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CASS CITY HIGH School Student Council members rolled up their sleeves and helped out members of Cass City VFW Post 3644 Friday morning. The group erected the post's familiar "Avenue of Flags" along Main Street in honor of area veterans in conjunction with Veterans Day.

Police laud school "lockdown"

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City Police Department officials praised the response of local school officials to a reported telephone

conversation between a parent and a teacher described as "inappropriate and threatening in nature" early last week.

"We had an incident where

we had a parent call a teacher at home. A disagreement ensued and there were some possible statements that would be construed as threatening," Cass City Middle School Principal Jeff Hartel said of the incident Monday, Nov. 7.

Hartel said the middle school teacher, who was not named, contacted him to report the incident.

"I informed the Cass City Police Department and an officer came to the school this (Tuesday) morning as students arrived to school," Hartel stated in a letter sent home to parents.

"All students were allowed

into the building and the school was on a precautionary lockdown. The Critical Incident Response Team was notified and we were told that all procedures were followed and that a good response was taken by the school. Cass City Public Schools continues to put our children's safety as priority number one and will continue to keep you informed as best we can."

Hartel said Friday that the middle school lockdown lasted only during the morning hours.

"We brought the kids in - Please turn to back page.

Police sweep targets county sex offenders

Tuscola County law enforcement officials obtained 11 arrest warrants and made one felony arrest during a 3-week sweep of convicted sex offenders in the county.

Trooper Amy Hofmeister reported that Michigan State Police troopers from the Caro post and officers from the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department conducted the sweep in conjunction with Operation Verify, a statewide initiative designed to increase compliance with the state's sex offender law.

Huron County law enforcement officials conducted a similar operation, obtaining 4 arrest warrants and making 3 arrests, according to Detective Sgt. Mark Krebs of the Michigan State Police post in Bad Axe.

Hofmeister said officers targeted individuals who failed to change or verify their address during the October verification period, which ran until Oct. 15. The arrest warrants, she noted, involved various charges, including failure to register as a sex offender, failure to notify law enforcement of a change in address, and failure to verify an address as a sex offender.

Hofmeister said police are still looking for an additional 6 convicted sex offenders who could not be located. They are:

*Charles Arthur Clyne, 44, last known address in Vassar.

*Jamie Lee Beyette, 20, last known address in Millington.

*Jesus Deleon Vasquez, 51, last known address in Caro.

*Chad Edward Browder, 22, last known address in Caro.

*Jeffery M. Dubay, 34, last known address in Vassar, and

*Curtis Dwain Spencer, 26, last known address in Vassar.

Public Act 295 of 1994, known as the Sex Offenders

Registration Act, requires offenders convicted of a misdemeanor listed offense to report to a local law enforcement agency to verify their address annually, Jan. 1 through Jan. 15. Failure to do so is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

Offenders convicted of a felony listed offense must report to a local law enforcement

agency to verify their address quarterly during the first 15 days of January, April, July and October. Failure to do so is also a 93-day misdemeanor.

Convicted offenders must also report a change of address within 10 days of moving, and failure to do so is a 4-year felony.

As of Nov. 1, there were 37,916 offenders statewide

in the Sex Offender Registry. Of those, 23,885 are required to verify their address either annually or quarterly.

Tuscola County is home to 118 registered sex offenders. Another 81 reside in Huron County.

Area residents can view Michigan's Public Sex Offender Registry at: www.mipsor.state.mi.us.

Nearly 60 youth and young adults homeless

Nearly 60 youth and young adults identified themselves as being homeless in the upper Thumb during a recent Youth Homelessness Survey.

The survey was sponsored by the Thumb Area Continuum of Care and created by its Youth Homelessness Subcommittee.

"We knew that there were homeless youth in the Thumb," said Jim Turner, program manager for the Tuscola County Department of Human Services and chairman of the Youth Homelessness Subcommittee. "But there was no documentation regarding the number of homeless people in this age group, or what kinds of services they needed, so we created a survey."

In an effort to discover the extent of youth homelessness in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties, members of the subcommittee distributed their 17-question survey to 120 human service agencies, which then distributed the surveys to youth in the

Thumb last April, May and June.

Turner said the results will be used to identify and coordinate services and resources to help these youth.

According to Turner, in the 3 counties, there were a total of 59 respondents ages 15 through 25 that reported themselves as being homeless. Of those, 24 were male and 35 were female.

"Current housing situations varied for the respondents," he said. "Thirteen respondents reported that they were living in a homeless shelter, 19 in a relative's home, 18 in a friend's home, 3 in a public place, 2 in their car, and 16 marked 'other'."

Those responding to the survey also offered varying reasons for their homelessness.

In all, 17 reported that it was their decision to leave home, 12 indicated that they were asked to leave by their parents, 12 reported that there were drugs and alcohol in the home, 7 stated that they had no income, 5 re-

ported that they ran away from home, and one stated that he/she had just been released from jail.

"Questions regarding the victimization as it related to the youths' homelessness situation were also asked," Turner said. "Emotional abuse was reported by 23 of the respondents, 21 stated that they had been victims of 'domestic violence', 17 shared that they had been a victim of 'physical abuse', and 10 reported being victims of 'sexual abuse'. Ninety percent of the youth that answered this question reported that they were victims of more than one form of abuse."

Personal issues was another category that was investigated through the survey, with 19 respondents saying they have a learning disability, 11 reported they have a mental illness, 37 stating they use tobacco, 33 reporting they abuse alcohol, and 24 reporting drug abuse.

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Voters okay surcharge

Tuscola County voters overwhelmingly approved the requested renewal of a 911-Tuscola County Central Dispatch telephone surcharge in the Tuesday, Nov. 8 election.

The surcharge is up to 16 percent (not to exceed \$3.20 per month per telephone line)

for 5 years to continue funding emergency telephone answering and dispatch services.

All of the county's townships and the city of Vassar approved the measure. Countywide, the vote was

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Top gun

Gagetown youth ready to match skills with the best

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Eric Montreuil isn't a big talker, but put the Gagetown youth on a motocross track and he speaks volumes.

A veteran racer at the age of 12, Eric, the son of Patti and Don Montreuil, is coming off one of his best summers of competitions yet, including an undefeated season at MPX Racing in Sebawaing. He's currently ranked seventh overall among competitors in the American Motorcycle Association's District 14.

Now, the seventh grade Cass City Middle School student is gearing up for his biggest challenge yet - 5 days of racing against the best of the best during the 34th annual Winter National Olympics, also known as the "Mini Olympics", Nov. 21-25 in Gainesville, Fla.

Last year's Winter National Olympics drew some 5,000 young competitors from across the country, all vying for a top 4 finish in order to advance to the main event. This year, some 4,000 or

more competitors are expected.

"Only the fastest kids in the country will be going there. If you're not winning here in Michigan, you wouldn't go," said Don Montreuil, who introduced Eric to motocross racing at the age of 5.

"I've (riden) all my life, so I thought it would be a good hobby, keep him out of trouble," he added.

Eric has since concentrated on motocross as well as supercross events, honing his skills on practice tracks owned by some friends, and competing on tracks in Millington, Marlette, Midland and beyond. His resume includes racing supercross at the Pontiac Silverdome.

"It's just fun," Eric said of the sport. "I like riding and the jumping - all the long jumps and the corners."

"Supercross is a tighter track with bigger jumps - steep jumps. It's the stuff you usually watch in the wintertime in an indoor arena," Don Montreuil explained. "Motocross is outdoors on

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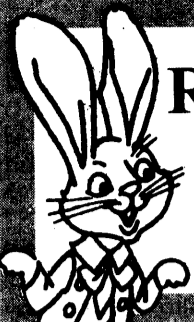


GAGETOWN'S Eric Montreuil, 12, is gearing up for his biggest challenge to-date - competing in the Mini Olympics in Gainesville, Fla.



MONTREUIL HAS amassed an impressive collection of nearly 400 trophies during his motocross racing career, which began at age 5.

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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The first time I visited Smitty's Steak House in rural Boyne City it had been open a few short months and I mentally crossed it off as a place that was destined for failure. Not because the food or the service was poor, but because of its location.

The chances of stopping at the remodeled farmhouse by chance is almost zilch. It's about a mile off of M-75 (not I-75) and is certainly not pretentious.

The prices are about average for a steak house. Steaks cost between \$12 and \$25 dollars and other menu items are priced at a corresponding level.

