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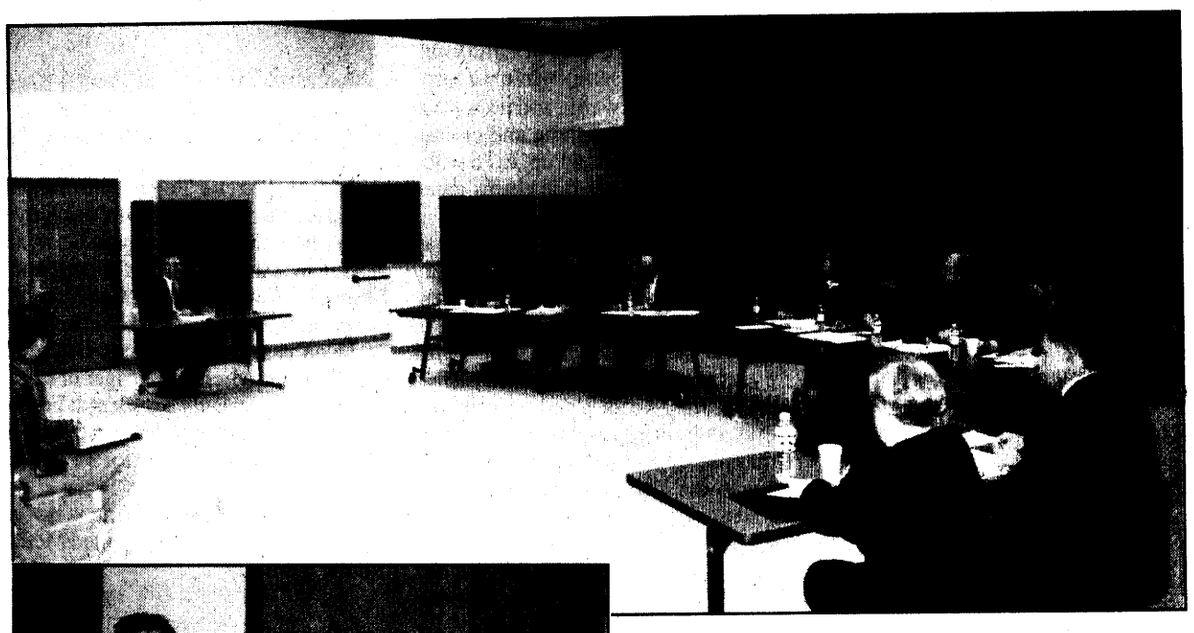

RONALD WILSON, one of 2 finalists in the search for a new superintendent for Cass City Schools, answered questions from the school board Saturday (above). His second interview was held Monday at the high school. At left, candidate Joseph Candella fields questions.

After 3-day session

School narrows chief candidates down to 2

After a 3-day session, the Cass City School Board has narrowed the choice for a new superintendent to replace retiring Ken Micklash to Ronald Wilson, middle school principal at Harrison Community Schools and John Mertz, assistant superintendent in Essexville-Hampton Public Schools.

All of the candidates were asked a series of identical questions spread among the 7 board members. They included questions about handling the budget, what cuts they would consider to balance the budget, experience in writing grant applications, what steps they might consider to attract students to the school, experience in union negotiations and their vision for the future of the school in Cass City.

The meeting was conducted by William D. Kimball, regional president of the Michigan Leadership Institute.

The 2 finalists and all of the other candidates stressed that they would try any alternative to cut costs in peripheral activities before cutting curriculum.

At the conclusion of the interviews the board members were asked to rank the top 2 candidates.

The board members then told whom they favored and gave the reason for their decisions. Topping the list was Ronald Wilson, who was ranked first or second on every board member's list. John Mertz was a close second, named to 5 top 2 lists. In discussion about the selections, several board members said that Joseph Candella was a candidate that they debated placing on their nominee list and for this reason he was placed on a list of 3 candidates for the next vote that was designed to reduce the second interviews to 2 candidates.

The board members then ranked the 3 top candidates on a ballot and in what Kimball deemed was a close vote between Wilson and Mertz, who he said were far in front of Candella. The top pair was then set for a second interview. Wilson was interviewed Monday night (see story this issue) and Mertz will be interviewed again Thursday at 7 p.m. at the high school.

Other candidates interviewed were Sharon Hiller, Richmond, Theodore Gardella, Saginaw, and Jeffrey Hartel, Cass City. There were 22 candidates who submitted applications for the position.

Kimball said one reason for the interview process was to see how the candidates respond to pressure.

After the second interviews are completed, on-site visits will be held. It is expected that the committee will spend a day at the schools of both candidates. Kimball suggests that the committee include representatives from the teaching staff and the community at large, as well as the school board.

Visits will be conducted Monday, Jan. 16, and Thursday, Jan. 19. The final vote to select the superintendent will be at the regular board meeting Jan. 23.

Board interviews finalist Wilson

Ronald Wilson, presently middle school principal and curriculum director at Harrison Community Schools and one of 2 candidates left vying for the superintendent's post in Cass City, was interviewed for the second time Monday night at Cass City High School.

Following the procedure established in the first interviews, each member of the board asked questions testing his knowledge and outlook in school affairs.

Board president Teresa Rabideau asked the first questions. She asked Wilson to talk about the opportunities, challenges and where areas of improvement can be achieved to make Cass City a school of choice.

Wilson said that to become more competitive the focus should be on an improvement in student excellence. If we do a good job in that area, he said, the word will get around and students will gravitate to our school.

Trustee Cathy Kropewnicki said that a new type of leadership is needed and how will Cass City remain on top? Wilson said that it is necessary to examine what is needed in the market and stress service and leadership. He said that presenting the budget to the community will be part of his job and stressed that what's important is creating a trust with the community.

He explained that creating that trust requires taking an active role in the community and its affairs. I am a Lions Club member and before that a member of Rotary and if I am selected you will see me often at athletic games, community dinners and similar events. I feel that it's important to do that, he added, and besides that I really enjoy it.

Trustee Randy Severance asked how he would handle school discipline and the problem of bullying. He said that it is school discipline, not punishment, and that unless it was major, such as a gun in school, the administrator in charge would handle it using the guide provided in the school handbook.

Danny Haag asked about total quality management and when does the superintendent get involved. Not on a daily basis. Wilson said that non-violent intervention is needed and would work to see that the staff has the proper training.

The interview revealed that Harrison High School is slightly larger than Cass City's with 2,100 students. Both are similar in that they are rural districts. However, he points out, the Harrison district is much poorer than the Cass City district. Trustee Doug Lautner asked what

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Fewer tickets adding up

The presence of fewer law enforcement officers patrolling Tuscola County roads is costing taxpayers plenty, according to county officials, who say the loss of revenue from court costs has been dramatic over the past few years.

According to Tuscola County Controller Mike Hoagland, the county's general fund received $876,000 from all district court revenue sources in 2000. The figure increased to roughly $966,000 in 2001 and more than $1.1 million in 2003.

In 2004, the figure dropped to $1.058 million. Hoagland is projecting a total of $818,000 in revenue from fiscal year 2005.

"We're approximating a $300,000 decline - 25 percent maybe - from the peak year to 2005 in this vital revenue source," Hoagland said.

"I think it has to do with the number of police officers out and the number of tickets being written. I think there's a direct relationship," added Hoagland, who believes cuts in the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department at the beginning of 2005 has impacted the number of dollars coming in.

"In my mind, there's no doubt that was a contributing factor," he said.

Sheriff Tom Kern was forced to cut his road patrol by nearly 20 percent last January after voters defeated a proposed half-mill tax levy to fund the road patrol. The vote was 13,879 to 12,959.

The loss of state dollars prompted county officials to go to voters. In previous years, the county typically subsidized the road patrol to the tune of some $300,000 to $400,000 annually. However, county commissioners said they could no longer do that because of significant cuts in state revenue sharing.

At the time, officials cited an $11 million county budget and the loss of a combined $1.1 million - including a half million dollars in state revenue sharing - in state and county revenue.

Kern cut his road patrol by 3 officers. He reassigned 2 of them to corrections, and a third officer retired.

Cass City Police Chief Craig Haynes said those cuts were noticeable locally.

"We did have an increase in requests for assistance outside the village of Cass City during that period," said Haynes, who noted his officers don't typically provide assistance outside the village limits unless they are asked to by another police agency. Often those requests are calls involving accidents or crimes such as breakins or domestic violence.

"Because of our location in the northeast corner of Tuscola County, we were getting the same type of requests from Sanilac County," he added.

"We're one of the few (local) departments in this county that has a 24-hour department," Haynes continued. An officer is available all hours of the day and night, and that full-time presence may lead to requests for assistance from other police agencies, he said, but it also reduces the frequency of crime within the village.

According to Kern, there was enough money in the sheriff's department budget in the third quarter of 2005 to put 2 officers back on the road, but he acknowledged the money crunch has impacted his department's ability to conduct business as usual.

"I think some of our stats are down with arrests. Our guys are working harder, handling more complaints," Kern said.

"Response times is the biggest thing - you don't have somebody as close as you would like when a complaint goes down," added Kern, who has 15 road officers, including 4 that provide contracted law enforcement services to Arbela, Millington and Vassar townships.

"It's definitely had an impact. We don't have the cars out there we'd like to," said Tuscola County Commissioner Dave Milligan, who represents the Cass City area.

"He's (Kern) done a pretty good job with the money he had," added Milligan, who indicated there's no indication at this time that county finances are likely to improve significantly in the near future.

"There really isn't much change on their (sheriff's department) end of business as far as funding," he said.

First Lt. Doug Lautner, who serves as commander of the Caro and Bad Axe Michigan State Police posts, said both posts received a little manpower boost last year thanks to the first trooper academy graduation in some time. Both the Caro and Bad Axe posts received one of the new troopers.

Lautner said he felt fortunate, considering there were just 90 graduates to be spread across 64 posts. Not every post received a new trooper, and there's no talk right now about another academy class, he noted.

"Every little bit helps," Lautner said, adding another trooper returned to the Caro post last year following a temporary assignment elsewhere.

Still, Lautner acknowledged there are fewer law enforcement officers on county roads.

Kern suggested that the nature of law enforcement work has changed over the years, directly impacting police departments' ability to keep officers on the road.

For example, years ago a call to settle a family fight often did not result in an arrest, but today, arrests are common practice due to tougher state laws. Booking or releasing a prisoner used to take a few minutes. Now it takes a minimum 30 minutes, Kern said.

"If you go back to when I was hired on, we had time to go into these towns and work traffic. Anymore, it seems we're busier. There's a lot more paperwork required," he added.

"I think that it's all a lot more complex," he said of a police officer's job now. That includes the amount of time it takes to investigate crimes involving the Internet, fraud and sex offenses, for instance.

"Everything has gotten more complex, and that complexity costs time and money."

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CASS CITY VILLAGE Manager Peter Cristiano (left) discusses ideas for some new recreation programs with Nathan Haag, who was recently hired to serve as the village's new parks and recreation director. Haag will work part-time in the winter and full-time in the summer.

Haag ready to guide local rec programs

When it comes to recreation, Nathan Haag didn't write the book, but the Cass City resident has been around sports and other organized activities all of his life.

Which is why Cass City Village officials have tapped the 24-year-old to serve as the village's new parks and recreation director.

"Nathan is a very skilled young man. Everybody I've talked to really respects him, and we're expecting great things from him," village Manager Peter Cristiano said.

For Haag, the new job represents yet another hat he'll wear on the job.

Haag, who played varsity football and baseball when he attended Cass City High School, is also a former village of Cass City lifeguard.

Today, he is in his second year as athletic director in the Owen-Gage

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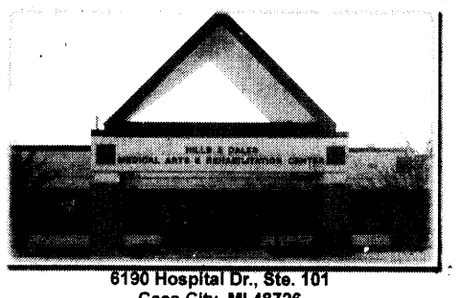

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Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
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Mrs. Jim Doerr, Barbara Anthony and Mrs. Melvin Particka visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland Wednesday morning.

Allen Farrelly came home Wednesday after spending a few days with June Rutz and family at Sterling Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Sunday afternoon and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nicol, Elise and Ethan, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown and son Eric of Cass City, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Stiet, Andy and friend Alicia, Jared, Evan, Jena and Rebecca of Leroy, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ballinger of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Swanson and sons Nick and Kyle were Christmas dinner guests of Mrs. Harold Ballagh.

Mr. and Mrs. John Horton and daughter of Caro visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mrs. Allen Depcinski were Tuesday lunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Holdwick of Harbor Beach and afternoon guests of their aunt Reta Booms of Harbor Beach.

Beverly Puvalowski of Ubly, Mrs. Jim B. Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Konkel, Mr. and Mrs. John Pechette, Mrs. Allen Depcinski, Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson this week.

Allen Farrelly was a New Year's dinner guest of June Rutz and family at Sterling Heights.

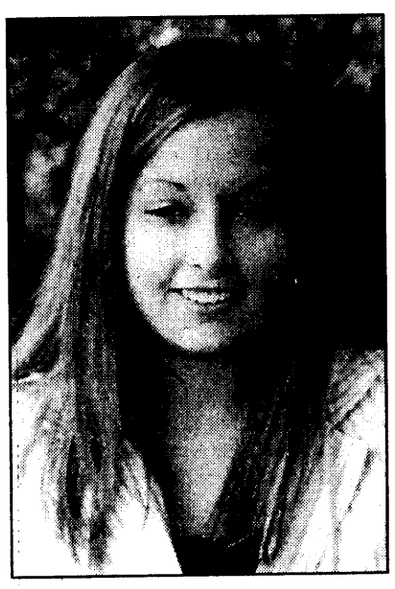
Karen Rutkowski, Julie and Amy, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski.

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

Brown honored at O-G

Whitney Brown has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for December.

As a freshman, Brown was chosen as her class representative for homecoming and also served as the class' representative on the Owen-Gage Student Council. She has served as her class president for the past 3 years.



