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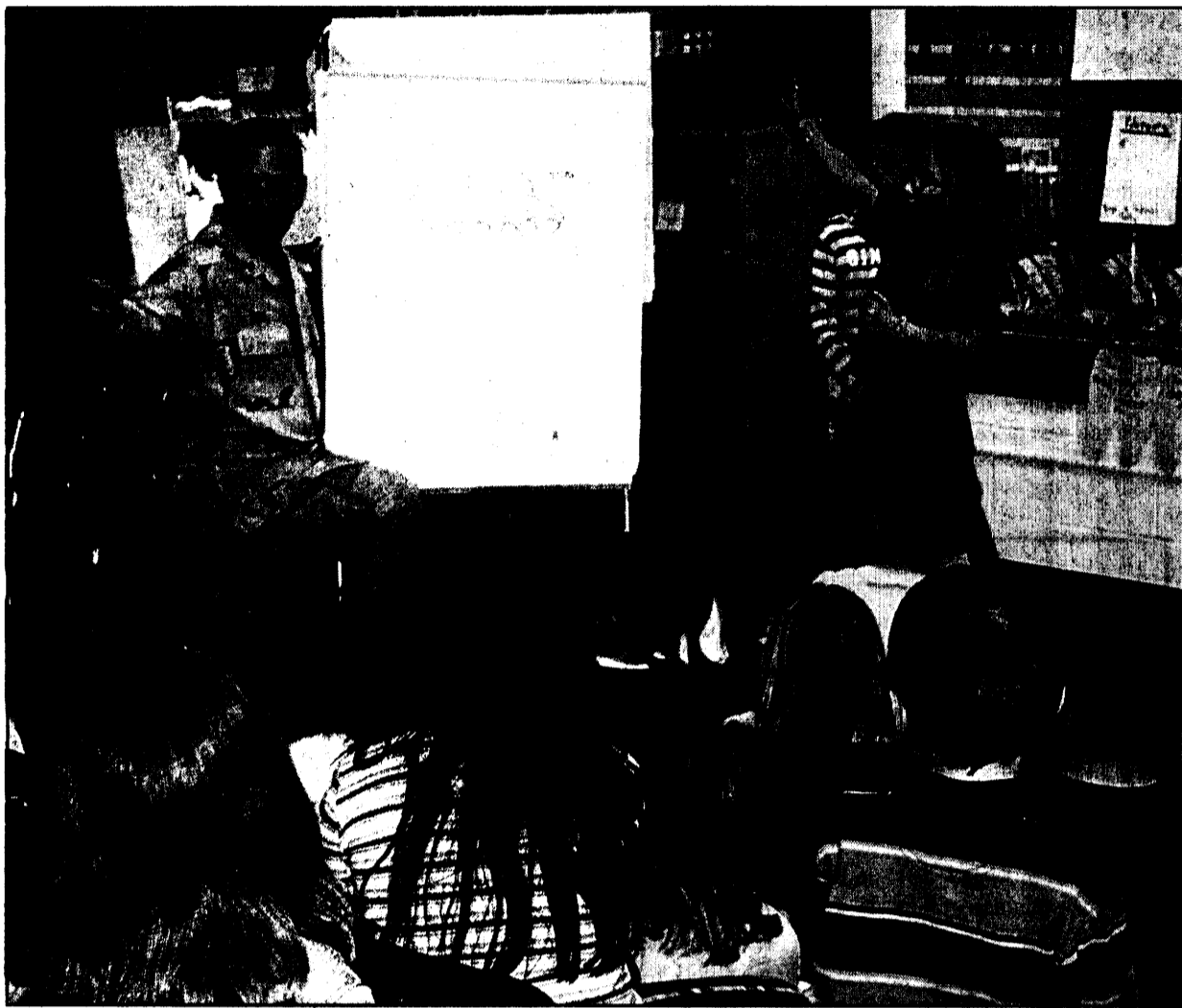
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FIRST LT. KRISTOPHER Rose, 26, visited with Campbell Elementary School students last week following his return from a year-long tour of duty in eastern Baghdad, Iraq. The son of first grade teacher Linda Rose, Rose spoke with several classes on a variety of topics, including the tanks used by American soldiers.

Burtch stands mute Monday

Cass City Band Director Doug Burtch stood mute to 8 counts of criminal sexual conduct during his formal arraignment Monday morning in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Circuit Judge Patrick R. Joslyn ordered a pre-trial hearing scheduled and continued bond in the case. Burtch is free on a \$25,000 personal recognizance bond. A trial date has not been set yet.

Burtch was bound over to circuit court on 2 counts of third degree and 6 counts of fourth degree criminal sexual conduct following his Feb. 3 preliminary examination in Tuscola County District Court.

Third degree criminal sexual conduct is a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison. Fourth degree criminal sexual conduct is a misdemeanor that carries a maximum 2 years in prison.

Earlier this month in district court,

Burtch's accuser - a former Cass City High School student - testified that she was 17 when she and Burtch allegedly engaged in a sexual relationship during an hour-long period at Burtch's Cass City residence in the fall of 2004.

In addition to the charges in Tuscola County, Burtch has been charged with 2 counts of third degree criminal

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Area schools pick up a few students

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City school officials have been forced to take a hard look at ways to cut spending this year thanks to a \$600,000 budget deficit caused by years of decreasing student numbers and only modest - if any - increases in state funding.

But local school officials received a little good news last week; the bi-annual statewide school enrollment count revealed a slight increase in student numbers locally, and Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced plans to increase per-pupil funding for the next school year.

School Supt. Ken Micklash reported last Wednesday's count totaled 1,492 students - 474 at the middle school, 480 at Campbell Elementary School and 538 at the high school. That's 8 more students than were counted last September.

In other area districts:
•Owen-Gage School Supt. Dana Compton reported a combined enrollment of 198 students, an increase of 2 students compared to last September.

•Uby Community School officials reported picking up an additional 14 students since the fall count. The district's enrollment last Wednesday was 903 students, compared to 889 in September.

•Kingston Community Schools Supt. George Bednork said his district saw a slight increase in student numbers. Total enrollment last Wednesday was 646 students, compared to 641 last September.

Cass City Schools, like most other districts in the Thumb, have struggled to maintain enrollment numbers in recent years.

In 2001-02, the district had 1,594 students. The total decreased in the following 3 years, remained steady

in 2004-05 and then fell by 38 students to 1,483 in the "blended" count for this year. That decrease resulted in a loss of \$261,250 in anticipated revenues.

"Anymore, I don't know what to expect," Micklash said of the annual student counts. "But it's nice to see we haven't dipped since September."

Each student will bring in \$200 more in revenue next year under a plan announced last week by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who is also proposing funding increases next year for preschool programs, after-school programs for middle school students and adult education.

Michigan schools currently receive a minimum \$6,875 per student from the state. Under Granholm's proposal, that figure would be \$7,075 per

pupil in 2006-07, an increase of 2.8 percent. Lawmakers must approve Granholm's budget in order for the increase to take effect.

State officials say the extra funding is available because of declining enrollment statewide.

For Cass City Schools, the increase would translate into an additional \$296,600 based on this year's student enrollment.

"The \$200 will certainly be nice after the past couple years," said Micklash, whose district has seen a combined state funding hike of \$175 per student over the past 4 years. In 2 of those years, state officials reduced the district's funding.

Should enrollment increase as well, Micklash said, this would be a step.

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Health department funding dwindling

Dysentery, smallpox, typhoid. These diseases, while terrifying to citizens at the turn of the 20th century, are foreign-sounding words to modern Americans - due largely to the efforts and achievements of public health departments.

"Public health's incredible success at eliminating many of the infectious diseases of the past has, unfortunately, allowed us to forget that threats still exist," said Kimberly Singh, president of the Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH), which represents Michigan's 45 local public health departments.

"While the health and life expectancy of U.S. citizens have improved

dramatically since 1900, the world is beginning to face new and re-emerging health threats such as pandemic influenza - threats that remind us we live in a global community and disease can spread quickly if we aren't prepared," Singh added.

In recent years, funding to local health departments in Michigan has been eroding. The impact of some of these cuts was lessened temporarily by the receipt of federal bioterrorism and emergency preparedness grants, but these dollars are beginning to erode as well.

The loss of funding has definitely impacted local health departments' ability to provide services, according to Gretchen Tenbusch, health officer for the Tuscola and Huron county health departments.

"Our communicable disease program is funded primarily by Local Public Health Operations funding, and that has been cut several times over the last few years. Last year,

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Top volunteer

Cass City's Healy lauded by Farm Bureau

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

As the wife of a farmer, Cathy Healy knows all too well the vital role agriculture plays in the economy of the Thumb and throughout Michigan.

The Cass City woman also knows that fewer and fewer youngsters are growing up on farms these days, and that many have not had the opportunity to see a combine up close or know how sugar beets are harvested and then transformed into sugar.

A desire to introduce the area's youngest residents to agriculture has been the motivating factor behind Healy's volunteer work with Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB).

Her efforts have not gone unnoticed.

MFB officials recently named 2 Tuscola County women - Healy and Delores Damm of Millington - as the Volunteers of the Month for December 2005 and January 2006.

Healy helps operate a small cow-calf operation near Cass City with her husband, Jeff. The couple have 4 children; Steven, 20, Lauren, 12, Caitlyn, 8, and Ethan, 4. A Farm Bureau member since 1998, her involvement in the organization increased dramatically in 2005, finding plenty of opportunities in the Tuscola County Farm Bureau's Promotion and Education program.

Most notably, Healy coordinated the county's first Project RED (Rural Education Day) last fall.

The event brought more than 500 area third grade students to the county fairgrounds in Caro Sept. 15 to learn about dairy, soybeans, sugar beets, forestry, honey bees, water conservation, farm safety and other aspects of agriculture.

In the weeks leading up to Project RED, Healy chaired planning meetings, coordinated the responsibilities of some 100 volunteers, arranged for presenters, and planned the flow of students through several educational exhibits.

"She always was right on the ball, and even a few steps ahead," wrote MFB Thumb Regional representative Janna Fritz, who nominated Healy for the award. "Cathy was new to the organization and taking on a brand new project. She stepped up when the county really needed someone."

"Cathy saved the Tuscola County Farm Bureau when it needed a strong volunteer."

Healy acknowledged the inaugural event went well, but she's quick to credit others for helping to make that happen.

Healy said organizers "had been planning that before we really got involved, but it was Tuscola County's first year and I think they were feel-

ing overwhelmed.

"It was a huge success because of the dedication of our board of directors and the numerous volunteers not only from farm families but also from ag-related businesses," she added. "Everybody just had a piece of it, and it was well organized to start with."

In addition to Project RED in her own county, Healy took part in the special RED event that took place Dec. 1 in conjunction with the MFB State Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids.

She also opened her home to more than 50 directors and committee members by hosting the county board picnic, an event that brings all the county Farm Bureau leaders together once a year in a relaxed, social setting.

"It was a real treat," Fritz said. "Previously it had been held at a hall with a catered meal. Cathy made it more special by bringing it to her home and cooking for the crowd."

Off the farm, Healy is employed as a cardiac nurse at St. Mary's in Saginaw; Jeff Healy, meanwhile, works at Vita Plus in Gagetown and serves on the Tuscola County Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

Although the couple have been members of Farm Bureau since the

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CASS CITY AREA resident Cathy Healy displays the plaque presented to her by Michigan Farm Bureau officials, who recently honored Healy along with Delores Damm of Millington as Volunteers of the Month for December and January, respectively.

No races in school elections

It will be a quiet school election in Cass City in the spring.

Tuscola County Clerk Margie White-Cormier reported only one candidate filed by the Tuesday, Feb. 7, deadline for a lone, available 4-year term on the Cass City Board of Education. The candidate is incumbent Randy Severance, currently a trustee on the board who has served for the past 12 years.

White-Cormier also reported no races in the Kingston Community School District.

Filing by last week's deadline were Ray Wolak, who was appointed to the board last spring to fill a vacancy left by Carol Nicol - he is seeking a one-year term on the board, and board Treasurer Jason Koehler and Vice President Sherri Diegel, who are seeking reelection to 4-year terms.

Likewise, Owen-Gage Board of Education incumbents Jeff Leinweber, currently serving as board president, and Trustee Kathy Champagne were the only individuals to file for 2 expiring 4-year terms in that district.

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Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
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Mrs. Bob Jackson spent Wednesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz.

Allen Farrelly took his grandsons, Keith and Lee Farrelly, to Burger King for supper Monday evening.

Joe Puvalowski of Oklahoma, Beverly Puvalowski, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, Mrs. Bob Damm and Mrs. Allen Depcinski visited Thelma Jackson Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the funeral of Sylvester Abraham at the Smigielski Funeral Home at Ubyly.

Morris Brown and Bonnie Saucedo of Cass City were Saturday evening guests of Thelma Jackson.

Phil and Cheryl Sweeney of Brown City and Casey Sweeney of Ubyly were Saturday afternoon guests of Jim and Kay Sweeney.