The family visited there on a Saturday night and the place was moderately busy. Remember that this was in the off-season. In Boyne City a popular restaurant has closed until next summer and a widely known Stafford restaurant, One Water Street, closed and was later sold and the size of the restaurant cut about in 2 before reopening under new ownership. Stafford has top restaurants in Charlevoix, Petoskey, Bay View and Harbor Springs.

Maybe Smitty's success is due to the owner's on site management that goes out of its way to make customers happy and the quality of the food is constantly good.

Still no decision in plea offer for area teacher

Kristen A. Margrif will have more time to consider a plea agreement offered in her criminal sexual conduct case following her pre-trial hearing Thursday in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

"The offer that existed before is still on the table. We're going to continue discussions and see if a resolution can be reached," Tuscola

County Prosecutor Mark Reene said last week after the hearing.

Margrif, an English teacher at Kingston High School, has been charged with 7 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct - a 15-year felony - and one count of fourth degree criminal sexual conduct.

The charges stem from what investigators say were

several incidents of sexual contact between Margrif and one of her 16-year-old students between June 25 and July 18. Margrif 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.

Reene subsequently 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's case will now be set for trial, probably sometime in February and March, according to Reene, who said the defendant will be given another 3 or 4 weeks to accept or reject the plea offer.

Margrif, 27, of Mayville, is on an unpaid leave of absence from her job in the Kingston Community School District.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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"Ah, here's one," I thought. "This might be lunch, or maybe a snack?"

Actually, I can't tell what it is. It's one of those meals I packed months ago.

I find them in my hunting coat, in the glove box, and under the boat seat. Some are dry and chewy looking. The majority are green and hard to identify.

Some of these meals are partially eaten. Others haven't been touched: Apparently judged too bad to eat, but too good to throw away.

My son says the Army has some food they call MREs, "Meals Ready to Eat." He claims they are pretty good.

The food in my coat pocket could be called SIFs, "Stuff I Found." It might have been good when I packed it, but it's pretty bad when I find it weeks later. If I packed better lunches to begin with, I probably wouldn't find so many leftovers.

There's an art to packing a lunch. One can't just throw a baloney sandwich in a bag and expect it to look appetizing at lunch time.

The best lunches I can remember belonged to my old friend, Steve. Steve's lunch always featured a main course and at least four side dishes.

He would have fried chicken, ham and cheese on sourdough, pork tenderloin wrapped in a dinner roll, gourmet potato chips (with dip), two kinds of pickles, smoked salmon for a snack, and chocolate pudding for dessert.

Nobody ever found one of Steve's lunches ripening under a boat seat. He ate every bit of them.

One day I was marveling at Steve's lunch and questioning how he got his wife to pack it, when I recalled a story by outdoor writer the

Meyer supports investment deal

The Michigan House Thursday approved an agreement between the governor and legislative leaders that will immediately inject more than \$200 million into the state economy and invest \$2 billion over the next 9 years, but state Rep. Tom Meyer said more must be done to save jobs.

The plan also invests \$1 billion, \$400 million of that in securitized tobacco settlement payments, over the next 10 years in new and emerging technologies in an effort to diversify Michigan's economy and create jobs.

"The deal reached last week is a good start in an ongoing fight to save Michigan jobs and help residents," said Meyer, R-Bad Axe. "Michigan residents don't want logjams and subterfuge from Lansing, they want genuine relief to help invigorate the economy and create jobs. We've started the engines of recovery; now we must accelerate our efforts."

The new plan on tax relief uses the framework of previously announced and passed House Republican plans. It cuts more than \$500 million in taxes in the next 5 years by cutting the Single Business Tax, offering a credit on a manufacturer's Personal Property Tax, cutting taxes for 33,000 small businesses, eliminating the health care tax and reducing the tax burden on payroll and equipment.

The Haire Net

Plenty of pork in this plan



Just like the song says in the classic musical "The Music Man", we've got trouble, trouble, trouble right here in the Thumb and it starts with W and stands for worry and that means the Wolverine.

Worry exacerbated because we have no plan for the overall management of this ferocious predator in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties. It is one of the most powerful animals for its size in the world.

Don't be fooled because only one Wolverine has been spotted in the area in over 50 years. We need a plan to handle this animal that is said to have a love of killing and kills more animals than it could eat.

I'm ready to apply for a grant to develop a plan for our area just like the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians are developing a plan to control the gray

wolf population in Emmet and Charlevoix counties.

Now as far as it's known, there are no wolves today in the 2 counties, certainly none have been reported in the last quarter century.

But it's only a matter of time before they migrate across the Straits of Mackinac into the territories where the tribe operates, tribe spokesmen point out.

Well the danger is much more acute in the 3-county area. After all, we have spotted a live, wild Wolverine in the area as recently as March 2004.



Wolverine spotted.

As happy as I am to volunteer to devise a plan for the safety of our residents and management of this member of the weasel family, it does take money.

Considering the gravity of the situation, I'm willing to sacrifice and do it for less than the Odawa Indians, even though we already have a Wolverine here and the problem is more acute because of it. I plan to make an offer to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to devise a comprehensive plan for a mere \$200,000. That will save the taxpayers \$50,000 compared to the \$250,000 grant already given to the tribe.


Perhaps part of my plan should be to trap the wily, meat-eating Wolverine with a copy of my proposed grant agreement.

There's plenty of pork in that.


Joshing with coach John Maharg as his career as coach of girls' basketball in Cass City nears its end, I said that he must be making 15 cents an hour for his work.

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Snow Possible
High: 38 Low: 23

Thursday
Partly Cloudy
High: 34 Low: 24

Friday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 37 Low: 26

Saturday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 39 Low: 27

Sunday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 39 Low: 29

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of snow, high temperature of 38°, humidity of 81% and an overnight low of 23°. The record high temperature for today is 67° set in 1990. The record low is 9° set in 1967. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 34°, humidity of 74% and an overnight low of 24°.

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Monday	55	36	48/33	0.00"
Tuesday	54	34	47/33	0.00"
Wednesday	57	39	47/33	0.00"
Thursday	41	28	47/32	0.00"
Friday	54	28	46/32	0.00"
Saturday	64	36	46/32	0.00"
Sunday	61	39	45/31	0.00"

Upcoming Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
11/23	12/1	12/8	12/15

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today 7:28 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:07 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

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Red Hawk Talks

by Donna Bushong

Nov. 7 was the National Honor Society (NHS) Induction. This year there were 13 returning senior members and 22 new members who were inducted.

At the beginning of the school year, prospective members receive a letter inviting them to apply for National Honor Society membership. A committee of 5 faculty members then selects qualified members from the people who turn in the application.

In order to be eligible for NHS, you must meet the qualifications in the 4 offices: character, scholarship, leadership, and service. For the character portion, each student had to seek letters of recommendation. For the scholarship portion, each student must have a 3.25 GPA. For the leadership part, students had to write down all of their leadership positions. Lastly, for the service portion, students made a log of all their community service hours. The last part of the application was to write about what being in National Honor Society would mean to them.

The induction ceremony started after harpist Alyssa Nicol provided prelude music. The members to be inducted entered to a processional played by Mrs. Barb Kirm. The national anthem sung by Chelsea DeLuyck followed the processional.

Next, NHS President Katie McIntosh welcomed the friends and family of the students. The Cass City Alma Mater sung by the concert choir followed Katie's welcoming speech.