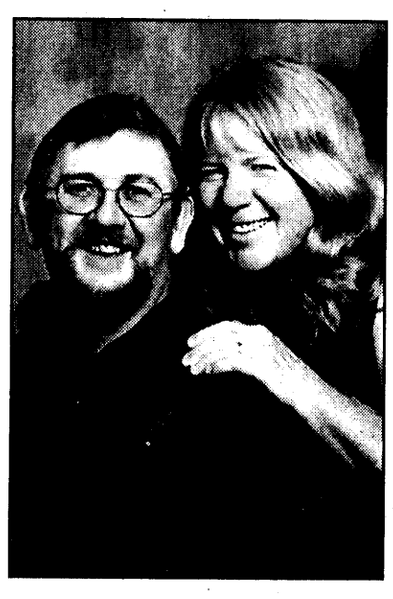
Whitney Brown

Brown was a member of the golf team and the French Club in her sophomore year. During her junior year, she attended the Huron Area Technical Center and was enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program. While a student at the tech center, Brown participated in a couple of community activities to raise money to support the CAN (Child Abuse and Neglect) Council.

As a senior, Brown serves as a teacher's aide and is also a member of the school's newspaper/yearbook staff. She also is on the honor roll and has, in previous years, been honored as a "focus" student of the month.

Brown is the daughter of Nancy Buschlen of Owendale and Rick Brown of Bay City. She plans to attend Delta College to study nursing in the fall of 2006.

Engaged



Denise Puterbaugh and Edward Osantoski

Denise Puterbaugh of Snover and Edward Osantoski of Port Austin announce their engagement.

Denise is the daughter of Jackie and Bob MacAlpine of Snover and the late Franklin Beutler. She is a 2004 graduate of Baker College and is presently employed by Total Rehab Services of Clinton Township, working as a physical therapist doing home care in the Thumb area.

Edward is the son of the late Adam and Deloris Osantoski of Port Austin. He has been employed by Huron Casting for 21 years and works for Rathmourne Dairy Farms of Port Austin.

An Aug. 19, 2006 wedding is planned.

Dairy banquet slated

Are you ready for a fun night out filled with great entertainment and a chance to renew old friendships? Then make plans to attend the 70th annual Sanilac County Dairy Banquet.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 21, in the Sandusky High School cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

Comedy juggler Tim Salisbury will highlight this year's entertainment.

The banquet is held each year to celebrate the accomplishments of one of Sanilac County's more important industries - the dairy industry. Sanilac County has more dairy farms (216 in all) than any other county in Michigan.

Each year the important accomplishments of individual dairy farmers and dairy farms in the county are honored. Mark Adams, manager of DHI Services for Northstar Cooperative, will also be on hand to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Dairy Herd Improvement work, which began in Michigan.

Ticket information is available by contacting the Sanilac County MSU Extension Office at (810) 648-2515.

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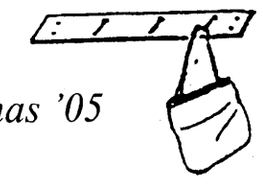

Christmas '05

by Melva E. Guinther

Each time we spend Christmas with our kids in California we manage to experience something new.

Last year, for example, my daughter and I sipped latte at a sidewalk café on Christmas Eve. (She and her husband spent this Christmas with his family in Maryland.)

This year, for the first time ever, I wrapped to rap. Finishing up some last minute presents in grandson Spencer's room, I wrapped while he played music by T-bone, his favorite rap artist.

Four-and-a-half-year-old Gretchen (She's quite insistent on the 1/2!) is a source of joy and amusement. Her vocabulary is quite extensive for her age, although some of the things she picks up from her older brothers are surprising coming from such a sweet, innocent looking child.

On those rare occasions when she doesn't have an apt word, she'll make one. One day she was berating a brother for not doing something the way she thought it should be done. She told him in no uncertain terms that he was "just making things more trouble-istic!"

Then there's Drew. It's hard to believe that our first-born grandson is a teenager. Time was when taking care of laundry, I'd ask if the shirts and jeans were Drew's or Spencer's. Now I have to ask if they belong to Drew or his dad. After seeing how he eats, it shouldn't be a surprise.

Daughter-in-law Shelley furnished the usual fabulous spread for Christmas Eve and Day.

The boys have taken on a pet sitting business. While we were with them, they had 2 dogs living with them and were feeding and walking a couple more for the weekend.

Tucker, the Tibetan terrier, may be up for adoption and they'd like very much to keep him. He's really cute, but like most 6-month-old puppies, very rambunctious. He definitely adds another dimension to the family.

Many readers will remember the Townsends, who had a 5&10 Cent Store in Cass City many years ago. Stan and our son Mark visited their son, Les (Tommy) Townsend, in Redding while we were in California.

It was not very sunny while we were there, but it was warm, and it was nice to see flowers blooming and go outside without bundling up, even when it rained. The big rainstorms came the day after we left.

Speaking of weather, cloudy, gray days combined with the post-holiday letdown can easily lead to depression unless we take steps to avoid it.

At the Tuscola Medical Care Facility, where we conduct a weekly Bible study, they've decided to brighten things up by leaving their big Christmas tree up and decorating it according to the changing seasons. What a great idea! It makes me almost sorry we've taken ours down.

I'm slowly getting the decorations sorted and put away, after labeling them for next Christmas.

This year when I got them out, I came across some items that I'm pretty sure I bought at after-Christmas sales to give to someone this year, but having no idea who the recipients were to be, I just used them myself.

Since we didn't get around to sending Christmas cards, I've vowed to correspond with those on our list throughout the year.

And I encourage myself with the promise that after everything Christmas is finally in place, I'll start a jigsaw puzzle. Those projects should help keep me going until spring.

Gibbard graduates

Wesley Gibbard of Saginaw recently graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with this Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice. He also graduated from the Northeastern Police Academy, located at Delta College, the same day.

Gibbard, who earned his associate's degree at Delta College, is the son of Daniel and Christina Gibbard and the grandson of William and Marilyn Woodward, and Evans and Lillian Gibbard. The family celebrated the accomplishments, along with the holidays, at their home in Cass City.

Homakie on list

Freshman Krista N. Homakie of Cass City has been named to the dean's list for the first semester of the 2005-06 school year at Hope College.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Engaged

Megan Powell and Jason Barrigar

Megan Suzette Powell and Jason Charles Barrigar, both of Cass City, announce their engagement.

Megan is the daughter of Morris and Pamela Powell of Cass City. She is currently employed as a hairdresser.

Jason is the son of Randy Barrigar of Caro and Michele Barrigar of Cass City. He is currently a student at Ferris State University and will graduate in May 2007 with a Bachelor's Degree in biology.

An Aug. 12, 2006 wedding is being planned at the Cass City United Methodist Church.

Huron picnic set Feb. 11 in Florida

The 46th annual Huron County Picnic will be Saturday, Feb. 11, at Sun-n-Fun Resort, 7125 Fruitville Rd., Sarasota, Fla. Use Exit 210 off of I-75, then one mile east.

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. in Woodland Hall. A buffet potluck will be at noon, with everyone bringing their own table service and a dish to pass.

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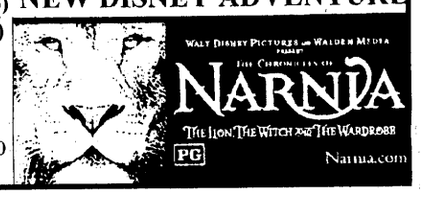

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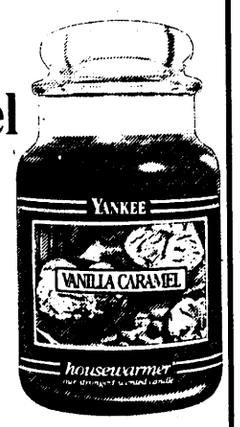

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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

I apologize for not doing my job during the interview process to select a new superintendent at Cass City Schools.

I allowed an illegal procedure to go unchallenged at the Cass City School Board meeting.

Although I protested regional president of Michigan Leadership Institute William Kimball's decision to hold a secret vote, I failed to follow with another protest when he allowed the vote to carry on after the board members signed their ballots and then failed to release the details.

It's in direct violation of the Freedom of Information Act and I'm sure that several board members were uncomfortable with the procedure. Trustee Randy Severance questioned the method used.

The reason that I failed to further protest is that the 2 selected for another interview were the ones that were favored in the open discussion period before the ballot vote.

That's not an adequate reason. My job as a reporter is to report the facts for the benefit of my readers, telling how many votes each received and how each board member voted and not allow personal inclinations to deter me from the proper course.

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It wasn't too long ago that there was strident discussion about the unfair advantages that parochial schools have over public schools in athletics. That was especially true in basketball then and still is today.

What sparked the memory of discontent was a report about the basketball team at Detroit Country Day. It's in class B, the same class as Cass City. On the squad is a 6-11 center, 6-10 forward and a set of 6-9 twins that become eligible Jan. 24 after transferring from Birmingham Brother Rice. In addition, there are a pair of players who already have committed to college, one at the University of Michigan and the other at Western Carolina.

Add to this 2 other transfer students that become eligible this month, one from Detroit and the other from New Haven.

Is there any doubt that considering the wide area from which the school draws players it should be in class A, despite the number of students enrolled?

Not in my book.

Local blood drive targets shortage

Cass City area residents can help alleviate a blood shortage by participating in a blood drive scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 17, from one to 6:45 p.m. at the Cass City VFW Hall, 4533 Veterans Dr.

Officials with the Great Lakes Region of the American Red Cross declared a blood emergency as of Tuesday, Jan. 3.

The region has about a 12- to 24-hour supply of all negative blood types, including Type O-negative, the universal donor type. A 3-day - or 72-hour supply - is considered a safe level, with 5 to 7 days considered optimal for meeting ongoing and emergency needs.

"We desperately need people to come and donate blood," said CEO Sharon Jaksa. "Over the winter holidays, our collections were down by 20 percent - or about 150 donations a day. We're able to fill requests now for hospital patients. But we hate to think of the unthinkable - that we wouldn't be able to fill the need of a critically injured or ill person for blood."

To-date, the region has been able to fill the current needs of hospitals for more than 2,000 blood products a day. The Great Lakes Region collects blood from volunteer donors in 60 counties in Michigan, and needs to collect about 700 blood donations daily to supply blood products to patients in nearly 80 hospitals statewide.

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

The Haire Net

Leadership always has been important

There was a time that the defacto leaders of the business community in Cass City were the presidents and principal owners of the 2 banks in town, Fred Pinney of Pinney State Bank and M. B. Auten, of the Cass City State Bank.

Now the banks they operated have been absorbed and the leaders passed away.

Like any person in the public eye that make decisions, not all of their actions pleased everyone. There was spirited competition between the 2 moguls and you have to believe that in the end it benefited the consumers.

That competition never interfered with united support of any project for the community good and their community efforts have stood the test of time.

The next time you use or visit Hills and Dales General Hospital, make a mental nod of appreciation to Auten. It's true that it took a united community effort to build a $1 million facility that would cost at least 10 times that amount today. It's certainly true that Auten was the straw that stirred the drink. Without him, at the very best it probably would have been 20 years or so before a new facility was created.

The Pinney Foundation is helping Cass City and the money that is earned will continue indefinitely. It's spread around Rawson Memorial Library, Northwood Meadows, Cass City Schools, the Octagon Barn and numerous other community benefit projects.

Today, leadership in the community is a team thing and I don't believe that you could go to any certain person with the certain knowledge that if you had his or her endorsement the battle was half won. As important was that the chances were great that most times public-interest projects were supported.

It wasn't surprising that the 2 former bank presidents were interested in creating a better Cass City. They were native Cass Cityans, following in the footsteps of their fathers.

All of this popped through my mind as I listened to candidates interviewed last week by the Cass City School Board. At best it's a guessing game, as all candidates have leadership credentials. I attended the meeting when the board selected Ken Micklash to replace Donald Crouse.

He was no stranger to the board as he was serving as principal at the high school at the time. The school has had good luck selecting from the staff, as Willis Campbell also was elevated from the teaching ranks.

One of the objectives of the board is to find someone who will remain at the helm and not use Cass City as a stepping-stone to another position.

Continuity of management will be doubly important in the tough financial days ahead for the school.

The same skipper piloting the board in the turbulent waters ahead may ease the journey.

Prosser stands mute

A Tuscola County teen facing more than 30 charges stemming from an armed robbery spree in Caro last month stood mute to those charges during his arraignment in Tuscola County Circuit Court Monday.

A pre-trial hearing will be scheduled for John R. Prosser, 18, of Fairgrove, whose bond was continued at $1 million cash.

Prosser is charged with 4 counts of armed robbery, a felony punishable by up to life in prison. He also faces multiple counts of larceny from a person, transporting/receiving and concealing a stolen firearm, transporting/receiving and concealing stolen ammunition, carrying a concealed weapon, larceny from a building, and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Police say Prosser's Dec. 12 crime spree lasted for only about 35 minutes, starting with the robbery of the Rite-Aid Pharmacy on the east side of the village. He then hit an Admiral gas station on the west end before circling back and robbing the Speedway West Service Station and then Family Video, all at gunpoint.

Caro police officers, Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies and troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro caught up with the teen downtown, arresting him without incident.

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reene said the crimes briefly netted Prosser a combined $1,500 in cash along with checks and some food items.

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The back forty

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by Roger Pond

Well, they've finally done it. The Bowl Championship Series (BCS) has stretched college football into the fourth day of January and is threatening to expand the games even further. There were 28 bowls this year, according to my count.

I would just as soon have a few games on New Year's Day and get it over with. That's what we used to do.

Everyone just sat around New Year's Day — eating and griping about the referees. That way we wasted New Year's Day, but we didn't waste three weeks.

When the games were over we said, "Just wait 'till next year," and went home.

I will admit this year's Rose Bowl game was well played and full of excitement, but the Orange Bowl was so ugly I went to bed during the second overtime.

I started out rooting for Penn State in the Orange Bowl, but by the fourth quarter I was yelling, "Come on Joe, quit arguing with the refs and watch the game!"

The announcers tried to make a big deal out of the match-up between Joe Paterno and Bobby Bowden, but I can't see why. They're both too old to play, as far as I can tell.

All of that fumbling around in the Orange Bowl game reminded me of the night my buddy, Ron, and I sat in the stands at a high school football game. Ron was a bit of a cut-up in those days, and our teachers claimed the two of us together were like a match and a gas leak.

The game was nearing the end of the first half, and our team was way behind. Ron and I had been shouting encouragement all night.

"Hold on to the ball, butterfingers! What's the matter with you guys? Why don't you put in the cheerleaders?"

We thought it was encouragement, anyway.