Allen Farrelly, Jack Kennedy, Claude Mestack, Al Peruski and Bernard Morley met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Tuesday morning.

Jamie and Jeff Doerr of Cass City were Sunday guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Depcinski were Wednesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western and Allen Farrelly attended the spaghetti supper at Ubyly High School Friday for the high school trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Soper of Grand Ridge, Mo., Mrs. Merle Eggert of Port Hope, Mrs. Jim Doerr and Jerry Cleland were Friday afternoon guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Brooke Depcinski spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski.

Allen Farrelly took June Rutz back to her home in Sterling Heights after she spent a week here.

Joe Puvalowski of Oklahoma, Beverly Puvalowski of Ubyly and Mrs. Allen Depcinski visited Thelma Jackson Thursday.

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

Barbara Whitenberger of Bad Axe visited Veronica Dolinski and Thelma Jackson Thursday.

Engaged



Chad Wolschlager and Sarah Green

Robert and Nancy Wolschlager of Bad Axe announce the engagement of their son, Chad Wolschlager of Holland, to Sarah Green of Zeeland, the daughter of Jeff and Barb Garlets of Melvindale and Dan and Penny Green of Hartford.

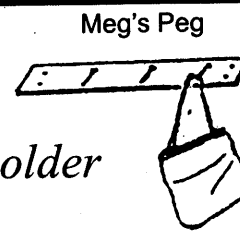
Chad is a 2000 graduate of Cass City High School. He graduated from Wyotech of Pennsylvania and is currently employed at Betten Auto Center in Grand Haven.

Sarah is a 2000 graduate of Zeeland East High School. She is currently attending Muskegon Community College, majoring in business management. She is employed at Invensys Control in Holland.

The couple is planning a July 29, 2006 wedding at St. Columbkille Catholic Church.



Getting older



by Melva E. Guinther

Our grandson, Spencer, will celebrate his 11th birthday this week, and he can hardly wait. That's normal at his age.

As we advance in years, we're not so eager. We might even try to overlook or deny them, but the birthdays just keep sneaking up on us. The older we get, the more often they seem to come around.

Some of these lines by an anonymous author hit a little too close to home to be funny, but I guess it's better to laugh than to cry about it.

Another year has passed
And we're all a little older.
Last summer felt hotter,
And winter seems colder.
I rack my brain for happy thoughts
To put down on my pad,
But lots of things that come to mind
Make me kind of sad.
There was a time not long ago
When life was quite a blast.
Now I fully understand
About "Living in the Past."

We used to go to weddings,
Football games and lunches.
Now we go to funeral homes
And after-funeral brunches.

We used to have hangers
From parties that were gay.
Now we suffer body aches
And while the night away.

We used to go out dining
And couldn't get our fill.
Now we ask for doggie bags,
Come home and take a pill.

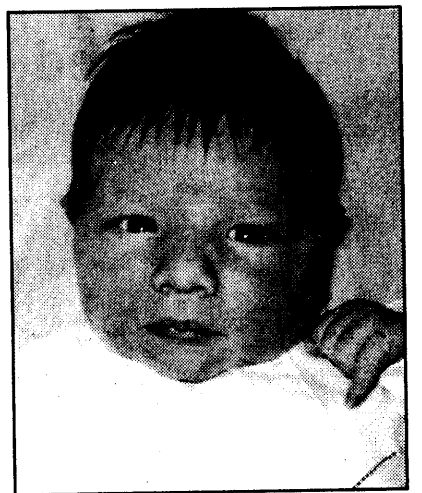
We used to travel often
To places near and far.
Now we get sore bottoms
From riding in the car.

We used to go out shopping
For new clothing at the mall,
But now we never bother.
All the sizes are too small.

We used to go to nightclubs
And drink a little booze.
Now we stay at home at night
And watch the evening news.

That, my friend, is how life is,
And now my tale is told.
So enjoy each day and live it up...
Before you're too darned old!

It's a boy!



Noah Matthew Spencer

Matt and Shelly Spencer of Cass City announce the birth of their third son, Noah Matthew.

Noah was born Friday, Jan. 27, 2006 at Covenant Health Care, Saginaw. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long.

He was welcomed home by a big brother, Seth.

His grandparents are Gary and Linda Mellendorf of Cass City and Edward and Glenn Spencer of Hillman. Great-grandparents are Veron and Lenora Gingrich of Cass City and Iva Webb of Hillman.

Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, February 16

Genealogy Group meeting, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Friday, February 17

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Senior Citizen Movies, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Women's Health Class, "Disease Prevention & Natural Treatments," 9:30 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Call 989-872-2856 to register.

Monday, February 20

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

Cass City Area Historical & Genealogy Society meeting, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Tuesday, February 21

Thumb Area Parkinson's Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., Northwood Meadows.

Wednesday, February 22

Thumb Retired Officers of Police Service (TROOPS) meeting, 11:30 a.m., Franklin Inn, Bad Axe.

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Cochrane joins Curtis dealership

Officials at Pat Curtis Chevrolet-Cadillac, 425 Ellington St., Caro, recently welcomed a new staff member and would like to introduce him to the community.



Don Cochrane

He is Don Cochrane, who works in the dealership's used car sales department.

Cochrane, a 1987 graduate of Sandusky High School, moved to the Cass City area 4 years ago. He and his wife,

Michelle, have 5 children - Chris, Ryan, Nick, Emily and Ashley.

Area residents are invited to call Cochrane at (989) 673-2171 and make an appointment to see the vehicles and great deals offered at Pat Curtis Chevrolet-Cadillac.

7 from area on dean's list

Seven area residents have been named to the dean's list at Northern Michigan University, Marquette, following the fall 2005 semester.

They are: Amanda L. Frederick, Cason Harris, Benjamin M. Howard, Dara L. Iwankovitch and Stephen A. Yax, all of Cass City; Jeffrey J. Kilbourn of Deford, and Leah L. Schuman of Ubyly.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.25 to 3.99.

Nellie Blackmer

Nellie M. Blackmer, 88, of Fostoria, died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at Tendercare Medical Facility, Cass City.

She was born Aug. 3, 1917 in Flat Rock, the daughter of Charles and Mary Jane Derocher.

She was a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Otisville.

Blackmer is survived by her children: Mildred (Jack) Tompkins, Ed (Diane) Blackmer, Jim (Theresa) Blackmer, Margaret (Roger) Harmon, Richard Blackmer and Sue (Tom) Marlow; 30 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; 10 great great-grandchildren; and a sister, Margaret Plachta.

She was preceded in death by her husbands: Edwin and Jim; 2 sons: Robert and Ernest; and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 11, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Otisville, with Pastor Brent Bowden officiating.

Burial was in the Rich Township Cemetery, Mayville.

Memorials may be made to Tendercare of Cass City or the Alzheimer's Association.

Arrangements were made by Hudson Funeral Service, Inc., Otisville.

Wendell Harmon

Wendell Wayne Harmon, 65, of Port Charlotte, Fla., died Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006, at Tide Well Hospice and Palliative Care, Fla.

He was born Dec. 26, 1940 in Rector, Ark.

Harmon served in the U.S. Army. He was a factory laborer. He moved from Deford to Port Charlotte, Fla. in 1999.

Harmon is survived by his sons: Scott (Doris) Harmon of Deford, Corey (Kimberlee) Harmon of St. Clair, Derik (Tammy) Harmon of Gilford, and Chad (Janell) Harmon of Caro; daughters: Angelette (George) Gabelala of Arizona, and Melissa Murphy of North Carolina; 15 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; sisters: Patsy Verena Schreer and Pauline Lucchetti, both of Port Charlotte, Fla.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements were made by ICS Cremation Society, Inc., Harbour Heights, Fla.

Steve Kaluk

Steve Kaluk III, 66, of Allenton, died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006 in his home.

He was born Jan. 10, 1938 in Switchback, West Virginia, the son of Steve and Bernice (Boots) Kaluk Jr. He married Theresa Koslowski, Jan. 7, 1961 in Holy Name Catholic Church, Detroit.

Kaluk served in the U.S. Marine Corp after graduating from high school. He was stationed in Washington D.C. Kaluk worked as a coal miner in West Virginia for about 3 years before moving to Detroit. He worked for Chrysler Corporation for over 31 years as a welder repairman, retiring in 1997. Kaluk was a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Emmett. He was a fourth degree Knight in the John F. Sarrell Knights of Columbus Council #7918. He was a volunteer fire-

man for Berlin Township Fire Department in Allenton for over 3 years.

Kaluk is survived by his wife, Theresa; children: Donna Kaluk-Potyczka of Allenton, Matthew (Debra) Kaluk of Mayville, and Mary Ann Kaluk of Centerline; 5 grandchildren; brothers: James (Bonnie) Kaluk of Bradenton, Fla., and Jack (Linda) Kaluk of Peterstown, West Virginia; sisters-in-law: Lorraine Koslowski of Imlay City and Susan Koslowski of Lubbock, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother-in-law, Leonard Koslowski; and a sister-in-law, Becky Kaluk.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Feb. 9, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, with Monsignor George Browne officiating.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Sago Miner's Relief Fund.

Arrangements were made by Krantz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Blanche Krug

Blanche E. "Twiggy" Krug, 83, of Bad Axe, died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006 at the Huron Care Facility in Bad Axe following a long illness.

She was born March 30, 1922 in Sheridan Township, the daughter of the late James and Amelia (Decker) Walker.

She married John E. Krug in 1943 at St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Ubyly.

Krug is survived by her husband, John E. Krug "Pappy Jack"; 2 daughters: Carol A. (Gerald) Hart of Bad Axe and Estella (Connie) Tyll of Winter Haven, Fla.; 4 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; 3 sisters: Luella Valley, Lila Maurer, and Marion (Bill) McQueen; and many relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and 3 sisters, Gertrude Garey, Edanna Sweeney, and Elizabeth "Betty" Sparling.

A memorial service was held Friday, Feb. 10, at the Huron County Medical Care Facility Chapel, with Father TJ Fleming officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may

be made to the donor's choice. Arrangements were made by MacAlpine Funeral Home of Bad Axe.

Eldon Stoutenburg

Eldon J. Stoutenburg, 73, of Cass City, died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006 in Northwood Meadows Medical Care Unit, Cass City.

He was born Feb. 13, 1932 in Snover, the son of Jay and Hazel (McNaughton) Stoutenburg.

He married Ellen Miller May 1, 1954 in Pigeon.

Stoutenburg worked for 35 years for the Village of Cass City DPW. He was a member of Cass City United Methodist Church and the Laymen's Club.

Stoutenburg was a member of the Elkland Township Fire Department for 17 years. He coached many softball and baseball teams, and was a pioneer of the Women's Softball League. He volunteered at Bay Shore Camp and was instrumental in many building projects. One year Stoutenburg received the Tuscola County Friend of Youth Award.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen; children: Ed (Susan) Stoutenburg of Cass City, Elaine Stoutenburg of Columbiaville, and Earny (Wendie) Stoutenburg of Penryn, CA; 6 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Max Stoutenburg.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the Cass City United Methodist Church, Cass City, with the Rev. George Ward officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Bay Shore Camp, the Cass City United Methodist Church Building Fund, or the Parkinson Foundation.

Arrangements were made by Krantz Funeral Home, Cass City.

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The Village of Gageton Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed village budget for fiscal year April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007 at the Elmwood Township Gageton Municipal Building located at 6437 Lincoln Street, Gageton on Monday, March 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. * The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection. Please contact Clerk Maggie Root if you would like a copy to review.

Notice complies with MCL 141.436 & MCL 211.24e

Prepared by: Maggie Root
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Gageton
February 1, 2006



Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

One way to cut school operating costs is to buy out teachers at the top of the pay scale and substitute them with teachers at the bottom of the scale. In Cass City it could pave the way for reduction in staff without having to pink slip active teachers.

Unless it changes, it doesn't appear to be an option for Cass City. The teachers were surveyed with a bonus retirement offer that included a \$30,000 bonus paid over 2 years if at least 4 eligible teachers indicated they would accept an offer, or \$35,000 if 7 or more indicated they would accept.

There were 2 teachers who indicated they would be very interested and several others who are lukewarm about the offer, but haven't totally said no to the proposition.

Here's good news, bad news story for Oxford Schools as reported in the Oxford Leader. The good news is the school is looking for 84 new students each worth in excess of \$7,000 in state aid during the next school year. The bad news is the district is looking at a \$3.1 million deficit this year.

Ronald Wilson, the new superintendent at Cass City Schools, should know every bump in the road between Harrison and Cass City. Before he arrives to stay April 3 he undoubtedly will make many jaunts here.

Monday he was in town to make his acquaintance with folks in the community and that was trip 4 of his official visits that included 2 in the search process and another last week to sign his contract.

Members at the Shabbona United Methodist Church say that selling food is by far the most popular, most effective money-raiser that they have. The big honcho, of course, is the annual apple pie sale.

In the last few years cherry pies have been added to the menu and sales are growing steadily, this year about 450 cherry pies were sold. The monthly meals are also a steady income producer.