After the alma mater, each of the NHS officers gave a speech about the four offices of NHS. President Katie

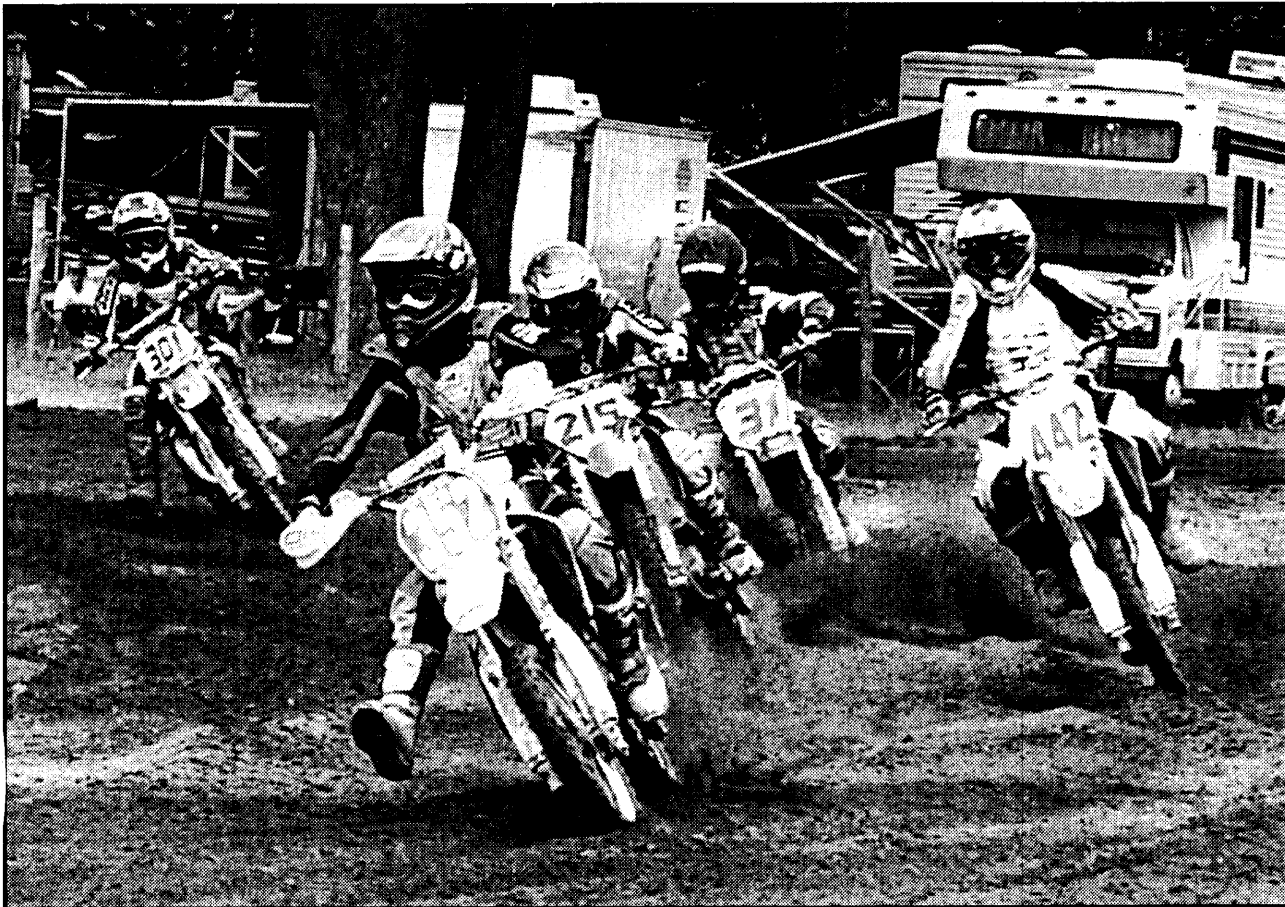
McIntosh spoke about Character, Vice-President Rebecca Putnam spoke about Scholarship, Treasurer Nicole Froede spoke about Leadership, and Secretary Chad Sparks spoke about Service. Mr. Jon Good followed the speech with the roll call of the returning members.

Next, all members stood for the administering of the NHS oath. As the returning members took their seats, Mr. Jon Good returned to read the roll call of the new members. As their names were called, they proceeded to the front of the stage to receive a pin from the NHS president and sign the membership book, which was overseen by Chad Sparks.

The ceremony ended with the concert choir singing Dona Nobis Pacem, a closing speech by Katie McIntosh, and the recessional played by Mrs. Barb Kirm.

Now that all 2005-2006 members have been inducted there will be an array of activities that will take place. We begin by helping to decorate the Christmas banners that will hang about the community. Starting with our return from Thanksgiving break (Nov. 28) will be a toy drive. Then on Nov. 29, NHS will host an American Red Cross blood drive. NHS members also continue to help with homework support after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and we have donated money to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita relief funds.

The National Honor Society will continue to remain active throughout the rest of the school year and will enjoy helping out our school and the community.



MONTREUIL, a student at Cass City Middle School, leads the pack in a race in Midland this past summer. (See story, page one)

Christmas parade slated

Cass City resident Richard Little is busy organizing what he hopes will become an annual event - the Lighted Christmas Parade, Saturday, Dec. 3.

Line-up is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. behind the Cass City Municipal Building, with judging at 6:15 p.m. The parade will start at about 6:30 p.m.

The goal of the event, Little explained, is "to provide an activity that the whole community can enjoy, (to) give people a reason to come to Cass City and see what we have to offer and promote Christmas shopping in Cass City."

All businesses, clubs and individuals are invited to participate. There is no cost to

enter a float, but participants must register by 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2.

The theme of the first parade will be "An Old Fashioned Christmas", and trophies will be awarded for entries in the following categories: most creative use of lights, best club or organization, best children's entry, best commercial entry, best parade theme, best farm implement, and best family entry.

'Indulge' tickets still available

Tickets are still available for "A Night to Indulge 5", coming Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Caro Knights of Columbus Hall.

The event is presented by HDC's Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, Thumb Area Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Tuscola County Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Council, and sponsored by the Pat Curtis Automotive Dealerships in Caro and Cass City. It will feature chocolate confections and other choices offered by tuxedoed servers, vendors, massages, door prizes, a silent auction, and more.

Advanced tickets are \$10 each, and may be obtained by calling Thumb Area Big

Brothers Big Sisters at (989) 673-6996 or HDC at (989) 673-4121, or by dialing (989) 479-9153 after regular business hours. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$12.

The Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center (ACC) is a program of the Human Development Commission, providing shelter, counseling, and assistance to survivors of sexual and domestic violence. Thumb Area Big Brothers Big Sisters pairs youths who need loving guidance with adult volunteers who provide a commitment of time and personal involvement. The Tuscola County Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Council preserves and protects the innocence of childhood through education and resource information.

Scouts to host booth

Brownie Girl Scout Troop 865 will host a cookie booth at Erla's Food Center in Cass City Nov. 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cookies will be available for take home at that time - just in time for your Thanksgiving feast.

Event postponed

Hills and Dales General Hospital and the Cass City Chamber of Commerce regret to inform that the first Festival of Trees is being postponed until next year.

Hardy aiming for 84 Destrict seat

Phillip W. Hardy figures voters in the 84th District are looking for a candidate who will focus on their livelihoods.

The Koylton Township Republican says he is ready to do just that if residents in Tuscola and Huron counties elect him to fill the state rep-

resentative seat now held by Tom Meyer (R-Bad Axe), who is not eligible to run again due to term limits.

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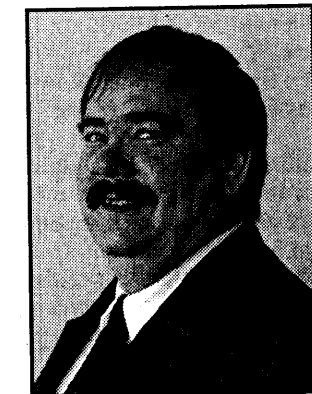
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Hardy's background includes ownership of Hilltop Autoparts for 6 1/2 years. He has also worked in sales and marketing, and currently is employed as a real estate agent with Osborne Realty in Caro and as a rehabilitation aide at the Lighthouse Brain Injury Rehabilitation, also in Caro.

A Pro-Life candidate, Hardy and his wife of 17 years, Sheila, have served as foster parents to more than 20 children over the years and have adopted 4 children.

Those experiences, he said, have given him a firsthand look at the devastation that can result from those who would prey on the innocent. Hardy said that one of his top priorities in Lansing would be to get laws passed similar to Jessica's Law to defend children.

He takes a hard line against anyone involved in harming a child physically or sexually. "My own personal opinion - that's it, you go to jail, you're not going to see that child again," Hardy said, adding he would also like to help improve the process for parents who want to adopt children, particularly special needs children.



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"While statewide unemployment sits around the 7 percent figure - much higher here in the Thumb - the governor seems satisfied with the prediction that it could hit 7.5 percent or more," Hardy added. "This is simply unacceptable. I remember a few short years ago when Michigan enjoyed unemployment rates around 4.5 percent."