That's when I noticed the woman sitting in front of us. She was all dressed up with her hair pulled back in one of those tight, little buns popular in the early 60s. I thought this woman looked familiar but put it out of my mind.

Just then our center snapped the ball. The quarterback handed-off to the fullback, who tossed the ball to the halfback, who gave it back to the quarterback, who dropped it on the ground. And the other team recovered the fumble!

"What's the matter with you guys? Where are they getting those plays?" Ron shouted.

That's when the lady with the hornet's nest hairdo turned around, and I remembered where I had seen her. She was the coach's wife!

This woman looked at my buddy Ron in such a way I worried she might melt the bolts in the bleachers we were sitting on. Even after all these years, I have no idea how a woman could stare at someone that long without blinking. (Unless the tension on that coiffure had something to do with it.)

That football game was a real lesson for me. To this day, I never sit down at a sporting event without asking, "Is this seat taken? And is anyone around here a good friend of the coach?"

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Calendar of Events

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

Friday, January 13

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

Monday, January 16

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

Tuesday, January 17

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

Wednesday, January 18

United Sportsmen's Alliance (USA) meeting, 7 p.m., Cass City Gun Club, 2676 Englehart Rd. Plans for finalizing the annual January Banquet. For additional information, call (989) 872-2398.

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5-Day Local Forecast

Wednesday
Scat'd Rain
High: 41 Low: 33

Thursday
Partly Cloudy
High: 44 Low: 34

Friday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 38 Low: 28

Saturday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 32 Low: 23

Sunday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 33 Low: 25

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 40% chance of rain, high temperature of 41°, humidity of 93% and an overnight low of 33°. The record high temperature for today is 53° set in 1975. The record low is -11° set in 1982. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 44°, humidity of 81% and an overnight low of 34°.

Upcoming Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
1/14	1/22	1/29	2/5

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today . . . . . .8:04 a.m.
Sunset tonight . . . . . .5:17 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Monday	37	34	28/16	0.00"
Tuesday	39	35	28/16	0.00"
Wednesday	41	36	28/15	0.00"
Thursday	36	21	28/15	0.00"
Friday	25	18	28/15	0.00"
Saturday	30	24	27/15	0.00"
Sunday	34	14	27/14	0.00"

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Departure from normal . . . . . -0.44"
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Red Hawk Talks

by Donna Bushong

The New Year isn't all fun and games for students at Cass City High School due to the upcoming exams. The semester ends on Jan. 20 and exams will take place that week. With only one week before exams, students are frantically studying to refresh their memories on all the information they've learned in the past 4 1/2 months.

There are many different study tactics used throughout the school. My favorite is the use of flashcards. These are especially helpful for objective questions. I have containers full of flash cards from years past. It's easy to write the question on one side, the answer on the other, and quiz yourself until you know all the information on the cards.

If you are a kinetic learner (learning through hands-on activities), then writing out information is probably the best way to study. Those people find that by repeatedly writing out information, it stays better in their brain. It also helps to find your color, and I'm not talking about the color you look best wearing. I'm talking about that the color that you remember best. If your color is blue then you should write your notes in blue or highlight important facts with a blue highlighter.

If you are visual learner (learning through visuals), reading over the information again will help you to learn the material. Making diagrams is also a good way for the visual learner to study. Finding your color also helps here. For visual learners I recommend highlighting important information in the color that you remember best.

For the verbal learner (learning by what you hear), reading aloud or having someone read to you is a good way to retain information. You can also repeatedly say information, read your flash cards aloud, or have someone else quiz you. It's also helpful if you record your teachers' lessons so you can listen to them again to learn the information.

Environment is also an important factor in studying better. You may prefer to study at night or in the morning. Maybe you need it silent, or maybe music takes away the little distractions. Perhaps you learn when you're comfortable on the couch, or sitting at a desk. You may even study better if you're pacing back and fourth across the room.

Some people prefer to cram for a test the night before the test actually happens. Although this may not be the best idea because it makes you tired the next day and your brain can only take in so much information at a time before it stops responding. It does, however, work for some.

Studying is a huge contribution to success in high school and in college. So for students at Cass City High School, and those in other surrounding areas, it's time to hit the books.

Good luck to all on your upcoming exams and for the many adults out there, consider yourselves lucky that you are finished with this wonderful part of advancing your education.

O-G grad Enderle: getting brighter for storm victims

By Laura Enderle
Special for the Chronicle

Editor's note: Laura Enderle recently completed her second trip to Mississippi as part of a missions team that traveled south to help victims of Hurricane Katrina continue to put their lives back together after one of this nation's worst natural disasters.

Enderle is no stranger to faithful Chronicle readers; she is a former Chronicle columnist and a graduate of Owen-Gage High School.

In the following story she recalls her mission, the people she encountered and her own thoughts about helping them.

Gleaming lights and merry decorations didn't glisten in the streets and homes of Biloxi like most other American cities would the day after Christmas, however, there was a cheerful spirit in the atmosphere; it was the spirit of hope.

This was apparent by the few decorations that hung from temporary trailers and destroyed property that did, somehow, brighten the town. The hope was also represented by the new growth on the tip of each tree limb that had been ripped apart by the storm. It revealed to us before we had any interaction with the people that even if Katrina took their homes and all their possessions, they still had a community and a reason to celebrate Christmas.

The victims' hopeful spirits inspired us, the volunteers, to work diligently, no matter what the task, in efforts to "Restore Hope and Rebuild Lives," (mission statement of Urban Life Ministries) because like some radio commercials said, "The storm isn't over yet."

Under the direction of Urban Life Ministries, we were instructed to do Phase III tasks (mainly remodeling houses into homes). However, our first day of work we were assigned to help tear down a Point of Distribution (POD) that had been established for four months at the John Henry Beck Park.

They estimated it to take our crew a day and a half to tear down four circus size tents and all its remains. We had it done in about 6 hours and then we were eager for our next task. So we joined a youthful group of workers to start the finishing touches on 2 homes for Francis, 92, and her daughter Gerri. We put a fresh coat of white paint on the exterior of Gerri's previously mangled home.

It amazed and comforted me to see how well volunteerism united a whole range of diverse people. We were from all walks of life with different backgrounds and assorted futures, but in the midst of our tasks, our differences were pushed aside and the mission united us. People who were normally followers stepped up to be leaders and leaders were submissive to other's directions. We all learned from each other and were delighted to have the opportunity to do so.

And while we were all there to help the victims of hurricane Katrina, in many ways I think we received just as much as we gave. The victims helped us put our lives into perspective. These amazing survivors were grateful for each day; they counted their blessings and had nothing to complain about. Here are three prime examples:

Every day after the volunteers completed another productive day of construction on her home; Gerri would come in behind the workers and clean up. Nothing gave her more joy than to be able to sweep her floor every evening. That made me think of every person (including myself) I ever heard complain about having to clean their home. At least we have a home to clean.

A humorous memory was when we were on Murray Street unloading donated goods to be taken to a church and distributed. While we were working, an older gentleman in soiled clothes approached us on his bicycle and asked if he could have a sweat suit. We gave him some clothes then asked if he wanted some food. He replied, "Food? Yeah, I'll take some food. That's my favorite thing to eat." I handed him the closest bag to me full of tuna and peanut butter then asked him if he liked that and again he said, that was his favorite. We threw some Spam in his bag and sent him on his way. He didn't care what was in that bag, yet he was overjoyed as though he was a child who just received a long awaited gift from Santa. In that moment his blessed grin was more of a gift to me than anything we could have given to him.

We worked on Gloria's house for 3 consecutive days while we were there. In our conversations with her I will never forget this bittersweet story. She is a grandmother with several children and grandchildren and her husband passed away about 30 years ago. She was unprepared for the storm to hit and grabbed nothing as she fled her home. Upon her return, the structure of her home remained, but nothing else; including none of the treasured photographs of her husband. Gloria was comforted by a relative who reminded her that to see her husband all she had to do was look at a particular grandson's face that greatly resembled his grandfather.

Photos can be some people's most valued belongings, but even they cannot replace the ones we love the most. While Gloria was initially upset about losing the pictures, she continually rejoiced in the fact that the rest of her prized possessions were untouched by Katrina; her family.

Our 7-man, 2-woman team tackled everything from ripping out windows and dry walling to yard work and door installation. By the middle of the week we were no longer rookie constructors. One recipient of our labor of love, Betty, bragged to everyone how she had professionals come into her home and sand. We came in just after dark, sanded her home in about 45 minutes and when we were done, all that was left was a cloud of dust, but she couldn't have been happier.

On my first mission to Mississippi, in September, the area was in a state of disaster. The main priority was emergency relief. We served hot meals and listened to devastating testimonies. The people were lost; you could see it in their eyes and hear it in their voices. They didn't know where to begin in starting over.

Just 3 months have passed and the atmosphere has completely changed. They are now in a state of clean-up and recovery.

Although massive amounts of destruction continue to surround them, they can see a light at the end of the tunnel. At times it is dim, but they can see it. Every day citizens take note of new volunteers coming in, another business reopening its doors, more homes completed and ready for families to return, or another pile of debris is removed from the street corner making it a safer place for children to play.

This trip, our assignment was completely different, but our mission was the same; showing Christ's love to others, through our actions, during a time when they most need it. Although it hardly seemed like Christmas to us with the 70 degree sun beating on our backs and being so far from home, there is no other way I would have rather spent my Christmas break.

$51,759 grant to assist needy

Tuscola County has been chosen to receive $51,759 in federal funding to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

Carol Arman, communications manager for the Human Development Commission (HDC) said the selection was made by a national board chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and consists of representatives from the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities USA, the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States, and the United Way of America.

The national board was charged with distributing the funds appropriately by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country, Arman explained.

Arman said a local board will determine how the funds awarded to Tuscola County will be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area.

The board is made up of representatives of community agencies such as HDC, Church of the Sacred Heart, Gagetown Church of the Nazarene, Bethel Chapel Assembly of God, Mayville Share Shop, Department of Human Services, Restoration Outreach Center, Caro Church of Christ and the Tuscola County Baby Pantry.

"The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program," Arman said.

Under the terms of the grant from the national board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must:

*Be private voluntary non-profit groups or units of government.

*Have an accounting system.

*Practice non-discrimination.

*Have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and

*If they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board.

"Tuscola County has distributed emergency food and shelter funds previously with many organizations, including Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, St. Agatha Food Pantry, Bay Shore Camp, Sebewaing Area Food Bank and Share Shop, participating," Arman noted. "These agencies were responsible for providing 23,412 meals."

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for emergency food and shelter program funding must contact Sean Smith at HDC at (989) 673-4121.

Spoilage problems avoided

Spoilage problems that cost Michigan sugar beet growers more than $30 million last year have not reappeared despite warm, rainy conditions at the end of December and early January.

Lessons learned from last year's stretch of unseasonable weather helped avoid a similar situation this year, said Mark Flegenheimer, president and chief executive officer of the grower-owned Michigan Sugar Co. But the biggest difference, he said, is the weather.

"The big difference we hope to hang our hats on is that this year the highs were in the 40s, where last year they were in the 50s," he said. "Also, I'm not sure we know what the sun looks like anymore, so we're enjoying that and the fact that precipitation was not as great this year as last year."

In early 2005, Michigan Sugar, the largest beet processing company east of the Mississippi, lost an estimated 15 percent of the 5.5 million tons of beets stored in outdoor piles, leading to a delayed payment to growers for the 2004 crop. But this year, losses likely will be minimal, Flegenheimer said.

"Every 2 weeks we fly over the piles and do infrared imaging to find any hot spots," he said. "We've also made smaller piles this year. All our piles are 18 feet high or below, where in years past they were 21 feet. We increased the piling ground space, we started the (production) campaign earlier, and we hope it turns colder."

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CARMEN LONGUSKI stands inside her Holbrook Tack and Feed business, which she recently opened in Cass City. She specializes in riding gear and wear, along with accessories and feed.

Tack and feed

Longuski opens business in Cass City

Carmen Longuski knows a thing or 2 about horses.

Longuski and her husband, Edward, own their own 6-acre horse farm, Holbrook Quarterhorses, and Carmen has been training horses and teaching riding lessons for years.

Area horse enthusiasts who visit Longuski's new business, Holbrook Tack and Feed, located behind Thumb National Bank in Cass City, will quickly find that Longuski is not only knowledgeable, but offers a full line of tack, clothing and riding accessories.

"The biggest problem I have is people coming in and stopping (in the front room). They don't know to keep going," Longuski said at the business Friday.

Holbrook Tack and Feed features several different rooms loaded with merchandise, from riding clothing to halters and bridles, to grooming accessories and feed. The store includes a "bargain basement" featuring saddles and other consignment sale items.

"We started this out in our home, and then we branched out in Cass City," Longuski said. "We started out trying to promote the consignment sales, which we do, and that's what the basement is all about.

"It's kind of a feed store, a western store. I'm open to suggestions as to what this town would like."

Longuski indicated she knew there was a demand for a tack store in the central Thumb, and she's working to meet that demand.

"I want people to understand that I want to cater to this area first (by offering) quality merchandise that doesn't cost you an arm and a leg," she said.

"We have a lot of merchandise - the boots, the belts, the show clothing, and the feed. Cass City doesn't have a place to get good feed. I'm a licensed veterinary technician, so I'm promoting good, quality feeds," Longuski added. "I'm also going to have pet supplies - cat and dog food."

As for clothing, Longuski specializes in a full line of boots and hats, including Rocky work boots, Durango western boots and Roper women's fashions. "We're going to have men's show clothing as well," she noted.

"We can special order, too," she said. "The sky's the limit - there's so much out there."

In addition, Longuski offers tack cleaning and, starting in the spring, plans to advertise saddle blanket repair. She also offers the benefit of her years of experience working with horses.

"I do riding lessons and training of horses - I've been doing that 20 years, and I still do," she said.

There aren't many tack stores in the Thumb, but Longuski knows she still has some competition out there in the areas of catalogue sales and the Internet.

"I'm working on getting my own website up and running, so I know that's an avenue that's out there," she said. However, she's confident customers still want a store where they can physically stop in and shop. "This is the best. You like it, you try it on, you don't have to wait," she continued. "That's the advantage of coming in here."

Although she's only been open for about 8 weeks, Longuski indicated the response from customers has been very rewarding.

"The people are excited," she said. "At my home, they had to make a special trip to my house. I've realized that moving into town was the best thing I could have done."

