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PERFECT HOLIDAY weather Monday prompted Chris and Dede (not pictured) Pawloski of Cass City to take a bike ride to the Cass City High School football stadium, where they enjoyed a game of family football. Chris is pictured above with the couple's children, Jordan, 7, and Anthony, 5.

Plea deadline extended

A Kingston teacher charged with having sexual contact with one of her students has been granted more time to accept or reject a plea agreement that could considerably reduce the amount of jail time she would receive.

Kristen A. Margrif, 27, of Mayville, was initially given until last Wednesday to make a decision on the plea offer.

However, her attorney, M. Allen Robb of Flint, asked for and was granted additional time.

"(He) asked for more time to review the evidence and information related to the case, and we're going to give them an extension on the deadline to accept the plea," Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reene said Thursday.

a day after Margrif's preliminary examination was postponed.

Once the court sets a new examination date, Reene said his office will set another deadline for Margrif and her attorney to make a decision.

Margrif, an English teacher at Kingston High School, was arraigned last month on 7 counts of second degree

criminal sexual conduct - a 15-year felony - and one count of fourth degree criminal sexual conduct. She was charged under a state law that makes it illegal for a teacher to have sex with a student younger than 18 who attends the school where the teacher is employed.

Margrif is currently free on a \$45,000 personal recognizance bond.

Investigators said the charges stem from sexual contact between Margrif and a 16-year-old male student on 8 different occasions, between June 25 and July 18, in her car and inside a resale shop near the intersection of M-24 and M-46.

Margrif admitted the 4-week affair to her husband and later to a family pastor, who was compelled by state law to inform police that a crime had possibly occurred against a minor.

Reene later offered to allow Margrif to plead guilty to 3 counts of second degree

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Mayville man takes his own life

A Tuscola County man who was reportedly depressed took his own life Friday night near his home.

The victim was identified as Bryan Ray Parent, 35, of Mayville.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro were dispatched to 4619 Washburn Rd. at about 10:20 p.m. to investigate a call involving a man making threats of suicide.

"Officers contacted the family a short distance from the residence and were advised that the subject was depressed and despondent for a considerable time. Officers were also advised that the subject's wife had recently left the marital home," said First Lt. Doug Lautner, commander of the Caro post.

Lautner said troopers approached the home in an attempt to contact the subject and try to persuade him to seek an alternative solution to his problems.

"Prior to the officers making any contact, (they) heard a gun shot and immediately heard a person operating a pump action shotgun," Lautner said. "About a minute later, officers heard a second gun shot. Officers believed that the subject had fled from the residence into the woods behind his house."

Officers were assisted by the Michigan State Police Aviation Unit (helicopter) equipped with an infrared camera, and the canine teams from Bridgeport and Flint.

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Thousands expected for barn celebration

The summer festival season may have come to a close, but what can probably be described as the granddaddy celebration of the year in the Thumb is still to come.

The 10th annual Fall Family Days will get underway Saturday and continue through Sunday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, at the historical Thumb Octagon Barn near Gageton.

In just 9 years, the fall festival has gone from a one-day event drawing perhaps a couple thousand visitors to a 2-day celebration attracting crowds more than 5 times that large.

The weekend celebration is sponsored by the Friends of the Octagon Barn, whose volunteers are behind the success of a host of restoration projects at the Thumb Octagon Barn site. The organization now has paid memberships of more than 700 members from all around Michigan as well as from several other states.

Fall Family Days, which drew a record 12,000 people last year, will be preceded Friday with a fish dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. and a music jam in the 8-sided barn from 7 to 10 p.m. (bring an instrument and join in).

A full slate of events this weekend will transform the Thumb Octagon Barn site into a whirlwind of activities reflective of early 1900s rural life.

Admission is \$2 for everyone 6 years of age and older, handicap parking will be available, and organizers will again provide free shuttle transportation from the parking area. The first 6,000 visitors will receive a commemorative button.

"With the theme for this year being the Sugar Beet Industry, the feature tent will have displays depicting old sugar beet harvesting and processing tools, plus there will be demonstrations featuring equipment used in beet harvesting with horses and old tractors," said Diane Rapson Gabil, advertising

chairman for the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn.

"Demonstrations for this year's beet theme are developing into an interesting progression of beet lifting equipment," said Cass City area resident Bob Hirn, who along with Martin Kubacki serve as co-chairmen of the festival.

"Plans are to start with a team of Belgian draft horses pulling a walk-behind beet side lifter and progress through the antique tractor drawn lifters, then into the 1950s beet equipment that lifted, topped and loaded the beets into a cart for transferring into trucks," Hirn explained.

"Michigan Sugar Company plans to be on hand to explain the process of making sugar. It should be an interesting theme."

The sugar beet theme is a perfect fit for Fall Family Days, according to Rapson Gabil.

"Part of the festival's appeal is the ability to watch decades old equipment in use as it was in the early 1900s, including a working 32-volt Delco light system," she said.

"There will be demonstrations of old farm machinery, including a corn binder, grain binder, threshing machine, hay press and an operating stone grist mill," Rapson Gabil added. "The big saw mill will be running back by the creek, and the shingle mill will be working as well. As an added treat, festival attendees can see how a sorghum press and evaporator work in tandem to produce sorghum syrup, plus there will be sorghum syrup for sale."

"Back by popular demand will be the stationary threshing machine and baler, and the Bay City shovel with Model T dump truck," Hirn noted, adding other demonstrations will feature broom and rope making and sheep herding.

"For the ladies there will be spinning, crocheting, quilt displays, dulcimer music and

hands-on workshops, including knitting, quilting, pressed flowers and cornhusk dolls. We will also have rope splicing classes for the guys."

The children's tent will include stilts, hoop and stick, hand pumps, washboards and checkerboards. There will be animals in the restored, 70-foot high barn, and the children's barrel trains will also be running both days along with horse drawn wagon rides.

At the same time, tours will be available inside the old farmhouse, which continues to be restored. Many of the 12 rooms are now completely furnished and reflect rural life of the 1920s through 1940s.

Also planned are tractor and machinery parades at 3 p.m.

The activities both Friday and Saturday begin with a traditional "farmers breakfast" (8 to 10 a.m. Saturday and 8 to 11 a.m. Sunday).

And there will be plenty of other traditional treats available during the day, including homemade ice cream, hot donuts, cider, cotton candy

and hog kettle popcorn. "The food tent has been expanded and we will offer fresh salads, chicken and French fries in addition to the usual sandwiches and soft drinks," Hirn said.

Once again the Eastern Michigan Music Makers will be on hand to provide live music throughout the weekend, including a Gospel hymn sing Sunday at 10 a.m.

Hirn indicated the festival's popularity doesn't seem to be waning.

"All the crafters' spaces were sold out in early July. Between the inside and outside, there were more than 180 spaces sold," he noted.

"New this year will be the one-room schoolhouse that has been moved to the site," Hirn said. "You will have a chance to reminisce or learn about the early days of rural education. We will have retired teachers on hand to give a presentation and answer any questions."

Fall Family Days is a huge undertaking, with some 35 Please turn to back page.

Chronicle named 2005 F.B. winner

Michigan Farm Bureau officials have named the Cass City Chronicle and Editor Tom Montgomery as one of 2 recipients of the 2005 "Agricultural Communicator of the Year" award.

The awards will be presented during Michigan Farm Bureau's 86th Annual Meeting, Nov. 29-Dec. 2 in Grand Rapids.

"At Michigan Farm Bureau, we understand the value of good communication with both the farming and non-farming public. Your willingness to cover agriculture and Farm Bureau events makes you an invaluable link between your community and our industry," Michigan Farm Bureau President Wayne Wood stated in a letter announcing the awards.

Farm Bureau officials cited an Adopt-a-Farm series written by Montgomery over the

summer months, focusing on the Randy Severance Dairy Farm in Sanilac County's Evergreen Township.

Adopt-a-Farm is a Michigan Farm Bureau Program that pairs members of the media with local farmers. The goal is to give readers a close look at "life on the farm" through stories that track the ups and downs of agriculture through the eyes of a single farm family.

Montgomery was nominated for the state honor by the Tuscola County Farm Bureau, which presented him with the county Agricultural Communicator of the Year Award at its annual meeting and dinner Aug. 25 in Caro.

The Tuscola County Farm Bureau organization previously honored the Cass City Chronicle with the same award in 2002.

Fundraiser slated Sept. 24

Francis upbeat in the face of rare illness



FRED AND Deb Francis (seated) with their children, Chad, 18, and Tiffany, 20.

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

No one would blame Fred Francis if he had a bitter outlook on life. After all, the Cass City native is battling a terminal illness that has turned his life upside down.

For many months, Francis has lived with severe flu symptoms and his condition has continued to worsen, resulting in brain damage that has triggered severe seizures. His stomach and a portion of his small intestine have ceased to function. He rarely sleeps.

But Francis isn't bitter. "I accepted it right away," Francis said recently from his home in Cass City, referring to his diagnosis of visceral neuropathy, also called autonomic neuropathy. "I'm more concerned about my family. It's just tough on them."

The congregation of the Cass City United Methodist Church is gearing up to help the Francis family with their

medical and living expenses by hosting a spaghetti dinner and silent auction. The event is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 24, from 4:30 to 8 p.m.

More information about the benefit is available by contacting Marge Dickinson at (989) 872-3566.

Francis recalled his symptoms appeared after returning to his hometown following a 12-year stint with the U.S. Air Force and another 11 years as a police officer in Fort Worth, Texas. His decision to move back to the Thumb was sparked by his mother's health problems at the time. Francis is the son of longtime Cass City residents Elmer and Janet Francis.

Francis said he came down with what felt like the flu in December 2002. At the time he was employed full-time as a security officer for Millington Schools, and he spent his summers working as security supervisor at the Michigan International Speedway.

When his flu-like symp-

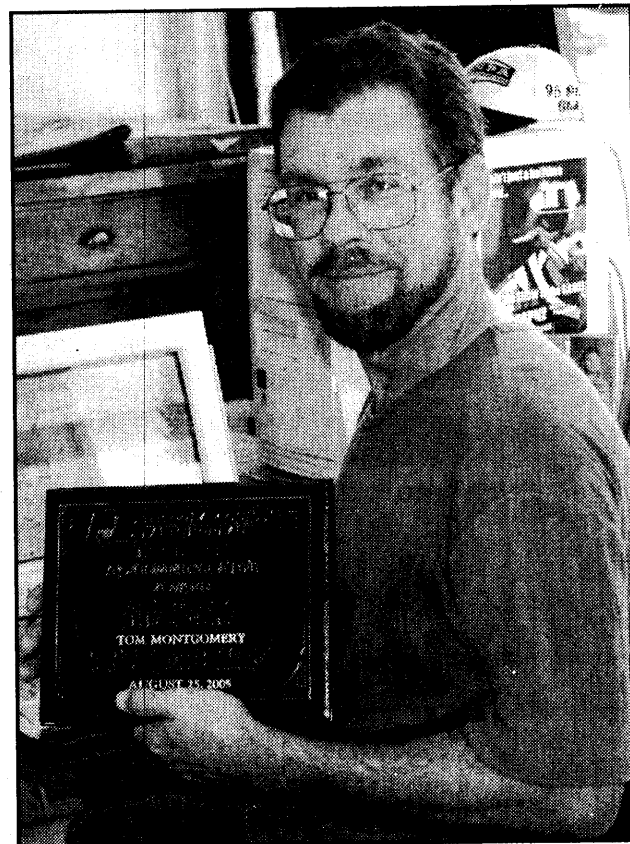
toms didn't subside, Francis began making the rounds of visits to doctors and hospitals, learning several months later that he has autonomic neuropathy.

"The easiest way to put it is, it's a very rare (condition in which) my autonomic nervous system and my autoimmune system are fighting each other," he explained.

"I was bounced back and forth from different doctors and specialists, and they all did the same type of tests," recalled Francis, who ended up at U-M Hospital in Ann Arbor in June 2004. After 6 months there, doctors concluded they had the right diagnosis, telling Francis that the flu virus had invaded the sack around his spinal cord, causing his autoimmune and autonomic nervous systems to kick in and battle one another.

"Whichever one wins, I lose, because they're both me," he said.

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CHRONICLE Editor Tom Montgomery displays the 2005 Tuscola County Farm Bureau Agricultural Communicator of the Year award. The state award will be presented to the Chronicle in Grand Rapids in December.

Holbrook Area News

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Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western, Allen Farrelly and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the breakfast Sunday morning at the Masonic Hall in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Reid, Ethan and Joshua of Clinton Township, and Mrs. Melvin Particka spent a week at Cadillac.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dennis of Charlevoix were Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Mrs. Jerry Decker of Freeland visited Clara Bond and Mrs. Arnold Lapeer at Northwood Meadows in Cass City Saturday and was an overnight guest of Mrs. Ken Copeland.