With Delphi filing bankruptcy protection, where is the governor, Hardy asked. "She is adopting a holding pattern while the governor of neighboring Indiana is ac-

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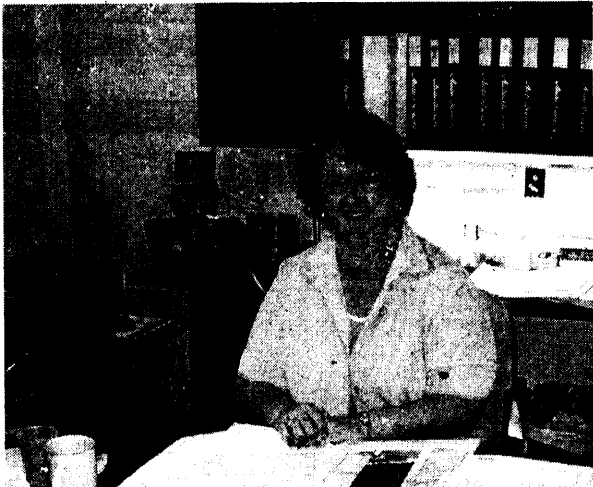
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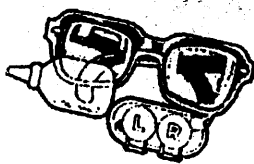


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Snover resident pens book to help young, old

Like many others, Margie Gerow has struggled with a past haunted by memories of abuse, a feeling of not being accepted by others, and a resulting drive to be without flaw.

But the Snover woman has found a unique way to cope and at the same time hopes to help others struggling with their own pasts.

Gerow recently published the first in a series of books entitled "Margie Gerow's School of Hard Knocks".

The first installment totals 430 pages and was published by the Bloomington, Ind.-based Author House.

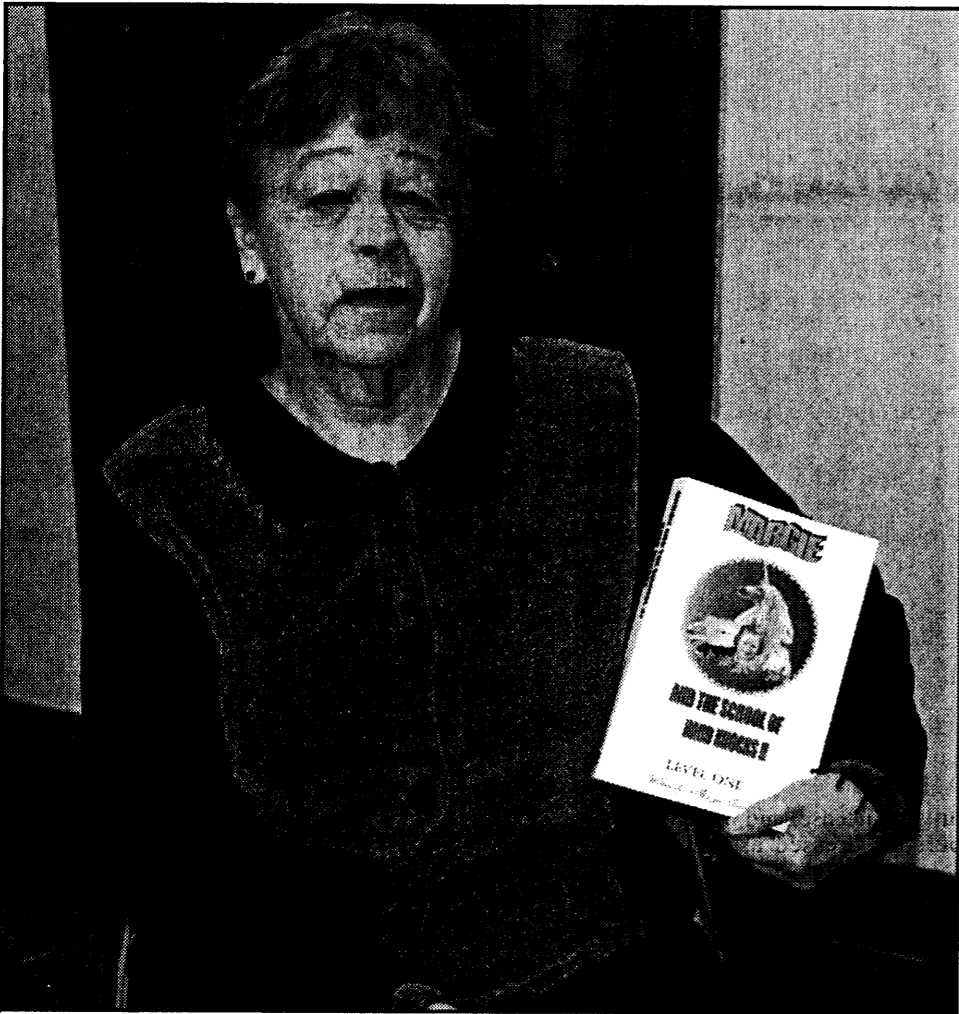
"Margie and the School of Hard Knocks is a 9-book series about a 65-year-old woman who is still looking for that 'magic bullet' to make her feel whole," Gerow explained.

"She gets taken into a deep dream state to live her life over again, in a different way, from the age of 3. She is taken to Stuffed Animal Land, a land of unconditional love, with her bear and bunny who can talk to her there.

"There, each day equals a year," Gerow continued. "Because she is a little spoiled, she cannot stay there for more than 5 days. Mama Shiree Stallion takes her to the 'School of Hard Knocks' where she meets the staff and classmates she will be with for all 7 levels, to learn life's lessons.

"Life's lessons is what the book is all about," Gerow said. "Lessons like listening to your inner voice, balance, patience, cause and effect, how one person's behavior affects others."

Gerow is a Detroit native who graduated from Wayne



New Thumb author

SNOVER AREA resident Margie Gerow holds a copy of her newly-released book, "Margie and the School of Hard Knocks". Area residents interested in obtaining a copy can contact Gerow at (810) 672-9867 or at: margiegerow@hotmail.com.

environment led me to develop an intense self-hatred, rejection of self, dread of eternal punishment and a drive to be perfect," she recalled.

Gerow's outlook dimmed further when, as a high school student, she suffered a severe facial injury in an automobile accident.

Gerow desired to be a nun at a young age, but was rejected by a convent in Michigan. She was later accepted into a convent in Maine, but continued to struggle with unresolved issues in her life and eventually returned home.

"I naively believed that if I got married, I would finally belong and be happy, but that was a short-lived illusion," she said. "I married when I was 39 and, within a year and a half, I realized I wasn't happy and I didn't have inner peace. That was the day I started on my quest to find it."

After years of soul searching, reading, studying, meditating and some counseling, Gerow was inspired to write her series of books during a morning meditation session.

"While I have not yet recovered the inner peace I have been looking for, I have gone so far beyond my comfort zone, I will never be the same," she said. "For that, I am most grateful. I have learned much about myself and the many different parts of me."

"While I still struggle with self-hatred and the bondage of the past, I have developed a great deal of respect for myself. Every day in every way, I am learning to like me."

In the process, Gerow has seen her book evolve to the point where her target audience has expanded to both young and old.

"It started out as an adult book, but this is fantastic for children because it takes them to the point where they can ask and not just be told," said Gerow, who added her goal is to share her own message of hope.

"You can live your life over again and gain closure over your unresolved issues, and it will be not only good for you, but good for others, too," she said.

5 YEARS AGO

The Cass City Red Hawks ended the season on a positive note last week with a pair of victories in the Greater Thumb West to finish in third place with a 9-5 record. Thursday, winless Valley Lutheran put up a surprisingly stiff battle before falling, 50-39. Coach John Maharg said that Lutheran had been close to ending the losing streak in several games this season and the loss to the Hawks was typical.

Owen-Gage rallied from an 18-14 half-time deficit Monday night in the opening round of the Class D district cage tournament in Port Hope and will now meet Kingston tonight (Wednesday) at 6 p.m. in a semifinal tilt. The Bulldog defense held worthy Central Thumb League foe Akron-Fairgrove to just 6 points over the final 2 quarters and registered an easy 47-24 victory.

Dairy producers may be able to increase production and profits by adjusting their herd's diet to include more starch. That's according to Mike Allen, an MSU professor and 20-year dairy nutrition veteran. "It's no secret that a high corn grain diet will help cows produce more milk," he says. Corn is digested in the rumen by microbes that produce fermentation acids. Fermentation in the rumen provides energy for ruminal microbes to produce high quality protein.

10 YEARS AGO

It was a great way to end the regular season and will undoubtedly eliminate any chance that the Cass City Red Hawks had of sneaking up on any team in the districts. The Hawks handed visiting Bay City All Saints their first defeat in the Thumb National League this season Friday, 58-51. Paced by Kara Mellendorf, who scored 6 of her 11 points in the first quarter, Cass City jumped out to a 13-7 first quarter lead. The Hawks stretched the lead to 8 points by opening the second period with a basket. The Cougars then came charging back with 7 unanswered points to

close the gap to a single hoop. The Hawk defense created a turnover and a 3-point shot by Ashlie Chappel stopped the rally. The Hawks never relinquished the lead after that shot.