Even though there is no charge, they make money because of the generous folks that contribute in a free-will offering. Besides that, it's easier to make a buck when the labor is free.

Notice

VILLAGE OF GAGETOWN

Due to a power outage on February 5, 2006, an overspill of wastewater occurred at the village's lift station of 400 to 500 gallons.

Action was taken to correct the problem. Follow up procedures were taken to minimize any potential impact.

This occurrence will not effect the Village of Gagetown's drinking water.

Sincerely,
Robert McCreedy
DPW Gagetown

2 kids critically hurt in accident

Two children were listed in critical condition following a 2-vehicle accident Saturday morning in Vassar Township.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro reported the crash occurred at about 9:55 a.m. on M-15 at Atkins Road.

According to reports, a 1990 Dodge station wagon was making a left turn onto Atkins Road from M-15. The driver of a semi-tractor trailer following behind the Dodge did not see the vehicle stop and struck it in the rear, pushing the station wagon into a field. Troopers said the Dodge was driven by a 38-year-old female Saginaw resident and occupied by 4 children. One

7-year-old child was airlifted to Covenant Hospital in Saginaw and was listed in critical condition. The driver and the other children were transported to Covenant by ambulance, and troopers said one of those children was also listed in critical condition.

The driver of the semi-tractor trailer was not injured. Alcohol was not a factor in the accident, according to troopers, who said it isn't certain whether all of the occupants were wearing seatbelts.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies, Vassar MMR and the Tuscola County Road Commission assisted troopers at the scene.

The Haire Net

Cutting costs a real challenge



Several proposed cost-cutting measures at Cass City Schools will spark immediate reaction from residents in the district. Everyone's going to have an opinion about changes in the bus system or the abandonment of 9th grade sports.

Our guess is that requiring kids to walk to collection points to board a bus will be hotly debated. I confess that having students, especially grade students, on the road when it's dark is one that makes me shiver thinking about its possible tragic consequences.

Initially, there probably won't be as much general concern about the loss of perhaps 5 teachers and long-term it is the most disturbing necessity of the downsizing.

Cass City now has a class A (top) state rating in high school, middle school and elementary school. You have to believe that cutting teachers makes retaining its current rating a stiff challenge for the staff and the administration.

Remember that the school operated at a cost per pupil among the lowest in the state before the state took over the financing and placed every school on the same level.

With schools in financial turmoil, the proposed changes in the curriculum requirements for graduation have some school authorities wailing about the increased cost the changes will require if the program is adopted by the legislature and starts in the next school year.

Supt. Ken Micklash says that Cass City is in a fortunate position in that he believes the proposed changes can be accommodated with some shifting of the current staff.

The proposed abandonment of 9th grade athletic teams affects primarily the basketball and volleyball programs. It won't affect the more talented athletes who will move up to the junior varsity, but will remove the opportunity for floor time for some JV players and cut the chances for participation of freshmen who can't cut it on the JV level.

That's unfortunate, but it's hard to see a better alternative for cutting costs of the athletic program.

The complete cost-cutting agenda as outlined in last week's Chronicle is not cast in stone.

Folks who feel that there is a better way to balance the budget can present their views at the regular school board meeting Feb. 27 at the school.

First responder classes set

Sanilac Medical Services Inc. will be hosting a Medical First Responder Class Feb. 21 through March 25 at the Kingston Fire Hall.

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The back forty

by Roger Pond

I first noticed it in a South Dakota newspaper. It was a photo of a man holding a big fish.

"That's a pretty good pike," I thought to myself. "That fellow must be real happy with that one."

Then I realized this wasn't just a fish picture. This was an obituary. Probably the most recent and the best photo available for this person.

Now I see them all the time. Guys around my age or older, holding a big ol' fish — right in the middle of the obituary page.

It's a trend, I think, and I kind of like it. Why not remember a person doing one of the things they enjoyed the most?

That's what I tell my wife when she asks, "Why do we have all of these fish pictures? One or two should be enough. You don't have to take the whole roll!"

"Someday you'll be glad to have all of those photos," I tell her. "They'll come in real handy at the funeral."

"Besides, you'll notice these pictures are not all the same. Here's one where I have a funny look on my face, and the fish has his eyes closed in this one."

"And look here. I'm holding the fish out further so it looks twice as big."

All of those photos bring back memories, too. Here's a batch from the day I caught a salmon on every cast.

My son, Russ, and I had hiked down to the gorge in the dark one morn-

ing and headed for our favorite hole. It turns out someone was already there, so we headed for our second favorite hole.

Another father and his son were sitting on the bank, but they said, "There's plenty of room for all of us as long as we watch our casting."

So we sat there and chatted until it got daylight. Then Russ started to cast. He made about six casts and hooked a salmon.

I was still fumbling around trying to tie on a leader, so the other guy's son netted the fish for Russ. Then, this fellow climbed up on the same rock, made a few casts, and he hooked a salmon!

The limit was one fish per day at the time, so Russ and the second fisherman were done.

I was still fumbling with my leader knot when the other father said, "I may be kind of dumb, but I'm not stupid." And he scurried over to the same rock.

Before you could say Jack Sprat, this man had a salmon, too! By this time I said, "Russ, tie this &#@ knot for me before somebody else gets on that rock."

He had it tied in no time, and I ran for the spot. I made one cast, hooked a nice salmon, and landed it. One cast, one salmon, one fish daily limit. That's a salmon on every cast.

And I don't care what anybody says. Eighteen photos is none too many for an occasion like that.

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Wednesday
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Thursday
Rain/Snow
High: 36 Low: 23

Friday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 25 Low: 9

Saturday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 23 Low: 8

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 24 Low: 12

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of snow, high temperature of 36°, humidity of 80% and an overnight low of 25°. The record high temperature for today is 58° set in 1954. The record low temperature is -5° set in 1963. Thursday, skies will be cloudy with a 50% chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 36°.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Monday	28	19	27/13	0.00"
Tuesday	27	19	28/13	0.00"
Wednesday	23	0	28/13	0.00"
Thursday	25	3	28/13	0.00"
Friday	30	9	28/13	0.00"
Saturday	27	7	28/13	0.00"
Sunday	27	5	28/13	0.00"

Upcoming Moon Phases

☾ Last 2/21
☽ New 2/27
☾ First 3/6
☽ Full 3/14

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today7:31 a.m.
Sunset tonight6:03 p.m.

Precipitation	0.00"
Normal precipitation	-0.35"
Departure from normal	-0.35"
Average temperature	17.8°
Average normal temperature	20.4°
Departure from normal	-2.6°

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Red Hawk Talks

by Donna Bushong

Although much less extravagant than Homecoming, Snowcoming is still a big deal at Cass City High School.

The week of Snowcoming began on Monday and the festivities continue until the big game on Friday. The Snowcoming game this year is even bigger than it has been in the past as it is against USA who beat the Hawks earlier in the season.

Snowcoming festivities, started traditionally with spirit week. Monday was Michigan vs. Michigan State Day and students wore the colors of their favorite local Big Ten team. On Tuesday, we took a virtual trip to Nashville with Country Western Day. Students who wish to participate in Wednesday's spirit day will wear a white shirt and bring some colorful markers because it is Signature Day. Instead of our plain old boring clothes, on Thursday each class gets to wear a different pattern. Freshman get to wear plaid, sophomores will get a new set of stripes, juniors will be seeing spots when they wear their polka dots, and seniors get a blast from the past by wearing anything they have that is tie-dyed. Friday is the traditional Maroon and

White Day, which presents the essence of Cass City school spirit.

In the fall, the girls got their opportunity to play football. The guys wanted an opportunity to participate in a "girl" sport, so on Wednesday there will be an "Aftershave Volleyball" game. The boys get their chance to see what it's really like to wear spandex shorts, spike, bump, set and get their chance to play REAL volleyball.

Since we can't really go parading floats around the gym (although it has been tried with little red wagons), we have a banner competition instead. Each class puts together a banner that incorporates the theme and the varsity basketball team. The theme for this year's banner competition is cereal.

At half time of the Varsity game, the Snowcoming ceremonies will take place. For those who haven't heard yet, the underclassmen court members and the queen and king candidates are announced. It is also at this point the king and queen will be announced to everyone.

The Snowcoming Dance concludes the festivities at 11:45 p.m. After that it's back to our everyday clothes and activities.

Several appear in circuit court

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

•David H. Johnson, 41, Caro, pleaded no contest to first degree home invasion, carrying a weapon with unlawful intent, possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, domestic violence (second offense), malicious destruction of property less than \$200, and assault with a dangerous weapon Aug. 13 in Caro, and to witness tampering/intimidation, Aug. 13-17 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at a combined \$110,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Nicholas N. Smith, 27, Saginaw, pleaded guilty to failure to pay child support Dec. 1, 2003 through Jan. 1, 2005.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$5,814 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.

•Edward W. Baer, 54, North Bend, Ore., pleaded guilty to failure to pay child support Feb 1, 2003, through June 13, 2005.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$21,750. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•David W. Martin, 36, Columbiaville, pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, and furnishing false information to a police officer April 29 in Millington/Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Cassie A. Tappen, 18, Vassar, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Oct. 30 in Fairgrove Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$7,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Ashley Farnum, 20, Caro, pleaded no contest to larceny from a person, conspiracy to commit larceny from a person, larceny of \$200 to \$1,000 and conspiracy to commit larceny of \$200 to \$1,000 Dec. 10, 2004, in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at

\$10,000. Sentencing is to be set. Russell A. Rondo, 23, Caro, pleaded no contest to assaulting a police officer and domestic violence Aug. 13 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Jason D. Gillespie, 19, Bay City, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail, with work release, for his pleas of no contest to possession of burglar's tools and larceny of \$1,000 to \$20,000 Aug. 9 in Wisner Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,130. Restitution is to be determined.

•Trisha L. Ratcliffe, 20, Caro, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 180 days in jail for her pleas of guilty to delivering/manufacturing a narcotic/cocaine (less than 50 grams), possession of methamphetamine/Ecstasy, delivering/manufacturing marijuana, and possession of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 25 grams) May 4 in Fremont Township.

She was also ordered to complete her high school education and pay \$2,980 in costs and fines.

•Andrew W. Barrigar, 31, Caro, was sentenced to 270 days in jail (deferred) and 60 months probation for his pleas of no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon and cutting/tapping telephone lines Aug. 21 in Indianfields Township.

He was also ordered to pay fines and costs totaling \$1,630 plus \$200 in attorneys fees.

•Adam D. Pennell, 25, Vassar, was sentenced to 183 days in jail and 36 months probation for his pleas of guilty to fleeing and eluding a police officer and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Sept. 10 in Millington Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$3,605 in costs and fines.

•William C. Spencer, 30, Saginaw, was sentenced to 30 days in jail (deferred) and 24 months probation for his plea of guilty to unlawful use of a motor vehicle Nov. 3 in Cass City.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,830.

•Ryan D. Germain, 35, Vassar, received a one-year delayed sentence and 12 months probation for his pleas of guilty to manufacturing marijuana and possession of marijuana Aug. 9 in Vassar Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$670 in costs and fines.

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Letters to the Editor Community support was overwhelming

Dear Editor,

I often thought as I was growing up that Cass City would be a town that would be seen in my rear view mirror as I was leaving. But recently I was reminded of one of the many reasons why I decided to stay. I was one of the many people that helped to organize a benefit for Brian Mallory and his family. Just thinking of the overwhelming support from the community brings a tear to my eye and joy to my heart.

The committee that organized the benefit would like to recognize all of the churches and individuals that helped with salads and beans, and all the people who baked the delicious desserts.

We can't begin to explain how grate-

ful we are for the support from local businesses, including Cole Carbide for the Piston tickets and Walther Farms for the potatoes. To all of you that scrubbed potatoes, God bless you. We also were blessed to have help from many high school students and community members, and all of the volunteers that stayed behind the scenes working in the kitchen or who stayed around just in case we needed you.

If you attended the event, you know that Boy Scouts from Cass City and Caro helped to serve and clean. How impressed we all are by your devotion to Scoutmaster Brian and your service for others. The music provided by friends of Brian and the Cass City High School Jazz band was enjoyed by all. You all have amazing talent and we envy the fun you seem to have when you perform.

The event would have been unsuccessful without the help and support of the custodial staff and cooks from the High School.

For all of the people that attended the benefit, wow! You opened your hearts and gave in this economically difficult time for all of us. Your combined donations and your willingness to give rose over \$10,000 for the Mallory family. This truly is miraculous and I believe this type of help for people in need only comes from small town caring.

Lastly, we would like to recognize Brian Mallory and his family for the faith, courage and strength that they have shown all of us in fighting this terrible disease that strikes so many of our loved ones. You have provided hope for many and have showed us that miracles really do happen.

To all that helped with the benefit and attended, know that you have done a wonderful thing. I am proud to say that I am from a small town and glad that I have decided to call Cass City home. This is a town that knows how to lend a helping hand and truly can be counted on when a friend is in need.