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Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr

5 YEARS AGO

Interested parties gathered Monday night at the Cass City High School library and plunged into the feasibility of constructing a new $1.5 million indoor community pool. However, the dive may be a bit deeper than originally thought. Superintendent Ken Micklash says original cost quotes, obtained by a representative of a construction company, which has been involved in building several pools, are accurate, safe estimates. Notwithstanding, the final price tag may well exceed $2 million.

Dr. Brian deBeaubien attended the Laker game Friday. He's a graduate of Cass City High School and was an outstanding athlete. He also had a special interest in addition to the game itself. As an alumnus, he was probably pleased with the results of the game. He was sure to be especially pleased watching Jeff Storm play. deBeaubien was the surgeon who performed the reconstructive operation on Storm's injured knee last spring. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Volleyball teams in the Greater Thumb West conference were served notice over the weekend that the Cass City Red Hawk spikers will not be the same opponent of past years. Coach Beth Howard's spikers appeared in mid season form Saturday, advancing to the quarterfinal of the 15-team Bad Axe Invitational. The Hawks' performance at Bad Axe was the second time this season, in as many tourneys, that Cass City has advanced from the pool play rounds. "Big improvement all the way around from last year," said a delighted Howard of her squad's start.

10 YEARS AGO

The Owen-Gage Board of Education filled a new position during a special meeting Thursday night in the Owendale High School library. Judy Winchester was hired as a part-time secretary in the junior/senior high principal's office. The special meeting was scheduled to address a student discipline matter, but the individuals involved did not appear at the session. The matter was tabled with plans to take action during the board's regular monthly meeting Monday night.

Cass City's ice skating rink has received a lot of use this winter, thanks to plenty of cold weather and the efforts of the Cass City Lions Club. Garrett Otulakowski, 10, and his brother, Brandon, 8, honed their hockey skills at the rink, located at the corner of Church and Ale streets. The Lions Club will treat skaters to free hot dogs and hot chocolate Sunday from one to 5 p.m.

Put Kate Powers in the front row of any North Central Thumb League volleyball team and it's going to mean trouble for the opposing team. That was never more obvious than in Thursday's NCTL opener for Owen-Gage as they throttled visiting Akron-Fairgrove, 15-2, 15-5 and 15-2. Add Powers to a line-up already consisting of Amanda Salcido (8 points, 7 attacks) and Jennifer Winchester (11 sets, 6 assists) and it's easy to see how that trio helped lead the Bulldogs to the state quarterfinals last year.

25 YEARS AGO

When the Wright Brothers flew their first airplane, in 1903, George Richards was 22 years old. When World War II ended in 1945, he was 64. George Richards will be 100 years old Wednesday, Jan. 21. He has never moved from the place he was born almost a century ago, a farm a quarter-mile east of M-53, on Richards Road, two miles south of Hemans. The Lamotte Township farm is only two years older than he is. His parents were both born in this country, apparently both in Michigan, and moved to the then 80-acre parcel in 1879. Richards had two brothers and two sisters. He was the middle one of the five. At age 99, his memory is not what it once was. "As I remember it," he said of the surrounding area when he was growing up, "it was all pretty new around here."

Art Severance returned to the board room at Cass City High School Monday for the first time since he quit after 12 years as a member. He attended to receive a service award. "Can't say I miss it too much," Art said dryly, after receiving congratulations from former board associates. But old patterns evidently die hard. Severance stayed for the entire meeting. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Sanilac County 4-H Youth Agent Danny Sandman has been assigned to the same position in Saginaw County, starting Feb. 1, by the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service. He came to Sanilac County four years ago from Berrien County in southwest Michigan. The Sanilac 4-H program currently includes 360 leaders, 1,300 children enrolled in clubs and more than 2,000 participating in special programs through schools. In Saginaw County, he will have charge of a larger program with more persons working under him. Diane Wood, the 4-H program assistant, will handle the 4-H program until a replacement is named for Sandman, expected in the near future.

35 YEARS AGO

In the weight losing derby, David (that's me) is facing another Goliath (that's Gerald Stilson) a last minute entry in the race. The other Goliaths, as previously mentioned, are Dick Erla and Bill Eberline. It's a dollar a pound when the first big weigh-in comes Feb. 2 and if those guys are really serious I'll need to float a loan. And could it be an attack on my flanks (pun intended) that the Quaker Maid Dairy Store, owned by Don and Gerald Stilson, is offering ice cream cones for a nickel for five days as part of their grand opening? After all, ice cream is one of the principal reasons that I'm a noted food-aholic. (Rabbit Tracks)

The Cass City Red Hawks attempted to stall the Lakers' Thumb B Conference title express Friday night, but the visitors got back on track in the second half to edge out a narrow 26-21 victory at Cass City High School. Coach Fred Hurlburt tried to counter the Lakers' advantage in speed and height with a stalling, ball control offense and for a half it looked as if it could succeed. The green and white refused to come out of its sagging zone defense and the Hawks refused to try to penetrate it. As a result, most of the first two periods were spent in a game of catch between Paul Bliss and Richard "Zike" Miller with an occasional toss to Scott Guernsey and Rob Alexander.

Extension of M-24 from Caro north to a connection with M-25 at Unionville has been approved by the State Highway Commission. The Commission chose the Caro-Unionville corridor over two proposed alternatives, one running from Caro north to M-25 northeast of Sebewaing; and the other from Caro northeast to a point west of Cass City, then directly north to Caseville on Saginaw Bay. Approval of the route by the Federal Highway Administration will set the stage for a hearing on design features of the highway probably before the end of the year. The Commission's schedule calls for construction of 8.3 miles of the highway from Caro to M-138 east of Akron in 1974. Work also will include reconstruction of four-tenths of a mile of M-24 in Caro.

Straw bales still available

The Cass River Pet FriendZ have several bales of straw left for county pets in need.

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There is a limited amount of straw available and people who are interested in acquiring some will need to call (989) 673-7141 after 3 p.m. for directions.

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4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-4088
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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 7:00 p.m.
Pastor - Chuck Carr
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Cass City Church of Christ
6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136
Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Cass City Church of the Nazarene
6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2604 or 872-5201
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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study
& Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.
Pastor - Rev. Darold Ward

Cass City Missionary Church
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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday Prayer Meeting & His Kids Bible Club 6:30 p.m.
Pastor - Robert Sweeney

Cass City United Methodist Church
5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,
P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726
872-3422
Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
(Summer 9:30 a.m.)
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
Pastor: Rev. George F. Ward

Evangelical Free Church of Cass City
6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726
Phone: 872-5060
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Worship 11:00 a.m.
Midweek Bible Studies
Biblical Counseling
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould
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First Baptist Church
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St. Pancratius Catholic Church
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872-3336
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Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
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Shabbona United Methodist Church
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Hawk grappler Meeker earns milestone win

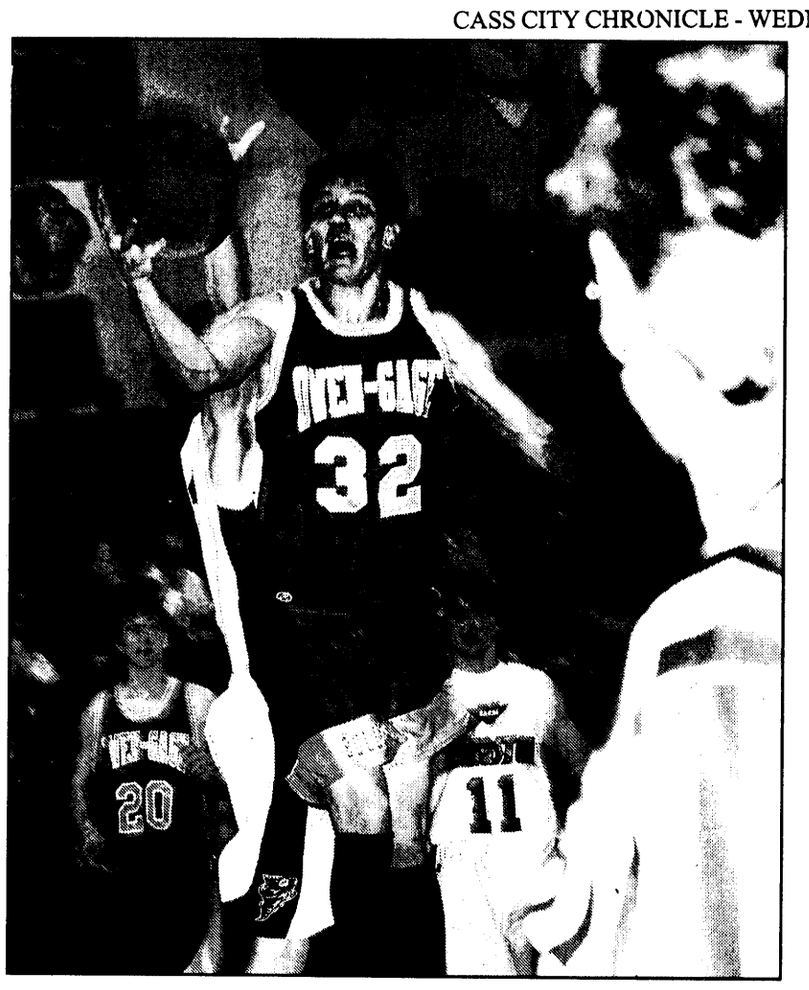
Cass City's Scott Meeker highlighted the action Saturday at the North Branch Team Tournament for the Red Hawk grapplers, recording his 100th career victory. Meeker becomes the 14th Red Hawk in the school's 35-year wrestling history to achieve the feat. The Hawk senior, wrestling in the 275-pound class, compiled a 4-1 mark on the day and now stands at 17-1 on the season.

As a team, Cass City placed 4th in a field consisting of 6 squads with a record of 3-2 on the day. The Hawks fell to hosts North Branch, 54-21, and Lapeer East, 54-9, before rebounding to defeat Houghton Lake, 76-6, Hartland B, 41-39, and Cros-Lex, 53-27. The final team standings, and their records were: Hartland B 4-1, Lapeer East 4-1, North Branch 3-2, Cass City 3-2, Cros-Lex 1-4 and Houghton Lake 0-5.

Coach Don Markel said several of his Red Hawk wrestlers turned in solid efforts on the tourney including junior Kyle Sieradzki, who went undefeated in the 160-pound class and holds a perfect 23-0 mark on the season.

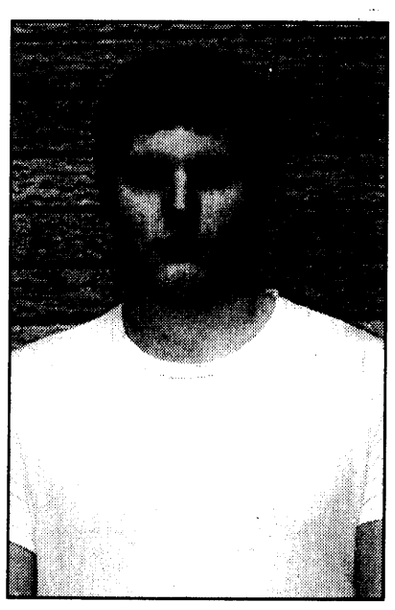
Cass City also had Travis Mabe, wrestling in the 103-pound class, and Andrew Peruski, wrestling in the 112-pound class, with marks of 4-1 at the tourney.

Cass City stands at 10-8 for the season. They will travel to compete at USA tonight (Wednesday) before heading to the Mayville Invitation on Saturday.

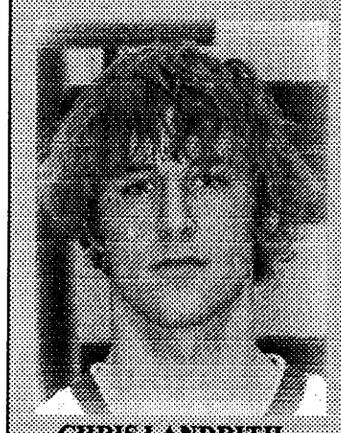


BULLDOG Eric Zaleski goes hard to the basket in Friday's North Central Thumb League crossover meeting with Kingston.

CASS CITY senior Scott Meeker earned his 100th career win Saturday in North Branch.



Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK



CHRIS LANDRITH

Senior Chris Landrith earned Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week honor for his outstanding play in the 2006 M-81 Clash. Landrith was voted the game's Most Valuable Player as he paced the hosts to a one-sided 76-35 win over Caro, Cass City's 6th straight Clash title. Landrith helped control the boards and posted a game high 17 points. Chris' parents are Curt and Kim Landrith.

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CPS next for Owen-Gage

Kingston hands Bulldogs first NCTL defeat Friday

Kingston wasted little time Friday disposing of hosts Owen-Gage during a North Central Thumb League crossover meeting between division leaders.

The Cardinals' 82-40 thrashing of the Bulldogs keeps their record perfect at 6-0 on the season, while the Bulldogs slip to 4-2.

Kingston shouldn't have any problem keeping its win streak alive this week as they are scheduled to meet a pair of basement dwellers in Dryden and Port Hope. Owen-Gage, however, will have its hands full this Friday as they travel to face Carsonville-Port Sanilac whose only loss on the season was delivered by Cros-Lex.

At Owendale, the Cardinals' strong frontline play of Brian Stine, Brandon Jones and Tristin Pennington proved fatal for the Bulldogs.

Jones spotted the Cardinals to a quick 4-0 advantage with a pair of field goals and the visitors would never look back. Following a pair of Aaron Gaeth's free throws for the hosts, the winners went on a 16-1 run capped by 5 straight points from Stine.

Trailing 20-3, Owen-Gage ended the initial frame with 5 unanswered points by Josh Howard including an old fashioned 3-point play, providing the Bulldogs with a much needed spark.

But after establishing an inside presence in the early going, the Cardinals removed any doubt from the game's outcome with a stingy defense and shots from behind the 3-point arc from Seth Flikkie and Matt Neff.

Flikkie and Neff combined for a dozen markers in the period before the break that ended with the Cardinals comfortably in front, 49-19. Brent Reil and Gaeth recorded Owen-Gage's only field goals in the frame on 3-point bombs.

After the break, the 2 schools traded baskets during the third quarter before Kingston closed out the contest with a 19-8 scoring advantage over the final 8 minutes.

Kingston had 6 players reach double digits, led by Stine's 14 points. Pennington, Flikkie, Neff, and Jones each tossed in a dozen markers, while Nathan Harneck added 10.

Brandon Dubs' topped the Bulldog scorers with 14 markers, followed by Gaeth who added 11.

