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Two lines, 45 jobs

Millennium eyes some expansion

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A \$25,000 jobs training grant awarded recently to Millennium Industries in Cass City couldn't have come at a better time, according to company officials, who are predicting growth in spite of recent headlines.

Those headlines include Delphi Corp.'s filing for Chapter 11 protection earlier this month.

Delphi Corp. is the largest U.S. auto supplier, and news of the company's financial woes sent shock waves through the U.S. auto industry. Delphi's bankruptcy, which is expected to result in plant closures and layoffs, is the largest ever in the auto industry, the largest in Michigan and the 13th largest ever in U.S. history.

"Delphi definitely, like most of the (auto) suppliers, has an impact, but it's not crippling to us. It's not by any means going to put us out of business, even though they are a major customer at this point," said Millennium Industries President and

CEO Gary Vollmar. Millennium designs, develops and manufactures products for use in the engine compartment of passenger automobiles and light trucks. Those products include fuel rails, power steering reservoirs, oil separators, water pipes, EGR tubes and cam lock rings.

Vollmar said the Economic Development Job Training Grant recently awarded to Millennium by the Michigan Economic Development Corp. through the Tuscola Intermediate School District fits perfectly with the company's plans to expand production over the next several months.

"The timing was great and very appropriate," he said. "We have some new business coming in and the equipment will start to move in in February/March of 2006. The second line will come in in July."

Although he didn't name the new customer, Vollmar said the expansion will involve production of automotive steering products. "The total investment is close to \$3.5 to \$4 million in equip-

ment," he noted.

"We expect that the business that we have here today will remain very stable, and the new product coming in is roughly about \$10 to \$12 million in (additional) revenue annually," Vollmar continued, adding expansion will mean 40 to 45 new jobs at the Cass City plant over the next 12 months.

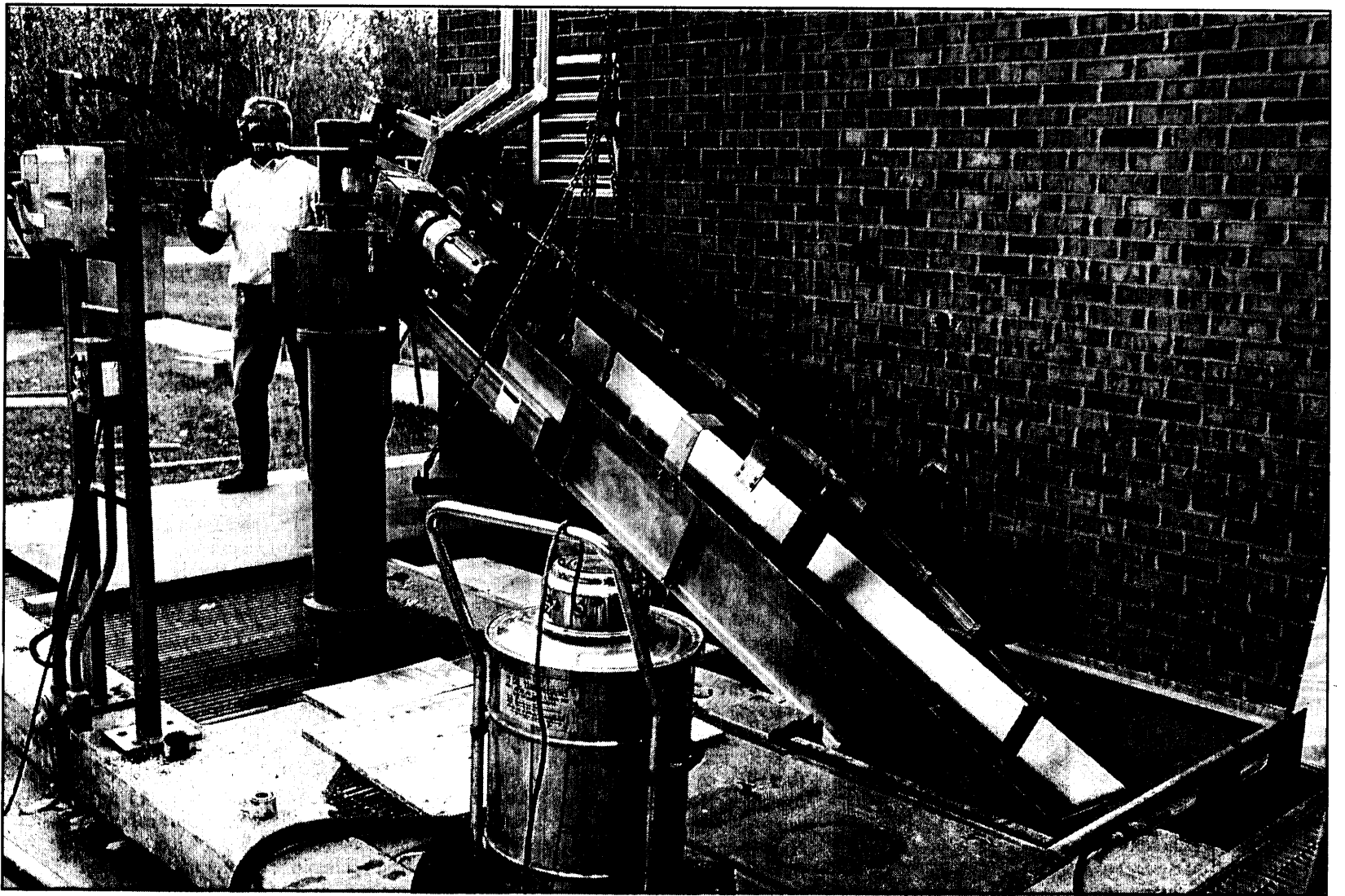
Millennium moved into the former General Cable Co. building in December 2001 and began its manufacturing operation there in 2002. Vollmar credits the company's ability to make the move and subsequently expand to hundreds of thousands of dollars of tax relief provided by the Renaissance Zone designation and tax abatement approved by Cass City Village and Tuscola County officials. "That's still very important," he said.

Today, Millennium employs a combined 700 workers, including 100 in Cass City. The company has 2 plants in Michigan and 2 plants in Indiana, including a Dana Corp. plant in Angola, Ind., which Millennium acquired last fall. Dana Corp., also an auto-parts maker, employed 250 people at the time of the acquisition and generated 2004 sales of \$38 million.

Vollmar said Dana Corp. produces the same products as Millennium and utilizes the same type of manufacturing processes for the most part. "And there's no customer overlap whatsoever, so we brought in a whole new customer base. It basically doubled our fuel rail product, making us the largest independent fuel rail manufacturer in North America," he added.

And, Vollmar is looking for even more expansion in the future.

"I could see doubling our employment here in 2 years with other opportunities," he said. "There's going to be a lot of opportunities for good, flexible companies that don't take the easy way and chase cheap labor."



CASS CITY WASTEWATER Treatment Plant Supt. Rick Mohr motions to backhoe operator Gary Barnes as workers installed a \$40,000 bar screen at the plant last week. The new equipment will remove, rather than grind up, materials such as paper and cloth that come into the plant along with raw sewage.

Band boosters: stop the erosion

Jeff Windsor read a letter on behalf of the parents of band students to outline the problems facing the music program without the services of suspended director Doug Burch at the regular meeting of the Cass City School Board at the school Monday night.

An estimated 50 members of the Cass City Band Boosters attended, several of which voiced concerns not connected with the immediate purpose of the group as outlined by Windsor.

Windsor's remarks included "Up until now we have followed the schedule that Mr. Burch prepared last spring. It is now past time to schedule and reserve performance sites and dates for concerts, honors bands, solo and ensemble festival, jazz festivals and District and State Band and Orchestra

festivals."

Windsor then outlined the duties of Kathryn King, assistant band director, who handles music programs for the middle school and said she should not be expected to take on the added responsibilities of the high school as well.

Band boosters are particularly upset that it was necessary for the band to withdraw from the Michigan Music Conference. In a letter to band boosters and the high school band members, Burch informed that the deadline to perform in the Michigan Music Conference had expired, even though he had been granted an extended deadline. Winning at the Michigan Conference could have led to a performance in the National Music Conference in Chicago in 2007, Windsor said.

Supt. Ken Micklash said that he would have the administration give all the help possible to keep the program at a top level. One mother asked that the superintendent call Burch for help. The superintendent said that he had no objections to doing that.

In his address, Windsor acknowledged the support the band received in the past, "purchasing marching band and concert uniforms, band instruments and proper equipment. We must work together to maintain the integrity and admiration that the music department has earned at Cass City Public Schools and within our great community and stop the erosion of this program."

NEW BUSES

Already saddled with a deficit budget, it's likely that the district will be up to \$200,000 more in the red when final budget figures are determined. That's because the school needs to buy 4 new buses to replace old buses in the fleet.

Rich Sattelberg, bus mechanic, reported that it was getting harder and harder to find needed parts for the older buses that need replacement and it's a case of "pay me now or pay me later."

The school would like to replace 2 Ford buses and 2 other older buses in the fleet. Because of declining enrollment, Micklash reported, the district now has longer routes because the number of buses on routes has been reduced from 20 to 14.

Despite the projected deficit, Cass City Schools will remain financially healthy after dipping into its contingency fund of \$1.62 million.

OTHER BUSINESS

Al Luce, labor consultant, was hired for 3 years at a yearly cost of \$8,000, the same salary he has received for the past 6 years.

Michelle Zdrojewski has resigned as secretary at the school effective Feb. 1, 2006. She has been employed at the school for nearly 30 years.

Kris Milligan, a teacher at the school, lauded Zdrojewski's work over the years.

Letters of appreciation were sent to Dave and Kris Milligan for growing pumpkins for the Pumpkin Festival in Caro and to the Cass City Rotary Club for delivering the pumpkins to the Festival site.

Ben Varney was recognized for providing support for a physically challenged student during a recent field trip.

The school has received a pair of grants from the Pinney Foundation. One will be for \$10,000 this year and \$5,000 more next year to extend and light the sidewalk from the middle school to the high school area. The second is for \$5,000 toward the purchase of a new public address system for an estimated cost of \$12,500. The Booster club will furnish \$2,000.

Total cost to the school for both projects will be \$10,000.

O-G officials crossing fingers for building sale

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Some additional paperwork." The counteroffer approved by the buyer is \$80,000, \$15,000 less than the original asking price.

Compton said the buyer is considering a variety of uses for the former school building, including using classrooms for office space and utilizing the gymnasium, cafeteria and stage for hall rentals.

The board of education first listed the 19,000-square-foot elementary school building in September 2004 after closing the school in a consolidation effort to stem a growing budget deficit caused by several factors, including a shrinking enrollment.

The school, closed after the 2003-04 school year, was originally built in 1939. An addition was later constructed in 1968.

Shortly after putting the Please turn to back page.

Tip leads task force to pot

The Sanilac County Drug Task Force no sooner wrapped up its annual property auction at the county fairgrounds in Sandusky Oct. 15 when officers went back to work, this time in an Argyle Township cornfield.

Task force Director William H. Gray said Friday that an anonymous tip received during the auction led to the discovery of a marijuana growing operation and the search of a nearby residence.

"Following the auction's completion, task force investigators responded to the location where the marijuana was reported to be growing and discovered mature and well-manicured marijuana plants being grown throughout a field of yet-to-be harvested corn," Gray reported.

