

**Cass City Cub Scouts
bake to benefit kids**

Page 3

**Cass City tourney trail
ends against St. Johns**

Page 7

**Library "Friends" ready
to host annual home tour**

Page 5

CASS CITY CHRONICLE

Complete coverage of the Cass City community and surrounding areas since 1899

VOLUME 99, NUMBER 36

CASS CITY, MICHIGAN - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2005

FIFTY CENTS

14 PAGES PLUS 3 SUPPLEMENTS

48% to 61% in the first year

Village water rates to increase sharply

Cass City Village officials Thursday reviewed options for increasing water rates to repay a \$1.85 million federal loan for construction of an arsenic treatment plant.

Regardless of which option the village council chooses, however, local residents, as expected, will be paying substantially more for water service in the very near future.

Final action is expected during the council's next regular monthly meeting, Monday, Nov. 28, at 7 p.m. at the municipal building.

The council first met Thursday with Melissa Seeger and Joel Chamberlain of Yeo & Yeo, P.C., who presented the findings of a water rate study the village requested. The study, required by officials with USDA Rural Development, which approved the arsenic treatment loan, cost an estimated \$12,000 to \$15,000.

Seeger said the water rate study incorporates estimates over a 10-year period, 2005 through 2016, in order to assure adequate funding to cover the loan as well as \$110,000 in inter-fund debt owed by the water fund to other village funds, and a reserve fund for future maintenance of the treatment system.

The estimates, she noted,

take into account the village's 1,060 water customers and 1,035 sewer customers, although the only foreseen sewer rate increases will be to cover annual cost-of-living increases.

Seeger said the new proposed rates are based on an existing "ready to serve" or basic minimum charge for water usage, which is 1,667 gallons per month per residential customer.

Under the first water rate option, village officials would increase the existing basic rate of \$9.53 per month to \$15.34 in 2005 - a hike of about 61 percent. The rate would climb to \$19.07 by 2015.

"This alternative has the highest water rate increase in the first year, but does not require rate increases beyond the cost of living in any other year," Seeger told the council.

"The initial increase is sufficient to fund the entire cash flow requirements (and) there is sufficient cash flow to begin repaying the inter-fund debt in the year 2006, with it being completely repaid in 2011," she added.

"This alternative results in the lowest water rates by the end of the study period, but has the higher rates earlier in the study period."

The second proposed rate schedule would increase the basic water charge by 57 percent in the first year (\$14.96 per month), with another 5-percent hike in 2007. By 2015 the basic monthly rate would be \$19.14 per month.

"The initial water rate increase, while still substantial, is not as high as in the first alternative," Seeger noted. "While the initial increase is sufficient to fund the entire cash flow requirement, there is no extra cash flow built in. Therefore, the inter-fund debt does not begin to be repaid until the year 2007."

Finally, the third option would be to increase the basic rate by 48 percent in the first year (\$14.10 per month), with another 7 percent increase in 2007 and 2008. By 2015, the monthly rate will have risen to \$19.67 monthly.

"This alternative provides enough additional revenue in 2006 to fund the additional debt service and reserve requirements," Seeger said. "However, it is not sufficient to fund the entire cash flow requirements and it is necessary to borrow from other funds. The inter-fund debt is projected to peak in the year 2006 at \$140,000, with it being completely repaid by 2012.

"This alternative results in the highest water rates by the end of the study period."

Trustee Don Richards asked Seeger if one proposal will cost residents more than either of the others, and what will happen to the rates beyond the 10-year study period.

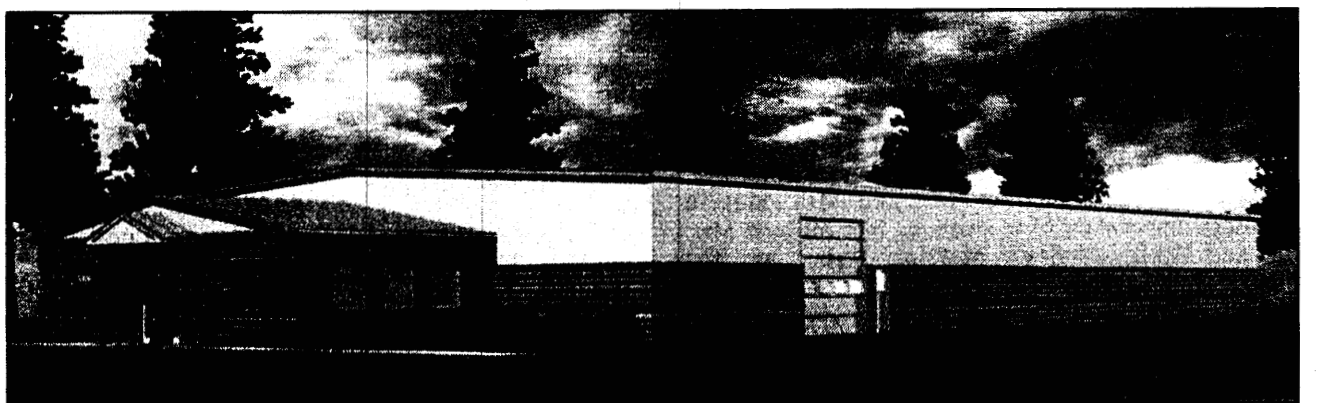
Seeger said the water rate alternatives will cost the same in the end. "Bottom line," she added, all 3 get you to basically the same position on your balance sheet."

As for 10 years down the road, Seeger said, the estimates indicate there will be adequate cash flow built into the fund to cover debt and prevent the need for additional significant rate hikes.

The water rate increases will be used to pay off the village \$1.858 million Rural Development loan, which includes \$300,000 to retire a debt stemming from construction of the village's third and newest water well.

The pay-off period is 40 years at an interest rate of 4.18 percent. The annual payment is estimated \$96,000 annually. With interest, the total payback amount is more than \$3.6 million.

The village has no control over the interest rate. Please turn to back page.



THIS IS AN ARTIST'S rendition of what Cass City's new water treatment facility would look like. Should village officials decide to finance an additional \$150,000, the facility will also house the department of public works.

Combining plant, DPW would cost \$150,000 more

The Cass City Village Council will decide later this month whether or not to finance an additional

\$150,000 to incorporate new department of public works facilities into the planned construction of an arsenic treatment plant.

The issue will be addressed during the council's next

regular meeting, Monday, Nov. 28, at 7 p.m. at the municipal building.

The council met in special session Thursday with representatives of the village's engineering firm, the Spicer Group, which is designing the arsenic treatment plant.

The project is part of a plan to comply with new, tougher

federal guidelines reducing the acceptable level of arsenic in public water supplies. Cass City officials have obtained a \$1.858 million loan to pay for the work.

Village Manager Peter Cristiano in October outlined a proposed change in construction of the plant.

"Plans have been adjusted to make the ATP (arsenic treatment plant) part of a new water building," he said at that time. "The building would house the ATP, water

department equipment, DPW trucks, etc. Also, a new 1,000-square-foot building will be built for staff lunchroom, showers and offices."

"If we are successful," Cristiano added, "the current (DPW) block buildings would be removed. The pole barn and the new building with the ATP would be built."

The estimated cost for the new building, Cristiano said, was \$500,000 and would be

Please turn to back page.

Pena home after one year in Iraq

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Juan Pena probably will never forget the questions, words of encouragement and pictures he received from some Cass City students while he was serving his country in Kuwait and Iraq.

Pena, 46, a sergeant in the U.S. Army National Guard, recently returned home to his family after a year-long tour of duty.

"He still has the letters," Pena's wife, Christina said.

"When I felt my morale was down...they (students) got me back up," Pena recalled of the stacks of letters he received from a group of fourth and fifth grade students.

"These kids really made my day," he added. "They got me very emotional. A couple (of letters) made me cry."

Pena, who along with his family moved to the Deford area in the spring of 1993, was among 46 soldiers assigned to the 263rd Personnel Service Detachment out of Lansing that left for overseas duty last December.

"We were working for theatre support, and the unit was all around different depart-

ments," Pena explained, noting the unit's primary role was operations support, including tracking soldier numbers to ensure units were fully staffed, and arranging for leaves.

Pena was the second shift non-commissioned officer in charge of evaluations of officers, but he was also involved in escorting convoys and accompanying soldiers headed for leave as well as those just arriving for duty.

Pena acknowledged the convoy duty was dangerous, but said the initial fear eventually fades as the job - and the surroundings - become a "normal" part of the routine.

"I was lucky," he said of escaping injury in an environment where roadside bombs, also known as IEDs, or improvised explosive devices, have exacted a heavy toll on American soldiers.

"We were ready. We were really well trained," he added. "As soon as we left the post, the magazine was in the rifle and the finger (was) on the trigger."

During his travels, Pena witnessed a variety of reactions to American soldiers.

Please turn to back page.

Lady Hawks claim district crown



CHAMPIONS-Cass City's GTW league and district tournament winners celebrate the first district hoop title won in 26 years. Front row, from left: Sara Meeker, Courtney Rabideau, Ashley Hendrick, Jenni Brinkman and Kalen Trischler. Back row, from left: Caitlin Sorenson, Allie Richards, Ashleigh Rabideau, Terra Czekai, Brittany Karavas, Maddie Dooley, Renee Czekai, Emily Schinnerer and coach John Maharg.

Gambling probe in hands of state

The reported presence of a Huron County official at an alleged illegal gaming room in Sebawaing last week prompted the Michigan Attorney General to agree to take over an on-going investigation.

Michigan State Police in Bad Axe reported last week that they have turned over the investigation to the attorney general.

The probe began when troopers received a tip from an anonymous source, according to Detective Sgt. Mark Krebs, who utilized undercover officers to investigate the report of a gaming operation being operated at a private residence in Sebawaing Sept. 23.

"Undercover officers were invited into the residence and participated in gambling activity using marked money," said Krebs, who arrived on the scene and was also invited into the home to gamble.

After observing the operation, Krebs confronted the

homeowner and obtained permission to search the residence. Investigators subsequently seized a number of slot machines and other evidence of illegal activity.

"During the course of the investigation, it was determined that a Huron County official had allegedly frequented this residence," Krebs said. He didn't identify the official in question.

Krebs said he contacted the Michigan Attorney General's office and was informed that due to the fact that a local county official may be involved, the office would accept the case for possible prosecution. The action is standard procedure in cases where a conflict of interest could possibly arise within county government.

Under Michigan law, keeping or maintaining an illegal gaming room is punishable by up to 2 years in prison and a fine of \$1,000. Frequenting an illegal gaming place is punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a \$100 fine.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 989-269-6994

Thelma Jackson celebrated her 91st birthday Nov. 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka and Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen were among a group who attended the benefit breakfast for April Lenton at St. Johns Catholic Church Hall Sunday.

Arlene Reece of Deckerville visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland Thursday.

Bob Deachin of Oakland, Kay Sweeney and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson Thursday.

Richard Bukowski of Lake Orion and Dan Bukowski of Oakland spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz. Matt Particka of Adrian was a Monday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka and Tuesday morning got a 7 point deer.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mrs. Allen Depcinski, Mrs. Tom O'Henley and Mrs. Dale Laming were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Art Learman of Dexter for lunch and later visited Ken Learman.

Tim Bailey of Saginaw was a Friday guest of his aunt, Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Allen Farrelly spent a few days in Sterling Heights.

Kay Peruski, Mrs. Chuck Rubey and Paul, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Murphy visited Thelma Jackson.

Dr. and Mrs. Tom Collins of Allegan spent a few days with Mrs. Martin Sweeney and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the ham and sausage dinner at the St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church at Ruth Sunday.

Katha Chockley, Christopher and Amy of Algonac spent Saturday with Mrs. Curtis Cleland and the week-

end with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland.

Alex Particka and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka were among a large group who attended the funeral of Mrs. Arnold Lapeer at St. Pancratius Catholic Church in Cass City Saturday.

Jim and Kay Sweeney were Saturday lunch guests of Wayne Sweeney of Auburn Hills.

Joyce Zulauf and Mrs. Dale Hind spent Wednesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen.

Mrs. Jim Doerr spent Tuesday with Leone Doerr of Argyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka attended the soup and pie luncheon at St. Joseph Catholic Church Hall Saturday in Argyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. and Mrs. Bob Zurek's cabin.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson spent 2 days at Little River Casino in Manistee.

DELAYED HOLBROOK

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka, Alex Particka, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Gornowicz, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Guigar attended the Thanksgiving seniors dinner at the St. Joseph Catholic Hall in Argyle Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr, Jeff Doerr and Savana, and Sharon Sturgill visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka met Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Kain at the Peppermill in Bad Axe for lunch Wednesday.

Jack Kennedy, Bernard Morley, Claude Mestack, Allen Farrelly and June Rutz

met at McDonalds in Bad Axe Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western, June Rutz and Allen Farrelly had dinner at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski and Wilfred Depcinski attended the Huron County 4-H banquet at the Huron County Fairgrounds Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Richardson and Brenda of Snover were Sunday afternoon guests of Thelma Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland of Bad Axe were Wednesday guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the Over 50 Club meeting at Oswald Hall. After the rosary was said, a potluck dinner was served. The next meeting will be the Christmas party and gift exchange Dec. 13.

Mary Catherine Nicol of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Dan Franzel spent the weekend with Sharon Franzel at Atlanta, Ga.

Wayne Sweeney of Auburn Hills and Kate Toma spent the weekend with Jim and Kay Sweeney.

Bernard Morley, Claude Mestack, Allen Farrelly and June Rutz met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Filar of Washington, and Mrs. Allen Depcinski visited Thelma Jackson Tuesday.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski visited Betty Respondek Wednesday.

Jeff Doerr visited his grandmother, Mrs. Curtis Cleland, Sunday.

Tom Polega and Alice Talaski of Kinde visited Veronica Dolenski Thursday.

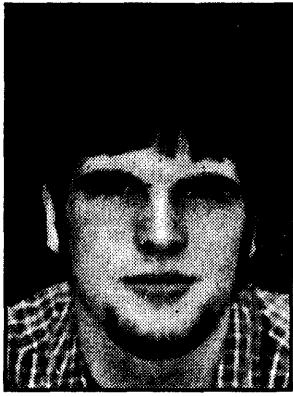
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, June Rutz and Allen Farrelly went to Bay City Monday to meet Mrs. Dan Franzel, who had spent the weekend with Sharon Franzel in Atlanta, Ga.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mary Smith of Ohio, Sharon Depcinski of Grand Rapids, and Mrs. Allen Depcinski were among a large group who attended the luncheon and bazaar at St. Johns Church Hall in Ubyly.

Eleven members and 2 guests attended the Greenleaf Extended Homemakers meeting at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe Thursday. Ruby Meske was the guest speaker. They will meet with Mrs. Melvin Particka for the Dec. 8 meeting.

Hill to receive scholarship



Bryan Hill

Bryan Hill, a recent graduate of Cass City High School, has been selected as the recipient of the first-ever Thumb Area Quiz Bowl League Scholarship for 2005.

Hill was selected after his outstanding performance at the league's Tournament of Champions this past spring. He won trophies in the areas of language arts and the senior category.

Jim Green, the coach of the CCHS Quiz Bowl Team, stated Hill always provided the necessary spark for his teammates at competitions. Winning the scholarship was a feather in his cap.

Hill is now enrolled at Central Michigan University and studying education with hopes of becoming an art and English teacher.

Classes set for gardeners

Master gardeners in Huron and Tuscola counties are gearing up to offer another series of classes to area residents interested in gardening and sharing gardening knowledge.

The classes will begin Monday, Jan. 16, and continue each Monday through March 27 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Cass City United Methodist Church.

Topics will include flower and vegetable gardening, wood ornaments, lawn care, plant science, soils, fruit culture, household pests and indoor plants.

More information is available by contacting the Huron County MSU Extension Office at (989) 269-9949 or the Tuscola County MSU Extension office at (989) 672-3870.



As a holiday, Thanksgiving has become little more than a speed bump between Halloween and Christmas. That's a shame, because as Americans we have so much for which to be thankful.

In spite of the hard times and tragedies many people have experienced, compared to most of the world's population, we have it made.

We really should take time to count our blessings and give thanks for what we have, even if it sometimes doesn't seem like much.

Thinking along those lines, I let my mind wander and came up with just a few random things I am thankful for:

The freedom we have to come and go
Those who have fought to make it so

The joy of expressing our heartfelt praise
To the God who has blessed us in so many ways

Children who make you forget all your cares
Tickles and giggles and bedtime prayers

Modern conveniences, old-fashioned creeds
Flowers that grow from the tiniest seeds

Puppies and kittens and butterflies
Sunshine and shadows and clear blue skies

Good friends and family, a handshake, a hug
A warm house in winter that's cozy and snug

Hamburgers, hotdogs, McDonald's fries
Hot fudge sundaes, Shabbona pies

A conscience that tells us to not overdo it
Antacid when that doesn't work and we rue it

Rainbows and sunsets, and eyes to behold
The beauty around us that nature unfolds

The splendor of autumn, the freshness of spring
Uplifting music that makes your heart sing

Computers and email that keep you in touch
With those far away that you miss so much

Doctors and dentists with TLC
Who keep you as fit as you're able to be

Meaningful work that makes life worthwhile
A pat on the back or a thankful smile

Policemen and firemen and EMTs
There when we need them, to answer our pleas

The gift of faith that will carry you through
And answered prayers that faith renew

Dealerships support research

In honor of National Diabetes Month in November, some area dealerships will contribute \$1 for every Chrysler Jeep and Dodge vehicle sold to the Iacocca Foundation's JoinLeeNow fundraising campaign to raise money for diabetes research.

The partnerships, which include Curtis Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge-Jeep, Cass City and Caro, and Schaefer Motors, Sebewaing, will run

through the end of 2006.

"Diabetes strikes all demographics, from those living in our area, nationally and around the world," said Gary Dilts, senior vice president of sales for the Chrysler Group. "We are proud to have our dealers donate \$1 for every Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge vehicle sold, to do our part to help this great cause and find a cure for those suffering from this devastating disease."



Mr. and Mrs. James Gilliam

Gilliams mark 50th anniversary

James and Barbara Gilliam will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 26 at the Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth, with their children.

They were married Nov. 26, 1955 in Flint, by the Rev. Lester Grey.

The couple lived in Deford for 35 years and now resides in Mulberry, Fla. Jim retired from General Motors, Flint, after 28 years. Barbara re-

tired from the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department after 15 years.

They have 6 children: James (deceased), Michael (Debbie) Gilliam of Cass City, Charyl (Charles) Sanford of Hillsdale, Patty Martin of Glendale, Ariz., Randy (Honey Sue) of Ortonville, and Dan (Linda) Gilliam of Peoria, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Local Dial-Up Internet service starting @ only \$10.00 per month.



CRAFT SHOW November 26 & 27

Laker High School

2 1/2 miles west of Elkton on M-142
Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

96 CRAFTERS ~ FREE ADMISSION

Sponsored by Poormans Promotions

989-874-4774 or 810-639-5388

Coming Soon: Dec. 10-11, Clio

Celebrate The Holidays at Ubyly Heights

Christmas Dance

Sunday, December 4, 2005 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Featuring the fine music of:

Darrell Weltin New Brass Express Band

Admission \$8.00 at the door

For information contact:

Darrell Weltin at 864-8888 or 658-8280

or Mary Wright at 658-2374 or 553-5220

New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance Saturday, December 31, 2005

Featuring the fine music of:

Darrell Weltin New Brass Express Band

*Dinner and Dance (featuring Prime Rib)

*Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. *Dancing begins at 8:00 p.m.