America's first aerial photograph was taken from a balloon over Boston in 1868. Taken by J.W. Black, it was, entitled "Boston as the Eagle and the Wild Goose See It."

Editor Tom Montgomery passed this along to me. Deer hunting in Michigan is big business. An expected 750,000 individuals will spend more than \$400 million for food, lodging, transportation and equipment to pursue deer hunting in the state. The 1995 harvest is expected to total 415,000 deer, that is more than 20 million pounds of boned venison, enough to feed 4 meals to every person in Michigan. Correction: Make that 415,001 deer harvested. Montgomery got a deer during the bow season and it's hard to see how the tally could have included that deer, since it was the first for our editor since he took up the sport. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Dean Hutchinson took just one shot to down a trophy sized buck. I shot twice trying to take its picture and missed both times. First attempt was Sunday and a time snafu resulted in missed connections. Monday morning I took the picture, but the beautiful deer was just an ugly blob on the negative. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Patients at Saginaw County Hospital will have a little brighter Christmas because of a project by the 12 active members of the Deford Good Neighbor Club. The club has knitted some 30 lap robes and 15 pair of slippers that will be taken to the hospital for distribution at Christmas time. It is an annual event and one of several civic projects that the club conducts.

Tom Herron took over the reins of the Cass City Lions Club this week. He replaces Pat Rabideau who resigned the top post.

25 YEARS AGO

It's evidently happened again. Another deer has died of a heart attack. Frank Kielyka shot at a spikehorn Thursday and the 160-pound buck went down. The only trouble was that he didn't hit it. The Department of Natural Resources has verified that the deer died from "natural" causes. What's more, Kielyka says, he heard of a couple of other hunters that had the same experience. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Elkland Township firemen elected new officers Nov. 24. The new fire chief will be Dave McNaughton, a member of the department for 10 years, who for the past three years has been the lieutenant. Others will be Ron Pawloski, assistant chief; Don Root, captain; lieutenant, Dick Root; Jim Jezewski, secretary, and Gary Diebel, treasurer.

35 YEARS AGO

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UNDISPUTED CHAMPIONS!

The Cass City Red Hawks overcame some anxious moments in the first half before settling down and cruising to a 52-43 win over Bay City All Saints Thursday. A win that nailed down the championship in the Greater Thumb West.

Fans started fidgeting in their seats as the heavily favored Hawks were throwing the ball away, missing shots

and giving up easy baskets. Adding to the woes were early fouls that sent several starters to the bench earlier than expected. After a first quarter in which the teams traded hoops, Cass City was in front by a meager one point to set the stage for a Cougar rally. Starting the second quarter, All Saints forged in front with a 9-1 run to lead 22-15 and an upset appeared possible. It was a challenge answered as the Hawks tightened their

defense and quickly wiped out the Cougar lead. After their blazing opening second quarter salvo, the Cougars didn't score again in the period. Leading the charge was Courtney Rabideau, who scored a pair of hoops and 2 free throws and at the intermission Cass City was in front, 25-22. The assault continued in the third quarter as the Hawks opened with a 12-2 run to establish a breathe-easy 37-24 lead midway through the quarter. The game-deciding

scoring streak was started by Kalen Trischler with a trey. Sara Meeker added a hoop, Courtney Rabideau contributed a short jumper and Hendrick and Emily Schinnerer each connected from the free throw line. Trischler ended the scoring streak with a 2-point hoop. The Cougars were never able to mount a serious threat after that and the Hawk lead varied between 7 and 12 points the rest of the game. It was a poor shooting night for Cass City as the team hit

just 15 of 50 shots for 30 percent. They were adequate from the charity circle, converting 20 of 26 for 77 percent. All Saints converted 9 of 17 free throws for 55 percent. Hendrick, with 18 points, and Schinnerer, with 14, were tops for the Hawks. Kristin Janer and Tiffany Middleton each scored 10 points for the Cougars. Meeker and Hendrick were Cass City's top rebounders each with 7.

Reese falls in crucial GTW tilt

CASS CITY - C. Rabideau 2-0 (2-4) 6; Brinkman 1-0 (2-2) 4; Meeker 1-0 (2-2) 4; R. Czekai 0-0 (1-1) 1; Trischler 1-1 (0-0) 5; Hendrick 5-1 (5-8) 18; Schinnerer 3-0 (8-9) 14. **TOTALS** - 13-2 (20-26) 52.

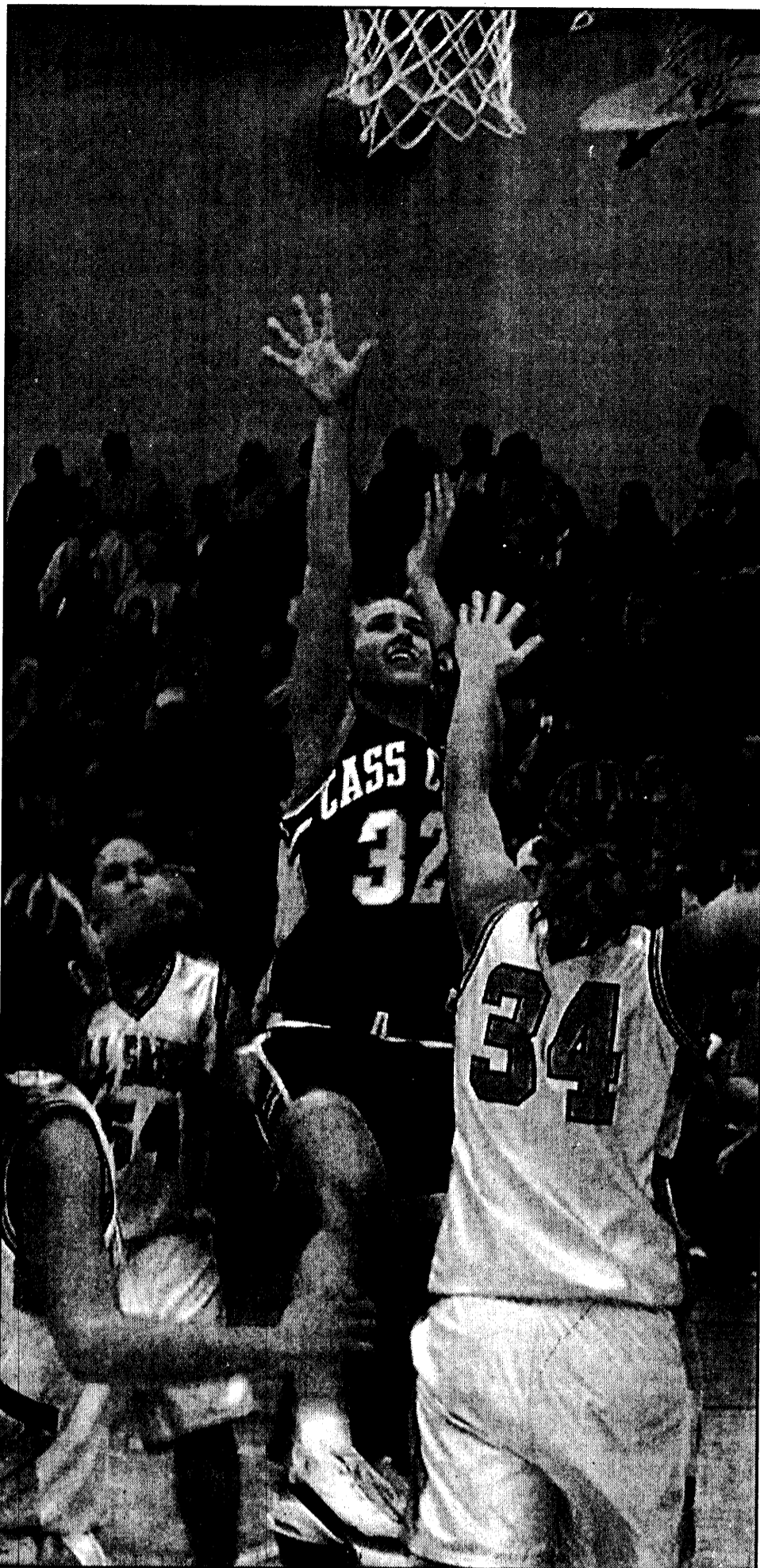
It was the first of the 2 most important games of the regular season for the Cass City Red Hawk hoop squad. It was supposed to be an easy victory over the 5-13 Reese Rockets and it proved to be

that way. The Hawks were not caught looking past the Rockets to the season's final game against Bay City All Saints even though they dominated the first game, winning 60-

26. This time they rolled to a 66-37 decision. The win assured at least a tie for the Greater Thumb West championship. It was a walk-away at the end, but in the first quarter

Reese kept pace with Cass City as Katie Sierocki netted 7 of her 9 points for the evening and teammates Sarah Andrus and Brittany Schumacher each added 3-pointers. The initial scoring spurge by the Rockets was matched by some good outside shooting by Cass City. Emily Schinnerer notched a pair of treys to go with 2 free throws and Kalen Trischler also hit a trey. At the end of the first period the Hawks had a narrow 18-15 lead. It was all downhill for the Rockets after that. In the second quarter Reese was held to just 8 points and Cass City moved into a 10-point lead at the intermission, sparked by some excellent free throw shooting, converting 6 of 8. Free throw shooting again keyed the Cass City attack in the third period as the team converted 7 of 8 for half of the 15 points netted in the quarter.