He said an on-scene investigation revealed that the owner/farm operator was not involved in growing marijuana, and that portions of the corn crop had been removed by trespassers and replaced with marijuana plants, and that similar activity was suspected to have taken place the prior year.

Investigators discovered paths through the standing corn leading to each grow site within the field, and the paths led to a nearby Shabbona Road residence that abuts the cornfield.

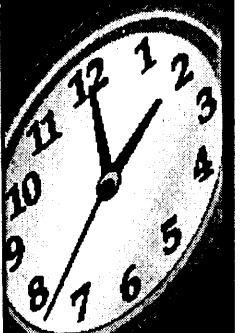
"When investigators observed additional marijuana plants growing at the Shabbona Road residence, that location was secured while a search warrant was obtained for the property," Gray said.

A search of the buildings resulted in the recovery of mature marijuana plants growing behind a barn, additional smaller plants being grown in "starter trays" in the barn, and harvested mature marijuana plant being dried and processed in the barn," Gray continued.



CASS CITY'S HOWARD Kelley goes all out when it comes to decorating the yard at his Third Street residence for Halloween. Kelley enjoys the work and the reaction from his grandchildren as well as neighborhood children. Trick or Treating hours this year in Cass City will be Monday, Oct. 31, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

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Area News

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Nine members of The Greenleaf Extended Homemakers met at Midge Clemens Thursday for a potluck lunch. After lunch and the meeting, Mrs. Jim Doerr gave a talk on needs and supplies for the Baby Pantry.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski visited Marie Pionk and Thelma Jackson on Tuesday.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski worked at the Bad Axe K of C fish fry Friday evening where 600 people were served.

Mrs. Harold Ballagh, Mrs. Gerald Wills, Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel visited Ethel Ross and Thelma Jackson Saturday.

Twenty-one members of The Over 50 Club met at Oswald Hall in Bad Axe on Tuesday. After the rosary was said a potluck lunch was served. After the lunch and meeting was over the group played Bingo.

June Rutz, Allen Farrelly and Myron Wrubel spent Thursday in Flat Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were among a group who attended the 50th anniversary brunch for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wisneski Sunday.

Mrs. Gerald Wills, Betty Tracy and Mrs. Curtis Cleland enjoyed an afternoon of euchre at the home of Reva Silver Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sweeney went to a funeral home in

Sebewaing to pay respects to Willard Heiman. Willard was a milkman in our vicinity for a lot of years.

Bernard Morley, Jack Kennedy, Allen Farrelly, Claude Mestack, Jim Lewis, Ron Wolschlagier and Tom Talaski met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Monday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitey Puvalowski, Mrs. Brian Sweeney, Mrs. Martin Sweeney, and Mrs. Allen Depcinski visited Thelma Jackson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hind, Mrs. Harold Ballagh, Marcella Campbell, and Mrs. Gerald Wills were among a group of the Good Sams Camping Group who had dinner at Randalls in Harbor Beach on Sunday.

Allen Farrelly spent Saturday afternoon at Flat Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Depcinski and Nicole, and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Carpenter, Michael, Jessica and Timothy of Caro, were Sunday afternoon and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski.

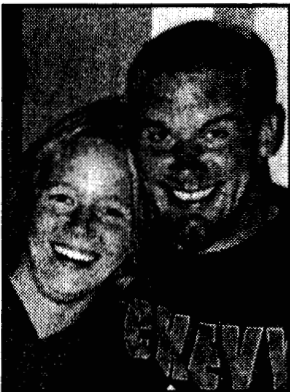
Allen Farrelly came home Saturday morning after spending 3 days with June Rutz and family at Sterling Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sweeney visited Janet Garety at Pigeon on Tuesday.

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

Dan Bukowski and a friend from Oakland were Wednesday and Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz.

Engaged



Damian Izydorek and Sabrina Congdon

Bill and Edie Izydorek of Decker announce the engagement of their son, Damian Gerard Izydorek, to Sabrina Ann Congdon.

The groom-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Cass City High School.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Caro High School, and the daughter of Robert and Sharon Congdon of Caro.

The couple is planning a September 2006 wedding.

Engaged



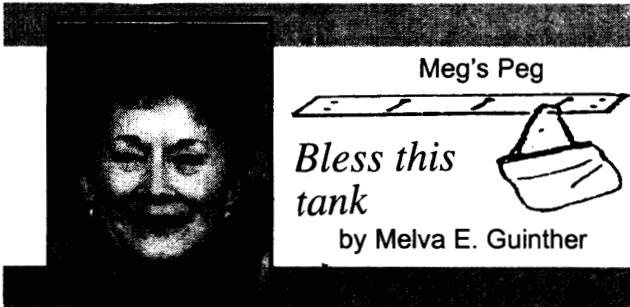
Nichol Becker and Bret Bremer Engagement

Paul and Yvonne Becker of Deford, Mike Bremer, and Kathy and Craig Kenyon of Middleville, announce the engagement of their children, Nichol Becker and Brett Bremer.

Nichol is a 1997 graduate of Cass City High School and a 2001 graduate of Central Michigan University studying for a Master's degree at Western Michigan University in Grand Rapids.

Brett is a 1996 graduate of Thornapple Kellogg High School and a 2000 graduate of Central Michigan University. He is currently the sports editor for J-AD Graphics in Hastings.

A December wedding is being planned.



Our faith is serious business for most of us, but in its practice we often experience a chuckle or two. Consider:

>> A young minister was asked by a funeral director to hold a graveside service in a new cemetery way out in the country for a derelict with no family or friends.

Unfamiliar with the backwoods area, the minister got lost. When he finally arrived an hour late, he saw a crew with a backhoe. The vault was already in place, but the hearse was nowhere in sight.

He apologized for being late to the crew, who were eating lunch, then stepped to the side of the grave and began his remarks.

As he preached, the workers gathered around and began to say "Amen", "Praise the Lord!" and "Glory!" Of course, this was like saying "Sic 'em" to a dog.

After 45 minutes, the minister finally closed in prayer and headed for his car.

As he was opening the door and taking off his coat, he overheard one of the workers saying, "You know, I've been putting in septic tanks for 20 years, and I ain't never seen anything like that before."

>> Alice was to bake a cake for the ladies' group bake sale, but she forgot until the last minute.

She quickly threw together and baked an angel food cake. Unfortunately, when she took it out of the oven the center had dropped flat.

Realizing that she didn't have time to bake another one, she looked around the house for something to build up the center of the cake. She found the solution in the bathroom - a roll of toilet paper.

She plunked it in and covered it with icing. The finished product looked beautiful, so she rushed it to the church.

Meg's Peg
Bless this tank
by Melva E. Guinther



Jim and Joann Guinther

Guinthers mark 40th anniversary

Jim and Joann Guinther celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary recently. They were married Oct. 9, 1965.

The couple has 3 children: Ron (Cheryl) Guinther of

Farwell, Randy (Jennifer) Guinther of Flourissant, Mo., and Brian (Dawn) Guinther of Virginia Beach, Va.; and 10 grandchildren.

Church to host program

The Cass City United Methodist Church will host a program on the new Medicare prescription options, Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 2 p.m. The event is free and open to the community.

Prior to attending, it is suggested you read the government booklet "Medicare and You 2006" sent to all Medicare recipients. The educational program will last 45 minutes, followed by a question and answer period.

Janet Laszlo, a volunteer from the Michigan Medicare and Medicaid Assistance Program, will be the presenter. She received her training for this program through

the Human Development Commission.

Honors

Three area residents are among the students recently named to the academic honors list at Ferris State University.

They are: Jason C. Barrigar and Jennifer M. Sweeney, both of Cass City, and Lindsay N. Wallerman of Ubyly.

To be named to the honors list, a student must have accumulated a minimum 3.5 grade point average in no fewer than 12 credit hours of coursework.

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7th Grade: (front, l-r) Amanda Clifton, Nicholas Field, Dylan Gibson, Chelsea Green, Channing Langenburg, Ashlee LePage; (middle, l-r) Rebecca Leslie, Aaron Magiera, Eric Montreuil, Jessica Mulrath; (back, l-r) McKensie Parrish, Michael Potrykus, Jason Russell.



6th Grade: (front, l-r) Jordan Hendrian, Anthony House, Drew King, Alyssa Lawrence, Macey Messing, Zach Potrykus; (back, l-r) Morgan Potter, Justin Powell, Rachael Rule, Brena Rutkoski and Heather Sweeney.



8th Grade: (front, l-r) Mason Doerr, Amanda Kaake, Jennifer Manwell, Emily Martin; (back, l-r) Eric Reif, Stephanie Steely and Jordan Yax.

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Saturday, October 29, 2005

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We have commissioned Osentoski Auction Service to sell at public auction the following real estate and personal property at the place located from Cass City, Michigan, 6.5 miles North on Cemetery Rd. (S. Elkton Rd. to 4872)

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Glider rocker
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Zenith color TV
Office desk & chair
Filing cabinets
2 wood snack bar stools
Microwave
Cookbooks
VCR & tapes
Pictures - Puzzles
Antique tables
Antique wood hutch
Limited Edition dog print pictures
German Shepherd dog sculptures and dog plates
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Craftsman 15 speed 1/2" drill press
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Hyt. cylinder
Metal cabinets
Cross cut saws
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1986 Ford 250 XLT Diesel 4x4 pickup, ext. cab, 112,000 miles, w/Western 7" snow plow
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Arctic Cat 440 Panther snowmobile
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NEW PJ 20' Dovetail tandem axle trailer, double brakes, take off fenders, 14,000 lb.
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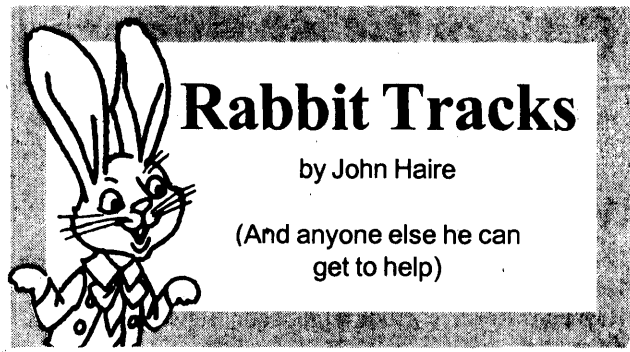
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Four former Central Michigan University football players from Cass City were among grid players from the 30s, 40s, 50s and 60s that enjoyed a 2-day reunion Friday and Saturday.

They were Tim Burdon, Don Tuckey, Bob Wallace and Bob Tuckey. The players were introduced prior to Saturday's game with Ohio University after starting the day with a fellowship meeting under a specially erected tent near the stadium.

Other highlights included lunch at the Embers, tours of the campus and free golf followed by a dinner at Riverwood Resort.

For me, the time change coming Sunday will be welcomed. The reason is that one day a week getting up in the morning and being ready to leave the house shortly before 8 a.m. is necessary.

Yes, I have an alarm clock, but almost invariably I forget to set it for that one day a week that it's needed. So when I wake up I never know whether it's 3 a.m. or 6 a.m. With the extra hour most all winter I can rest assured that if it's not light, it's not time to get up.

I can't believe that there was one person at the game, other than the coaches and the team who wasn't totally surprised when Cass City went with a fake kick that would decide the Freeland-Cass City football game, win or lose. After all, Justin Glaza has been Mr. Automatic kicking extra point tries for the Hawks all season.

It was a great way to end the regular season and prepare for the playoffs at Garber Friday.