*Dinner & Dance \$30.00 *Dinner only \$20.00

*Dance Only \$13.00 (prices are per person)

For tickets contact: Mary Wright at 658-2374 or 553-5220

We offer a full service banquet facility to serve your special event with 3 private banquet rooms or it can be opened up to be one very large banquet room.

Ubyly Heights

Golf & Country Club

2409 E. ATWATER ROAD, UBYLY MI

989-658-2374 • www.ublyheights.com

The career I dreamed of seemed miles away.

The help I needed was close to home.

Baker is better. And we can prove it. No one else can say that 99% of their available graduates are employed. Baker can help you prepare for an exciting career quickly when you choose from programs offered locally or online from your home computer. As always, we focus on practical skills employers want, not just theory. Our small classes are taught by caring instructors who work in the real world. Baker is also the most affordable of any independent college or university in Michigan. And Baker students have access to the greatest amount of financial aid available. Call today, and we'll help you plan your future.

Winter classes start in January.

(989) 872-1129 or (800) 572-8132

6667 Main St.
Cass City, MI 48726
www.baker.edu

Choose from a variety of degree programs in career fields with a real future.

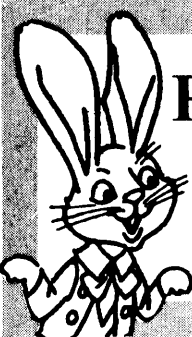
Baker College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association / 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504 / 800-621-7440 / www.nca.org/bakercollege. Baker Center for Graduate Studies is also accredited by the International Assembly of Collegiate Business Education (IACBE).

An Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Institution

Y5679CC

BAKER COLLEGE

You'll do better with Baker!



Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

One of the plusses of sticking around for nearly 55 years is visiting with employees who have gone on to take other opportunities.

One of them is Mike Eliashohn, who was the Chronicle editor for 7 years before taking a job at the paper serving Benton Harbor-St. Joseph.

He made one of his periodic visits last week and if you were around when he was a young man in Cass City, his passion was building and riding bicycles.

Nothing has changed, except that he is now 61 years old and looking at retirement options while riding, riding, riding his bikes in his spare time.

He will have chalked up 1,000 miles this year and is hard at work creating another new bike for next year.

The annual cost of a Thanksgiving dinner for 10 as compiled by the American Farm Bureau Federation arrived last week. It's up \$1.10 from the price last year to \$36.78. The meal includes all the trimmings and special offers such as free turkeys, etc. are not included.

The price of turkeys this year is 5 cents per pound more than in 2004, increasing the cost of a 16-pound turkey by 88 cents.

One surprising fact learned in previous surveys is the price of turkeys in November will probably be two-thirds of the cost of turkeys the other 11 months of the year.

It's time for letters to Santa to be submitted to the Chronicle. There's no cost and pictures of the writers are welcome. We'll be sure to see that the letters are published in one of the issues before Christmas.

Please be sure to include a telephone number with your letter. Every letter, of course, must include the signature of the writer.

Leave no stone unturned. There's a potential basketball prodigy who lives in Oxford and is already being recruited by Michigan State and Duke.

Nothing like starting early. The youth is in the seventh grade, but dominates in scrimmages with older players.

Make it a perfect wedding...

beginning with your Invitation!

Select yours from Regency's fine collection of Wedding Invitations and Accessories.

Cass City Chronicle
Phone 872-2010



Christmas Trees For Sale

Lubaczewski Tree Farm

2 1/4 miles north of DNR Station off M-81 on Green Rd.
Phone 665-2501

OPEN FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY ONLY
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Starting November 25 through December 18

Scotch Pine, Blue & White Spruce, Potted Live Blue Spruce, Tree Stands, Baling and Shaking.
Trailer rides to fields

Full Service for a GREAT Price!!!



CASS CITY CUB Scouts raised more than \$800 recently during their annual Cake Bake and Auction, which benefits Cass City Rotary's Christmas for Kids program. Pictured above are auctioneers Dave (right) and Tavis Osentoski with the grand prize winner, Zac McLachlan.

Scouts help area children

Cass City Cub Scouts recently rolled up their sleeves and whipped up some sweet treats to benefit area children who otherwise might not have a merry Christmas.

The scouts' seventh annual Cake Bake and Auction raised more than \$882 this year, thanks in part to support from Osentoski Realty and Auctioneering, Cass City, and the Cass City Gavel Club.

All the proceeds will be donated to the Cass City Rotary Club's "Christmas for Kids" program. Club members purchase Christmas gifts as well as collect gift donations and cash during the annual program, which serves dozens of area needy families.

This year's cake winners included:

Yummiest Looking - Brent Baker, Longest - A.J. Baker, Most Original Creation - Tyler Brown, Smallest - Justin Kerkau, Tallest - Alex Messing, Largest - Sam Kolocz, Funniest Looking - Brad Baker, Cass City Red Hawk Theme - Lucas Baker, Patriot Theme - Tom Lang, and Most Unique - Jacob Kittle.


The top bids went to 3 other entries. They are: Judges' Choice - Zac McLachlan, the grand prize winner purchased by the Gavel Club for \$105; Best in Scout Theme - David Pitcher, which sold for \$100; and Animals or Nature Theme - Seth Osentoski, which sold for \$90.

The annual Cake Bake and Auction has generated nearly \$6,000 over the years for the Christmas for Kids program.

Area residents who would like to make a contribution will find drop boxes around town through Friday, Dec. 16.

The Haire Net

Project should strike a chord



At first it struck a chord, but after a second look it became a sour note. As outlined here previously the Cass City Rotary Club is looking for an appropriate project that adds to its tradition of helping the community.

Among the suggestions received was tearing down Cass City's biggest eyesore, the former Nestles building.

Now no one disputes that removing the building would fill the bill when it comes to meeting the club's ultimate objective of pushing the community up a notch.

But for a variety of reasons it's not practical. The building apparently is not worth paying taxes to keep and sometime early next year it will probably revert to the state and will be auctioned off for the second time.

CASS CITY CHRONICLE
USPS 092-700
PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY
AT CASS CITY, MICHIGAN
6550 Main Street
Periodical postage paid at Cass City, Michigan 48726
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to
CASS CITY CHRONICLE, P.O. BOX 115, CASS CITY, MI 48726
John Haire, publisher
National Advertising Representative,
Michigan Weekly Newspapers, Inc.,
257 Michigan Avenue, East Lansing, Michigan.
Subscription Prices: To post offices in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties - \$19.00 a year or 2 years for \$31.00, 3 years for \$43.00, \$12.00 for 6 months, and 3 months for \$9.00.
In Michigan - \$23.00 a year, 2 years for \$38.00, 3 years for \$50.00.
In other parts of the United States - \$25.00 a year, 2 years for \$42.00, 3 years for \$54.00. Payable in advance.
For information regarding newspaper advertising and commercial and job printing, telephone 872-2010.

If no one buys at the auction, the building will eventually be thrown back in the hands of the village, Supervisor Dan Erla says.

At that time, Erla feels, there will be a grant from the state to cover the removal of the building. These grants are not available for private owners of buildings.

Removing the building is expensive and may approach \$500,000. So it's likely that if everything goes completely well (a doubtful scenario) the community will be plagued for at least another year as the red tape unwinds.

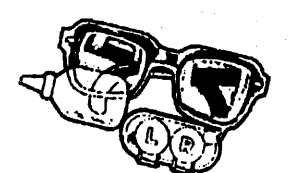
Finding the right project is not as simple as it sounds. The Pinney Foundation, for instance, every year has trouble finding just the right use for money the foundation has to give away for the benefit of the community.

Okay, it's a nice problem to have, but still a head scratcher. Eliminate special interests like churches and other programs that benefit a selected group of people and what's left?

Passed on to Rotary for consideration are a skate park, a snow machine to prep the hill at the park and hard topping and extending the Cass City walking trail.

It won't be at all surprising if all these are passed by for a project that hasn't been considered yet, or perhaps even thought about.

When one is, I hope it strikes a chord with no sour notes.



EYECARE & EYEWEAR FOR EVERYONE

- Professional eye exams
- Prescriptions filled
- Large selection of frames
- All types of contacts
- No-line bifocals
- Glasses repaired
- Blue Cross & VSP participant

DAVID C. BATZER II, O.D.
Professional Eye Care
4672 Hill St., Cass City
872-3404
Bad Axe 269-7263



The back forty

by Roger Pond

© 2000 Roger Pond

It's amazing how college and professional sports have changed over the years. I can remember when folks would just drive out to the stadium, watch the game, and go home.

Now they spend two days planning their menu, drive up in their motor homes, and grill steaks in the parking lot. Folks who never watched a complete football game in their life will trundle off to the stadium like it's their lifelong passion.

For years I've said major colleges and professional teams are wasting their resources. Why spend all that money on uniforms, coaches, and referee's, when most of the people at the stadium don't care if there's a game or not?

Why not just pack them in, let them have a party, and forget about all that roo-rah down on the field?

The old Cleveland Browns football team was a prime example. Readers will recall the Browns moved to Baltimore in 1996 and turned into Ravens; so there weren't any Cleveland Browns for several years.

That didn't stop their fans, though. Cleveland fans loaded their trucks and buses with food and provisions and headed for the old stadium on Lake Erie each weekend — just like they did when there was actually a football game.

A man from Mentor said, "I haven't missed a tailgate party in six years. I'm not going to miss one now, just because we don't have a team."

Cleveland has their Browns back again, and fans are still arriving in the parking lot as their forefathers did before them. Quite a few never knew the team was gone all those years.

This validates my long-standing belief that the best way to watch big-time sports is to turn on your television and lock the door. There are exceptions, however.

One incident in particular comes to mind. It was Ohio State versus Michigan. Michigan was ahead by three with two minutes to go.

Our television flashed the

score but wasn't showing the game. "Call your sister!" I shouted to my wife. "Find out if they're broadcasting the game in her area."

Connie had her sister, Barb, on the phone in an instant. "There's a minute forty-five left. They've got the ball! No, we've got the ball?! They're close to the goal. Somebody fumbled," Connie repeated.

"Who's got the ball? Who fumbled? What's happen-

ing?!" I shouted.

"He's running. He's running. He's running. Oh! They got him!" Barb said.

"Who's running? Who's got the ball?!" Connie shouted.

"I can't tell. They're all wearing helmets," Barb said.

I often think of that game when I see all those people standing around in stadium parking lots. Some might have more fun if they actually saw the game, but I kind of doubt it.

Internet Access!

Unlimited Hours, No Contracts!

\$9.95

PER MONTH!
(No Credit Card Required!)

- Instant Messaging - Keep your buddy list!
- 10 e-mail addresses with Webmail!
- SPAM Filtering - Reduce unwanted e-mails
- FREE Live Technical Support
- FREE Easy Setup Software
- Custom Start Page - News, Weather, & more!

Sign up online: www.LocalNet.com
269-7540 or 1-888-488-7265
Reliable Internet Access Since 1994

EXPRESS 2.0

Surf up to **6x faster!**

All the features of our Unlimited Dialup Account PLUS:

- Faster Web Pages
- Faster e-mail & Webmail
- FREE Popup & Ad Blocker!
- Save up to 60% over DSL!

— just \$3 more —

Protect Your Retirement Nest Egg

Even the most savvy investors wonder about how to best protect their retirement nest egg.

To find out more information on protecting your retirement income call David A. Weiler today.

Together we can create an investment plan to help you reach your goals while protecting your annuity income

Harris & Company

Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-2688

The Hartford variable annuities are issued by Hartford Life Insurance Company and by Hartford Life and Annuity Insurance Company and are underwritten and distributed by Hartford Securities Distributors Company, Inc. For more complete information on the Hartford variable annuities, including charges and expenses, obtain a prospectus from your Investment Representative. Please read it carefully before you invest or send money. (9223) 10/02

THE HARTFORD

NOT FDIC/NCUA INSURED MAY LOSE VALUE NO BANK GUARANTEE
NOT A DEPOSIT NOT INSURED BY ANY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY

Cass City Chronicle

Nov. 23, 2005

5-Day Local Forecast

Wednesday
Snow Likely
High: 32 Low: 21

Thursday
Snow Possible
High: 29 Low: 18

Friday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 28 Low: 16

Saturday
Partly Cloudy
High: 30 Low: 18

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 34 Low: 21

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 60% chance of snow, high temperature of 32°, humidity of 93% and an overnight low of 21°. The record high temperature for today is 62° set in 1999. The record low is 8° set in 1971. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of snow, high temperature of 29°.

Upcoming Moon Phases

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

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today 7:37 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:01 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Monday	43	32	45/31	0.00"
Tuesday	61	39	44/31	0.00"
Wednesday	61	28	44/31	0.00"
Thursday	30	23	43/30	0.00"
Friday	30	19	43/30	0.00"
Saturday	50	30	42/30	0.00"
Sunday	43	36	42/29	0.00"

Precipitation 0.00"
Normal precipitation 0.70"
Departure from normal -0.70"
Average temperature 37.5°
Average normal temperature 36.8°
Departure from normal +0.7°

Data as reported from Bad Axe, Michigan
© 2005 Accessweather.com, Inc.

Weather report courtesy of your friends at

Chrysler ~ Dodge ~ Jeep

(M-81) Downtown Cass City

Curtis

Visit us online at.... www.curtischrysler.com
989-872-2184 • Toll Free 1-888-269-3634

FIVE STAR

DAVID C. BATZER II, O.D.
Professional Eye Care
4672 Hill St., Cass City
872-3404
Bad Axe 269-7263

WINTERIZE YOUR HOME

with our "High Efficiency" Loan Program!
Don't let rising fuel prices keep you out in the cold!

"Looking out for your future"



Colleen Langenburg, Mortgage Officer

Use Your Thumb!

See us for any of your home improvement or mechanical upgrades including...

- High Efficiency Windows and Doors
- Insulation
- Modern High Efficient Furnace, A/C or appliance updates
- Alternative Fuel Furnaces including Geo-Thermal, Corn, and Wood Burning

TN Thumb National Bank & Trust Co.

MEMBER FDIC

Bay City 667-7200	Caseville 856-2247	Cass City 872-4311	Pigeon 856-4113
-------------------	--------------------	--------------------	-----------------



Red Hawk Talks

by Donna Bushong

For many people, the holiday season begins on Thanksgiving weekend. For students in the Cass City School District, that weekend begins on Wednesday, Nov. 23.

To me, Thanksgiving means celebrating with family and starting to get into the Christmas spirit. To Mrs. Bushong's first grade class it means these things and more.

The most important thing for a lot of the class is the delicious food that Thanksgiving brings. The most important part of the meal for Tristan Watson, Gabby Raymond, Meagan Whisenant and Hope Stilson is the turkey. Hope and Meagan, also consider mashed potatoes and gravy as an important part of the meal. Alex Messing likes corn on the cob and Claudia Riddle likes the stuffing. As an ending to their meal, Elena Erla and Derek Vincent enjoy a nice piece of pie. Elena likes apple pie and Derek likes pumpkin pie.

Before we can eat the meal, we first have to cook the meal. Zac McLachlan helps out his dad to cook the turkey. Joshua Gamet also likes to help to cook the turkey. Shaede Perzanowski likes to help prepare for Thanksgiving dinner by stuffing the turkey. Seth Osentoski likes to take the first step in preparing for Thanksgiving dinner by going hunting for a turkey.

Thanksgiving is not all about food. It's also about family. First graders Amy Verhines, Kesley Peters, and Michael Hobson like to

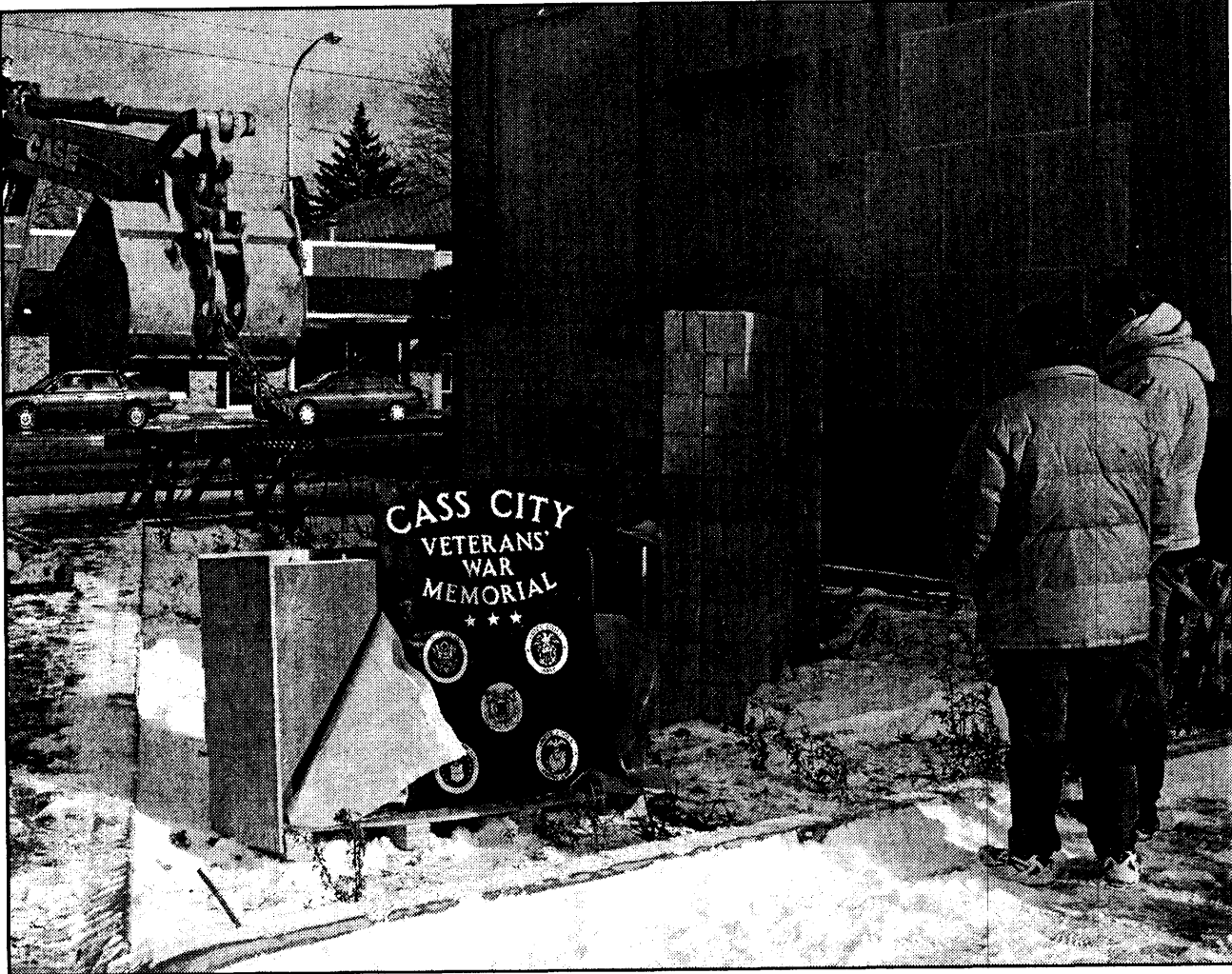
travel to their grandparents' house for Thanksgiving. Leah Crooks, and Kara Morrish like to visit with their aunts, uncles and cousins. For Savana Doerr, Thanksgiving is about praying for her family and showing that she is thankful for them.