Ten members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Coffee Cup Plus in Bad Axe. They will meet at the Big Boy next week.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski was among a group of the Daughters of Isabella of Bad Axe who went to the Kaufman

Funeral Home in Bad Axe to say the rosary for Edna Peyerek Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland, Mrs. Curtis Cleland, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland were among a group who attended the wedding of Nicole Cleland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cleland of Bad Axe. Nicole and Bob Anzell were married at the Methodist church in Bad Axe at 3 o'clock Saturday. A reception followed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland in Bad Axe. After a honeymoon trip to the Upper Peninsula and northern Michigan, they will reside in Maine as he is a coast guardman.

Allen Farrelly visited Eleanor Koskie at the Caro Lighthouse Rehab in Caro.

Mrs. Ken Copeland of Cass City and Mrs. Jerry Decker of Freeland visited Thelma Jackson on Sunday. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hurford, Grant and Jenilee of Attica, Joann

Arroyos host reunion

The 64th Hendrick-Downing reunion was held Aug. 27 at the Luis and Lila Arroyo home.

After a potluck dinner, the business meeting was held due to the absence of Tracy Fox, president. The first order of business was to elect a vice-president, which was neglected to be done the last meeting. Harriett Fox was elected. All other officers stood as previously elected.

Fox then convened over the business meeting. Secretary minutes were read and corrected to read Arianna as the daughter of Lynn Walsh.

Ruth Fisher told more of the memorial that would honor Rhoda Downing for sitting in the middle of the river on a stone with her sewing machine while the fire of 1881 raged through Cass City.

Tom O'Dell has gotten paperwork to present the government if it is decided to go ahead with the project.

Thirty people attended with Lanetta and Lewis Tuckey, daughter and grandson of Earl and Mary Hendrick, coming the farthest; Ruth Hendrick Fisher of Cass City, daughter of Theo and Effie Hendrick as the oldest; and Arianna Dela Rosa, daughter of Lynn Walsh of Lapeer, as the youngest.

Others who attended were from Saginaw, Caro, Vassar, Waterford, Lapeer and Cass City.

A white elephant sale was held and one is planned for next year. The reunion will be held Aug. 26 at the Luis and Lila Arroyo home.

Engaged



Angela Stoeckle and Joseph Lounsbury

Mark and Carol Stoeckle and Thomas and Virginia Lounsbury, all of Cass City, announce the engagement of their children, Angela Mae to Joseph Paul.

Angela is a 2005 graduate of Cass City High School and is attending Ferris State University studying pre-optometry. Joseph is a 2003 graduate of Cass City High School and is attending Ferris State University majoring in visual design.

Grandparents are Rosa Mae Krohn of Elkton, Helen Stoeckle of Bay Port, and Wilbur and Betty Norrington of Caro.

A 2006 summer wedding is being planned.


Set sail for fun at library

Ahoy, there mates! Be a pirate for a day at the Book-aner Bash set for Oct. 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Rawson Memorial Library, for children age 6 and up accompanied by an adult.

Set sail for fun and adventure as the program focuses on pirate life, from legend and lore of the high seas, to handling a cutlass and tying sailors' knots. Watch a skit based on the book Treasure Island featuring a pirate chorus. Collect pirate booty, while trying not to get tipped the Black Spot. Try out some pirate food and grog and participate in a battle on the high seas!

All ye landlubbers are encouraged to dress as pirates or wenches (yes, there were female pirates, too).

Tickets are \$5 and will admit one adult and up to 2 children. Don't be an addlepate - register at the circulation desk at the library. Space is limited, so pick up your tickets early. You won't want to miss this fun time. Be there, or ye'll be dancin' the hempen jig!



Meg's Peg

Odd facts

by Melva E. Guinther

Here's an assortment of totally unrelated facts passed along by our daughter, Sandy. Knowing these things could come in handy if you're a Jeopardy contestant, or when you need to fill a lull in conversation.

I can hear somebody at a party coming up with, "Do you have the time? By the way, did you know that all the clocks in the movie 'Pulp Fiction' are stuck on 4:20?" Wouldn't that jumpstart the dialogue?

We're taking the author's word for the accuracy. No doubt some will check out the facts for themselves. If you catch yourself trying to count the ridges on a dime, may I suggest you get a hobby?

* Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

* Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.

* There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

* The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.

* A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.

* There are more chickens than people in the world. (Let's hope they never decide to revolt!)

* Two-thirds of the world's eggplant is grown in New Jersey.

* The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screeched."

* On a Canadian two-dollar bill, the flag flying over the parliament building is an American flag.

* No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.

* "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt."

* All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.

* The almond is a member of the peach family.

* Winston Churchill was

Lady doctors

Although females currently comprise about half of all medical students in Michigan, more than two-thirds of active Michigan physicians are males. The mean age for all active physicians in Michigan is 44.8 years, and 27 percent of all Michigan physicians are age 55 or older.

born in a ladies' room during a dance.

* Maine is the only state with a one-syllable name.

* There are only 4 words in the English language, which end in "dous" - tremendous, horrendous, stupendous and hazardous.

* Los Angeles' full name is "El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciuncula." (No wonder people call it L.A.)

* A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

* An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

* Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

* In most ads, the time displayed on a watch is 10:10.

* Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.

* The characters Bert and Ernie on Sesame Street were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life."

* A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.

* A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.

* It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

* The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

* Mr. Rogers was an ordained minister.

* Stewardesses is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.

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Gerald and Donna Auten

Autens mark anniversary

Gerald and Donna (Bader) Auten celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 6. They were married Aug. 6, 1955 at the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Cass City, with the Rev. S.R. Wurtz officiating.

The couple has 4 children: Darlene (Riggs) Bedford of Center Line, JulAnn (Ron) Kuenzli of Deford, Colleen (Terry) Sweeney of Cass City, and Geraldine Auten of Center Line; and 7 granddaughters: Andrea Bedford

of Orlando, Fla., Jennifer Sweeney of Big Rapids, Holly Bedford of Center Line, Rebecca and Heather Sweeney of Cass City, and Emily and Katelyn Kuenzli of Deford.

The Autens celebrated with an old fashioned barn dance at the Thumb Octagon Barn in Gagetown. A number of family and friends joined them for a night of square and round dancing, eating and a whole lot of fun.

Windy family gathers

The 27th annual Windy family reunion was held at the Windy farm southeast of Cass City Aug. 14 with 77 in attendance.

A barbecue and potluck meal was served followed by a family meeting and games for the children.

During the year there had been 3 marriages and one birth.

Members who drove the

farthest were Paul and Tonette Windy from Houghton.

Officers elected for the year were LeeAnn Pabst, president; Bethany Langlois, secretary; Mark Windy, treasurer; Melissa Doerr, games; and Ruth Langlois, refreshments.

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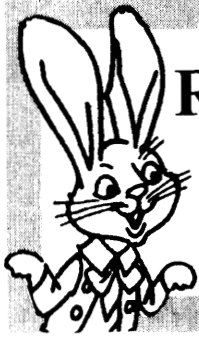
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

For the first time in over 50 years of trekking north the price of gas at Gaylord was less than the price of gas in southern Michigan.

The yo-yo was really spinning over the weekend. Last week while writing the "Haire Net" I noted that the price of gas was \$3.16 a gallon when I started writing. Less than 2 hours later when I finished, the price of gas was \$3.29.

Later that day as I cruised through Bay City the price was \$3.29 and, much to my surprise, the price in Gaylord was \$2.99. It was a very temporary price break. Family members that were on the road a couple of hours later said that the price was \$2.99 in Bay City.

Larry Dafoe of Cass City came into the office asking why hadn't the town done anything to help the victims of the Hurricane?

There should be a pot in every store in town to help the victims. I'd be glad to help place them around, he continued.

In addition to his concern for the stricken, he has another activity that keeps him busy. Still love to go out dancing, he enthusiastically revealed.

Not too bad for a guy who is 94 years old and counting.

There were a couple of college coaches at the Sandusky-Cass City basketball game last week. They were there to check out Ashley Hendrick. The coaches, I'm told, also were interested in watching how Emily Schinnerer and Sara Meeker progressed this season.

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Troopers probing fatal crash involving patrol car

Troopers at the Michigan State Police post in Sandusky are investigating a fatal traffic crash involving a patrol car Thursday night.

The accident occurred at about 10:47 p.m. on M-19 near Miller Road in Sanilac County's Watertown Township, according to reports, which state a 32-year-old Sandusky man was pronounced dead after being airlifted to Hurley Medical Center in Flint.

The victim's name was not released.

"Preliminary investigation indicates the patrol car, which was northbound on M-19, make a left turn into a private drive and was struck

by a southbound motorcycle," said First Lt. Edward Pitts, commander of the Sandusky post. "The patrol car was not responding to a call at the time and did not have its emergency lights activated."

The trooper involved suffered only minor injuries, according to Pitts, who said a thorough investigation is

underway, with assistance from Michigan State Police traffic reconstructionists from the Third District Headquarters in Saginaw as well as from the Lapeer and Gladwin posts.

Sandusky police, Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies, Sanilac EMS and the Sandusky Fire Department assisted troopers at the scene.

The Haire Net

Remember, it could be worse



Blood drive slated

American Red Cross officials have scheduled a number of special blood drives following the Labor Day Holiday in an effort to keep up with the demand for blood.

The drives include one slated for Friday, Sept. 9, from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 Cemetery Rd.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health.

Correction

A headline on the front page of last week's edition of the Chronicle incorrectly stated, "Board taps Thamer as new band director". The headline should have stated, "Board taps Thamer as interim band director. The Chronicle regrets the error."

Crossing the Canadian border recently at Port Huron, I couldn't help but think that it is almost impossible to keep terrorists and other undesirables from entering or leaving the United States.

Admittedly, given our ages we probably aren't high on the checklist for close inspection and the cars piling up waiting to cross were the reasons that we weren't asked for our passports. I was asked where I was born and Esther was asked nothing.

While it was ridiculously easy to enter other countries, I thought there was really no way to stop illegal entry no matter how strict the enforcement. Even a wall with armed guards was only partially effective in keeping East and West Germany apart.

It's much easier to keep products apart than people, as Communist East Germany and Russia did with manufacturing. They were successful in keeping cars produced by modern manufacturing methods out, but when the wall came tumbling down the woefully inadequate vehicles they produced without competition were unable to compete.

Competition can be a painful spur to a better product. When the Big 3 dominated the market it was anything goes in quality production. Lots of buyers with an insight to the manufacturing process 25 years or so ago would not buy a car that was produced on Monday or Friday

because the thought was some workers spent the day figuring out a way to slip out as early as possible on Friday and on Monday were hung over from the weekend.

Whether or not the cars were as good on Friday and Monday as they were the rest of the week, it's indisputable that the quality of all American-built cars left much to be desired.

That all changed when the Japanese came on the scene and forced the automobile companies to upgrade their products. The American companies reacted to the competition and today's cars run for 100,000 miles with less trouble than the older models did in 10,000 miles. (Provided you can afford the gas that sold for \$3.12 a gallon as this was written).

It doesn't do much to relieve the pain, but in actual increased cost the sky-high gas prices are not as outlandish as they look to be. Back when gas was just under a buck a gallon chances are the car you were driving was getting 10 to 12 miles per gallon instead of between 20 and 30 miles per gallon today. I'd guess that inflation would take care of much of the rest of the increase.

Always remember that it could be worse. One story I read said that the price for gas in Canada before the jump last week was \$3.70 a gallon.

No wonder they make it easy to get across the border.



The back forty

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by Roger Pond

The connection between health and diet is well-known. A number of studies have shown that folks who eat are far healthier than those who don't. This concept can be further refined to prove that eating certain foods is a good way to assure continued good health.

For example, a study of 552 men in the Netherlands has shown that men who ate more than two-thirds of an ounce of fish each day had a reduced risk of stroke, when compared to men who ate less fish. The news release says the usual adult serving of fish is about three ounces.

These experts say eating certain polyunsaturated fatty acids in fish leads to changes in the blood and blood vessels that might protect against stroke. Authors of the study claim this is the first time an inverse relationship between fish consumption and stroke has been reported.

I find this hard to believe. Everyone knows fishing is good for a man's health.

We could do a study of men who spend three days a week fishing and prove they have a lower incidence of stroke, regardless of what they eat. The Netherlands might be getting their fish at the market, but I suspect they are getting them right out of the lake.

