the swine flu scare back in the 70s. Everyone was afraid they would get the flu and turn into a pig.

I'm reminded of James Thurber's uncle who fell ill back around the turn of the century. Thurber wrote that nothing could dissuade his uncle from believing he had contracted the Chestnut Blight that was spreading throughout the Midwest.

Thurber's uncle had all of the symptoms: Droopy foliage, weak and sagging limbs.

There's still no vaccine for Chestnut Blight, but we can get a flu shot. The National Pork Producers Checkoff program is recommending that swine producers get a flu shot to reduce the chance of them getting the flu and passing it on to the pigs.

I haven't seen anyone rec-

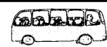
ommending the pigs get a flu shot, but I don't see why not. It's hard enough being a pig, without having the flu on top of it.

No one can predict whether the bird flu will become a problem for human's, but the President will likely get the blame if it does. He knows that — and has proposed a \$7.1 billion plan to prepare for pandemics and deflect

criticism. (I hope he's not counting on FEMA to administer it.)

I have three newspaper clippings regarding the bird flu lying on my desk. None of them mentions anyone actually getting this disease.

I'm not sure what scares me the most, the bird flu or the heebie jeebies. They are both fairly rare, as far as I can tell.



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Red Hawk Talks

by Donna Bushong

As the fall colors start to disappear, things also start to change at Cass City High School. Students have gotten into the groove of things and the pace of scheduled activities is starting to pick up.

Many of these changes happen in the athletic department. The football season has been winding down, but some of the guys won't get much of a break. They will begin shortly to prepare for the upcoming basketball season. The first basketball game is Dec. 6 in Vassar and the first home game is Dec. 9 against Uby.

For some of the girls, the basketball season will end and the volleyball season will begin. They will switch from passing and shooting, to spiking and serving. JV volleyball starts Dec. 10 in North Branch and the varsity team starts Dec. 14 in Caro. The first varsity home game is Jan. 9.

Another sport that occurs this time of year is gymnastics. The team has begun to get into shape and start working on their routines for the season. You can catch the gymnastics team at home Dec. 20 and Jan. 10.

Another winter sport is wrestling. The cafeteria floor will also be covered with mats as the wrestling team will begin working on their holds and strategies and find their weight class for their first meet Nov. 30.

The pom squad and the cheerleading squad will continue their hard work as they provide spirit throughout the basketball season.

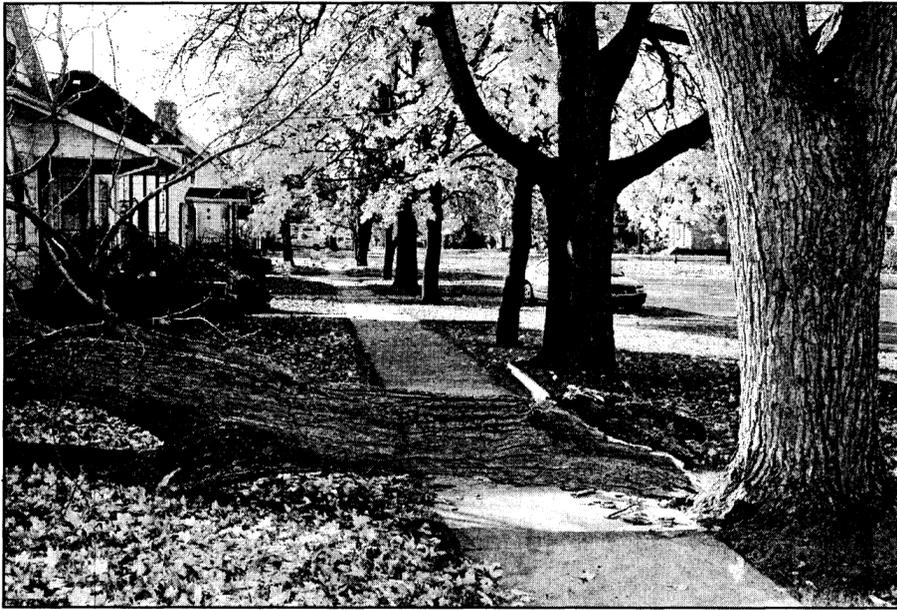
If you're not interested in sports, there are other things going on in other departments of the school. This month, student council is holding its annual Harvest

Can Drive, which will begin Nov. 14 and end Nov. 18. This year student council has decided to include the elementary and middle schools in the can drive. All cans will go to food banks around the area. Student council will also be sponsoring the annual Jingle Bell Ball on Dec. 2.

November is the month for the National Honor Society's induction. The new members will take the NHS pledge and the old members will renew the pledge they made last year. New members will also sign their name in the membership book that holds all the signatures of past NHS members. Other NHS activities in November are a blood drive Nov. 29, and a toy drive starting Nov. 28 and lasting until Dec. 7.

The band also has changes occurring as they make the transition from marching season to concert season. It becomes time to put away the marching uniforms and marching music and get out the Christmas music and concert uniforms. This year the band will split into 2 bands, a concert band and a symphony band. You can see both bands at the Holiday Collage concert Dec. 8. They will also have several other concerts around the community along with the jazz bands.

This time of year is also very busy with Thanksgiving and Christmas. As you are out and about during these next couple months, you may like to attend a game or concert. Or maybe you would like to participate in other activities in the community. No matter how you spend your holiday seasons, I hope that you enjoy yourself.



MOTHER NATURE roared into the Thumb over the weekend with wind gusts topping 50 miles per hour. Law enforcement officials didn't report any major damage, but the storm claimed a number of trees, including this one near St. Pancratius Catholic Church in Cass City.

Several appear on charges

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

•John R. Prosser, 18, Fairgrove, stood mute to charges of safe breaking, breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, possession of burglar's tools, larceny in a building, and malicious destruction of a building less than \$200 Sept. 27 in Fairgrove.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case and bond was continued at \$10,000.

•Kevin L. Parsons, 23, Kingston, stood mute to a charge of domestic violence,

third offense, Sept. 23 in Koylton Township.

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

•Aaron D. Spencer, 21, Caro, stood mute to 2 counts of assaulting a police officer Sept. 16 in Caro.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled, bond was continued at \$4,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Nicholas R. Williams, 20, Akron, stood mute to charges of malicious destruction of property totaling \$1,000 to \$20,000, and assault and battery July 23 in Akron.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$5,000.

•Donald G. Peever, 30, Caro, pleaded guilty to second degree home invasion and 2 counts of assaulting a police officer Oct. 11 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•John M. Wachowicz, 29, Flint, pleaded guilty to larceny from a vacant building and larceny of property valued at less than \$200 April 9 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,500. Sentencing is to be set.

•Dwight S. Gay, 24, Flint, pleaded guilty to larceny from a motor vehicle Oct. 22, 2004, in Arbella Township, and to being an habitual offender (2 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation

was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Donald D. Lokken, 24, Mt. Morris, pleaded guilty to 3 counts each of second degree home invasion, larceny of firearms and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony June 16 and June 20 in Arbella Township, and June 17 in Millington Township.

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

•James V. Mahan, 19, Caro, was sentenced to 2 to 15 years in prison for his pleas of no contest to second degree home invasion and breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Nov. 22 in Wells Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$180 in court costs and fines plus restitution of \$1,039.70.

•Paul L. Roose, 45, Mayville, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail (55 days deferred) and 24 months probation for his plea of no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon May 22 in Fremont Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,580.

•Matthew T. Fleischmann, 21, Munger, received a one-year delayed sentence for his pleas of guilty to carrying a concealed weapon and driving while his license was sus-

pending or revoked, subsequent offense, July 18 in Vassar.

He was also ordered to pay \$945 in costs and fines.

•Franklin B. Holcomb, 22, Deford, pleaded guilty to unarmed robbery Dec. 10, 2004, in Caro.

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

Children's Book Week scheduled

Since 1919, educators, librarians and families have celebrated National Children's Book Week the week before Thanksgiving.

During the week of Nov. 14-19 this year, we will focus on the need for quality children's books and the importance of childhood literacy to develop a love of reading in children that will continue throughout their lifetime.

Rawson Memorial Library has a wonderful collection of books, magazines, and audio books for children to check out. During that week, all children or adults checking out children's books may enter to win a prize. Stop by the library to find out more!

Letters to the editor

Homeless Awareness Week set Nov. 13-19

Governor Granholm has proclaimed that Nov. 13-19 will be designated as Homeless Awareness Week for the state of Michigan.

The truth about homelessness contradicts the stereotypical chronic alcoholic and street person suffering from mental illness. Studies show that between 35-40 percent of people experiencing homelessness are families and children. Children are the fastest growing group of people experiencing homelessness. Today, the average age of a homeless person in this country in nine years old.

People sleep in emergency shelters in Tuscola County each night, and many others take refuge in cars, campsites, abandoned buildings, and other places unsuitable for humans to reside. As a result, an accurate number of homeless people in our county is hard to obtain. Approximately 50 people are home-

less on any given night. Citizens from all walks of life are encouraged to volunteer or make a donation to one of the local programs.

Contact the Tuscola County Homeless Coalition at P.O. Box 323, Caro, MI 48723, (989) 673-7674 for a referral to a group of your choice to make a donation.

Catherine Phelps, Homeless Awareness Committee, Thumb Area Continuum of Care Tuscola County Homeless Coalition, chair Blue Water Center for Independent Living, Case Manager, ILS

Dr. Scollon a special resident

I would like to write a special letter to let Doctor Scollon know what a special person he is. As many of you know, Doc loves his animals and will always help anyone. No matter when you call, his day off, eating supper, 9 at night, he will help you always. He's the greatest.

I would like everyone to send him a special prayer to get well and wish him nothing but the best because that's what he gives his pets and owners.

Sincerely,
Deanna Peruski

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

Robbery suspects sought

Huron County Sheriff's deputies are looking for a pair of white male suspects believed responsible for robbing and injuring a 71-year-old Bad Axe area man Friday morning.

Huron County Sheriff Kent D. Tibbits reported the robbery/assault took place just outside victim's residence at 1870 Pigeon Rd.

Tibbits said the man was transported to Huron Medical Center for treatment of head injuries.

Bad Axe police and a Michigan State Police canine unit from Bay City assisted deputies at the scene.

Anyone with information on the crime is asked to contact the Huron County Sheriff's Department at (989) 269-9910.

Special Scents Flower Shoppe regrets to inform our patrons of the passing of our beloved cat, Bud. Bud could often be seen sunning himself in our front window, and was loved by our many customers as well as by all of us. We will all miss him.