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Village installs \$40,000 bar screen at plant

Cass City Village DPW and Wastewater Treatment Plant workers last week installed a \$40,000 piece of equipment designed to more effectively process raw sewage.

Wastewater treatment plant Supt. Rick Mohr said the equipment is known as a "bar screen".

"The unit is made totally out of stainless steel, and the

steel is really expensive," he said, adding the new equipment is state-of-the-art and replaces an older process for removing materials from the sewage.

"Currently we have a comminutor and it's basically a grinder. It just cuts everything up that comes in - paper, rags, sticks, what-

ever," Mohr explained. "The problem is, these cut-up pieces find each other later and form a mass."

"This (bar screen) will remove all those materials," he continued, noting the bar screen utilizes a conveyor belt fitted with sets of "fingers" or teeth designed to rake out materials from the liquid sewage. The materials are deposited into a receptacle for disposal.

Mohr estimated the unit will deposit enough materials to fill a 5-gallon pail each day. That may not sound like much, he acknowledged, "but when that material isn't removed over a period of a year, that results in a real problem."

"It's actually a maintenance-free item, so that's a cost savings in maintenance," Mohr added.

Huron sheriff warns of telephone scam

The Huron County Sheriff's Department is continuing its investigation into what investigators are calling a telephone scam that could cost area residents higher phone bills if they follow the instructions of the caller.

"The scam begins by a caller identifying himself as an AT&T service technician conducting a test on the telephone lines," explained Sheriff Kent Tibbitts. "The caller then instructs the customer to touch the number 9, then 0, followed by the pound sign (#), then hang up."

Following those instructions, Tibbitts said, "allows the caller full access to the customer's long distance line, which enables them to place long distance telephone calls that are then billed to the customer's phone line."

Tibbitts said his detective bureau contacted AT&T of-

ficials, who confirmed this is a scam that does, in fact, provide access to customers' telephone lines. They also stated the scam has been originating from jails and prisons around the state.

The Haire Net

Where do we go from here?

180 attend hospital health fair

A record 180 people participated in this year's Hills and Dales General Hospital Health Fair, held Oct. 14 at the Cass City hospital.

Kathy Dropeski, R.N., community relations spokeswoman, reported officials administered 137 flu shots and more than 100 health screenings during the annual event. Participants were treated to free refreshments as well as free blood pressure screenings and pulse oximetry (oxygen level measurement).

"The purpose of the health fair is to emphasize the importance of preventive care in staying healthy," Dropeski explained. "This is an event that just keeps growing and getting better every year."

Hospital officials are already planning for next year's health fair, which will also be held in October.

The Cass City Rotary Club is in the midst of a dilemma. The members are asking, where do we go from here?

There are worse dilemmas than the one the club faces today. Rotary is a service club, members reminded themselves, and over the years has been involved in all, or nearly all, projects that have kept the community alive, vibrant and a better place to live and work.

The Cass City Community Park is dotted with the recreational and sports equipment the club has originated or helped to acquire. The first pool at the park, the wading pool, and the tennis courts come immediately to mind. Rawson Memorial Library and Hills and Dales General Hospital were helped over the years.

Not all of the projects have been successful. An exercise trail with exercise equipment at each of 10 stations was built and rebuilt only to fall before vandals.

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Story time scheduled

A special Scarecrow Daze Story Time for children ages 3 and up is set for 10 a.m., Oct. 29, at Rawson Memorial Library.

Children will listen to stories, make a simple craft and have a snack. This is a drop in event, so no registration is necessary.

The back forty

by Roger Pond

It must be about time to predict the winter. The leaves are falling, the frost is on the pumpkin, and geese are flying south, north, east and west.

Meteorologists are doing the same thing: Flying off in all directions attempting to predict the weather months in advance. I don't think these folks have a clue what the weather will be like several weeks from now, but I always enjoy reading their predictions.

Nobody ever stopped to think a squirrel has nothing else to do in the fall. Gathering nuts might be just a hobby for him. (He's not going to rake the leaves, for heaven's sake.)

We'd see a horse with long, shaggy hair and assume this meant bad weather was on the way. The veterinarians would look at the same horse and say, "Looks like another hard winter for your horse. He's probably due for a worming."

Folks would be husking

corn and comment, "Look at the husks on this corn. This is surely going to be a hard winter."

Dad would always agree, "It's going to be a cold one for sure, and we're all going to freeze to death if you don't work a little faster."

Those were simpler times — when every winter was a hard one and every snow was deeper than average. I don't think I would want to go back, though. I kind of get a kick out of these modern day forecasters.

Today I read that one meteorologist predicts equal chances of above and below normal temperatures, equal chances of above and below normal precipitation, and highly variable weather this winter. We finally found one, an honest meteorologist!

I can remember when the only safe forecast was for another hard winter. Anyone who predicted a mild winter was in trouble with the folks who didn't cut enough firewood or left the cat out to freeze.

Meteorologists would come on television and say, "There's another severe winter coming up. Better cut plenty of wood, and remember the treatment for stiff cat disease: Bucket of hot water, total immersion."

Nobody listened to weather forecasters in those days. Everybody predicted their own weather. We did it without a lot of fancy instruments, too.

Someone would see a black woolly worm and say, "Looks like it's going to be a hard winter. There goes another black woolly worm."

"What's a black worm got to do with the weather?" the town kids would ask.

"Well, that worm obviously came out of the coal bin, and he's headed south," we'd tell them.

Folks would see a squirrel scurrying around gathering nuts and say, "It's going to be a tough winter. The squir-

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5-Day Local Forecast

Wednesday
Few Showers
High: 47 Low: 35

Thursday
Few Showers
High: 47 Low: 34

Friday
Partly Cloudy
High: 53 Low: 35

Saturday
Partly Cloudy
High: 54 Low: 38

Sunday
Mostly Sunny
High: 58 Low: 40

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of showers, high temperature of 47°, humidity of 81% and an overnight low of 35°. The record high temperature for today is 75° set in 1963. The record low is 26° set in 1952. Thursday, skies will remain mostly cloudy with a 30% chance of showers, high temperature of 47°.

Upcoming Moon Phases

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

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today 8:01 a.m.
Sunset tonight 6:32 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Monday	57	37	57/39	0.00"
Tuesday	59	37	57/39	0.00"
Wednesday	61	30	57/39	0.00"
Thursday	55	27	56/38	0.00"
Friday	54	28	56/38	0.00"
Saturday	50	30	55/38	0.00"
Sunday	46	39	55/37	0.00"

Precipitation 0.00"
Normal precipitation 0.53"
Departure from normal -0.53"
Average temperature 43.6°
Average normal temperature 47.2°
Departure from normal -3.6°

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Red Hawk Talks

by Donna Bushong

The celebration of Halloween began with the Celts in 300 B.C. In 2005, at Campbell Elementary School, it began with decorating pumpkins for the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival.

Each student put their own creativity into giving each pumpkin its own personality. Some made princesses, others made scary monsters. I remember using cotton balls and paint to make a picture on my pumpkin.

The same creativity used to create the pumpkins is used to pick out a costume. Some prefer the classics such as a witch, Frankenstein, or the Grim Reaper. Some take a nicer side and dress up as clowns, princesses and famous people. Others want to be different and dress up as a train conductor or a dementor from J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter: The Prisoner of Azkaban. Each costume is unique along with the people in them.

Mrs. McGee's second graders wrote about their favorite parts of Halloween. Alex Graham wrote, "My favorite thing to do on Halloween is to go trick-or-treating and to be scary." Mandy Czekai's favorite thing is spending time with family and friends. Maegan LeValley wrote "Halloween is special to me because you get to wear your costumes at school. You also get to go to corn mazes." Other students wrote about how they enjoy dressing up, trick-or-treating, and other Halloween activities.

One of the festivities is the AAUW Halloween Carnival. The carnival is held at Cass City Middle School where there are games in the gym,

refreshments in the cafeteria, and a spook house in the band room. The carnival will take place on Thursday, Oct. 27 from 5 to 7 p.m.

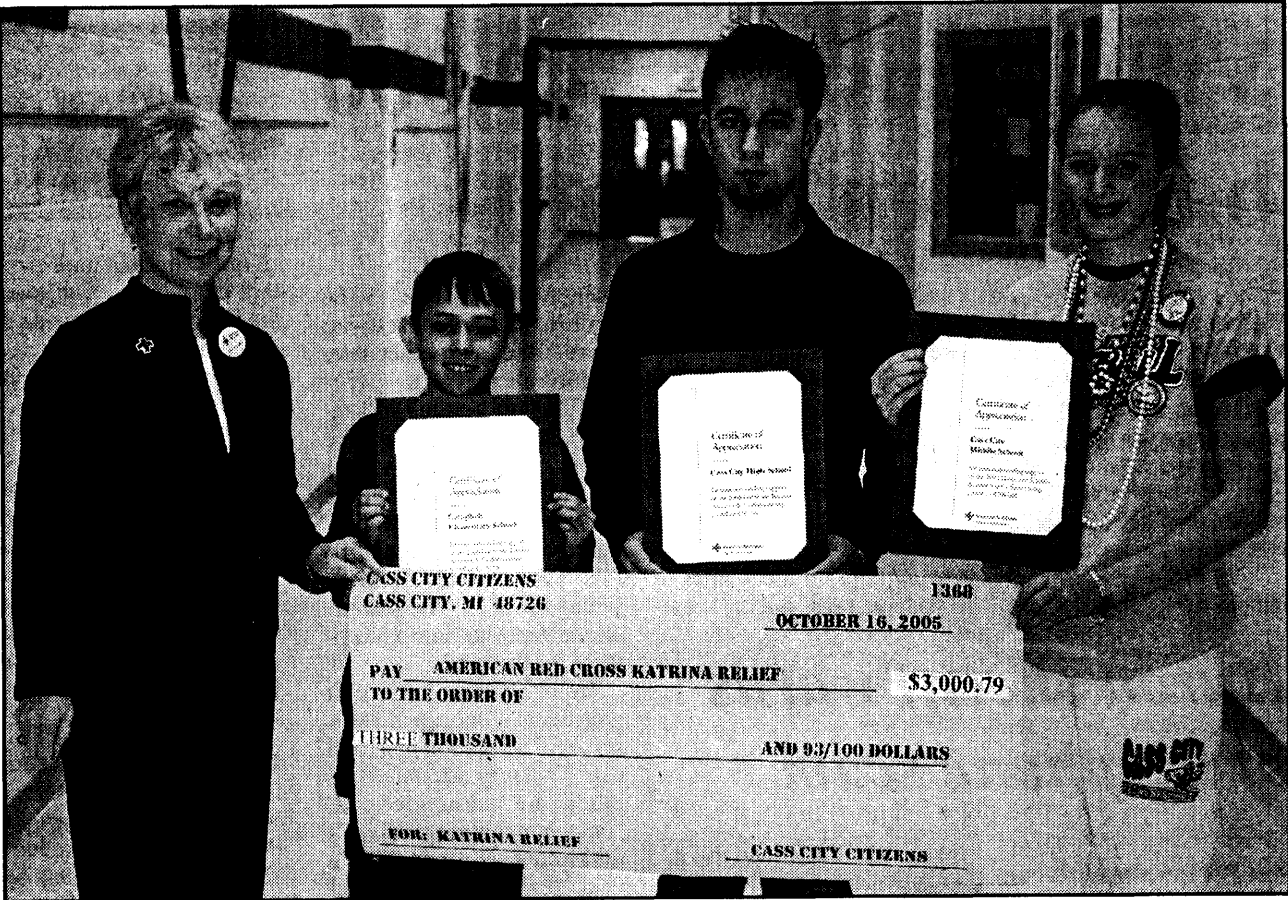
For older students there will be a dance held on Friday, Oct. 28, at the VFW Hall. It starts at 8:30 p.m. (or after the play-off game). It is a costume dance and prizes will be given out for the best costumes. The dance is sponsored by the Cass City Civic Center and will have a \$3 admission.

