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Superintendent interviews set for this week

Interviews for the final 6 from among over 20 candidates for the superintendent's post at Cass City Schools begin today (Wednesday) for the position with a salary expected to be in the \$95,000 to \$110,000 range yearly. The interview times and the candidates with current degrees are:

•Wednesday, Jan. 4, 6 p.m.-**Jeff Hartel, Cass City.**

Master's degree from Central Michigan University. Professional Education Certificate from CMU in 1998 grades 7-9 all subjects and business in grades 9-12.

•Wednesday, Jan. 4, 7:30 p.m.-**John Mertz, Essexville.**

Master's degree in secondary administration from CMU in 1999.

Thursday, Jan. 5, 6 p.m.-**Theodore Gardella, Saginaw.**

Master's degree in curriculum, instruction and leadership from Oakland University in 1991.

•Thursday, Jan. 5, 7:30 p.m.-**Sharon Hiller, Richmond.**

Educational doctorate in general administration and supervision with curriculum cognate from Wayne State University, 1998.

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RYAN CUMPER OF Complete Concrete, Cass City, fits a piece of cultured stone on the new Cass City War Memorial, a project spearheaded by local resident Richard Little. Work on the memorial honoring local servicemen and women is nearly complete.

Hospital taps new executive

Hills and Dales General Hospital officials announced Tuesday the appointment of Michael J. Falatko as the hospital's new president and chief executive officer.

Falatko has an extensive background in healthcare, according to Hills and Dales Healthcare Corporation Interim CEO Dan Hittler.

"His base degree is Bachelor of Arts combined with a nursing degree. He also received a master's in healthcare administration from Ohio State University," Hittler said. "He maintains his nursing license today, and is intensely interested in the clinical side of healthcare."

Hittler said Falatko brings with him a wealth of experience in the form of more than 25 years in various positions at small and medium sized hospitals, including most recently CEO positions at Lansing Genesis Surgery Centers in Lansing, and Doctors Hospital in Jackson.

Falatko began his new duties in Cass City Tuesday. He and his wife, Judy, plan to relocate to the community

from Pleasant Lake. With this appointment, Hittler will resign his position as interim CEO, but he will continue as chairman of the board of trustees.



Michael J. Falatko

Thumb teens nabbed in 2 vehicle thefts

The new year started out with a bang for Sanilac County Sheriff's Deputy Brandon Trowhill after Sanilac Central Dispatch sent him to the 2500 block of Snover Road in Moore Township to take a report on a stolen vehicle.

Dispatchers, who advised Trowhill that the incident involved a 2004 Chevrolet pickup truck, received another report at the same time involving a stolen 2000 Pontiac Grand Am near the 4 corners of Snover.

"He then took the initial information and secured evidence at both scenes. He advised the duty sergeant of the situation, and other units were sent to assist in searching the area side roads in an attempt to locate further evidence or the missing vehicles," said Sgt. Gary Biniecki.

"He also recalled checking on a vehicle in the ditch on Sheldon Road north of Snover Road while enroute to the complaints," Biniecki noted. "Although he didn't have time to investigate this properly, he did have the forethought to write down the license plate and check for any occupants and/or injuries. This vehicle's license plate showed that a subject on Willis Road near North Branch owned this vehicle."

Trowhill met Biniecki at the Sheldon Road location, where they found the vehicle had been moved. However, evidence located at the scene linked the driver and passen-

ger to the 2 stolen vehicles. "Sanilac County and Lapeer County sheriff's deputies then responded to the 5300 block of Willis Road in Lapeer County and located the stolen 2000 Pontiac Grand Am," Biniecki said. "Further investigation at this scene led to confessions from 2 19-year-old North Branch area teens in the vehicle thefts in Sanilac County, and the recovery of the 2004 Chevrolet pickup on Bulgrien Road near Downington Road in Argyle Township."

Biniecki said warrants will be sought charging both teens with a felony.

Biniecki said warrants will be sought charging both suspects with unlawfully driving away an automobile, a felony.

The suspects' names were not released pending their formal arraignment in Sanilac County District Court.

Service clubs: membership strong

While service clubs in some communities may be struggling to build and maintain membership rolls, Cass City's longstanding clubs continue to enjoy stable numbers.

"We're about 46 (members) I think, without looking," said veteran Cass City Lions Club member Gary Jones, who joined the group more than 40 years ago. He currently serves as club secretary.

"We've been bigger in the past, but we've pretty much been steady in the 40s for quite a few years," he added.

Jones said recruitment of members is a year-round effort, with each member encouraged to invite others to meetings.

"We try all the time to increase membership, and we have, every other year approximately, more of a systematic recruitment effort," said Jones, who explained members are asked to come up with the names of potential members.

"You know, what about the next door neighbor or the guy you see in church - the people you see every day, but you don't think about it," he said.

The Lions Club celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2004. The group has literally invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in the community in everything from scholarships to projects such as improvements to the park, contributing to the high school's new weight room facility,

and donations to Rawson Memorial Library and Northwood Meadows.

The club has relied on a number of fundraisers over the years, but one of the most lucrative has been chocolate Easter bunny sales. The Cass City Lions Club is the distributor for all the other Michigan clubs, and the event has brought in more than \$160,000 over the years.

"Da Yoopers concerts was another big one (fundraiser)," Jones said. "We made a ton of money on them. Those days are probably gone, but you have to keep coming up with something new."

"Our membership quantity hasn't impacted our fundraising as much as the economy of our state and Cass City," Jones noted. "And, of course, everybody's out there looking for money. There's only one pie and there's only so much pie, and you keep getting a smaller cut."

"It is difficult from a fundraising standpoint," agreed Dick Wallace, a longtime member of the Cass City Gavel Club, which was established in 1943. "We have the people (members), but the dollars seem to be harder to come by."

Still, like Cass City's other service groups, the Gavel Club has had a major impact on the community through its work and financial contributions that have helped turn a host of park improvements into reality. The group also gives scholarships

and has donated money to a myriad of local causes.

Ben Schott, who currently serves as president of the Gavel Club, noted membership in the group is limited to 30, not including lifetime members. "And we've been hovering around that number for the last 2 to 3 years," he said.

Wallace said one trend he's noticed is that the club's membership has been blessed with an increasing number of younger residents who are new to the community.

"That's been a real positive sign," he added. "I'm really pleased with our younger membership that really get involved in things."

Heroes rescue kids, but grandmother dies

The heroics of 3 Sebawaing area men could not save the life of a fellow Sebawaing motorist Thursday morning, but one of the men was able to free the victim's grandchildren following a one-vehicle accident.

Michigan State Police troopers Elizabeth Ward and Sgt. Brian Newcomb reported the accident occurred shortly before 8 a.m. on Wildner Road east of Forest in Tuscola County's Akron Township.