Paula LeValley,
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TWELVE HURON County teachers recently received grants from the DTE Energy Foundation's Mini-Grants for Education Program. They are (standing, from left) Peggy Randall, Huron ISD general education director; Steven Varner and Matthew Tuckey, teachers at Bad Axe High School; Ray Bollaert, DTE Energy community relations representative; Carol Zurek, a teacher at the Huron Learning Center; Sandra Parks, a teacher at Owen-Gage Elementary School; Diana Schulz, a teacher at Laker Junior High School; Kathy Dickens, a teacher at Laker Elementary School; Steven Hill, a teacher at Harbor Beach Elementary School; and (seated, from left) Kim Brown, Tamara Lutz, Heather Miles and Lindsay Nugent, all teachers at George E. Green Elementary School.

Huron teachers awarded grants

The DTE Energy Foundation recently awarded \$3,000 in "mini-

grants" to 12 Huron County teachers to fund hands-on energy-related

Business focus of county conference

Final plans have been made for hosting the Rebuilding Tuscola County Through Entrepreneurship Conference scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 25, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Tuscola Technology Center, 1401 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

Cost of the conference is \$10 per person for registrations received before Feb. 17 or \$20 per person thereafter. Registration includes continental breakfast, lunch, breaks, a resource notebook, speakers and business information expo.

Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants are urged to register early for the conference, as space is limited.

Registration forms are available at the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation, MSU Extension-Tuscola County, Tuscola County Annex Building, Tuscola County Clerk's Office, and various locations throughout the county. The registration form is available on the Tuscola County web site at www.tuscolacounty.org.

Jim McLoskey, executive director of the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation states, "This conference is an ideal opportunity for entrepreneurs at all stages of the business cycle to gather information from local and statewide experts on starting, financing, managing, and buying, selling or transferring a business."

According to Gerald Peterson, chairman of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, "We have an excellent lineup of keynote speakers featuring innovation, education, and the practical side of running a small business."

Keynote speakers include: Tom Kalchik, Associate Director of the MSU Product Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources, East Lansing; Dr. Timothy Nash, Provost of Northwood University, Midland; and Ken Hall, Owner of Wilson Stamping and Manufacturing of Vassar. Kalchik will be speaking on the topic, "So You Want To Be An Entrepreneur?" Dr. Nash's presentation will center on "The Entrepreneur in a

Complex and Dynamic Global Economy." Hall's presentation will focus on the "Benefits, Challenges, and Realities of Being an Entrepreneur."

"Four breakout sessions will be offered at 2 timeslots during the morning with Henry Knier, Jr. and Dennis Stein speaking on Starting Your Business, Dennis Gilkey and Jim McLoskey speaking on Financing Your Business, Thomas Doran and Dennis Squires speaking on Managing Your Business, and Gary Anderson speaking on Buying, Selling, or Transferring a Business," states Mike Green, Executive Director for Rural Partners of Michigan.

According to Dr. Hal Hudson, county extension director, Tuscola County MSU Extension, "A number of local entrepreneurs have agreed to serve on a panel to share firsthand their experiences of starting, financing, managing, and/or buying, selling or transferring a business." To date, featured panel speakers include: Jon Blasius of Blasius, Inc., Andrew Green of Barna Log Homes, Inc., David Wice of Village Pride Wallpaper and Paint, Bill Pickett of Bridges Assessment Center, and Dorothea Wilson of The Lighthouse Rehabilitation Center.

Conference organizers have been very impressed with the financial commitment made by conference sponsors for the Rebuilding Tuscola County Through Entrepreneurship Conference and entrepreneurship initiative.

Sponsorships for the conference and furtherance of the entrepreneurship initiative are still available by contacting Jim McLoskey at (989) 673-2849. Sponsorships are to be made payable to Tuscola 2011.

Co-Hosts for the conference include: Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, Rural Partners of Michigan, Tuscola 2011, Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation, Human Development Commission, and MSU Extension-Tuscola County.

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Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

Choosing music as a career takes a lot of heart, determination and persistence. Nathan Sweet has all of those traits, and the Cass City area resident is willing to make the sacrifices necessary to achieve success as a professional musician. After all, it's his lifelong dream. "I'd like to go out and hit the big time and reach out to people," Sweet commented Thursday in the recording studio at Ron Badgerow's Sound Solutions and Full Armor Productions north of the Thumb and southeastern Michigan. Several students qualified to represent Ubyly at the state Business Professionals of America competition slated in Detroit March 15-17. Competing will be: Carol Cleland, Tim O'Malley, Rose Peruski, Crystal Smalley, Todd Volz, Misti Wolschleger, and Trista Wolschleger. Ubyly's spelling team consists of Jessie Puvalowski, Nancy Puvalowski and Trista Wolschleger.

25 YEARS AGO

What is normally a bean field on the family farm became a lake Tuesday for brothers Kurt, Dan, Matt and Terry Tuckey. The farm is on Koepfgen Road. The temporary pond, at least 3 acres in size, was as much as 3-4 feet deep.

Short story. Walking around the Oakland Mall I stopped at a display plugging the New York Times. (Busman's holiday.) The salesman cornered me. Care to have the Times delivered to your home? I don't think you deliver where I live. We deliver

everywhere, where's your home? Cass City. Cass City? Yeah. Where's that? One hundred miles north in the Thumb. Forget it. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Cass City almost ran out of water early Monday. The reason, according to village Superintendent Lou LaPonsie, was an electrical problem in the village's water tower off Hillcrest Drive. When the water level in the tank declines too much, the float on the surface activates a switch to turn on the pumps at the village wells, which then refill the tank. The switch wasn't activated, however, and as a result, there was only a foot of water left inside the 200,000 gallon tank when the fault was repaired.

35 YEARS AGO

Advanced intelligence: Coming now or in the very near future to Cass City: a new barber shop in the hotel; a dress shop in the store at the corner of Main and Maple, and a new owner at the now closed Leonard gas station. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Lion president Tom Herron accepted a check from Cass Bartnik Monday night. Bartnik presented the check in behalf of the American Legion in Cass City, which is donating \$100 to the Leader Dog for the Blind school at Rochester, Michigan. Helping with the presentation were Bob Speirs, of the Legion, and Ron Keegan of the Lions.

The projects are all designed to encourage students' curiosity and excitement about science, energy, math and the environment.

Among the recipients is Sandra Parks, a long-time Owen-Gage Elementary School teacher who plans to use her \$286 award to purchase a weather station. Her students will be developing daily weather reports that will be part of the school's morning announcement.

Also receiving a grant was Owendale area resident and educator Tamara Lutz, who will use her \$75 mini-grant to buy Magna Doodle boards and journals to supplement her math and writing lessons at George E. Greene Elementary School in Bad Axe.

The DTE Energy Foundation's Mini-Grants for Educators Program was established in 1990 to promote science and energy studies for K-12 students. Since then, the program has awarded more than \$700,000 to public and private school teachers in DTE Energy's service territory.

"This year the program will award more than \$35,000 to Michigan teachers for creative energy-related projects to supplement their lesson plans," said Carol Moore, DTE Energy Education and Community Relations representative. "These grants provide funding for special projects that school budgets typically cannot afford."

To apply for the mini-grants, teachers submitted proposals to their intermediate school district for consideration. Judges looked for projects that encouraged problem-solving, decision-making and critical thinking, while helping students understand energy and the energy industry.

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<p>Cass City Church of Christ 6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726 Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136 Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>First Baptist Church 6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726 989-872-3155 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. AWANA 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays Pastor: Eric Holmgren Youth Pastor: Bryan Heller Website: www.fbccus.com</p>	<p>Potter's House Christian Fellowship Church Corner of 6th and Leach, Cass City, MI 48726 872-5186 Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Pastor: F. Robert Tucker</p>
<p>Cass City Church of the Nazarene 6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-2604 or 872-5201 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer & Bible Study & Children's Activities 6:00 p.m. Pastor - Rev. Darold Ward</p>	<p>First Presbyterian Church Barrier Free 6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-5400 Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:45 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Pastor: Dave Blackburn</p>	<p>St. Agatha Catholic Church 4618 South St., Gageton, MI 48735 665-9966 Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.</p>
<p>Cass City Missionary Church 4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 989-872-2729 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m. Pastor - Bob Sweeney www.casscitymc.org</p>	<p>Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-2770 Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Pastor: Gerald Meyer</p>	<p>St. Pancratius Catholic Church 4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-3336 Saturday Liturgy 5:30 p.m. Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m. Pastor: Father Steve Fillion</p>
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Cass City spikers fall in championship game at Saturday's SVSU Invite

For the second time this year, the young and improving Cass City spikers advanced to the finals of a weekend tourney. The Red Hawks traveled to compete

at the Saginaw Valley State University Invitational Saturday, where they fell in the championship game to North Branch. Coach Beth Howard's squad took

first in its pool at the invite with a mark of 7-1. The Hawks rallied for wins of 21-19 and 21-13 in their opening games over Mt. Morris and then posted sweeps over Clarkston, 21-10 and 21-17, and Woodhaven by the scores of 21-12 and 21-10. In their final pool round contest the Hawks split with Lapeer East, 25-23 and 11-21.

"We started out the day a little slow," Howard said. "We were down 8 points with Mt. Morris but rallied back to beat them in both games. As the day went on the team played stronger and more consistent ball."

In the semifinals, Cass City needed 3 games to advance into the championship tilt as Fenton fell by the scores of 21-15, 18-21 and 15-11 before North Branch recorded straight wins of 21-6 and 21-17 to claim the championship trophy.

"North Branch has a nice team and they make very few mistakes," Howard said. "Overall, I feel we had a very successful day and believe we are getting stronger in all areas. Hopefully, this hard work will pay off in districts."

Individually for Cass City, Ashley Hendrick had 39 kills, 8 blocks, 22 digs, 38 receptions; Sara Meeker, 32 kills, 10 blocks; Carly Howard, 18 kills, 24 digs, 37 receptions, 3 aces; Emily Schinnerer, 12 kills, 32 digs, 34 receptions, 6 aces; Courtney Rabideau, 20 digs, 3 aces; and Amanda Langenburg, 90 assists.

"Amanda is doing a great job of changing up the offense and getting more hitters involved," Howard said.

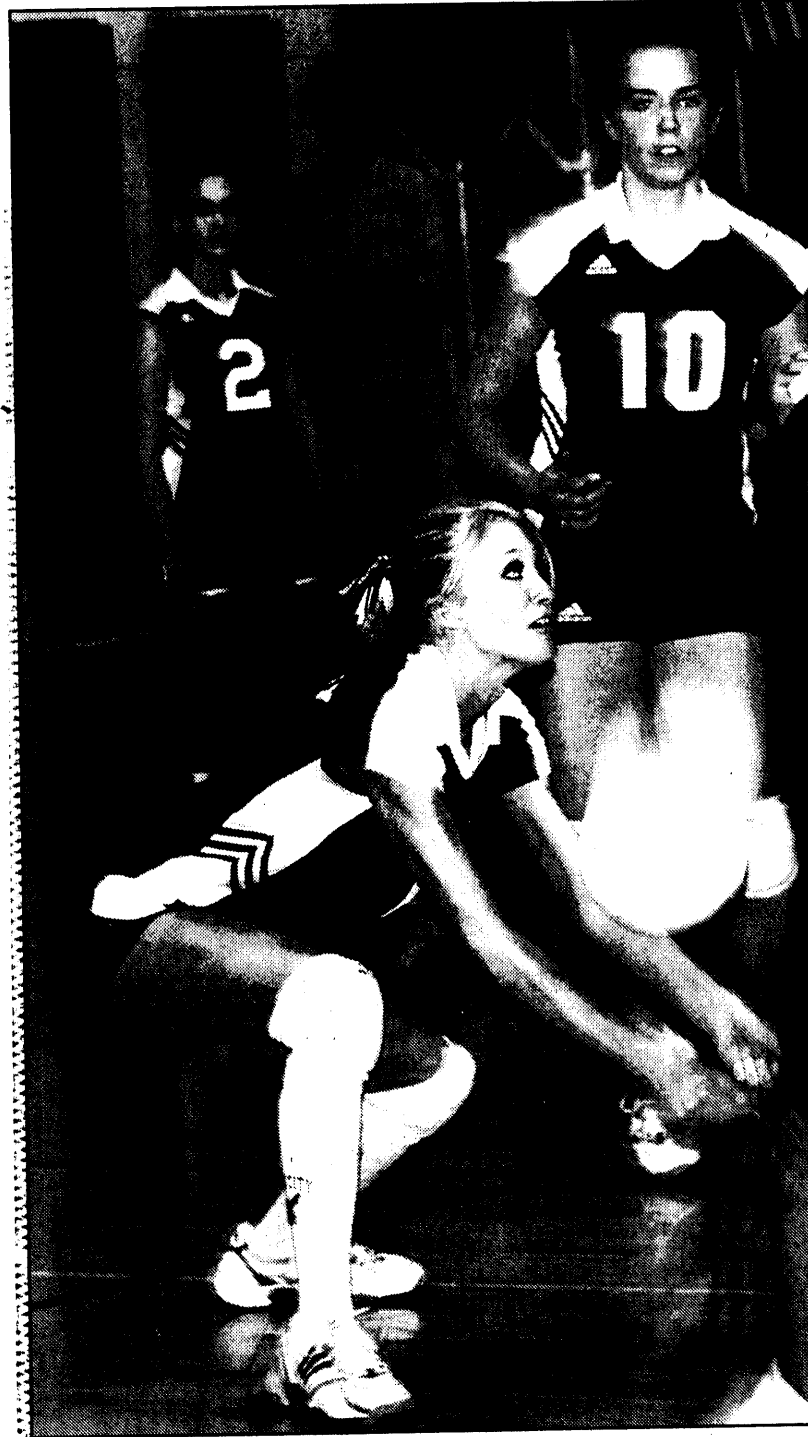
USA

Cass City improved its Greater Thumb West record to 3-1 Thursday with a 4-game decision over visiting Unionville-Sebewaing.