If you are like Maegan and enjoy corn mazes, Depner Farms has a maze open until Nov. 6. The maze is open on Friday and Saturday at 10 a.m. and on Sunday at 1 p.m. The last corn maze entry is 90 minutes before dusk. For more information, call (989) 856-4688 or go to www.depnerfarms.com

On the afternoon of Halloween, Cass City elementary school students will put on their scary masks and the rest of their costumes and line up for the Halloween parade. Volunteer members of the Cass City High School Marching Band will lead the parade. The parade will start at 1 p.m. and all community members are invited to watch.

The highlight of Halloween is trick-or-treating, which will start at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 31.

It's finally time for all the kids (and some adults) to put on their masks, turn into goblins and ghouls, and haunt the streets searching for candy. It will be at the stroke of 7 when all the little ghouls and ghosts, vampires and fairies will turn back into children and enjoy the sweets they found in their search.



AMERICAN RED Cross official Karen Hitesman personally accepted a \$3,000 check from Cass City Schools student representatives (from left) Cody Kluger (elementary), Philip Nahernak (high school) and Emily Martin (middle school) last week. The money, raised during various student projects, will be used to help victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Big bucks

Kingston lands funding for streetscape work

A pair of Thumb communities, including the village of Kingston, will share in more than \$5 million in federal Transportation Enhancement funding recently awarded to 11 Michigan counties.

In Tuscola County, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and village of Kingston will streetscape State Street (M-46) from River Street to Pine Street in conjunction with a 2006 MDOT road project.

The work will include removing the high steps along the sidewalk with a wider, flatter sidewalk, as well as installation of decorative sidewalk planters. Other streetscape amenities include decorative street lighting, trash receptacles and landscaping.

The project budget is \$406,690, including \$244,014 in federal funds (60 percent), \$81,338 (20 percent) from the village,

and \$81,338 (20 percent) from MDOT.

Also in the Thumb, in Sanilac County, MDOT and Brown City will streetscape one-tenth of a mile of Main Street (M-90) from St. Mary's Street to James Street.

Streetscape elements will include stamped, colored concrete sidewalks, ornamental street lighting, street furniture, and shade trees.

The project budget is \$307,285, including \$184,371 (60 percent) federal funding. Both MDOT and the city will contribute 20 percent of the cost (\$61,457).

Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced the grant awards last week, saying MDOT is awarding a total of \$5,212,574 in transportation funding for 14 projects designed to make downtowns and business districts more appealing.

"Transportation Enhance-

Bill offers protection

Under legislation passed last week by the state House, eligible farmers could be protected from paying a property tax that exceeds \$5 an acre on open farmland, finally bringing agriculture's property tax rate in line with the national average and easing a hefty tax burden that can influence a farmer's decision to sell the land for development.

Introduced by Rep. Howard Walker (R-Traverse City), House Bill 4257 would create a state program whereby an eligible farmer would be reimbursed for property taxes paid over \$5 an acre. The reimbursement would come in the form of either an income tax or single business tax credit. If there is no tax credit, the state would issue a check to the producer. In return, the farmer would commit to a 20-year contract to keep the property as farmland.

In order to be eligible, the legislation requires the farmland to be located in a township or county where the community's comprehensive land use plan includes a provision for farmland preservation. Enrolled producers would have the ability to terminate their contracts at 10 or 15 years, but doing so would subject producers to significant financial penalties.

The proposal is similar to Michigan's existing P.A. 116 program, according to Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) Legislative Counsel Rob Anderson. Under P.A. 116, an eligible farmer can apply for a property tax credit if his property taxes exceed 3.5 percent of his household income. In exchange, the producer commits to keep the land in agriculture for a minimum of 10 years.

P.A. 116 has been a successful program, particularly in bad crop years, said Anderson, but with more members of farm families working jobs off the farm and earning supplemental income to make ends meet, the need arose for another option.

"P.A. 116 may no longer be an incentive to some farmers

growth and protect families," added State Transportation Director Gloria J. Jeff.

Under federal law, 10 percent of federal surface transportation funds are earmarked for Transportation Enhancement projects. The grants provide a maximum of up to 80 percent of the money required for each project, with the remainder coming from state and local government and the private sector.

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, October 26

Preschool Story time, 10 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Please register in advance, 872-2856.

Ravenous Readers' Book Club, noon, Rawson Memorial Library.

Thursday, October 27

Toddler Story Time, 10 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Please register in advance, 872-2856.

AAUW Halloween Carnival and Middle School Spook House, 5 to 7 p.m., Cass City Middle School. Ages 3-12. Games, food, prizes, and hot dogs. Game tickets: 3 for 50 cents; spook house: 50 cents.

Seniors' Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Friday, October 28

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

Saturday, October 29

Scarecrow Daze Story Time, 10 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library. No registration required.

Sunday, October 30

Musical Worship Service, 9:45 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Uby. Featuring The Grimshaws. Immediately after the service, there will be a potluck brunch with meats, beverages and tableware provided. For more information, call Susan M. Schrader at (989) 658-2960 or (517) 304-1300.

Tuesday, November 1

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

Aftercare Program for Grief Counseling, 6:30 p.m., VFW Annex Building, 4530 Veterans Dr., Cass City. Everyone is invited to attend. Sponsored by Thabet Funeral Home, Inc.

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Curtis again sponsoring "A Night to Indulge"

When was the last time you had the chance to do something really good for someone else, and enjoy an evening of fun and chocolate?

Well, that chance is coming Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Caro Knights of Columbus Hall, when HDC's Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, Thumb Area Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Tuscola County Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Council will join with the Pat Curtis Automotive Dealerships in Caro and Cass City to present "A Night to Indulge 5," which helps to support women and children who are at risk.

The event will be held from

5 to 9 p.m., and will feature chocolate confections and other choices offered by tuxedoed servers, home-party type vendors, massages, door prizes, a silent auction, and much more.

Ticket price for the event has been set at \$10 per person in advance, or \$12 at the door, with proceeds to be divided among the 3 organizing agencies. Tickets are available now by calling Thumb Area Big Brothers Big Sisters at (989) 673-6996 or HDC at (989) 673-4121, or by dialing (989) 479-9153 after regular business hours.

More information about the vendors and the activities planned for the evening will be available in an upcoming

news release.

The Pat Curtis Auto Dealerships in Caro and Cass City, for the third year in a row, will be the event sponsors for "A Night to Indulge." Curtis is the owner of Pat Curtis Chevrolet-Oldsmobile-Cadillac in Caro and a partner with his brother Matt and son Dan in Curtis Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep in Cass City.

"My entire staff and I recognize that this community has been very supportive of our businesses," he said. "This is an opportunity to give back, especially to 3 organizations who do an enormous amount of good in the community."

The Thumb Area Assault

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

Holbrook Helpers elect new officers

Members of the Holbrook Helpers recently appointed new officers during their fall organizational meeting.

Appointed were Klyn Puterbaugh, president; Caitlyn Rickett, vice president; Whitney Braun, secretary; and Heather Moore, sergeant at arms.

The group's next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 13, at 3 p.m. The agenda will include a service project to benefit an area baby pantry. Members are asked to bring a new or used item to donate.

No classes during conferences

There will be no school for Cass City School students Tuesday, Nov. 1, due to parent-teacher conferences.

The conference times are: Campbell Elementary School, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; middle school, noon to 7 p.m.; and high school, noon to 6:30 p.m.

More information is available by calling (989) 872-2148.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

Cass City IGA owner Dan Wills says his decision to close the local grocery store was based on a number of factors, but a lack of community support tops the list. Wills, who posted a sign announcing a "going out of business sale" a little over a week ago, expected to close the doors by early this week. "I think the bottom line is, the community didn't want to support the store," said Wills, who also owns an IGA store in Bay City. "I think if I was a member of the community and lived there, things would have gone a lot better. But my wife and I are good people and hard workers."

The Owen-Gage gridiron season ended Friday in grand fashion when Coach Scott Gaeth's Bulldogs rushed past Au Gres 41-18 in Owendale. The hosts scored a season's best 6 touchdowns that included an impressive 388 rushing yards. The victory puts Owen-Gage in the official books at 5-4, its best finish since the 1989 campaign.

About 20 people braved damp weather to remember victims of domestic violence during the fourth annual Candlelight Vigil held Monday night on the steps of the Tuscola County Courthouse. Domestic violence continues to be a problem in Tuscola County, where sheriff's deputies have investigated 95 disputes and made 60 on-scene arrests so far this year. The number of on-scene arrests stemming from domestic disputes totaled 60 last year, 79 in 1998 and 58 in 1997.

10 YEARS AGO

After nearly 30 years of planning, officials broke ground Monday for the new M-24 extension project. Among those in attendance were state Transportation Director Pat Nowak, State Rep. Mike Green, State Sen. Joel Gougeon and Congressman James Barcia.

Cass City Boy Scout Troop #594 recently had a going away party for Scoutmaster Russ Hillaker and Matt, also in the scouts. Also, a ceremony was held in which

Bob Wolschlager, former assistant scoutmaster, became scoutmaster. Bonnie Nanney will be assistant scoutmaster. Paul Dietzel visited with a refugee Albanian family living in Greece during a recent evangelism tour that covered nearly 6 weeks and 9 countries.

25 YEARS AGO

Two-year-old Brad Whittington doesn't have to wait for a visit from the Great Pumpkin. He has his own, grown by his parents, Don and Tracy Whittington of Cass City. The biggest weighs 111 pounds.

The Cass City Red Hawks battled powerful Vassar to a standstill Friday night, making the key offensive and defensive plays when they had to, and hammered out a share of the Thumb B Conference crown. The host Hawks topped the Vulcans, 15-6. It was the kind of game you'd expect from 2 teams vying for the championship. It boiled down to who appeared to want the victory the most.

Perhaps you caught the ad last week announcing Ed Baker's retirement from the electrical business after 50-plus years. That's a long time to hold a "temporary job" Mrs. Baker recalls that when they were first in Cass City it was to be just a short while. They planned to move on. Mrs. Baker also took a "temporary" job teaching school at Owendale for one year and stayed for more than a decade. Besides running the successful business, the Bakers have been a strong force in the community's social and civic endeavors. (From Rabbit Tracks)

35 YEARS AGO

Participating in the ground breaking for the new Kingston State Bank building Monday were the Rev. Verne Blankenburg, Village President Ed Kaminski, the Rev. Gaylord V. Skinner, Kingston Township Supervisor Leland Ensign, Wells Township Supervisor Earl Butler, Contractor George Peter, James Zick, Bank Board Chairman John Barden Sr., James Reehl, Louis Wenzloff



DPW WORKER Ed Nizzola (left) and wastewater treatment plant operator Tom Soule steady the bar screen during the installation last week. (See story, page 3)

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

HYDROSTATIC PRESSURE

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

will seek the path of least resistance into your basement (most often the cove area).