Troopers said the victim, Angelina Martinez, 54, Sebawaing, was driving east on Wildner Road when she lost control on the icy roadway and her 2000 Jeep overturned in a water-filled ditch.

According to reports, Richard Gremel of Sebawaing witnessed the accident and rushed to the scene to help.

"Gremel entered the water where the car came to rest upside down and was able to remove Ashley (Van Hove), age 14," Newcomb said. "Ashley indicated that her baby brother was still inside. Gremel re-entered the water and opened the hatchback at the rear and was able to release the baby from the child safety seat."

Troopers said the girl then realized that her grandmother was still in the vehicle, and Gremel along with 2 other motorists, Paul Kemp and Steve Bohn, both of Sebawaing, turned the vehicle upright in order to get to Angelina Martinez.

"Gremel cut her safety belt and removed her from the vehicle but was unable to revive her after attempting CPR," Newcomb said.

Martinez was pronounced dead at the scene.

The 2 children, including Tristan

"We haven't had any formal recruitment," Wallace noted. "We've been pretty fortunate with the membership number being close to the maximum. We reached a low point, perhaps 15, 20 years ago, and we said, we've got to get things going again, and we did."

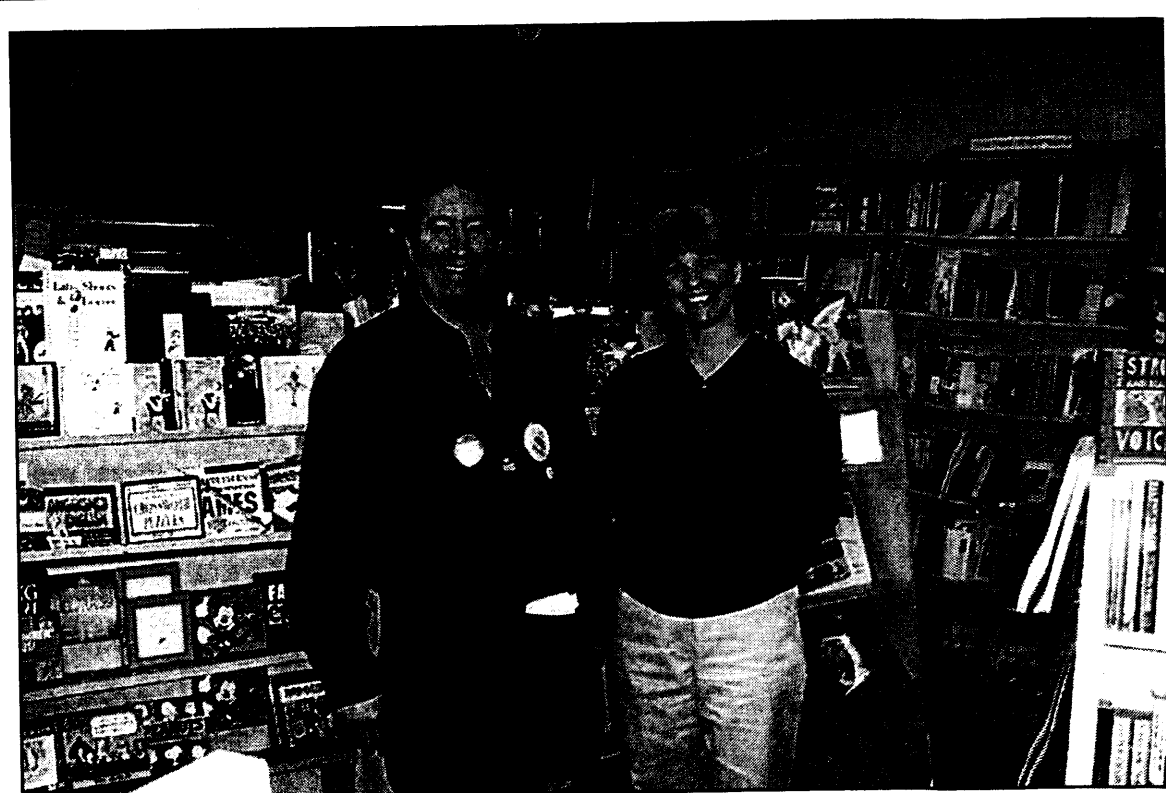
Which led to a number of fundraising efforts, including the annual Gavel Club Golf Tournament. A spring euchre tournament is another example, and the group periodically sponsors various sales.

"We know a club is only as good as how hard you have to work," Wallace

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Van Hove, 2, were not injured.

Troopers were assisted at the scene by Sebawaing police, the Huron County Sheriff's Department, Tuscola County Sheriff's Department and MMR Ambulance personnel.



RAWSON MEMORIAL Library Director Kate VanAuken visits with Rob Dilman at Dilman's Bestseller's Café in Medford, Mass. Dilman's family is no stranger to the Thumb, and he hasn't forgotten those ties.

(Seestory, page 5.)

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 989-269-6994



Over 40 children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and Thelma Jackson were at the home of Clarence and Vivian Rumpitz Christmas Day. They all enjoyed a big Christmas dinner prepared by Vivian and opened gifts. Family members came from different parts of Michigan and Chicago, Ill.

Dennis and Sharlene Hagen, Mary Hagen and friend Jim, Ellen and Mike Moorman, Jim and Doreen Hagen, Nicholas and Jenny, Keith, Erin and Annabella Hagen, Clint and Melissa Hagen, Dylan and Cole, Bradley Hagen and friend were Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Doerr, Wendy Rickett and Corey and Caitlyn, Jamie Doerr and Courtney, Amy Doerr and friend Mike, and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney and Brian, Kevin Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Filar of Washington, Mrs. John Pechette of Filion, Joyce Pechette of San Diego, Calif., Mrs. Jim Sweeney, and Mrs. Ray Depcinski visited Thelma Jackson Wednesday.

Thursday guests of Thelma Jackson were Chuck Ericson of Fort Myers, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Bob Deachin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sageman of Bad Axe, Mrs. Martin Sweeney, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson.

Clint and Melissa Hagen, Dylan and Cole, Brad Hagen and a friend were Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen.

Mrs. Hiram Keyser was a Christmas Eve guest of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Keyser.

Tom and Margo Berry of Elkton, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hagen, Lindsay and a friend, and Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen attended Dylan Hagen's 5th birthday party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Hagen. Santa came in the evening for birthday cake and ice cream.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Moore and family of Snover, Mr. and Mrs. Marty Moore and boys of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Taylor and Brian, Dan Gibbard and Theresa, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Thiel, Cheryl Laming, and Erin Huber were early Christmas supper and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard Saturday.