Readers may argue it doesn't take three days to catch three ounces of fish, but I'm talking cleaned fish. And that's how long it takes the way I do it.

As for fatty acids? One look around the boat launch will show there is no shortage of fatty acids among fishermen.

That's what bothers me about this type of research. One element of diet or behavior is studied without regard to all of the other activities a person is likely to participate in.

The person who spends his time fishing is bound to have lower blood pressure and less chance of stroke than the guy who fights three hours of traffic every day and listens to city traffic all night. Did the researchers ask these questions? No-o-o, they just asked, "How much fish do you eat?"

The fish eating study re-

minds me of a story from the late humor writer, James Thurber. Thurber claimed a woman wrote him, soliciting advice about her writing. She knew fish was considered "brain food" and wondered if eating more of these creatures would increase her creativity.

The woman asked Thurber how much fish she should eat. She was especially concerned about what type of

fish was best for an aspiring author.

Thurber wrote back, advising his correspondent to eat as much fish as possible. "The more the better!" he counseled.

As for the best species to augment this lady's brain power?

Thurber suggested, "In this case, a whale should be just about right."

HDC aiding victims

Along with many other Community Action Agencies nationwide, the staff of the Human Development Commission (HDC) has elected to make a group contribution of \$500.00 to the hurricane relief efforts currently underway in Katrina's aftermath.

In addition, HDC, the Community Action Agency serving Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, and Tuscola Counties in the Thumb, has agreed to serve as a local point of collection for monetary donations to be sent to help hurricane victims.

Donations in any amount will be accepted, and may be in the form of cash or check; checks should be made payable to HDC, and note either "Hurricane" or "Katrina" on

the memo line. All dollars received will be forwarded by HDC to Community Action Agencies in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, where they can be used to purchase desperately needed supplies.

Donations can be sent or delivered to any HDC office in the Thumb: 40 Cook Drive in Bad Axe, 429 Montague Avenue in Caro, 1559 Inlay City Road in Lapeer, or 215 N. Elk in Sandusky. Last day to receive these monetary contributions will be Friday, September 23, 2005. Questions about this effort may be forwarded to Dale Perz, HDC Director of Marketing, Communications, and Fundraising, at (989) 673-4121.

Cass City Village Council PUBLIC NOTICE

The Cass City Village Council will be holding a Public Hearing at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan,

Monday, September 26, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.

To review changes to the Village of Cass City ordinance in regards to abandoned cars/vehicles.

The Public is invited to attend.

Nanette S. Walsh
Clerk/Treasurer

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Cass City Chronicle

Sept. 7, 2005

5-Day Local Forecast

Wednesday
Scat'd T-storms
High: 80 Low: 56

Thursday
Partly Cloudy
High: 73 Low: 54

Friday
Partly Cloudy
High: 77 Low: 54

Saturday
Partly Cloudy
High: 77 Low: 56

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 79 Low: 57

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 80°, humidity of 84% and an overnight low of 56°. The record high temperature for today is 90° set in 1960. The record low is 38° set in 1953. Thursday, skies will remain partly cloudy with a high temperature of 73°.

Upcoming Moon Phases

First 9/11 Full 9/17 Last 9/25 New 10/3

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today 7:03 a.m.
Sunset tonight 7:57 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Monday	81	54	75/54	0.00"
Tuesday	77	54	75/54	0.00"
Wednesday	75	55	75/54	0.00"
Thursday	79	48	74/53	0.00"
Friday	75	55	74/53	0.00"
Saturday	75	52	74/53	0.00"
Sunday	73	46	74/53	0.00"

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Letters to the editor

Efforts underway to help victims

Editor

The recent hurricane disaster that hit the southern part of our country last week has created a desperate need for financial relief to this area.

To assist in this effort an all community relief fundraising effort is being organized. To date, several groups are offering to help. The high school student council will be holding a school dance, the grade school council will be placing money collection canisters around town, and the middle school council is running a week-long money col-

lection campaign called "The Power of 5". The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be conducting a bottle drive. Also, each of our adult service clubs is considering a money-making activity.

A community concert, similar to the "Tsunami Concert" held last spring, is being planned for Sunday, Oct. 16, at 2 p.m. at the high school.

An account has been opened at Independent Bank of Cass City to accept donations of either cash or checks (checks should be made payable to the "American Red Cross, Hurricane Disaster"). If we all pull together we

should be able to provide a rather sizable amount of money to give to unfortunate fellow Americans that have been caught up in one of the worst natural disasters that has ever hit our country.

All proceeds collected from these activities will go to the

American Red Cross. If you have any questions or concerns, call Richard Little at (810) 710-0466 or write: 6215 Dale St., Cass City, MI 48726.

Richard Little,
Cass City

Put aside the egos and petty jealousy

Dear Editor,

I attended the special board meeting held last Thursday night to hear what the board was planning for our band students. I sensed that some members of our school board felt they were being attacked. I think maybe they were, but for whatever my opinion is worth (and I don't fancy that it is worth much) I am satisfied that the board is doing the best they can.

They must proceed with caution and follow the direction of their legal advisor in this situation for the protection of our students (as was mentioned repeatedly) as well as for the protection of themselves. I believe Mr. Burch is doing the same - proceeding with caution and on the advice of his legal council.

I was sorry to learn that so many people believe the board is "against" Mr. Burch. I didn't hear anything from the board that led me to this conclusion. I am admittedly not very good at subtlety - I talk in "black and white" (or, as my husband puts it, I'm blunt) and I tend to listen in "black and white" as well. If there were subtle suggestions of disloyalty from the board toward Mr. Burch at Thursday's meeting, I missed them.

I also missed any hint of empathy from the board for the band, its members and their parents - maybe this is why people were of the impression that the board is "against" Mr. Burch.

By the by, while we are on the subject of loyalty, I just want to say - in black and white - that I love the band! Also, I believe Mr. Burch is innocent of the allegations against him and, as we all should, I will continue to believe he is innocent until there is proof to the contrary.

Near the end of the meeting, one of the board members made the comment that she felt it was becoming an "us (the audience?) against them (the school board?)" thing. Those were not her

exact words, but that was the gist.

I don't know about that, but I know this: our community has always had a tendency to be divided. The "us" against "them" isn't new. Can it be that I am the only one who feels it? It has always been "sports" vs. "band" (perhaps more accurate and inclusive: "athletics" vs. "fine arts").

Whatever your feelings of Mr. Burch are, the band and its members are Red Hawks. Our athletes and our musicians are on the same team. One should not begrudge the other a victory or an opportunity to be great at what they do. It should be our desire to see all our Red Hawks excel - athletics and fine arts the same.

Put aside those big egos and any petty jealousy (and this should start with our athletic directors, coaches and band directors) and get it together people! I'll cheer for your football player, and you cheer for my clarinet player! Go Red Hawks!!!

Sincerely,
E.A. Manwell,
Cass City

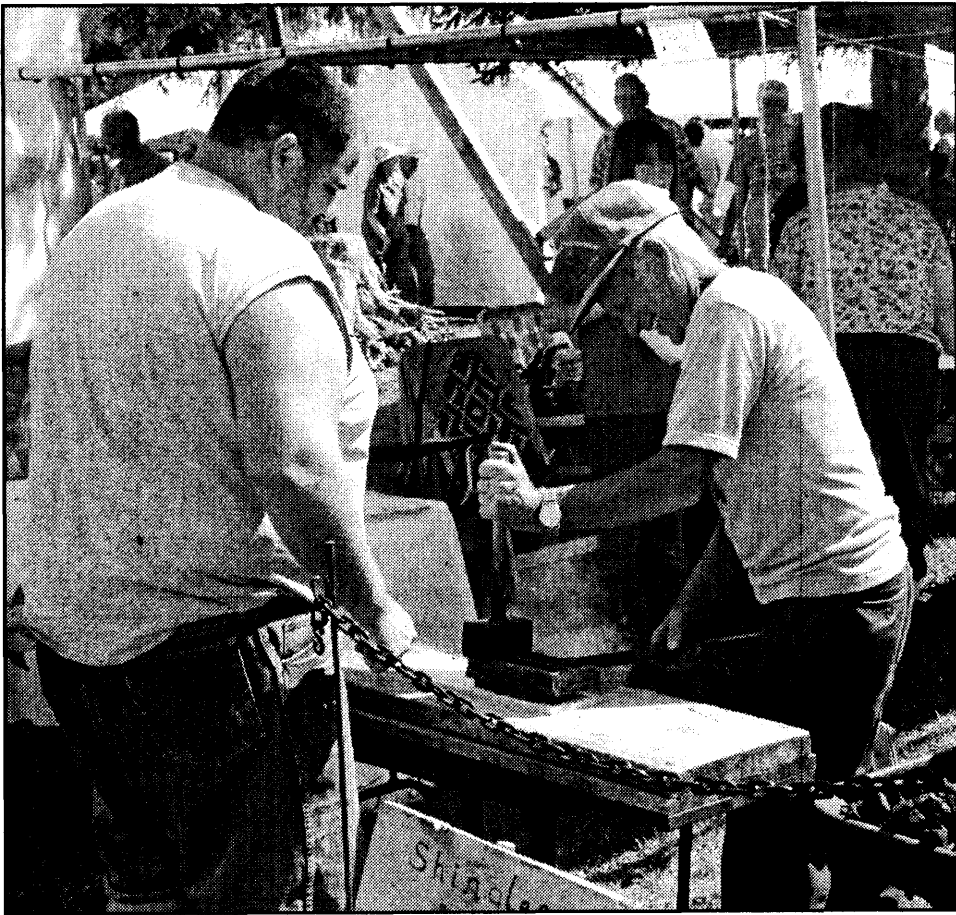
Letters to the Editor
The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper.

Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason.

The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.



Fall Family Days...



LOREN Stein of Pigeon presses out another Fall Family Days memento with his shingle stamp, one of dozens of demonstrations depicting rural life in the early 1900s.

(See story, page one)

Operation HEMP nets 630 pot plants

Thumb Narcotics Unit (TNU) officials announced Friday that cooperative efforts during this year's operation HEMP (Help Eliminate Marijuana Production) have resulted in the seizure of 630 marijuana plants.

The plants were seized from Tuscola, Sanilac, Huron and Lapeer counties, according to Detective Lt. Mitch Krugielki, TNU commander.

Operation HEMP was conducted Aug. 29 through Sept. 1, with TNU officers seizing marijuana plants growing at various locations throughout the Thumb counties. Agencies participating included the Michigan State Police and National Guard along with area sheriff's departments and local police agencies.

Krugielki said multiple criminal investigations were initiated when suspects were identified growing/manufacturing marijuana.

Since Jan. 1, 2005, TNU has been involved in the seizure of 869 marijuana plants and more than 812 pounds of processed marijuana in the Thumb.

McAlpine: storm was devastating

Shelley (deBeaubien),

Thanks for thinking about us. We are fine. Our house only had one cracked roof tile. We were lucky. Two houses in our neighborhood were destroyed by falling trees. Part of Baton Rouge still does not have electricity, but our house was only off-line for about 12 hours because we are on the same electric grid as a local hospital.

The enormous devastation in southeastern Louisiana and along the Mississippi coast is hard to comprehend. It is even worse than it looks on television. There are over one million refugees, many of whom will not be able to return home for months, if then.

St. Bernard Parish, south of New Orleans is entirely under water - 40,000 houses gone. Our beautiful New Orleans is literally a lost city. I think thousands of people are dead already and many more will die, especially in New Orleans.

The state is starting to evacuate thousands of additional people from New Orleans to the LSU basketball arena in Baton Rouge for medical treatment. These are people who stayed behind in the storm and had to be rescued from their rooftops. People are arriving with nothing except the sewage soaked clothes on their backs. Many don't even

have shoes.

My husband Tim is part of the medical team. He was there from 8 a.m. to midnight yesterday and he left again this morning at 8 a.m. The stories he is hearing from survivors are heartbreaking.

For the last 2 days, I have been picking up donated supplies for the medical team and trying to contact relatives of people who arrive at the medical center to let them know that their loved ones are safe. Unfortunately, telephone service to much of this area is either down or overloaded.

Many people from New Orleans and south Louisiana evacuated and came to motels in Baton Rouge before the hurricane hit. They were safe from the storm, but they now cannot go back home. Their houses are gone, their jobs are gone - essentially, they have nothing left. They cannot even get money from their banks because their banks are gone.

We will undoubtedly have some of these refugees in our house by tonight. We do not know how long they will stay because, at least for now, there is no place for them to go and they have no money.

Please tell people to send money to the Red Cross. I will be back in touch when things calm down.