With the game all but decided, coach Dennis Gruber went to his bench and Reese netted just 4 points in the final 8 minutes. The Hawks used balanced scoring to pull farther in front as the Hawk bench produced for Cass City. Nine of the 12 Hawks shared in the scoring, led by Hendrick with 16 and Schinnerer with 14. Sarah Meeker with 7 rebounds and Trischler with 6 were tops for the Hawks. Cass City converted 21 of 57 shots for 37 percent and 23 of 33 free throws for 70 percent.



ASHLEY HENDRICK uses her patented baseline drive to get in close for a basket against Bay City All Saints. Defending are Tiffany Middleton, number 34, and Samantha Latocki, number 54.

Maharg looks for elusive district toga

John Maharg has coached his final game of the regular season for the Cass City Red Hawk girls' team and ended that phase of his career with another Greater Thumb West championship and a sparkling career record of 107-

33. That includes 3 undisputed titles and one co-championship in the last 5 years. One regret that Maharg has looking back over the championship years is that the team has not won a district

title. He hopes to change that starting tonight (Wednesday) when the Hawks face Monday's winners (of the Birch Run-Millington contest) in Millington starting at about 7:30 p.m.

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REESE - Schumacher 0-2 (0-2) 6; Stockmeyer 3-0 (1-2) 7; Bierlein 2-0 (0-0) 4; Sierocki 3-1 (0-0) 9; Richards 0-0 (1-2) 1; Burgess 1-0 (2-2) 4; Andrus 0-2 (0-0) 6. **TOTALS** - 9-5 (4-8) 37.

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GREATER THUMB WEST			
Team	W	L	W L
Cass City	10	2	17 3
Lakers	9	3	15 5
USA	8	4	11 9
V. Lutheran	6	6	9 11
Reese	4	8	6 13
BCAS	3	9	7 13
Bad Axe	2	10	2 18

GREATER THUMB EAST			
Team	W	L	W L
Ubyly	9	3	17 3
Sandusky	9	3	15 5
Marlette	9	3	15 5
Brown City	6	6	12 8
Harbor Beach	5	7	8 12
Mayville	4	8	8 12
Deckerville	0	12	3 16

NCTLNORTH			
Team	W	L	W L
North Huron	15	3	15 4
Port Hope	14	4	15 5
Owen-Gage	4	14	5 15
Caseville	2	16	3 16
A-Fairgrove	1	17	2 17

NCTLSOUTH			
Team	W	L	W L
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CPS	8	10	9 11
Dryden	8	10	8 10
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ATHLETES of the WEEK

The Red Hawks captured the undisputed Greater Thumb West Conference title Thursday with a victory over hosts Bay City All Saints. Displaying their championship pose are team members: Allie Richards, Terra Czekai, Courtney Rabideau, Jenny Brinkman, Ashleigh Rabideau, Sara Meeker, Renee Czekai, Kalen Trischler, Ashley Hendrick, Emily Schinnerer and Caitlin Sorenson.

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BULLDOG APRIL Nowaczyk drives to the hoop in Monday's district action against Port Hope.

Bulldogs bow in district opener

Owen-Gage's dues have been paid in full. A rebuilding year came to a close Monday night for the youthful Bulldogs, as hosts Port Hope trounced their North Central Thumb League guests 47-13 in the opening round of Class D district play. Owen-Gage will enter the record books with a 5-16 mark, while the Bluestars advance into Wednesday's semifinals to face North Huron. Despite their struggles this season, coach Dave Fritz's squad showed steady progress during its 2005 campaign. And with a roster consisting of one freshman, 2 sophomores, and 3 juniors returning, the toll the Bulldogs paid this year should reap rewards in the near future. However, the senior laden Bluestars dominated Monday's outing from start to finish. After Owen-Gage grabbed a 2-0 lead on a field goal from Mindy Error, the hosts poured in 13 unanswered points and never looked back. In the early stages, senior

guard Cassie Wood hurt the Bulldogs from the perimeter. But in the end, it was the Bluestars' inside game, mainly senior twin towers Kelsey Mausolf and Emily Pleiness, which proved to be the difference. Mausolf dominated the action from the paint area before the intermission and combined with a stingy Port Hope defense, the hosts built a 21-5 gap at the break. Owen-Gage's only points in the period before the break came on freshman Amanda Faist's steal near half court and subsequent lay-in. Pleiness then helped the winners take an insurmountable 35-7 margin with a pair of pretty inside moves and a put-back off an offensive rebound early in the 3rd frame. From there the Bluestars went deep into its bench. Mausolf paced Port Hope with a game high 21 points, while Pleiness added 9. Faist and Error split 8 markers to lead Owen-Gage, while Michelle Brown, the team's only senior, chipped in 3 points and Becky Schmidt 2 to complete the Bulldog scoring.

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<u>Quarter Back</u>	Rob Ladner	Dryden
<u>Half Backs</u>	Jon McClure	Memphis
	Tony Filipek	Kingston
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	Adam Dickson	Memphis
Second Team:		
<u>Tackles</u>	Shaughn Kaiser	CPS
	Jake Voss	Dryden
<u>Guards</u>	Bryant Sholes	Kingston
	Jason Dixon	N. Huron
<u>Center</u>	Dan Magiera	Kingston
<u>Ends</u>	Chais Fleming	CPS
<u>Quarter Back</u>	Andy Bishop	Memphis
<u>Half Backs</u>	Tim Long	Kingston
	Brian Stine	Kingston
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Honorable Mention:		
<u>Tackles</u>	Tristen Pennington	Kingston
	Brian Hughes	CPS
<u>Guards</u>	Jordan Pitts	Memphis
	Jahmaul Spencer	Kingston
<u>Centers</u>	Nick Hillewaene	Memphis
	Ted Rowley	Memphis
<u>End</u>	Pat Buiting	CPS
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DEFENSE		
First Team		
<u>Line</u>	Nathan Harneck	Kingston
	Brian Hughes	CPS
	Ted Rowley	Memphis
	Josh McClaren	O-G
<u>Linebackers</u>	Martine Welch	Dryden
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	Jeff Buiting	CPS
	Eric Mayes	N. Huron
<u>Backs</u>	Andy Bishop	Memphis
<u>Punter</u>	Jake English	Dryden
	Chais Fleming	CPS
	Jon McClure	Memphis
	Chris Morgan	Memphis
Second Team		
<u>Line</u>	Frank Brezezinski	Kingston
	Barry Schultz	Kingston
	Josh Bombard	CPS
	Matt Hildreth	CPS
	Nick Hillewaere	Memphis
<u>Linebackers</u>	Brandon Zipf	Memphis
	Brandon Kaetzschmer	O-G
	Brian Stine	Kingston
	Pat Buiting	CPS
	Michael Pries	Peck
	Adam Dickson	Memphis
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<u>Punter</u>	Seth Flikkie	Kingston
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	Brandon Jones	Kingston
Honorable Mention		
<u>Line</u>	Tristen Pennington	Kingston
	Bryant Sholes	Kingston
	Dan Oliver	Kingston
<u>Linebackers</u>	Tony Filipek	Kingston
<u>Backs</u>	Nick Benedict	Kingston
	Brandon Jones	Kingston
	Justin Taylor	CPS
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Memphis remains perfect at the expense of Bulldogs

Owen-Gage will enter district play in Port Hope suffering a 56-25 setback to undefeated Memphis Thursday in Owendale. The visiting Yellowjackets wasted little time in securing a perfect regular season mark of 20-0 by jumping out to an 18-4 first quarter lead. Emily LaTarte carried the scoring load for the winners in the opening half, tossing in 9 tallies before the break. While LaTarte scored with relative ease throughout the half, the Bulldogs struggled and were held to solo field goals from April Nowaczyk, Becky Schmidt and Mindy Error. Leading 24-12, the Yellowjackets went on a 22-4 run to open the final half and removed all doubt from the game's outcome. Amber Bailey took over the scoring duties in the final half for Memphis, netting 10 points. Bailey and LaTarte shared scoring honors for the winners, each finishing with 15 tallies. Nowaczyk was the lone Bulldog to reach double figures and collected 13 markers.