Thanksgiving is important throughout the community. On Thanksgiving Day, a community dinner will be held starting at noon. A lot of work goes into putting the dinner together at the VFW hall, and I'm sure that the food is quite good too.

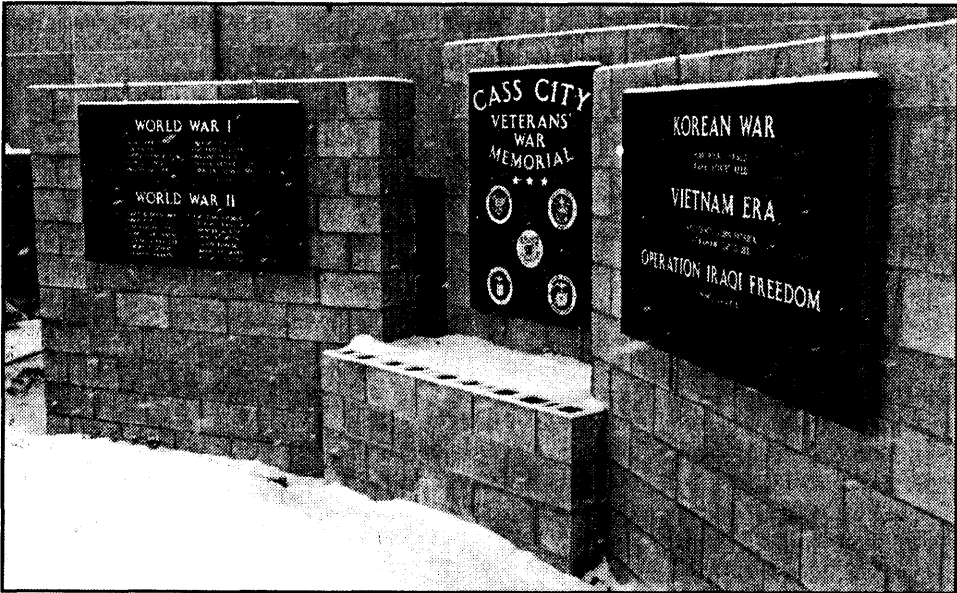
You may have noticed the twinkle lights on the trees in town, and you will soon see other decorations around town. Thanksgiving weekend is when the Christmas decorations start to come out. It is this weekend when it is no longer "too early" to put the Christmas tree up, get the Christmas music out, and start watching Christmas classics such as Dr. Seuss's *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* and *Miracle on 34th Street*. You can catch some of these movies along with other non-Christmas movies at the Cass Theatre on Sunday afternoons.

Some people enjoy the thrill and excitement of day-after Thanksgiving shopping. The crowded malls and lengthy checkout lines are sometimes worth the great sales that happen this weekend.

Whether you're spending time with your family in Cass City, or traveling out of town, I hope you have a safe and enjoyable holiday.



CASS CITY Village Trustee Dwight Thabet (left) and the contractor who delivered the granite tablets for the Cass City War Memorial Thursday look over the center tablet, which weighed in at 250 pounds. The other 2 tablets weigh 350 pounds each. The granite came from China.



NEARLY THERE - The final work to be done on the war memorial will be the installation of cultured stone around the tablets honoring nearly 2 dozen local veterans who died for their country.

Obituaries

Andrew Donnelly

Andrew Peter Donnelly, 99, of Cass City, died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2005 in Tencare. He was born Oct. 7, 1906 at home in Vassar Township, the son of William and Alice (Meehan) Donnelly.

He married Hannah Gotts Neiman Feb. 7, 1948 in Cass City. She died Nov. 13, 1973. He then married Genevieve Danilowski Senbob Nov. 22, 1975 in Palms. She died March 16, 1989.

Donnelly logged with horses and was a farmer. Later, he was a caretaker of county parks.

Donnelly is survived by his step-children: Clayton (Donna) Neiman of Freeland and Wilbert (June) Neiman of Kansas; sisters: Jean (Fred) Summerfield of Vassar and Ellen Asher of Caro; a brother, Charles Donnelly of Sutters Creek, Calif.; 10 step-grandchildren; several step great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a step-daughter, Ila Hunt; a twin brother, Ed Donnelly; brothers: Pat and Dan Donnelly; sisters: Dorothy King, Jeanette Pretzer and Elizabeth Kelly; and a step-grandson, Tom.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 22, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Scott Mills of St. Pancratius Catholic Church officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

61 donate

Sixty-one people donated blood during a recent blood drive sponsored by the Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary and the VFW at the VFW Hall in Cass City.

One-gallon donors were James Whitehead, Laurie Roggenbuck, Melissa A. Homakie and Michelle A. Hanby; five-gallon donor was Karen Francis.

Legislation would grant paid leave in soldier's death

When a soldier is killed in action overseas, it can take several weeks for the body to be returned home. In this instance, economic worry should be the last thing on the soldier's immediate family's minds as they grapple with the loss.

Senator Jim Barcia (D-Bay City) introduced legislation last week that would grant up to 10 days paid leave for individuals when a parent, child or spouse is killed during active service in the United States Forces.

The senator's bill comes at a time when the 60th soldier with Michigan ties died. The deaths are from conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Of that number of those who were killed, 4 were from Barcia's 31st Senate District.

"When a soldier is killed in service to his or her country, the very least we can do is allow family members an appropriate amount of time to attend to the many issues involved with preparing for a funeral without losing their job," said Barcia's release on the proposed law.

"This is an extremely emotional time for these individuals. Allowing them to mourn their loss without suffering a financial hardship is a small price to pay for the ultimate sacrifice their loved ones have made."

Barcia said he has spoken with parents who have cited severe stress in attempting to manage the many issues involved with the death of their loved one who was killed in action while maintaining full-time employment.

After a soldier is killed overseas it can take anywhere from a week to a month before the remains are

stateside for funeral arrangements.

"I know firsthand what it feels like to have a son killed while in the service, and the long wait. From the time I was informed about my son's death until the funeral it was 2 weeks," said Mary Drier of Unionville. "Some of my family members who live in New York told me it was taking up to a month there from when they were told about their loss until the funeral."

"I hope this gets the backing and support it needs to become a law. If it is approved, I will always think of it in my heart as 'Charlie's bill,' but it is actually for every soldier who gives their life and the family who lost them." It was Drier's suggestion to have such legislation presented.

"The loss is devastating. It is impossible to function during that time. I'm fortunate to work for a compassionate company who allowed me the time I needed," said Drier, a staff writer for the Tuscola County Advertiser. "I was given as much time as I needed. But talking to others, that is not the case."

"Because of that and what I went through, it was my suggestion to Senator Barcia to introduce this piece of legislation."

The proposal asks employers to pay employee's wages for 10 days for those who lost a direct family member during active service.

"I hope residents throughout the state contact their representatives supporting this effort for those who have lost a family member during active duty serving their country," Drier said.

Pat
Curtis
Chevy - Olds - Cadillac

C
Curtis
Chrysler - Dodge - Jeep

BRYAN ABBE
Sales Professional

(989) 673-2171
Ellington Street
Caro, MI 48723

Cell: (989) 977-1112
Fax: (989) 872-5154
1-888-ANY-DODGE

(989) 872-2184
6617 Main Street
Cass City, MI 48725

WHY BASEMENTS LEAK...

Water is the most powerful force on Earth. One inch of rain equals 27,000 gallons of water per acre. Once water enters the basement chances are that it will occur again. It is also likely that it will continue to get worse. Water has a memory. It will follow the same path each time your basement leaks, thereby creating a larger path. Most homes are built with some sort of waterproofing. Here are some common reasons why basements leak.

FALSE WATER TABLE

A False Water Table was created when your basement was built. The first step in building your basement was to dig a large hole. The earth surrounding this large hole is soil compacted by millions of years, also referred to as "Hard Pan." The earth being removed from this hole will never be as compact when it is put back. This is referred to as "Soft Pan." When it rains, or when snow melts, the water will follow the path of least resistance. Thus, water flows from Hard Pan to Soft Pan and creates a false water table. As water continues to fill the false water table, some of the water will begin to flow (through gravity and pressure) to the real water table. However, water that has accumulated around the false water table will continue to rise when either the water is coming in too fast, or the real water table is full and cannot handle the volume of water any longer. As the water fills all pockets and voids it will continue to rise until it reaches the floor.

Then it will fill the voids against the walls. A False

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).

DO-IT-YOURSELF HINTS

Sometimes the cause of water seepage or dampness is just something that you have overlooked; such as: improper/poor grading, surface water from down spouts, gutters, or another source. You can request an inspection to determine whether this is indeed a minor problem or something that would require a professional's attention.

HOMEOWNER'S GUIDE TO BASEMENT WATERPROOFING

Published by: American Water Systems, Inc.
© 2002 American Water Systems
Licensed: Michigan
#2104133703

TO REQUEST A
FREE INSPECTION,
CALL:
1-800-900-7090

MENTAL ILLNESS

It's not about blame;
It's not about shame.

It's not about guilt, weakness, or failure;
It's not about self control.

It's not a character flaw;
And it's not a lack of self-discipline.

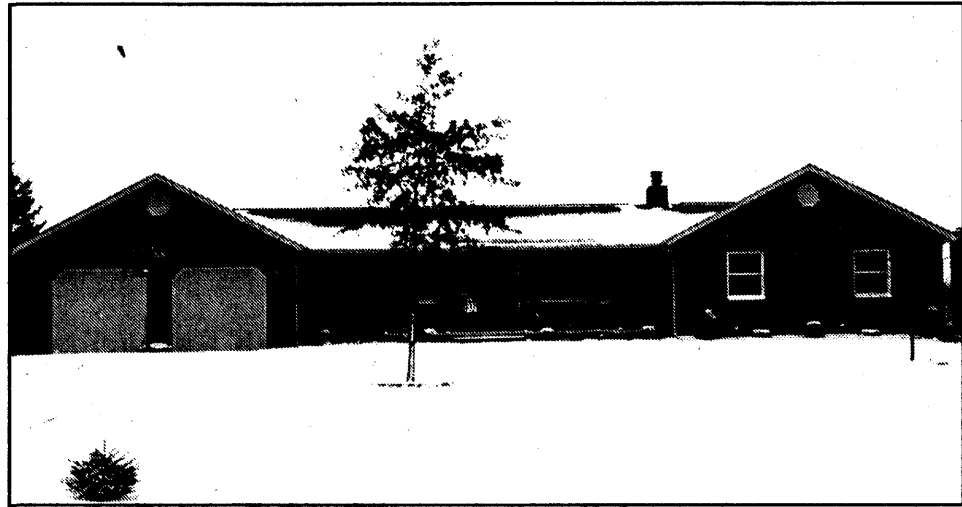
Mental Illness is about illness;
It's about people.

It's about medical care;
And it's about time we treated it that way;

Mental Illness - How we treat it;
makes all the difference.


TUSCOLA
Behavioral Health Systems
A Michigan Community Mental Health Authority
serving Tuscola County and the Greater Thumb Area

125 W. Lincoln St. • Caro, MI 48723 • PH. 989.673.6191 or
1.800.462.6814 • TDD 989.672.4780



THE STEVE AND Sandi Wright home on Milligan Road (top) and the Dave and Carol Knight residence on Virginia Street are among the featured stops on this year's Friends of the Library's annual Christmas Home Tour, scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 4, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 4

Library "friends" ready to host annual home tour

The Friends of the Library's annual Christmas Home Tour proved to be a popular holiday outing from the start, thanks to some homeowners who were willing to show off their hard work and decorating skills.

The event continues to draw dozens of area residents each year and at the same time raises money to purchase needed items at Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City.

This will be the eighth year for the event, which typically attracts 175 to 200 people and generates about \$1,800 annually.

This year's tour is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 4, from 1 to 5 p.m., with a reception at the library from 3 to 6:30 p.m. for all ticket holders.

The 2005 featured homeowners are:

*Robert and Gail McCreedy, 6621 Gage St., Gagetown, whose home was the first Hunter Funeral Home. When the McCreedy's bought the home, it came with the original horse drawn hearse lights at the front entrance. The couple still have the lights and plan to restore them.

The couple has completed many interior and exterior improvements over the years, while maintaining the original style.

*Ken and Janel Guilds, 3988 Hoppe Rd., Gagetown. Their 3-bedroom and 2-bath country ranch style home has undergone much remodeling. There is a fireplace that can be accessed from 2 different rooms, and the holiday decorations include 6 Christmas trees.

*Steve and Sandi Wright, 6857 Milligan Rd., Cass City. The Wright's 1930 farmhouse was originally located at the corner of Pine and West streets. The home features a warm farmhouse feel, including a modern version of a wood cookstove in the kitchen. New improvements include a new back deck, siding and landscaping. The home's screened front porch is furnished with a porch swing and wicker rockers.

*David and Carol Knight, 6301 Virginia St. The

Knight's 2,500-square-foot ranch home was built in 1995 with a full basement. The great room has a 12-foot cathedral ceiling, allowing for the display of a 10- to 11-foot Christmas tree each year. A great deal of planning was involved to create spacious rooms and yet maintain a homey feeling throughout.

*Michael and Marilyn Stec, 4065 Kelly Dr., Cass City. The couple's mobile home was purchased new in 1993 and has been completely renovated and decorated country style. One room has been made into a "garden room" complete with an arbor and birdbath.

In addition, participants are invited to tour Calvary Bible Church, 4446 Ale St., Cass City. Originally built in 1884, the structure was remodeled, expanded and given its brick veneer in 1919. Stained glass windows are one of the building's most prominent features.

During extensive remodeling over the past year, one of the largest of the windows, which had been covered for decades, was exposed and restored by Cass City's own Mimi and Dave Nicol.

Tour participants may purchase their ticket booklet for \$10 at the library or at Woodland Cottage, a gift shop at 3396 Lamton Rd., Decker. The booklets include a map showing the location of each

of the homes along with photos and additional information. Also included is a coupon for Woodland Cottage.

Residents can visit the homes in any order they wish. All participants are asked to observe the following rules: children under the age of 12, and pets, are not allowed; shoes should be removed at the home entrance, refrain from eating, drinking, or smoking in the homes; interior photos are not permitted, and do not enter rooms that are roped off or closed.

Due to the distance between some of the homes, participants are encouraged to carpool or take advantage of a special shuttle service that will again be provided by Pat Curtis Chrysler. Park at the library and ride one of the shuttle vans that will leave from in front of the library beginning at 1 p.m.

Other participating businesses include Cass City Floral, which is providing centerpieces for each of the homes. Erla's Food Center is preparing special food trays for the reception, and a donation from Independent Bank will also provide a food tray.

A drawing will be held during the reception for a decorated Charlie Brown Tree donated by Woodland Cottage. Tickets for the drawing may be purchased at the library until Dec. 4.



Joe's SMOKIN' Recipe
(989) 658-8609
www.joessmokinrecipe.com

Custom & Venison Sausage
Made From Your Boneless Meat

Over 20 Different Varieties

HOURS:
Oct. 1 to Dec. 31
Mon-Fri 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday By appointment

Rest of year by appointment only.



Library helping Rotary

Rawson Memorial Library will be helping the Rotary Club this year with the "Christmas for Kids" program.

If you would like to participate, come to the library and pick up a mitten from the Christmas tree and purchase a book for a child of the age listed on the mitten. Bring the book (unwrapped) back to the library and we will give it to the Rotary Club to be added to the presents for the children.

Dairy, beef issues to be addressed

From establishing vaccination programs to controlling John's disease, dairy and beef producers face numerous animal health issues.

They can learn to deal with these and other challenges during the 2006 MSU Extension Dairy Team's winter meetings, scheduled at 9 locations during January and February.

The programs will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at each location. Dates and locations include Feb. 14 in Ubyly.

"Producers are barraged with information from many sources about many topics," said Ira Krupp, MSU Extension educator. "We want to give them the chance to hear from Extension specialists, from other educators and from veterinarians about how to tackle some of their most pressing herd health issues."

Because John's disease is an issue that both dairy and cow-calf producers face, beef producers may choose to attend the second half of the program, beginning at 1 p.m.

The registration fee, which includes lunch and materials, is \$30 for the first participant from each farm and \$20 for each additional participant from the same operation. Producers who choose to attend the afternoon session only (lunch not included) will pay \$20 per person and \$10 for each additional person from the same farm.

To register or receive additional information, contact the Eaton County MSU Extension Office at (517) 543-2310.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

The Kritzman building at the corner of Main and Leach streets, has been purchased by Scott and Robin Hendrian from Bill Kritzman, who operated a clothing store at the site for 39 years. The Hendrians, owners of Hendrians Floor Covering, said that they expect to take possession Dec. 1.

The first project on deck for us, Robin said, is to completely remodel and renovate the ground floor. It's the first step in a plan to operate a full-line furniture store in the building. Tentative plans call for the opening of the store in April or May.

Most bacteria that cause foodborne illnesses do not grow well at refrigerator temperatures below 40F degrees. That's why it's so important to properly store perishable foods like meat, poultry, fish, shellfish, eggs and dairy products. Bacteria can multiply rapidly at room temperature. Keeping food cool keeps bacteria from growing to dangerous levels.

Shabbona United Methodist Church workers who labor each year on the church's apple pie fundraiser were treated to a gingerbread house party Saturday. Young adults in the church prepared and assembled the houses, and the workers enjoyed decorating them during what has become an annual "Pamper the Pie Workers" event. The workers earlier this year prepared and sold a new record 2,300 pies and crusts.

10 YEARS AGO

The names and faces of the police officers charged with keeping law and order in Cass City have changed over the years, but there's always been one constant: They've all been men. Until recently. Leah Redman, a 24-year-old Deckerville native, was hired in early October and has since started to become acquainted with the village during the 10-hour shifts she works 3 times a week. So far, the job has been rewarding, according to the 1989 Marlette High School graduate, who has gained a fair amount of experience in her first year as a police officer.

The Agriculture Department recently granted federal meat inspection labels to ostrich meat. Louisiana will be the first state to receive the labels, which will remove a major obstacle to expansion of the industry. Without the USDA label, officials said, the ostrich industry would not be able to attain entry to important consumer markets and be accepted on American dinner tables.

Dick Wallace enjoyed his first few days as retiree on a hunting trip to the Upper Peninsula over the weekend. The Cass City native officially retired from his duties as vice-president of Chemical Bank Bay Area in Cass City last week after 12 years of service. Wallace, 62, began his career at the then-Cass City Bank in 1983 after leaving his post as controller at Walbro Corp.

25 YEARS AGO

Many children stutter a little when they are two or three. This is usually caused by their attempting to use new words and complicated sentences. The children usually outgrow the stuttering in a few months.

Three seniors were among the players selected by coaches of the Thumb B Association Tuesday for all-conference recognition. The trio was led by Padgett Randall who was named for the second time. The talented senior smashed all of Cass City's girls' scoring records and has been a four-year letterman for Cass City. Named to the second team was Beth Sieradzki, the play making guard, and honorable mention went to Shelley Lapeer, the senior who played a strong defensive game for Cass City all year and was a rugged rebounder.

Not all imports are quality constructed. Recently I purchased a couple of sport shirts. Cheapies. The label said they were made in Hong Kong. They really didn't have to tell me that. After trying it on I knew they must have been made in the Far East. They fit like kimonos. (From Rabbit Tracks)

35 YEARS AGO

Jack Kaufman of Sandusky had the top producing herd in Sanilac County under DHIA testing in October, according to information released this week. His 40-cow herd produced a daily average of 58 pounds of 3.4 percent milk per cow. Second place for the month was the 85-cow herd of F. and D. Dale of Marlette with 50 pounds of 3.7 percent milk. The only area producer in the top ten was Arthur Severance, who was fourth in the county with a 59-cow herd that produced an average of

46 pounds of 3.9 percent milk.