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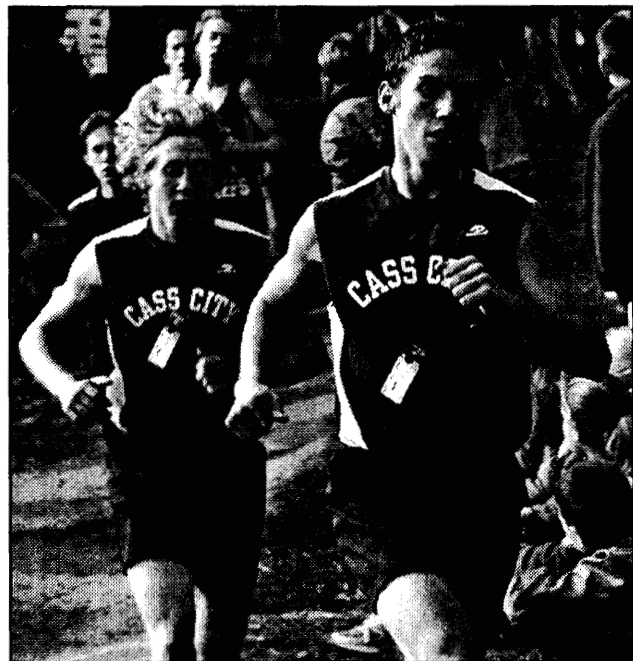
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Cass City runs to first league cross country championship

Cass City followed its first cross country league championship in school history with a 3rd place finish Saturday at the Thumb Area Championships at the Caro Golf Course.



CASS CITY'S Cameron Lautner (right) and Lukas Varney helped the Red Hawks to a third place finish Saturday at the Caro Invitational.

Coach Amy Cuthrell received 4 first-team performances Tuesday in Sebawaing to dethrone Reese and easily capture the Greater Thumb West title. Hosts Unionville-Sebawaing finished as runners up, while the Rockets placed third.

"I am happy for the kids. Cross country is a tough sport both mentally and physically," Cuthrell said. "The kids have been working hard since July."

Among the GTW runners, Reese's Brandon Gnatkowski was medallist with a time of 16:34. Red Hawks Cameron Lautner (17:04), Lukas Varney (17:06), Kyle Reif (17:37), and Dewey Mabe (17:58) followed the Reese distance specialist. Rounding out the top 7 finishers, all who earned first team GTW honors for their efforts, were Matt Niziolek and Matt Eisenguiber from USA.

Cass City also received a time of 18:58 from Adam Wentworth, who earned second-team GTW honors with a 14th place finish.

Highlighting the lady Hawks' performance at the league meet was Jen Zmierski who turned in her best time of the year at 21:12, earning second-team GTW

honors. Zmierski's time was the 9th fastest in Red Hawk school history. Cass City also had Leah Whittaker earning GTW honorable mention accolades with a time of 22:34, good for 15th place.

CARO INVITE

Capac recorded a first place finish Saturday at the Thumb Area Championships with 76 points. Completing the top 3 spots were Croswell-Lexington and Cass City with 83 and 99 points, respectively.

Pacing the Hawks on the day was Varney with a time of 17:27 good for 9th place. Cass City also had a pair of top 15 finishers in Reif and Lautner with times of 17:32 and 17:39.

Zmierski's time of 21:27 was top for the lady Hawks, while Whittaker finished in 22:35 and Ashleigh Rabideau in 24:33.

Saturday the Hawks will travel to Bad Axe to compete in the Division 3 regional. "We have a tough regional," Cuthrell said. "But when you run against the best, it makes you better. I don't think we turned in our best times yet."



HOISTING THE GTW cross county league championship trophy are Red Hawks (l-r) Dewey Mabe, Adam Wentworth, Kyle Reif, Lukas Varney and Cameron Lautner.

Cards crush Dawgs

Kingston had no problem handling guests Owen-Gage Thursday and posted a lopsided 75-36 victory during a North Central Thumb League crossover meeting.

The Cardinals used a significant height advantage to gain a 21-7 edge after one period as Allyson Crousore had her way in the paint. The Cardinal center threw down 14 of her career-high 32 points in the opening 8 minutes.

Emily Herron took over the scoring chores for the winners in the second frame and tossed in 11 tallies to help the Cardinals extend their advantage to 46-17 at the break.

Kingston then opened the final half on an 18-8 run and never looked back.

Becky Schmidt led Owen-Gage with 15 points.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Lakers	6	1	10	3
Cass City	4	2	11	3
V. Lutheran	4	3	7	7
USA	4	3	6	8
Reese	4	3	5	8
BCAS	1	6	5	9
Bad Axe	1	6	1	13

GREATER THUMB EAST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Marlette	6	1	11	3
Udly	4	3	11	3
Brown City	4	3	10	4
Sandusky	4	3	9	5
Harbor Beach	4	3	7	7
Mayville	2	5	5	9
Deckerville	0	6	2	10

NCTL NORTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
Port Hope	11	3	11	4
North Huron	10	3	10	4
Owen-Gage	4	10	4	10
A-Fairgrove	1	13	1	13
Caseville	0	11	0	11

NCTL SOUTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
Memphis	13	0	15	0
Kingston	10	3	10	4
CPS	6	7	7	8
Dryden	6	7	6	7
Peck	5	9	5	9

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Red Hawk cagers post pair of non-league wins

Fresh from a pair of non-league victories, the Cass City Red Hawks return to Greater Thumb West competition for the remaining 6 games of the regular season that was to start Tuesday with Valley Lutheran at home. We are not overlooking the Chargers, Coach John Maharg said, as he recalled the 51-48 decision his team squeaked out in their first encounter.

After that the Hawks will be heavy favorites to win at Bad Axe Thursday and prepare for encounters the following week at home with powerful Lakers, Nov. 1, and USA, Nov. 3.

Maharg hopes that his team will play as well as it did Thursday against Brown City, a team that he rates as one of the best in the Thumb. We committed just 8 turnovers and handled their press, he points out.

Showing the way in the tight 50-43 win for Cass City was Ashley Hendrick. She dominated the game, shooting 6 for 15 from the field and gathered in 13 rebounds.

She also was 5 for 5 from the charity line, including 4 in the decisive last quarter. In that quarter Cass City's good free throw shooting (7 for 10) proved decisive and helped the Hawks overcome Brown City's 35-33 lead going into the final 8 minutes.

It was a seesaw game all the way. Kelly Burton paced the Green Devils in the first quarter with 7 of her team's 10 points and Hendrick counted

with 3 baskets for the Hawks. At the end of the period the Hawks were in front, 12-10.

Cass City lengthened its lead in the second quarter with balanced scoring as 5 players rang up hoops.

The third quarter belonged to Brown City. Burton notched 3 hoops and Misty Pichla added 7 points in a 16-point attack that pushed Brown City into the lead and set the stage for Cass City's winning rally in the fourth quarter.

Hendrick, with 17 points, and Emily Schinnerer, with 13, were in double figures for the Hawks, while Burton netted 20 and Pichla, 15, for Brown City.

Jenni Brinkman had 7 rebounds, 3 assists and 3 steals and Sara Meeker was credited with 8 rebounds.

DECKERVILLE GAME

The Hawks staged their best shooting night of the year while overpowering the Deckerville Eagles Thursday, 58-23.

The Eagles, in the midst of a rebuilding year, gave coach Maharg an opportunity to have all the players on the team receive significant playing time.

The Hawks converted 24 of 53 shots from the field and 9 of 16 from the free throw line. It was our best shooting night of the year, Maharg said.

Cass City jumped off to an 18-8 lead in the first period and was never seriously threatened.

The Hawks duplicated their offensive thrust in the second quarter with 6 players sharing the scoring load. At the intermission, Cass City had all but settled the outcome with a 36-14 lead.

With Hendrick on the bench most of the last 2 periods, Meeker and Schinnerer each with a pair of hoops and Courtney Rabideau with 2 hoops and a free throw took over the scoring load in the third period.

Maharg said that sophomore Caitlin Sorenson and Renee Czekai had good de-



KINGSTON'S LEIGHA Wilmot makes a good bounce pass into the lane against the defensive pressure of Bulldog April Nowaczyk.

BROWN CITY - Bartle 0-0 (2-5) 2; Clark 0-1 (1-1) 4; Burton 6-2 (2-2) 20; Greene 1-0 (0-0) 2; Pichla 1-3 (4-4) 15.
TOTALS - 9-6 (9-12) 43.

CASS CITY - C. Rabideau 1-0 (2-2) 4; Brinkman 2-0 (1-2) 5; Meeker 2-0 (2-5) 6; Trischler 1-1 (0-3) 5; Hendrick 6-0 (5-5) 17; Schinnerer 5-1 (0-1) 13.
TOTALS - 17-2 (10-16) 50.

DECKERVILLE - Oswald 1-0 (1-3) 3; Machart 2-0 (0-0) 4; Davis 0-1 (0-1) 3; Jensen 2-1 (0-0) 7; Hornby 1-0 (0-2) 2; Klaus 1-0 (2-2) 4.
TOTALS - 7-2 (3-8) 23.

CASS CITY - Sorenson 1-0 (0-0) 2; C. Rabideau 3-0 (1-3) 7; Brinkman 4-0 (1-2) 9; A. Rabideau 3-0 (0-0) 6; Meeker 3-0 (0-0) 6; Czekai 0-1 (2-2) 5; Trischler 1-0 (1-2) 3; Hendrick 5-0 (1-3) 11; Schinnerer 3-0 (3-4) 9.
TOTALS - 23-1 (9-16) 58.