ARENAC-EASTERN

Tuesday at Arenac-Eastern, Owen-Gage exploded for 54 points in the final half en route to an 89-55 victory in non-conference play.

The Bulldogs gained a 16-11 edge after one period as Dubs' and Gaeth's shots were on the mark early, combining for all 5 of the visitors' field goals in the opening quarter.

Arenac-Eastern then used the foul stripe to hang with their guests till the intermission as Dustin Miller and Gage Morgan converted 9 of 10 attempts during the second stanza that ended with the Bulldogs enjoying a 35-31 margin.

In the final half, however, a balanced attack from the Bulldogs proved too much for the hosts to overcome. Owen-Gage, who had every roster player score for the fourth consecutive game, put 7 players into the record books in each of the final 2 periods.

Dubs led a 26-14 scoring run after the break with 7 tallies in the third frame while Andy Dronsella paced the visitors in the final 8 minutes with 7 markers where Arenac-Eastern was outscored 28-10 to the final buzzer.

The Bulldogs received a game-high 19 points from Dubs, while Gaeth added a season-best 17 points, which included 3 treys. Also collecting double-digit points for the winners were Dronsella with 12, Eric Zaleski with 11, Grant Champagne with 11 and Rogers with 10.

Morgan paced Arenac-Eastern with 18 points, while Justin Miller chipped in 15 and Brian Langstaff added 12.

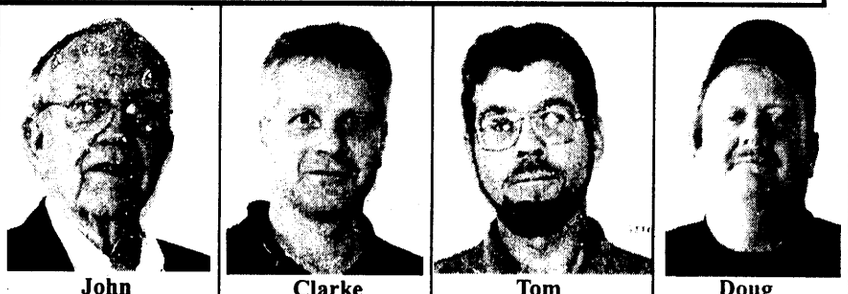
OWEN-GAGE - Reil 2-0 (2-3) 6; Dubs 7-1 (2-6) 19; Dronsella 3-1 (3-5) 12; Howard 1-0 (1-2) 3; Rogers 4-0 (2-5) 10; Zaleski 3-0 (5-6) 11; Champagne 2-1 (4-8) 11; Gaeth 3-3 (2-4) 17.
TOTALS - 25-6 (21-39) 89.

ARENAC-EASTERN - Miller 5-0 (5-6) 15; Klopf 1-0 (0-0) 2; Langstaff 2-2 (2-3) 12; Morgan 5-0 (8-12) 18; Ziembo 3-0 (0-4) 6; Doremint 1-0 (0-0) 2.
TOTALS - 17-2 (15-25) 55.

OWEN-GAGE - Reil - 0-1 (0-0) 3; Dubs 4-0 (6-7) 14; Dronsella 1-0 (0-0) 2; Howard 3-0 (1-1) 7; Zaleski 0-0 (3-4) 3; Gaeth 3-1 (2-2) 11.
TOTALS - 11-2 (12-14) 40.

KINGSTON - Flikkie 1-1 (7-9) 12; Bastian 1-0 (0-0) 2; Neff 2-2 (2-4) 12; Stine 3-0 (8-9) 14; Jones 6-0 (0-1) 12; Pennington 6-0 (0-0) 12; Filipek 2-0 (2-2) 6; Harneck 3-0 (4-6) 10; Pierce 0-0 (2-4) 2.
TOTALS - 24-3 (25-35) 82.

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast



This Week's Forecast	John Haire	Clarke Haire	Tom Montgomery	Doug Hyatt
Tuesday, January 10				
Bad Axe at Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Lakers at Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly
Sandusky at USA	USA	USA	USA	USA
Saginaw Nouvel at Reese	Saginaw Nouvel	Saginaw Nouvel	Saginaw Nouvel	Saginaw Nouvel
V. Lutheran at S. Valley	Swan Valley	Swan Valley	Swan Valley	Swan Valley
Caseville at Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Caseville
Kingston at Dryden	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Peck at Akron-Fairgrove	Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck
Friday, January 13				
USA at Bad Axe	USA	USA	USA	USA
Cass City at Lakers	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
BCAS at Reese	Reese	Reese	BCAS	BCAS
Valley Lutheran at Mayville	Valley Lutheran	Valley Lutheran	Mayville	Valley Lutheran
Sandusky at Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette
Harbor Beach at Deckerville	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Ubly at Brown City	Brown City	Ubly	Brown City	Brown City
Port Hope at Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Owen-Gage at CPS	CPS	CPS	CPS	CPS
Akron-Fairgrove at Memphis	Memphis	Memphis	Memphis	Memphis
Last week's results	**8-2**	**9-1**	**9-1**	**9-1**
Season's results	**35-7 (83%)**	**35-7 (83%)**	**34-8 (81%)**	**39-3 (93%)**

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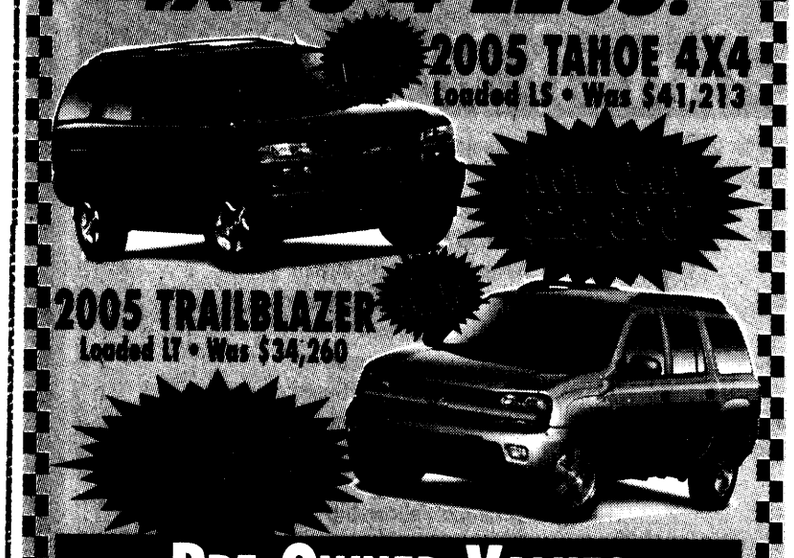

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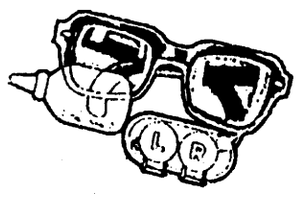

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Hawk cagers remain perfect

Cass City chalked up its 7th victory in a row Friday with an easy win over visiting Bad Axe, 65-37, but still trails the results posted last season when the Hawks ran up 11 straight before falling.

Coach Aaron Fernald would love to be able to match that record this year because the 11th game of the season without a loss would include victories over USA, everybody's favorite in the Greater Thumb West, and always-tough Reese.

While these are key games, the Hawks can't afford to look past Friday's league game at the Lakers or the Harbor Beach game at home next Tuesday. Upsets have been common when these teams meet.

If the Hawks slip past these teams, the next 2 games will define the season for Cass City. Cass City plays at USA Jan. 20 and entertains Reese Jan. 27.

In the 7-game win streak Cass City has been good, fair and not so good. The team crushed Vassar in the opener. The Hawks were then severely tested by Ubly, 53-49, Sandusky, 53-51, and winless Valley Lutheran, 51-47.

After that Caro was an easy victim and winless Bad Axe was no match for the Hawks.

The Hatchet game was virtually decided after the first quarter. For the second game in a row Cass City had a blazing start. Brad Langenburg opened the scoring blitz with a quick 2 pointer and then Justin Glaza took over with 3 quick hoops as Cass City forged to a 15-1 lead with 2:44 left in the period.

The Hawks were helped by some shoddy ball handling as the Hatchets turned the ball over 7 times in the first period. Many of the turnovers were the result of steals. Glaza tied the school record for steals with 8. He now shares the honors with Jeff Hartel who set the mark in 1978.

The Hatchets scored their first and only field goal of the quarter with a bucket by Brad Iskow with less than 2 minutes remaining in the quarter.

Derryll Schenk came off the bench to lead the Hawks in the second quarter. Cass City opened the period with an 11-0 run and Schenk scored 7 of them. After the slow start the Hatchets staged a 6-0 run of their own before Langenburg countered the run with a bucket and a free throw and the Hawks stretched the lead to 37-11 at the intermission.

The starters returned to the game for much of the third quarter to widen the margin. The Hatchets' stone cold shooting night warmed up slightly to score 10 points, while the Hawks counted 14 points to lead 51-21 going into the final frame.

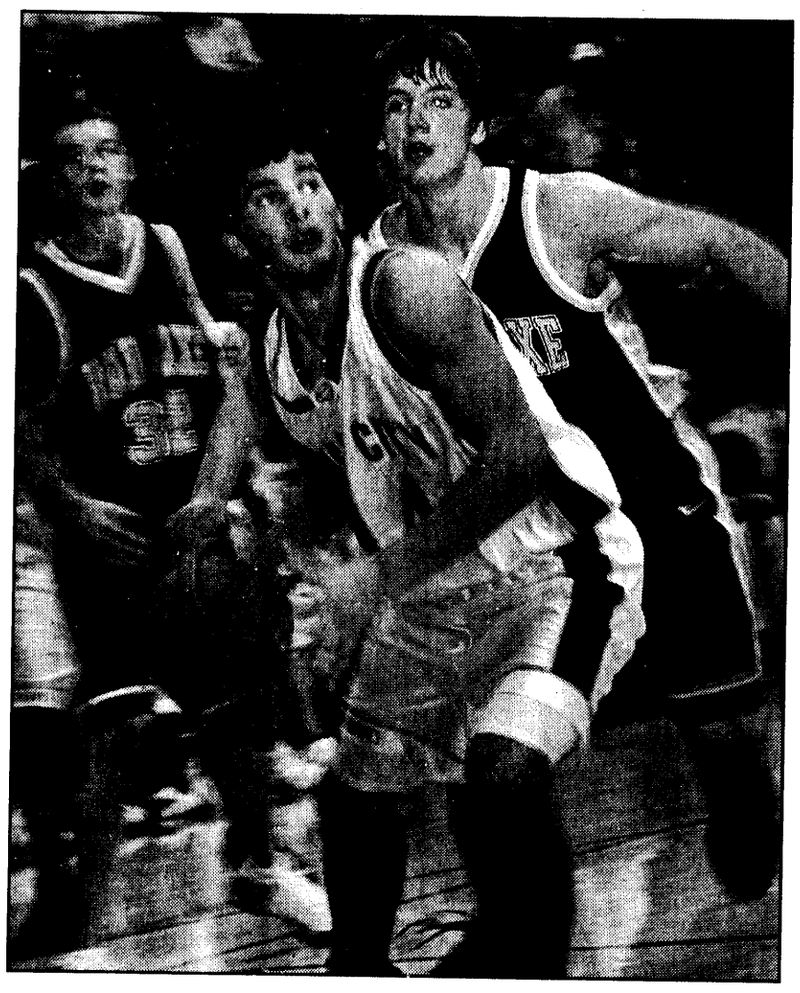
After that the benches for both teams took over and the Hatches knocked 2 points off the Hawk lead at the final whistle.

Glaza led the Hawks with 17 points and Langenburg and Schenk each netted 12.

Iskow was in double figures for the Hatchets with 10 points.

CASS CITY - Langenburg 4-1 (1-1) 12; Landrith 3-0 (1-1) 7; Martin 1-0 (0-0) 2; Glaza 5-1 (4-4) 17; Schenk 4-0 (4-7) 12; Otulakowski 0-0 (2-4) 2; Stoutenburg 2-0 (0-0) 4; Hartel 1-0 (0-0) 2; Lautner 1-0 (0-0) 2; Clifton 0-0 (1-3) 1; Halasz 0-0 (4-6) 4. **TOTALS - 21-2 (17-26) 65.**

BAD AXE - Harris 1-0 (0-0) 2; McAleer 0-2 (0-0) 6; Geiger 2-0 (0-0) 4; Sloncz 1-0 (0-0) 2; Osantoski 1-0 (2-2) 2; Talaski 2-0 (1-2) 5; Grigg 2-0 (0-0) 4; Hanselman 0-0 (0-1) 0; Iskow 4-0 (2-2) 10. **TOTALS - 13-2 (5-7) 37.**



CASS CITY'S BRANDON Otulakowski slides along the baseline in Friday's Greater Thumb West victory over visiting Bad Axe.

Hawk spikers roll

Cass City needed just 3 games to turn back visiting Sandusky Monday during the Red Hawk's home opener.

Coach Beth Howard's spikers recorded hard fought wins of 25-19, 25-8 and 25-22 over the Redskins in non-conference play.

"It was nice to be home," said Howard. "I think there were some nerves out there, but the girls did really well."

In 2 of the hosts' 3 wins, the 2 schools traded points to 21-all before Cass City was able to secure victory. Despite some jitters, coach Howard was impressed on how her young spikers were able to close out each contest. It's a trait that the veteran mentor feels will pay dividends when her team enters Greater Thumb West action next week.

As could be expected, Ashley Hendrick, the Hawks' lone senior member, led the hosts to victory. The all-conference performer recorded 16 kills, and one block.

"That's the best Ashley has played," commented Howard. "She just killed the ball."

The winners also received 10 kills from Sara Meeker, while Carly Howard and Emily Schinnerer each added 4 kills. Amanda Langenburg, who recorded 22 assists, set up most of the Hawks' winners. Lauren Dillon recorded 6 aces to pace Cass City at the service line.

Defensively, Cass City had Howard with a team-high 14 digs, while Hendrick added 10 digs and Schinnerer, 8.

HATCHET INVITE

Cass City breezed its way to a first place finish Saturday in its own pool at the Hatchet Invitational in Bad Axe with a 7-1 mark.