Janice (McAlpine),
Louisiana

MOPS forming

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) International is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering and inspiring women in their journey to be the best parent possible.

Our primary tool for doing so are regular meetings where moms from various communities gather together to build friendships, encourage one another and discover practical, proven parenting strategies. MOPS groups are a special place where moms can go to meet like-minded women also passing through this unique stage of life. At most meetings, a speaker shares on a topic of interest, such as Pediatric First Aid, which will be the new Bad Axe group's first topic presented by nurse Dawn Maust of Bay Port.

MOPS meetings include the MOPPETS program; a loving, learning experience for children.

Approximately 3,000 groups meet in churches throughout the United States, Canada, and 18 other countries, to meet the needs of more than 100,000 women.

Many more mothers are encouraged by MOPS resources, including MOMSense Radio heard locally on 99.7 FM at 2:30 p.m. weekdays. Plus, MOMSense magazine and the official website, MOPS.org, and publications such as books and devotionals.

A local chapter of MOPS is forming in Bad Axe, with the first meeting Thursday, Sept. 8, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Bad Axe First United Methodist Church. Children may be dropped off at the MOPPETS room as early as 9 a.m. while the moms enjoy a light breakfast.

Meetings will continue throughout the school year on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month until the end of May.

Meetings run until 11 a.m. The church is located at 216

Woodworth in Bad Axe (directly behind the U.S. Post Office).

For further details about the new local chapter, please contact Sheri Lynn Essian at (989) 269-6939 or Melissa at (989) 551-1096.

United Hospice Volunteer Training Class

Mondays 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
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- gardening
- musical talent
- direct patient care
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- grief compassion
- working at the hospice residence
- office assistance
- clerical and computer knowledge

To learn more about volunteering or to register for this series, please contact Joan Whitson, UHS Volunteer Coordinator (toll free) 800-635-7490

People willing to share their time and talents with hospice patients and their families are invited to join us.

Volunteer Training sessions will be held at
Country Gardens
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United Hospice Service is licensed through Marlette Community Hospital

Community input sought Sept. 26

Members of the Cass City community are being encouraged to take an active role in the on-going search for a new school superintendent during a pair of upcoming meetings.

"There will be an opportunity for interested parents and community members to share their views regarding the qualifications desired in our new superintendent," said William Kimball, regional president of the Michigan Leadership Institute, which is conducting the search.

"In addition, the community will also contribute to developing the district 'points of pride' which will describe to the candidates the advantages of living and working in the Cass City area," Kimball added.

The meetings are scheduled for Monday, Sept. 26. The first session, at 10:15 a.m. in the high school cafeteria, will be for business and community members. The second meeting, at 5 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria, will be for parents and any other interested community members.

bers.

Those unable to attend, but who would like to offer their opinions, are asked to send their ideas/concerns to Kimball at: Michigan Leadership Regional President, 2921 Conger St., Port Huron, MI 48060, or e-mail: williamkimball@comcast.net. Residents can also present any written comments to a member of the Cass City Board of Education prior to the Sept. 26 meeting, which will begin at 7:30 p.m.

"The selection process, up to and including the appointment of a new superintendent, is extremely important to assure the continued success of the district," Kimball said. "In addition to the board of education, staff, students and community groups can play a very important role in the search process."

"Excellent schools with satisfied students, parents and staff are assisted by good educational leadership," he added.

"Few aspects of the educa-

tional system are as important as the quality of leadership demonstrated by the superintendent. Therefore, the candidates for this position will be expected to possess

and demonstrate many qualifications, skills and abilities, including the ability to help forge strong partnerships between teachers and students, parents and community."

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WHY BASEMENTS LEAK...

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

FALSE WATER TABLE

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

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

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

HYDROSTATIC PRESSURE

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

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

DO-IT-YOURSELF HINTS

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

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CASS CITY SISTERS Angela (left) and Ashleigh Stoeckle, daughters of Mark and Carol Stoeckle, have been showing horses as members of the Lucky Horseshoe 4-H Club for the past several years.

Stoeckle sisters share love of horses, competing

Angela Stoeckle, 18, and her sister, Ashleigh, 14, can't remember a time when they weren't around horses, growing up in the Cass City area.

The sisters, daughters of Mark and Carol Stoeckle, have shared their love of riding and caring for horses for years as members of the Lucky Horseshoe 4-H Club in Huron County. It's a passion that has taken both of them to the Michigan State

4-H Horse Show in Lansing, including this year's competition.

"We've always been around horses," said Angela, a 2005 Cass City High School graduate who is now enrolled in the pre-optometry program at Ferris State University.

"I started showing when I was 12," she added, noting it was a good age because she was at a point where she could prepare for competi-

tions on her own. "And that's when we knew that we wanted to do it - when we were willing to put the work into it ourselves."

Both girls are seasoned competitors at area horse shows sponsored by Huron County 4-H clubs, earning enough points to qualify for the state show at Michigan State University.

"I've been a state show delegate 5 times," said Angela, whose sister has qualified twice.

"It really is an honor to go because you're showing against all of the top kids in the state," Carol Stoeckle said. "You get into these classes and there are no slouches."

The sister's both proved themselves up to the task this year, with Angela placing fourth in the dressage category among 20 to 30 competitors ages 17 and 18. She explained that dressage is an individual event in which judges critique a horse's movements and the rider's ability to work with his or her horse.

Angela also placed in western pleasure, finishing eighth, and was the winner of a graphic design competition. The T-shirt she designed could be used on next year's official Michigan State 4-H Horse Show shirt.

Ashleigh, an eighth grade Cass City student, meanwhile, earned the bronze medal in English pleasure, and finished sixth and eighth in western pleasure and English equitation, respectively.

"I really like the competition and it's just really fun getting all dressed up and going out with your horse," Angela said. "You meet a lot of nice people - it's nice to meet people with the same interest in horses as you."

On the other hand, the fun and success have their price,

she pointed out.

"It's day in and day out - there's no day off," Angela said of the responsibilities of training and caring for horses. "We pretty much ride every day, and (we've had) riding lessons, weekly competitions."

"It's a big time commitment for them," Carol agreed.

"It's a big one," Angela added. "It's riding every day and then there are the chores - feeding, brushing, just making sure they stay healthy - year round. It doesn't sound like much, but it adds up."

"I think it gives them a lot of confidence," Carol said of both the work involved and the competitions. "It takes a lot to go out and put yourself under scrutiny. I guess, too, they learn to be gracious in victory and defeat."

Angela agreed that participation in 4-H along with the horse shows have given her a boost of confidence.

"I guess the leadership," she said, "because the younger kids are looking up to you and asking you questions. It's a big responsibility."

5 YEARS AGO

Environmental studies has proven to be a popular class among Kingston High School juniors and seniors. Students have Mary Ann Safranek to thank for that. After all, it was Safranek who came up with the idea of blending science with relevant topics in the Thumb - agriculture, hunting and fishing. She envisioned a class that would rely on an interesting mix of hands-on experimentation and fieldwork, rather than a textbook. That was 17 years ago, and Safranek is still creating excitement in the classroom. Which is why Tuscola County Farm Bureau recently named her Tuscola County's K-12 Educator of the Year.

Tuscola County Fair groups for 2 years cooked their own celebration dinners, collected 10-cent returnable beverage cans door-to-door and donated equipment for auction to pony up enough money to build 2 bathroom buildings at the fairgrounds in Caro. The \$30,000 effort paid off recently with state Rep. Mike Green's announcement of a \$150,000 state grant award for the project. "As a frequent visitor to the fairgrounds, I can attest to the large number of events hosted there and of the dire need to expand restroom facilities for the growing numbers of people," said Green, R-Mayville.

The auction of Junior Livestock Champions at the Michigan State Fair in Detroit was an unprecedented success, according to Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Director Dan Wyant. The auction included a reserve grand champion steer exhibited by Kate DeLong of Cass City, purchased by Murco, Inc. for \$11,000. Wyant said the top steer, lamb and hog sold for a combined total of \$90,000, exceeding last year's total by \$20,000. In fact, Wyant added, total 2000 auction sales grossed \$201,700, far outpacing the record-breaking \$157,100 set in 1999.

10 YEARS AGO

Former astronaut Brewster

Shaw Jr. recently announced his retirement. The Cass City native left his job as director of space shuttle operations in Houston last Wednesday, with plans to leave NASA in November. "After that, I don't know what I'll be doing," Shaw said in a recent interview with the Detroit News, published Aug. 30. "But I've got 2 kids in college. I guess I'll be looking for work. Shaw, a former USAF fighter pilot who retired from the Air Force in 1990 as a colonel, closes out a distinguished career in the U.S. space program that has included 3 space shuttle flights and, later, a key administrative role as director of shuttle operations.

Robert Walpole, President and CEO of Walbro Engine Management Corporation was recently elected for a 2-year term to the Michigan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. As a chamber board member, Walpole will be involved in establishing policy on major economic, legislative, political and social issues that affect Michigan's business and economic climate.

THE OWEN-GAGE High School Marching Band was chosen to perform as the featured band at the Michigan State Fair Aug. 23. The band, which led the fair parade, received a plaque and \$600 for its performance. "It was a great honor to be chosen by the state fair to play this year," Band Director Donna Robinson said, adding the band did an outstanding job.

25 YEARS AGO

Beams for the Deckerville Road bridge over Mud Creek, east of Cemetery Road, were installed Friday. The bridge may be open in about a month. Eisenhour Construction Co. of East Lansing is the contractor, with the approximately \$75,000 project being paid for with 80 percent federal funds, 10 percent state and 10 percent from the Tuscola County Road Commission.

By an overwhelming margin Monday, 722-316, voters in the Ugly School District defeated a \$1.295 million bonding proposal for construction of an addition to the

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



high school. Approval of the levy would have added an average of 2 mills a year to tax bills for 16 years. The proposed 20,000 square foot addition would have provided classrooms and work areas for agriculture, band, industrial arts and science classes, plus school offices. It would have replaced three portable classrooms, a large metal building housing three classrooms and one trailer.

Members and Sunday school students at Salem United Methodist Church Sunday launched 288 balloons in connection with their Rally Day and the 200th birthday of Sunday school. A postcard was attached to each balloon, with each "launcher's" name on it, for purposes of a contest to determine whose balloon goes the farthest.

35 YEARS AGO

You are almost a native when you can read Down Memory Lane and remember the incidents recalled in the

25 years ago section. Personally, I haven't reached the true native status yet, but many of the names are familiar after 20 years here and I catch myself glancing over these items more and more frequently each year. (From Rabbit Tracks)

FEW SUCCEEDED: Nature allots a place for every man in the world, but few are able to find the location.

Scoutmaster Jim MacTavish and three scouts from Troop 294 attended the Order of the Arrow Fall Fellowship at Camp Rotary last weekend. Scouts Randy Bacon, Skip Speirs and Bruce Tuckey passed their ordeal and became members of the lodge. The first regular meeting this year was held Tuesday night.

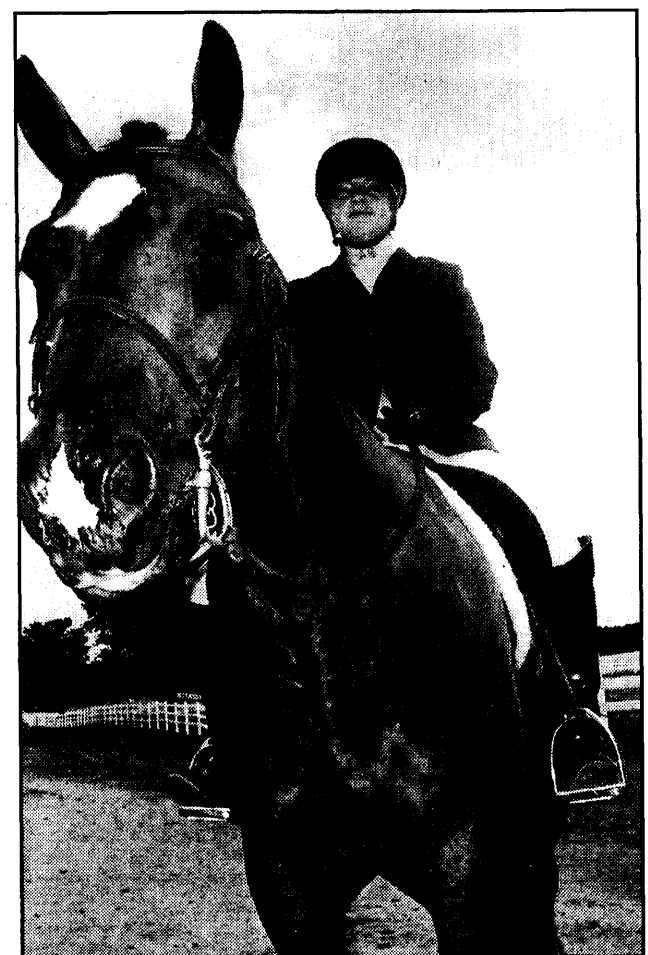
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ANGELA STOECKLE, 18, (above) placed fourth in the dressage category at this year's Michigan State 4-H Horse Show. She's pictured above competing with her horse, "Fred's Hotrod".