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.

Stop in and see Garth for your New Chrysler or Ford vehicle



Moore Motor Sales
The New Generation

1725 W. Caro Rd., Caro, MI (989) 673-4171
TOLL FREE 1-800-516-6673



Garth O'Mara
Sales Consultant

Free 10-Year Parts & Labor Limited Warranty or 6 Months Same As Cash*



So Reliable, It's Guaranteed For Life
If the heat exchanger on the Amana furnace ever fails, or the compressor ever fails on the air conditioner, Amana will replace the entire unit free of charge.

96 AFUE Two-Stage Variable Speed Gas Furnace Model AM960704CXA and 16 SEER Ultra Air Conditioner Model RSC36C2C

Heating & Air Conditioning Amana
LASTS AND LASTS™

Offer ends December 23, 2005
*Your choice with purchase of Amana 96 AFUE Two-Stage, Variable Speed Gas Furnace or Amana 16 SEER Air Conditioner. Please ask for details.

HOWARD'S HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC.
6523 Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-2030

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.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
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
(Where the Word is Life)
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.
Minister: Chuck Emmert
Youth Minister: Brad Speirs
Visit our website at: www.novestachurch.org

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

St. Agatha Catholic Church
4618 South St., Gagetown, 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)
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
UMW Monthly 1st Wed., 7:00 p.m.
Youth Group Sunday Evenings 5:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ellen Burns
Visit our website at: www.dasuparish.com

Vistors always welcomed
Please join us today

Cass City adds DISTRICT TITLE

First tourney championship in 26 years

The Cass City Red Hawks walked off with the district class B trophy at Millington Friday with a surprisingly easy win over the Frankenmuth Eagles, 61-47. The Eagles entered the game with an undefeated 14-0 record in the Tri-Valley East Conference.

Frankenmuth won its way to the finals with a trapping defense that resulted in numerous turnovers. That was no problem for the Hawks, as the team was ready for the press and beat it for several easy baskets. What may have been the outstanding play of the game was an easy basket as the Hawks made 3 good passes and the ball never touched the floor and Sara Meeker had an easy layup with no Eagle in sight.

Cass City threatened to nearly salt away the victory in the first quarter, but Frankenmuth stayed close with some red hot, 3 for 4, outside shooting. In the first period, the first 9 points scored by the Eagles were from 3-point range- 2 by Chelsea Smith and one by Katelin Veitengruber. Midway through the quarter the Hawks were in front, 11-9, and that was as close as Muth was going to get. Cass City

used balanced scoring to go on a 9-2 roll and was comfortably in front, 23-11, with less than 3 minutes gone in the second quarter.

Cass City was in front, 34-22, at the half. The Eagles closed the gap slightly in the third quarter behind Nicole Bade, who netted 8 of her team-high 14 points in the quarter.

The Hawks coasted with a comfortable lead, never less than 9 points, in the last quarter.

The Hawks were forced to play without Ashley Hendrick for about a third of the game due to foul trouble. Helping take up the slack was Sara Meeker, who netted 14 points and picked off 7 rebounds. Coach John Maharg said that the junior center played a very fine game.

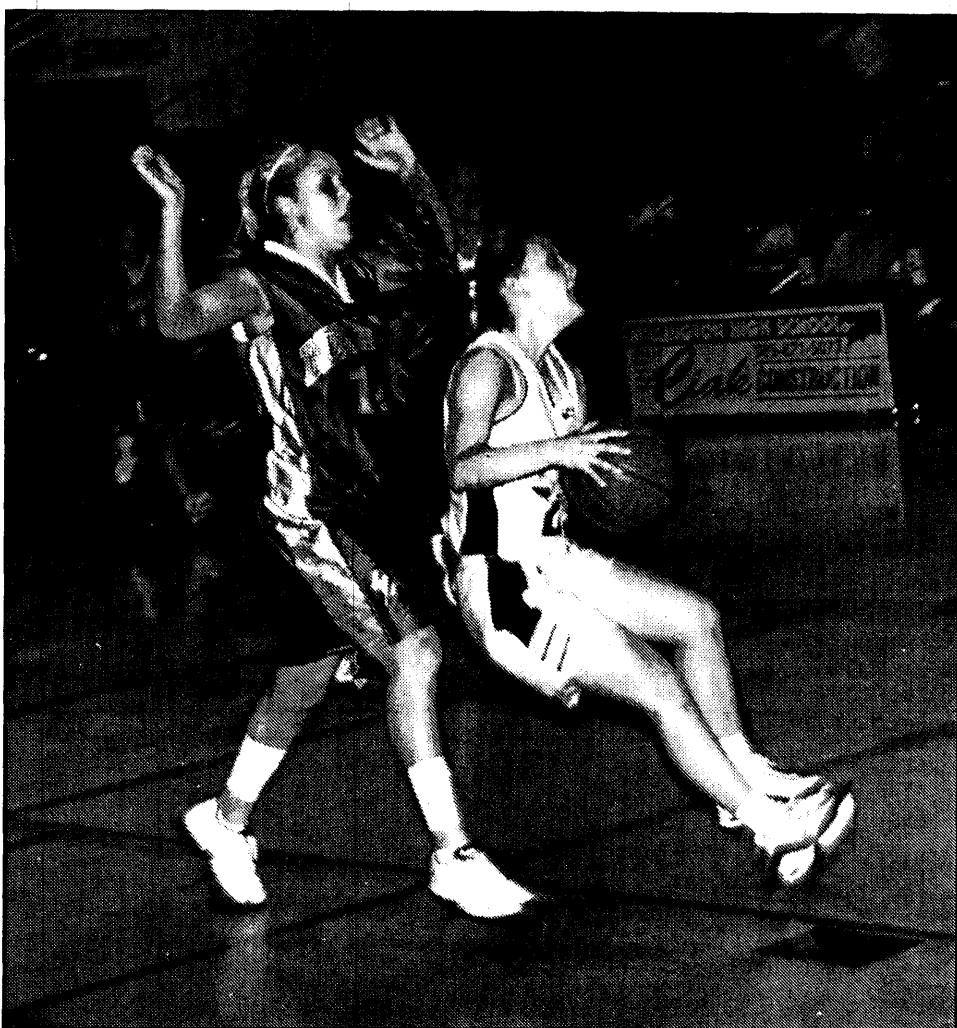
The Hawks had 3 other scorers in double figures, topped by Emily Schinnerer with 15. Hendrick scored 11 and Jenni Brinkman, 10.

Maharg said that this year's squad improved more from the beginning of the season than any of his other teams in his 7-year tenure.

It was the first district title for Cass City girls in 26 years.

CASS CITY - C. Rabideau 1-0 (1-2) 3; Brinkman 5-0 (0-0) 10; Meeker 3-0 (8-10) 14; R. Czekai 1-0 (0-2) 2; Trischler 3-0 (0-1) 6; Hendrick 4-0 (3-5) 11; Schinnerer 5-0 (5-7) 15. **TOTALS** - 22-0 (17-27) 61.

FRANKENMUTH - Davis 0-1 (1-2) 4; Veitengruber 0-2 (1-4) 7; Dodson 2-0 (1-2) 5; Johnson 0-0 (0-2) 0; Smith 1-2 (0-0) 8; J. Frank 3-0 (3-4) 9; Kostus 0-0 (0-2) 0; Bade 5-0 (4-6) 14. **TOTALS** - 11-5 (10-22) 47.



RED HAWK Kalen Trischler beats the Birch Run defense down the floor for a basket in district play.

Birch Run falls in district play opener

It almost seemed as if the Cass City Red Hawk hoop team just can't stand success as it battled the Birch Run Panthers Wednesday in the second round of the class B district tournament at Millington.

Just when coach John Maharg's charges appeared ready to take control, the team made plays that allowed the Panthers to get back in the game before finally bowing, 50-45.

Helped by several Cass City unforced errors and some rugged Birch Run rebounding, the teams played on even terms through most of the first half.

The score was tied at 11-all at the 5:02 mark in the second period. Birch Run then forged into a 15-13 lead with 3:37 left in the quarter.

The Hawks responded by posting their largest lead in the first half, 26-20, as Emily Schinnerer gunned for 8 and Ashley Hendrick for 6 points in the period. With 5 seconds remaining in the half, Jessica Cooley was fouled on a hail Mary shot, made 2 of 3 free throws and cashed the one she missed on a rebound at the buzzer to make it a 2-point game, 26-24, at the intermission.

The Hawks started the third quarter with a 6-0 run and

midway through the quarter led 32-24. After that run, neither team could sustain an offensive drive and at the end of the quarter the Hawks were in front, 36-29.

With a 38-31 lead at the 6:46 mark in the last quarter, Cass City appeared to have the game under control, but the Panthers would have none of that and promptly went on an 8-2 rally to close the gap to a single point, 40-39, with just under 4 minutes left.

Ashley Hendrick scored a pair of free throws and a basket and Jenni Brinkman did the same and the lead was back to 9 points to cinch the victory with time running out.

Hendrick and Brinkman, with 14 points each, and Schinnerer, with 13, led Cass City. Brooke Sander led Birch Run with 14.

CASS CITY - C. Rabideau 1-0 (1-2) 3; Brinkman 5-0 (4-4) 14; Meeker 1-0 (0-0) 2; Trischler 2-0 (0-1) 4; Hendrick 5-0 (4-4) 14; Schinnerer 4-1 (2-4) 13. **TOTALS** - 18-1 (11-15) 50.

BIRCH RUN - Sanders 5-0 (4-5) 14; Gaines 3-1 (0-2) 9; Cooley 1-0 (7-10) 9; Reinhardt 0-2 (0-3) 6; Periard 2-1 (0-0) 7; McLaren 0-0 (0-2) 0. **TOTALS** - 11-4 (11-22) 45.

North Central Thumb League basketball stars announced

The North Central Thumb League - North Division all-conference first team consists of 6 seniors, represented by only 2 schools.

Named to the dream team, by league coaches, were North Huron's Andrea Clancy, Jessica Rice and Audrey Hogan. Rounding out the first team choices are Port Hope's Kelsey Mausolf, Amanda Schave and Cassie Woodke.

Owen-Gage placed a pair of performers on the second team all-conference list in Michelle Brown, senior, and April Nowaczyk, sophomore. The Bulldog's Amanda Faist, who received honorable mention accolades, was the only freshman to receive all-conference recognition.

The NCTL-N second team choices are: Brooke Arndt, Port Hope; Jessica Davonport, Katie Mazure, North Huron; Brown and Nowaczyk, Owen-Gage; Allison Latimer and Shayna Petiprin, Akron-Fairgrove; Andrea Goforth and Emily Quinn, Caseville.

Joining Faist as an honorable mention candidate was teammate Becky Schmidt.

SOUTH DIVISION

The NCTL - South Division all-conference dream team was dominated by Memphis, who completed the regular season with a perfect 20-0 record. The first team selections are Amanda Kopas, Dryden; Erica Christy, Carsonville-Port Sanilac; Amber Bailey, Emily LeTarte and Alicia Dryer, Memphis; and Leigha Wilmot, Kingston.

Named to the second team were Erica Herron and Allyson Crousore, Kingston; Nycrole Promo and Allisha Guzdial, Carsonville-Port Sanilac; Tiffanie Fletcher, Peck; Jenni Wessel and Leah Semik, Memphis.

Players receiving honorable mention recognition are Jayme Shinabarger, Kingston; Emily Krieger, Dryden; and Kristan Fletcher and Kayla O'Connor, Peck.

BOWLING

Thursday Nite Trio as of Nov. 17

Martin Electric 29.5
Schmaltz Construction 24
Mycogen Seeds 21.5
Doerr Landscaping 21
Jebco Consulting 21
United Building Centers 15

Individual High Games & Series: T. Lis 222 (613); G. Robinson 232-211 (604); J. Baker 215-214 (590); D. Dickinson 230 (579); K. Martin 222; T. Summers 220; S. Osentoski 213.

Team High Game & Series: Martin Electric 608 (1658).

Schneeberger's ATHLETES of the WEEK



The Red Hawks added a district crown, to its GTW Conference title Friday in Millington. 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, Maddie Dooley, Brittany Karvas and Caitlin Sorenson.

Schinnerer had an outstanding tourney, netting 13 points against Birch Run and 15 points in the district final win over Frankenmuth.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT

Schneeberger's

APPLIANCES

TV

FURNITURE

Instant Credit!
Service After The Sale!

OPEN:
Mon - Fri
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sat 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

PHONE: 989-872-2696 • 6588 MAIN ST., CASS CITY, MI 48726

Chrysler ~ Dodge ~ Jeep

(M-81) Downtown Cass City

Curtis

Visit us online at...www.curtischrysler.com

989-872-2184 • Toll Free 1-888-269-3634

2003 Chrysler Town & Country

Low Miles, Quad Seats, Rear Air & Heat, & Much More

\$17,495*

2003 Dodge Grand Caravan SE

Low Miles

\$13,995*

2004 Dodge Caravan SXT

Nice Equipment

\$13,995*

2003 Jeep Grand Cherokee

Heated Leather, Moon Roof

\$16,995*

2000 Jeep Wrangler

V-6, Manual, Very Nice

\$13,595*

2003 Jeep Liberty Sport 4x4

Low Miles & Lots of Features

\$15,995*

Visit Curtis Chrysler for the Best Selection of Quality

CHRYSLER CERTIFIED PREOWNED VEHICLES

• 8 yr./80,000 mile Powertrain Limited Warranty**

• 3 month/3,000 mile Maximum Care Limited Warranty

• Towing/Roadside Assistance

• Car Fax Vehicle Report

Stop in to see me

BRYAN ABBE

for your best deal on a pre-owned vehicle

* All prices plus tax and state fees

**\$100 deductible applies

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL

2 YEARS FREE GAS!!!

2 YEARS OF FREE SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE!!!

MECHANICAL WARRANTY EXTENDED TO 5 YEARS OR 60,000 MILES!!!

Offer available on most new 2005 and 2006 models. See dealer for details.

Two Great Product Lines To Choose From, One Name You Can Trust!

PAT CURTIS CHEVROLET-OLDSMOBILE-CADILLAC

425 ELLINGTON STREET, CARO • 989-673-2171

OPEN 'TIL 8 P.M. MON. & THURS.; T, W, F 8-6;
Sat. 9-3; SERVICE HOURS: M-F 8-5; Sat. 9-3

989-673-2171

Pat Curtis Chevrolet, Cadillac in Caro would like to welcome you to our Red Tag Sale. Every vehicle in our huge inventory will be marked down to our lowest Red Tag Sale price!

GREAT LEASES ON 2006 MODELS

2006 Chevrolet Impala LT

M.S.R.P. \$23,345.00

GMS \$20,959.70

39 months

10,000 miles per year

25¢ per mile over

Only \$229.45

plus tax per month

\$229.45

due at signing + tax, title & license

2006 Chevrolet Silverado LT

4x4 Crew Cab, 1/2 ton

M.S.R.P. \$35,110.00

GMS \$30,202.23

36 months

12,000 miles per year

20¢ per mile over

Only \$306.00

plus tax per month

\$306.00

due at signing + tax, title & license

2005 Chevrolet Silverado

1/2 Ton Crew Cab Z71

DEMO M.S.R.P. \$36,773.00

Red Tag \$25,759.00

2005 Chevrolet Silverado

1/2 Ton Ext. Cab Z71

Bucket Seats - Bose Sound System

M.S.R.P. \$35,873.00

Red Tag \$25,968.00

2005 Chevrolet Uplander

4-Door LS

Rear DVD player

M.S.R.P. \$28,185.00

Red Tag \$21,307.00

Pat Curtis Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Cadillac has in our inventory a huge selection of quality used vehicles.

Here are a few examples:

Year	Make	Model	List	SALE
2000	Buick	Lesabre Custom	\$11,595.00	\$9,995.00
2003	Chevrolet	Malibu	\$11,995.00	\$10,995.00
2002	Pontiac	Grand Am SE 4-Door	\$11,795.00	\$10,995.00
2003	Pontiac	Grand Prix GT Sedan	\$15,995.00	\$14,995.00
2005	Chevrolet	Impala Base 4-Door	\$15,950.00	\$14,995.00
2004	Chevrolet	Trailblazer LS	\$19,995.00	\$16,995.00
2005	Chevrolet	Malibu Maxx	\$15,550.00	\$13,995.00
2005	Cadillac	CTS	\$28,995.00	\$27,395.00
2000	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500 Z-71 EC	\$17,995.00	\$15,995.00
2006	Pontiac	G6 2-Door GT	\$22,955.00	\$17,995.00
2004	GMC	Envoy SLE	\$19,595.00	\$17,995.00
1999	Buick	Lesabre Limited	\$7,995.00	\$6,995.00
2003	Oldsmobile	Silhouette GLS AWD	\$16,995.00	\$15,995.00
2004	Pontiac	Grand AM SE 4-Door	\$13,995.00	\$12,995.00
2005	Chevrolet	Impala Sedan	\$16,995.00	\$14,995.00
2005	Chevrolet	Impala Sedan	\$16,995.00	\$14,995.00
2000	Oldsmobile	Silhouette GL	\$9,700.00	\$8,995.00

Cass City tourney trail ends in Alma against St. Johns

A glorious season for the Cass City Red Hawk basketball team came to an end Monday night in the regional opener against St. Johns at Alma High School, 63-48.

After exchanging baskets in the first quarter that ended with the teams tied at 8, the winners staged a rally in the top of the second quarter to go in front 17-8 and never trailed after that.

St. Johns was sparked by some fine outside shooting by Courtney Kurncz

and Kari Walters shooting threes and getting hoops on set shots outside the paint. In the first half spurt, Kurncz picked up 10 of her 13 points for the night and Walters netted 9 of her 13.

The St. Johns guards caused numerous turnovers as they double teamed Cass City's ball handlers and on several occasions pinned them on the sidelines.

It was a brutal rebounding battle and the Hawks held their own against the

big St. John forward wall, but the packed in defense of the winners held Ashley Hendrick in check, refusing to let her get the ball in the paint.

St. Johns moved in front by 10 points late in the second quarter, 26-16, but the Hawks staged a rally to be very much in contention as the half ended. Emily Schinnerer converted 2 free throws; Jenni Brinkman added a bucket and Schinnerer cashed a hoop at the buzzer to move Cass City to within 6 points.

That was as close as Cass City was to get. St. Johns stretched its lead to 40-27 midway through the third quarter and was in front 47-33 going into the final 8 minutes.

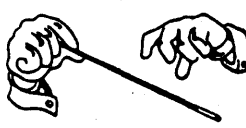
At the 4:20 mark in the last quarter St. Johns had ballooned its lead to 15 points, 56-41, and the 2 teams played on even terms the rest of the way.

Four Hawks ended the game in double figures. Hendrick netted 14, Brinkman, 12, Courtney Rabideau, 11, and Schinnerer 10.