Christmas brunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Depcinski and Brook were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Cynthia Meldrum and son, Ken and a friend, and two daughters, Tom and Flora Prill, David, Kimberly and Roland of Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Marty Chockley, Christopher and Amy were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Horton were Monday supper and evening guests and Mrs. Hiram Keyser was a Tuesday supper guest of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Allen Farrelly, Jack Kennedy and Bernard Morley met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Friday morning.

Mrs. Jerry Cleland came home after spending 7 days in a Saginaw hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gibbard and Tory, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Huber and family of Snover, Mrs. Duane Moore attended the graduation of Michael Moore and Wesley Gibbard from Delta Police Academy Friday afternoon, where Michael graduated fifth in the class.

Doris Western and Allen Farrelly were Thursday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel.

Al Peruski of Parisville, Jim Lewis, Claude Mestack, Bernard Morley, Jack Kennedy and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Tuesday

morning.
Mary Lou Harris of Gladwin, was a Christmas overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen.

Wendy Rickett was a Wednesday supper guest of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark O'Henley of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Henley, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Isler, Gina and Ali of Port Hope, Paul O'Henley of Birch Run, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Rutkowski, Amy, Julie and friend Bob, Brian and friend Jennifer Prill, Keith and Helen of Bay City, Elaine and Dale Laming, Lisa, Tracy, Gary and Kevin, Steve Depcinski and friend Ashley Guigar, Andy Depcinski and friend Michelle Guigar, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski and Ervin were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Depcinski.

Allen Farrelly and June Rutz, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Farrelly of Armada, Don and Jane Farrelly of Grosse Point, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Farrelly of South Carolina and other relatives from Boulder, Colo., White Fish Bay, Wis., and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Farrelly and other relatives from Michigan were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Reckling of Rochester Hills.

Wayne Sweeney of Auburn Hills and Bruce Sweeney were Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Depcinski and Brooke, Mr. and Mrs. Rand Smith, Brian and Nicholas of Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Carpenter, Dean Jr., Michael, Jessica and Timothy of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers and son Ryan of Gladwin, Charles Depcinski, Theresa and Sharon Depcinski of Big Rapids, Greg and Susan Krozek, Ryan and Samantha of Filion, and Sharon Depcinski and friend Jeff of Grand Rapids were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Osentoski.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sageman and Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen were among a large group who attended the funeral of Edwin Baker at the Champagne Funeral Home in Elkton at 11 a.m. and lunch that followed at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe.

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Bob Holmes to appear in Thumb

Bob Holmes, nationally famous as "The One-Man Volleyball Team," is coming to Michigan's Thumb this month to display his amazing skill, and to bring a message of resistance to peer pressure to area schools.

Holmes got this name by consistently beating full-sized teams in games of volleyball where he plays alone. He has played more than 15,000 games in 5,000 gymnasiums across America since 1989, and has won 98 percent of them.

Holmes has beaten many professional sports teams that have challenged him to a game of volleyball, including the Minnesota Vikings, the Pittsburgh Steelers, the Miami Dolphins and the Baltimore Orioles.

The message he brings is both needed and effective wherever he delivers it. After playing solo against public school students or faculty, he talks about standing alone against pressure to get involved in destructive behavior. Holmes does not mince words about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.

Holmes will appear at school assemblies in Saginaw, Tuscola and Huron counties the week of Jan. 23, and will lead a big rally at Vassar High School Friday, Jan. 27, from 7 to 9 p.m.



FIVE GENERATIONS are represented in this photo. Pictured are (back row, left) Elissa Hendrick, daughter of Kim Hendrick/Frank; Kim Frank, daughter of Joanne Miller O'Dell; Joanne, mother of Kim; (front row) Clarence Miller, father of Joanne O'Dell (holding Kellan Leavine, son of Elissa Hendrick); and Eleanor Miller, mother of Joanne O'Dell.

Tuckey graduates

Air Force Airman Jeffrey P. Tuckey has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.



Jeffrey P. Tuckey

During the 6 weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches; and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

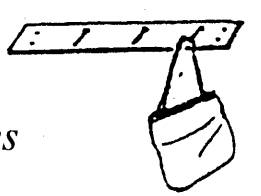
In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Tuckey, a 2004 graduate of Cass City High School, is the son of Jeffrey and Janice Tuckey of Cass City.



Meg's Peg

Chuckles



by Melva E. Guinther

Time to clean out some more files and share a few laughs. Most of these quotes are anonymous.

Re government:

* The most terrifying words in the English language are "I'm from the government and I'm here to help."

* Government is like a baby: An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other.

* The taxpayer: Someone who works for the government but doesn't have to take the civil service exam.

* Do you ever wonder what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the US Congress?

* Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.

* Politics isn't a bad profession. If you succeed, there are many rewards. If you disgrace yourself, you can always write a book.

Thoughts on life:

* When I die, I want to die like my grandfather - who died peacefully in his sleep, not screaming like all the passengers in his car.

* If you have a lot of tension and get a headache, do what it says on the aspirin bottle: "Take 2 aspirin" and "Keep away from children."

* "The problem with the designated driver program, it's not a desirable job, but if you get sucked into doing

it, have fun with it. At the end of the night, drop them off at the wrong house." - Jeff Foxworthy

* "If a woman has to choose between catching a fly ball and saving an infant's life, she will choose to save the infant's life without even considering if there's a man on base." - Dave Barry

* "If life were fair, Elvis would be alive and all the impersonators would be dead." - Johnny Carson

Things you don't want to hear from Tech Support:

* "Duuuude! Bummer!"

* "In layman's terms, we call that the Hindenburg Effect."

* "Your problem can be fixed, but you're going to need a butter knife, a roll of duct tape and a car battery."

* "Press 1 for Support. Press 2 if you're with '60 Minutes.' Press 3 if you're with the FTC."

* "Hold on a second please...Mom! Tommy's hitting me!"

Then there was the store that posted this meaningful and effective sign: "Unattended children will be given an Espresso and a free puppy!"

Little Johnny's new baby brother was screaming up a storm. Johnny asked his mother, "Where'd we get him?"

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Johnny said, "Wow! I can see why they threw him out!"

Area students among poster contest winners

More than 800 students from 10 area schools participated in the 2005 Tuscola County Conservation District Poster Contest. The winners were:

Division I - Mariah Leach (first place) and Shelby Townsend (second), both from Millington's Glaza Elementary School, and Maegan LeValley (third) from Campbell Elementary School.

Division II - Myria Brooks (first) from Reese, and Tyler Kamrad (sec-

ond) and Brandy Brooks (third), both from Campbell Elementary.

Division III - Karlee Neuville (first), Troy Mullin and Jesse Gomez (second), and Emily Koehler and Tim Carpenter (third), all from Caro Middle School, and Alyx Carlyon (second) and Cameron Wilson (third), both from Millington St. Paul Lutheran.