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The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor. Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The letter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper. Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason. The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity. We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that smoking remains the leading cause of preventable death and has negative health impacts on people at all stages of life. It harms unborn babies, infants, children, adolescents, adults, and seniors. Surprisingly, at least a quarter of the United States' population still continues to light up, says the CDC. Cigarette smoking has decreased over the years by at least 50 percent (nearly 45 percent of the population smoked during the 1960s). But there are those who continue to put themselves at risk despite the warnings of doctors, the government, friends and family. In addition,

many smokers subject spouses and children to secondhand smoke, needlessly endangering not only themselves, but their loved ones as well. Smoking has many health implications. Here are a few to consider, courtesy of the U.S. Surgeon General:
* Cancer-causing agents (carcinogens) in tobacco smoke damage important genes that control the growth of cells, causing them to grow abnormally or to reproduce too rapidly.
* The carcinogen benzo(a)pyrene binds to cells in the airways and major organs of smokers.
* Smoking affects the function of the immune system and may increase the risk for

respiratory and other infections.
* Nicotine reaches the brain within 10 seconds after smoke is inhaled. It has been found in every part of the body and in breast milk.
* By smoking around infants, you put them at a greater risk for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).
* The body produces antioxidants to help repair damaged cells. Smokers have lower levels of antioxidants in their blood than do nonsmokers. Here is a look at the major illnesses that can occur as a result of smoking.

CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

Cigarette smoking has been linked to many illnesses, in-

cluding heart disease and stroke. Smoking can cause coronary heart disease, which results from atherosclerosis of the coronary arteries. Toxins in the blood from smoking cigarettes contribute to the development of atherosclerosis. Atherosclerosis is a progressive hardening of the arteries caused by the deposit of fatty plaques and the scarring and thickening of the artery wall. Inflammation of the artery wall and the development of blood clots can obstruct blood flow and cause heart attacks or strokes.

LUNG CANCER

Cancer is the second leading cause of death and was among the first diseases linked to smoking, says the Surgeon General. Cigarette smoking is responsible for most cases of death in conjunction with cancer. It can cause lung cancer as well as cancers in the mouth, throat and bladder. Men who smoke are more likely to develop lung cancer than their female counterparts — yet the risk is high regardless of age or sex.

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Smoking can affect reproduction and fertility in a number of ways. It has been shown that smoking can make it harder for women to get pregnant. Should a woman get pregnant, smoking can cause many problems to the fetus and complicate the pregnancy. Pregnant women who smoke are more likely to have placental abruption, where the placenta prematurely separates

from the wall of the uterus. This can lead to preterm delivery, stillbirth or early infant death. In babies who make it to term, smoking can cause low birth weight and birth defects. Yet despite these warnings, only 20 to 25 percent of women quit smoking upon learning they are pregnant, says the CDC.

COMMIT TO QUIT

Nicotine is a very potent chemical. Some argue that it produces a greater physical addiction than heroin or cocaine. Nicotine produces a feeling of euphoria in smokers. Once the drug reaches the brain, it can cause a calming and soothing feeling, which is what draws many people back for more. Yet, smoking can be stopped if you are committed to quitting. There are a number of nicotine replacement products available that can help you gradually wean off of cigarettes. Just keep in mind that it can take up to 72 hours for full nicotine detoxification to take place in the body — releasing you from the physical withdrawal symptoms. However, the mental dependence could be equally as strong.

Quitting smoking at any stage in your smoking career provides immediate health benefits. Your chances for contracting diseases drop and, with time, your lungs can gradually heal themselves and function properly again. For help in quitting, visit the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org, or the American Lung Association at www.lungusa.org.

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Sign-up time for drug program

(MF) — For the first time ever, prescription drug coverage will be available to everyone eligible for Medicare. Since enrollment in the program is not automatic, consumers will need to sign up between November 15, 2005 and May 15, 2006 or risk paying more for coverage later on. Medicare beneficiaries can choose between two ways of receiving prescription drugs.

should consider the prescriptions they take as well as other health care needs and determine which option provides the right level of coverage at the best cost.

Beneficiaries should analyze their current coverage versus that offered under the new plan to see if enrolling is the

right choice for them. Those with retiree health benefits should consult their former employer or union to address any questions they have. People with Medicaid will receive targeted information about their options.

Consumers should also consider the quality of care offered by the plans in their area. The National Committee for Quality Assurance and Medicare offer online resources that allow people to compare plans for themselves.

"It's important for people with Medicare to get prescription drugs," said Jack Ebeler, president and CEO of the Alliance of Community Health Plans, whose members participate in Medicare Advantage. "The best coverage options offer comprehensive benefits, high-quality, well-coordinated care and lots of experience in Medicare in their communities."

The first is signing up for a prescription-drug-only plan, or PDP; the second is choosing a Medicare Advantage plan. Those with limited incomes will pay no premium or deductible, or a reduced cost with no gap in coverage.

What are the differences between these alternatives? A PDP plan lets people with Medicare add private drug coverage to their existing benefits. Those who opt for Medicare Advantage select one health plan in their area that will cover all aspects of care — including traditional benefits like hospital and doctor's office visits, as well as the new drug benefit and others.

Private companies sponsoring PDP and Medicare Advantage coverage will be marketing many different plans, so consumers should weigh their options carefully before making a decision. Medicare recipients can identify programs in their area and compare offerings online at www.medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE. This will allow them to examine monthly premiums for each plan. Then, they

On the Net: Alliance of Community Health Plans site: <http://www.achp.org> National Committee for Quality Assurance site: <http://www.ncqa.org>

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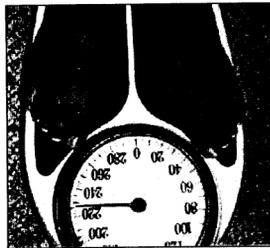
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Brain surgery provides near miracle cure for Ed Bilicki

It would be inaccurate to say that Ed Bilicki, 85, of Wilmot is a medical marvel, but it would be very accurate to say that he has made an amazing recovery from a de-

bilitating disease that had reduced him to the status of a baby disguised as a man.

Bilicki started a downhill slide early in 2004 and was referred to Dr. Mark Jones, Saginaw neurosurgeon, for tests and a cat scan. He was suffering from chills, extreme exhaustion, lack of balance, headache, loss of appetite, nausea and was hallucinating.

A small, plum-sized tumor believed to be slow growing was discovered and on the advice of his doctor he de-

layed surgery and returned home with medications to rehabilitate.

Other medical problems entered in the decision. He suffers from heart disease, diabetes, Parkinson's disease and occasionally needs oxygen.

What was expected to be a slow growing tumor, proved to be a rapidly growing tumor and it pushed Bilicki downhill quickly. He lost his ability to walk, dress, take care of personal needs and needed help to get up from

his bed or his chair. Grab bars for balance were scattered around the house and the door of the bathroom was removed so he could use it. His personal dignity was gone.

One day, his wife Virginia said, in one of his lucid moments he decided that he couldn't live with his condition and decided to have surgery.

Dr. Jones reviewed his medical history and told the couple that he had a good chance to survive the surgery, but whether it would change his condition was a 50-50 proposition. He could have remained a "baby" until he died.

Oct. 7, 2004 the surgery that stretched to 7 hours removed a benign tumor, now the size of a man's fist, and after 11 days in the hospital he spent several weeks in rehabilitation.

That was followed by home rehab and was made possible because the couple's 4 children took turns coming home to help, 2 of them from as far away as Arizona and North Carolina.

One year after the operation he is now 95 percent of his old self. The wheelchair is gone, his balance is better and, most important, his mind was grasping what he lost.

He uses his garden tractor and works in his yard. He plays cards, knows his friends and writes. All things he did after retiring from Caro Schools in 1985 and ended his teaching career after 43 years.

Both Virginia and Ed feel that they had God's help and prayers from his church family and friends were invaluable.

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Lung cancer most deadly

Early detection ups cure chances

(MS) — Lung cancer — the uncontrolled growth of abnormal cells in the lungs, causing tumors to form — is the leading cause of cancer death for both men and women. Each year, more Americans die from lung cancer than from breast, prostate, and colorectal cancers combined. In 2005, there will be about 172,570 new cases of lung cancer in the U.S.: 93,010 among men, and 79,560 among women, according to the American Cancer Society. About six out of 10 people with lung cancer die within one year of finding out they have it, and between seven and eight will die within two years, reports the American Cancer Society.

WHAT CAUSES LUNG CANCER?

According to lungcancer.org, an online resource sponsored by CancerCare for lung cancer patients and their families, more than 87 percent of lung cancers in the United States are smoking-related.

Men who smoke increase their risk of death from lung cancer by more than 22 times, and women by more than 12 times. However, there are factors other than smoking that can increase an individual's risk for developing the disease. These factors include: exposure to other carcinogens such as asbestos and radon gas; certain industrial substances such as arsenic; some organic chemicals; radiation from occupational, medical and environmental sources; air pollution; and tuberculosis.

Sometimes, the cause is not known or the onset of lung cancer is a result of past actions. Dana Reeve (the late Christopher Reeve's wife), a non-smoker, was recently diagnosed with lung cancer. Former smokers, like the late Peter Jennings (anchor and senior editor of ABC's "World News Tonight"), who recently died of lung cancer, are at risk as well. Quitting smoking does reduce an individual's risk significantly

— although former smokers remain at greater risk for lung cancer than people who never smoked.

TYPES OF LUNG CANCER

There are two main types of lung cancer: non-small cell (87 percent of all cases), and small cell (13 percent of all cases). The names refer to the kinds of cells that make up the tumor rather than the size of the tumor. Small cell lung cancer often starts in the bronchi, air tubes in the center of the chest. Although the cancer cells are small, they can multiply quickly and form large tumors that can spread widely throughout the body. This is important because it means that treatment must include drugs to kill the widespread disease. This kind of cancer is almost always caused by smoking. It is very rare for someone who has never smoked to have small cell lung cancer.

Non-small cell lung cancer is classified into three subtypes, and the cells in these subtypes differ in size, shape and chemical make-up. Squamous cell carcinoma tends to be found centrally, near a bronchus (a large air passage in the lungs). It can spread rapidly if not treated early. Adenocarcinoma is the most common form of lung cancer, is usually found in the outer region of the lung, is more likely than other types to be contained in one area of the body, and is the most frequent type of lung cancer

seen in nonsmokers. Large-cell undifferentiated carcinoma can appear in any part of the lung and tends to grow quickly and spread at an earlier stage than other forms of non-small cell lung cancer, which can make it hard to treat.

Lung cancer almost always begins in one lung and, if left untreated, can spread to lymph nodes or other tissues in the chest (including the other lung). It can also metastasize (or spread) throughout the body, to the bones, brain, liver, or other organs.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

The signs and symptoms of lung cancer may take years to appear, are often confused with symptoms of less serious conditions, or may not appear until the disease has reached an advanced stage. Here's what to look for:

- * Smoker's cough that persists or becomes intense
 - * Non-smoker's cough that persists for more than two weeks
 - * Persistent chest, shoulder, or back pain unrelated to pain from coughing
 - * Blood in sputum (coughed-up phlegm from the lungs), an increased amount of sputum, or a change in its color
 - * Wheezing
 - * Recurrent pneumonia or bronchitis
 - * Fatigue
 - * Loss of appetite
 - * Headache, bone pain, aching joints
 - * Bone fractures not related to accidental injury
 - * Neurological symptoms (i.e., unsteady gait and/or episodic memory loss)
 - * Neck and facial swelling
 - * Unexplained weight loss
- There also may be signs and symptoms caused by the spread of lung cancer to other parts of the body. Depending on which organs are affected, these can include: headaches, general weakness, pain, bone fractures, bleeding, or blood clots. Anyone experiencing any of these signs or symptoms should consult a physician immediately.