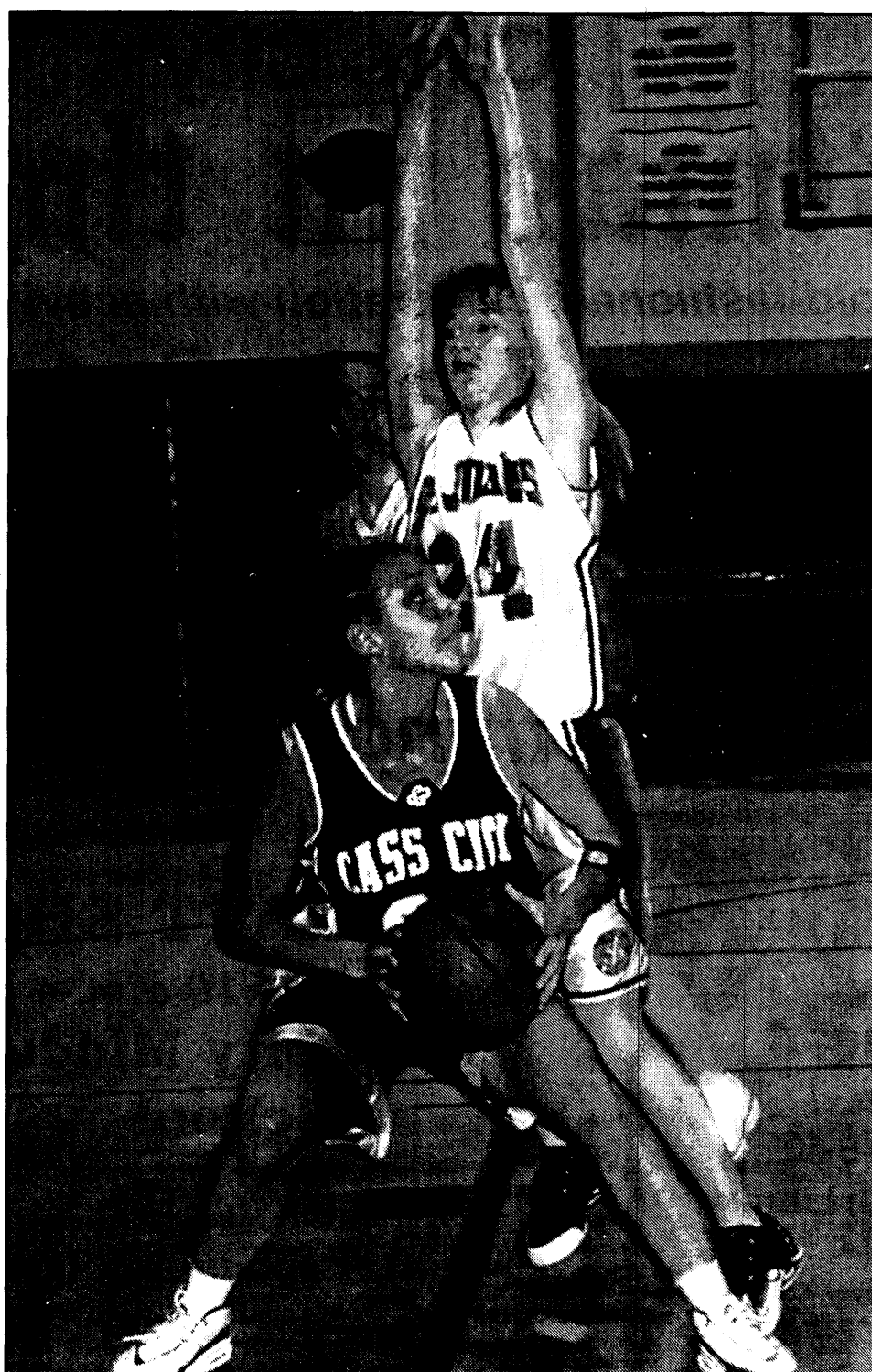
St. Johns will play Swan Valley Wednesday night for the regional title. Swan Valley upset previously undefeated Midland Bullock Creek that had beaten them twice during the season to earn their way into the finals.

It was the final high school game for 4 seniors. Topping the list is Hendrick, one of the very few girls to top the 1,000-point mark in her career. Others sure to be missed are Kalen Trischler, Renee Czekai and Brinkman.

**Chronicle Liners
Work Like Magic!**



**Cass City
Chronicle**
Phone 872-2010



CASS CITY'S Emily Schinnerer looks for room to operate against the defensive pressure applied by St. Johns' Kari Walters during regional play Monday in Alma.

Soccer best aired for GTW conference

Cass City had 5 soccer members receive Greater Thumb West Conference all-conference praises.

Eric Reed, a 4-year performer, was chosen to the first-team by league coaches, while Ross Forrest was named to the second team. Receiving honorable mention recognition for the Red Hawks were Brandon Miller, Shane McFarland and Gavin Mills.

The complete GTW all-conference listings were: First team - Eric Weitzel, forward, Mark Feger, mid-

fielder, Alex Turner, defender, Kyle Post, mid-fielder, Marcus Maust, keeper, - Lakers; Matt Greyerbiehl, forward, Adam Teasdale, defender, Scott Hewens, forward - Bad Axe; Aaron Kuhl, mid-fielder, Chris Gangler, forward, Shaun Gaeth, keeper, Randy Edler, defender - USA; Scott Zill, mid-fielder - Valley Lutheran; and Eric Reed, forward - Cass City.

The second team were: Mike Humphrey, mid-fielder, Andrew Ziel, defender, Brent Osantoski, defender - Lakers; Tyler Schemka, mid-fielder, Darin Howard, mid-fielder, Eric Snonack, keeper - Bad Axe; Erik Kuhl, mid-fielder, Dane Southgate, forward - USA;

Nathan Peake, mid-fielder, James Hinz, defender - Valley Lutheran; and Ross Forrest, forward - Cass City.

The all-conference honorable mentions were: Shawn Albrecht, mid-fielder, Jeremiah Winkel, forward, Nick Walsh, mid-fielder - Lakers; Aaron Schramski, defender, Corey Polega, defender, Dan Stipanovich, mid-fielder - Bad Axe; Corey Haag, defender, Ryan Welchner, mid-fielder, Tyler Kuhl, forward - USA; Randy Ferchau, forward, Tyler Fournier, forward, Travis Schwannecke, defender - Valley Lutheran; and Brandon Miller, mid-fielder, Shane McFarland, defender, Gavin Mills, mid-fielder - Cass City.

GTE Football All-Conference 2005-2006 Selections

OFFENSE		
First Team:		
Tackles	Bryan Shagena	Deckerville
	Justin Marquardt	Marlette
Guards	Mike Haranda	Marlette
	Josh Hunter	Deckerville
Center	George Stauch	Mayville
Ends	Mike Monzo	Sandusky
	Brian Redman	Marlette
Quarter Back	Luke Linn	H. Beach
Backs	Marc Loding	Sandusky
	James Loomis	Deckerville
Kicker	Seth McVittie	Deckerville
	Seth McVittie	Deckerville

Second Team:		
Tackles	Aaron Navarro	Sandusky
	Jason Volmering	H. Beach
	Andrew Spaetzel	Deckerville
Guards	Derek Stolicker	Deckerville
	Matt Richardson	Mayville
Centers	Rich Warner	Marlette
	Billy Ray Howard	Deckerville
Ends	Matt Klaus	Deckerville
	Cody Booth	Mayville
Quarter Back	Wes Messing	Deckerville
Backs	Ryan Smith	Brown City
	Nick Lindquist	Ubyly
	Ryan Irwin	H. Beach
Kicker	Aidan Joseph	Mayville
	Jeremy Kubacki	Ubyly

Honorable Mention:		
Ends	Darren Essenmacher	H. Beach
	Kevin Ginther	H. Beach
	Kurt VanAlstine	Deckerville
	Derek Hall	Marlette
Quarter Backs	Garret Lange	Marlette
	Joel Maurer	Ubyly
Backs	Matt Loding	Sandusky
	Joe Fisher	Deckerville

DEFENSE		
First Team		
Line	Mike Gerstenberger	Sandusky
	Jason Volmering	H. Beach
	Bryan Shagena	Deckerville
	Troy Helewski	Ubyly
Linebackers	Justin Marquardt	Marlette
	Matt Klaus	Deckerville
	Lucas Priemer	Ubyly
	Justin Bannister	Sandusky
	Luke Linn	H. Beach
Backs	Kevin Ginther	H. Beach
	Seth McVittie	Deckerville
	Wes Messing	Deckerville
Punter	Luke Linn	H. Beach

Second Team		
Line	Brett Bucholz	H. Beach
	Josh Hunter	Deckerville
	Andrew Spaetzel	Deckerville
	Don Waun	Marlette
Linebackers	Ryan Smith	Brown City
	Matt Richardson	Mayville
	Ryan Spiegel	Sandusky
	Darren Essenmacher	H. Beach
Backs	Kurt Gabbard	Brown City
	Grant Pichla	Ubyly
Punter	Austin Comment	Marlette
	Nick Birchmeier	Mayville

Honorable Mention		
Line	Chris Mason	Sandusky
	Torrey Wood	Marlette
	Rye Youatt	H. Beach
Linebackers	Kurt VanAlstine	Deckerville
	James Loomis	Deckerville
	Derek Stolicker	Deckerville
	Jeremy Burgess	Brown City
Backs	Derek Hall	Marlette
	Ryan Irwin	H. Beach
Punters	Joel Venditelli	Mayville
	Seth McVittie	Deckerville
	Mark Recker	Ubyly



BIG TOM TURKEY was bagged about a quarter of a mile from his home on Kelly Road, Dick Szarapski reported. It weighed 21 pounds and has an 11 1/4-inch beard. It was the second turkey for Szarapski this season. He was lucky enough to receive permits for both the spring and fall hunts. The turkey shot in the spring was slightly smaller, 19 1/2 pounds with a 9-inch beard. The trophy shot last week almost wandered off out of range, but was called in to look at the decoy.

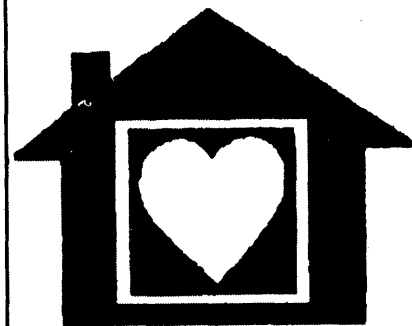
November is Home Care Month...
Nursing Care In The Comfort Of Your Home.
Provided By Caring Individuals.



Let our staff help with personal care in your home.

Prevent or shorten your hospital stays.

Medicare/Blue Cross Certified
Accredited by CHAP. We accept most insurance



**THUMB AREA HOME
CARE AGENCY**

6190 Hospital Drive, Suite 102, Cass City
989-872-2300 or 800-358-4749

An affiliate of Hills & Dales

"Where Caring is Part of the Cure"



**HILLS & DALES
GENERAL HOSPITAL**

JCAHO Accredited

2003/2004 Governor's Award of Excellence for
Improving Care in the Critical Access Hospital Setting

4675 Hill Street ~ Cass City, MI ~ (989) 872-2121

www.hillsanddales.com

RED TAG SAVINGS EVENT

Check Out These Unbeatable Values

<p>2006 IMPALA BUY- ONLY \$17,849* LEASE- ONLY \$192^{MO}**</p>	<p>2006 UPLANDER BUY- ONLY \$19,562* LEASE- ONLY \$245^{MO}**</p>	<p>2006 COBALT BUY- ONLY \$13,434* LEASE- ONLY \$152^{MO}**</p>
<p>2006 EQUINOX LT BUY- ONLY \$22,472* LEASE- ONLY \$289^{MO}**</p>	<p>2006 TRAILBLAZER 4x4 BUY- ONLY \$26,489* LEASE- ONLY \$238^{MO}**</p>	<p>2006 SILVERADO CREW CAB BUY- ONLY \$26,794* LEASE- ONLY \$217^{MO}**</p>

Gettel - Bad Axe

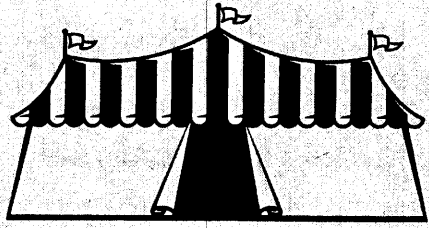
989-269-9781 • JUST 1 MILE EAST OF DOWNTOWN
CHEVROLET • OLDSMOBILE • CADILLAC • CHEVY TRUCKS

AN AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Cass City's Christmas in the Village

A wonderful, old-fashioned, celebration with activities for the whole family.

Extravaganza Day - Saturday, Dec. 3



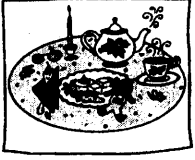
Enjoy the comforts of a
COMMUNITY WARMING TENT

at **ROTARY PARK 10 a.m.-8 p.m.**

Sponsored by All Season Rental & Dan's Power & Stove

Something for everyone

Christmas Tour of Homes
Sunday, Dec. 4
1-5 p.m.
Tea Reception 3:00-6:30 p.m.
at **Rawson Memorial Library**
Cost: \$10.00



Tickets available only at Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City
Sponsored by the Friends of the Library - All proceeds given to the library

Shuttle service provided by Pat Curtis.
Also, this is the only activity not on December 3.


BIG CRAFT SHOW
December 3 - 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Cass City Middle School

Wonderful Christmas Presents!
Food Available by High School Forensics Class
Crafter space Available



Big Community Gathering
5 p.m. at the Stoplight
Rotary Park/Old NAPA building
FREE Bean Soup
FREE Hot Chocolate
FREE Cookies

Join in the Carol Singing



A SECRET INGREDIENT?
Extravaganza Day
Saturday, Dec. 3



Taste all the chili in town December 3rd
The local merchants are having a "Chili Cook-off" and you get to decide who makes the best.

Purchase a button at Pat Curtis or Cass City Floral. Taste the chili and vote. You could win \$100 of Cass City Cash.

The Christmas in the Village 2005
Chili Cook-Off sponsored by Knight Insurance Agency.

Free Saturday Matinee
at the Cass Theatre
2 p.m.
12 and under FREE
Courtesy of Independent Bank

SHOWING:
"Kicking & Screaming"



ENTER TO WIN
(in businesses around town)
PORTABLE DVD PLAYER
VIDSTER CHILD'S VIDEO RECORDER
PORTABLE CD PLAYER
W/HEAD PHONES

Christmas in the Village
Entry form (Please print)
Only one per child

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone #: _____

Must be under 12

See the big Community Christmas Tree



Cass City Lions Club

Santa's Grand Arrival
at the Community Gathering
approximately 6:30 p.m.
Visit with him until 8 p.m.

Santa's presence is made possible this year by the Angel's Hair Studio and DTE Energy

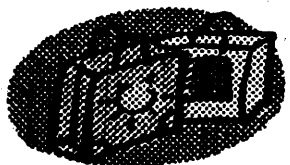


FREE Carriage Rides
3 to 6 p.m.

Take a trip down Cass City's Main Street in style.
Courtesy of Thumb National Bank & Independent Bank



Christmas in the Village Activities Throughout the Month of December



Help Light Up Cass City

Luminary Kits for sale at Chamber office
12 bags, candles & sand - just \$5.00

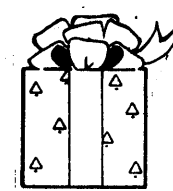


Home & Business Decorating Challenge

Light up Cass City - you could be surprised with Cass City Cash.
Call the Chamber Office at 872-2911 to register

Concert by
Tom Thumb Singers
December 3 and December 4

Rotary Christmas for Kids Toy Collection
Look for drop boxes around town



Children and Young Adult Christmas Craft Program
Rawson Memorial Library,
December 10 & 17

7:00-8:00 p.m.
Pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus
Santa House in Rotary Park
Cass City Civic Center

Mid-Thumb Girl Scouts Mitten Tree Collection
Look for drop boxes around town



Christmas in the Village advertising made possible by:
the Cass City Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Development Authority, and the Economic Development Corporation, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and many local sponsors.

Your Hosts...
Frank and Val Kemp
wish you
Happy Holidays

from
**McGregory Manor
Bed & Breakfast**

"Where Every Guest is Special"



We welcome you to
Cass City's
"Christmas in the
Village"

4607 North Seeger Street, Cass City, Michigan 48726
(989) 872-1941
mcgreg@tband.net

**Celebrate
Christmas
in the
Village 2005**

**Fun for
Everyone!**

Lighted Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 3

starting at 6:30 p.m.

Theme:

"Old Fashioned Christmas"

You are invited to join in on this great
Family Event

Children may have their picture taken with
Santa right after the parade for Free!

It is not too late to participate.

• Clubs & Organizations • Church Entries
• Horse Entries • Commercial Entries
• Marching Bands • Farm Implements
• Family Entries

Trophies will be awarded in each category
Call Parade Coordinator: Richard Little at
810-710-0466

Cass City Chamber of Commerce Christmas Challenge

We are offering you a chance to win some extra Cass City Cash for Christmas. Here's how: 1. Go to any of the following Chamber members from Nov. 18-Dec. 3 (unless otherwise noted) and get a combination of any of the 7 items that are listed below; 2. Go to the Municipal Building during business hours; 3. Fill out the Christmas Challenge envelope with all the information requested; 4. Place 7 of the collected items in the envelope and drop it into the Christmas Challenge box; 5. Attend the village gathering Dec. 3 at 5 p.m. and see if you are one of the 5 winners to be drawn. Win up to \$100 of Cass City Cash. Prize amount will be determined by the spin of the wheel.

For more details, see any business listed below or
call the Chamber at (989) 872-4618.

Good Luck!