The state poster contest winner was Karlee Neuville of Caro, whose poster now goes on to a national competition in Houston, Texas.

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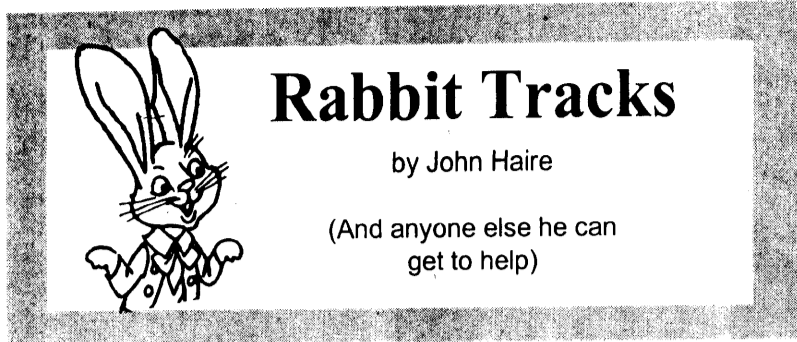
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The annual special section devoted to answering all the questions and outlining possible pitfalls for soon to be brides will be published Wednesday, Jan. 25. In addition it will feature, as always, pictures of couples married 25 years or more.

Pictures of the couple when married together with their picture today are needed. If you do not have a "today" picture we can take one for you at the office.

It's the one time a year that these pictures are published free. Deadline for receiving information and pictures is Jan. 18.

The Amish are noted for disdaining the use of electricity in their homes and the use of motorized vehicles. I was surprised New Year's Eve to see a driver I presumed to be Amish in the traditional horse and buggy prancing down Seeger Street well after dark.

The surprise was that the buggy was equipped with a set of taillights as bright as those on any car and a set of front lights that was equally efficient. Sorry, I can't report whether or not the modern light system included turn signals.

In the "60 Minutes" Sunday night news show the feature of the night was the scientist who predicted that 25 or 30 years down the road living to be 200 years old will be the norm and shortly after that 500 years will be available for most of us.

Most other scientists feel that this is hogwash and I'd guess that most of you are like me and agree with this assessment.

I'm not as positive about not believing as I was 50 years or so ago. If you are a real old timer in Cass City you can remember Harold Oatley, a teacher in Cass City. He was called on frequently to tell us his theory that someday man would travel to the moon. It was always good for a laugh.

In the real world stuff like that just didn't happen, but was fun to listen to. We know now that he who laughs last, laughs best.

Visited the gorgeous Christmas display at the Nicol home on New Year's Eve. Every year we think about the inordinate amount of work and money that creating this holiday fairyland requires and think as always - will they do it again next year?

And, of course, we hope that they will.

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Shooting

Croswell man shot in the leg, another man arrested

Croswell police arrested a 41-year-old Croswell man following a shooting Thursday.

Randy Haner of Croswell appeared in Sanilac County District Court Friday and was formally charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm, possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, assault with a dangerous weapon, discharging a firearm in a building, careless discharge of a firearm-causing injury, and aggravated assault.

Haner is being held in the Sanilac County Jail on a \$50,000 bond.

David L. Hall, Croswell police chief, said a 31-year-old man, Jason Hill, also of Croswell, was shot in the lower leg and foot. He was transported by Croswell EMS to Port Huron Hospital, where he was then transported to the University of Michigan Hospital.

"Investigators believe that several subjects were at an apartment when a fight broke out," Hall said. "The 41-year-old left the apartment and returned a short time later with a long gun. He discharged the firearm, hitting the 31-year-old."

The suspect fled the scene, however, police arrested him about 90 minutes later.

"In a related incident, shortly after this shooting, a Croswell resident in the 100 block of Elizabeth Street armed himself for protection," Hall said. "He was in fear that the suspect in the first shooting may be in his neighborhood and come to his house with a loaded firearm. The subject's firearm accidentally discharged through the front of his home. Fortunately, no one was injured in this incident."

The shootings remain under investigation.

The Haire Net

The rich get richer



There appears to be truth in the bromide "the rich get richer and the poor get poorer" when you look at the figures from the Commerce Department. Except possibly in Michigan that lags behind the rest of the nation in economic recovery, the numbers are exciting.

The Bush administration representatives point out that the economy rose at a healthy 4.1 percent in the third quarter. Personal income is on the rise, up by 0.3 percent in November. That's an increase of more than 5 percent from the third quarter in 2004.

All of this sounds good if you are already raking in salaries at the top of the wage scale. The numbers tell the tale. People in the top 20 percent of incomes earned an average of 12 times as much as those in the bottom 20 percent in 1990. Now 15 years later the gap has grown to almost 15 times as much.

Basically, that trend is why the Chronicle feels that we should do whatever is possible to guard against

unnecessary increases to the cost of living in the community. Unnecessary in that we could slide along (pun intended) without a sled-ski facility at the Cass City Recreational Park. Before you ask, yes, I think that a snowmaking machine for the hill is great.

In the talk about the project there has been discussion about establishing a sinking fund for perpetual care.

The danger for all of us who feel that a new facility is great, but should not be an extra burden to the taxpayers is that unless a maintenance fund is established as part of the overall package it is one that can easily be obliterated when cash gets tight.

You can't cut a part of a snowmaking machine and make it work. Contrarily, it would be easy to hide the cost of maintenance by having a member of the village crew do the work.

My memory is sketchy, but I remember reading about a similar-type project in one of the neighboring big cities and that the okay from the city government was dependent on a fund established for maintenance which was received.

That's the fair approach and one that should be an integral part of a plan to establish a new facility to benefit our kids.

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The back forty

by Roger Pond



The modern-day rat race has spawned some funny ideas about child rearing. We have gone from the days when a child started school at six, to the present — when kids are supposed to be fully educated by the time they are five.

We take them to playschool, preschool, summer school, and kindergarten so they will be able to color a rabbit just as fast as the next kid. Then, these children are supposed to enter first grade with more social skills than I had when I left home for college. (Not a good example, probably.)

A recent news report says many parents are so concerned about their baby's mental and social development they are rushing to buy educational videos, compact discs, and flash cards. This is supposed to make sure the toddler doesn't fall behind other two-year-olds who might have computers, VCRs, and televisions to spur them on.

The Baby Einstein Company in Littleton, Colorado, for example, sells "Baby Einstein," "Baby Mozart," and "Baby Shakespeare" videos, books, and flashcards. Parents buy these to enlighten their toddlers and discourage free thinkers who might rather chew on the dog's tail.