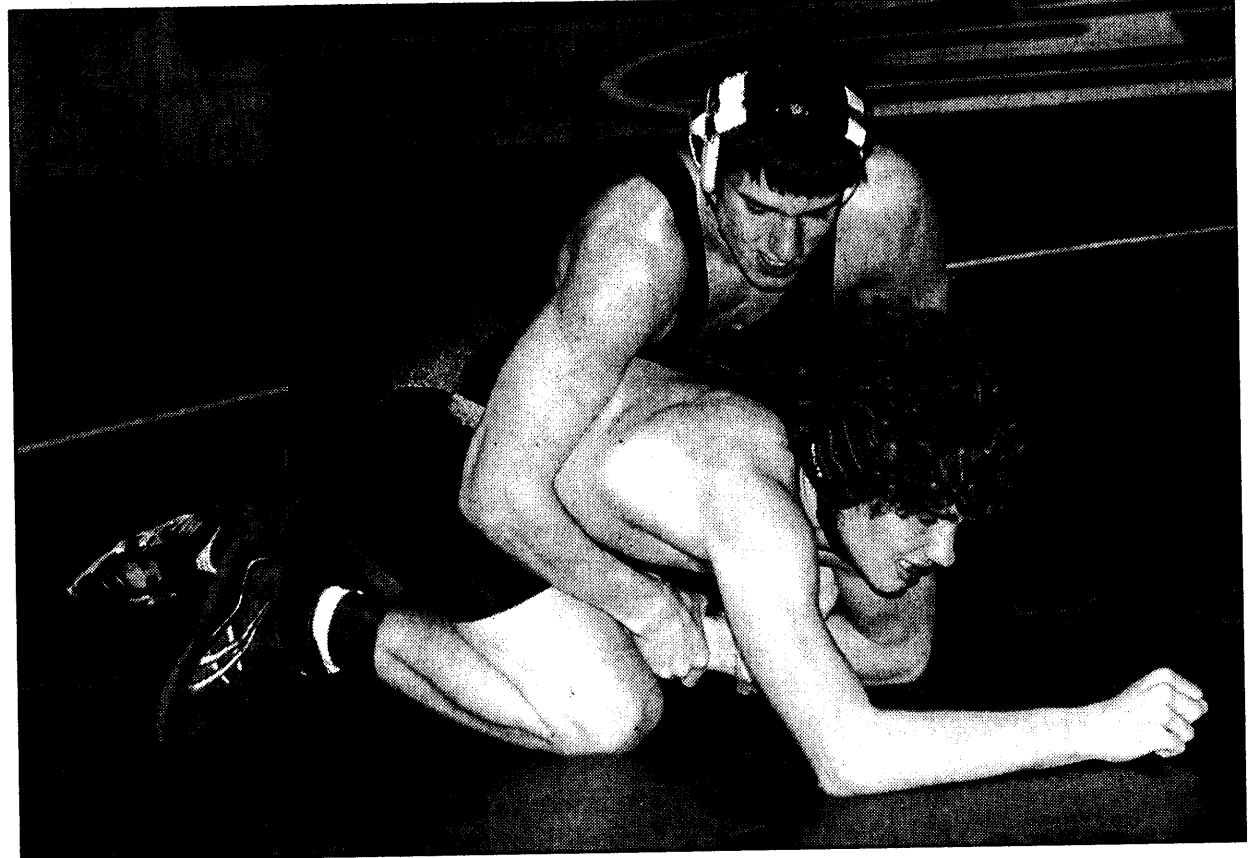
After dropping the initial game 25-21, the Hawks ended the match with wins of 25-13, 25-23 and 25-23.

Meeker led the winners at the net with 16 kills and 4 blocks, while Hendrick added 10 kills and 2 blocks. Recording team highs for Cass City on the night were Lauren Dillon with 18 digs, Howard with 15 receptions and Langenburg with 33 assists.

Cass City will entertain Reese Thursday in GTW action.



CASS CITY freshman Carly Howard makes one of her team-high 15 receptions during Thursday's GTW victory over visiting Unionville-Sebewaing.



RED HAWK junior Kyle Sieradzki (top) works his way towards the Greater Thumb Conference individual title in the 160 lb. division Saturday in Sebewaing.

Sieradzki, Meeker earn GTC wrestling titles

As expected, favorite Mayville captured the Greater Thumb Conference league meet in Sebewaing, while Cass City finished as runner-up.

Saturday's complete order of finish and team totals were: Mayville (237), Cass City (143), Brown City (117), Marlette (114), USA (97), Saginaw Nouvel (76), Lakers (59.5), Sandusky (57), Valley Lutheran (35) and Bad Axe (1).

With the win, the Wildcats, who

went undefeated during the dual meet portion of the season, secured the GTC crown determined by combining the dual meet results with the league tourney placement.

Coach Don Markel reported 9 Red Hawks placed in the league tourney led by conference champions Kyle Sieradzki in the 160 lb. division and Scott Meeker in the 275 lb. division. Cass City received second place finishes from Travis Mabe, in the 103

lb. class, and Kyle Reif in the 135 lb. Class, while Ken Grady placed third in the 119 lb. class.

Andrew Peruski, Jeremy Farr, Dennis Bowen and Gavin Mills all recorded 4th place finishes for Cass City.

The Hawks will travel to Saginaw Nouvel tonight (Wednesday) for Team District competition and to Caro Saturday for Individual Districts.

CASS CITY BOWLING LEAGUES

Sunday No Rollers as of Jan. 29

Pinheads	10
JebCo	6
Damn Near Last	6
CB's	6
Par-T-Ranch	6
Sometimers	3

Individual High Games & Series: T. Potrykus 213-210-225 (648); T. Betzold 224; J. Mathewson 210; G. Silance 207; D. Witkovsky 199; D. Potrykus (520).

Team High Game & Series: Pinheads 688 (2010).

Thursday Nite Trio as of Feb. 9

Martin Electric	19
United Building Center	19
Mycogen Seeds	18
Doerr Landscaping	17
Jebco Consulting	12
Schmaltz Construction	11

Individual High Games & Series: K. Martin 244-241-211 (696); T. Lis 223-216-214 (653); G. Robinson 225-215 (641); W. Laming (578); E. Schmaltz 220; J. Hacker 214.

Team High Game & Series: Martin Electric 670 (1857).

Merchanettes

Gagetown Cutting Corners	79
Charlie's Angels	72
Cablettes	61
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Thumb Octagon Barn	60
Crowley Chiropractic	55
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Individual High Games & Series: D. Zdrojewski 192 (540); M. Harris 189 (502); B. Watson 172 (496); J. Koch 175 (476); E. Romain 193; L. Hanson 179; L. Riddle 179; C. Wright 174.

Team High Game & Series: Thumb Octagon Barn 829 (2424).



CASS CITY senior Ross Forrest (standing) works for a takedown during his final GTC match Saturday in Sebewaing.

Gymnasts eyeing regionals

Then there was one. The Cass City Gymnastic Team members had one final scheduled meet Tuesday at Midland to earn an individual qualifying mark for regional competition.

Entering their regular season finale, 6 members from coach Kathy Bouverette's Red Hawk squad had already achieved the required 4 marks equaling or exceeding the regional standard in the vault, balance beam or floor exercise to advance into regional play.

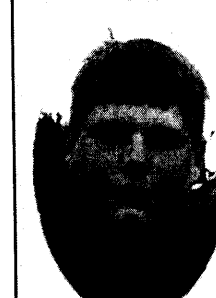
In the vault, the lady Hawks' best event, 5 team members will be participating in regional action including Jennica Richards, Megan VanVliet, Ashley Weiss, Allie

Richards and Caitlin Sorenson. Cass City's Allie Hillaker will compete at regionals on the balance beam while the Richards girls are the team's lone qualifiers in more than one event. Allie Richards will join Hillaker on the balance beam at regionals and Jennica Richards is the only Hawk who has qualified in the floor exercise.


On Saturday, Cass City traveled to Vassar to compete in a 3-team invite. The Hawks received a first place effort from Allie Richards in the beam while Sorenson's runner-up finish on the uneven bars was the team's only other performer to finish in the top 3 places.

Schneeberger's ATHLETES of the WEEK

Senior wrestler Scott Meeker and junior Kyle Sieradzki paced Cass City at the Greater Thumb Conference league meet Saturday, each earning the title of conference champion. Entering district action this week, Meeker holds a lofty 41-4 season mark while Seiradzki's record stands at 50-2.



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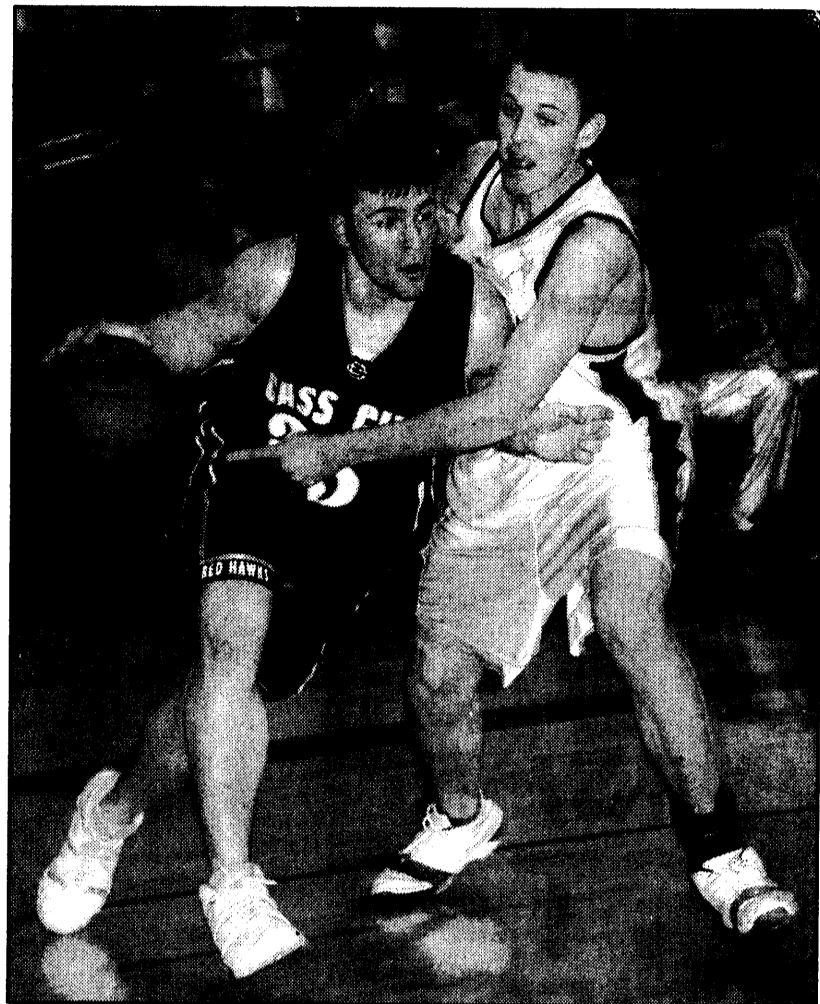
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CASS CITY'S Brad Langenburg makes a move to the basket during Friday's GTW tilt in Bad Axe.

USA visits Friday Hawks post easy win over Hatchets

Justin Glaza should expect a hand in his face at all times Tuesday when the Hawks faced the Lakers at home and certainly will be a marked man when the Hawks play USA in the Snowcoming game Friday that ends the home game schedule for Cass

Chargers' late rally holds off Cass City

For all of the first quarter it appeared as if the Cass City Red Hawks would repeat its early season win over Valley Lutheran in Greater Thumb West competition. After all, the Hawks won on the Chargers' court, 51-47, and were off to sizzling start last week, Tuesday, in the first quarter.

The Hawks shot their way to a 20-9 lead in the first quarter and it would have been hard to find anyone in the small crowd that believed that Valley Lutheran would post a convincing 69-55 win when it was all over.