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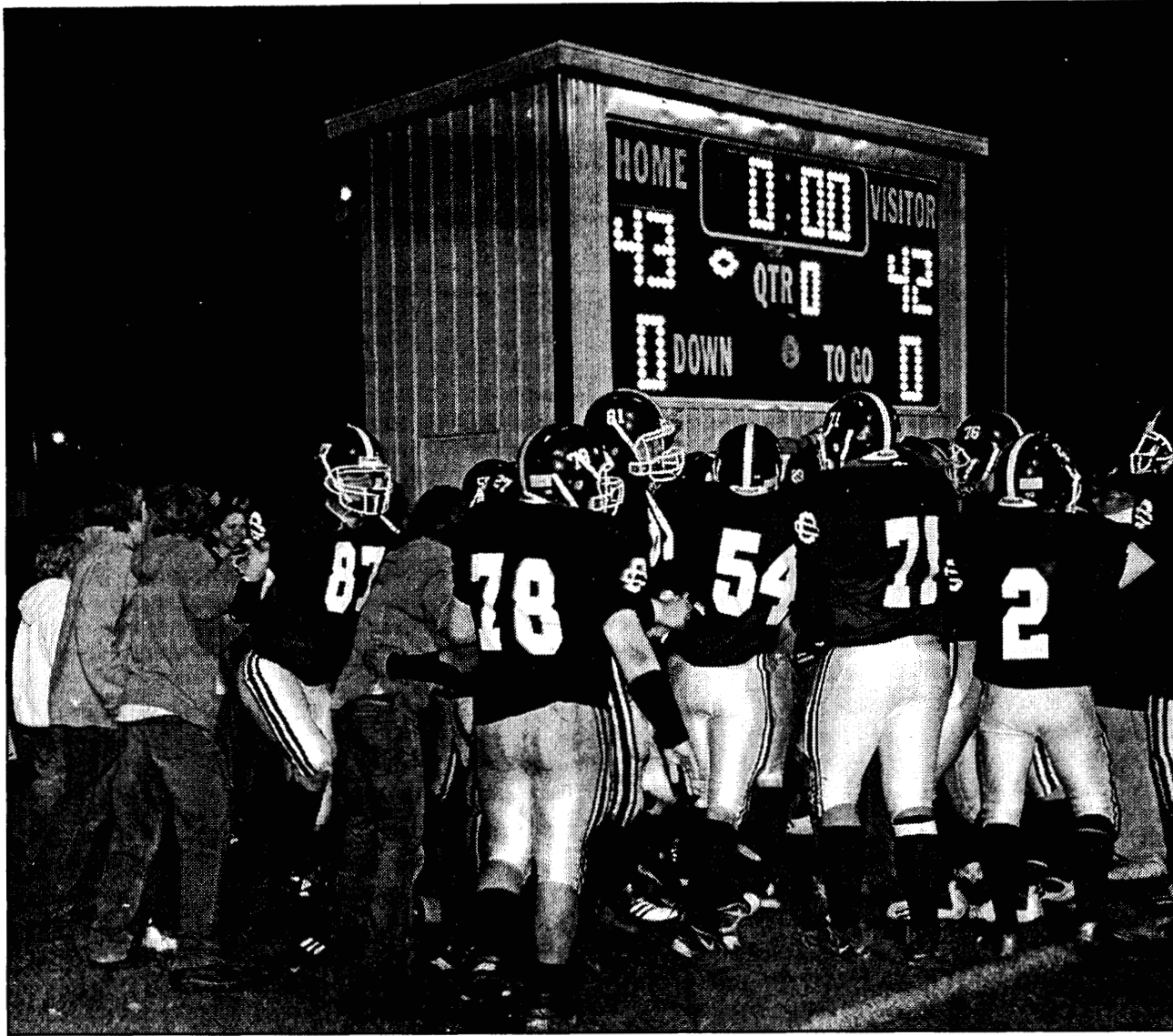
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CASS CITY players and fans celebrate the teams' 43-42 regular season ending victory over Freeland. The Hawks will travel to face the Garber Dukes this Friday in the opening round of the Division 5 gridiron playoffs.

Owen-Gage ends season with loss to AuGres-Sims

The luck of the schedule pitted Owen-Gage's 2 non-conference games against 2 of the better teams from the north and added to the woes of the Owen-Gage Bulldogs, which finished 2-7 for the season.

The 2 teams from the north started and ended the season for the Bulldogs. In the opener, Owen-Gage fell to Arenac Eastern and Friday in the last game of the year at AuGres-Sims, Owen-Gage bowed, 50-14.

AuGres jumped off to a 13-point lead in the opening quarter and increased it to 31-7 at the half. Justin Kelley rushed for 3 touchdowns and added another pair with interceptions. He was credited with 170 yards rushing.

In the second quarter the Bulldogs cashed in with a touchdown on a 2-yard run by Josh McLaren. Matt Grenke kicked the extra point.

AuGres-Sims rambed for 19 points in the third quarter to lead 50-7 going into the final 8 minutes. Grant Champagne found Andy Dronsella on a 24-yard pass play for the only scores posted in the fourth quarter. Grenke again kicked the extra point.

Ending their grid careers at Owen-Gage were Jake Reynolds and co-captains Sam Rogers, Nathan Rogers and Brandon Kretschmer. Kenny Brown rushed for 100 yards in 21 attempts. Andy Dronsella caught 4 passes for 90 yards.

Cass City ready to duke it out Friday

Cass City will travel to face perennial power Essexville Garber Friday in the opening round of the Division 5 - Region 3 gridiron playoffs. Kickoff is slated for 7:30.

While the Greater Thumb West Red Hawks (7-2) will be making their 2nd straight trip - and only visits - into the playoffs, the Tri-Valley East Dukes (6-3) haven't missed the playoffs since the year 2000.

Coach Scott Cuthrell's Red Hawks will enter the playoffs fresh off a double overtime victory against Freeland, while the Dukes fell 17-14 to Bay City John Glenn to end their regular season.

"We watched film on them today," Cuthrell said Monday. "They're a solid team. Very quick and pursue well. We'll see a lot of different looks on offense, several different formations."

Friday's winners will advance into the District finals and will meet the victors of the Frankenmuth-Millington contest on either Nov. 4th or 5th.

Essexville Garber Dukes 2005 Regular Season Record

Aug. 26	Pinconning	W	47-26
Sept. 2	Birch Run	L	14-35
Sept. 9	Vassar	W	27-15
Sept. 16	North Branch	W	27-7
Sept. 23	Millington	W	26-19
Sept. 30	Caro	W	40-7
Oct. 7	Frankenmuth	L	42-52
Oct. 14	Bridgeport	W	35-13
Oct. 21	Bay City Glenn	L	14-17

WOW!

Cass City ends 2-game slide with double overtime thriller against guests Freeland

In nearly storybook fashion, a much-needed dose of excitement was injected back into the Cass City Red Hawks Friday night.

After 5 lackluster quarters of play, following the Hawks' initial loss of the season to Unionville-Sebewaing in week 7, coach Scott Cuthrell's squad closed out the regular season with a thrilling 43-42 victory in double overtime over guests Freeland.

"This was a game we needed," Cuthrell said. We were a little down after losing the last 2 games. All the credit goes to our kids."

In a contest between 2 evenly matched teams, Chris Landrith's 2-point conversion pass to Brad Langenburg off a fake extra-point attempt on the game's final play proved to be the difference.

The Falcons took a 7-0 first quarter lead at the 3:57 mark on Roy Rabie's TD from one yard out and a Casey Malott point after kick. The visitors marched 79 yards for its opening score, converting a 4th-and-2 situation early in the drive near midfield on the way to pay dirt.

Cass City, conversely, who were without the services of injured fullback Cody Halasz, managed to collect only one first down in the initial period - on a Landrith pass to Kyle Sieradzki - and were held to 14 yards of total offense.

With their running attack stalled, the Hawks changed gears and went to the air to help draw even with the Fal-

cons early in the second frame at 7-7. The hosts moved 61 yards on 9 plays. Sieradzki capped the drive with a pretty 16 yard run, after a pass interference call against receiver Brad Hartel spotted the ball in the Red Zone.

It didn't take Freeland long to recapture the lead as Malott answered the score for the Falcons on the game's next snap when he raced 49 yards, after a short kick on the ensuing kickoff spotted the ball near midfield.

Both teams would add one more score before the intermission, where Freeland enjoyed a 21-14 edge. The Falcons used a 45-yard pass from Ben Paetz to Craig Engerer to register their marker, while the Hawks countered with a 16-yard run from Micah Randall.

After the break, Cass City took a 28-21 margin into the final quarter on Chris Johnson's run from one yard out and Landrith's TD pass to Langenburg.

But the Falcons would knot the game at 28-all on a screen pass to Malott on 4th down inside the 10-yardline with 7:48 to play in regulation. The score wiped out a pretty defensive play from defensive back Derryl Schenk who ripped the ball from a Falcon receiver near the goal line on the previous play.

Still the Falcons had a chance to win the game in regulation as they drove to the 30-yardline and setup for a field goal attempt at the 30-yardline.

But, the game-winning try was blocked when Steve Meeker busted through the middle of the Falcon line, blocked the kick and rambed past the midfield stripe with 10 seconds remaining. The Hawks had time for 2 pass plays, both falling incomplete and forcing the overtime.

In the first overtime, Landrith connected with Hartel and following Justin Glaza's 5th point after kick

the hosts led 35-28. However, the Falcons sent the game into another extra session on Derek Ledy's run around his own right end and Malott's point after kick.

In the 2nd OT, Ledy scored again on an identical play and then took a 7-point margin on Malott's kick.

Cass City answered with Johnson's second TD run and then lined up for the point after kick. But Landrith, the holder, took the snap, rolled left and hit Langenburg for the game winner.

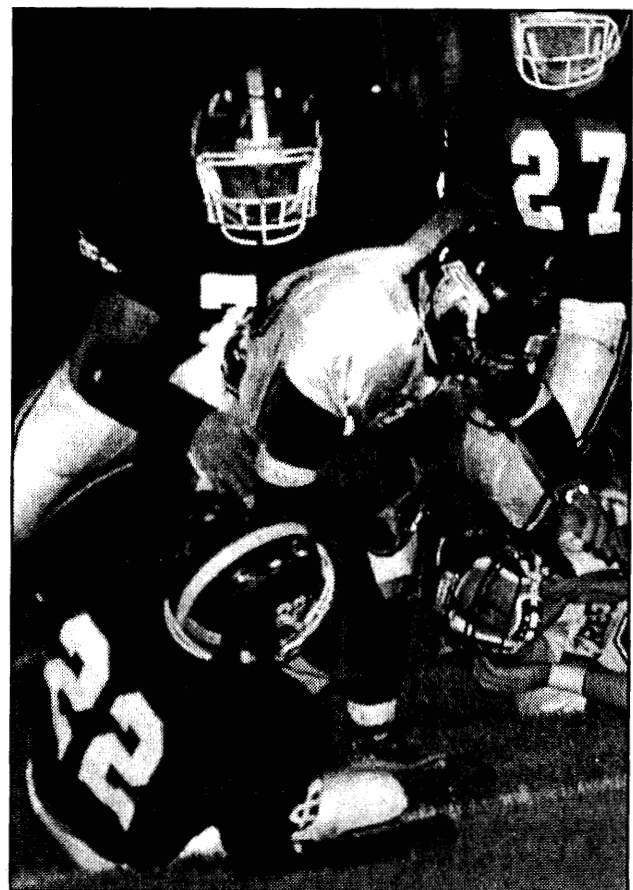
Teammates, fans and coaches promptly mobbed Langenburg after the play in the corner of the end zone while several Falcon players lay on the field in disbelief.

"It was a great game. Both teams gave 110%. It was a game that you didn't want to see either team lose," Cuthrell said.

Landrith turned in his best game of the season for the winners.

"With Cody out. We knew we would have to step up our passing game," said Cuthrell. Landrith attempted a season high 17 passes, completing 13 for 170 yards and 2 scores. His favorite target was Langenburg who caught 5 passes. Sieradzki led the Hawks ground attack with 69 yards on 16 carries.

Defensively, the Hawks had Jarod Stoutenburg and Derek Halasz with 16 tackles.



RED HAWKS DERECK Halasz and Derek Ricker (22) bring down Falcon Ben Paetz during Friday's 43-42 win in double overtime. Closing in on the play for Cass City is Micah Randall.

FOOTBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST

Team	W	L	W	L
USA	6	0	9	0
Reese	5	1	7	2
Cass City	4	2	7	2
BCAS	3	3	6	3
Lakers	2	4	3	6
V. Lutheran	1	5	1	8
Bad Axe	0	6	0	9

GREATER THUMB EAST

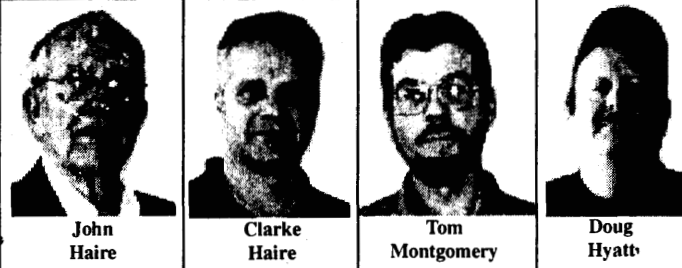
Team	W	L	W	L
Deekerville	5	1	6	3
Marlette	4	2	6	3
Ubyly	4	2	5	4
Harbor Beach	4	2	5	4
Sandusky	3	3	5	4
Brown City	1	5	4	5
Mayville	0	6	1	8

NCITL

Team	W	L	W	L
Kington	7	0	8	1
Memphis	6	1	6	3
CPS	5	2	7	2
North Huron	4	3	4	4
Dryden	3	4	3	5
Owen-Gage	2	5	2	7
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The Red Hawk offense put on a stellar show in Friday's win over Freeland. They are: center: Nanney, guards: Severance, Stoutenburg, tackles: Meeker, Bader, ends: Langenburg, Schenk, quarterback: Landrith, running backs: Sieradzki, Randall and Johnson. The defense benefitted from a team high 16 tackles from Halasz.