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Big plays costly in Bulldog defeat

It would be heartening for Owen-Gage fans if the Bulldogs would change their ways when Akron-Fairgrove comes to town Friday and have the key plays break in their favor instead of their opponent's.

Owen-Gage was facing powerful Memphis last Thursday and lost, 36-0. Actually, the game went up in smoke on 2 plays that turned the game around. Until those fatal flaws, the 2 teams played on even terms.

The Yellow Jackets took the opening kickoff and it was 4 and out. The Bulldogs started a short drive from their own 36. Two first downs, one on a completed 20-yard pass play, moved O-G to the Memphis 30 before the drive stalled.

Neither team was able to put together a drive in the next 2 series and the first of the fatal bad breaks came when the Bulldogs attempted a punt on 4th down. The center snap was on the ground and Memphis took over on the Owen-Gage 29. The Yellow Jackets ran for a first down to the 17. Adam Dickson then took the ball, running to the left side, and broke 2 tackles to score.

Billy Franz then kicked for the extra point. There were 24 seconds left in the first quarter.

Hampered by 3 offside penalties in a row, Owen-Gage stalled and kicked to the Memphis 35. The Bulldog defense held and Memphis was forced to kick, a booming punt that covered nearly 60 yards. While on the ground an Owen-Gage receiver touched the ball and Memphis recovered near the O-G goal. Jon McClure rammed it over from 2 yards out with 5:06 left in the half. The extra point kick by Franz was good.

There were just seconds left in the half when the winners scored again. This was on a field goal by Franz from the 15-yard line.

The early lead by the Yellow Jackets took away the momentum the Bulldogs showed in the first half and the visitors went on to post a one-sided win.

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CASS CITY'S CHRIS Johnson uses blocks from Dustin Bitzer (25) and Jarod Stoutenburg (66) to spring free in Thursday's Greater Thumb West opener against host Bad Axe. The Red Hawks kept their record unblemished with a 55-0 victory.

Home opener Friday

Hawks run over Hatchets

Cass City improved to 2-0 Thursday, grabbing its opening Greater Thumb West Conference victory over Bad Axe.

For the second straight week the Red Hawks looked nearly flawless while earning victory on the road. After disposing of Sandusky in week one, coach Scott Cuthrell's gridiron team posted a lopsided 55-0 win against the hapless Hatchets.

The game was typical of 2 teams heading in different directions. Cass City has outscored its opponents 102-0 on the season, while Bad Axe has been outscored 96-0 through 2 games.

The Hawks will exit from conference action this Friday as they play hosts to Deckerville for the team's home opener. The Eagles are expected to give Cass City its first test of the season, despite barely edging Sandusky, 22-19, in their final outing before the early season showdown. To pull off the upset, however, the Eagles will need to find a way to slow down the potent Hawk offense led by senior Cody Halasz.

Halasz put his mark on Thursday's contest against Bad Axe on the visitors' opening offensive play when he raced 45 yards to pay dirt.

On the night, Halasz rushed for 201 yards on just 9 carries, resulting in 4 touchdowns.

Following an 11-yard Bad Axe punt, Cass City went up 14-0 as Dustin Bitzer capped a 30-yard, 4-play drive, with a 19-yard jaunt.

The Hawks, who didn't attempt a pass play on the night, added another marker before the end of the opening quarter. Halasz accounted for the score from 21-yards out as the Hawks covered 50 yards on just 2 plays.

"I have a hard time passing against a team that you're up 21-0 after one period," Cuthrell said.

Cass City would add 4 more scores before the intermission to lead 48-0 at the half. Halasz sandwiched a pair of scores in the period, on runs of 4 and 86 yards, around Bitzer's second touchdown of the night that came on a 19-yard sprint. In front 41-0 with 4 minutes remaining till the intermission, Cuthrell called for his number 2 offense.

"It was good to get a chance to see some other kids perform," Cuthrell said.

Junior Micah Randall took advantage of the opportunity and closed the initial half with a score from the 9-yard line.

Cass City, who accumulated 378 rushing yards, added one score in the final half that came on Jeff Stoutenburg's 42-yard burst.

Halasz and Derek Ricker led the Hawk defensive effort with 8 and 7 tackles, respectively. Cass City also benefited from a Stoutenburg interception and Kyle Sieradzki's fumble recovery.

Cass City runners turn in solid effort at Early Bird Invite in Akron-Fairgrove

Coach Amy Cuthrell was delighted with her Cass City cross country team's opening performance last Wednesday in Akron-Fairgrove. The 22nd annual Akron-Fairgrove Early Bird Invitational featured 20 schools competing in 2 divisions.

The Red Hawk boys' team finished as runner up, in Division 1, with a team score of 73. Powerhouse Freeland captured the division title with a score of 44, while Marlette finished a distant third with a tally of 107.

In Division 2, Reese claimed the top honor with a score of 29, followed by Unionville-Sebewaing and Ubly who registered scores of 64 and 89, respectively.

The Hawks were lead by junior Cameron Lautner and freshman Lukas Varney who

turned in times of 17:48 and 17:49, respectively. Both runners finished in the top 10 overall. Cass City also had Kyle Reif with a time of 18:34, Dewey Mabe at 19:27 and Chris Childs at 19:34 contributing to the strong showing.

Marlette's Jeremy Kiley recorded the day's best individual time at 17:11.

"We had a strong division," Cuthrell said, pointing out that only one runner from division 2 finished in the top 15 overall individual runners.

GIRLS' FIELD

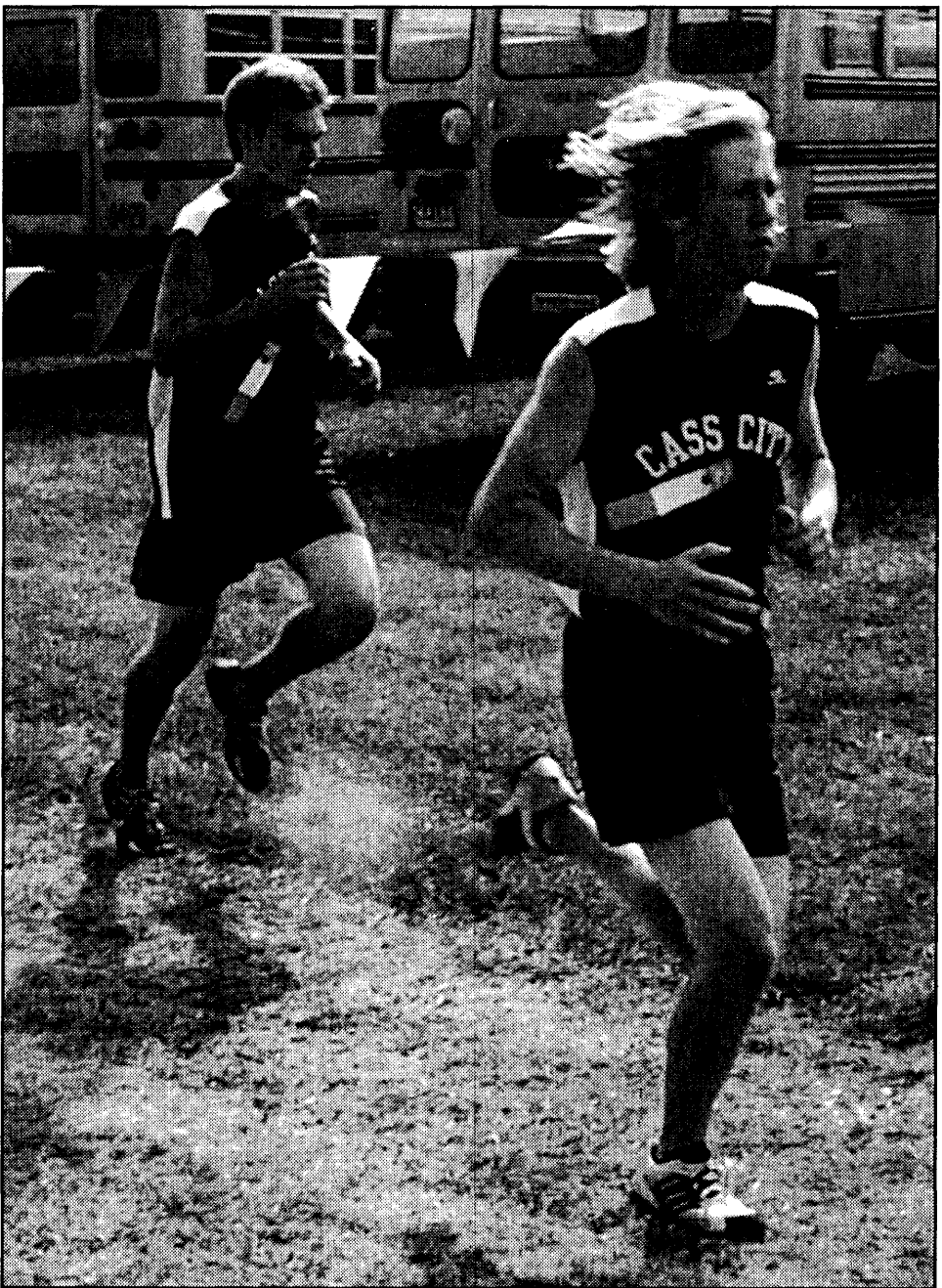
The Frankenmuth girls' team edge Freeland for the Division 1 title. The Eagles posted a score of 46 to turn back Freeland, who finished

with 48 points. Almont earned third place with a score of 113, followed by the Red Hawks with 130 points.

In Division 2, Ubly recorded a one point victory over Unionville-Sebewaing, 39-40, while Reese finished third with 85 points.

Cass City's Jen Zmerski and Leah Whittaker each earned medals by finishing among their division's top 14 runners. Zmerski finished 10th with a time of 24:21, while Whittaker's time of 24:41 was good for 12th place. Cass City also had Whitney Braun with a time of 26:01 and Klyn Puterbaugh with a time of 27:11.

Unionville-Sebewaing's Sarah Squires recorded the fastest time among the girl runners at 20:05.



CASS CITY FRESHMAN Lukas Varney (right) and junior Kyle Reif each earned medals during the Akron-Fairgrove Early Bird Invitational by finishing among the top 14 runners in Division 1.

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Reese	1	0	1	1		Deckerville	1	0	1	1		Dryden	1	0	1	1	
USA	0	0	2	0		Marlette	0	0	1	1		Kingston	0	1	0	1	
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This Week's Forecast

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Caro at Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth
USA at Bad Axe	USA	USA	USA	USA
Reese at Lakers	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
BCAS at Valley Lutheran	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS
Deckerville at Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Sandusky at Marlette	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky
Harbor Beach at Ubly	Ubly	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Ubly
Mayville at Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City
Kingston at Peck	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
North Huron at CPS	CPS	North Huron	North Huron	CPS
A-Fairgrove at Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Akron-Fairgrove	Akron-Fairgrove	Owen-Gage
Last Week's Results	11-0	9-2	10-1	10-1
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Hawks post OT victory

The Cass City Red Hawks squeezed by the Sandusky Redskins in an overtime game Wednesday, 47-42. The visiting Hawks posted a 7-2 advantage in the overtime to record their second win in 2 starts.

Coach John Maharg said that his charges played good defense and responded well to a pair of Redskin runs that pushed them in front by 6 points twice during the game.

In the overtime a key basket by Sara Meeker and a pair of hoops, one a 3-pointer, by Emily Schinnerer pushed Cass City to the win.

Both teams found a lid on the basket in the first quarter. Ashley Hendrick scored a pair of hoops and one of 2 free throws to account for all of the Hawk scoring in the initial 8 minutes.

Baskets by Krystyna Rickett and Bobbie May were posted for Sandusky and the scored was 5-4 at the end of the first quarter.

Schinnerer warmed up in the second quarter and pushed home 3 2-point hoops and added a trey for 9 of Cass City's 13 points. At the half Cass City was in front, 18-14.

The last half was a battle featuring the balanced scoring of the Redskins against 2 big scoring periods by Hendrick. She netted 4 of the 5 hoops in the third period and 5 of 7 in the fourth for 18 of the 22 baskets by the Hawks in the 2 quarters. Sandusky used balanced scoring to send the game into overtime tied at 40-all.