After Brent Ferris scored the opening bucket, Andrew Martin and Justin Glaza staged a scoring blitz to pace Cass City to a 20-9 lead at the end of the quarter. In the spurt, Glaza counted a pair of treys, a regular hoop and 2 of 3 free throws, while Martin counted 4 baskets to account for all but 2 of Cass City's points.

The teams traded baskets for the first 3 1/2 minutes of the second quarter and the Hawks were in front, 27-13. The Chargers then went on a 13-3 spree to close the gap to just 2 points, 30-28, at the intermission. Paced by Aaron Treiber, with a hoop and a free throw, Valley Lutheran went in front, 31-30, in the opening minute of the third quarter and never trailed after that.

Cass City fell behind, 39-32, and only a scoring blitz by Glaza kept the Hawks in contention. Glaza connected for 4 hoops in a row, one a 3-pointer. Treiber with 8 points and Ferris with 5 points kept Valley Lutheran comfortably ahead at the end of the third quarter. The Chargers were in front, 50-41.

Cass City went into a pressing defense in the fourth quarter, but superb free throw shooting by the Chargers made protecting the lead easy. The winners converted 13 of 14 from the charity stripe.

Glaza and all scorers with 28 points and Martin netted 10 for Cass City. Valley Lutheran had 4 players in double figures, led by Treiber with 21.

City this season.

Glaza, the Hawks' leading scorer, exploded for 28 points last Friday as Cass City rolled past winless in the league Bad Axe 63-38.

Glaza opened the scoring for the Hawks with the first of 4 bombs from beyond the circle in the first quarter and Cass City was on the way to an easy victory. The Hawks never trailed and after 3 quarters were in front 52-31.

In the first quarter it was a 2-man show for Cass City. In addition to Glaza's 12 points, Derryl Schenk hit 3 shots from inside the paint and Cass City was in front 20-10 at the end of

the first period.

Cass City went on a 7-2 run to open the second quarter and the teams traded baskets until the end of the half.

Glaza exploded again in the third quarter, combining fast break points with a pair of treys for 15 points. Cass City was in front, 43-31, and then finished the quarter with a 9-0 spurt to lead by 21 points going into the final 8 minutes.

Besides Glaza, Schenk was in double figures with 11 points for Cass City. Three Bad Axe players shared honors for the Hatchets with 8 points each.

CASS CITY - Langenburg 2-1 (0-0) 7; Landrith 3-0 (1-3) 7; Glaza 5-6 (0-0) 28; Schenk 4-0 (3-4) 11; Otulakowski 0-0 (1-2) 1; Lautner 0-0 (0-1) 0; Stoutenburg 0-0 (1-2) 1; Clifton 0-0 (1-2) 1; Halasz 1-0 (1-3) 3; Biddinger 1-0 (0-0) 2; Martin 1-0 (0-0) 2.

TOTALS - 17-7 (8-17) 63.

BAD AXE - Harris 2-0 (0-0) McAleer 0-1 (0-1) 3; Geiger 3-0 (2) 8; Osantoski 0-0 (1-2) 1; Young 0 (0-0) 2; Talaski 1-0 (2-3) 4; Co 1-2 (0-0) 8; Iskow 4-0 (0-0) 8.

TOTALS - 12-3 (5-8) 38.

Peck hands O-G NCTL setback

In limited action last week, the Owen-Gage Bulldogs faced Peck Tuesday during a North Central Thumb League crossover battle in Owendale.

The Bulldogs led 13-12 after one quarter, 26-21 at the break and 37-34 entering the final 8 minutes. However, the Pirates held their hosts to just 6 points over the final 8 minutes

to register a hard fought 47-43 victory.

The visitors occupy the basement of the NCTL-South Division, and their win amplifies their conference's basketball superiority over their NCTL-North Division counterparts. And that's bad news for the Bulldogs who were scheduled to meet undefeated Kingston, the NCTL-S leader Tuesday before traveling to Caseville on Friday.

Against the Pirates, the hosts put 6 players into the scoring column early as the 2 teams traded baskets in the opening period that ended 13-12.

Owen-Gage then used a 5-5 effort at the foul line to help build a 5-point cushion at the intermission.

Pirate Bryan Carrier heated up from the perimeter in the final half and tossed in 8 of his team-high 12 points in the third quarter to help cut into the Bulldog advantage entering the final period.

But down the stretch Owen-Gage was held to just one field goal by Grant Champagne that proved fatal. The Pirates were able to escape with victory despite connecting on just 4 of 13 free throws in the closing minutes and 7 of 22 attempts in the final half.

Brandon Dubs paced Owen-Gage with 12 points.

OWEN-GAGE - Reil 2-0 (1-2) 5; Dubs 4-0 (4-4) 12; Dronsella 1-0 (2-2) 4; Howard 0-0 (2-5) 2; Rogers 3-0 (0-0) 6; Zaleski 1-0 (3-3) 5; Champagne 2-0 (1-2) 5; Gaeth 2-0 (0-1) 4.

TOTALS - 15-0 (13-19) 43.

CASS CITY - Langenburg 1-1 (0-0) 5; Landrith 3-0 (0-3) 6; Martin 5-0 (0-0) 10; Glaza 6-4 (4-7) 28; Schenk 1-0 (2-4) 4; Stoutenburg 0-0 (0-1) 0; Hartel 1-0 (0-0) 2.

TOTALS - 17-5 (6-15) 55.

VALLEY LUTHERAN - Treiber 9-0 (3-6) 21; Bunnell 2-1 (4-4) 11; Marsalis 0-2 (1-4) 7; Ferris 2-2 (4-4) 14; Pett 5-0 (4-4) 14; Shwier 1-0 (0-0) 2.

TOTALS - 19-5 (16-22) 69.

PECK - Turner 3-1 (0-2) 9; Mann 0-2 (6-12) 12; Pries 2-0 (1-2) 5; Carrier 6-0 (0-1) 12; Bartle 0-0 (1-2) 1; Scheuer 2-0 (0-2) 4; Sargent 2-0 (0-3) 4.

TOTALS - 15-3 (8-24) 47.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST			
Team	W	L	W L
USA	7	0	13 0
Reese	6	1	10 4
Cass City	5	3	11 4
BCAS	4	4	10 4
Valley Lutheran	3	5	4 11
Lakers	1	6	5 10
Bad Axe	0	7	1 13

GREATER THUMB EAST			
Team	W	L	W L
Brown City	7	1	12 2
Marlette	6	2	10 4
Sandusky	6	2	10 4
Harbor Beach	3	4	8 7
Ubyly	2	4	6 8
Mayville	2	6	4 11
Deckerville	0	7	1 14

NCILNORTH			
Team	W	L	W L
North Huron	6	6	6 6
Owen-Gage	6	6	7 7
Caseville	6	7	6 8
Port Hope	2	11	3 11
Akron-Fairgrove	0	13	0 14

NCILSOUTH			
Team	W	L	W L
Kingston	11	0	13 0
CPS	13	1	14 2
Memphis	7	5	7 7
Dryden	6	6	7 7
Peck	5	7	5 8

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This Week's Forecast	John Haire	Clarke Haire	Tom Montgomery	Doug Hyatt
	<p>Tuesday, February 14</p> <p>Bad Axe at USA Lakers at Cass City Reese at BCAS V. Lutheran at Buena Vista Deckerville at Harbor Beach Port Hope at Peck Brown City at Ubyly Caseville at Dryden North Huron at Memphis A-Fairgrove at CPS Owen-Gage at Kingston Millington at Caro</p> <p>Friday, February 17</p> <p>V. Lutheran at Bad Axe USA at Cass City Lakers at Reese Sandusky at Harbor Beach Ubyly at Mayville Owen-Gage at Caseville Port Hope at North Huron CPS at Memphis Dryden at Kingston Frankenmuth at Caro</p> <p>Last week's results Season's results</p>	<p>USA Cass City BCAS Buena Vista Harbor Beach Peck Brown City Caseville North Huron CPS Kingston Millington</p> <p>Valley Lutheran USA Reese Harbor Beach Ubyly Owen-Gage North Huron CPS Kingston Frankenmuth</p> <p>10-10 95-31 (75%)</p>	<p>USA Cass City Reese Buena Vista Harbor Beach Peck Brown City Caseville Memphis CPS Kingston Millington</p> <p>Valley Lutheran USA Reese Harbor Beach Ubyly Caseville North Huron CPS Kingston Frankenmuth</p> <p>13-7 99-27 (79%)</p>	<p>USA Cass City Reese Buena Vista Harbor Beach Peck Brown City Caseville North Huron CPS Kingston Millington</p> <p>Valley Lutheran USA Reese Sandusky Ubyly Owen-Gage North Huron CPS Kingston Frankenmuth</p> <p>11-9 92-34 (73%)</p>

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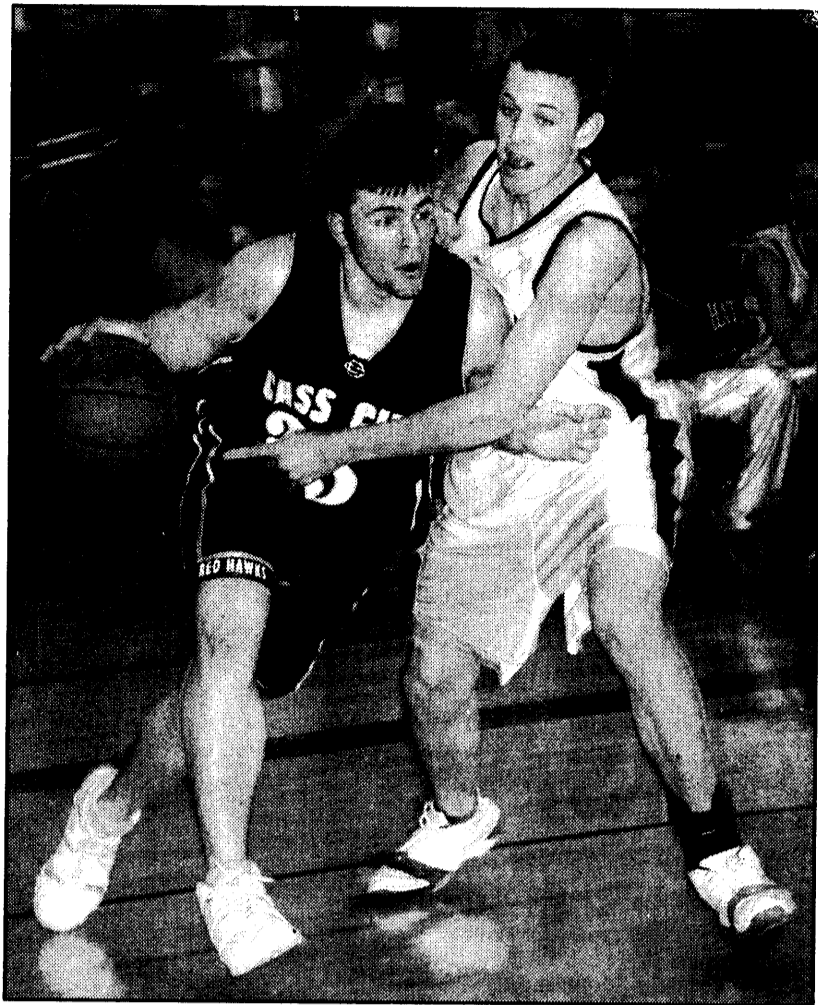
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CASS CITY'S Brad Langenburg makes a move to the basket during Friday's GTW tilt in Bad Axe.

Peck hands O-G NCTL setback

In limited action last week, the Owen-Gage Bulldogs faced Peck Tuesday during a North Central Thumb League crossover battle in Owendale.

The Bulldogs led 13-12 after one quarter, 26-21 at the break and 37-34 entering the final 8 minutes. However, the Pirates held their hosts to just 6 points over the final 8 minutes

to register a hard fought 47-43 victory.

The visitors occupy the basement of the NCTL-South Division, and their win amplifies their conference's basketball superiority over their NCTL-North Division counterparts. And that's bad news for the Bulldogs who were scheduled to meet undefeated Kingston, the NCTL-S leader Tuesday before traveling to Caseville on Friday.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST			
Team	W	L	W L
USA	7	0	13 0
Reese	6	1	10 4
Cass City	5	3	11 4
BCAS	4	4	10 4
Valley Lutheran	3	5	4 11
Lakers	1	6	5 10
Bad Axe	0	7	1 13

GREATER THUMB EAST			
Team	W	L	W L
Brown City	7	1	12 2
Marlette	6	2	10 4
Sandusky	6	2	10 4
Harbor Beach	3	4	8 7
Ubyly	2	4	6 8
Mayville	2	6	4 11
Deckerville	0	7	1 14

NCTL NORTH			
Team	W	L	W L
North Huron	6	6	6 6
Owen-Gage	6	6	7 7
Caseville	6	7	6 8
Port Hope	2	11	3 11
Akron-Fairgrove	0	13	0 14

NCTL SOUTH			
Team	W	L	W L
Kingston	11	0	13 0
CPS	13	1	14 2
Memphis	7	5	7 7
Dryden	6	6	7 7
Peck	5	7	5 8

Against the Pirates, the hosts put 6 players into the scoring column early as the 2 teams traded baskets in the opening period that ended 13-12.