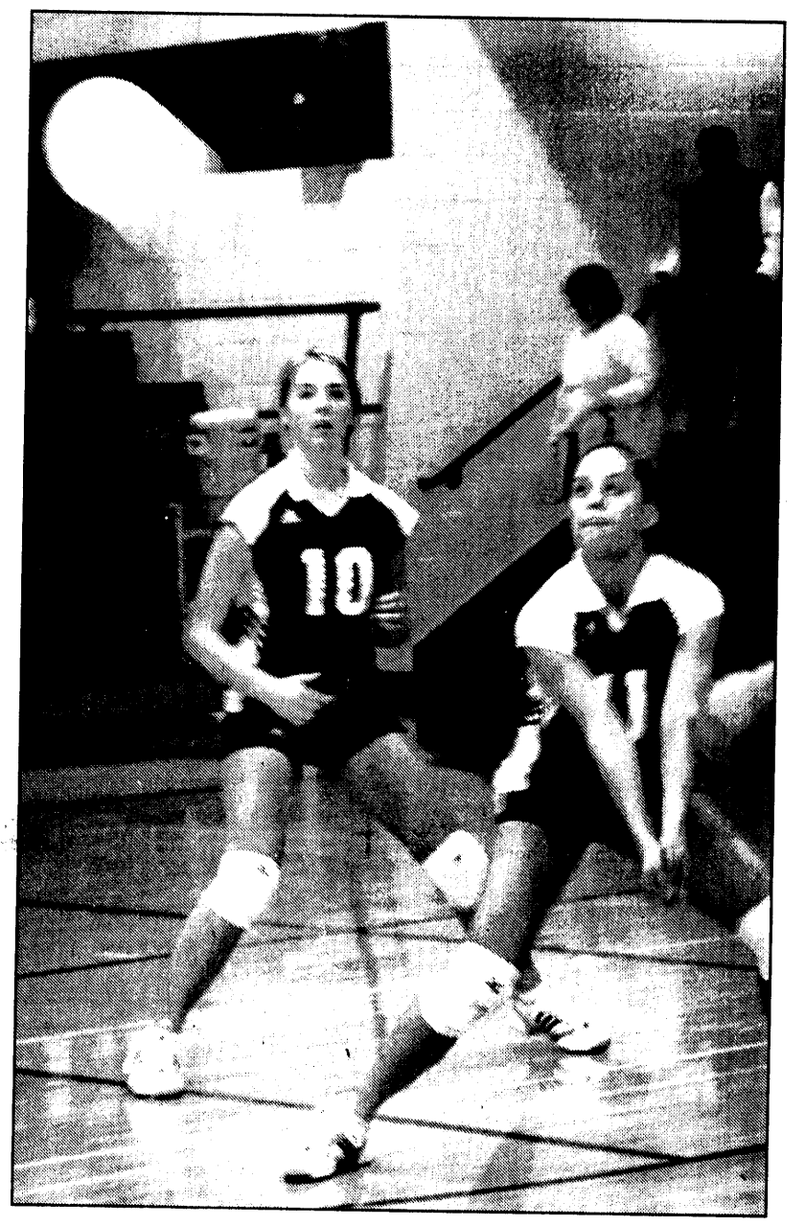
However, in the single elimination quarterfinals, Marlette recorded straight wins of 25-14 and 25-12 that ended play for the Hawks on the afternoon.

After trading opening games with Harbor Beach, 25-19 and 19-25, coach Howard's spikers earned sweeps over Caro, Millington and Cros-Lex. Cass City defeated the Tigers 25-9, 25-21, while the Cardinals fell 25-14, 25-21 and Cros-Lex by the scores of 25-18, 25-19.

Howard was a little surprised by her spikers' showing against Marlette and noted, "we beat them earlier in the year at the Caro tourney."

Individual stats on the day for Cass City had Hendrick with 29 kills, 7 aces, 5 blocks, 19 digs and 29 receptions. Meeker had 26 kills, 6 blocks; Schinnerer, 20 kills, 33 digs, 31 receptions; Howard, 40 digs, 25 receptions; Courtney Rabideau, 20 digs, 35 receptions; Langenburg, 64 assists; and Lauren Dillon, 7 aces.

Cass City is now 14-3-1 on the season and will travel to compete in the Birch Run tourney Saturday.



CASS CITY'S COURTNEY Rabideau and Lauren Dillon (10) converge on a shot during Monday's home opener against Sandusky. The Hawks improved to 14-3-1 on the season with a 3 game decision over the Redskins in non-conference play.

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Team	W	L	W	L
Cass City	2	0	7	0
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Reese	1	1	1	3
Lakers	0	1	1	4
Bad Axe	0	1	0	5
Valley Lutheran	0	2	0	5

NCTL NORTH

Team	W	L	W	L
Owen-Gage	3	1	4	2
North Huron	2	2	2	2
Caseville	1	3	1	4
Port Hope	0	4	1	4
Akron-Fairgrove	0	4	0	5

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Team	W	L	W	L
Kingston	4	0	6	0
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Dryden	1	3	1	4

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Wild game dinner on tap in Ubly

Phillip Hardy, a sportsman and candidate for the state representative seat representing Tuscola and Huron counties, will host a wild game dinner Saturday, Jan. 21, starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Ubly Fox Hunters Club (on M-19, north of Ubly).

The guest speaker will be Cass City area sportsman and newspaper columnist Tom Lounsbury, who serves as chairman of the United Sportsmen's Alliance.

There will be door prizes and a special drawing for table captains only.

Ticket information is available by calling Hardy at (989) 761-7239 or (989) 467-0017.

ATV and snowmobile classes set

The Sanilac County MSU Extension Office will be offering ATV and snowmobile safety classes.

The ATV safety class will be Thursday, Jan. 19, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The snowmobile safety class is slated for Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 6 to 10 p.m.

Youth must be at least 11 years old to participate. There is a limit of 50 youth. Participants will receive a safety manual and an ORV manual, and they must pass a 50-question test.

Youth can register by calling the Sanilac County MSU Extension Office at (810) 648-2515.

Workshop to focus on state 4-H awards

The Michigan State 4-H Awards program is designed to recognize 4-H members who exhibit outstanding achievement in their particular project area, show leadership ability and contribute to their communities.

Members who were at least 13 years of age by Jan. 1, 2006, are invited to attend a workshop that will explain the benefits of participating in the awards program and how to complete the application process.

The workshop will be offered Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Michigan State University Extension Office in Sandusky.

Extension officials recommend that 4-H members have at least 3 years in a specific project area to participate. Three additional categories that cover several project areas are achievement, leadership and citizenship. All participants, regardless of project area, will be judged on their leadership, citizenship and community service contributions as well.

Participating in the awards program is excellent preparation for entering the job market or applying for college, according to Sanilac County MSU Extension official Jim Kneebone.

"The Awards Portfolio, which is the application packet, includes a cover letter, application form, resume, a short story about the candidate and picture pages," he explained. "Practice interviews are held locally to prepare for final interviews at Michigan State University.

To participate, members must complete a portfolio by March 1. These are submitted to the county MSU 4-H program and then sent on for regional judging. A panel of judges reads through the application, makes suggestions for improvement, and returns the portfolio to the 4-H member for revision.

The regional winners in the various project categories then submit the written materials to the state 4-H office by May 1 for state level competition. Applicants must attend 4-H Exploration Days at MSU June 21-23 for final interviews and the awards celebration when the state winners are announced.

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Dec. 10	North Branch (JV)	9:00 a.m.	A
Dec. 14	Bay City/USA/Caro (V)	6:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 14	Caro/Bay City/USA (JV)	6:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 14	Caro/USA/Bay City (F)	6:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 16	Caro Invite (JV)	4:30 p.m.	A
Dec. 17	Caro Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.	A
Dec. 19	**Ubly/Owen-Gage (JV)**	**6:30 p.m.**	**H**
Dec. 19	Ubly/Owen-Gage (V)	6:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 22	Essexville Garber (V)	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 6	Bad Axe (JV/F)	4:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 7	Bad Axe (V)	8:30 a.m.	A
Jan. 9	**Sandusky**	**6:00 p.m.**	**H**
Jan. 14	Birch Run (V)	8:30 a.m.	A
Jan. 19	BCAS	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 26	**Valley Lutheran**	**6:00 p.m.**	**H**
Jan. 28	Birch Run (JV)	8:30 a.m.	A
Jan. 28	Brown City (F)	8:30 a.m.	A
Jan. 28	Northwood (V)	8:30 a.m.	A
Feb. 2	Lakers	6:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 9	**USA**	**6:00 p.m.**	**H**
Feb. 11	SVSU Invite	TBA	A
Feb. 11	Lakers League Tourney	9:00 a.m.	A
Feb. 16	**Reese**	**6:00 p.m.**	**H**
Feb. 18	North Branch (V)	9:00 a.m.	A
Feb. 18	USA League Tourney	9:00 a.m.	A
Feb. 23	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 25	Bad Axe League Tourney	9:00 a.m.	A

***Home games are in bold**

Cass City Red Hawks 2005-06 Wrestling

Nov. 30	Imlay City/Capac	6:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 3	Cros-Lex Invite	9:00 a.m.	A
Dec. 7	Almont/Armada	6:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 10	Marlette Tourney	8:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 14	**Marlette/Lakers/USA**	**6:00 p.m.**	**H**
Dec. 21	John Glenn	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 7	N. Branch Tourney	9:00 a.m.	A
Jan. 11	Brown City/USA	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 14	Mayville Invite	8:00 a.m.	A
Jan. 18	V. Lutheran/Lakers	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 21	Imlay City Invite	8:30 a.m.	A
Jan. 25	Marlette/Sag. Nouvel	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 28	Marysville Invite	9:00 a.m.	A
Feb. 1	**Mayville/Sandusky**	**6:00 p.m.**	**H**
Feb. 4	Standish/Sterling Invite	9:00 a.m.	A
Feb. 11	USA League Tourney	10:00 a.m.	A

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Volleyball

Thursday, Jan. 26
Cass City vs. Valley Lutheran

Wrestling

Wednesday, Feb. 1
Cass City vs. Mayville/Sandusky

Cass City Red Hawks 2005-06 Boys' Varsity Basketball

Dec. 6	Vassar 38, Cass City 65		
Dec. 9	**Ubly 49, Cass City 53**		
Dec. 13	Sandusky 51, Cass City 53		
Dec. 16	**Mayville 41, Cass City 57**		
Dec. 20	Valley Lutheran 47, Cass City 51		
Jan. 3	**Caro 35, Cass City 76**		
Jan. 6	**Bad Axe 37, Cass City 65**		
Jan. 13	Lakers	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 17	**Harbor Beach**	**6:00 p.m.**	**H**
Jan. 20	USA	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 27	**Reese**	**6:00 p.m.**	**H**
Jan. 31	**BCAS**	**6:00 p.m.**	**H**
Feb. 3	**Deckerville**	**6:00 p.m.**	**H**
Feb. 7	**Valley Lutheran**	**6:00 p.m.**	**H**
Feb. 10	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 14	**Lakers**	**6:00 p.m.**	**H**
Feb. 17	**USA (Snowcoming)**	**6:00 p.m.**	**H**
Feb. 24	Reese	6:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 28	BCAS	5:00 p.m.	A
March 2	Saginaw Nouvel	4:30 p.m.	A

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Cass City Red Hawks 2005-06 Gymnastics

Dec. 20	**Vassar**	**6:30 p.m.**	**H**
Jan. 10	**Midland**	**6:30 p.m.**	**H**
Jan. 28	Troy Athens Invite	9:00 a.m.	A
Jan. 31	Midland	6:30 p.m.	A
Feb. 7	Vassar	6:30 p.m.	A
Feb. 11	Vassar Invite	12:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 14	Midland Invite	6:00 p.m.	A

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

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

A piece of land commencing at a point 2 rods East of the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 5, Town 13 North, Range 11 East; running thence East 160 yards; thence South 200 yards; thence West 160 yards; thence North 200 yards to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: January 11, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #078751F01

1-11-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Terry D. Gast, a single man, original mortgagor, to Icon Financial Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 4, 2003 and recorded on September 11, 2003 in Liber 953 on Page 563, and assigned by mesne assignments to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Two and 62/100 Dollars ($48,292.62), including interest at 6.5% 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 January 19, 2006.

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

The Southeast square 5 acres of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 13 North, Range 9 East.

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

Dated: December 21, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #076926F01

12-21-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nancy Petzold, a single woman, to Flagstar Bank, FSB, mortgagee, dated August 22, 2002 and recorded September 3, 2002 in Liber 892, Page 103, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC successor by merger with Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation by assignment dated June 20, 2003 and recorded on May 27, 2003 in Liber 932, Page 1156, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Eight and 82/100 Dollars ($50,478.82), including interest at the rate of 7.50% 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 January 19, 2006.

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

That part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 25, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbela Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Northeast, corner of said Section 25; thence South 251.50 feet along the East Section line; thence North 89 degrees 34 Minutes 00 Seconds West 400.00 feet parallel with the North Section Line; thence North 251.50 feet parallel with the East Section line; thence South 89 Degrees 34 Minutes 00 Seconds East 400.00 feet along the North Section Line to the Point of Beginning. Subject to the Right of Way for Birch Run Road along the Northerly side thereof. Also subject to the right of way for Vassar Road along the Easterly side thereof. Also subject to all easements, restrictions, and rights-of-way, if any, of record.

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: December 21, 2005

ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Chase Home Finance LLC successor by merger with Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, As Assignee
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Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 310.0227

12-21-5

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by DENNIS R. GEITMAN II, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. "MERS", solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 24, 2004 and recorded on September 10, 2004, in Liber 1007, on Page 1256, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINETY SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY TWO AND 57/100 DOLLARS ($96,352.57), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on January 26, 2006.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/ 4 of the Southeast 1/ 4 of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 35, which East, 465.00 feet, from the South 1/ 4 corner of said Section 35; thence continuing along said South line East 186.02 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05' 50" West 350.0 feet; thence West 186.02 feet; thence South 00 degrees 05' 50" East 350.00 feet of the South line of said Section 35 and the point of beginning. EXCEPT an undivided 1/ 2 interest in and to all oil, gas and other mineral.

Tax ID No. 020-035-000-2725-000

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: December 21, 2005

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

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, Michigan 48075

12-28-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Anthony Delduca and Kimberly K. Delduca, husband and wife, to Saxon Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 16, 2001 and recorded March 2, 2001 in Liber 822, Page 1226, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas f/k/a Banker's Trust Company, as Custodian by assignment dated February 16, 2001 and recorded on September 17, 2001 in Liber 842, Page 1299, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Ninety-Seven and 53/100 Dollars ($72,097.53), including interest at the rate of 8.00% 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 January 26, 2006.