Those of us who would prefer "Baby Bass Pro" or "Baby Quail Hunter" videos will have to wait until someone recognizes the market for mind benders such as these.

Child development experts are quick to point out these attempts to influence a toddler's intelligence are basically worthless. Children don't need videos, CDs, and flash cards. They need their parents!

That shouldn't surprise anyone. The days when "quality time" was a frequent excuse for ignoring the kids are not that far behind us.

So now we have parents with plenty of money to buy videos, CDs, etc.. But these parents are so busy working, they have very little time to play with the kids.

Why is everyone so busy working? Because we need the money to buy CDs, videos, etc.

I'm reminded of a conversation my wife and I had with a young mother at the grocery a few years ago. This young lady had a baby we'll call "Allan."

She recently changed jobs and was commenting on how much better her new job was than the old one. "I get home at five, instead of six like I did before, and that gives me more time to spend with Allan," she said.

"I really appreciate that. I just hate being away from him during the day."

Then, this young lady straps Allan into a big, fancy pickup and drives away. I turned to my wife and said,

"You know, if that girl didn't have a \$30,000 truck she could probably spend all day with Allan."

"That's just what I was thinking," my wife said.



DILMAN TAKES a moment to pose with his staff, which spent some time visiting with VanAuken and her husband, Joe, who were visiting with family on the East Coast. (See story, page 5)

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5-Day Local Forecast

Wednesday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 34 Low: 25

Thursday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 29 Low: 18

Friday
Snow Possible
High: 26 Low: 16

Saturday
Partly Cloudy
High: 28 Low: 15

Sunday
Snow Possible
High: 31 Low: 20

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 34°, humidity of 93% and an overnight low of 25°. The record high temperature for today is 50° set in 1984. The record low is -5° set in 1960. Thursday, skies will remain mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow, high temperature of 29°.

Upcoming Moon Phases

First 1/6 Full 1/14 Last 1/22 New 1/29

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today 8:06 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:10 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Friday	37	34	30/18	0.00"
Saturday	36	32	30/18	0.00"
Sunday	36	34	30/18	0.00"
Monday	34	23	29/18	0.00"
Tuesday	34	28	29/17	0.00"
Wednesday	36	32	29/17	0.00"
Thursday	36	30	29/17	0.00"

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Red Hawk Talks

by Donna Bushong

Last weekend as the New Year began, the holiday season ended. Now it's back to school and back to work for the 3-month stretch before spring break.

However, as we return to school and work, there may be noticeable differences in our peers. When the clock struck 12 on Sunday, the New Year's resolutions were made. Mrs. Stec's third grade class all made resolutions to try and keep throughout the year.

As we enter the technology age, more and more time is spent in front of the television set and video games. This is a big concern for the third graders at Cass City Elementary School.

Emily Repinski, Miranda Spry, Cameron Smith, Rachel Tanner, Lindsey Monte, Kimberly McCormick, Kayla Cavanaugh, Jessie Kammer and Ryan Terbush all made resolutions to not watch so much TV or play so many video games. Some of their reasons were because TV can hurt your eyes, video games can ruin your TV, or they simply spend too much time on them when they could be doing something else. Some alternatives to watching TV or playing video games these kids suggested were exercising, playing board games, sewing, reading, playing outside, helping out around the

house, and spending quality time with family.

Healthy living habits are a goal for these third graders. Charles Scott, Kyle Osentoski and Dillon Cox have plans to go to bed earlier. They would like to get more sleep so getting up in the morning won't be so hard.

A new menu is in store for Kendra Kerkau, who plans to eat healthier foods and less food all together. Samuel Bootz made a resolution to exercise more so he can become healthier and stronger. These resolutions are all good starts to the healthy living style that is becoming obsolete with the invention of junk food and sit-coms.

For some third graders, it's time to pull out the buckets, the mops, and the rubber gloves. Justine Hullburt and Daymon Tabako, made resolutions to keep their rooms clean for this New Year. I've made this resolution many times but so far have never been able to follow through.

Some kids are taking an anti-violence approach to the New Year. Savannah Lynch and Genna Woodward made resolutions not to fight so much with their families. Every little step towards a safer living environment helps.

Some people, myself being one of them, make so many resolutions it's hard to keep track of them. Rebecca Graff wants to start eating all the food on her plate at dinner, play outside more often, remember to feed her pets, be more helpful to clean the house, shovel the driveway with her dad, watch her sister more often, and stop fighting with her sister so much.

My resolutions are to read more, complain less, lose some weight before summer vacation, concentrate on my schoolwork my last few months of high school, and to make it through my first semester of college with a good GPA (Oh and meet my deadlines for this article).

More often than not, we make resolutions and half way through January we forget what resolutions we made. I'm giving you all a challenge to keep your resolutions. It helps to make a list of short term and long-term resolutions and start working on the shortest term first until you have made each of your resolutions a natural part of your daily life. You will find it much easier to keep your resolutions and will find yourself getting more done.



THE FLINT-BASED Calvarymen Quartet made its 39th appearance at the New Year's Eve Sing in Cass City Saturday night. The group has been a mainstay at the event, appearing every year since the Cass City Layman's Club established the gathering. Organizers estimated attendance Saturday at 600 people.

Letter to the Editor

Very sad to close business

After much debate and soul searching, we have decided to close Cass City Floral and Scrapbook Corner. Cass City Floral has had a presence in Cass City for many years and we are very sad to see it gone.

As any business owner will tell you, you can only continue, for so long, when the income is far below the expenses. As this has continued month after month and year after year, we have decided it was time to close.

Our manager and designer, Eugene Wyman, and our entire staff were dedicated to meeting the needs and desires of this community. They tried many new and different ideas. We appreciate each of them and their efforts to our success.

We truly appreciate all of our loyal customers. It is you who kept us open this long. We appreciate all the comments that we will be missed. We appreciate all the comments about how nice our store was. We worked very hard to make it nice for this community. We worked very hard to give back to this community, through Cass City Floral, whenever possible.

Please remember to shop your local Cass City businesses as much as possible. It is only you who can keep these stores open. Cass City is a great community. We all have a responsibility to keep it that way.

Sincerely,
Debra and Jim Kranz, Cass City

Torture bill now law

Torturing another person in Michigan is now a crime punishable by life in prison after the governor today signed into law groundbreaking legislation authored by state Rep. Tom Meyer.

Michigan is now only the second state in the nation to have a law prohibiting human torture, and it is the most comprehensive domestic torture law on the books. Meyer introduced the legislation, House Bill 5268, after an horrific torture inci-

dent in Huron County.

"Anyone who would subject another human being to such cruel and inhumane treatment deserves to spend the rest of their life in prison," said Meyer, R-Bad Axe. "Under the new law, prosecutors throughout Michigan will now be able to bring these abhorrent individuals to justice."