EARLY DETECTION
Early detection of lung cancer is critical to improving the chances of survival. The

five-year survival rate for those whose lung cancer is found when it is localized (before it has spread to other organs) is nearly 50 percent, according to lungcancer.org. However, only 15 percent of lung cancer cases are found at the localized stage. Research indicates that when lung cancer is diagnosed/detected in an early-stage and surgery is possible, the five-year survival rates can reach 85 percent, reports lungcancer.org. Survival rates decline dramatically after the cancer has spread to other organs. Testing people that are known to be at high risk for developing lung cancer can help to find tumors that are small and more easily treated. Those at high risk include men and women 60 years of age who currently smoke or have a history of smoking, with previous lung tumors, or with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

CHOOSING A DOCTOR AND TREATMENT CENTER

Since lung cancer is a complex disease, it often requires more than one kind of treatment, and more than one kind of doctor. A lung cancer patient may be cared for by a team of health care experts specializing in oncology, lung and chest health, and other related fields. Treatment options include surgery, radiation therapy, and chemotherapy, either alone or in combination, depending on the type and stage of the cancer.



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Cass City revenges early season loss against Unionville-Sebewaing

It was a great hoop week for Cass City fans as the Red Hawks flew to the top of the Greater Thumb West league with the Lakers with a pair of essential wins over the 2 league teams that defeated them in the first meetings early in the year.

Thursday the Unionville Sebewaing Patriots were defeated in a pivotal game played in Cass City, 51-42. It was a fine game against a talented team, their guards are very quick, coach John Maharg said.

They also can shoot the three and it was the Patriots' accuracy from the outside that kept the outcome in doubt until deep into the fourth quarter. Key problem for the Cass City defense was stopping Sarah Alegria, who bombed the Hawks for 5 treys, all hit in the first 3 quarters.

It looked as if the Hawks were going to have things their own way in the first pe-

riod. After Alegria hit a 3, Cass City went on an 11-0 roll to lead 13-5. Alegria countered with her second trey and the Hawks were in front, 15-8, as the quarter ended.

Things changed abruptly at the start of the second quarter. The Patriots used balanced scoring on a 10-0 run to wipe out the Hawks' lead and go ahead 18-15 midway through the quarter.

Ashley Hendrick ended the dry spell for Cass City with a pair of free throws and later added the Hawks' only field goal of the quarter. Courtney Rabideau notched a pair from the charity circle and at the intermission the Hawks were in front, 22-21.

The Hawks went on a roll early in the third period with 8 unanswered points, led by Hendrick who notched 6 points in the spurt that shoved the Hawks ahead by 10 points, 33-23. But that fairly comfortable margin

didn't last. With 2:47 left in the quarter Alegria rang up her last 2 treys of the night and the game was up for grabs, 35-32, going into the final 8 minutes.

In the opening moments of the quarter, USA forged in front for the first time since the beginning of the game, 36-35. There was 6:02 left in the game.

Cass City answered that challenge with 6 unanswered points to regain the lead, 41-36. The Patriots closed to within a point at the 3:34 mark, 41-40, but Schinnerer hit a bucket and free throw and Hendrick added a pair from the stripe to put Cass City in front, 46-40, with 1:55 left in the game. Sara Meeker scored a pair of hoops and a free throw to guarantee the win.

Hendrick ended with 20 points and Schinnerer with 10. Meeker led the rebounders with 9, especially valuable because Hendrick

was forced to the bench with fouls for parts of 3 quarters and finally fouled out with 1:36 left to play. Alegria finished with 15 points for the Patriots.

Now leading the league with the Lakers, Cass City will be heavy favorites to at least share the league title this season. They were to play Reese Tuesday and end the year against Bay City All Saints Thursday. Both games are on the road.

CASS CITY - C. Rabideau 2-0 (2-3) 6; Brinkman 2-0 (0-0) 4; Meeker 3-0 (3-4) 9; Trischler 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hendrick 7-0 (6-6) 20; Schinnerer 4-0 (2-3) 10. **TOTALS - 19-0 (13-16) 51.**

USA - Alegria 0-5 (0-0) 15; Vermeersch 2-0 (0-0) 4; J. Treiber 1-0 (0-0) 2; Rayl 3-0 (4-4) 10; Houthoofd 0-1 (1-2) 4; C. Treiber 1-0 (0-0) 2; Gremel 1-0 (3-4) 5. **TOTALS - 8-6 (8-10) 42.**



THE CASS CITY cross country team (right, center) prepares for the start of the Division 3 state final Saturday at the Michigan International Speedway.

Finish 13th in Division 3

Hawks turn in best effort at finals

Cass City saved its best effort for its final outing Saturday and came home with 13th place during the Division 3 cross country state final meet in Brooklyn.

"All of my runners turned in their best times of the season," said coach Amy Cuthrell. "I told them that if they wanted to continue to practice this week, that I

don't think they've peaked yet," Cuthrell joked.

Freshman Lukas Varney paced the Red Hawks with a time of 16:44, good for 49th place individually.

"Lukas was the first freshman to finish, I think that's a pretty impressive stat," Cuthrell said.

Next to cross the end line

for Cass City was junior Cameron Lautner at the 59th spot with a time of 16:52. Both Hawk runners' times will appear among the schools' all-time top 10 times with Varney moving into the 7th fastest and Lautner to the 9th fastest.

Also turning in a time of less than 17 minutes for Cass City was Kyle Reif at 16:55,

while Dewey Mabe was clocked at 17:29. Completing Cass City's effort was Adam Wentworth at 18:52.

With all 5 runners returning next season, coach Cuthrell is optimistic about next year's possibilities.

"I am just one runner away from being very special," Cuthrell said.

Hawks earn share of GTW lead with win over Lakers

It was do or die for Cass City in the race for the Greater Thumb West hoop title Tuesday when league-leading Lakers faced the Hawks in Cass City. Coach Todd Comment's charges were a game in front in the GTW by virtue of a close 2-point decision for the Lakers in the first game of the home and home series.

Before the largest crowd of

the season the Hawks prevailed, 57-46, this time around. The game was actually closer than the final score indicates.

The Lakers jumped off to any early lead, 7-2, and led 12-6 midway through the opening quarter before the Hawks rallied to go in front at the end of the period, 13-12. The Hawks got productive play from their bench

from Jenni Brinkman and Renee Czekai. Czekai hit a 3-pointer to push the Hawks in front at the end of the first quarter and Brinkman contributed 4 of 8 shots, converted 3 of 4 free throws and picked off a pair of rebounds.

We played well against a tough rebounding team, coach John Maharg said.

Neither team was able to take charge in the second

quarter and the early moments of the third period during which the score was tied 4 times. It was 17-all midway through the second quarter, 21-all with 2:13 left in the period and 23-all at the intermission.

The score was tied at 25-all in the early moments of the third quarter before the Hawks went on a 10-5 run to lead 37-30 going into the last quarter.

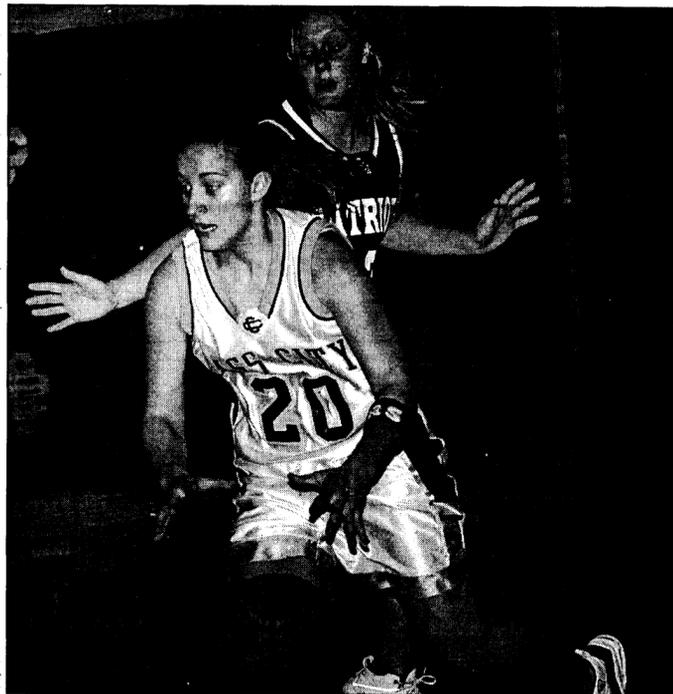
The Hawks had a 6-point lead with 3:18 left to play and the Lakers moved out of their tight zone defense to press Cass City, but it failed. Courtney Rabideau and Emily Schinnerer beat the press for easy shots and stretched the lead to 11 points at the final whistle.

Ashley Hendrick and Schinnerer shared scoring honors for Cass City with 11 points each. Courtney Rabideau collected 8 of her 9 points in the critical last quarter. Hendrick picked off 9 rebounds, including 6 on the offensive boards.

Kaycee Damm with 13 points and Sam Krueger with 12 were in double figures for the Lakers.

CASS CITY - C. Rabideau 4-0 (1-3) 9; Brinkman 4-0 (3-4) 11; Meeker 1-0 (0-0) 2; R. Czekai 1-1 (0-0) 5; Trischler 1-2 (0-0) 8; Hendrick 5-0 (1-2) 11; Schinnerer 4-1 (0-0) 11. **TOTALS - 20-4 (5-9) 57.**

LAKERS - Kehr 0-3 (0-0) 9; Jobs 0-1 (0-0) 3; Krueger 6-0 (0-0) 12; Ritter 1-0 (3-4) 5; Shaper 2-0 (0-0) 4; Damm 2-2 (3-4) 13. **TOTALS - 11-6 (6-8) 46.**



BENCH PLAY has been an important ingredient in the Cass City Red Hawks' winning season. Handling the ball against USA is Ashleigh Rabideau.

Bulldogs split pair of cage contests

Owen-Gage returned to the win column Thursday with an exciting 40-39 win over Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy in Owendale. A balanced scoring attack, that featured 3 double-digit scorers, led the hosts to the non-conference victory.

If the Bulldogs are going to make any noise in the upcoming state tourneys, the same type of group effort will be needed. Owen-Gage will close out its regular season this Thursday hosting undefeated Memphis.

Owen-Gage trailed 7-6 after one period and 19-10 at

the break against the Academy, which entered the contest with a 14-1 record.