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

A parcel of land described as beginning as a point which is North 89 degrees 16 minutes East, 1101.9 feet from the Southwest corner of Section 31, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbela Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence North 0 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds West, 250.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 16 minutes East 100.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds East, 250.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 16 minutes West, 100.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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: December 28, 2005

ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas f/k/a Banker's Trust Company, as Custodian, As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
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File No. 244.0548

12-28-5

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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 William Besaw III, a single man, original mortgagor, to Irwin Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 24, 2005 and recorded on February 28, 2005 in Liber 1028 on Page 1256 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Four and 28/100 Dollars ($52,264.28), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 19, 2006.

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

Lot 18, Block 7 of Charles Montague's Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, now being Page 11A, 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: December 21, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #076629F01

12-21-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donna K. Adams, a single woman, to Chase Home Finance, L.L.C., successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, mortgagee, dated June 12, 2003 and recorded August 1, 2003 in Liber 946, Page 1360, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Seventy-Four and 48/100 Dollars ($89,074.48) including interest at the rate of 6.00% 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 January 19, 2006.

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

Lots 4 and 5, Block 2, Daniel M. Woodruff's Addition to the Village of Gates (now Reese), according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 25 A.

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: December 21, 2005

ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Chase Home Finance, L.L.C., successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, As Mortgagee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 310.0549

12-21-5

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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 Daniel Lee Hills, original mortgagor, to NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated November 28, 1994 and recorded on November 30, 1994 in Liber 667 on Page 634, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns 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 Twenty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Three and 76/100 Dollars ($26,983.76), including interest at 8...625% per annum.

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

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

Commencing 804 feet South of the Northwest corner of Section 1, Town 13 North, Range 8 East; thence east 407 feet; thence North 326 feet; thence West 407 feet; thence South 326 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: January 4, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC R (248) 593-1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #071311F02

1-4-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Roger D. Schiefer, a/k/a Roger Schiefer, and Jennifer Schiefer, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated April 28, 2004 and recorded on June 17, 2004 in Liber 997 on Page 122 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF ASSET - BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-MCW1 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Two and 55/100 Dollars ($51,432.55), including interest at 8.55% 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 9, 2006.

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

Parcel A: Part of the Northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 29, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, described as beginning at the Northeast corner of said Section 29; thence along the North line of said Section 29, West 366.05 feet; thence South 00 degrees 19 minutes 10 seconds East, parallel with the East line of said Section 29, 119.00 feet; thence East 366.05 feet to the East line of said Section 29; thence along said East line, North 00 degrees 19 minutes 10 seconds West, 119.00 feet to the Northeast corner of said Section 29 and point of beginning.

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

Dated: January 11, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys for Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #078791F01

1-11-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Shannon Smallwood, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 25, 2005 and recorded on April 13, 2005 in Liber 1034 on Page 966 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Four and 63/100 Dollars ($40,124.63), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 19, 2006.

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

Lot 2, Block 9 of the Village of Mayville, according to the plat recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 35.

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: December 21, 2005

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30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #077269F01

12-21-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Kevin C. Hallwood and Christine Hallwood, husband and wife to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, a Delaware Corporation Mortgagee, dated February 20, 2002 and recorded June 17, 2002 in Liber 881, Page 1362, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to WM Specialty Mortgage LLC, Without Recourse, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand One Hundred Thirty Dollars and Fifty-Six Cents ($65,130.56), including interest 11.25% per annum.

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

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

One square acre in the Southwest corner of the North half of the North Southwest fractional quarter of Section 8, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, beginning at a point on the West line of said Section 6; thence along said West line, South 0 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds East 1112.32 feet from the West quarter corner of said Section 6; thence along said West line south 0 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds East 208.75 feet to South, East and West eighth line, North 89 degrees 23 minutes 45 seconds East 208.75 feet; thence North 0 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds West 208.75 feet; thence South 89 degrees 23 minutes 45 seconds West 208.75 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 7777 Vassar, Millington MI 48746.

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: December 27, 2005

WM Specialty Mortgage LLC, without recourse
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd., Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 05-42062

1-4-5

STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
54TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE

CASE NO. 05-22907-CH

County Courthouse
440 N. State Street
Caro, MI 48723
(989) 673-3330

ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC., Plaintiff

Amy Neumann (P65175)
Trott & Trott, P.C.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
(248) 723-6011

v.

ANY AND ALL UNKOWN CLAIMANTS, Defendants
2654 Cemetery
Kingston, MI 48741

THE COURT FINDS: Service of process upon defendant, any and all claimants, cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED: Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be made by the following method: via publication pursuant to MCR 2.201 (D) per 2.106 (D). Complaint to establish ownership of mobile home. Interested parties must file an answer or appear with the Tuscola County Circuit Court within 28 days of this publication. Failure to answer or appear could result in forfeiture of your interest in the mobile home.

Dated: December 9, 2005

Patrick R. Joslyn
Judge

1-11-3

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Patrick John Davis and Laurel Ann Davis, husband and wife, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, mortgagee, dated October 23, 2004 and recorded November 8, 2004 in Liber 1016, Page 683, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Ameriquest Mortgage Securities, Inc., Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates Series 2004-R12, Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of December 1, 2004, without recourse, 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 Sixty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Four and 22/100 Dollars ($67,904.22), including interest at the rate of 9.45% 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 January 26, 2006.

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

Beginning 550 feet West of the Southeast corner of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 28, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence North 450 feet; thence West 400 feet; thence South 50 feet; thence East 170 feet; thence South 400 feet; thence East 230 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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: December 28, 2005

ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Ameriquest Mortgage Securities, Inc., Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates Series 2004-R12, Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of December 1, 2004, without recourse, As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 214.2704

12-28-5

Case No. 04-22743-CH

CIRCUIT COURT SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 4th day of November, A.D. 2005, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., was the Plaintiff, and ANTHONY DICKENSON, MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE, and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS, OWNERS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR ASSIGNEES OF UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OR OWNERS TO THE MANUFACTURED HOME LOCATED AT 7118 DOWN CREEK ROAD, VASSAR, MI 48768, were the Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the Front Entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, (that being the building where the Circuit Court for Tuscola County is held), on the 2nd day of MARCH, A.D., 2006 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, Local Time, the following described property, To-Wit:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the City of Vassar, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, described as follows: City of Vassar, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, which is legally described as follows:

Commencing at a point 933.00 feet South of the Northwest corner of the West half of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; thence East 200.00 feet; thence South 150.00 feet; thence West 200.00 feet; thence North 150.00 feet to point of beginning. Also described as proposed Lot 5 of Harry & Loretta's Estate. Together with an easement for ingress and egress to and from said premises over and across an existing road in the East 66.00 feet of the West 266.00 feet of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Town 11 North, Range 8 East.

More commonly known as 7118 Down Creek Rd., Vassar, MI 48768 ("Subject Property").

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant Dickenson's interest in the manufactured home, a 1972 Parkwood and identified by the serial #MB50894 (hereinafter Mobile Home), that is affixed to the real estate comprising the Subject Property, is extinguished.

This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale.

Dated: January 11, 2006

THOMAS T. KERN, Sheriff

TROTT & TROTT, P.C.
By: Christopher S. Astfalk, P53129
Attorneys for Plaintiff
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1-11-7

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ralph E. Brown and Deborah L. Brown, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated June 14, 2005 and recorded July 6, 2005 in Liber 1044, Page 695, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Four and 46/100 Dollars ($180,544.46), including interest at the rate of 8.25% per annum.

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

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

Part of the West one-half of the East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 2, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the South Section line that is North 89 degrees 56 minutes 25 seconds East 1507.03 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 2; thence North 0 degrees 2 minutes 48 seconds East, 1320.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 25 seconds East 253.77 feet; thence South 0 degrees 2 minutes 48 seconds West, 1320.00 feet; thence along said South line; South 89 degrees 56 minutes 25 seconds West, 253.77 feet to the point of Beginning, including that part used as Murphy Lake Road.

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: January 11, 2006

ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
As Mortgagee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 207.4129

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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 Shannon J. Keinath, a married man, Laura Lee Keinath, his wife, original mortgagors, to Amerifirst Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 6, 1998 and recorded on November 30, 1998 in Liber 756 on Page 1361, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Six and 27/100 Dollars ($66,376.27), 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 February 9, 2006.

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

Commencing at the West Quarter Corner of Section 23, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbela Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence South 88 Degrees 22 Minutes East 2452.25 feet along the East and West Quarter Line of said Section 23 to the Point of Beginning; running thence South 88 Degrees 22 Minutes East 206.46 feet along the East and West Quarter Line of said Section 23 to the Center of said Section 23; thence South 0 Degrees 14 Minutes 45 Seconds West 1309.90 feet along the North and South Quarter Line of said Section 23; thence North 33 Degrees 28 Minutes 53 Seconds West 481.07 feet; thence North 01 Degrees 38 Minutes East 616.0 feet; thence South 88 Degrees 22 Minutes East 38.54 feet; thence North 01 Degree 38 Minutes east 300.0 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being a part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 23, Town 10 North, Range 7 East.

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

Dated: January 11, 2006

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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
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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 Albert L. Watch, an unmarried person, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 17, 2005 and recorded on April 6, 2005 in Liber 1033 on Page 1348 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Three and 88/100 Dollars ($75,793.88), including interest at 12.75% 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 January 19, 2006.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 31, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, described as: Beginning at a point that is North 89 Degrees 16 Minutes East, 601.9 Feet from the Southwest corner of Section 31; thence North 00 Degrees 10 Minutes 30 Seconds West, 250 Feet; thence North 89 Degrees 16 Minutes East, 100 Feet; thence South 00 Degrees 10 Minutes 30 Seconds East, 250 Feet; thence South 89 Degrees 16 Minutes West, 100 Feet along the South line of Section 31 and the point of beginning.

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

Dated: December 21, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gregory John Ashbreck, a single man, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, mortgagee, dated November 19, 2002 and recorded December 4, 2002 in Liber 905, Page 831, and re-recorded to correct legal description in Liber 911 on Page 1292 on January 22, 2003, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutshce Bank National Trust Company, As Trustee, of Ameriquest Mortgage, Inc., Asset-Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2003-1, Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dates as of February 1, 2003, without recourse, 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 Seventy Eight Thousand Six Hundred Nine and 09/100 Dollars ($78,609.09) including interest at the rate of 9.50% 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 January 19, 2006.

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

Premises situated in the Township of Almer, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan to Wit: Section 15, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, South 60 acres of West half of Southwest quarter except commencing at a point that is North 89 degrees 36 minutes 35 seconds East 396.23 feet from Southwest corner Section; thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds West 379.50 feet; thence North 89 degrees 36 minutes 35 seconds East 760.56 feet; thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds West .5 feet; thence North 89 degrees 36 minutes 35 seconds East 135 feet; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East 380 feet; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East 380 feet; thence South 89 degrees 16 minutes 35 seconds West 895.56 feet to Point of Beginning, also except commencing at Southwest corner of Section; thence East 97 feet: thence North 184 feet, thence West 97 feet, South 184 feet to Point of Beginning, also except commencing at a Point that is North 89 degrees 36 minutes 35 seconds East 166.67 feet from Southwest corner of Section; thence North 89 degrees 36 minutes 35 seconds East 229.56 feet; thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds West 379.50 feet; thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 35 seconds West 229.56 feet; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East 379.50 feet to Point of Beginning.

Also, premises situated in the Township of Almer, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan to Wit: Section 15, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, commencing at Southwest corner of Section; thence East 97 feet; thence North 184 feet; thence West 97 feet; thence South 184 feet to Point of Beginning.

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: December 21, 2005

ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Deutshce Bank National Trust Company, As Trustee, of Ameriquest Mortgage, Inc., Asset-Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series2003-1, Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dates as of February 1, 2003, without recourse, As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 214.2681

12-21-5

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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 Timothy Stone, a single man, and Coreen Plain, a single woman, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 27, 2002 and recorded on August 16, 2002 in Liber 890 on Page 445 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Thirty-Seven and 72/100 Dollars ($69,037.72), 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 January 19, 2006.

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

THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST; EXCEPTING A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE WESTERLY 208 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY 624 FEET; THENCE EASTERLY 208 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY 624 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ALSO EXCEPTING THE WEST 330 FEET TO THE SOUTH 660 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST; AND EXCEPTING COMMENCING AT THE EAST QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 9, TOWN 11 NORTH RANGE 9 EAST; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES WEST 815.63 FEET ALONG THE EAST AND WEST QUARTER LINE OF SAID SECTION 9 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING RUNNING THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES WEST 175.0 FEET ALONG THE EAST AND WEST QUARTER LINE OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST 660.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES WEST 330.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST 658.38 FEET ALONG THE EAST 1/8 LINE OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 504.99 FEET ALONG THE NORTH 1/8 LINE OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST 1317.23 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9 TOWN 11 NORTH RANGE 9 EAST.