Meyer introduced the bill after a man in Meyer's home district allegedly tortured his wife repeatedly.

Along with implementing a life sentence, the law allows charges for mental pain and suffering, such as the imminent threat of death or serious injury, and does not require the prosecution to prove that the infliction of pain was for a specified purpose.

Stephen Cline, 43, of Pigeon, has been charged with kidnapping and several counts of abusing a vulnerable adult, but Huron County prosecutors could not find a Michigan anti-torture statute that truly fit the crime.

Cline has been charged with repeatedly suffocating his wife, who is blind and diabetic. Prosecutors said he sought sexual pleasure by making videotapes of himself covering his wife's head with a plastic bag and then resuscitating her.

"This new law could serve as a national model for other states in order to properly prosecute people who commit these types of horrendous acts," Meyer said. "Through a concerted effort, the state now has a comprehensive law on the books to better protect Michigan residents. I'd like to thank the governor for seeing the merits of this important measure."

The law has been supported by the Michigan Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan, Huron County Prosecuting Attorney Mark J. Gaertner and the Michigan State Police.

Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

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

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

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

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

School boards honored

In recognition of the untiring efforts of more than 4,000 school board members in Michigan, January is designated as School Board Recognition Month.

Each year, school board members manage a total education budget of \$12 billion and make decisions that affect 1.7 million K-12 students throughout the state. They face tough public scrutiny, difficult financial times and increased pressure to improve student achievement. It is through their voluntary work that the job of governing Michigan's school districts falls.

School board members invest countless hours of their already busy personal lives to make the tough decisions about budgets, personnel, curriculum and other matters to help improve our schools. January is a time to recognize and appreciate school board members for the tough decisions they make, their commitment to receive board training and working tirelessly for the future of our kids and our communities.

This year's theme, School Boards Make Stars Out of Students, is reflected in a proclamation from Gov. Granholm and a resolution from the Michigan State Board of Education,

naming January as "School Board Recognition Month."

The governor and board note that this year's celebration "reflects the efforts of thousands of men and women whose actions and decisions help to shape the education and future of our next generation, and provides an opportunity to build stronger relationships between the men and women who champion the cause of public education."

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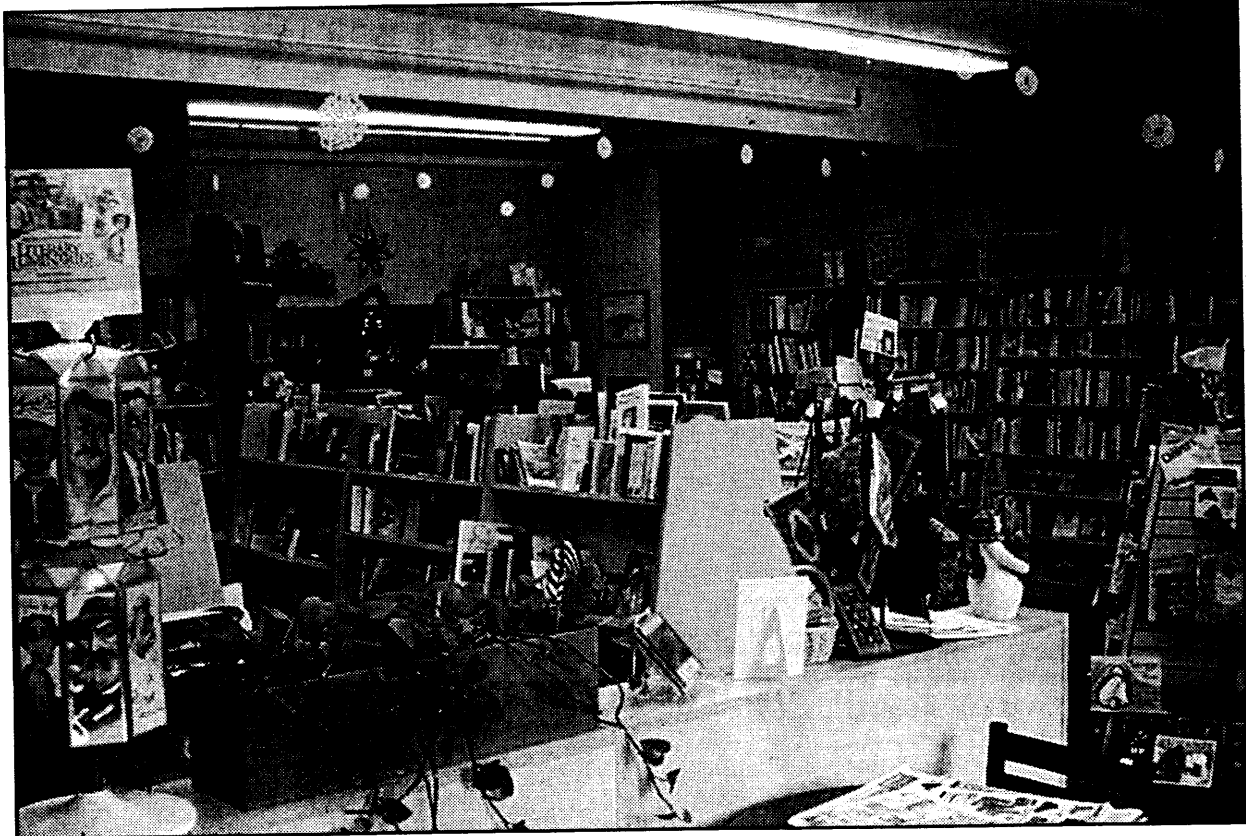
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THIS PHOTO SHOWS the inside of Dilman's café and bookstore, featuring what VanAuken described as an impressive collection for both young and old.

Hometown bond

VanAuken, Dilman families share love of reading

Michigan and Massachusetts are hundreds of miles apart, but a bond exists between towns in each state, thanks to a shared appreciation for life in the Thumb.

Kate VanAuken, director of Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City, recently helped to strengthen that bond during a family vacation to the East Coast over the Thanksgiving holiday.

VanAuken and her husband, Joe, traveled to be with family, but they also made time to visit Robert Dilman, owner of Bestseller's Café in Medford, Mass., a small town that overlooks the Mystic River, across from Tufts University.

The visit, VanAuken explained, stemmed from years of receiving donations of books from Dilman for the Cass City library's annual book sale held each August.

"Twice a year or so, we get boxes of books from Bestseller's Café," she said. "As they go through and weed their shelves, they pack up the goodies and send them our way. One year they even sent us a brand new American Girl Doll to raffle off at an American Girl High Tea held one September."

VanAuken figured the trip to visit family in the Boston area would be the perfect opportunity to introduce herself to Dilman and his wife, Marianne, whose donations have included many signed copies of books in a region of the country that many noted authors call home.