The Red Hawk varsity basketball team has received an added boost lately from the play of Sorenson who has moved up from the junior varsity team.



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RED HAWK RYAN KING (right) keeps close tabs on a Bad Axe player during Tuesday's home Greater Thumb West contest.

Hawks improve in spite of losses

Cass City wrapped up its regular season Thursday with a 4-1 setback against hosts Valley Lutheran. Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, the Red Hawks fell 3-0 to visiting Bad Axe.

Although the Hawks lost both contests, the overall level of play has continued to improve over the last 3 weeks.

According to coach Chuck Reed, teams that merited the Hawks the first time around now have to play solid soccer and the overall level of aggressiveness and teamwork has increased game by game.

Tyler Little started in net against the Hatchets and played well despite not being recovered from the leg injury suffered against USA. His mobility was limited, however, and that contributed to the Bad Axe scores.

Offensively, the Hawks put on some good pressure with Brandon Miller and Ross Forrest leading the attack. Solid midfield play from Chris Binder and Gavin Mills along with good defense from David Acker, Derek Weidman and Shane McFarland kept the Hawks in the game and forced the Hatchets to stick with their starters until late in the game.

"Overall, a good performance from the Hawks," Reed said.

The Hawks continued their good play against Valley Lutheran. Little's injury was worse, so Andrew Klco went into net and had a solid game.

Valley Lutheran led 2-0 at the half, but the Hawks had several good chances and controlled the midfield much of the time. Binder scored on a header shortly after half-time on an assist from Gavin Mills and the Hawks increased the intensity, but could not get any closer. "Midfield play was strong and Dalton Mellendorf contributed to the offensive pressure. Ryan King and Trevor Copeland had good defensive performances, as did Michael Green in a reserve roll," Reed said.

Reed said the Bad Axe game marked the end of home careers for 7 seniors. Jareth Tyson and Copeland played only one year, while Tyler Little was a 2-year performer. Klco, Forrest, Mills and Eric Reed all played for 4 years, with Reed being a 4-year starter. Reed, Mills and Klco served as captains this year. Their leadership and soccer skills will be missed.

Cass City Bowling

Sunday No Rollers as of Oct. 9

Pinheads	10
Damn Near Last	7
JebCo.	6
Sometimers	6
Par-T-Ranch	5
CB's	2

Individual High Games & Series: T. Potrykus 192-258-201 (651); R. Wright 244-182-242; S. Baker 199. Team High Game & Series: Pinheads 756 (2131).

Merchants as of Oct. 19

R&H Body Shop	20
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Individual High Games & Series: T. Lis 200-231 (595); J. Krol 211-207; K. Zawilinski 206-202; T. Furness 212.

Thursday Nite Trio as of Oct. 20

Martin Electric	19
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Doerr Landscaping	18
Schmaltz Construction	16
Jebco Consulting	13
United Building Centers	9
Mycogen Seeds	9

Individual High Games & Series: G. Robinson 236-224-217 (677); D. Doerr 236-211 (637); O. Beecher 230 (613); R. Doerr 232 (600); T. Lis 219; L. Summers 212. Team High Game & Series: Doerr Landscaping 611; Martin Electric (1792).

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Cass City Red Hawks 2005 Varsity Football

Aug. 26	Sandusky 0, Cass City 47
Sept. 1	Bad Axe 0, Cass City 55
Sept. 9	Deckerville 13, Cass City 36
Sept. 16	BCAS 6, Cass City 42
Sept. 23	Valley Lutheran 13, Cass City 74
Sept. 30	Lakers 7, Cass City 57
Oct. 7	USA 45, Cass City 28
Oct. 14	Reese 35, Cass City 14
Oct. 21	Freeland 42, Cass City 43

*Home games are in bold

Cass City Red Hawks 2005 Boys' Soccer

Aug. 27	USA Invite	8:30 a.m.	A
Aug. 30	Harbor Beach	5:00 p.m.	A
Aug. 31	Essexville-Garber	4:30 p.m.	A
Sept. 6	Caro	4:30 p.m.	H
Sept. 8	Sandusky	5:00 p.m.	H
Sept. 10	Bad Axe Invite	9:00 a.m.	A
Sept. 13	Marlette	5:00 p.m.	A
Sept. 15	Caseville	5:00 p.m.	H
Sept. 22	USA	5:00 p.m.	A
Sept. 26	Freeland	4:30 p.m.	H
Sept. 27	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m.	A
Sept. 29	Lakers	5:00 p.m.	H
Oct. 4	Valley Lutheran	4:30 p.m.	H
Oct. 6	Lakers	4:30 p.m.	A
Oct. 12	North Branch	4:30 p.m.	A
Oct. 13	USA	4:30 p.m.	H
Oct. 18	Bad Axe	4:30 p.m.	H
Oct. 20	Valley Lutheran	4:30 p.m.	A
Oct. 25-30	Districts		

* Home games are in bold

Cass City Red Hawks 2005 Cross Country

Aug. 31	Akron-Fairgrove Invite	4:00 p.m.	A
Sept. 7	USA Invite	3:45 p.m.	A
Sept. 10	Bad Axe Invite	10:00 a.m.	A
Sept. 15	Chesaning Invite	4:30 p.m.	A
Sept. 22	Frankenmuth Invite	4:30 p.m.	A
Sept. 24	Akron-Fairgrove Invite	10:00 a.m.	A
Sept. 29	Mayville Invite	4:00 p.m.	A
Oct. 1	Harbor Beach	8:00 a.m.	A
Oct. 8	Cass City Invite	9:00 a.m.	H
Oct. 12	CPS Invite	4:00 p.m.	A
Oct. 15	Reese Invite	8:00 a.m.	A
Oct. 18	League Invite	4:30 p.m.	A
Oct. 22	Caro Invite	11:00 a.m.	A
Oct. 29	Regionals		

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Aug. 31	Sandusky 42, Cass City 47
Sept. 6	Ubyly 50, Cass City 44
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Sept. 15	Valley Lutheran 48, Cass City 51
Sept. 20	Marlette 33, Cass City 36
Sept. 22	Bad Axe 29, Cass City 57
Sept. 27	Harbor Beach 33, Cass City 39
Sept. 29	Lakers 42, Cass City 40
Oct. 4	USA 50, Cass City 43
Oct. 6	Reese 26, Cass City 60
Oct. 11	BCAS 35, Cass City 57
Oct. 18	Brown City 43, Cass City 50
Oct. 20	Deckerville 23, Cass City 58
Oct. 25	Valley Lutheran 6:00 p.m. H
Oct. 27	Bad Axe 5:00 p.m. A
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Business workshop set Nov. 28

Aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners in the food, fiber and related industries have the opportunity to learn about options for expanding their businesses or developing new products by attending an upcoming workshop in Ubly.

The "Road to Independence" workshop, co-sponsored by the Michigan Agriculture Innovation Center, will take place Monday, Nov. 28, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Ubly Heights Golf Club.

The workshop, offered by the Michigan State University Product Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources, will focus on developing a unique business idea, finding market opportunities and understanding what it takes to be a successful entrepreneur.

"Many aspiring entrepreneurs are afraid of the risk. This could mean a life transition or a financial change," said Barbara Fails, MSU Product Center assistant director. "At the product center, we have a network of trained business counselors and we're working on building local support communities to encourage and assist new entrepreneurs."

Business partners and family businesses with young adults are encouraged to attend the workshop to increase their understanding of entrepreneurship and product development.

"We would like to see the next generation of aspiring entrepreneurs attend - those who may be interested in entering the family business or creating their own," Fails said. "Additionally, there are many adults looking for a lifestyle change who see entrepreneurship as an option."

There is no registration fee for the workshop, thanks to a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The MSU Product Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources was organized to provide coordinated, university-wide assistance for agriculture, food and natural resources entrepreneurs and managers in an effort to improve economic opportunities in Michigan.

For more information, or to register for the upcoming workshop, call (517) 432-8751 or visit www.aec.msu.edu/product/road.htm.

Deadline for ACT

College-bound high school students can take the ACT college admission and placement exam Saturday, Dec. 10, the next national test date.

The deadline for post-marked or online registration is Friday, Nov. 4. The late registration deadline is Thursday, Nov. 17 (an additional \$18 fee is assessed for late registration).

Students can get registration materials from their high school counselor or they can register online at ACT's student website www.actstudent.org. Students can also find the testing location closest to them on the website.

The ACT is an achievement test that measures what students have learned in school. The basic ACT exam includes sections concentrating on English, reading, mathematics and science.

An optional writing test is also available. Some colleges require or recommend a writing score, but many do not. To find out if the writing score is required by particular colleges, students may visit the ACT website or they may check with the colleges directly.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges across the nation.

Some students perform better on the ACT than on other college entrance exams because the test is based on achievement, not aptitude.



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Obituaries

Ralph Sbresny

Ralph E. Sbresny, 85, of Unionville, died Sunday, Oct. 16, 2005 at his residence.

He was born July 3, 1920 in Huron County's Brookfield Township, the

son of Fred and Ottilla (Koska) Sbresny.

He married Aldine Gettel May 15, 1946. She died July 14, 1987.

Sbresny was a lifelong area resident. He retired from Universal Engineering in Frankenmuth after 30 years of service. He was a mem-

ber of St. Peter Lutheran Church.

Sbresny is survived by several nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by 6 brothers: Walter, Fred, Ernest, Ed, Henry and Otto Sbresny; and 4 sisters: Hattie Kasserman, Martha Nast, Frieda Werschke and Anna Sbresny.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 24, at Unionville Funeral Chapel, Unionville, with the Rev. Clifford Randall officiating. Interment was in the St. Peter Cemetery, Bach.

Memorials may be made to the St. Peter Lutheran Church Music Fund.

Arrangements were made by Unionville Funeral Chapel, Unionville.

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THE ELKLAND Township Fire Department recently presented Boy Scout Troop 500, Cass City, with a fire extinguisher for the troop's trailer. Pictured above (from left) are scout Kyle Hanby, Fire Chief Ron Pawloski, and scouts Andrew Rohlfs and Chris Whisenant.



MAEGAN LEVALLEY, 8, of Cass City, found this giant puffball while walking on the Karr family farm west of Cass City with her aunt and uncle, Dawn and Mike Karr. LeValley is the daughter of Paula and Dick LeValley.

"Service of Remembrance" slated Nov. 6

A Service of Remembrance will be held Sunday, Nov. 6, at 3 p.m. This annual service is sponsored by Kranz Funeral Homes of Cass City and Kingston, and will be held at Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City.

The Service of Remembrance is a time of remembering and celebration, according to Debra Kranz, owner of Kranz Funeral Homes. "Anyone who has had someone close to them die will appreciate this service. It is not a funeral, but a time for us to come together as a community in remembering those we have loved," she explained.