Hendrick scored 23 points and, Schinnerer added 16. Tops for Sandusky was sophomore Cassy VanConant with 12 points.

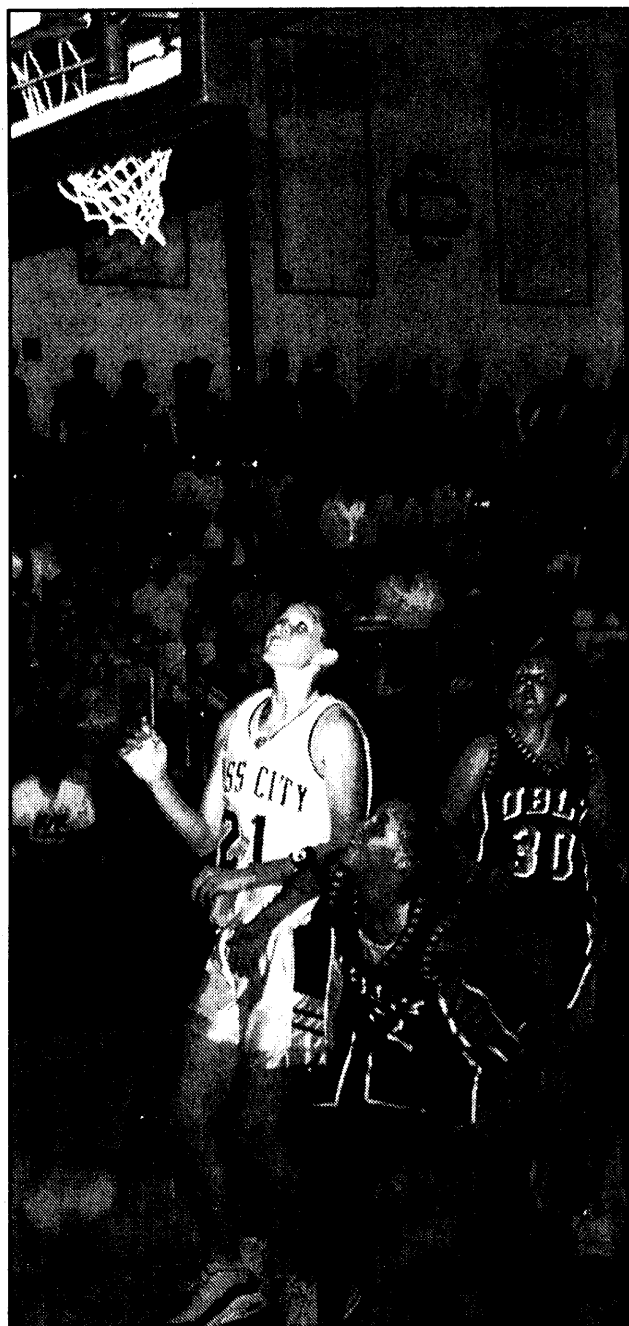
Meeker led the Hawk rebounders with 12 and Cass City committed just 13 turnovers.

CASS CITY - Courtney Rabideau 1-0 (0-0) 2; Brinkman 0-0 (2-2) 2; Meeker 1-0 (3-6) 5; Trischler 0-0 (1-2) 1; Hendrick 11-0 (1-2) 23; Schinnerer 5-2 (0-0) 16.

TOTALS - 17-2 (7-12) 47

SANDUSKY - Rickett 4-0 (0-2) 8; N. May 1-0 (0-0) 2; B May 1-0 (0-0) 2; DeMott 2-2 (0-0) 10; Wadsworth 4-0 (0-0) 8; C. VanConant 6-0 (0-0) 12.

TOTALS - 18-2 (0-2) 42.



CASS CITY'S Sara Meeker positions for a rebound against Ubyly.

Bearcats deliver Hawks' first loss

It appeared as if the Cass City Red Hawks were going to rack up their third victory in a row Tuesday night at the expense of the visiting Ubyly Bearcats. It looked that way at the end of the first quarter, at the half and after 3 quarters. But it didn't look that way at the end, as the Bearcats staged a big last quarter to pull out a 50-44 decision.

Ubyly trailed all the way until the last 1:52 minutes of the game. That's when Kim Lackowski calmly sank a pair of free throws to put the Bearcats in front, 42-41.

A basket and a free throw by Ubyly stretched the lead to 46-42. With less than 20 seconds left, Emily Schinnerer converted 2 of 3 free throws to move the Hawks to within a basket of the visitors.

The Hawks' chances of pulling the game out of the fire with 18.9 seconds left evaporated when Ubyly beat the Hawk press and scored a lay-up with 8 seconds left to lead, 48-44. Becky Philp converted a pair of free throws as time expired, but all that did was make the final margin greater.

In the last half the Hawks committed numerous turnovers with bad passes and their shooting touch deserted them. In the first half the Hawks rebounded well and controlled the boards. In the second half Ubyly took control of the boards.

That first half rebounding was one of the reasons that Cass City jumped off to a large lead in the first half. The other was some great sharp shooting by Ashley Hendrick on short jumpers from around the key. Hendrick netted 8 of her team's 9 points in the first quarter and 9 of Cass City's 19 points in the second quarter. At the half the Hawks were in front, 28-14.

One of the reasons the Bearcats were able to rally in the last half is that Hendrick was held to just 2 points. She drew double coverage that kept the ball out of her hands for much of the third quarter and went stone cold from the field in the last 8 minutes.

Jade Kaufman, 5-0 sophomore, netted 11 points and Alicia Leipprandt, 14, for Ubyly. Kim Lackowski played a strong floor game for the Bearcats.

The Hawks will meet Mayville at home Thursday before opening league play Sept. 15 at Valley Lutheran.

Cass City golfers struggle in GTW

The Cass City golf team continues to struggle in Greater Thumb West Conference play as the Red Hawks closed out their August schedule dropping a pair of league matches.

In their latest outing, coach Jim Green's linksters fell 168-173 to visiting Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Wednesday at Rolling Hills Golf Course.

Brett McBride and Aaron Diebel each fired a 5-over par round of 40 to claim medalist honors. The Lakers also had Jarin Smith with a 42 and Dave Gilbert with a 46.

For the hosts, Ryan

Soccer squad earns wins

The Cass City Red Hawk soccer team was off to a slow start in the 6-team invitational at Unionville Sebewaing Area Schools last week, but bounced back with victories at Harbor Beach and Essexville Garber.

Cass City failed to win a game in the tournament and scored just one goal as USA swept to the title in the tournament that included Caseville, USA, Freeland, Harbor Beach, Cros-Lex and Cass City. The Patriots took the title with a 2-0 decision over Freeland.

The Hawks bounced back after the disappointing start to post a win at Harbor Beach, 3-1. The Hawks controlled the midfield and went in front when Sam Howard scored the first goal. Two other goals were chalked up by Brandon Miller, one off a header on a corner kick. Trevor Copeland played a solid game in net, recording 9 saves in his first regular season start.

Eric Reed picked up where he left off last year, with an assist. The majority of the shots came from Howard, Ross Forrest and Shane McFarland.

Tyler Little, Gavin Mills and David Acker had excellent games at midfield. Playing good defense were Andrew Kloo, Ryan King and Derek Weidman. Chris Binder and Clinton Ellis had strong games off the bench, as did several of the freshmen.

It was a good start, said coach Chuck Reed, after a poor showing at USA.

The Hawks went to Garber and put on an even stronger performance the next night with a 6-3 overtime decision. Garber rallied to tie the game at 3-3 to set the stage for the overtime decision. The Hawks scored in the first 10 seconds of the overtime and took charge.

Forrest scored 3 goals, 2 in overtime, Miller and Binder each scored and Gavin Mills finished the scoring with a penalty kick.

Reed had 2 assists along with a solid passing game and Copeland had 22 saves, the majority in the last half when the Hawks lost their intensity and Garber scored to send the game into overtime.

Freshmen Brad Hanby, Travis Mozdon and Kyle Kausch played solid games and should be valuable reserves as the season develops, Reed said.

The Hawks have a senior dominated lineup for a change and should be much more competitive in league play. The starters are faster and stronger than in the past and have been playing soccer for several years so there is hope for a successful campaign if everyone stays healthy and the reserves continue to develop, Reeds pointed out.

Copeland will need to continue to improve in net, as his lack of experience will be a factor against better opponents, but a stronger, faster defense and solid midfield ball control should help.



THE 2005 OWEN-GAGE varsity basketball team members are: (from left) Michelle Brown, Amanda Faist, Becky Schmidt, Mindy Errer, Heather Collon, Amber Pillsbury, April Nowaczyk and coach Dave Fritz.

Owen-Gage bows to guest Dryden

Owen-Gage started its 2005 cage season last Tuesday on a sour note, suffering a 44-21 defeat by visiting Dryden in North Central Thumb League crossover play.

In a typical opening night performance, Owen-Gage had more turnovers than shot attempts.

The Cardinals jumped out in front, 11-5, after one period and then outscored their hosts 15-4 to the intermission where they enjoyed a 26-9 advantage.

"We lost 60% of our scoring from last year," said coach Dave Fritz. Adding, "We're not going to beat anyone with our height, so it will have to be our quickness."

The Cardinals removed any

doubts from the game's outcome with a 14-7 scoring advantage entering the final period where they lead, 40-16.

Amanda Kopas recorded 15 points for the winners, while April Nowaczyk's 16 points led Owen-Gage.

OWEN-GAGE - Brown 0-0 (3-8) 3; Nowaczyk 7-0 (2-4) 16; Errer 1-0 (0-0) 2.

TOTALS - 8-0 (5-15) 21.

DRYDEN - Klave 3-0 (1-3) 7; Kreiger 4-0 (0-4) 8; Sohn 1-0 (0-0) 2; Malone 3-0 (0-0) 6; Furgerson 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kopas 5-0 (5-6) 15; Crowley 2-0 (0-0) 4.

TOTALS - 19-0 (6-13) 44.

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

Saturday, September 10

Spaghetti Supper & Silent Auction Benefit, 4:30-8 p.m., Shabbona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 5615 Severance Rd., Decker. To help with expenses incurred due to the battle of cancer of Carl Broecker of Decker.

Monday, September 12

Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 13

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown. Tuscola County Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Family Support/Education Group meeting, 1:30 p.m., Adult Day Services building, 435 Green St., Caro. For additional information, call (989) 672-2273.

Watrousville-Caro Historical Society meeting, "34th Founder's Day Celebration," 6:30 p.m., Caro Knights of Columbus Hall. Tickets are \$12. Dinner will be served. For additional information and to purchase tickets, contact Esther Gorashko at (989) 823-2360.

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United Sportsmen's Alliance meeting, 7 p.m., Cass City Gun Club, 2676 Englehart Rd. Finalizing Youth Day plans. For more information, call (989) 872-2398.

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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	7:00 p.m. H
Sept. 16	BCAS	7:00 p.m. A
Sept. 23	Valley Lutheran (HC)	7:00 p.m. H
Sept. 30	Lakers	7:00 p.m. A
Oct. 7	USA	7:00 p.m. H
Oct. 14	Reese	7:00 p.m. H
Oct. 21	Freeland	7:00 p.m. H

*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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Football
Friday, Sept. 9
Cass City vs. Deckerville
Basketball

Thursday, Sept. 8
Cass City vs. Mayville
Golf

Wednesday, Sept. 14
Cass City vs. Bad Axe
Soccer

Thursday, Sept. 8
Cass City vs. Sandusky
Cross Country

Saturday, Oct. 8
Cass City Invite



Cass City Red Hawks 2005 Girls' Basketball

Aug. 29	Imlay City	6:00 p.m.	H
Aug. 31	Sandusky	5:00 p.m.	A
Sept. 6	Ubyly	6:00 p.m.	H
Sept. 8	Mayville	6:00 p.m.	H
Sept. 15	Valley Lutheran	5:00 p.m.	A
Sept. 20	Marlette	5:00 p.m.	A
Sept. 22	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.	H
Sept. 27	Harbor Beach	6:00 p.m.	H
Sept. 29	Lakers	6:00 p.m.	A
Oct. 4	USA	6:00 p.m.	A
Oct. 6	Reese	6:00 p.m.	H
Oct. 13	BCAS	6:00 p.m.	H
Oct. 18	Brown City	6:00 p.m.	A
Oct. 20	Deckerville	5:00 p.m.	A
Oct. 25	Valley Lutheran	6:00 p.m.	H
Oct. 27	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m.	A
Nov. 1	Lakers	6:00 p.m.	H
Nov. 3	USA	6:00 p.m.	H
Nov. 8	Reese	6:00 p.m.	A
Nov. 10	BCAS	5:00 p.m.	A

Cass City Red Hawks 2005 Golf

Aug. 17	Bad Axe	10:00 a.m.	A
Aug. 18	Cass City Invite	9:00 a.m.	H
Aug. 22	Valley Lutheran	2:00 p.m.	A
Aug. 24	USA	4:15 p.m.	A
Aug. 25	Hemlock/Millington	3:30 p.m.	A
Aug. 29	BCAS	4:15 p.m.	A
Aug. 31	Lakers	4:15 p.m.	H
Sept. 9	BCAS Invite	8:30 a.m.	A
Sept. 12	Ubyly/BCAS	4:15 p.m.	A
Sept. 14	Bad Axe	4:15 p.m.	H
Sept. 19	Valley Lutheran	4:15 p.m.	H
Sept. 21	USA	4:15 p.m.	H
Sept. 23	Vassar Invite	9:00 a.m.	A
Sept. 26	BCAS	4:15 p.m.	H
Sept. 28	Lakers	4:15 p.m.	A
Sept. 30	Districts	TBA	
Oct. 3	League Invite		

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Vincent R. Gilkerson, a married person, original mortgagor, to Cendant Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 15, 1999 and recorded on December 16, 1999 in Liber 790 on Page 1049 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty Thousand Two Hundred Two and 79/100 Dollars (\$80,202.79), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 A.M. on October 6, 2005.