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

Dated: December 21, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
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12-21-4

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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COUNTY OF TUSCOLA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 05-31876-DE

Estate of Beverly Ann Ball, a/k/a Beverly Allan, a/k/a Beverly A. Allan, a/k/a Beverly Tibbits
Date of Birth: April 16, 1938

TO ALL CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Beverly Ann Ball, who lived at 6030 Caro Street, Unionville, Michigan, died November 22, 2005. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Pamela Perkins, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 440 North State Street, Caro, Michigan, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: January 5, 2006

Pamela Perkins, personal representative
4025 Shay Lake Road
Kingston, Michigan 48741

Duane E. Burgess (P30248), attorney
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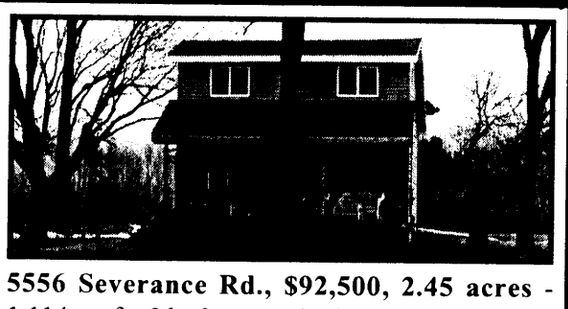

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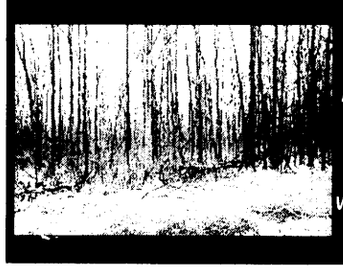

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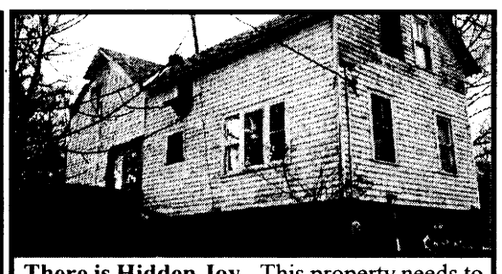

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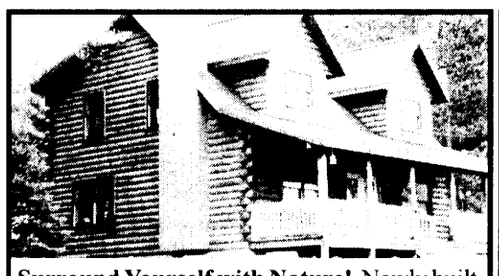

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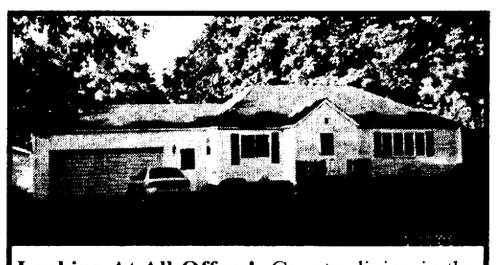
Big! Bold! And Beautiful! Is what you will say when you see this yard. Well groomed, mature trees, blacktop drive on 2.25 acres. Ranch home, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, full basement, many updates include doors, new carpeting, basement freshly painted. Trex decking, all appliances stay. Call today for a personal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



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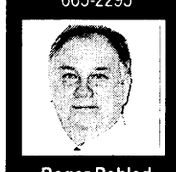
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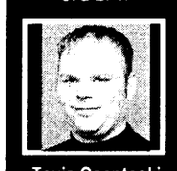
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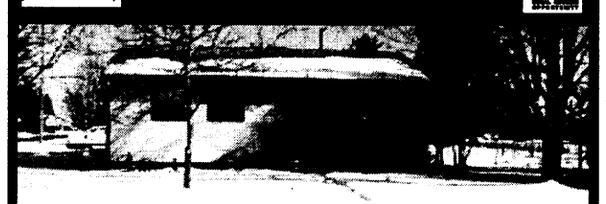
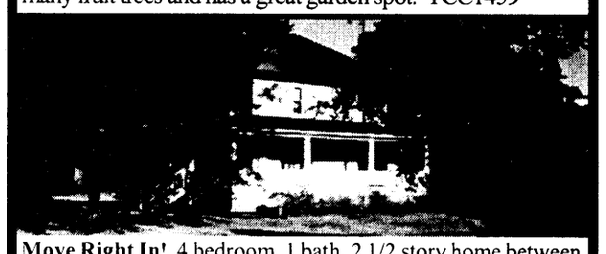
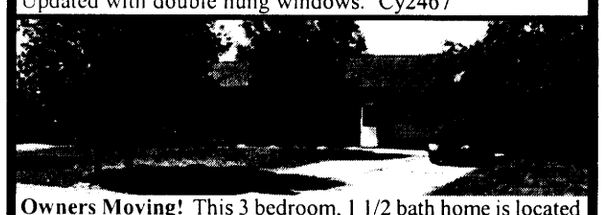


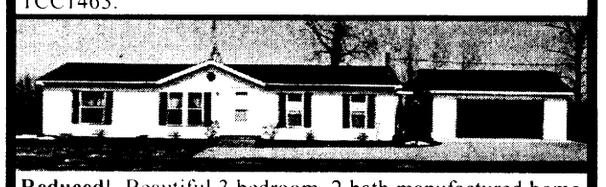
This 3 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath Home is Located in the Southeast Section of Cass City on a Double Lot - Included is a 2 car attached garage and a 9'x9' shed. This home is surrounded by many fruit trees and has a great garden spot. TCC1459



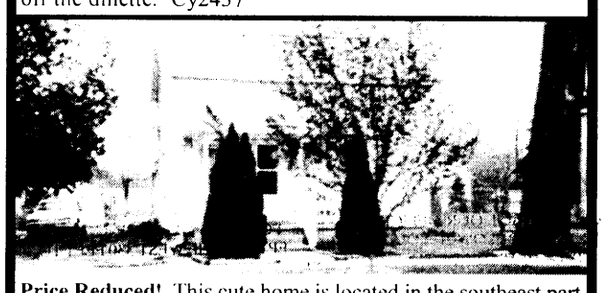
Move Right In! 4 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 1/2 story home between Hemans and Sandusky. Den on first floor and 4 bedrooms upstairs. Dormer on third level. New oak cabinets in kitchen. Updated with double hung windows. Cy2467



Owners Moving! This 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home is located in the northwest section of Cass City near the hospital. The kitchen/dining room have hardwood floors. The deck outside overlooks the beautiful backyard and also the golf course. The family room and large utility room are in the basement. TCC1463.



Reduced! Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home located south and east of Elkton. Well laid out with an L-shaped kitchen. Crawl space. A 12'x12' screened-in porch off the dinette. Cy2437



Price Reduced! This cute home is located in the southeast part of Cass City. Lots of cupboards in the kitchen. Upstairs has open bedroom. TCC1393

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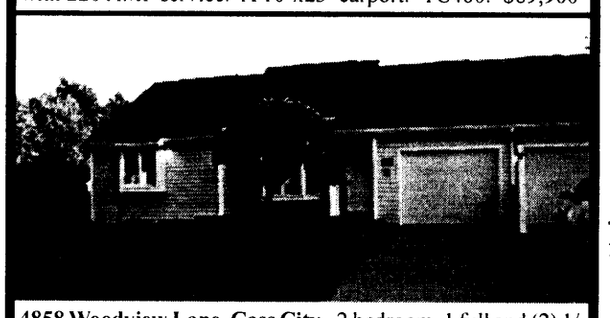

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Fewer tickets adding up

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Tuscola County District Court Judge Kim Glaspie wouldn't speculate regarding the reasons behind the reduction in civil infractions - speeding, defective equipment, etc. - in the county. However, he confirmed there has been a significant dip in those numbers.

"They've definitely dropped the last 2 years, especially, and most dramatically in 2005," Glaspie said.

"It seems to me that the total number of infractions has dropped by almost a couple thousand from the sheriff's department over the past 2 years, and by 4,000 countywide," he added. "That's a substantial reduction."

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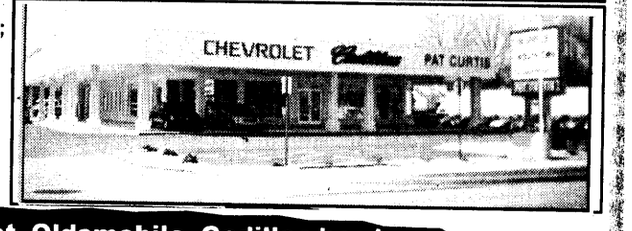

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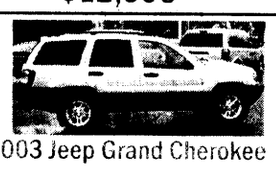

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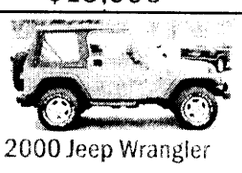

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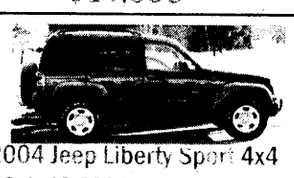

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Haag ready for new challenge

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School District, a job he took fresh out of Eastern Michigan University, where he majored in physical education and minored in health. Haag is also the junior high boys basketball coach at Owen-Gage. In addition, he teaches special education a couple hours each day at Cass City Middle School. His other "hats" include serving as president of the Cass City Little League.

Haag is just getting started in his new role for the village, but he says his job will focus on making a good thing - recreational programs and activities - even better.

"We have a very sound rec. area and program. We want to keep that area and keep the programs, and try to add to them," Haag said. For example, he added, it might be possible to organize tennis lessons, which would encourage more use of the tennis courts.

A key component, Haag noted, is to develop self-supporting programs "that can be run by people already in the community.

"It's using what resources we already have in the community - the resources we have not tapped into."

According to Cristiano, village officials have redefined the role of parks and recreation director, a role held previously by Doug Hyatt, who will continue to organize summer leagues and handle ground maintenance at the park.

"What we've done is separate the jobs, and Nathan's job is to maximize every recreational facility we've got," Cristiano said.

Officials have been discussing a variety of new or revised summer programs, including a "day camp" for youths.

Cristiano said a priority will be to ensure that the programs pay for themselves.

"It shouldn't cost anything more because what we are going to is all organized programs, and they will be self-sustaining," he said. "If a program is not there (in terms of participation), it just won't run.

"Annually, his (Haag's) pay shouldn't be more than $15,000 for the year," Cristiano added. "In terms of the budget, we haven't budgeted anything more than last year. The total dollars are not different."

As for Haag, the 1999 Cass City High School graduate is looking forward to another challenge.

"I'm a Cass City native. I care, obviously, about this town," he said. "I definitely want to get the community involved, find out what the needs are and then try to meet those needs."

Board interviews

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would be his plans for the first 3 months, the first 6 months and the first year on the job. Without being specific, he said that the first 3 months would be learning what the problems are. After 6 months he feels that he would be ready to discuss what he has learned with the board and after that work on a plan for school improvement.

Trustee Michelle Biddinger asked how long the board could expect Wilson to remain on the job if hired. His answer was that he is not eligible for retirement for another 10 years and that he likes what he saw in a tour of the town before the meeting.

He was asked why he feels that he is the best candidate for the job. He said that he is a person of character and he and his family feel that they would fit in well in the community.

PERSONAL DATA

Wilson and his wife Elizabeth have 2 daughters-Abbigale, 24, now in medical school, and Anna, 18, a senior in high school.

He has a background in business, construction, teaching and administration at the building level with central office experience in curriculum, special education and negotiations.

His career in education started as a vocational building trades teacher at Eagle Village Inc., Hersey, MI. He has been high school vocational building trades teacher and later became middle school technology education teacher, both at Mt. Pleasant Public Schools.

He has a master's degree from Central Michigan University, plus 20 hours beyond his master's degree, also at CMU.

He was formerly a building contractor and co-owned and operated a staircase business from 1983 to 1994.

Dairy conference set

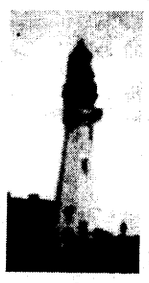
Mike Van Amburgh, a diary science teaching and research professor at Cornell University, will help participants answer the tough questions about raising calves and heifers during the 2006 Great Lakes Dairy Conference (GLDC), Feb. 2-4, at the Bavarian Inn Lodge and Conference Center in Frankenmuth.

"Getting heifers to the proper healthy weight early is a key to ensuring a high pregnancy rate once heifers reach breeding age," explains Brian Troyer, co-chair of the GLDC planning committee. "That's why producers on the planning committee wanted to hear from Dr. Van Amburgh. He's spent the better part of his career studying the nutrient requirements of dairy calves and heifers."

According to Troyer, Van Amburgh's Friday afternoon presentation will address aspects of endocrine control of developmental functions such as mammary development and puberty. He'll help conference participants answer the tough questions when he discusses growth requirements and benchmarks from birth to calving as well as new information on mammary development.

"In order to be profitable, dairy producers have to get the most out of their young heifers," Troyer explains. "Some think that starts with a good pregnancy rate. Dr. Van Amburgh will encourage them to back up and first look at their nutrition program for calves and heifers."

Van Amburgh is one of 7 dairy scientists that will address the conference over 3 days. In addition, conference participants will get an update from dairy producers in the U.K. and hear about reproduction practices from a panel of Michigan producers. This year's conference includes 2 bonus programs - a hoof trimming workshop to help managers better evaluate animals' feet, and a partners' program geared to farm women.



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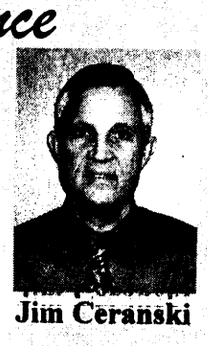

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Legal Notices

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Fred T. Engelhart, Jr., and Rhonda R. Engelhart, husband and wife, to First National Bank of America, dated Dec. 20, 2004 and recorded on December 28, 2004 in Liber 1022, Page 491, Tuscola County Records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now $49,438.51.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at front steps, Tuscola County Courthouse, Caro, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 11 percent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in Fairgrove Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

Commencing 410 feet East of the Northwest corner of the East half of the West half of the Northwest fractional quarter of Section 2, Town 13 North, Range 8 East; thence South 240 feet; thence East to the East line of the East half of the West half of the Northwest fractional quarter; thence North 240 feet; thence West to the point of beginning.

The redemption period will be six months from the date of the sale, but if the property is abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days.

Dated: January 5, 2006

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Kontak and Betty K. Kontak, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 25, 1998 and recorded on October 21, 1998 in Liber 753, Page 1008, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which said mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Three and 42/100 ($52,233.42) Dollars, including interest at 9.8% 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 front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, on Thursday, February 9, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

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

South 435.6 feet of the West 100 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, Township of Fremont, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan.

Parcel ID: 011-032-000-2200-00. A/K/A 2374 W. Brown, Millington, MI 48746.

The redemption period shall be six (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 5, 2006

Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation
N/K/A Green Tree Servicing, LLC
Mortgagee

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Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by CHRIS E. HANER, JOINED BY SPOUSE RENEE LYNN SMITH, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDERS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; LENDER IS WATERMARK FINANCIAL PARTNER, INC., Mortgagee, dated January 26, 2004 and recorded on February 23, 2004, in Liber 980, on Page 1370, in TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred two thousand eight hundred twenty six and 49/100 Dollars ($102,826.49), including interest at 6.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola, MI, at 10:00 AM on February 09, 2006.

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

COMMENCING AT THE SW CORNER OF THE N ONE-HALF OF THE W ONE-HALF OF THE W ONE-HALF OF THE SW ONE-QUARTER; THENCE N 20.00 RODS; THENCE E 16.00 RODS; THENCE S 20.00 RODS; THENCE W 16.00 RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. SECTION 8, T10N, R7E, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

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

DATED: January 11, 2006

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Mortgagee
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