The Bulldogs were held scoreless for nearly all of the second quarter, but a pair of steals by Amanda Faist led to baskets by Becky Schmidt and Michelle Brown in the closing 30 seconds.

The hosts, however, found their shooting eyes after the break and went on an 18-6 run to enter the final 8 minutes leading 28-25. April Nowaczyk caught fire in the period and tossed in 10 tallies.

Down the stretch, Faist

added 6 points to help turn back the visitors.

Nowaczyk led the winners with 12 points, while Brown and Faist split 20 markers.

NORTH HURON
NCTL North leader North Huron received 14 first half points from Audrey Hogan en route to a 34-18 edge at the intermission and cruised to the easy win.

The visitors led 17-8 after one period, paced by a 5-of-6 effort from Hogan at the foul line. Hogan then helped the Warriors to a double-digit advantage with 3 field goals

before the half. Owen-Gage increased their defensive effort in the final half, but were outscored 23-19, resulting in the 57-37 decision.

Nowaczyk and Schmidt paced the Bulldog offense. Nowaczyk handled the scoring chores in the initial half, hitting for a pair of treys and 13 of her team-high 18 points. Schmidt took over after the break on offense, where she netted all 12 of her points.

Hogan paced the Warriors with 18 points, while Andrea Clancy added 14.

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Cass City's season ends in district final thriller

An outstanding season, which included the highest win total in 25 years, came to a disappointing close Friday for Cass City.

The Red Hawks battled Tri-Valley East guests Frankenmuth to the bitter end, before falling 46-42 in the thrilling Division 5 district championship. The old-fashion shootout saw the Eagles rally from a 15-point final half deficit with 13 unanswered points in the game's final 6 minutes to escape with victory.

After exchanging punts on their opening drives, Frankenmuth struck first when speedster Michael Golden broke loose from Cass City's 42-yard line and found pay dirt with 8:21 showing on the clock. But Cass City converted a fake punt for a first down and answered that score 3 plays later on Dustin Bitzer's 33-yard jaunt, helping the Hawks take a 7-6 advantage into the second quarter.

Both teams then lit up the scoreboard before the half.

Cass City mounted its best drive of the night to start the touchdown parade following Derryl Schenk's interception of Dan Bernthal's pass on the 3-yard line. The hosts moved 97 yards on 10 plays, capped by Cody Halasz's 22-yard run.

Golden, the defending 200-meter state champion sprinter, was able to sandwich a pair of scores between TD runs from Chris Johnson and Chris Landrith for Cass City to end the scoring in the opening half.

Johnson's 65-yard run and Justin Glaza's third point-after-kick lengthened Cass City's advantage to 21-12 with less than 4 minutes remaining till the break. The Hawks then used a 60-yard punt return from Glaza to setup another score as Landrith accounted for the marker from 8-yards out with just 25 ticks on the clock remaining.

However, that left plenty of time for Golden to draw the Eagles to within 28-19 at the halfway point with a brilliant

66-yard gallop. His cross-field run sliced into the Hawks' biggest lead of the night and gave the Eagles some much-needed momentum entering the final half.

"That score was huge, we knew from the formation they lined up in, the inside trap was coming. But our backers let him leak outside," coach Scott Cuthrell said. "At the half we told the kids not to panic, just relax. We've been moving the ball all night."

And the Hawks listened. Michael Randall put Cass City on top 35-19 shortly after the intermission when he found the end zone from 32 yards out. But Golden - who else - countered the score on a 4th-and-2 run from the 12-yard line.

The Hawks then took a 2 score lead again at the 4:20 mark, when Bitzer found running room and scored on a pretty run from 38-yards. His zigzag run turned the Eagles' secondary in circles.

But once again, Golden struck quickly for the Eagles and closed the gap to 42-33 entering the game's final period on a screen pass that covered 48-yards.

In the final period, the Eagles defense came up big, as did Bernthal.

Cass City drove deep into Eagle territory to open the final frame where the hosts faced a 4th-and-3 play in the Red Zone. But Landrith's quarterback sneak up the gut was stopped short and the Eagles took over on their own 19-yard line.

Frankenmuth then used a huge pass play on 3rd-and-15 to keep its drive alive. Bernthal hit receiver Aaron List over the middle for a 50-yard gain. Bernthal then scored on a quarterback keeper and following Ian Stuart's point after kick, the visitors trailed 42-40.

The Eagle defense came up big again on Cass City's next possession and forced a punt after holding the Hawks without a first down.

Cass City avoided disaster when Jarod Stoutenburg pulled down Golden with one hand on the ensuing punt, spotting the ball on their own 29 with 4:17 remaining on the clock. Stoutenburg's jersey tackle prevented Golden from reaching the Frankenmuth sideline, where a wall of blockers cleared a path to the

end zone.

Still, Frankenmuth would take its first lead since the opening quarter when Bernthal faked a handoff to Golden and scampered 22-yards through the middle of the field for the game-winning score.

There was still time on the clock for the Hawks to regain the lead and spoil Frankenmuth's comeback bid. Cass City would start its final drive at its own 45-yard line with 2:38 remaining. But following a short run by Bitzer and a Landrith sack, the hosts faced a 3rd-and-15 play. Stuart then sealed the win when he picked off Landrith's pass attempt and returned it to the 17-yard line. After picking up a first down inside the 10, the Eagles took a knee to run out the clock.

"We played well, but a couple of mental breaks cost us some points," Cuthrell said.

As usual, Cass City ran behind its big offensive line for most of the night. The Hawks rushed for 444 yards. Johnson led the way with 138 yards, while Bitzer added 133 yards, splitting 28 carries. Halasz chipped in with 20 totes for 107 yards.

Golden led Frankenmuth with 253 yards rushing on 26 carriers, while Bernthal added 98 yards on just 8 attempts. Bernthal also accounted for 162 yards passing on 9-of-13 attempts.

The loss ended the careers of several seniors for Cass City. Playing in their final Red Hawks game were Jeff Stoutenburg, Glaza, Jordan Mozdzen, Landrith, Bitzer, Levi Adams, Johnson, Halasz, Nick Nanney, Jarod Stoutenburg, Nick Bader, Scott Meeker, Schenk, and Brad Langenburg.

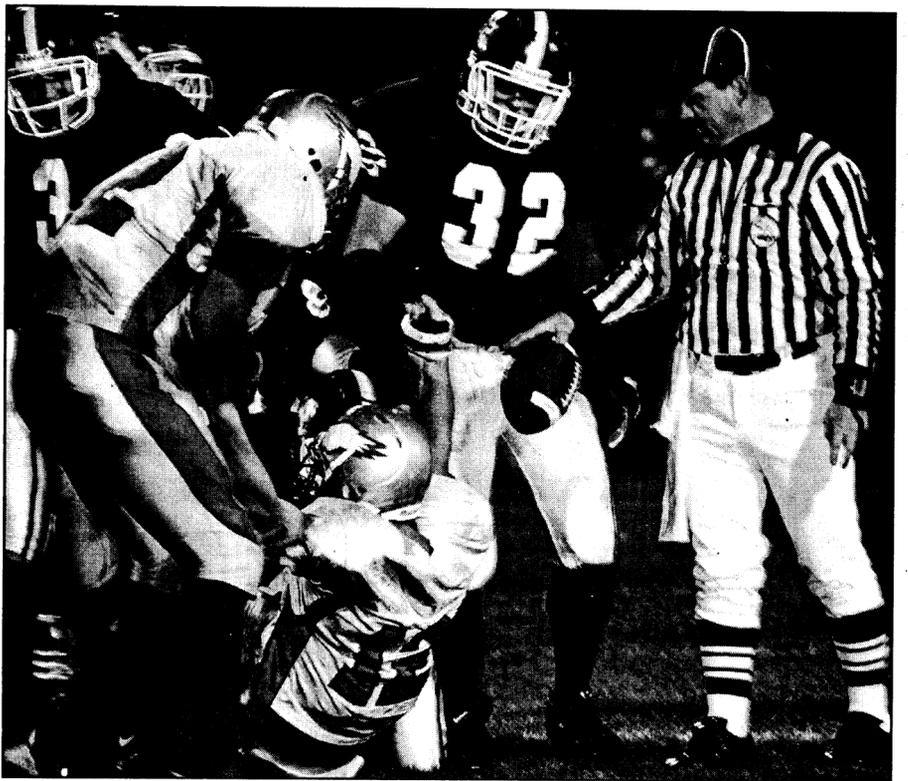
"These kids were just fun to coach. We (the coaching staff) looked forward to going to practice everyday," Cuthrell said.

Despite the losses, Cuthrell is optimistic about next year's squad.

"We have a nice group of juniors coming back, good group of talent and they are willing to work," Cuthrell noted.



CASS CITY'S CHRIS Johnson looks for an opening against the Eagles' in Friday's district final thriller. The senior back rushed for 139 yards on 14 carries.



GOOD SPORTSMENSHIP. Red Hawk Levi Adams (32) gives Frankenmuth's Ian Stuart a helping hand after knocking the Eagle runner down during Friday's Division 5 district final in Cass City.

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Holiday buck!

NO TRICK, just a treat. Cass City resident Michael Stevens bagged his first buck with a bow and arrow shot on Halloween night. The Tuscola County buck tipped the scale close to 200 lbs., had 8-points and a 12 1/2" spread.

Hawks draw district bye

There doesn't appear to be any super teams in the Class B district 58 basketball tournament at Millington, although traditionally strong Frankenmuth will enter as the favorite.

The tournament opens Monday, Nov. 14, with 2 games. The 6 p.m. contest pits 2 teams with losing records, Caro (6-12) vs. North Branch (7-11). The 7:30 p.m. game pits host Millington (6-7 in league) against Birch Run (8-5 in

league.)
Wednesday at 6 p.m. Frankenmuth (13-0 in league) drew a bye and will meet the winner of the Caro-North Branch game. Cass City (15-3) drew the other bye and will play in the 7:30 p.m. game Wednesday against the winner of the Millington-Birch Run game. The finals will be Friday, Nov. 18.

BOX SCORES

OWEN-GAGE - Faist 5-0 (0-1) 10; Schmidt 2-0 (0-2) 4; Brown 4-0 (2-4) 10; Nowaczyk 4-0 (4-4) 12; Error 1-0 (0-2) 2; Kovach 1-0 (0-0) 2.
TOTALS - 17-0 (6-13) 40.

SAGINAW ARTS - Thompson 0-0 (1-4) 1; DeVoux 1-0 (2-4) 4; Walker 9-0 (3-4) 21; C. Smith 3-0 (3-6) 9; N. Smith 2-0 (0-2) 4.
TOTALS - 15-0 (9-20) 39.

OWEN-GAGE - Faist 3-0 (0-0) 6; Schmidt 5-0 (2-4) 12; Nowaczyk 3-3 (3-4) 18; Error 0-0 (1-2) 1.
TOTALS - 11-3 (6-10) 37.