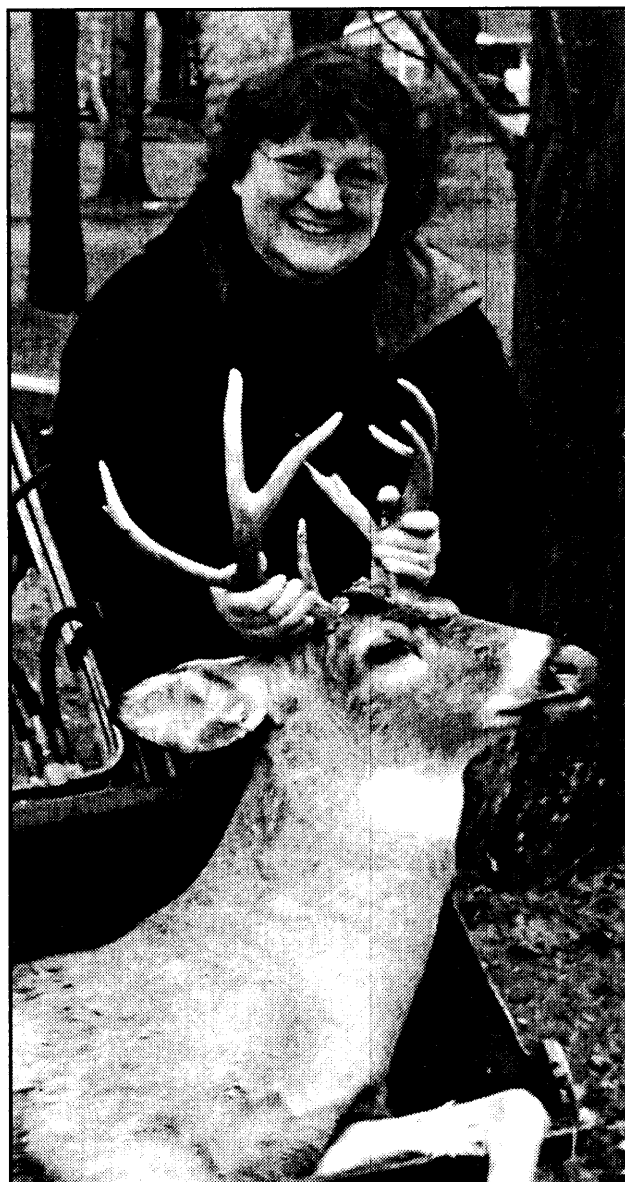
Al's Bump Shop - A paid receipt for any work done in 2005
All Season Rental - Any paid receipt for dates mentioned
All Season Video - DVD purchase of \$4.99 and up ~ Angel's - Receipt for purchase of any hair care product
Book Mart - Receipt for purchase of \$5 and up ~ Cass City Antique Mall - Receipt for \$5 and up
Cass City Chronicle - Receipt for purchase of \$5 and up
Cass City Floral - Receipt for purchase of \$5 and up
Cass City Hardware - Receipt for purchase of \$5 and up ~ Charmont - Receipt for purchase of \$5 and up
Chemical Bank - Deposit of \$25 into any account
Coach Light - Receipt for purchase of a Christmas ornament or any 3 Warm Wishes cards
Crowley Chiropractic - Receipt for a spinal manipulation or adjustment
Curtis Chrysler - Receipt from a Nov./Dec. oil change ~ Curves - New membership registration or proof of 5 visits
Dan's Stove - Receipt for any purchase in 2005 ~ Delray Bakery - Receipt from the purchase of a breakfast special
Fairway - Receipt for purchase of \$5 and up ~ Farm Bureau Insurance, Reggie Ignash - Nov./Dec. paid receipt
Full Score - Guitar package (see store for details) ~ Gilligan's - Receipt for purchase of \$5 and up
Independent Bank - Deposit of \$25 into any account
Kelly & Co. - Anyone that has bought or sold a home with us in 2005
Ken Martin Electric - Receipt for any work done in 2005 ~ Kim Electric - Receipt for any work done in 2005
Knight Insurance - Nov./Dec. paid insurance receipt ~ Little Caesar's Pizza - Any \$5.99 deal receipt
McDonald's - Receipt for \$4 and up ~ Osentoski Realty - Anyone that has bought or sold a home with us in 2005
Parkway - Receipt for pizza purchase ~ Pebble's Plus - Receipt for \$5 and up
Self-Serve Lumber - Receipt for \$10 and up ~ Special Scents - Receipt for \$5 and up
Thumb National Bank - Deposit of \$25 into any account ~ TotalCom - Receipt for \$5 and up
Videomation - Receipt for rental of new release or any purchase of \$5 and up
This ad counts as one ~ Chili Cook-off button for 2005
Limited edition Cass City Chamber of Commerce Christmas ornament
Any "A" school paper, test or homework (limit 1) ~ Any church bulletin for dates mentioned
Or any 5 receipts of \$5 and up each, from any 5 Chamber businesses not mentioned

Thumb Area Bucks

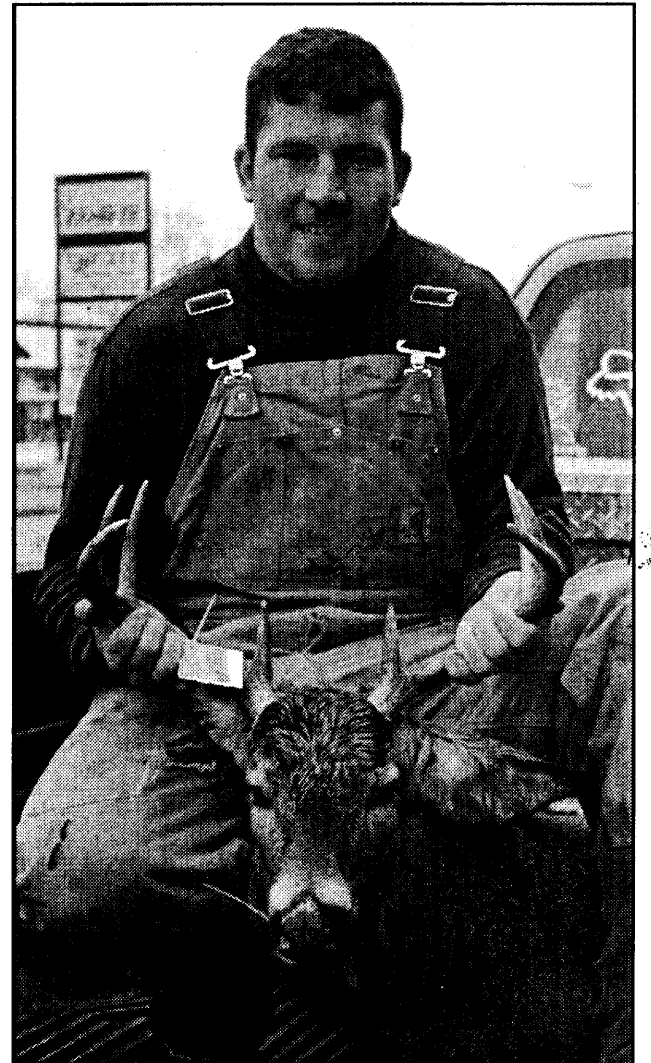


**Lady's
first deer
a bruiser!**

THE DOERR HUNTING Camp yielded this high beamed 9-point on opening morning to Barb Doerr. The Tuscola County buck, the first reported to the Chronicle office, had a 15" spread.



CASS CITY resident Shelley deBeaubien shot this non-typical 8-point buck hunting in Tuscola County. The 2 1/2"-year-old deer had a 13 3/4" spread.



MIKE PROSOWSKI bagged this Sanilac County deer on opening morning with a 70-yard shot. The 8-point buck had a 16 1/2" spread.

STUCK? Chronicle Subscription
AN IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT

Food Ideas

(NAPS) - "Fast & Casual" is a brochure featuring the grand-prize winner and finalists from the seventh annual "Rice to the Rescue!" contest. For a free copy, send a business-size, self-addressed stamped envelope to "Fast & Casual," USA Rice Federation, 4301 N. Fairfax Dr., Suite 425, Arlington, VA 22203 or visit www.usarice.com/consumer.

For a complete list of tailgating tips as well as winning recipes from Weber's Real Grilling cookbook for your next tailgate party, visit www.weber.com/tailgating.

There's a great alternative to the traditional holiday fruitcake. Cherry Pound Cake is a great way to put seasonal reds on any holiday table. Festive maraschino cherries, a type of candied fruit made from fresh cherries, add color and flavor to this delicious cake. For recipes, visit www.nation.alcherries.com.

Americans consume some 17 billion quarts of popcorn a year, a whole grain "good-for-you" food. That's 504 quarts of this naturally fun treat per man, woman and child. For great popcorn recipes and information, visit www.popcorn.org.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24

12:00 Noon

Cass City United Methodist Church

Dinner will be served at noon only

Everyone is Welcome
and there is **NO CHARGE.**

Ad sponsored by

Independent Bank
MEMBER FDIC

TBHS' Chadwick honored by state

Robert E. Chadwick, II, chief executive officer of Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS), received the Director's Award for Consumer Empowerment from the Department of Community Health at the Annual Recipient Rights Conference held in Detroit in October.

The criteria for the award was based on a Recipient Rights Program that has a direct impact on the ability of consumers to advocate for themselves in the protection of their rights in the mental health field. As a result of Chadwick's guidance and leadership at TBHS, consumers feel and know they have a voice at Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems.

Chadwick has instilled in staff an environment that embraces empowerment and believes in the potential that lies within every person. Chadwick has created an agency that has given all recipients a voice to advocate not only for themselves but for all recipients of mental health services in the State of Michigan.

TBHS Consumers have been asked to attend Senate meetings in Washington D.C., to sit on legislative panels in Lansing, Michigan. The recipients have accepted the challenge to advocate for themselves and others. Chadwick has had a significant impact on the lives of individuals receiving services from TBHS.

Cindy Tewksbury, Recipient Rights supervisor and the 2004 award winner, stated, "Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems is honored to have

Bob Chadwick recognized at the state level for his commitment and dedication to consumers in Tuscola County. This is the first time that a CEO from a community mental health agency has received this honor."

Chadwick is extremely active in an array of organizations, including Special Olympics of Michigan and Special Olympics International, Rotary Club of Caro, The American Red Cross East Shoreline Chapter, Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards and Michigan Department of Mental Health.

Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems has received 3 director's awards from the state of Michigan in the last 6 years: the Director's Award Consumer Empowerment in 2000; Cindy Tewksbury, RR Supervisor, the Director's Award for Consumer Empowerment in 2004; and Chadwick, the Director's Award for Consumer Empowerment in 2005.



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT of Community Health Director Janet Olszewski presents Robert E. Chadwick II, CEO of Tuscola Behavioral Systems, with the Director's Award for Consumer Empowerment at the Recipient Rights Conference in Detroit.

Calendar of Events

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

Friday, November 25

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

Monday, November 28

Cass City School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.
Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Northwood Meadows. (No December meeting)
Tuscola County Right to Life Organization meeting, 6:30 p.m., Caro Library.
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.

Find the Service or Product
You Need in This....

Action Guide SERVICE DIRECTORY

APPLIANCE SERVICE

**JOHNSON
APPLIANCE &
REFRIGERATION
SERVICE**
Cass City, Michigan
Over 20 Years Experience
Washers, Dryers, Stoves,
Dishwashers, Microwaves,
Refrigerators, All Brands
(989) 872-1101

WINDOW CLEANING

SUPREME CLEANING
• Windows • Screens
• Storms • Gutters
**COMPLETE POWER
WASHING**
• Homes • Buildings
• Driveways • Fences • Decks
**RESIDENTIAL or
COMMERCIAL**
Fully Insured and Bonded
Locally owned & operated
Call Jack Groombridge
872-1533

Call the Cass City
Chronicle at 872-2010 to
place an ad

Professional and Business DIRECTORY

ACCOUNTANTS

Anderson, Tuckey,
Bernhardt, Doran & Co., P.C.
Certified Public Accountants
Gary Anderson, CPA (Caro)
Robert Tuckey, CPA, (Cass City)
Jerry Bernhardt, CPA (Caro)
Thomas Doran, CPA (Cass City)
Valerie Hartel, CPA (Cass City)
715 E. Frank St., Caro, MI
Phone 872-3137
6261 Church St., Cass City, MI
Phone 872-3730

ATTORNEYS

Michelle P. Biddinger
Attorney at Law
872-5601
Cass City

COUNSELING

DO YOU HAVE A
DRINKING PROBLEM?
ALCOHOLICS
ANONYMOUS
MEETING
Every Friday Evening -- 8:00 p.m.
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Cass City

INSURANCE

**Thumb Insurance
Group, Inc**
Your hometown independent
insurance agent for:
• Term & Universal Life
• Auto • Home
• Business • Health
**INSURANCE PROTECTION
IS OUR BUSINESS**
"We want to be your agent"
Agents:
Mark Wiese Jim Ceranski
Cathy Stacer
6240 W. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-4351

**Knight
Insurance
Agency**
Your Insurance Protection
872-5114

PHYSICIANS

**S.H. Raythatha,
M.D.**
Dr. Ray
Board Certified
Family Practice
4672 Hill St.
Cass City
Phone 872-5010
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8-5

HEALTH CARE

**RICHARD A.
HALL, D.O.**
4674 Hill Street
Cass City, MI 48726
Phone: 872-4725
Office Hours:
Mon., Tues., Thurs.,
& Fri. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Wed. 9 a.m.-noon

VETERINARIANS

Edward Scollon, D.V.M.
Veterinarian
Farm and
Pet Animals
Phone 872-2935
4849 N. Seeger St., Cass City

**ALL PETS
VETERINARY CLINIC
P.C.**
Susan Hoppe D.V.M.
4438 S. Seeger St.
Phone 872-2255

Space
available for
your business.
Call 872-2010

CHIROPRACTORS



CROWLEY CHIROPRACTIC

DR. JEFFREY L. CROWLEY, B.S., D.C.

DR. HEIDI VOLLMAR, B.S., D.C.

Bad Axe Caseville Cass City Pigeon
269-4187 856-4187 872-4241 453-7187

Place your business
card in this spot.
Call 872-2010
Cass City Chronicle

The Want Ads
Are Newsy Too!

Middle school honor roll

Cass City Middle School
announces the 1st marking
period honor roll.

Grade 5

Shelby Abell*, John
Ballard, Shannon Bardwell*,
Michael Barnes*, Nicole
Boland, Taylor Brown,
Misha Clark, Taylor Craig,
Zachary Deitering, Austin
Dunnuck*, Meri
Dzielniski*, Samuel Fisher*,
Candice Giddings, Brandon
Green, Sandra Guerin,
Nicholle Hartel, Stephanie
Heckroth, Gracy Hollis,
Patrick Horn, Cole Israelson,
Andrew Kaake, Justin
Kerkau, Larissa King*,
Jacob Kittle*, Erica Kolacz,
Charnelle Kucharczyk,
Kassandra LaPonsie*, Ryan
Larson*, Alan Leslie*,
Madeline Lively*, Stacey
McArthur*, Rianna
McConnell*, Amanda
McCormick*, Nicholas
McCoy, Cody McGee,
Shelby McLachlan*, Nicho-
las McNeil, Katelyn
Michalski, Brian Mohr*,
Kayla Montreuil*, Erin
Moore*, Ashley Mulrath,
Cody Orban*, Adrianna
Pena, Lauren Perry*, Karley
Peters*, Michelle Powell*,
Briana Prill, Jake Quinn,
Jacob Redmond*, Brenden
Ricker, Kendra Rogers, Leah
Sanders, Lukas Schenk*,
Marisa Schneeberger, Madi-
son Simpson, Tyler Skiles,
Katherine Spencer*, Nathan
Stewart, Justin Summers,
Amy Sweeney, Kevin Ting*,
Jocelynn Venema, Victoria
Walsh, Alex Warju*, Ashley
Wilson, Dustin Wilson,
Sydney Winchester*, Ian
Woodward and Natasha
Wright.

Grade 6

Michael Adams, Nicholas
Adkins, Fabion Ballo, Alison
Blattner*, Tyler Boyne, Ang-
ela Braun*, Timothy
Cartier Jr., Alekzander

Creason, Kelsey Dillon,
Morgan Erla, Joshua Farkas,
Alexis Fetterhoff*, Timothy
Finkbeiner, Rebecca Hacker,
Kyle Hanby*, Patrick
Henderson, Jordan
Hendrian, Carley Hendrick,
Zachary Hoppe, Anthony
House, Alexa Kamrad,
Nicholas Kappen, Troy
Kausch*, Kristen Kaweck*,
Nicole Kelley, Drew King,
Tessa Kus, April Langley,
Alyssa Lawrence, Trenton
Loomis, Joseph Louks,
Adam McFadzean, Lindsay
McMahan, Macey Mess-
ing*, Ethan Nicol*, Tayler
Nye, Megan Parrish*,
Alexandra Pena, Kyle
Pomeroy, Zachary Potrykus,
Morgan Potter*, Justin
Powell, Jessica Prieskorn*,
Jordyn Rasmussen*, Kurt
Reif, Logan Rowell, Rachael
Rule*, Remington Rushlow,
Travis Schmitt, Megan
School, Alexandria Smith*,
Shannon Stec*, Heather
Sweeney*, David Terbush,
Cortney Thompson*, Hayley
Thorp*, Alyse Timko,
Cassandra Tomlinson*,
Michael Tucker, Jared
Weidman*, Michael Wills,
Ronald Wolschleger, Travis
Wright, Jessica Yax,
Alexander Zaleski and Sarah
Zmierski.

Grade 7

Brittany Asher Lynch, Jef-
frey Bliss Jr., Tommy
Brinkman, Brittany Brown,
Nicholas Brown, Sarah Burk,
Amanda Clifton*, Austin
Deering, Zachary Deering*,
Cameron Dunnuck*,
Geoffrey Fearson, Nicholas
Field, Taylor Forrest*, Lind-
say Germain, Dylan Gibson,
Kendra Grady, Chelsea
Green*, Krista Guinther*,
Stephanie Hatmaker, Haylee
Helton, Marion Henderson,
Christopher Hool, Angela
Janssen*, Nicholas
Karavas*, Justin Ketterer,

Travis Klimek*, Michael
Lange*, Channing
Langenburg,
Ashlee LePage, Jeffery
Leslie, Rebecca Leslie, Tho-
mas LeValley*, Elizabeth
Lintner, Kylie Maggard*,
Aaron Magiera*, Colin Ma-
son, Anthony McArthur*,
Kelsey McMillen, Logan
Mika*, Michael Milligan*,
Brandon Montgomery, Eric
Montreuil, Jessica Mulrath,
Candace Myers*, Kathleen
Nizzola, Mitchell O'Dell,
Austin Osentoski, McKensie
Parrish*, Hayley Peters*,
Courtney Phelps, Michael
Potrykus II*, Cody Pringle,
Jessica Proctor, Caitlin
Reed*, Andrea Retan, Mary
Rivest, Jason Russell*,
Kelsey Russell, Victoria
Spencer, Brandon Stine,
Amanda Stoll, Monica Sto-
ver, Mariah Tabar*, Robert
VanAuken, Alexander
Varney*, Ashley Vincent,
Amber Warju*, Zachary
Weber, Robert Wolschleger,
Dallas Woodward*, Jeremy
Wright, Victoria Wright,
Joshua Wutzke, Lauren
Zdrojewski* and Matthew
Zimmerman.

Grade 8

Zachary Abell, Rachel
Auten, Steffin Bader, Jacob
Ballard*, Josiah Battel*,
Chantel Beyette, Lindsey
Bliss, Richard Doerr, Keven
Dorland*, Abby Ellis*,
Zachary Fisher*, Alexandra
Frederick, Teriona Harper,
Lindsay Jamieson, Renae
Janssen*, Amanda Kaake*,
Logan Kausch*, Jodi King,
Jordan Kus, Kent LaFave,
Amber LaPonsie, Andrew
Leslie, Paige Lester, Jennifer
Manwell*, Thomas
Marker*, Emily Martin*,
Ashleigh Moore, Tyler
Nicholas, Brittany Nicol*,
Elise Nicol*, Nicole
Pasanski, Trevor Phillips,
Kyle Pine, LaShae Radeka*,
Eric Reif*, Aaron Robles,

Paul Rubey, Kelsey Rudy*,
Rochelle Rushlow*, Steven
Rychlewski, Jenna
Sattelberg*, Vanessa Seasny,
Nicholas Shantz, Angelena
Simpson*, David Steely,
Stephanie Steely*, Courtney
Stewart, Ashleigh Stoeckle*,
Samantha Swiderski*, Sara
Venema*, Brandon Weaver*,
Kyle Weidman*, Amanda
Woodruff*, Jordan Yax* and
Megan Zawilinski*.

*Denotes all A's

Computer classes available

Two computer classes are
being offered at Rawson
Memorial Library in
November. A Microsoft Pub-
lisher class set for 7 p.m.,
Tuesday, Nov. 29 and

a Microsoft Word class for 7
p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 30.

All classes are free of
charge, but you must regis-
ter by calling 872-2856 be-

cause class size is limited.

A prerequisite for these
classes is basic computer
knowledge and the ability to
use the mouse comfortably.



THE SANILAC Community Symphonic Band, under the direction of Stacy Adams and Ed Pitrago, will present its annual Holiday Concert Sunday, Dec. 4, at 3 p.m. at the Sanilac Career Center, located south of Sandusky on Aitken Road, just east of M-19.