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

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 10 North, Range 9 East; thence North 218.00 feet; thence West 200.00 feet; thence South 218.00 feet; thence East 200.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: September 7, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC F (248) 593-1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for PHH Mortgage Corporation f/k/a Cendant Mortgage Corporation 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #053139F02

9-7-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kevin L. Dobbelaere and Tamara L. Dobbelaere, his wife, to Advantage Investors Mortgage Corporation, a Texas Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 10, 2002 and recorded April 16, 2002 in Liber 874, Page 505, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware Corporation by assignment dated July 18, 2002 and recorded on September 11, 2002 in Liber 893, Page 422, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventeen and 33/100 Dollars (\$91,817.33), including interest at the rate of 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on October 6, 2005.

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

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 25; thence North 89 Degrees 59 Minutes 53 Seconds West, 350.00 feet along the South line of said Section 25 to the Point of Beginning; thence North 89 Degrees 59 Minutes 53 Seconds West 443.0 feet along the South line of said Section 25; thence North 0 Degrees 00 Minutes 07 Seconds East, 450.0 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 59 Minutes 53 Seconds East, 447.01 feet; thence South 0 Degrees 30 Minutes 44 Seconds West, 450.02 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

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

Dated: September 7, 2005

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, As Assignee
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File No. 285.0098

9-7-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kristine Middleton Lawrence, f/k/a Kristine A. Lawrence, to JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A., successor by merger with Bank One N.A., Mortgagee, dated May 7, 2004 and recorded June 7, 2004 in Liber 995, Page 593, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Four and 36/100 Dollars (\$26,354.36), including interest at the rate of 6.91% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on September 15, 2005.

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

Lot 49 and 50 of Eno Subdivision according to the plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 39, Tuscola County Records.

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

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

Dated: August 17, 2005

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
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As Mortgagee
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File No. 224.1341

8-17-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JOHN A. SMITH, III and CRISLEDA C. SMITH, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., "MERS", solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 26, 2002 and recorded on October 10, 2002 in Liber 897, on Page 656, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THOUSAND EIGHTY-TWO AND 44/100 DOLLARS (\$113,082.44), including interest at 7.00% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on October 6, 2005.

Said Premises are situated in Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing 2 Rods North, 76 Rods West of the South 1/4 post of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East; thence North 8 Rods; thence West 4 Rods; thence South 8 Rods; thence East 4 Rods to the place of beginning.

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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: August 19, 2005

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., "MERS", solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns GMAC Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
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8-31-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nicholas D. O'Kelly, a single man, and Jennie Keith, a single woman, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 11, 2002 and recorded on April 18, 2002 in Liber 874 on Page 927 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Four and 51/100 Dollars (\$58,484.51), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 A.M. on September 22, 2005.

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

A parcel of land described as beginning at a point, which is North 89 Degrees 16 Minutes East 801.9 feet from the Southwest corner of Section 31, Town 10 North, Range 7 East; thence North 0 Degrees 10 Minutes 30 Seconds West 250.00 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 16 Minutes East 100.00 feet; thence South 0 Degrees 10 Minutes 30 Seconds East 250.00 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 15 Minutes West 100.00 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months

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

Dated: August 24, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC G (248) 593-1310
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for lender
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #028655F03

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Fredrick G. Heinz and Linda Heinz, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Full Spectrum Lending, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 20, 1999 and recorded on April 7, 1999 in Liber 768 on Page 34, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Eight and 08/100 Dollars (\$43,128.08), including interest at 7.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 A.M. on September 22, 2005.

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

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF M-38, 871.30 FEET SOUTH 78 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST FROM INTERSECTION OF NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SECTION 7 AND SAID RIGHT OF WAY; THENCE SOUTH 78 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY 72.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 9 DEGREES 15 MINUTES WEST 319.25 FEET; THENCE WEST AND PARALLEL WITH SECTION LINES OF SECTION 7 AND 13, 73.15 FEET; THENCE NORTH 9 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 33.35 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING A PARCEL OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 7, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF WAY FOR M-38 OVER THE NORTHERLY SIDE THEREOF, CITY OF VASSAR, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

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

Dated: August 24, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #063886F01

8-24-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bonnie S. Bartlett, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Lender, Mortgagee, dated June 30, 2002 and recorded on July 23, 2002 in Liber 887 on Page 839 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Four and 01/100 Dollars (\$17,944.01), including interest at 8.25% per annum.

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

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

Lot 8, Shay Lake Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 1, on Page 48B of plats, 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: August 17, 2005

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Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for lender
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #063886F01

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard Dawe, a/k/a Richard L. Dawe, and Feby Dawe, a/k/a Feby L. Dawe, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Long Beach Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated October 16, 2003 and recorded on November 3, 2003 in Liber 962 on Page 472 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wachovia Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of GSAMP Trust 2004-SD1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-SD1 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Seven and 40/100 Dollars (\$181,427.40), including interest at 9.65% per annum.

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

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

The South 5 Acres of the North 20 Acres of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 27, Town 11 North, Range 8 East.

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

Dated: August 17, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC J (248) 593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Wachovia Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of GSAMP Trust 2004-SD1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-SD1
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #060451F01

8-17-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Guy M.

Caswell, a single man, Mortgagor, to First Franklin A Division of National City Bank of Indiana, Mortgagee, dated the 22nd day of February, 2005 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 17th day of March, 2005 in Liber 1031 of Tuscola County Records, Page 540, said Mortgage having been assigned to JP Morgan Chase Bank, as trustee on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eighty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Nine & 17/100, (\$82,889.17), and no suit or proceeding 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 statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of September, 2005 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 8.00% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

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

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During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 8/24/2005

JP Morgan Chase Bank, as trustee
Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Attorney for JP Morgan Chase Bank, as trustee
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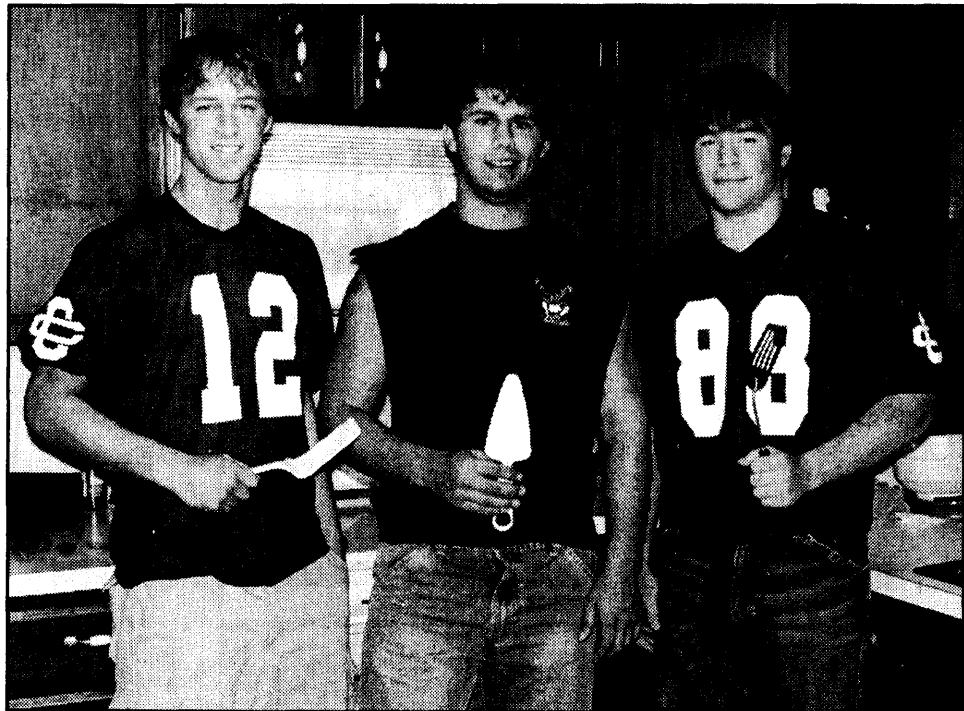
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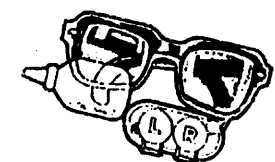
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The hearing will be held on Monday, September 12, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at Elkland Township Hall, 6691 Church St., Cass City, Michigan.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 2.3% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved, the operating revenue will increase by 0.80% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

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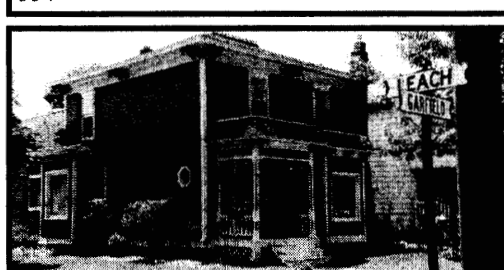
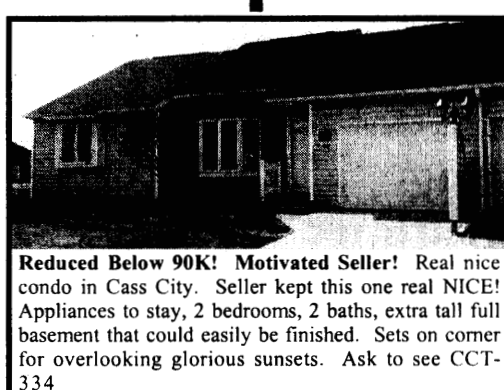
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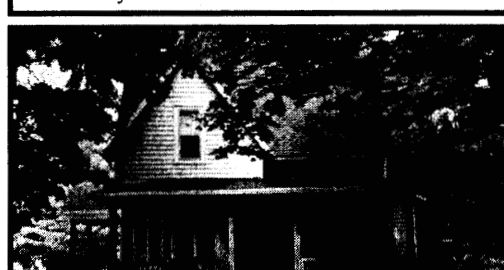


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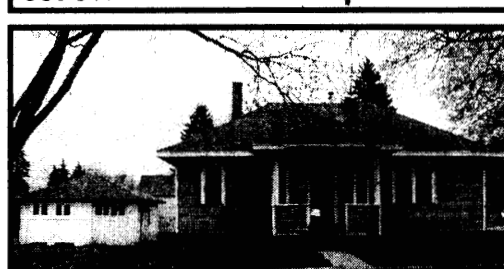