NORTH HURON - Jimpkoski 2-0 (0-0) 4; Clancy 3-0 (8-14) 14; Horetski 1-0 (0-0) 2; Risch 1-0 (0-0) 2; Mazure 0-0 (1-8) 1; Teague 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hogan 6-0 (6-6) 18; Ruth 2-0 (2-4) 6; Korleski 4-0 (0-0) 8.
TOTALS - 20-0 (17-32) 57.

Bulldogs face host Port Hope Monday

Owen-Gage's path to the Class D district basketball championship next week in Port Hope will be no easy task.

The Bulldogs will open play Monday facing co-favorite Port Hope (14-5) with a 7:00 p.m. tip off.

The winners in Monday's affair will then meet the tourney's other favorite, North Huron (14-5), on Wednesday in a semi final match-up. Squaring off in the other semi final game, prior to the North Huron contest, will be Caseville (2-14) and Akron-Fairgrove (2-16). Wednesday's games are slated for starting times of 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Friday's district final will start at 7:00 p.m.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

| Team | W | L | W | L |
|-------------|---|---|----|----|
| Cass City | 8 | 2 | 15 | 3 |
| Lakers | 8 | 2 | 14 | 4 |
| USA | 7 | 4 | 9 | 9 |
| V. Lutheran | 5 | 5 | 8 | 10 |
| Reese | 4 | 7 | 5 | 12 |
| BCAS | 2 | 8 | 6 | 12 |
| Bad Axe | 2 | 8 | 2 | 16 |

| Team | W | L | W | L |
|--------------|---|----|----|----|
| Marlette | 8 | 2 | 14 | 4 |
| Sandusky | 8 | 3 | 13 | 5 |
| Ubyly | 7 | 3 | 15 | 3 |
| Harbor Beach | 5 | 5 | 8 | 10 |
| Brown City | 5 | 6 | 11 | 8 |
| Mayville | 3 | 7 | 7 | 11 |
| Deckerville | 0 | 10 | 3 | 14 |

| Team | W | L | W | L |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|
| North Huron | 14 | 3 | 14 | 4 |
| Port Hope | 13 | 4 | 14 | 5 |
| Owen-Gage | 4 | 13 | 5 | 13 |
| Caseville | 2 | 14 | 2 | 14 |
| A-Fairgrove | 1 | 16 | 2 | 16 |

| Team | W | L | W | L |
|----------|----|----|----|----|
| Memphis | 17 | 0 | 19 | 0 |
| Kingston | 12 | 5 | 12 | 6 |
| CPS | 7 | 9 | 8 | 10 |
| Dryden | 7 | 10 | 7 | 10 |
| Peck | 7 | 10 | 7 | 11 |

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| Doerr Landscaping | 21 |
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| Mycogen Seeds | 16 |
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Team High Game & Series: Jebco Consulting 577; Martin Electric (1658).

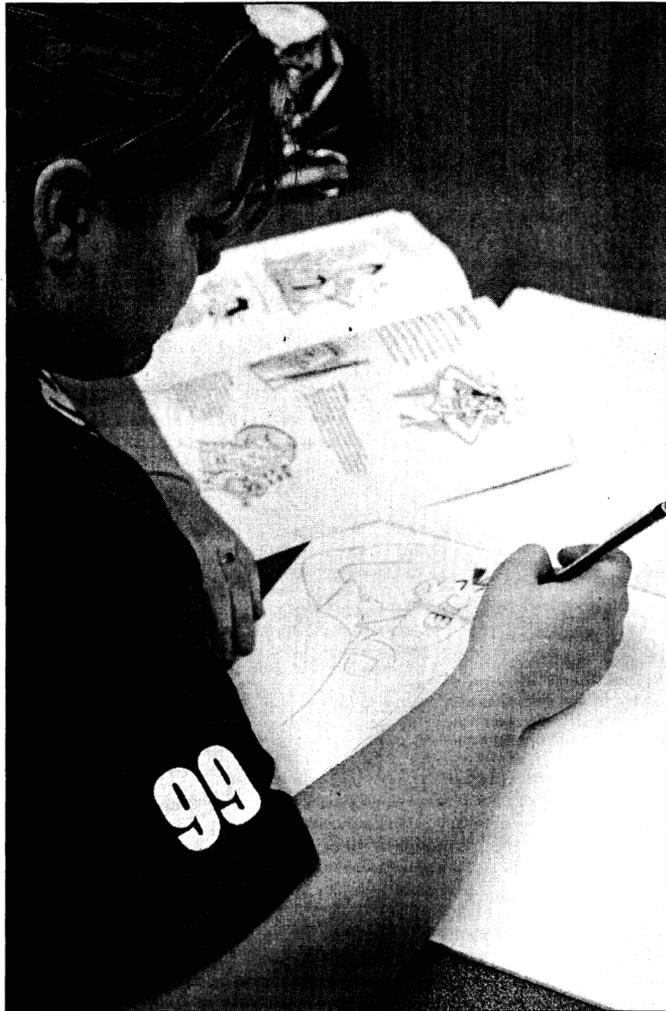
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| Cablettes | 19 |
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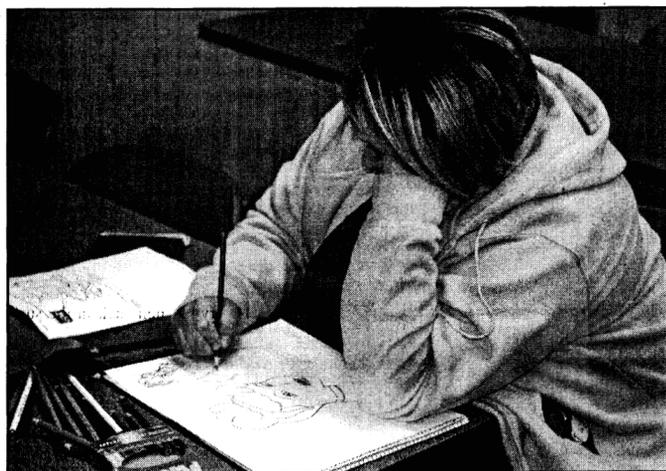
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Project GREEN proposals now being accepted

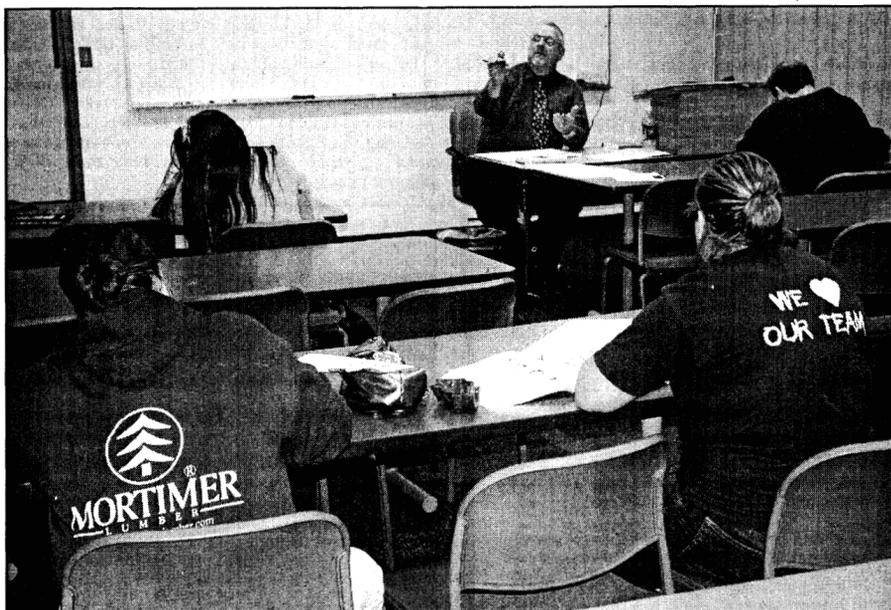
Project GREEN (Generating Research and Extension to meet Environmental and Economic Needs), Michigan's plant agriculture initiative at Michigan State University, has issued its request for proposals (RFP) for fiscal year 2006. Project GREEN is seeking research projects that will benefit Michigan's plant-



CASS CITY'S Aime Warack works on a drawing during a recent class.



KINDE RESIDENT Anne McFarland is among the first 7 students to enroll in a new graphic communications program at the Baker College campus in Cass City this fall. Although just 6 weeks into the class, the students recently offered an exhibit of their work at Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City.



RICHARD HUTCHINGS is teaching the graphic communications class at Baker College, where he says his students have exhibited a variety of artistic talents.

Graphics students exhibit

The graphic communications course at Baker College's Cass City campus is a brand new offering locally, but there's plenty of talent among the first 7 students taking the class.

Just ask Rawson Memorial Library Director Kate VanAuken, who recently hosted a weeklong exhibit of the students' work.

"It went great. People were in the library asking about it," she said of the exhibit, which ended Thursday.

"It was interesting because there were young kids and older people there" who spent time looking at the students' artwork, VanAuken added.

The graphic communications program was launched Sept. 26, focusing on the latest concepts and technologies related to the presentation of information in a creative, organized and effective manner, college officials said.

Students entering the program may be interested in a variety of career opportunities, including graphic design, graphic production, marketing, public relations, sales and the communications sectors.

Regardless of their choice, the local students have already earned the admiration of a host of area residents who stopped to view the recent library exhibit.

"It was great. I'm glad (course instructor) Rich Hutchings approached me about it," VanAuken said. "I hope we can do something like this again."

Holidays to close offices

All branch offices of the Michigan Secretary of State will be closed in observance of Veterans Day and Thanksgiving holidays.

The offices will be closed Friday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day; and Thursday, Nov. 24, Friday, Nov. 25 and Saturday, Nov. 26, for Thanksgiving.

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Water Table is created around all houses and buildings even if they are built on high ground or a hill.

HYDROSTATIC PRESSURE
Hydrostatic Pressure is the pressure caused by water seeking its own level. Once the false water table fills up and becomes higher than the floor, Hydrostatic Pressure is created. Water pressure is 63.4 pounds per cubic foot in all directions. The reason it sometimes takes a heavy rain for water to actually become visible is because the cavity under the basement floor can hold up to 2500 gallons of water. When Hydrostatic Pressure occurs, water seeks the path of least resistance. This could be cracks in the floor, cracks in the walls, key ways or cove areas (where the floor and the wall join together). NOTE: Once Hydrostatic Pressure causes Seepage, the problem can only be solved by a system designed to relieve pressure and control the water. Excavation and do-it-yourself methods cannot and will not solve the problem. Water rises equally on all four sides and will seek the path of least resistance into your basement (most often the cove area).

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Reporter's Notebook

Fall in North Carolina has a beauty all its own

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

My first impression of North Carolina was that it isn't nearly as colorful as fall in Michigan.

But I learned differently during a visit there recently with my daughter Christina and grandson Keagan. The trip proved to be a great getaway.