NBW

Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, Owen-Gage traveled to face non-conference foe North Branch Wesleyan. The Bulldogs battled their hosts for 3 quarters, before fading 43-31. The visitors trailed 10-8 af-

ter one period, 23-16 at the half and 32-26 entering the final 8 minutes, where North Branch went on an 11-5 run to decide the outcome.

The game featured 2 outstanding individual efforts for North Branch's Sara Thompson and Owen-Gage's Nowaczyk.

Thompson hit for a game-high 27 points, including 8 key points down the stretch for the hosts.

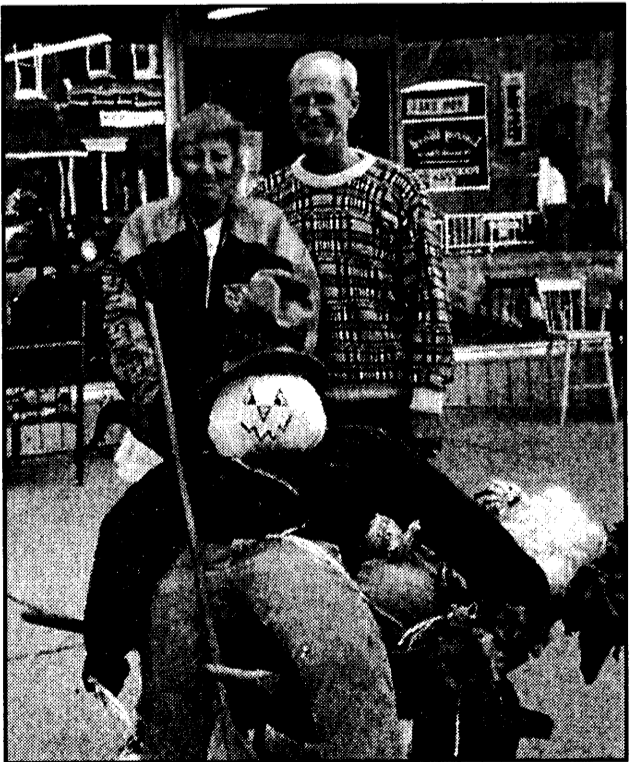
Nowaczyk scored 17 points Owen-Gage, while Schmidt added 8.

OWEN-GAGE - Schmidt 3-0 (2-2) 8; Brown 0-0 (2-4) 2; Nowaczyk 7-0 (3-3) 17; Error 1-0 (0-2) 2; Kausch 1-0 (0-0) 2. TOTALS - 12-0 (7-11) 31.

NORTH BRANCH WESLYN - Collister 0-0 (1-2) 1; Vroman 1-0 (0-0) 2; Thompson 13-0 (1-2) 27; Peplinski 2-1 (0-0) 7; Curell 1-0 (0-0) 2; Ettma 1-0 (2-5) 4. TOTALS - 18-1 (4-10) 43.

OWEN-GAGE - Schmidt 1-0 (3-4) 5; Brown 1-0 (1-3) 3; Nowaczyk 3-1 (4-5) 13; Error 2-0 (0-0) 4. TOTALS - 7-1 (8-14) 25.

MEMPHIS - Kortas 1-0 (0-0) 2; Letarte 5-0 (5-6) 15; Sereck 6-0 (0-0) 12; Wessel 1-0 (0-0) 2; Dryer 3-0 (1-2) 7; Hill 0-1 (0-0) 3; Bailey 5-0 (5-7) 15. TOTALS - 21-1 (11-15) 56.



WINNERS OF Cass City's "Scarecrow Daze" window decorating contest were Libby Goodson (left) and Dan Nixon of Cass City Antique Mall. Other scarecrow-decorating winners of the town-wide event included Morgan Erla, scariest, Richard Little, funniest and Dean Hoag, most unique.

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Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, November 17

Scholastic Book Fair Family Night, 3:15-7 p.m., Cass City Middle School Media Center.

Sanilac County Democratic Party meeting, 7 p.m., Liberty Lanes, 100 Kristian St., Sandusky. For more details, call (810) 648-3462.

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

Friday, November 18

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

Saturday, November 19

Christmas Bazaar, Bake Sale & Luncheon, 8-4 p.m., Sanilac Restoration Branch Church, 2462 W. Sanilac Rd., Elmer. For additional information, call (810) 648-9846.

Monday, November 21

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

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Local church honors Meyer

An estimated 150 persons attended a special service and luncheon Nov. 6 to honor the Rev. Gerald Meyer for his 10 years of service to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cass City and his 40 years in the ministry.

Middle school to host a book fair

He served from 1964 to 1983 as music director and teacher in 3 Lutheran schools in Michigan and Illinois. He served 5 congregations during his career.

Cass City Middle School will again host a scholastic book fair, Tuesday, Nov. 15, through Friday, Nov. 18, in the school's media center.

Pastor Meyer was presented with a stole and a sum of money contributed by the members of the congregation.


The hours are 8:15 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. today (Wednesday), 8:15 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, and 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday.

Authors and illustrators. A special family event Thursday from 3:15 to 7 p.m. will feature door prizes for the adults in attendance.

The theme this year is "Fantasy Flight into the Kingdom of Reading".

Speakers at the afternoon service were C. William Hoesman, president of the Michigan District Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Liturgist was the Rev. Tim Manwell, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Butler, PA.

Guests from Saginaw, Roseville and other communities attended to honor Meyer and his wife, Sue, during this special occasion.



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HONORED GUESTS were Sue and Rev. Gerald Meyer, left. Helping with the special service were the Rev. Tim Manwell, left, and C. William Hoesman.

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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 A.M. on December 8, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Kingston, 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:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Chase Home Finance LLC
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #071676F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas R. Darling II, a single man, and Courtney Hunkins, a single woman, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., 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 A.M. 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:
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10-26-4

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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 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.

Tax ID: 020-032-000-3200-00

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

Dated: October 19, 2005

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Neze Davis, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated February 15, 2001 and recorded on March 21, 2001 in Liber 825 on Page 762 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Two and 13/100 Dollars (\$24,232.13), 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 A.M. on December 15, 2005.

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 12 North, Range 8 East, Township of Juniata, Tuscola County, Michigan described as: Beginning at a point on the North line of Section 35, said point being also on the centerline of M-46, which is South 89 Degrees 59 Minutes 30 Seconds East 855.00 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section; thence South 89 Degrees 59 Minutes 30 Seconds East 130.00 feet along said North line; thence South 0 Degrees 0 Minutes 30 Seconds West, 275.00 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 59 Minutes 30 Seconds West 130.00 feet; thence North 0 Degrees 0 Minutes 30 Seconds East 275.00 feet to said North line of Section and point of beginning, subject to the use of the North 75.00 feet thereof as M-46 (Sanilac Road).

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Dated: November 16, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jodi Ann Quick, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Homeowners Loan Corp., a Delaware Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 12, 2003 and recorded on August 4, 2003 in Liber 947 on Page 268, and assigned by mesne assignments to Countrywide Home Loans, 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-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Four and 56/100 Dollars (\$69,204.56), including interest at 10.67% 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 A.M. on December 15, 2005.

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

Lot 8, Block 2, of W.E. Sherman's Addi-

tion to the Village of Caro, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 11 of Deeds, Page 491, except 1 Rod off the Northwest end of said Lot 8, Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Dated: November 16, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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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 (\$11,750.64), including interest at the rate of 9.38% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, 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 the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.

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

Dated: 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

11-2-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Melvin Young, a single man, original mortgagor, to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated February 24, 2003 and recorded on April 4, 2003 in Liber 923 on Page 1396 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-One and 00/100 Dollars (\$41,361.00), 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 A.M. on December 15, 2005.