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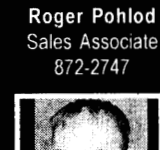
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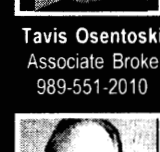
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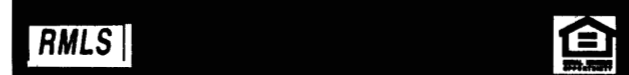
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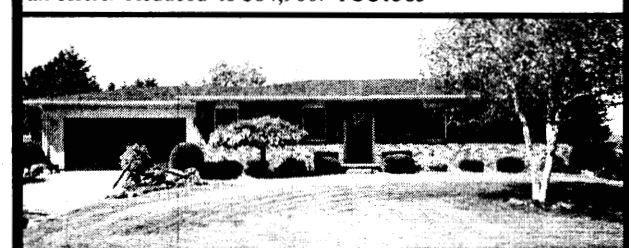
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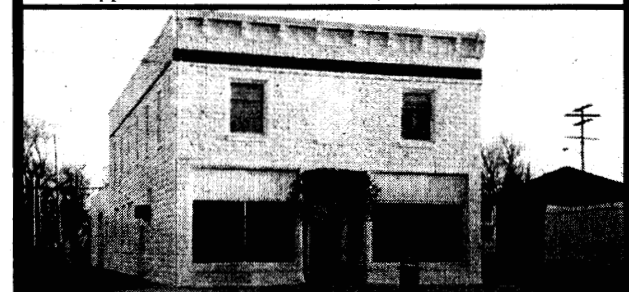
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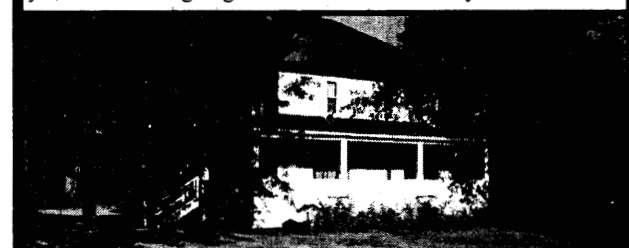
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Reduced - Owners Want To Sell - 3 bedroom, 2 bath home is
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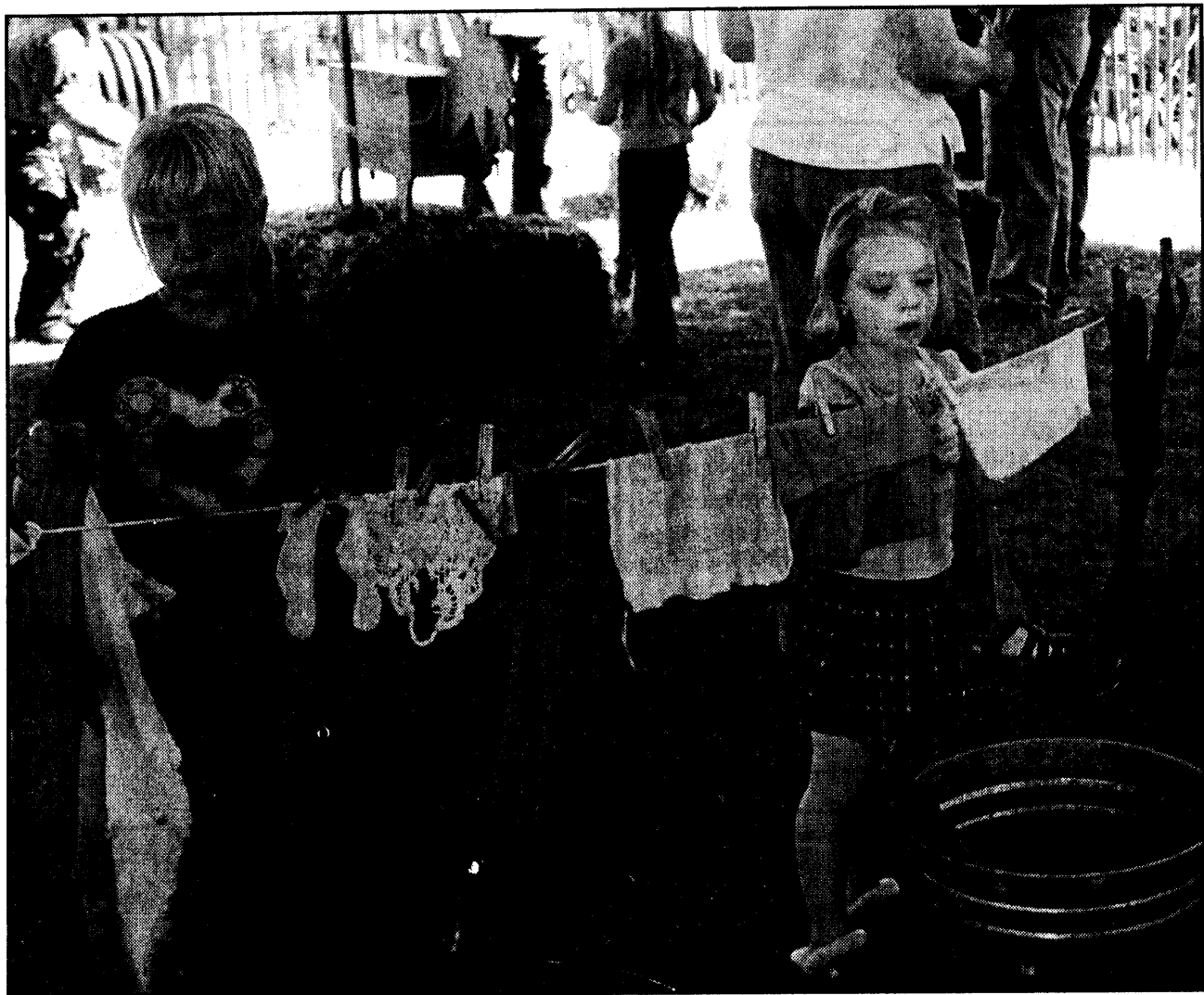
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THE OLD FASHIONED way...Rachel Collins (left), daughter of Chris and Melanie Collins, Cass City, and Angaelica Branham-Fletcher, 4, who accompanied her grandmother, Theresa Fletcher of Bad Axe, wash and hang clothes out to dry in the children's tent during last year's Fall Family Days at the Thumb Octagon Barn.

Barn bash

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committees charged with making the event happen, according to Hirn.

"Some individuals have accepted more than one committee assignment, but typically we will have between 30 and 40 members attending the meetings and accepting some primary responsibility. Then there are the volunteers that come out during the event to give us a hand.

Last year we had just under 400 volunteers," Hirn continued. "Without these people we could not function."

All proceeds from the event benefit the Thumb Octagon Barn site restoration. More information is available by visiting the website, www.thumboctagonbarn.org.

Francis

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Francis explained his symptoms include severe abdominal pain, cramps, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. "It's like having the flu every day for the past 2 1/2, going on 3 years now. I wouldn't recommend it," he joked.

The condition is rare, so rare in fact that when Francis asked to be included in any sort of available study experiment to treat the disease, he was told there simply aren't enough test subjects to conduct such a study.

He also learned that the only doctor in the United States who specializes in the field is at the Mayo Clinic.

But even the best medical knowledge has not yet resulted in a cure.

"They just try to get the symptoms toned down as much as they can. All they can do is treat the symptoms, and that's what they do individually," Francis said.

Over the course of his battle, the 1982 Cass City High School graduate has watched his weight dip from 190 pounds to 120 pounds. He has since gained about 25 pounds thanks to a feeding tube that sustains the nourishment his body needs but can't process on its own.

A surgically implanted port near his collarbone provides quick access to his circulatory system when dehydration sets in.

In spite of the challenges he faces each day, Francis indicated he's very thankful for the support of his family, including daughter Tiffany and son Chad. Both are Cass City graduates - Tiffany, 20, is studying criminal justice at Delta College, and Chad, 18, plans to study electronics at Davenport University in Caro this fall.

In April 2004, Francis' wife of 23 years, Deb, left her job as a certified nursing assistant at Tendercare, Cass City, to stay at home and care for her husband.

"To me, I'd rather be home with him, spending as much time with him as I can, because we don't know what's going to happen," she said. "For me it's been great," her husband added.

Francis said his upbeat attitude is the result of his family's support as well as the satisfaction of having lived a very fulfilling life. From scuba diving to skydiving to earning a black belt in martial arts, he said he's accomplished his goals over the years.

"I think it's a combination of God and family, basically, and I've always been a positive person, too," he added. "It's kind of like cancer - you hope."

"Anything I ever wanted to do, I did, so I don't have any regret in my life. It's been great."

Investigation

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and the Tuscola County Sheriff's department along with local police agencies.

Parent was located by one of the canine teams. Lautner said the man was found in a hunting blind at the southeast corner of the property and had suffered an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Obituaries

Naida Doerr

Naida Carolyn Doerr, 76, of Caseville, formerly of Cass City, died Saturday, Sept. 3, 2005 after an extended illness.

She was born March 14, 1929 in Traverse City, the daughter of the late Frank and Mildred (Boone) Spoor. She married Edward H. Doerr Feb. 17, 1947.

Doerr graduated from Traverse City High School. She worked for Bell Telephone and Walbro. Doerr was an artist. In 1974, her works traveled the state as part of The Michigan Arts Council Art Train, which showcased Michigan artists at stops around the state. Her showings included the Saginaw Museum of Art, local art shows and she illustrated "The Birds of Florida's Big Bend," published by the Florida Department of Education. She was a member of the VFW, Eagles and a former member of the First Presbyterian Church, Cass City.

Doerr is survived by her husband, Edward; children: Randy Scott (Sheila) Doerr, Deborah Jean (Cas) Pasieczny, Patricia Michelle (William) Coleman and Edward James Doerr; 4 grandchildren; 3 sisters: Winona (Al) Farrington, Kay (Glen) Cohoon and Sharon (Jim) Frantz; a step-sister, Judy (Jim) Pryor; a sister-in-law, Sylvia Spoor; and many

nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her step-father, Bruce Thompson; a step-brother, Greg Thompson; and a brother, Duane Spoor.

A memorial luncheon will be held from 1 to 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17 at the Eagles in Caseville.

Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice or the Eagles.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Robert Ertman

Robert Lee Ertman, 51, of Uby, died Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2005 at Tendercare, Cass City.

He was born Dec. 3, 1953, and was adopted the son of Archie and Arinda Ertman.

Ertman was a 1979 graduate of Bad Axe High School. He worked assembling car parts at Thumb Industries.

Ertman is survived by a sister, Lois Tezak of Uby; a stepbrother, Steven McHugh of Sebawaing; a special companion, Dee Koehn of Uby; an aunt, Janet Smoot of Charlotte, NC; and several nephews.

Funeral services were held Friday, Sept. 2, at Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Uby, with the Rev. Joseph Griffin, pastor of St. John Catholic Church in Uby, officiating.

Burial will be in the St. Ignatius Cemetery at a later date.

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

Henry Nolan

Henry Nolan, 78, of Cass City, died Friday, Sept. 2, 2005 at his home.

He was born June 6, 1927 in Cass City, the son of the late Harry and Mary (Ott) Nowland.

He married Shirley Pike Dec. 12, 1953.

Nolan was a WWII U.S. Air Force veteran. He worked for Cass City Steel, retiring in 1998.

Nolan is survived by his wife, Shirley; children: Fred, Matthew, Joseph, Lee, Nicholas, Mike, Henry "Hank" Jr., Richard (Leinani), Suzanne, David and Robert Nolan; 2 grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and 3 sisters: Eileen (Fred) Kilbourn, Donna Brescoe, and Violet (the late Frank) Englehart.

He was preceded in death by his siblings: Lila

Kerbyson, Irma Nowland, Evelyn Van Horn, June Luettkie, Kenneth Nowland and Robert "Bob" Nowland. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Anita O'Berski

Anita P. O'Berski, 53, of Cass City, died Sunday, Sept. 4, 2005 in Covenant Medical Center-Harrison Campus, Saginaw.

She was born Sept. 7, 1951 in Cass City, the daughter of Harley and Edith (Ross) Scott.

She married Dennis E. O'Berski Jan. 31, 1976 in St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Uby.

O'Berski received her Associates Degree from St. Clair County Community College and her Bachelors of Education Degree from Central Michigan University. She was a teacher at Kingston Elementary School for 31 years. O'Berski was a member of Living Word Worship Center and a member of the choir. She helped with a variety of church activities.

She is survived by her husband, Dennis; children: Garret O'Berski of Cass City, and Julie (David) Kolb of Muskegon; a brother, Ross (Linda) Scott of Sandusky; her mother-in-law, Bernice "Bunny" O'Berski of Uby; sisters-in-law, Kathy (Larry) Kelly of Bad Axe, and Diana (Ron) Adrianse of Oscoda; brothers-in-law, Ken (Chris) O'Berski of Uby, and Garret O'Berski of Uby; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and several friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her father-in-law, Elmer O'Berski.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor Keith Misany of Living Word Worship Center Church of God officiating.

Interment was in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Kingston Community Schools Library.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

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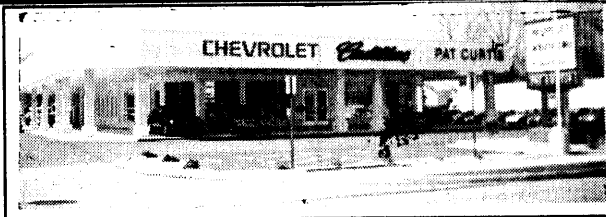
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