My wife, who is employed full-time and is also a full-time nursing student, couldn't go with us, but she arranged for us to fly down to see our oldest daughter, Jennifer, and her husband, Josh, a marine stationed at Camp Lejeune, as well as the latest addition to the family,

our first granddaughter, Leah, and her brother, Tyler (I promised to bring back a truckload of pictures).

The trip to Jacksonville was about a 2-hour drive from Raleigh-Durham International Airport, and it was late, so I didn't get a good look at the scenery until the next morning. It was very green and the weather was cooler than I expected, in the low 50s.

Although the trees aren't bursting with Michigan fall colors, there's plenty to see on a drive around Jacksonville, including field after field of cotton, bursting and ready for the harvest. One thing I noticed was the lack

of deer on the side of the highways. My son-in-law, a Caro native, told me there are plenty of deer, but they're small compared to Michigan whitetails. And, evidently, they're a bit smarter when it comes to crossing roads.

We stayed close to home, but I managed to take a few walks to experience the southern culture, including my first shopping trip to a Piggly Wiggly grocery store. Friendliest cashiers I've ever come across, and all quick to wish you a wonderful day with an accent that just begs you to reply, 'thank-you, ma'am'.

I also managed to walk up

to a nearby high school and catch a portion of a junior varsity football game Thursday night. Not much different than a game in Michigan - plenty of sideline quarterbacking - and really enjoyable to listen to.

I was also invited on a fishing trip with Josh and a couple of his Marine buddies. We drove perhaps a half-hour to a small sea-side town called Surf City, where the plan was to do some fishing off what was evidently an extremely popular pier flanked by miles of white sand and some very beautiful, new homes constructed on bluffs overlooking the shore.

We loaded up on bait - shrimp and bloodworms - and headed for the pier. I asked about buying a license, but was told it isn't necessary when fishing in the ocean, although efforts are underway to change that in the next year or two. We approached the pier with an armful of fishing rods, but took a few back to the cars when we learned the charge was \$6 per on the pier.

The first thing we learned is it pays to be on the correct side of the pier, as in where everyone is catching fish. We stood for close to 2 hours before we finally brought a fish in. We went on to land 18 or so more of the fish, known as "spots", a bright, silver colored fish with a distinctive dark spot near the gills, ranging anywhere from 7 inches to 12 inches or more. We also saw a couple of folks land some small flounders.

The pier was packed and offered handy fish cleaning stations, so a number of the lucky fishermen were catching and cleaning as they went. Looking off the pier, there were a number of folks trying their luck in the surf on one side, while a handful of others were body surfing on the other side as the tide came in.

It was a great end to a nice trip. While the trees there pale in comparison to the bright colors in Michigan this time of year, there are few views as colorful as the deep reds and oranges that descend on the North Carolina coast at dusk.



DOZENS OF fishermen line the pier in Surf City, N.C., Saturday afternoon in search of "spots" and other saltwater fish on the coast.



THIS VIEW FROM the Surf City Pier shows a handful of fishermen trying their luck, casting into the surf on white sand beaches on the North Carolina coast.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

Walbro Engine Management celebrated a golden anniversary last Wednesday with ceremonies at all of its locations worldwide. The company commemorated 50 years of growth from a small, rural Michigan company to a global organization with operations on 3 continents. Founded in 1950 in Fenton, Walbro began as a manufacturing company dedicated to supplying carburetors to the small engine industry. Walbro has since grown into the world's leading independent manufacturer of carburetors for small engine applications, with facilities in the United States, Mexico, Italy, Japan and China.

Tuscola County Fair groups, state legislators and others gathered Saturday at the fairgrounds in Caro to break ground on a project that has been 3 years and thousands of dollars in the making. The celebration marked the start of construction of 2 handicap accessible bathroom facilities. The men's and women's buildings, which will both include showers, will be constructed at the east and west ends of the fairgrounds - one near the sugar factory entrance and the other near the Brentwood entrance - at an estimated cost of \$180,000.

If a mock election at Cass City High School proved to have significance, look for a landslide victory for Democrat James Barcia over Ronald Actis. He's the only Democrat to win in the Republican-dominated school area. Barcia's total was 175, Actis' total, 112. Both proposals lost by considerable margins and George Bush tallied 247 votes and Al Gore 100 votes. Ralph Nader received 45 votes. (From Rabbit Tracks)

10 YEARS AGO

Rawson Memorial Library officials last week unveiled plans for a major renovation and expansion project made possible largely through a partnership with the Cass City-based Pinney Foundation. Cost of the project, which follows a year-long comprehensive study of cur-

rent and future library service needs, is estimated at \$550,000. According to library Director Barbara Hutchinson, new construction would include a 46-foot by 42-foot wing to the west of the existing building.

Construction began Monday morning on a new ambulance base in Cass City. "We're kind of excited. It's been a long time in coming," John Beem, project manager for Mobile Medical Response (MMR), commented at the building site, which is located across from the village municipal building on Church Street. "We're hoping to be in by January." The new ambulance base will consist of a modular home with an attached 2-bay garage. The 2-bedroom home, scheduled to be delivered the first week of December, will include an office and dayroom along with space for training. "There will be a full basement under the house and the garage will have full storage facilities, too," Beem said. The total project cost is estimated at \$80,000.

Carrie Hillaker, daughter of Jim and Susie Hillaker of Cass City, celebrated a birthday Oct. 26 and it did not go unnoticed. She received a letter from President Clinton congratulating her and also noting that her birthday was on the same date as that of the president's wife, Hillary. (From Rabbit Tracks)

25 YEARS AGO

It's always a pleasure to deal with someone that really knows. Last week I needed a picture of Frankenstein for a program under production in the printing department for a Detroit area amateur group. I walked into Rawson Memorial Library and told Barbara Hutchinson what I wanted. Without checking anything, she walked to a corner of the library, picked out a book and then walked to another corner and picked out another. V'oila! My problem was solved...and it took less than three minutes. (From Rabbit Tracks)

IRON RULE - The nation that wins its arguments with its fists finds that its opinions are "respected no farther

than it can reach.

The Cass City Michigan plant of General Cable Company, a division of GK Technologies, Incorporated, opened for business twenty years ago. An important contributor to the economy of the area, General Cable's Cass City operation has an annual payroll of 7.2 million and spends well over a half million dollars each year for locally procured goods and services. Over the years, the plant has produced a wide range of electrical and communications wires, cords and cables for radio, TV, air conditioners, scoreboards and pumps as well as for the telephone industry. Current production is dedicated to the ever-growing telephone business and the plant makes approximately 3,000 different items for the communications market here and abroad.

Cass City roared to its second straight Thumb B Association championship Monday night at Vassar riding on the heels of a tight zone defense and clutch shooting when challenged. The score was 41-31. Although Cass City led all the way, the game was very much in doubt until midway through the final period. Neither team looked as if it knew the object of the game was to score in the opening half of the first quarter. No points were put on the board until four minutes were gone and Padgett Randall cashed a pair of free throws.

35 YEARS AGO

Cass City High School's basketball team will live or die by its defense this year, Coach Fred Hurlburt said Monday as he watched his charges perform in pre-season practices. It was the team's defense that carried it to a 10-6 record in 1969-70 and made the Hawks the surprise team in the Thumb B Conference. It will be the defense that carries the load again this year if the Hawks are to match or better last year's record and become a factor in the league race for a championship. It is the first season in 10 years that Cass City fans can look for a team that will have at least an out-

side chance of winning it all. We are farther along this year than we were last year at this time, Hurlburt says, and I think the squad has the courage and determination to keep improving.

Pork can become an economical gourmet food with the help of seasonings, accompaniments and careful cooking methods. Herbs and spices have an affinity for pork. Fruits and vegetables, perhaps as a salad, served with richly browned pork enhance its flavor. Pork roasts will be juicy, flavorful and safe when cooked slowly to 170 degrees internal temperature.

With about one percent of the 1970 sugar beet crop still to come in to Caro's Michigan Sugar Plant, an astronomical total exceeding 300,000 tons of the crop has crossed the scales. Normally a crop of 220,000 tons is considered excellent.

Branch to speak at library

Angela Branch from the Michigan Attorney General's Office will be at Rawson Memorial Library Nov. 10 at 4:00 p.m. talking about identity theft.

"Identity theft is a growing problem in Michigan, especially for our older citizens," says Mike Cox, Michigan Attorney General. However, fraud knows no age limit and can happen to anyone.

Every year, nearly 7 million people across the nation become victims, and identity theft in Michigan is greater than the national average for credit card, telephone, cell phone and utility fraud. The average identity theft victim spends about 175 hours of time and \$1,400 to restore credit.

Find out how you can prevent identity fraud from creeping into your life or the lives of your loved ones. Hear first hand the advice from the Attorney General's Office on November 10 at 4:00 p.m.

Cass City Area Church Directory

Calvary Bible Fellowship

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

Cass City Church of Christ

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

Cass City Church of the Nazarene

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

Cass City Missionary Church

4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-2729
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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.fbccc.us

First Presbyterian Church

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

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

Living Word Worship Center

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

Novesta Church of Christ

2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-3658 or 872-1195
Bible School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Youth Group & Sunday Evening Services 6:00 p.m.
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Youth Minister: Brad Speirs
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Christian Fellowship Church
Corner of 6th and Leach, Cass City, MI 48726
872-5186
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: F. Robert Tucker

St. Agatha Catholic Church

4618 South St., Gageton, MI 48735
665-9966
Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.

St. Pancratius Catholic Church

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

Shabbona United Methodist Church

4455 North Decker Rd., Decker, MI 48426
810-672-9929 (parsonage)
989-872-8094 (church)
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MANY HANDS MAKE light work - Organizers of the annual Cass City Community Thanksgiving Dinner are looking for volunteers to help out with this year's dinner, which is expected to feed some 300 people. An organizational meeting is slated for today (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. at the Knight Insurance Agency in Cass City.

O-G students on the honor roll

Owendale-Gagetown Schools announce the 1st marking period honor roll.

Richelle Schart.

Muntz, Lacie Prich and Carli Warak.

Nowaczyk, Brittany Parks, Josh Starks, Joshua Volk* and Matthew Volk.

GRADE 3
Sidney Bencheck, Joseph Littlepage, Andrea McCreedy*, Rachel Mroz and Adam Retford.

GRADE 5
Andrew Fahrner, Jeremy Jamieson, Tiffany Jamieson, Megan Lester, Courtney McCreedy, Justin Miller, Eric Rievert and Sarah Volk.

GRADE 7
Holly Erer, Christy Fields, Megan McLaren and Dylan Powell.

GRADE 11
Grant Champagne, Heather Collon, Andy Dronsella, Mindy Erer*, Rose Faupel, Randy Foskett, Kendra Guilds, Josh McLaren*, Amber Pillsbury* and Rebecca Schmidt*.