"Joe has a brother who lives in Boston, and we try to all get together for Thanksgiving, and it was our turn to travel to the East Coast," she said. "We had just gotten a couple of boxes (of books) from Rob, and I wondered, where is Medford?"

VanAuken noted Dilman's generosity stems from his own deep roots in Michigan's Thumb area.

"Rob lived in Mayville and his grandparents were Robert C. and Irene Dilman of Cass City. Robert was the son of John Edward and Elsie Come Dilman. They lived on M-81 and owned a farm there," she explained.

"The Dilman School located at M-81 and Spence Road was named after this family. Elsie Dilman's ancestors were the Gage Family that settled in Gageton, so the family has been in Tuscola County since the early 1880s.

"Rob's grandfather, Robert C., played sports in high school and graduated from Cass City High School," VanAuken continued. "After earning a degree in electrical engineering at U of M, he began working in Detroit for Michigan Bell. It was here that he met Irene Miller. Irene used to vacation with her cousins (Striffler Family) in Caseville. She would take the train from Detroit to the Oak Bluffs section of Caseville. The area used to be called the 'Cass City Club' since residents of Cass City owned many of the cottages."

Robert and Irene married in 1934 and settled in Detroit, but in the late 1970s they bought property on Kennebec Drive in Cass City and moved "back home."

Although she knew she was taking a chance, visiting Dilman's bookstore without notice, VanAuken decided it was worth the risk.

"It was a big surprise for Rob," she recalled. "He was there and we got to meet his staff. He's a nice, nice guy."

And, he runs a business that thoroughly impressed the VanAukens. "The store is filled with wonderful

books, but they also have unique gift ideas, a rotating artist gallery and monthly programming like 'Storytelling for Grownups,'" she said.

"Their young adult and children's sections are so inviting, you wanted to pull up one of the comfy chairs and sit by the window overlooking the river. But that wouldn't be complete without a warm drink to sip, and they have many. They carry coffee, tea, espresso, latte and cappuccino. How about a freshly baked pastry, croissant, cake, cookie, scone or bread with that drink? No problem, they do it all."

VanAuken recalled Dilman has very fond memories of his family and life in the Thumb.

"My grandparents loved Cass City and everything about it," she recalled him saying. "I cherish the memories of visiting them and spending holidays with them. There was an old photo taken of our family trip to Cass City in December 1986 that showed all of us wearing matching sweatshirts. My grandparents were so proud to have the family together for Christmas. I'll remember that visit forever."

"My grandfather was very active with the historical society and always instilled a sense of pride in our own family history," Dilman told VanAuken, who left the meeting feeling very thankful.

"Cass City is very lucky that even after friends move away, they never forget this community," she said.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

Improving the local business climate will be the focus of an upcoming Cass City Downtown Development Authority-Economic Development Corporation brainstorming session. The meeting is slated for Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 5:30 p.m. at the Cass City Municipal Building. "We're going to invite all of the merchants in and close to the DDA district to come and brainstorm with the DDA," said DDA-EDC Board member L.E. Althaver. The meeting will target specific strategies, as outlined in the HyettPalma study completed last fall, to improve the business climate, recruit new businesses and retain existing businesses, Althaver explained. "It will be a very informal, focused gathering," he said, adding business owners will be asked for their ideas and suggestions.

On Sundays and special occasions, Cass City residents will be able to enjoy beautiful hymns pealing from a new bell tower at Cass City's Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The \$30,000 tower that will be dedicated Sunday after the regular service at the church will mark the realization of a long-term goal. It started in 1993, sparked by a bequest from Hilda Fortress, who specified that the money be divided with half going to a fund in which the proceeds only would be used for church programs and the remainder for whatever the church members deemed advisable.

There's still time to get in on the ground floor with the committee that will be working to make a new \$1.5 million indoor swimming pool at Cass City High School a reality. A meeting at Cass City High School is scheduled Monday. Supt. Ken Micklash said the time is to be decided and can be obtained by calling him at the school. Already on the committee are 3 board members and 4 interested residents. Micklash said that he anticipates a dozen members when the campaign gets out of the starting gate. The board members on the committee are Teresa Rabideau, Dave Knight and Danny Haag. Others already on the committee are Dot Scollon, Bob Tuckey, Geraldine Prieskorn and Kelly Smith. The pool project was sparked by donations totaling three-quarters of a million dollars from 2 foundations, all contingent on the community's ability to raise matching funds. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Building - at the corner of Main and Seeger streets.

The former Hartman junkyard in Sanilac County's Evergreen Township is undergoing a face lift and is re-opening as Indian Creek Recycling and Auto Salvage. New owners Richard and Gloria Kaake and their crew have spent the past 3 months cleaning up the old junkyard about a mile and half south of M-81. "Sixty days from now we'll have it pretty well cleaned up," he said. "We're planning by June 30 to have everything in tip top shape."

The Promise Keepers are coming to the Thumb, and a Decker area man is among a small group of men organizing the event. Promise Keepers, a national men's ministry, is planning a "Wake Up Call" Jan. 20 starting at 7 p.m. at the Sandusky High School "Thumbdome" in Sandusky. The theme of the event, sponsored by the Thumb Area Men of Integrity, is "Make the Step." "The purpose of the Wake Up Call is to get men familiar with what they're going to talk about and teach at the (statewide) conference," explained Art Glaza, a Decker resident who is active in Promise Keepers.

25 YEARS AGO

FACT: A sugar beet's a small wonder. Each beet makes 14 teaspoons of sugar. Michigan sugar factories produce 3,000,000 pounds a day. Small wonder sugar beets are valued at \$41,000 a year.

Paul Berry became the 34th Tuscola county sheriff last Wednesday when he was administered the oath of office by Circuit Judge Patrick R. Joslyn. Berry's deputies and other staff members were also sworn in by the judge.

It's inevitable that the community will be seeing a surge in the sale of

tickets and fundraisers of all kinds. That's because \$35,000, 50 percent, must be raised locally if the community is to receive Federal money to build four new tennis courts at the park. That money has to be on hand so construction can be completed this year if the grant is to come from Washington. As always, it will be local clubs that spearhead the fund drive and where else can they earn money than by fundraisers?

35 YEARS AGO

Children can really tell it like it is. A succinct short story was written on a post card by 11-year-old Jack Gac, vacationing in Florida. Telling our 11-year-old about his vacation he wrote: ...got an alligator on Friday. He died on Sunday. Your friend, Jack. (From Rabbit Tracks)

An estimated 800 persons attended the fifth annual New Year's Eve Singing Crusade sponsored by the Cass City Laymen's Club and held at Cass City High School. Spokesmen for the club said that the event has grown in popularity since its inception and annually local residents who attended for the first time are pleased and surprised by the program offered in the village. The sponsors also noted that the crusade has always attracted a large youth audience from a wide area of the Thumb and that more and more families are participating in the event as their New Year's Eve celebration.