NOTICE

Village Ordinance 137 prohibits
parking on any Village street from
2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. during the
winter months, from December 1
to March 31, for snow removal and
emergency access.

Violators of this ordinance will be
cited.

Namette Walsh
Village Clerk

Legal Notices

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

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 Kington, 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
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Chase Home Finance LLC
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #071676F01

11-9-4

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

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 Chuck Dalley, a married man, also known as Charles Dalley, and Judith Dalley, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 24, 2002 and recorded on October 30, 2002 in instrument 200200821280, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Seventy-Five and 41/100 Dollars (\$88,075.41), including interest at 6.375% 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 22, 2005.

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

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 14, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, thence West on the Section line 20 Rods; thence South at right angles 12 Rods; thence North 12 Rods 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: November 23, 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 #073838F01

11-23-4

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Marisa Kristine Cathcart, a single woman, to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company Mortgagee, dated July 26, 2004 and recorded July 29, 2004 in Liber 1002, Page 1018, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Argent Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2004-W10 under the Pooling & Servicing Agreement dated as of September 1, 2004, without recourse, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand Sixty Dollars and Fifty-Nine Cents (\$107,060.59), including interest 7.2% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given

that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI at 10:00AM, on January 5, 2006.

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

Commencing at a point 125 feet 9 inches West of the Southwest corner of Block 1 of Wilmot and Walker's Addition to the Village of Caro running West 55 feet; thence North 12 rods more or less to the centerline between Burnside and Sherman Street; thence East 55 feet; thence South to the place of beginning. Being part of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East. Commonly known as 674 West Burnside, Caro MI 48723.

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: November 16, 2005
Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Argent Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2004-W10 under the Pooling & Servicing Agreement dated as of September 1, 2004, Without Recourse Assignee of Mortgage

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd., Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 05-40741

11-23-5

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

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 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 AM, 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 1/2 of Section 35, Township 12 North, Range 9 East, Town 12 North, 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).

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 #072528F01

11-16-4

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

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 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 AM, 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 North-west 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:
FC X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #029379F03

11-16-4

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

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, recorded 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 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 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 48067-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 209.3291

11-2-5

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

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 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 AM, 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 10 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

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Valerie J. Barrett and Derrick M. Barret Sr., wife and husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 15, 2004 and recorded October 29, 2004 in Instrument Number 200400858091, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Nine Hundred One and 50/100 Dollars (\$93,901.50), including interest at the rate of 7.34% 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 22, 2005.

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

Part Section 23, Watertown Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, Town 10 North Range 9 East, commencing at a point that is South 665.62 feet from the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

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

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

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Mortgagee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48067-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 207.3894

11-23-5

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

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 Donald B. Poulos and Betty K. Poulos, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to CMA Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 9, 1998 and recorded on July 14, 1998 in Liber 744 on Page 1239 and assigned by said Mortgage to Bank of America, N.A. as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Fifty-Six and 75/100 Dollars (\$49,056.75), including interest at 6.625% 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 22, 2005.

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

A Parcel of Land in the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, being described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast 1/4 corner of said Section; thence East 378.46 feet along the North line of said Section to the point of beginning; thence continuing East 128.67 feet along said North Section line; thence South 15 Degrees 25 Minutes 00 Seconds East, 164.93 feet; thence West 172.51 feet Parallel with said North Section line; thence North 159.0 Feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 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 23, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC G (248) 593-1310
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Bank of America, N.A.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #043001F03

11-23-4

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

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 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, Page 564, now being Liber 3 of Plats, Page 564, 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

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

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. Picchetto and Ruby Pearl Picchetto, 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 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 365-363, now being Liber 1 of Plats, Page 365, 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

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

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 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 (\$113,959.02), 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 Arbelva, 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 EAST-EASTLY 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.

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 R (248) 593-1305
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 #070835F01

11-2-4

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER

KFX®50 and KFX®80 ATV



Lay-A-Way for Christmas!

Now the fun begins.

The Kawasaki KFX®50 and KFX®80 ATVs are rugged, dependable and kid-friendly. And with built-in throttle limiters and a walk-behind tether on the KFX50, there's no better way to teach youngsters how to ride safely and responsibly.

- Automatic transmission
- Parental controls
- Bullet-proof engines

KAWASAKI CARES: Kawasaki's KFX50 is recommended for use only by persons 12 and older. All children under 16 riding ATVs should always have direct adult supervision. Warning: ATVs can be fast, and are to operate. For your safety, always wear a helmet, eye protection and protective clothing. Never carry a passenger. Never ride under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Never ride on public roads or pavement. Avoid excessive speeds and stunt driving. Be extra careful on difficult terrain. Kawasaki also recommends that all ATV riders take a training course. For more information, see your dealer or call the ATV Safety Institute at 1-800-887-2887. ©2005 Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. PAKFX50-806

Kawasaki

Let the good times roll.™

HUGE REBATES

Dirt Cheap Prices

JD MOTORSPORTS

No Gimmicks...Just Great Deals!

NEW HOURS:

Monday-Friday, 9-6 p.m.; Saturday, 9-3 p.m.

Closed Sunday

(989) 607-1290

CALL 872-2010 TO PLACE AN AD

General Merchandise

Real Estate For Rent

Notices

Transit (nonbusiness) rates, 10 words or less, \$3.75 each insertion; additional words 10 cents each. Three weeks for the price of 2-cash rate. Save money by enclosing cash with mail orders. Rates for display want ads on application.

Automotive

AUCTION SALE
9 a.m., Dec. 2

1993 Dodge Shadow
4 door
1B3XP2806PN611159

1992 Chevy Astro Van
1GBDM19Z7NB209989

Bartnik's Service
corner of M-53 & M-81 intersection
1-11-23-2

General Merchandise

HERSHBERGER'S LOG FURNITURE - queen cedar log bed, \$99.95; queen mattress set, \$249.99. 1 3/4 miles east of M-53 on Shabbona Rd. Call 872-5059 and we will return your call.
2-11-2-tf

FOR SALE - Wooden crafts, approximately 700 items to choose. 872-2932.
2-11-16-4

FOR SALE - Cranberry colored sofa. Very good condition. \$150. 872-4076, call after 3:30 p.m.
2-11-16-3

BERBER CARPET - 12x30, 40 yards. New multi-color. \$195. 989-799-3532.
2-9-28-12

General Merchandise

KING SIZE PILLOW top mattress set - new in plastic. Includes deluxe frame. Cost \$1,050. Sacrifice at \$335. 989-839-4846. 2-9-28-12

FOR SALE - 18' tandem axle heavy duty trailer, tiltbed, full brakes, John Deere green with pinstripe. New with warranty. \$2,350. Call 989-670-5795. 2-11-16-tf

SEASONED HARDWOOD - split and delivered, \$45 a face chord. Mixed, \$35 a face chord. 57"x46" firebrick stove pad for woodstove, \$150 O.B.O. 872-2128.
2-11-2-tf

FOR SALE - Amigo, many upgrades. Lift-all included. Call 872-2862. 2-11-23-3

FOR SALE - sewing machine and cabinet, and electric stove. Call 872-3123 after 6 p.m.
2-11-23-1

HOT TUB - 05 model. 37 jets, seats 6 with lounge. Two 4 HP pumps. Cost \$6,495 - sell \$3,795. 989-797-7727. 2-9-28-12

A TEMPUR PEDIC style memory foam mattress set. Queen size. As seen on TV. New, never used. Cost \$1,800. Sacrifice at \$650. 989-698-0577.
2-9-28-12

AMISH LOG HEAD-BOARD and queen size pillow top mattress set. New in plastic. Sell all \$275. 989-923-1278. 2-9-28-12

Real Estate For Rent

APARTMENT: 2-bedroom, spacious, Cass City location. 810-964-2666. 4-11-2-tf

FOR RENT - Cass City Mini Storage. Call 872-3917. 4-3-13-tf

FOR RENT - K of C Hall, 6106 Beechwood Drive. Parties, dinners, meetings. Call Rick Kerkau, 872-4877. 4-2-3-tf

VFW HALL available for rental occasions. Call 872-4933. 4-4-1-tf

LOOKING FOR ONE person willing to share my furnished home in Cass City area in exchange for rides 2-3 times a week for appointments or shopping. Must have your own vehicle and income. Male or female. No rent. Must like cats. 872-4122. 4-11-9-3

FOR RENT - 2-bedroom house, Cass City, country. Daytime phone: 872-4540, ask for Dave or Terry. 4-11-23-3

WE ARE NOW TAKING applications for 2 & 3 bedroom apartments at Northwood Heights Apartments in Cass City. Rent is based on income. For rental information, call 989-872-2369 or Crest Property Management at 989-652-9281. Some units barrier free. TTY for hearing or speech impaired, 1-800-649-3777. Equal Housing Opportunity. 4-8-4-tf

Notices

Fifty is Nifty!

From Peg's Mom and all the Gang
5-11-23-1

Knights of Columbus FISH DINNER
Baked & fried fish
ALL YOU CAN EAT
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
EVERY 3rd FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
K of C Hall
6106 Beechwood Dr,
Cass City
ADULTS \$7.50 Children \$3.00
5-10-5-tf

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-tf

To Give Away

FREE TO GOOD HOME - Male neutered, indoor cat "Calvin", front declawed, approximately 4 years old. Good with kids. 989-872-2742, Bob. 7-11-23-1

FREE LAB MIX puppies - 5 males, 1 female. Great for Christmas gift. To good homes! Call 989-872-5159. 7-11-23-1

FREE - 2-year-old beagle to good home. Friendly. 989-872-5159. 7-11-23-1

Tempo

by Regency

WEDDING INVITATIONS

featuring LUXURY DESIGNER STYLING AT BUDGET PRICES

THE CASS CITY CHRONICLE

Phone 872-2010

MICH-CAN

STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED

REAL ESTATE

DESTIN DISCOUNTS! Destin, FL Best Selection on or off the beach. Ask about Free Dinner offer! Holiday Isle Properties. 1-800-837-5102 www.holidayisle.net

FALL IN LOVE with Rockport-Fulton, Texas! Click www.rockport-fulton.org for special offers. Fishing, art, seafood, museums, historic homes, Blue Wave Beach, ...and most unique shopping! 1-800-826-6441.

OWN A PRIVATE MOUNTAIN RETREAT Spectacular gated riverfront mountain community near Asheville, NC. 1 - 8 acre building sites from the \$60s. Borders National Forest. Community lodge & river walk. Call 866-340-8446

FINANCIAL SERVICES

ALL TYPES OF MORTGAGES & HOMEOWNER LOANS! Refinancing, Bill Consolidations, Home Improvement, Back Taxes, Any Credit, Purchases, Foreclosures, Fast Cash Closings! Anytime! 1-800-611-3766 Access Mortgage!

****ALL MORTGAGE LOANS**** Refinance & use your home's equity for any purpose: Land Contract & Mortgage Payoffs, Home Improvements, Debt Consolidation, Property Taxes. Cash available for Good, Bad, or Ugly Credit! 1-800-246-8100 Anytime! United Mortgage Services. www.umsmortgage.com

\$\$\$CASH\$\$\$ Immediate Cash for Structured Settlements, Annuities, Law Suits Inheritances, Mortgage Notes & Cash Flows. J.G. Wentworth- #1 1-(800)794-7310.

DR. DANIELS AND SON REAL ESTATE LOANS AND BUYS LAND CONTRACTS. Fast Funding, Private Money. Homes, Land, All Property Types \$10,000 to \$500,000. Any Credit, Any Reason, Deal Directly with Decision Maker. 1-800-837-6166, 248-335-6166 allan@drdanielsandson.com

MORTGAGE RATES DOWN TO 1% Interest (plus margin)!! Get up to 100% financing! Self-employed and jumbo okay. Apply online at www.turnermortgages.com or call 877-274-9007

EMPLOYMENT

REACH 3.5 MILLION Michigan readers with a 2 x 2 display ad for only \$999 - Contact this newspaper for details.

\$41-\$44 PER MILE! Home 3 of 4 weekends! Miles! New Equipment! Health Insurance! Prescription card! Co-pay Dr. Visits! 401K! 95% no touch! Heartland Express 1-800-441-4953 www.heartlandexpress.com

DRIVER - COVENANT TRANSPORT. Regional Runs Available. Excellent Pay & Benefits: Exp. Drivers, Teams, O/O & Students Welcome. Refrigerated Now Available. 888-MORE-PAY (1-888-667-3729).

Drivers: 100% OWNER OPERATORS DEDICATED ROUND Trips! Spring Hill, TN to Lake Orion, MI, Grand Rapids, MI to Norcross, GA/ St. Clair, MI to Cottdale, AL/Knoxville, TN to Saginaw, MI/Grand Haven, MI to Auburn Hills, MI/Frederick, OK to Auburn Hills, MI/Saginaw, MI to Columbia, TN/ Lincolnton, SC to Saginaw, MI, Ogden, UT to Pontiac, MI (Req. Hazmat). 100% No Touch Automotive Freight/ 100% Fuel Surcharge-adjusted weekly/1996 or newer Semi-Tractor. CDL/A 18 mos. Exp. CALL CATHY 800-523-9677 Ext. 2160 check us out @ www.bawc.com

JOB SKILL TRAINING and free tuition assistance plus up to a \$15,000 enlistment bonus. To see if you qualify contact www.1-800-GO-GUARD.com.

HELP WANTED: Want to work for a Michigan newspaper? Get a free weekly e-mail list of newspaper positions available. Visit http://www.michiganpress.org/subscribe.php.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

ALL CASH CANDY ROUTE. Do you earn up to \$800/day? Your own local candy route. Includes 30 machines and Candy. All for \$9,995. Call 1-800-814-6472.

LOCAL VENDING ROUTE: Soda, Juice, Water, Snacks, Candy. Great Equipment and Locations. Financing Available with \$7,500 Down. Call Now! 877-843-8726

PLACE YOUR STATEWIDE AD HERE! \$299 buys a 25-word classified ad offering over 1.6 million circulation and 4.2 million readers. Plus your ad will be placed on Michigan Press Association's website. Contact this newspaper for details.

EHRlich's FLAGS

AMERICAN MADE

US - STATE - WORLD

MILITARY - POW

Aluminum Poles

Commercial/Residential

Sectional or One Piece

1-800-369-8882

Bill Ehrlich, Sr. 665-2568

Bill Ehrlich, Jr. 665-2503

2-4-16-tf

Household Sales

BOOK SALE - 50% off most used books weekends in November. Saturday, 11-5 p.m.; Sunday, 11-3 p.m. Caseville Gifts and Books, 6600 Main St., Caseville. 14-11-9-3

Real Estate For Sale

MUST SELL! House for sale in Cass City. 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom ranch. Many updates, great location. Low heat bills. Call 872-2463 for details. Low price! 4774 Hunt St. 3-11-16-3

Real Estate For Rent

1-BEDROOM apartment close to downtown, grocery store and doctors' offices. Rent includes water and trash pickup. Security deposit and first month's rent required. \$325/month. Also, first floor 2-bedroom apartment available Nov. 1. Call after 6 p.m. for details. 989-872-4654. 4-10-12-tf

FOR RENT - Roomy 1-bedroom upstairs apartment near downtown Cass City. \$325/month, \$325 security deposit plus utilities. Call 989-872-3410. 4-10-19-tf

Notices

BROASTED FISH & FRIES
All you can eat - Public Welcome

Dinner 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Masonic Lodge, Cass City
Corner of Maple and Garfield
First Friday of the month
Tickets at door
Adults \$8.00, 12 & under \$3.00
Tyler Lodge 317, Cass City
Take-outs Available
5-10-20-tf

Lyle Severance Computer Consulting

6240 Main Street, Suite 4 Cass City, MI 48726

Owners: Lyle & Heather Severance
email us at info@lyleseverance.com
www.lyleseverance.com

Office Hrs.: Mon-Fri. by appt.
Call: 989-872-3688
5-2-16-tf

- PC Repair & Support
- Network Installation & Support
- Website Design & Hosting
- Memorial & Celebration Videos
- Serving both Residential & Business Customers



Simpson Homes, LLC
and
SIMPSON EXCAVATING, LLC

SAND • GRAVEL • TOP SOIL
• ALL TYPES OF STONE PONDS, DOZER & BACKHOE WORK
Complete site work on our house or yours!
Phone: 989-872-4502
Web Site: http://simpsonhomes.org
5-4-13-tf

Services

Robert Bliss Builder
• Commercial
• Custom Homes & Remodeling
Also specializing in:
• Ceramic Tile
• Hardwood Flooring
Licensed & Insured
Call
872-3579
8-5-31-tf

REVIVE

Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning
Don Dohn
Cass City
Phone 872-3471
8-4-6-tf

Kurtz's Small Engine Repair


All Makes & Models
Authorized Dealer of Honda Power Equipment, Small Engine & RV Batteries
"We Ship Anywhere"
8410 Hadley Rd.
Cass City, MI 48726
(989) 872-5684
8-11-9-tf

PET GROOMING BY CAROL - Monday through Friday at your convenience, Saturday, 7-1 p.m. 989-872-3160. 8-4-21-tf

John's Small Engine Repair

6426 E. Cass City Rd.

Reasonable Rates

Lawnmowers, Riders, Trimmers, Rototillers, Chainsaws & Snowthrowers
All Makes & Models
21 Years of Experience
All Work Guaranteed
Hours:
Monday-Friday 8-5 p.m.
Saturday 9-4 p.m.
872-3866
Pickup & Delivery Available
8-3-24-tf

CASS CITY Wieblo scouts visited the Chronicle office recently, to learn one way news is conveyed to the community. Troop 3594 members included: (front l-r) Lucas Baker, Tom Lang (back l-r) Todd Lynch, Jacob Kittle, Austin Baker and Justin Kerkau.