GRADE 4
Benjamin Good and

GRADE 6
Jacob Fuller, Christin Harris, Erica Mroz, Amanda

GRADE 8
Ryan Francis, Amanda Franzel, Zach Mroz, Devin Prich, Kelsey Quick*, Ashley Rockefeller, Christine Schmidt*, Carin Seibel* and Erin Seibel*.

GRADE 12
Racheal Biebel, Michelle Brown*, Whitney Brown, Amanda Byrd, Tiffany Glaza, Jason James, Barbie Littlepage, Trace Lopez, Floyd Morrish, Nicole Nowaczyk, Cassie Plowman, Amy Powell, Nickie Rinnert, Nathan Rogers and Ashley Shepherd.

GRADE 9
Derek Bucholtz, Stacie Dorsch*, Mariah Francis, Drew Howard, Alisha Kovach*, Cole Mroz, Brandy Plowman, Lucas Powell, Samantha Radabaugh and Katie Rhodes*.

GRADE 10
Ken Brown, Kevin Bucholtz, Branden Edler, Bethany Kovach, Courtney Lester, James Lyman, Nathan Minkler, April

Animal planning underway

The Animals In Disasters (AiD) subcommittee of the Tuscola County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is currently in the process of defining its mission and goals for planning purposes.

The ultimate goal of the group is to have a set plan to deal with animal issues in the event of a disaster or other emergency where the care of animals is required. The plight of the animals left behind in the wake of the recent hurricanes emphasizes the need to have such plans in place.

There is currently a strategic plan in place outlining steps necessary to reach the group's goal.

The most pressing need at this time is members of organizations and individuals who are interested in the welfare of all animals to join in. Local veterinarians, first responders, animal interest groups, the local humane society, and others who are not already involved are encouraged to join the committee and help to ensure the safety of our animals. Also being assembled is a list of volunteers willing to assist in rescue, transportation, housing, and feeding of animals.

The group will be putting together a database identifying the types and locations of populations of animals within Tuscola County. The intent is to develop a spot map showing areas potentially needing assistance during an emergency situation. Also included will be locations where temporary shelters can be established, not only for domestic pets, but also for farm animals and exotic pets.

The committee is in need of more people to work on their tasks. If you wish to be a part of this process in any way, contact Emergency Management Director Patrick Finn at (989) 673-5181, or either of the co-chairs, Dave Mattlin at (989) 673-2002 or Julia DeGuise at (989) 672-6352.

*Denotes all A's

Obituaries

Ralph Holladay

Ralph Anderson Holladay, 96, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2005 in Tendercare Nursing Facility, Cass City.

He was born Jan. 21, 1909 in Wilmington, Ohio, the son of Jesse Lee and Mary Jane Holladay.

He married Ruby G. Bumgarner Nov. 23, 1935 in Hildeborough, Ohio. She died Sept. 18, 2002.

Holladay worked for Monroe Auto Equipment, for many years. He worked for Monroe Public Schools as a bus driver for nearly 3 years, then transferred inside doing maintenance until his retirement in 1965.

Holladay is survived by his children: Clifford (Becky) Holladay of Baltimore, Md., and Leslie Holladay of Riverview; 6 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandsons.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

ceived her master's degree from Central Michigan University. Wallace was a freelance and portrait artist.



She was an interim curator of the Saginaw Art Museum, hosted a television arts program, was a fine arts instructor at Northwood University, Delta College and Midland Center for the Arts, and a

courtroom artist for WILX TV 10. She was a member of the Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church in Midland.

Wallace is survived by her ex-husband, James M. Wallace; 3 children: Duncan (Deana) Wallace, Cameron (Bud Hines) Wallace, and Benjamin Wallace; 4 grandchildren; 2 nieces; 2 nephews; many cousins; numerous friends; and her cat, Kirby.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother and sister-in-law, Gordon (Naomi) Netzorg; a niece, Susie Netzorg; an aunt, Sadie Soule; and a friend, Julia Roecker.

Memorial services were held Friday, Nov. 4, at Tiffany Funeral Home, Lansing. Inurnment was in the Riverside Cemetery, Alma.

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2005 Mercury Mountaineer AWD
Leather, V-6, Auto OD, Air, Pwr. Windows & Locks, Cruise, Tilt, Running Boards, Tow Pkg., Keyless, Was \$33,935, Sale \$26,174.35.....**Emp. \$24,654.25**

2005 Mercury Marquis LS
Premium 30th Anniversary Edition, V-8, Auto OD, Air, Cruise, Tilt, Pwr. Windows & Locks, Leather, Cass./CD, Was \$31,570, Sale \$23,315.17.....**Emp. \$22,151.60**

2005 Chrysler Town & Country
Touring Pkg., V-6, Auto OD, Air, Pwr. Windows & Locks, Cruise, Tilt, AM/FM/CD, Power Seats, Keyless, Was \$29,000, Sale \$21,949.....**Emp. \$20,949**

2005 Mustang Convertible
Premium V-6, Auto OD, Air, Pwr. Windows & Locks, Cruise, Tilt, Spoiler, Was \$28,120, Sale \$26,064.46.....**Emp. \$25,045.84**

2005 Jeep Liberty Sport 4x4
Diesel, Auto OD, Air, Pwr. Windows & Locks, Cruise, Tilt, Was \$25,860, Sale \$21,477.....**Emp. \$20,477**

2005 Mercury Montego
Luxury Pkg., V-6, Auto OD, Air, Cruise, Tilt, PW, PL, AM/FM/CD, Power Seats, Keyless, Was \$25,790, Sale \$20,440.31.....**Emp. \$19,375.30**

2005 Ford Ranger Super Cab
Edge Pkg., 3.0, V-6, Auto OD, Cruise, Tilt, Slider, Cass./CD, Was \$22,425, Sale \$15,151.98.....**Emp. \$14,339.60**



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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 Henry A. Lajoie and Henrietta R. Lajoie, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to 1st National Financial, Mortgagee, dated June 18, 2001 and recorded on June 22, 2001 in Liber 836 on Page 727 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Seventy and 23/100 Dollars (\$63,670.23), including interest at 7.125% 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 December 8, 2005.

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

Commencing at the Southeast Corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 11 East; thence North 340 feet; thence West 250 feet; thence South 340 feet; thence East 250 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: November 9, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trot & Troit, P.C. Attorneys for Chase Home Finance LLC 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #071676F01

11-9-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas R. Darling II, a single man, and Courtney Hunkins, a single woman, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 17, 2003 and recorded on October 23, 2003 in Liber 961 on Page 2 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Two and 70/100 Dollars (\$56,322.70), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on December 1, 2005.

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

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

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

Dated: October 26, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trot & Troit, P.C. Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #045054F03

10-26-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Kenneth W. Belcher, a single man, of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank FSB dated the 22nd day of September, A.D. 2000 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 27th day of September, A.D. 2000 in Liber 811 of Tuscola County Records, on Page 1015, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$60,578.91 (Sixty thousand, Five hundred Seventy Eight Dollars and Ninety One cents) including interest there on at 8.50% (eight point five zero) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the

power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of November, A.D. 2005, at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

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

Commencing on East section line at a point 380 feet South of East 1/4 post of Section 32, Township 11 North, Range 8 East; thence South 190 feet, West 230 feet, North 190 feet East 230 feet to place of beginning. Commonly known as: 7310 Hess Rd.

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

Dated: October 19, 2005

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A. Daniel E. Best, (P-58501) Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage WELTMAN, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S Troy, Michigan 48064 WWR#03761278

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by LARRY D. DETGEN, A MARRIED MAN, AND JOHNETTA M. DETGEN, A MARRIED WOMAN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to WASHINGTON MORTGAGE COMPANY, Mortgagee, dated May 28, 1999 and recorded on August 11, 2004 in Liber 1004, on Page 20 in TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgage to HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC. by an assignment dated June 03, 1999 in TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred twenty eight thousand eight hundred twenty one and 82/100 Dollars (\$128,821.82), including interest at 10.100% per annum.

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

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

LOT 13 OF THE PLAT OF CANDICE SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 3 OF PLATS, PAGE 43-44 OF TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

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

DATED: October 19, 2005

ATTORNEY FOR: HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC. Assignee of Mortgage

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. 401 South Old Woodward Avenue, Suite 300 Birmingham, MI 48009-6616 For More Information Call: (248) 540-7701

10-19-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Susan K. Healy and Russell D. Healy, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to American Business Mortgage Services Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 26, 2002 and recorded on July 17, 2002 in Liber 886 on Page 724 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgage to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of ABFS Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-3, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-3 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Two and 26/100 Dollars (\$84,622.26), including interest at 13.99% per annum.

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

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

A parcel of land located in the West half of the Northeast quarter of Section 14, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, described as: Commencing at a point on the North and South quarter line of said Section 14 that is 1597 feet South of the North quarter corner of said Section; thence North 86 degrees 30 minutes East 464 feet; thence South 0 degrees West, 252 feet; thence South 86 degrees 30 minutes West, 464

feet to the North and South quarter line; thence North 252 feet to the place of beginning.

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

Dated: October 19, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC J (248) 593-1311 Trot & Troit, P.C. Attorneys for JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of ABFS Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-3, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-3 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #068271F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Sylvester and Tina Sylvester, husband and wife, to First NLC, Financial Services, LLC, mortgagee, dated June 21, 2004 and recorded July 1, 2004 in Liber 998, Page 1436, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company 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 One Hundred Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty and 64/100 Dollars (\$111,750.64), including interest at the rate of 9.38% 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 December 1, 2005.

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

Commencing at a point 820 feet West of the Southeast corner of Section 34, Town 13 North, Range 9 East; thence West 82 feet; thence North 231 feet; thence East 82 feet; thence South 231 feet to the point of beginning being in Section 34, Town 13 North, Range 9 East.

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

Dated: November 2, 2005

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 209.3291

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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 Gene W. Streup and Sandra K. Streup, his wife, original mortgagors, to New Century Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 15, 2000 and recorded on June 9, 2000 in Liber 803 on Page 237 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to HSBC Bank USA, as Trustee in trust for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust Inc., Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates Series 2003-HE-4 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred and 84/100 Dollars (\$53,700.84), including interest at 10.125% 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 November 17, 2005.

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

Lot 17, Evergreen Acres Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of plats, page 23, 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: October 19, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC D (248) 593-1309 Trot & Troit, P.C. Attorneys for HSBC Bank USA, as Trustee in trust for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust Inc., Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates Series 2003-HE-4 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #069500F01

10-19-4

PURSUANT TO 15 USC §1692 YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION THAT YOU PROVIDE MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the condition of a mortgage made by Manuel L. Anclard and Lorraine K. Anclard, husband and wife, to HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III by a mortgage dated July 26, 2000 and recorded on August 11, 2000 in Liber 808 on Page 338, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Thirty-Four and 97/100 Dollars (\$119,034.97), including interest at 12% 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, in the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI on November 17, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

Said premises are situated in the City of Millington, County of Tuscola State of Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 25 of Eno Subdivision, part of the North Half of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 9, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, Lying West of Highway M-15, in the Village of Millington, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, the plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 2 on Page 39, in the office of the Register of Deeds for said County and State.