The remembrance service consists of music and inspirational readings. There is also a time for family members to make a floral tribute. Family members are invited to bring a flower to place in tribute of their loved one.

The annual event is a non-denominational service. All

clergy are invited to participate or to attend in support of their church members who have experienced a death of a family member or friend.

"Death is one thing that touches all of us. It is one thing we all have in common," Kranz said. "We need to encourage our families in their grief process, allow them to still grieve, to still remember, and show them we remember too. The service of remembrance facilitates this."

"While the service is sponsored by Kranz Funeral Homes, anyone is invited to attend," she noted.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on November 3, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Village of Akron, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 5, Block 5 of Assessor's Plat to the Village of Akron, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 30B of Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: October 5, 2005

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

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Under the power of sale contained in said

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

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

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

DATED: October 12, 2005

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: October 26, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by STEVEN M. PFEIFER AND ROBIN PFEIFER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, TO THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE INC., Mortgagee, dated August 14, 2000, and re-recorded on December 06, 2002, in Liber 906 on Page 85 in TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, and assigned by MESNE assignment to LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR CSFB TRUST 2002-NP14 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred seventy three thousand eighty five and 42/100 Dollars (\$173,085.42), including interest at 11.000% per annum, as modified by agreement dated September 19, 2001.

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

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

COMMENCING AT THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 29, T11N, R8E, VASSAR TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE N 88 DEG 57'40" W 1319.33 FT; THENCE S 0 DEG 01'33" W 240.00 FT; THENCE S 88 DEG 57'40" E 660.00 FT; THENCE N 0 DEG 01'33" E 75.00 FT; THENCE S 88 DEG 57'40" E APPROXIMATELY 660.00 FT TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 29; THENCE N 0 DEG 04'15" W APPROXIMATELY 165.00 FT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

10-12-4

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

DATED: October 08, 2005

ATTORNEY FOR: LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR CSFB TRUST 2002-NP14
Assignee of Mortgagee

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by ANTHONY E. FULLERTON, a single man, LISA M. SAUCEDA, a single woman, LARRY J. SAUCEDA, a single man, to MERS, SOLEY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER, AS HEREINAFTER DEFINED, AND LENDER'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, SAID LENDER IS REPUBLIC BANK, Mortgagee, dated May 19, 2003 and recorded on June 20, 2003 in Liber 937 on Page 1008, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred fourteen thousand four hundred forty two and 08/100 Dollars (\$14,442.08), including interest at 4.500% per annum, with an adjustable rate rider.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola, MI, at 10:00 AM on November 3, 2005.

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

PARCEL 10: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 13 North, Range 10 East, Ellington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 17; thence along the East line of said Section 17, South 01°09'45" West, 2186.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing along said East line of Section 17, South 01°09'45" West, 200.00 feet; thence North 88°00'56" West, 435.60 feet; thence North 01°09'45" East, 200.00 feet; thence South 88°00'56" East, 435.60 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 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: October 5, 2005

MERS, SOLEY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER, AS HEREINAFTER DEFINED, AND LENDER'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, SAID LENDER IS REPUBLIC BANK Mortgagee

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

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

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

Lot 17, Evergreen Acres Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of plats, page 23, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: October 19, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC D (248) 593-1309

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: October 7, 2005

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: October 26, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC X (248) 593-1302

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: October 19, 2005

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by LARRY D. DETGEN, A MARRIED MAN, AND JOHNETTA M. DETGEN, A MARRIED WOMAN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to WASHINGTON MORTGAGE COMPANY, Mortgagee, dated May 28, 1999 and recorded on August 11, 2004 in Liber 1004, on Page 20 in TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgage to HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC. by an assignment dated June 03, 1999 in TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred twenty eight thousand eight hundred twenty one and 82/100 Dollars (\$128,821.82), including interest at 10.100% per annum.

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

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

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

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

DATED: October 19, 2005

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: October 19, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC J (248) 593-1311

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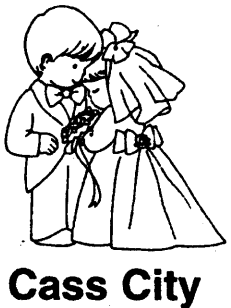
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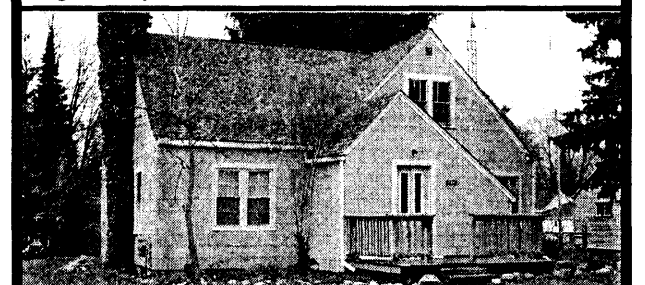
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FALL SPLENDOR - Colors are exploding throughout the Thumb as cooler weather settles into the area. Weekend travelers on Schwegler Road, east of Cass City, enjoyed this view as they traveled north.

Farmers urged to be aware of lines

During the fall harvest season DTE Energy reminds farmers to be aware of overhead power lines and underground utilities whether working near the house or out in the field.

"It is essential to use extra care when operating large farm equipment near electrical lines and poles, and underground utility cables and pipes," said Robert J. Buckler, president and chief operating officer, DTE Energy Distribution. "If you are using equipment like elevated truck beds, raised conveyors or other large folding farm implements, it is critical to remember to take the time to survey an area, even if you are familiar with it, to be sure that it is free of potential hazards."

In addition to surveying the

area for hazards, customers can avoid accidents and injury by following these safety tips:

- * Be aware of the clearance your equipment needs when truck beds are elevated or harvester arms are fully extended or raised.
- * Keep all equipment at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines, guy wires and utility poles.
- * Report any activity that might have damaged or undermined the stability of a utility pole, including damaged guy wires or severe erosion.
- * If your farm equipment has snagged an overhead power line, remain inside the equipment. If possible, try to drive the equipment away from the hazard. If you cannot drive it away, stay where you are

and wait for rescue. Call or signal for someone to call 911 and your local electric company. Warn others to stay away.

If you must get off the equipment because of fire or other danger, remember that your body should NEVER contact the ground and the metal equipment at the same time. Jump clear, then hop with feet together or shuffle away. Voltage is highest near the equipment and decreases with distance. Hopping with feet together or shuffling prevents your body from becoming a conductor of electricity from a high to low voltage area.

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- * Never touch a downed power line or anything it is in contact with - even if there are no sparks. A live wire may whip or sweep through a wide area. A live wire also may lie still on the ground.
- * To report equipment entangled in a power line, potential damage to a utility pole or any downed wire, or damage to an underground utility cable or pipe, DTE Energy customers should call (800) 477-4747.

Council promotes Zelmer

The Cass City Village Council formally promoted village police Officer Roger Zelmer to the rank of sergeant during a brief monthly meeting Monday night.

Police Chief Craig Haynes recommended the promotion to the council's Personnel and Public Safety Committee, and committee Chairman Don Richards presented the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Zelmer retired from the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department with 25 years of service as a deputy sheriff. He began working for the Cass City department part-time in May 2000, and accepted full-time employment in June 2003.

Haynes said Zelmer "knows the department's policies and procedures, and his performance has always been outstanding. Using his knowledge and experience, Roger assists in supervising our officers and continues to promote the department's community oriented policing philosophy."

Turning to other matters Monday, village Manager Peter Cristiano updated the council on several matters, including a recent meeting with officials at the Baker College campus in Cass City.

Cristiano told the council that Baker officials are looking at possibly expanding at their existing Main Street location, and he offered the village's cooperation and support. Cristiano, who noted the expansion stems

from a continued increase in enrollment, said he feels Baker College is a vital asset to the community.

Village President Bert Althaver agreed. "Any support we can give them, I think, would be approved around this table," he said.

WATER ISSUES

Cristiano also updated the council on plans to construct an arsenic treatment plant, saying moving the project forward will be a major focus in the coming weeks along with preparing a new budget.

The village is preparing to close on a \$1.858 million loan for the arsenic treatment plant, with bids for construction to be accepted between Jan. 15 and Feb. 15.

Cristiano outlined a proposed change in the project following a meeting earlier this month with the village's engineering firm.

"Plans have been adjusted to make the ATP (arsenic treatment plant) part of a new water building. The building would house the ATP, water department equipment, DPW trucks, etc.," he said. "Also, a new 1,000-square-foot building will be built for staff lunchroom, showers and offices."

The estimated project cost for the new building is \$500,000, according to Cristiano, who said a number of things will have to be in place to make it work, including USDA approval and for bids to come in under estimates.

"If we are successful, the current block buildings would be removed. The pole barn and the new building with the ATP would be built," he said.

Officials with the USDA/Rural Development have approved the \$1.858 million

loan for the treatment plant. The figure includes \$300,000 in financing for the village's newest well at a lower rate of interest.

Village officials say the loan will be paid off over 40 years at an interest rate of 4.18 percent. The combined annual cost to water customers is estimated at \$96,000, which will be generated by significant increases in water rates.

A study is already underway to determine just how high water rates should be set. The council anticipates establishing the new rates in December.

Also Monday, Cristiano addressed concerns issued by some residents who have questioned the council regarding why they are charged for village water service while they are gone for

a period of time.

"We surveyed over 20 communities in Michigan and none of these cities waived the cost," he told the council. "In the case of Cass City, we have an estimated 100 homes for sale, many of which are vacant. The number of seasonal homes is estimated at 30. The minimum rate of \$34.95 would reduce (village) revenue \$4,500 per month."

"Because of the mandates we have (arsenic treatment plant construction), we cannot recommend any changes at this time."

Marijuana

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A 30-year-old male resident was not home at the time of the search and has yet to be questioned, according to Gray, who said attorneys representing both suspects subsequently contacted investigators.

"Evidence seized will be transported to the MSP Crime Laboratory in Bridgeport for analysis," Gray added, noting the task force expects to seek charges against both suspects. Those charges include manufacturing marijuana, possession with intent to deliver, possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, maintaining a drug house, and possession of marijuana.

Gray reminds area residents that they can anonymously report suspected drug activity in Sanilac County by calling the task force toll-free at 1-800-544-DRUG (3784).

Building

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building up for sale, the board learned of one potential buyer who subsequently agreed to meet the district's asking price, but in the end was unable to arrange the financing.

Then, in June, another buyer came forth and the sale looked promising, but the buyers, after requesting and receiving some extensions, had to pull out. They evidently had enough money for the down payment but were not able to come up with the rest of the cash they needed.

The property sale was of particular concern to school officials as they approved their preliminary spending plan earlier this year, when board members learned they were looking at a deficit of nearly \$287,000 in the coming year, even with the sale of the Gagetown building. If those numbers turn out to be accurate, then-Supt. Bob Peterson said at the time, the district would end the new fiscal year with a fund balance of just \$142,498.

Since then, state officials approved a state funding increase of \$175 per pupil for Michigan schools, but the increase pales in comparison to rising health insurance, fuel and other expenses.

Which is why proceeds from the sale, should the deal go through this time, remain vital to the district's financial health.

"We're going to be miserly with that money, I can tell you that," Compton said, adding curriculum needs will be the number one priority in terms of future spending. "We're looking at every dollar. We're really making certain that everything we buy is essential."

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