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

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 23, Town 10 North, Range 8 East; thence West 974 feet along the North line of Section 23 to the point of beginning, running thence West 180.00 feet along the North line of Section 23; thence South 01 degrees 12 minutes East, 231.00 feet; thence East 180.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 12 minutes West, 231.00 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Dated: November 16, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC J (248) 593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Citizens Bank
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #072046F01

11-16-4

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. Ancland and Lorraine K. Ancland, 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 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 7, 2005

GRAND & GRAND PLLC
Michael M. Grand, Esq.
3171 Northwestern Hwy., #151
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(248) 538-3737
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10-19-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by 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 A.M. 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 660.00 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
Trott & Trott, 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

10-26-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by 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 Mortgagee 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 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 A.M. on December 1, 2005.

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

Parts 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
Trott & Trott, 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

11-2-4

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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 Ronald F. Piechotte and Ruby Pearl Piechotte, 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 A.M. 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 South 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
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for National City Mortgage Inc. f/k/a First of America Loan Services, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #071109F01

11-9-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James M. Zwerican, a married man, joined by his spouse, Sabrina Zwerican, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 25, 2003 and recorded on October 13, 2003 in Liber 959 on Page 296 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hun-

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 A.M. on December 1, 2005.

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

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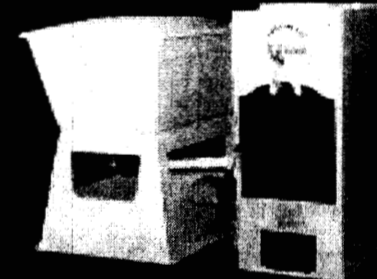
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI at 10:00AM on, December 15, 2005.

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

The North half of a parcel of land described as beginning at the East quarter corner of Section 15, Township 10 North, Range 9 East; thence along the East line of said Section 15, South 02 degrees 00 minutes 54 seconds East, 424.00 feet; thence South 87 degrees 46 minutes 03 seconds West, 1318.05 feet to the West line of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of said section; thence along said line, North 02 degrees 04 minutes 28 seconds West, 424.00 feet to the East-

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The redemption period shall be 12 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: November 10, 2005

Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC
Assignee of Mortgage

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
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Notices

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Notices

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Notices

The Evergreen Township Board of Appeals will hold a special meeting, Mon., Dec. 5, 2005 at 7 p.m. for an appeal on Section 11.11.C.2, Minimum setback vs. height of communication tower located in Section 32, Downington and Hadley Rds. Evergreen Township Planning Commission 5-11-16-2eo

Notices

FOUND - 2 female labs: adult is red, puppy is blond. 872-5159. 5-11-16-1

Notices

NO SMOKING BINGO - Every Sunday at new Knights of Columbus Hall, 6106 Beechwood Dr., Cass City. Doors open 5:00 p.m., games start at 5:30. Phone 872-8892. Knights of Columbus Council No. 8892. 5-9-30-12

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 I, ANGELA ECKERT Howe, want to thank everyone that donated money for me on the death of my husband, Sgt. 1st Class Casey E. Howe, who was killed in Baghdad, Iraq, on Sept. 26, 2005. Greatly appreciated, Angela Howe, Abby and Megan Fox. 13-11-16-1

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New on the Market - 4045 Jacob Rd. 4 bedroom, 2 bath home in the country on paved road. 32'x40' pole building w/ cement floor, 12'x8' door and 220 power. \$139,900.

Deford Country - 3 B/R, 1 bath, attached garage on 2 acres. Home has had many updates inside and out within the last 5 years. Solid home, easy to heat. Cy2475

Cass City - Northwood Estates Subdivision - 6315 Beechwood Dr. 1,700 sq. ft., 3 B/R, 1 1/2 plus bath. Ranch home with 2 car attached finished and heated garage, finished basement, 1st floor laundry, family room & H/W heat new in '94. Beautifully landscaped yard with front & backyard sprinkler system. Must see to appreciate. \$144,000. TCC1448

Cass City - 6370 Third St. 3 B/R, 1 1/2 bath, partial basement - semi-finished, natural fireplace Ready to move in. Many updates within the last few years. Quiet neighborhood. Seller is motivated. TCC1385. \$84,900

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Lakefront Lot - with 100' on Lake Huron, 150' deep. Located on Lakeview Dr., Port Hope. WAF209. \$60,000

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County voters approve surcharge

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The telephone surcharge is the sole funding source for central dispatch operations and capital improvements.

Tuscola County Clerk Margie White-Cormier said the voter turnout totaled roughly 5 percent of the county's estimated 43,000 registered voters.

911 surcharge		
The area vote		
Township	Yes	No
Elkland		
Precinct One	57	6
Precinct 2	104	22
Ellington	49	33
Elmwood	41	17
Kingston	27	20
Koylton	34	11
Novesta	44	13
Wells	54	26
County Totals	1,874	640

Jan. 1, 2007, after the existing voter-approved surcharge expires in 2006.

"It's comforting to know we're going to have enough money to operate for the next 6 years," Klenk added. "We're good to go."

Central dispatch is staffed by 9 full-time dispatchers, one part-time dispatcher, 2 dispatch supervisors and one director, and serves 14 police departments, 14 fire departments and 6 ambulance services in Tuscola County.

The center maintains a minimum staffing of 2 dispatchers 24 hours a day.

"A third team member, who may be a supervisor or another dispatcher, is scheduled for 110 to 120 hours per week and at our busiest times," Klenk noted.

Central dispatch handles more than 30,000 police dis-

The agency's operational and equipment costs totaled

just over \$1.22 million last year.

Gagetown racer

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bigger tracks - rough, bumpy tracks, rugged, rutted, large jumps — and faster speeds."

Eric started out racing with a Yamaha "Pee Wee" 50cc bike but has since graduated to a Yamaha 85 model.

During the summer, he competes virtually every weekend in the 9 to 13 and 12 to 15 age classes. And, he's earned a reputation for winning.

"He has to race in the expert classes (today). When he goes to the track, they already know who he is," Don Montreuil said. "This was probably one of the best summers he's had. He's beat some of the fastest kids in the Thumb area and Michigan."

his own cheering section, including his parents and sister, Kayla, 10.

"He doesn't race without his dad," Don Montreuil pointed out.

Patti agreed. "We do it as a family. We're at every race," she said. "It's a family sport. We all enjoy it."

"He's a good kid," she added. "We're pretty proud of him."

Homeless

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When asked about current needs, 24 stated they need counseling, 10 asked for help in reading, 6 stated that they need help with math, and 8 reported that they have health needs varying from a need for glasses to dental care.

The unemployment rate for those responding to the survey stands at about 32 percent, according to Turner. Out of those that were working, he said, 12 indicated that they were making up to \$6.50, while 6 earned \$6.41 to \$10 an hour, and one person reported they were earning more than \$10 per hour.

There were a variety of needs expressed regarding employment. Fourteen respondents said they need help in the area of job skills, 13 stated they need clothing for work, 5 said they need help with interviewing skills, and 3 reported the need for special tools or instruments for employability.

Turner lauded the individuals and agencies that volunteered their time and resources to make the survey possible. "Because there were no public or private funds available, this survey was conducted solely through the volunteer donations of time, effort, materials and expertise," he said.

More information on the survey is available by contacting Turner at the Tuscola County Department of Human Services at (989) 673-9127.



CASS CITY freshman Megan VanVliet (left) and senior Sarah Langmaid help members of VFW Post 3644, Cass City, set up flags and plaques along Main Street in honor of Veterans Day Friday morning. (Related photo, page one)

Police laud "lockdown"

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didn't let them stay outside - and let the staff in," he explained. "It was more or less precautionary."

"I think Jeff did a good job of summing it up," said Cass City Police Chief Craig Haynes, who noted no arrest has been made related to the incident.

Haynes lauded the action take by school officials. "I think it was an appropriate response," he said. "We take these kinds of incidents seriously."

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"Having the opportunity to talk to individuals and specialists that work every day in the business startup arena could help to improve your chances for success," said Dennis Stein, District Farm Management, Michigan State University Extension.

"Investing time and finances in a new venture could mean a life transition or a major change in your financial situation," Stein said. "We have a network of trained business counselors that work at building local support communities to encourage and assist new entrepreneurs."

All potential members of a business are encouraged to attend the workshop to increase their understanding of entrepreneurship and product development.

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