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: November 2, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trot & Troit, P.C. Attorneys for Chase Home Finance, LLC successor by merger and/or name change to Chase Mortgage Company 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #048004F02

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James Hager, a single man, and Nenita Crouch, a single woman, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 13, 2004 and recorded on May 18, 2004 in Liber 993 on Page 245 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Six Hundred Three and 89/100 Dollars (\$91,603.89), including interest at 8.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on December 1, 2005.

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

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the fractional Section 2, Town 12 North, Range 9 East; thence South 01 degrees West, along the East line of said fractional, Section 2, 996.40 feet; thence North 88 degrees 20 minutes 30 seconds West, along the North one-eighth line of said fractional Section 2 and the centerline of Boy Scout Road, 955.00 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence North 88 degrees 20 minutes 30 seconds West, along the centerline Boy Scout Road 434.29 feet to the point of the centerline of Orr Road; thence North 01 degrees 58 minutes East, along the centerline of Orr Road, 659.97 feet; thence South 88 degrees 20 minutes 30 seconds East 423.16 feet thence South 01 degrees West 660.0 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: October 26, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC X (248) 593-1302 Trot & Troit, P.C. Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #047095F02

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John H. Burton and Laura A. Burton, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated September 12, 2001 and recorded on November 2, 2001 in Liber 846 on Page 1349, and assigned by said mortgage to Chase Mortgage Company as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Six and 87/100 Dollars (\$94,186.87), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on December 8, 2005.

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

Part of Lots 6, 8, and 9, Block 4 of the Plat of the Village of Mayville, according to the plat recorded in Liber 15 of Deeds, Page 564, now being Liber 3 of Plats, Pages 35-36, described as: a piece of land 4 rods in width across the South side of Lots 8 and 9, Block 4, according to the Plat of the Village of Mayville, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 15 of Deeds, Page 564, now being Liber 3 of Plats, Pages 35-36, excepting a piece of land commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot 8, Block 4, thence running East 96 feet, thence North 4 rods, thence West 96 feet, thence South 4 rods to place of beginning. Also: commencing at a point 4 rods North of the Southeast corner of Lot 9, Block 4, of the Plat of the Village of Mayville, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 15 of Deeds, Page 564, now being Liber 3 of Plats, Pages 35-36, thence running North 25 feet, thence running West to the West line of Lot 6, Block 4 of said Village of Mayville, thence running South 25 feet, thence running East to the place of beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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 December 1, 2005.

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

Part of Lots 6, 8, and 9, Block 4 of the Plat of the Village of Mayville, according to the plat recorded in Liber 15 of Deeds, Page 564, now being Liber 3 of Plats, Pages 35-36, described as: a piece of land 4 rods in width across the South side of Lots 8 and 9, Block 4, according to the Plat of the Village of Mayville, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 15 of Deeds, Page 564, now being Liber 3 of Plats, Pages 35-36, excepting a piece of land commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot 8, Block 4, thence running East 96 feet, thence North 4 rods, thence West 96 feet, thence South 4 rods to place of beginning. Also: commencing at a point 4 rods North of the Southeast corner of Lot 9, Block 4, of the Plat of the Village of Mayville, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 15 of Deeds, Page 564, now being Liber 3 of Plats, Pages 35-36, thence running North 25 feet, thence running West to the West line of Lot 6, Block 4 of said Village of Mayville, thence running South 25 feet, thence running East to the place 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: November 2, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trot & Troit, P.C. Attorneys for Chase Home Finance, LLC successor by merger and/or name change to Chase Mortgage Company 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #048004F02

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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 Ronald F. Picheotte and Ruby Pearl Picheotte, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to First of America Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated April 10, 1998 and recorded on April 16, 1998 in Liber 735 on Page 1092, and assigned by said Mortgagee to First of America Loan Services, 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 Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Eight and 68/100 Dollars (\$60,558.68), including interest at 7.125% 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 December 8, 2005.

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

Commencing at a point on the East side of Almer Street, 121.5 feet North of the Southeast corner of Lot 1, Block 42 of the Plat of Centerville (now Caro), according to the plat recorded in Liber 11 of Deeds, Pages 362-363, now being Liber 1 of Plats, Page 56, now being Page 59A, running East at right angles to Almer Street, 54 feet; thence Northeast perpendicular to Sherman Street 124 feet, more or less, to the Southwest side of Sherman Street; thence Northwest along the Southwest side of Sherman Street, 34.5 feet; thence Southwest at right angles to Sherman Street, 20.8 feet; thence West perpendicular to Almer Street, 101.7 feet to the East line of Almer Street; thence South along the East line of Almer Street to the point of beginning. Being a part of Lots 1, 3, 4 and 5, Block 42 of the Plat of Centerville (now Caro).

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: November 9, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC F (248) 593-1313 Trot & Troit, P.C. Attorneys for National City Mortgage Inc. f/a First of America Loan Services, Inc. 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #07109F01

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dred Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Nine and 02/100 Dollars (\$13,959.02), 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 December 1, 2005.

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

PART OF LOT 18 OF CANDACE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 3 OF PLATS, PAGES 43-44, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 18 SAID CORNER BEING EAST 40.00 FEET AND THE NORTH 0 DEGREES 15 MINUTES WEST 40.00 FEET FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 13, TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, THENCE ALONG THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF BELSAY ROAD, NORTH 0 DEGREES 15 MINUTES WEST 207.00 FEET, THENCE EAST 217.00 FEET, THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOT 18, SOUTH 0 DEGREES 15 MINUTES EAST 207.00 FEET, THENCE ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF BARNES ROAD, WEST 217.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 18 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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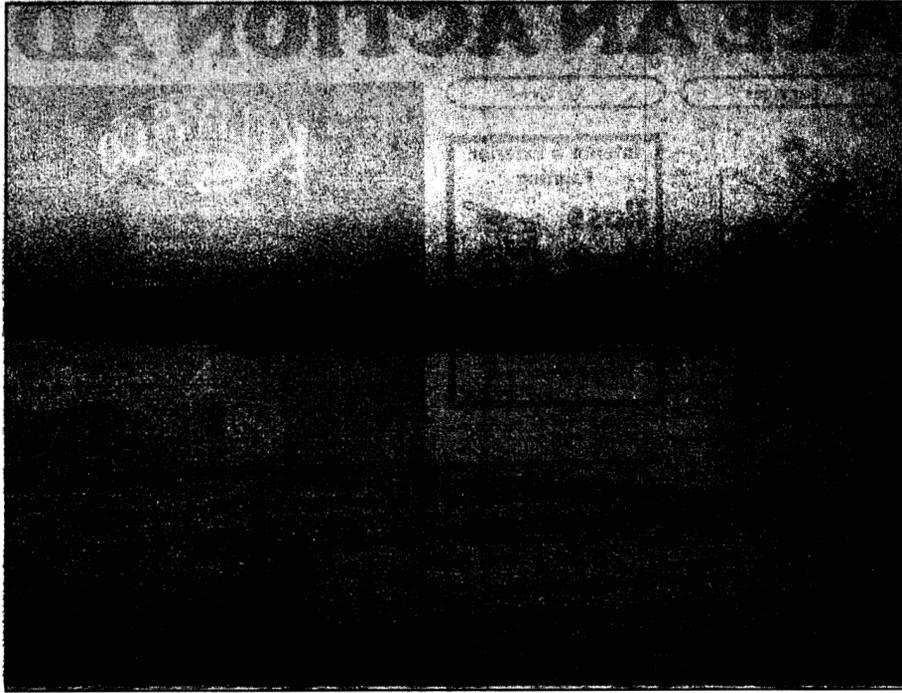
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Volunteers sought

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"The idea grew out of people having to sit home alone, people who don't have family in the area," Mills said. "The purpose was to sit as a family and community." The idea proved popular. About 80 dinners were served that first year, and the attendance has grown steadily since.

The dinner has remained a community affair. All of the food and labor is donated. The Knights of Columbus, for example, has purchased the turkeys for a number of years. Local high school students, meanwhile, prepare the dressing, which is cooked by employees at Hills and Dales General Hospital. Some area businesses also donate to the cause, and most of the local service clubs and churches are involved in one way or another.

Still, it's a big job for such a small group of volunteers, who typically prepare and serve about 16 turkeys and 30 dozen dinner rolls, 180 pounds of potatoes, 2 roasters full of squash, 3 large roasters of dressing, 8 pounds of cooked vegetables and dozens of pies.

"It's this time of year I start to get the butterflies," Mills joked, referring to the work and organization it takes to ensure everything is in place to feed 300 people. "It's definitely not something you wake up and decide to do today - there's a lot of behind-the-scenes work involved."

Deer season

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He noted hunters have taken about 250 deer in the Thumb with crop damage permits over the past 2 years. "When you figure the car-deer accident numbers in one of those counties is going to be 1,000, that's small potatoes."

Reported car-deer collisions in the Thumb last year totaled 981 in Tuscola County, 1,125 in Sanilac County and 1,220 in Huron County.

Karr said the DNR plans to again give hunters additional hunting days to take antlerless deer.

"Tuscola will continue to have the late antlerless season in December - Dec. 19 through Jan. 1," he said, "and new this year is a late antlerless season in Sanilac County, also Dec. 19 through Jan. 1. Then also this year, the muzzleloader season will be a little bit longer. It starts a week early, Dec. 2-18 in Zone 3."

The expanded muzzleloader season is the result of an effort to give hunters more opportunities to take deer, according to Karr. "But the late antlerless seasons, that is definitely to try to reduce the population and give the farmers some relief."

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Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, November 10

Preventing Identity Theft Program, 4 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Book Sale, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Caro Community Hospital front lobby. All proceeds will go toward Caro Community Hospital Auxiliary projects.

Friday, November 11

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

Veterans Day Program, Cass City Middle School. All local veterans and their wives are invited. Wear uniforms if possible. Social hour 1 p.m.; program 2 p.m.

Saturday, November 12

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

LeValley-Heusted Camp 255, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War meeting, noon, Mayville Public Library. Any male descendant of an honorably discharged veteran of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service during the Civil War, or any person interested in the Civil War is invited to attend. For further information, contact David Neese at (989) 673-3940.

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Sunday, November 13

Holbrook Helpers 4-H Club meeting, 3 p.m., 7381 N. Germania Rd., Uby. Service project: baby pantry, bring something new or used.

Monday, November 14

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Uby. For additional information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.

Tuesday, November 15

Blood drive, 1 to 6:45 p.m., Cass City VFW Hall, 4533 Veterans Dr., Cass City. For additional information, call Kerry Brown at (989) 872-5476 (ext. 319) or Helen Jezewski at (989) 872-2746. Sponsored by the Hills and Dales Hospital Auxiliary and the Cass City VFW.

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