Call Us - 872-2010
With Ideas For Feature Stories

CALL 872-2010 TO PLACE AN ACTION AD

Services

Services

Services

Services

Services

Services

LEE MORGAN PAINTING
20 Years Experience

Services:
Interiors, Exteriors,
Texturing, Wood Graining,
Power Washing

• Residential/Commercial
• Insured

(989) 872-3840
8-3-17-ff

Dave Nye Builder

* New Construction
* Additions
* Remodeling
* Pole Buildings
* Roofing
* Siding
* State Licensed *

(989) 872-4670
8--10-8-ff

Smith Refrigeration and Appliance Repair

All makes and models

Call 872-3092
8-3-15-ff

Thomas Roofing
YOUR TOTAL ROOFING CONTRACTOR
Serving the area for 34 years
LICENSED - INSURED
BONDED
(989) 872-2970
Cass City 8-3-25-ff

Ken Martin Electric, Inc.
Homes - Farms
Commercial
Industrial
STATE LICENSED
Phone 872-4114
4180 Hurds Corner Rd.
8-8-10-ff

Interior & Exterior Painting
Ross Kraft

Cass City, Mich.
(989) 872-3601
Now accepting Visa & Mastercard
8-4-8-ff

STEVE WRIGHT PAINTING
30 yrs. experience
Insured
FREE ESTIMATES
Interior/Exterior
Call: 989-872-4654
8-3-9-ff

Kappen Tree Service, LLC
Cass City

• Tree Trimming or Removals
• Stump Grinding
• Brush Mowing / Chipping
• Lot Clearing • Tree Moving
• Experienced Arborists
• Fully Insured
• Equipped Bucket Trucks
Call (989) 673-5313
or (800) 322-5684
for a FREE ESTIMATE
8-6-25-ff

Simpson's Tree & Brush Removal
Cass City, Michigan

Residential & Commercial

• Fence Row Clearing • Lot Clearing
• Wood Splitting Available
• Yard Light Replacements • Odd Jobs

No Job Too Small!
(989) 872-2128
Ron Simpson, owner/operator
Insured 8-3-9-ff

PAUL'S PUMP REPAIR - Water pump and water tank sales. In-home service. Credit cards accepted. Call 673-4850 or 800-745-4851 anytime. 8-9-25-ff

Blaine deBeaubien Snow Plowing

Residential or Light commercial
Seasonal Rates
Insured
872-5606
8-11-16-ff

Robert Abfalter Service Manager

Cass City Appliance Repair
Service You Can Count On

4141 Doerr Rd.
Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-6602
989-551-2023

ALL MAJOR BRANDS REPAIRED
8-2-25-ff

DAVID ZARTMAN
LICENSED & INSURED BUILDER
ZARTMAN'S MASONRY

• Block Basements • Crawl Spaces • All Types of Cement Work
• All Types of Home Repairs
• Carpenter Work • Brick • Cultured Stone
(989) 872-2485
8-9-1-ff

Lowell's Ceramics & Gifts & Crafts
6455 W. Main St. • Cass City • 989-872-2113
dustydez@yahoo.com

~ Custom Handmade Pieces ~

Classes Offered Mon.-Fri., 12-6 p.m.; Sat., 10-4 p.m.
~ Doll Making ~ Sculpting ~ Oils & Paints ~ Pen & Ink
Offering:
~ Greenware Products ~ Paints & Brushes ~ Slip

Store Hours: Monday-Friday, 10-6 p.m.;
Saturday, 10-4 p.m.; Closed Sunday
8-10-19-ff

ELECTRIC MOTOR and power tool repair, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. John Blair, 1/8 mile west of M-53 on Sebewaing Road. Phone 269-7909. 8-12-13-ff

Farm Equipment

FOR SALE - 766 International tractor with cab and loader. In good condition with 3,800 hours. 989-479-6647. 9-11-16-3

Card of Thanks

I WOULD like to thank all those who came to see me on my 91st birthday and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson for taking me to the Peppermill for dinner and all those who sent me cards. It's good to know you care. Thelma Jackson
13-11-23-1

Help Wanted

MID-LEVEL PRACTITIONER position for the Family Planning Program is available part-time with the Huron County Health Department. Requirements: Certified nurse practitioner in women's health or family practice or masters prepared nurse practitioner in women's health or family practice or physician assistant. Submit resume by mail, fax (989-269-4181), or in person to: Huron County Health Department, 1142 South Van Dyke, Bad Axe, Michigan 48413. Deadline for application is Monday, December 12, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. An Equal Opportunity Employer. 11-11-23-2

NEEDED - BARTENDERS, waitresses, cooks and housekeeping. Must be 21. Apply at Gilligan's. 11-11-23-2

RESIDENTIAL SERVICE Advocate - part-time. Coverage at the women's shelter in Caro. Entry level position. Up to 30 hours per week, 11 p.m.-7 a.m. Knowledge of domestic/sexual violence issues and good communication skills. Must successfully pass criminal and background checks. Send letter of application and resume to the Director's Assistant, Human Development Commission, 429 Montague Avenue, Caro, MI 48723. Application deadline: November 28, 2005. An Equal Opportunity Employer. 11-11-23-1

Harbor Beach Community Hospital

Are you looking for an organization that encourages team work and believes in providing the highest quality patient care available? Harbor Beach Community Hospital is a patient focused acute care and long-term facility offering state-of-the-art equipment.

Harbor Beach Community Hospital currently has the following openings:

Acute Care Unit
Licensed Practical Nurse (part-time, day shift)

Ward Clerk/Nurse Aide (part-time, day shift)
• Clerical skills required
• Previous Ward Clerk experience preferred

Business Office
Professional Billing Coordinator (full-time, day shift)
• Minimum of 2 years medical professional billing experience
• Computer skills required
• Certified Coding Specialist preferred

Medical Clinic
Receptionist/Assistant (full-time/part-time, day shift)
• 1 to 2 years of medical office setting experience
• Knowledgeable in medical terminology
• Excellent customer service skills

We offer a competitive wage and benefit package. If you're interested in a rewarding career in a small town atmosphere, please send your resume to Harbor Beach Community Hospital, Attn: Human Resources, 210 South First Street, Harbor Beach, MI 48441; fax to: (989) 479-5003; email: tstevenson@hbch.org.
11-11-23-1

Real Estate For Sale

"Get ready to MOVE!"
Call **Barbara Osentoski**
(989) 672-7777
Associate Broker/Owner,
Multi-Million Dollar Producer
www.barbosentoski.com

OSENTOSKI Realty & Auctioneering

528 N. State St.,
Caro, MI 48723

OSENTOSKI Realty & Auctioneering

Tavis Osentoski
Associate Broker
(989) 551-2010

Hunters Delight!!

Immediate occupancy. Deford area. Close to state land. 2-bedroom, 1 bath mobile home. All updated with new windows, roof, doors, and some flooring. Very nice storage shed. Only \$24,900. CC-545

FREE REMOVAL of cars, trucks and machinery. NO titles needed. 989-665-2758. 8-10-5-8

KIRBY VACUUMS authorized factory service center - doing business since 1977. We carry genuine Kirby factory parts. If repair and service are important to you, have your Kirby checked over at a reasonable price. Even if your Kirby is 30 years old, we can still repair it to run for many more years! Call 989-269-7562, 989-479-6543, or 989-551-5762. 8-1-26-52

Dr. John Geissinger Chiropractic Health Services
Caro

Tuesdays & Thursdays
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
(989) 673-4464
Call for an appointment
8-9-15-ff

Pro Temp Heating & Cooling

• Gas & Oil Furnaces

HEATING and AIR CONDITIONING

Paul L. Brown Owner

State Licensed
24 Hour
Emergency Service
CALL 989-872-2734
8-3-30-ff

New Website:
www.osentoskirealestate.com
You may also view our auctions at:
www.osentoskiauction.com

OSENTOSKI REALTY AND AUCTIONEERING

Cass City 989-872-4377
Caro 989-673-7777
Kingston 989-683-8888
North Lapeer 810-793-7777
E-mail: osentosk@avci.net

6501 Main St., Cass City, Michigan 48726

We Have New Hunting Properties Just Listed!!

BIG! BOLD! And Beautiful, is what you will say when you see this yard. Well groomed, mature trees, blacktop drive on 2.25 acres. Ranch home, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, full basement, many updates include doors, new carpeting, basement freshly painted. Trex decking, all appliances stay. Call today for a personal showing. CC-546

Buyer Needed! Get away resort... You can live in year round. 10 acres of privacy with pond to relax by. Almost new 1,500 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 full bath home. Extras are gas fireplace for cool nights, full 2 car garage that leads to a finished garage. If you're looking for quiet and short drives to anywhere, call to see OW-140.

Immediate Occupancy!! 2 bedroom, 1 bath mobile. All updated with new windows, roof, doors, and some flooring. Very nice storage sheds. Cheap utilities. Cass City Schools. Only \$24,900!! CC-545

Reduced! Victorian Doll House. This 1,500 sq. ft. 2 story has charm at every turn. Wood banister, free standing fireplace, office/den, full bath, breakfast nook, skylight, back entrance, 3 bedrooms up with full bath. We could go on and on but we want you to see this hidden treasure for yourself. CCT-345 even has a large village lot and 1 car garage.

The Price is Right! This isn't a game show. We are offering this 3 bedroom, 1 bath cutie for an unbelievable price. Setting on a village lot and half with new roof, siding. There are some appliances included. So come on down and be the winner of CCT-344

Comfortable Home - Offers 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Updates include new drywall and insulated throughout, siding, furnace in last 5 yrs. Has a stove, fridge included. Carport and shed in the backyard. Quiet neighborhood. Call for a showing today. CCT-336

Working hard to list and sell your home is our full-time business



Martin Osentoski
Sales Associate
872-3252 or 550-3400



Lola Osentoski Flores
Sales Associate
872-3942



Barb Osentoski
Associate Broker
672-7777



Lee LaFave
Sales Associate
665-2295



Roger Pohlad
Sales Associate
872-2747



Tavis Osentoski
Associate Broker
989-551-2010



David Osentoski
Associate Broker
New Booking Agents

Cass City 989-872-2248
Caro 989-873-2555

KELLY & CO. REALTY

Caseville 989-856-8999
Bad Axe 989-269-6977

kellyco@avci.net
kellyco@bigtube.net
tdibble@echoicem.com
kellycv@airadv.net
Web Site: www.kellyandcompanyrealty.com

RMLS

Nearly New 4 Bedroom Home on 3 Acres - Finished walk-out basement with fireplace. Beautiful woodwork throughout. Large stocked pond. Cy2417. \$198,000

Looks Are Deceiving! This home sets on a cul-de-sac street. Cape Cod with more space than it looks. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, basement, deck, patio. \$139,900. TCC1457

Nothing To Do But Move In - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room, large deck off the dining area overlooking a nicely landscaped yard. Neat and clean. \$139,900. TCC1452

Price Reduced - Outside the village limits, this home has had a lot of remodeling and decorating done. 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Take a look. \$87,900. Cy2474

Four Bedroom Ranch on 2.39 acres. Cass City Schools, wooded setting, stocked pond. Property also has a 3 bedroom mobile home that is currently rented. Cy2472

Location, Location, Location! 5 acres, paved road, close to Cass City. 14'x70' manufactured home. Needs a little TLC. Why Pay Rent??? \$59,900. MH-894

Immediate Possession - 3 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home on lakeside in Huntsville Trailer Park. 1 car garage with remote. Fireplace, appliances, patio, fence. MH903

Family Wanted - 3 to 4 bedrooms, dining room, living room, kitchen, bathroom, hardwood floors throughout. Full basement, ideal to finish. Immediate possession! \$69,900. TCC1444

Fantastic Setting - This home sets on 18 acres of hardwoods with a pond. Plus a pole barn, garage and lean-to storage. Call today. F745

The Point & Huntsville Mobile Home Park

Cass City's Finest Sectional & Single Wide Manufactured Housing Community
Seniors and Family living sights available at lake edge or by the woods.
We provide home buying services for in-park sales

Bonnie Haley

Office 989-872-2248
Evenings 989-872-8300



THE CASS CITY National Honor Society recently spearheaded a project to highlight the village's holiday banners with a special type of white coloring so the lettering banners will stand out better. Among the nearly 30 students who participated were (from left) Chad Sparks, Rebecca Putnam, Katie McIntosh, Kari Spencer and Whitney Kirn.

Deford soldier returns home

Continued from page one.

"Some areas liked us, some areas did not like us," he recalled. "(I told them) we came to help - we don't come

DPW

Continued from page one.

possible only if certain conditions were met, including approval by USDA Rural Development officials, who approved the village's arsenic treatment loan, and if bids for the project come in under estimates.

Representatives of the Spicer Group presented plans Thursday that incorporate DPW facilities within the new arsenic treatment building.

Company President Donald R. Scherzer said the cost, including demolition, site work and construction of a salt storage building, is estimated at \$557,000. With contingencies and engineering, the price tag would be about \$643,500.

Scherzer told the council that the project is feasible, in part, because of a number of design and other changes since the village first obtained estimates for the arsenic treatment plant. Those changes include \$30,000 for a holding tank that will not be needed because the water treated to reduce arsenic can be safely sent to the village's wastewater treatment plant.

Village officials have also made some adjustments to increase available dollars for the project, including postponing the purchase of a truck this year.

The bottom line, Scherzer said, is that village officials can have the proposed DPW facilities along with the arsenic treatment building if they are willing to finance an additional \$150,000 beyond the \$1.858 million loan already secured for the arsenic treatment project and refinancing of \$300,000 in water well debt.

Village President Bert Althaver said he's in favor of proceeding with the work as proposed Thursday, in part because of the age of the existing DPW buildings - up to 50, 60 years - and because a portion of the existing DPW office building will have to be demolished regardless to make room for the arsenic treatment building.

Althaver indicated there will also be no better time to leverage the available federal loan dollars to meet a real need. "I'm comfortable we're doing the right thing," he said.

Water rates

Continued from page one.

over whether or not to build the arsenic treatment plant. The decision was made after federal officials reduced the acceptable level of arsenic in public water supplies from 50 parts per billion to 10 parts per billion. Arsenic levels in Cass City average 16 or 17 parts per billion.

Federal officials have made it clear they will fine municipalities that fail to address the issue, although a number of governmental units, including Cass City, have entered into administrative consent orders with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The order gives the village an additional 30 months beyond the January 2006 deadline to comply with the new arsenic standard.

Patient care tops M.D. list

Approximately 85 percent of active Michigan physicians are engaged in patient care, while 5 percent are actively engaged in medical activities other than patient care, including medical administration, medical teaching and medical research. The remaining 10 percent did not report on their specific activities.

to take over your country. We have families, too."

Understandably, Pena's wife was concerned during his absence, but she indicated her own experience in the military gave her some insight into how her husband approached his duties. Christina and Juan are both members of the 363rd Personnel Service Detachment, also out of Lansing - the couple met during their second phase of training at Fort Lee, Va., in 1992.

"I guess just knowing they're well organized," said Christina, who could be called to active duty herself

in the coming months. "They were in a hostile environment, but I guess, being in the military, you have to have faith that you're going to stay alive."

"When he was gone," she added, "I was thinking he's going to get the job done and come back - just a lot of faith and a lot of praying. I think we've grown more spiritually to the Lord."

"The separation was very painful," Juan acknowledged.

"I know what it's like to be a single mom," said Christina, referring to caring for the couple's children alone.

They have 3 daughters, Alexandra, 12, Adrianna, 10, and Faith, 19 months.

Pena indicated he's grateful to be back home and to have the opportunity to get reacquainted with his family. But the memories of his time away are still very much with him, including the names and faces of the soldiers he came to know, only to learn they had been killed days or weeks later while on duty.

Still, he doesn't regret serving his country.

"It was worth it. It made me see life differently," Pena said. "Freedom isn't free; it costs a lot."

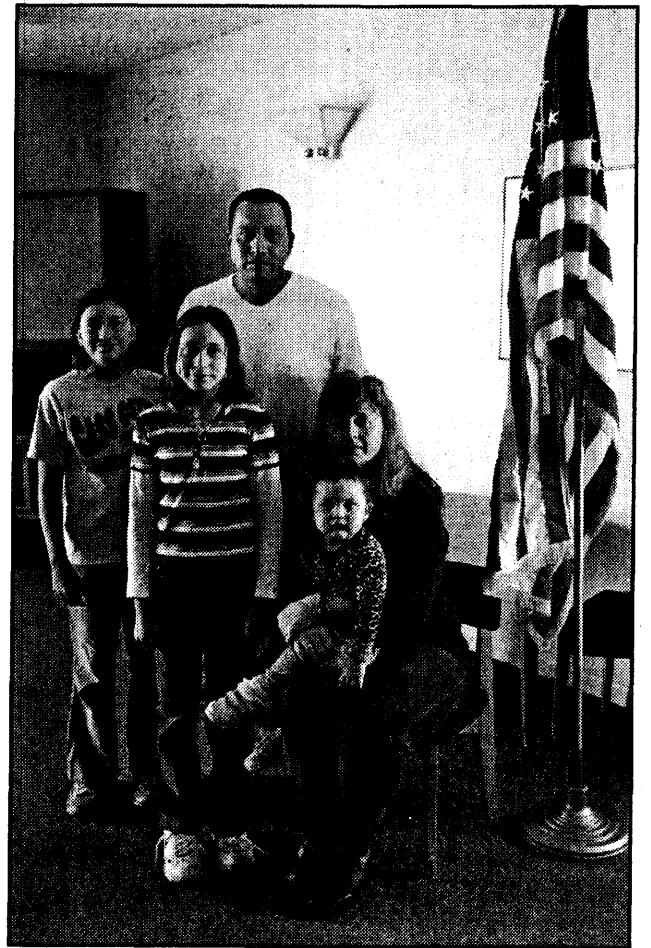
Photo contest slated

Thumb area youth interested in submitting photos to a prestigious photo contest and who are interested in documenting Michigan history through photography are invited to enter the 2006 Michigan Youth Photo Contest.

All Michigan youth age 9 to 19 as of Jan. 1, 2006, are eligible to submit up to 2 photos for the competition. The photos can be 2 different perspectives of one historic site or 2 different sites. The deadline to enter is Feb. 1.

An historic site, for this contest, is any site that is 50 years or older. Examples are the Second Baptist Church in Detroit, Eaton County Courthouse, Whitefish Point Lighthouse, and the Octagon Barn near Gagetown.

More information, including rules, is available by contacting Linda Schumacher at the Huron County MSU Extension Office, 4-H Youth Development Program, at (989) 269-9949.



PENA POSES Sunday with his wife, Christina, and the couple's children, Faith, 19 months, Adrianna, 10, and Alexandra, 12.

"The Caring Tree"

Capture the "Light of Caring" in your heart and never let it go.

Hills & Dales General Hospital
Welcomes you to participate in our 4th Annual Christmas Caring Tree, in honor or memory of a loved one during the Christmas season.

What a perfect way to honor or remember a loved one during this holiday season. Your \$5 donation will create you a Christmas ornament with the name of the person you honor & will be placed on the Christmas tree in the hospital lobby.

The Christmas bulb is yours to keep and may be picked up the week of December 20.

Method of Payment
☐ Check ☐ Visa

Amount \$ _____

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please accept this donation:
 _____ In Memory Of _____ In Honor Of _____

Person _____

Person _____

Make checks payable to:
 The Caring Tree HDGH
 4675 Hill Street, Cass City, MI 48726

HILLS & DALES

GENERAL HOSPITAL

JCAHO Accredited
 2004 & 2003 Governors Award
 Of Excellence

4675 Hill Street • Cass City, MI
 989-872-2121 • www.hillsanddales.com

HUGE DISCOUNT SALE ON ALL REMAINING 2005's!!!

2005 Dodge Magnum
 Leather, alum. wheels, ABS, power seats & windows.
 Sticker Price \$27,435
 Sale Price \$23,263**
 Employee Price **\$22,255****

2005 Chrysler PT Cruiser Touring Convertible
 Automatic, Turbo, alum. wheels.
 Sticker Price \$26,720
 Sale Price \$21,703**
 Employee Price **\$20,719****

2004 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited
 Hard top, Special Closeout Price - SAVE BIG!
 Sticker Price \$26,575
 Sale Price \$21,000**
SAVE \$5,575

2005 Ford F150 4x4 Supercab FX4
 Trailer tow, power pedals, tubular running bds.
 Sticker Price \$35,810
 Keep It Simple Plan \$26,689*
SAVE \$9,121

2005 Ford F150 4x4 Supercab XLT
 Trailer tow, aluminum wheels, power driver seat.
 Sticker Price \$33,470
 Keep It Simple Plan \$24,671*
SAVE \$8,799

2005 Mercury Mountaineer AWD
 Trailer tow, adjustable pedals, loaded.
 Sticker Price \$37,335
 Keep It Simple Plan \$28,641*
SAVE \$8,694

** Add tax, DOC and state fees. Ford prices require Ford Credit financing.

WE GOT 'EM ALL!

JIM SCHAFFER MOTORS

800-322-0150 ~ M-25 • Sebewaing
www.jimschafermotors.com
 Mon. & Thurs. 8-8; Tues., Wed. & Fri. 8-5:30; Sat. 9-1

Advertise it in the Chronicle