Owen-Gage then used a 5-5 effort at the foul line to help build a 5-point cushion at the intermission.

Pirate Bryan Carrier heated up from the perimeter in the final half and tossed in 8 of his team-high 12 points in the third quarter to help cut into the Bulldog advantage entering the final period.

But down the stretch Owen-Gage was held to just one field goal by Grant Champagne that proved fatal. The Pirates were able to escape with victory despite connecting on just 4 of 13 free throws in the closing minutes and 7 of 22 attempts in the final half.

Brandon Dubs paced Owen-Gage with 12 points.

OWEN-GAGE - Reil 2-0 (1-2) 5; Dubs 4-0 (4-4) 12; Dronsella 1-0 (2-2) 4; Howard 0-0 (2-5) 2; Rogers 3-0 (0-0) 6; Zaleski 1-0 (3-3) 5; Champagne 2-0 (1-2) 5; Gaeth 2-0 (0-1) 4. **TOTALS** - 15-0 (13-19) 43.

PECK - Turner 3-1 (0-2) 9; Mann 0-2 (6-12) 12; Pries 2-0 (1-2) 5; Carrier 6-0 (0-1) 12; Bartle 0-0 (1-2) 1; Scheuer 2-0 (0-2) 4; Sargent 2-0 (0-3) 4. **TOTALS** - 15-3 (8-24) 47.

Justin Glaza should expect a hand in his face at all times Tuesday when the Hawks faced the Lakers at home and certainly will be a marked man when the Hawks play USA in the Snowcoming game Friday that ends the home game schedule for Cass

Chargers' late rally holds off Cass City

For all of the first quarter it appeared as if the Cass City Red Hawks would repeat its early season win over Valley Lutheran in Greater Thumb West competition. After all, the Hawks won on the Chargers' court, 51-47, and were off to sizzling start last week, Tuesday, in the first quarter.

The Hawks shot their way to a 20-9 lead in the first quarter and it would have been hard to find anyone in the small crowd that believed that Valley Lutheran would post a convincing 69-55 win when it was all over.

After Brent Ferris scored the opening bucket, Andrew Martin and Justin Glaza staged a scoring blitz to pace Cass City to a 20-9 lead at the end of the quarter. In the spurt, Glaza counted a pair of treys, a regular hoop and 2 of 3 free throws, while Martin counted 4 baskets to account for all but 2 of Cass City's points.

The teams traded baskets for the first 3 1/2 minutes of the second quarter and the Hawks were in front, 27-13.

The Chargers then went on a 13-3 spree to close the gap to just 2 points, 30-28, at the intermission. Paced by Aaron Treiber, with a hoop and a free throw, Valley Lutheran went in front, 31-30, in the opening minute of the third quarter and never trailed after that.

Cass City fell behind, 39-32, and only a scoring blitz by Glaza kept the Hawks in contention. Glaza connected for 4 hoops in a row, one a 3-pointer. Treiber with 8 points and Ferris with 5 points kept Valley Lutheran comfortably ahead at the end of the third quarter. The Chargers were in front, 50-41.

Cass City went into a pressing defense in the fourth quarter, but superb free throw shooting by the Chargers made protecting the lead easy. The winners converted 13 of 14 from the charity stripe.

Glaza led all scorers with 28 points and Martin netted 10 for Cass City. Valley Lutheran had 4 players in double figures, led by Treiber with 21.

CASS CITY - Langenburg 1-1 (0-0) 5; Landrith 3-0 (0-3) 6; Martin 5-0 (0-0) 10; Glaza 6-4 (4-7) 28; Schenk 1-0 (2-4) 4; Stoutenburg 0-0 (0-1) 0; Hartel 1-0 (0-0) 2. **TOTALS** - 17-5 (6-15) 55.

VALLEY LUTHERAN - Treiber 9-0 (3-6) 21; Burnell 2-1 (4-4) 11; Marsalis 0-2 (1-4) 7; Ferris 2-2 (4-4) 14; Pett 5-0 (4-4) 14; Shwier 1-0 (0-0) 2. **TOTALS** - 19-5 (16-22) 69.

USA visits Friday

Hawks post easy win over Hatchets

City this season.

Glaza, the Hawks' leading scorer, exploded for 28 points last Friday as Cass City rolled past winless in the league Bad Axe 63-38.

Glaza opened the scoring for the Hawks with the first of 4 bombs from beyond the circle in the first quarter and Cass City was on the way to an easy victory. The Hawks never trailed and after 3 quarters were in front 52-31.

In the first quarter it was a 2-man show for Cass City. In addition to Glaza's 12 points, Derryl Schenk hit 3 shots from inside the paint and Cass City was in front 20-10 at the end of

the first period.

Cass City went on a 7-2 run to open the second quarter and the teams traded baskets until the end of the half.

Glaza exploded again in the third quarter, combining fast break points with a pair of treys for 15 points. Cass City was in front, 43-31, and then finished the quarter with a 9-0 spurt to lead by 21 points going into the final 8 minutes.

Besides Glaza, Schenk was in double figures with 11 points for Cass City. Three Bad Axe players shared honors for the Hatchets with 8 points each.

CASS CITY - Langenburg 2-1 (0-0) 7; Landrith 3-0 (1-3) 7; Glaza 5-6 (0-0) 28; Schenk 4-0 (3-4) 11; Otulakowski 0-0 (1-2) 1; Lautner 0-0 (0-1) 0; Stoutenburg 0-0 (1-2) 1; Clifton 0-0 (1-2) 1; Halasz 1-0 (1-3) 3; Biddinger 1-0 (0-0) 2; Martin 1-0 (0-0) 2. **TOTALS** - 17-7 (8-17) 63.


BAD AXE - Harris 2-0 (0-0) 8; McAleer 0-1 (0-1) 3; Geiger 3-0 (2) 8; Osantoski 0-0 (1-2) 1; Young 0 (0-0) 2; Talaski 1-0 (2-3) 4; Cov 1-2 (0-0) 8; Iskow 4-0 (0-0) 8. **TOTALS** - 12-3 (5-8) 38.

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Lakers at Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Reese at BCAS	BCAS	Reese	Reese	Reese
V. Lutheran at Buena Vista	Buena Vista	Buena Vista	Buena Vista	Buena Vista
Deckerville at Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Port Hope at Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck
Brown City at Ubyly	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City
Caseville at Dryden	Caseville	Caseville	Caseville	Caseville
North Huron at Memphis	North Huron	Memphis	North Huron	North Huron
A-Fairgrove at CPS	CPS	CPS	CPS	CPS
Owen-Gage at Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Millington at Caro	Millington	Millington	Millington	Caro
Friday, February 17				
V. Lutheran at Bad Axe	Valley Lutheran	Valley Lutheran	Valley Lutheran	Valley Lutheran
USA at Cass City	USA	USA	USA	USA
Lakers at Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Sandusky at Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Sandusky	Sandusky
Ubyly at Mayville	Ubyly	Ubyly	Ubyly	Ubyly
Owen-Gage at Caseville	Owen-Gage	Caseville	Owen-Gage	Caseville
Port Hope at North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron
CPS at Memphis	CPS	CPS	CPS	CPS
Dryden at Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Frankenmuth at Caro	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth
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"I hadn't really thought about the negative things about it. When I made the decision to have it done, I told myself I wasn't going to think about that," she said. "There was no reason to be nervous. It didn't hurt and I could see."

A surgical procedure designed to reduce a person's dependency on glasses or contact lenses, LASIK stands for Laser-Assisted In Situ Keratomileusis, which permanently changes the shape of the cornea - the clear covering of the front of the eye - using an excimer laser.

A knife, called a microkeratome, is used to cut a flap in the cornea. A hinge is left at one end of the flap, which is then folded back revealing the middle section of the cornea. Pulses from a computer-controlled laser vaporize a portion of the middle section and the flap is then replaced. The procedure isn't cheap, costing

anywhere from \$800 to \$1,500 per eye.

"I started wearing glasses in seventh grade, and then in 10th grade, I got contacts, so it was just over 20 years," Haire recalled. "I always thought it would be great to have it (LASIK) done."

Still, Haire didn't make the decision until contact lenses were no longer a comfortable option for her. "I had started having problems with my contacts in the last year. I was having an allergic reaction inside my eyelid," she explained.

At the advice of her sister-in-law, who previously underwent LASIK, Haire contacted a doctor in Brighton who performs the procedure. She also did her homework. "I asked the doctor a lot of questions that were on this FDA website," she said.

Haire was scheduled for LASIK Jan. 10. After arriving, she was given a drug to relax her and drops were placed in her eyes to numb them. She was then taken to the procedure room. She was asked to lie down on a table with a device designed to hold her head firmly in place during the surgery.

"The first thing they did was tape my eyelids up, so that was a weird feeling," she said, adding the doctor

used an instrument to hold one eye open at a time. Haire also recalled the doctor then using a machine that utilized suction to hold each eyeball in place during the procedure.

"I didn't feel any pain - just the pressure," she said. "It didn't hurt at all. I could see it happening, but it didn't bother me."

"It (surgery) took about, I would say, 5 minutes at the most. It was not much time at all," Haire added. "Right after it was a little cloudy, but I think that was because of the drops. I could see and we went out to dinner that night."

Haire, who was instructed to use medicated eye drops every 2 hours, said she noticed a "halo" or "starburst" effect in her vision that first night, but there was no sensitivity to light, and a follow-up visit with the doctor a few hours after the procedure revealed that all was okay.

Haire has since continued to recover, and she's enjoying the freedom of not having to take out her contact lenses every night. She said undergoing LASIK was "definitely" worth it.

"It's like wearing my contacts," Haire said. "Even today, I think, I must have my contacts in. It's nice. I'm pleased."

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Robert Steven Wright, a single man, and Billie Jo Nickens, a single woman, to Argent Mortgage Company, L.L.C. A Delaware Limited Liability Mortgagee, dated May 6, 2005 and recorded May 25, 2005 in Liber 1039, Page 1402, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$112,840.55), including interest 8.45% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 9, 2006.

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

Part of the Northeast quarter of Section 8, Town 11 North, Range 11 East described as commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 8; Thence along the East line of said Section 8, South 00 degrees 14 minutes 32 seconds West, 1134.18 feet to the point of beginning; Thence continuing along the East line of said Section 8, South 00 degrees 14 minutes 32 seconds West 200.00 feet to the South line of the North half of the Northeast quarter of Section 8; Thence along said South line of the North half of the Northeast quarter of Section 8, North 89 degrees 37 minutes 47 seconds West, 1062.95 feet to the Easterly line of Abandoned Railroad right-of-way; Thence along said Easterly line of Abandoned Railroad right-of-way, North 19 degrees 38 minutes 09 seconds East, 409.07 feet; Thence 87 degrees 56 minutes 07 seconds East, 560.44 feet; Thence South 58 degrees 32 minutes 53 seconds East, 155.93; Thence South 00 degrees 58 minutes 48 seconds East, 89.12 feet; Thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 47 seconds East 231.69 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 4094 S Kingston, Kingston MI 48741.

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

Dated: January 27, 2006
Argent Mortgage Company, L.L.C.
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd., Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48067
(248) 844-5123
Our File No. 06-43305

lars and Eighty-Three Cents (\$82,714.83), including interest at 6.800% 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, on March 2, 2006.

Said premises are situated in VILLAGE OF CARO, TOWNSHIP OF INDIANFIELDS, Tuscola County, Michigan and described as:

COMMENCING 6 RODS SOUTH OF THE QUARTER STAKE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SECTION 3, TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST; THENCE RUNNING SOUTH ALONG THE CENTER OF ALMER STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF CARO, MICHIGAN, 4 RODS; THENCE WEST 10 RODS; THENCE NORTH 4 RODS; THENCE EAST 10 RODS TO 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: January 26, 2006

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075
CLIENT # 0290001355

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Deborah E. Van Wormer, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 28, 2005 and recorded August 1, 2005 in Liber 1048, Page 53, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee, f/k/a The Chase Manhattan Bank as Trustee by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Sixteen and 01/100 Dollars (\$17,116.01), including interest at the rate of 9.10% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on March 9, 2006.

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

Section 32, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, beginning at a point on existing centerline of Wells Road that is 1128.36 feet North along the North-South one-quarter line and North 55 degrees 35 minutes 00 seconds West 724.27 feet along the centerline of Wells Road; thence North 737 feet; thence West 368.47 feet; thence South to a point on Wells Road which is 451.36 feet East of the West line of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter; thence Southeasterly along centerline of Wells Road 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: February 8, 2006

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee, f/k/a The Chase Manhattan Bank as Trustee, As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
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File No. 207.4262

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Robert Coryell, Jr. and Cami Coryell, a/k/a Camille M. Coryell, husband and wife, Mortgagees, to New Century Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated the 9th day of September, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 14th day of January, 2004 in Liber 973 of Tuscola County Records, Page 923, said Mortgage having been assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Fifty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Five and 50/100 (\$55,795.50), 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 2nd day of March, 2006 at 10:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse

Dated: February 1, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys for Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by DANIEL JOSEPH MERZ, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 2, 2005 and recorded on March 10, 2005, in Liber 1030, on Page 0580, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fourteen Dol-

lars and Eighty-Three Cents (\$82,714.83), including interest at 6.800% 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, on March 2, 2006.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Elmwood, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Part of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 11, Town 14 North, Range 10 East, described as beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 11, which is South 89 degrees 51 minutes 32 seconds East, 791.31 feet from the North quarter corner of said Section 11; thence continuing along said North line South 89 degrees 51 minutes 32 seconds East, 150.00 feet; thence at right angles to said Section line South 00 degrees 08 minutes 28 seconds West, 333.00 feet; thence parallel with the North line of said Section North 89 degrees 51 minutes 32 seconds West, 150.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 08 minutes 28 seconds East, 333.00 feet to the North line of said Section and the point of beginning.

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During the 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: February 1, 2006

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee
Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Attorney for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee
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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 Lori Strijter, unmarried woman, original mortgagor, to Chase Bank USA, N.A., Mortgagee, dated May 2, 2005 and recorded on May 11, 2005 in Liber 1039 on Page 111 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Nine and 11/100 Dollars (\$62,929.11), including interest at 8.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on February 23, 2006.

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

Lots 6 and 7, Block 2, H.C. Marvin's Plat to Village of Unionville according to the Recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 48 now being page 49A.

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: January 25, 2006

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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 Jim T. Kwasny, a single man, original mortgagor, to National City Mortgage Services Co., Mortgagee, dated March 6, 2001 and recorded on March 6, 2001 in Liber 823 on Page 412 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Five and 60/100 Dollars (\$63,195.60), including interest at 8.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 2, 2006.

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

Lot(s) 4 and the Northwest half of Lot 5, Block 20, of the Plat of the Village of Centerville (now the Village of Caro), according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 56, now being Page 59A, of Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: February 1, 2006

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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 Bobbie Jo Bilicki, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Independent Mortgage Co. East MI, Mortgagee, dated October 10, 2003 and recorded on October 14, 2003 in Liber 959 on Page 1129, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, 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 Seventy-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Twelve and 94/100 Dollars (\$77,612.94), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 9, 2006.

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

Commencing at the North side of state Street at the point which intersects with the East side of Pine Street of Kingston formerly known as Newberry; thence North with the East side of Pine Street 100 feet; thence due East to the point 22.5 feet from the center of Alder Creek drain; thence South 100 feet to the North Boundary of State Street; thence West with state Street to the place of beginning Except land sold to General Telephone Company of Michigan as set forth in Liber 324 of Deeds, Pages 240-241 described as: Commencing on the North side of state Street at a point which intersects with the East side of pine Street of Kingston, formerly known as Newberry; thence North with the East side of Pine Street 50 feet; thence due East to a point 22.5 feet from the center of Alder Creek Drain; thence south 50 feet to the North Boundary of State Street; thence West with state Street to the place of beginning. Being a part of the Southwest quarter of Section 33, Town 12 North, Range 11 East.

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

Dated: February 8, 2006

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John Miller and Faith Miller, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 13, 2000 and recorded on February 22, 2001 in Liber 822 on Page 271, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Standard Federal Bank, a Federal Savings Bank 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 One Hundred Ten Thousand Two Hundred Thirty and 80/100 Dollars (\$110,230.80), including interest at 8.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 16, 2006.

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

Commencing at a point where the Centerline of Gerou Road (on South line of Section 18 of said Township) intersects the Centerline of State Highway M-81; thence 1208 feet Northeasterly on Centerline of said M-81 to point of beginning; thence 208 feet Northeasterly at right angles to said M-81; thence 208 feet Southwesterly parallel to said M-81; thence 208 feet Southeasterly, at right angles to said M-81; thence 208 feet

Northeasterly on Centerline of said M-81 to place of beginning. Section 18, Town 13 North, Range 10 East, right of way for M-81 over the Southeasterly side thereof.

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: February 15, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael P. Daniels and Cheryl L. Daniels, husband and wife, to Chase Home Finance L.L.C., successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, mortgagee, dated May 20, 2003 and recorded June 4, 2003 in Liber 934, Page 389, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Four and 28/100 Dollars (\$94,534.28), including interest at the rate of 5.38% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on March 16, 2006.

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

Lot 7 of Glen Field Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 41-42 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: February 15, 2006

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Chase Home Finance L.L.C., successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation. As Mortgagee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 310.0620

2-15-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David B. Ledford, a married man, and Teresa L. Ledford, his wife, original mortgagors, to Watson Group Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 26, 1998 and recorded on April 13, 1998 in Liber 735 on Page 161, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fleet Mortgage Corp. as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand One Hundred Nineteen and 87/100 Dollars (\$95,119.87), 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 AM, on March 16, 2006.

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

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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: February 15, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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File #082718F01

2-15-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Ralph E. Bills and Kelly Bills, husband and wife of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for People's Choice Home Loan, Inc. dated the 21st day of January, A.D. 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 February, A.D. 2005, in Liber 1028 of Tuscola Records, on Page 216, which said mortgage was assigned to HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Indenture Trustee under the Indenture relating to People's Choice Home Loan Securities Trust Series 2005-2, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2005-2, through mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$90,090.32 (Ninety thousand, Ninety dollars and Thirty Two cents), plus accrued interest at 7.50% (seven point five zero) percent per annum. And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of March, A.D., 2006, at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Akron, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Part of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of section 27, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of said Section 27, said point being along the East-West one-quarter line said Section 27 North 89 degrees 59 minutes 02 seconds West, 1311.06 feet to said West line, and along said West line South 00 degrees 26 minutes 52 seconds East 664.98 feet from the East one-quarter corner of said Section 27; thence continuing along said West line, South 00 degrees 26 minutes 52

seconds East, 653.40 feet to the South line of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of said Section 27; thence along South line North 89 degrees 59 minutes 08 seconds East, 209.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 26 minutes 52 seconds West, 653.40 feet; thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes West, 200.00 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 4200 Tobias Rd.

Tax ID: 001-027-000-1400-00

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 15, 2006

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
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2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S
Troy, Michigan 48084
WWR#05007704

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Dated: February 15, 2006

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CASS CITY Author Ruth (Schember) Dorman (left) recently signed and sold copies of the book she wrote about her son, David Schember, at Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City. Also pictured is library staff member Ruth Steele, who helped with the editing and preparation of the manuscript for publishing. Copies of the book, "David's Journey", may be purchased at the library.

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Health department funding

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they (state Legislature) took out \$2.6 million," said Tenbusch, who noted the decreased funding forced local health officials to reexamine service priorities.

For example, she said, in the Thumb, vision and hearing screen programs were scaled down to focus on younger grade school students, leaving older children without the same screening services.

"That impacts our children because if they can't see and they can't hear, they can't learn," Tenbusch said.

"It is starting to impact our ability to keep our base services there," she continued, referring not only to hearing and vision and communicable disease programs, but also to services

such as immunizations, food and water protection, on-site sewage issues and sexually transmitted diseases.

In order to stay on top of serious risks such as pandemic influenza, Tenbusch said, health departments need adequate staffing available for surveillance, community education and investigation. However, local health departments have been forced to reduce staff.

In spite of the relief provided by bioterrorism dollars, she noted, the relief is temporary because that funding source has been reduced last year and will be cut further this year.

"This (communicable disease program) is still a basic service that has to be performed, but it's gotten harder and harder to make it a priority,"

Tenbusch said.

A recent survey of Michigan's 45 local health departments, conducted by (MALPH), found that most departments' communicable disease activities need reinforcements in terms of people, equipment and training. The survey found that an additional \$5 million is needed in order to assure that local health departments in every part of the state would have the essential capabilities necessary to adequately protect their communities.

Each year, local health departments respond to more than 450,000 cases of infectious diseases, including influenza, AIDS/HIV, tuberculosis, hepatitis, meningitis, E. coli and salmonella.

"These diseases impact Michigan's citizens, students, families and businesses," Singh said. "We need to be sure that policy makers and the general public are aware of the current realities and challenges faced by Michigan's local health departments."

In recent weeks, health department officials have provided testimony to the Michigan House Policy and Agriculture committees in an effort to describe in detail the shortfalls that exist in the state's ability to prevent, respond to and contain the spread of communicable diseases. The testimony also addressed the need for changes in policy and law to assure that the state has the tools it needs to assist health departments in responding to communicable disease challenges.

"Local health departments are committed to protecting our citizens and communities," Singh said. "But in order to continue to do this effectively, we need reinforcements - and we need them soon."

Students

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in the right direction in terms of easing the money crunch school officials are facing now.

Owen-Gage School Supt. Dana Compton agreed the proposed funding increase is welcome, but said schools will continue to face an uphill battle financially, with increased heating and fuel expenses, not to mention retirement and benefit costs climbing.

"It is positive from the standpoint that there is some additional (funding)," he said, adding, however, that new laws forcing schools to conduct background checks on all employees is also going to take a significant toll on school budgets.

"Half of that (\$200 increase) is going to be eaten up just in the cost of doing business with the new requirements," he said.

Last week's student count will be combined with the next count, in September 2006, to determine schools' per-pupil funding for 2006-07.

Student numbers are critical to the financial health of Michigan schools because the majority of funding they receive comes in the form of a state foundation allowance, which is applied to the number of students in each district.

Each year's enrollment is determined by "blending" 2 separate counts; one conducted in the fall and the other during the previous February. The formula places a heavy emphasis on the fall tally, which is worth 75 percent of a district's blended total enrollment.

Stands mute

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sexual conduct and 2 counts of fourth degree criminal sexual conduct in Sanilac County.

In that case, Burch is accused of having a sexual relationship with a former choir student at his then-residence in Sandusky. Burch was subsequently bound over on the charges to Sanilac County Circuit Court. He was formally arraigned there early last week, and the court scheduled Burch's trial date for Tuesday, March 14.



Lifesaver Poem
Soldiers stationed in Iraq,
Overseas to protect our country,
Lord we pray for no more attacks,
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and let the terror cease!

STUDENTS IN KATHY Kappen's classroom at Cass City Middle School have become pen pals with Lt. Michael Casey and his fellow soldiers currently stationed in northern Iraq. Casey is Kappen's cousin. The students wrote a special "Lifesaver Poem" for the soldiers and were recently busy putting together Valentines and "care packages" to send them.

Farm Bureau lauds Cathy Healy

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late 1990s, they weren't nearly as active in the organization when they started out as they are now.

"Just in the last couple years I've been more involved in the volunteer end," Cathy Healy said, noting she started out by helping with Farm Bureau-sponsored events during the county fair. "And then my husband got on the board of directors last year, and that's when we really got pulled into it."

"I volunteer because I recognize how important agriculture is, not only to my own family, but also to our local economy," she said.

Healy added, "We live in a part of the state that is heavily reliant on agriculture and ag-related processing industries. We have such a diverse farm industry in Tuscola County. We have large numbers of livestock, cash crops and sugar beets. Tuscola County is the second highest producer of sugar beets and dry beans,

and third highest in production of corn behind Huron and Sanilac counties.

"I like to work with children because only a small percent of children today live on a farm," Healy said. "I want to help educate the non-farming community on how important agriculture and ag-related industries are to Michigan and our local economy."

Upcoming events Healy is involved in include a poster contest in honor of National Agriculture Week - this year's theme is "What's in Your Michigan Lunch Box" - and plans to host an educational booth at the Thumb Octagon Barn during the annual spring school tours.

"I just spent 2 days at Project TEAM in Mt. Pleasant with other members of (promotion and education) committees throughout Michigan," she said. "We were educated about several topics along with learning about the new Ag in the Classroom lesson. We now plan to be available to present this lesson in our local

schools."

Healy noted volunteers go into local classrooms to teach Ag in the Classroom lessons that have been prepared to compliment the schools' standard curriculum with a hands-on experience.

"This year's lesson is called 'Michigan Agriculture: Food From Farm to You'. It is designed to teach fourth graders about geography and climate along with the diversity of Michigan's more than 125 different commodities, and it talks about the more than 400 different ag-related careers," Healy explained.

With the auto industry floundering and thousands of jobs disappearing from Michigan as a result, the state's agricultural industry has taken on even more importance, as has the need to share information about farming, according to Healy.

"We don't want to see that happen to our industry," she said. "We want to make sure everyone is informed of the issues in farming because it's so important to our economy."

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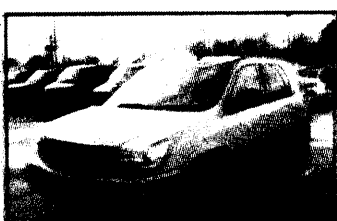
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