In a mild upset Tuesday night, the Cass City Red Hawks staged a last half rally to whip the visiting Sandusky Redskins, 71-60, before a sparse midweek crowd at Cass City High School. The victory was the second in five starts in Thumb B Conference play for Cass City and brings the season's record to 3-5.

Managers honored

Managers from McDonald's owned and operated by Jim and Johanne Luth were recently recognized for their achievements in 2005.

In the categories of:

- * Outstanding swing manager, Veronica Guigar of Caseville and Beverly Clink of Caro.
- * Outstanding Assistant Manager, Tammy Nutt of Sebawaing.
- * Significant Contributor Awards, Karen Tenbusch of Cass City.
- * People First Award, recipient Debra Schad of Sebawaing.
- * Bay C.C. Ambassador, Lorri Marker of Unionville and Beverly Clink of Caro.
- * Press on Award, Connie Rowe of Caro.

* Outstanding People Practices Team Sebawaing.

Robert Strozkeski was recognized for his contributions to the organization with the "World Class Award," which has only been given out one other time in the organization.

Kimberly Strozkeski was awarded the organization's "New" Ray Kroc "Never Quit Dreaming" Award for her commitment to excellence and approach to the business. Kim is the first winner of this award.

Roger Godinez was also recognized for his commitment to helping others in need on behalf of the organization and McDonald's, when he traveled to the Gulf Coast, twice, to help victims of Hurricane Katrina.

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4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 7:00 p.m.
Pastor - Chuck Carr
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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
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study & Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.
Pastor - Rev. Darold Ward

Cass City Missionary Church
4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-2729
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting & His Kids Bible Club 6:30 p.m.
Pastor - Robert Sweeney

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

Evangelical Free Church of Cass City
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Phone: 872-5060
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study,
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AWANA 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays
Pastor: Eric Holmgren
Youth Pastor: Bryan Heller
Website: www.fbccus

First Presbyterian Church
Barrier Free
6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-5400
Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2770
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Gerald Meyer

Living Word Worship Center
(Where the Word is Life)
6536 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-4637
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Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wed. (Family Training Hour) 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Keith Misany

Novesta Church of Christ
2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-3658 or 872-1195
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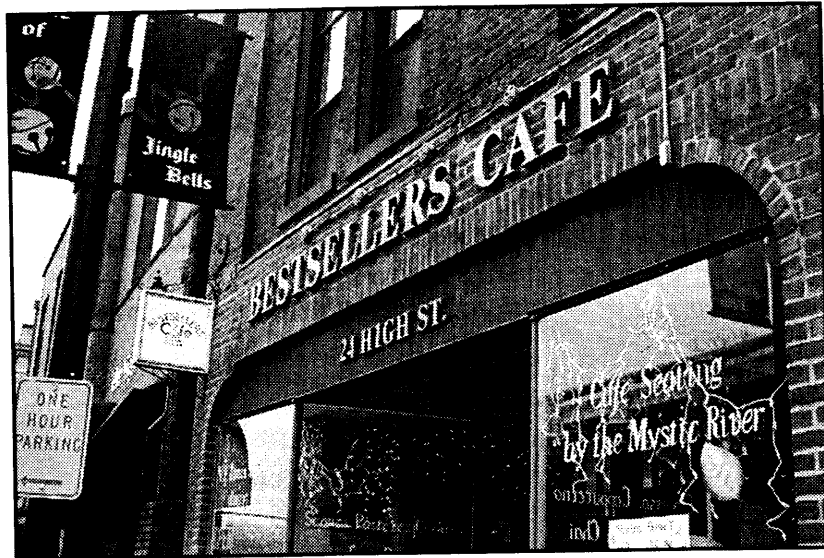
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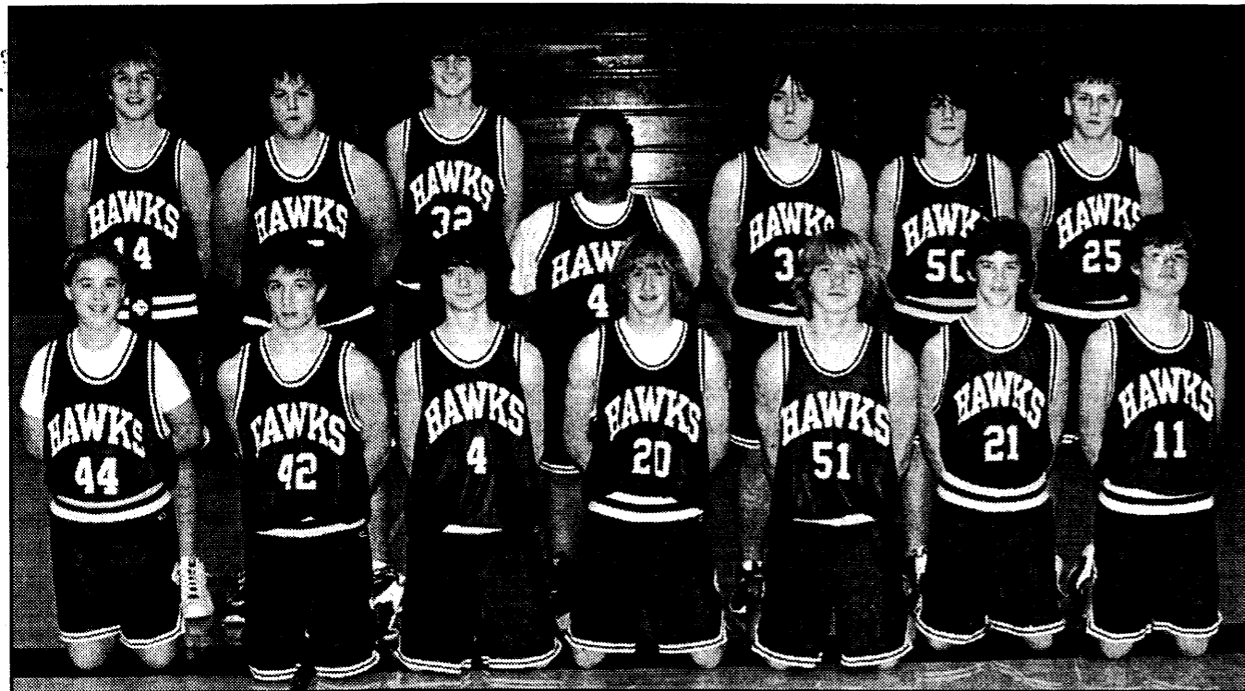
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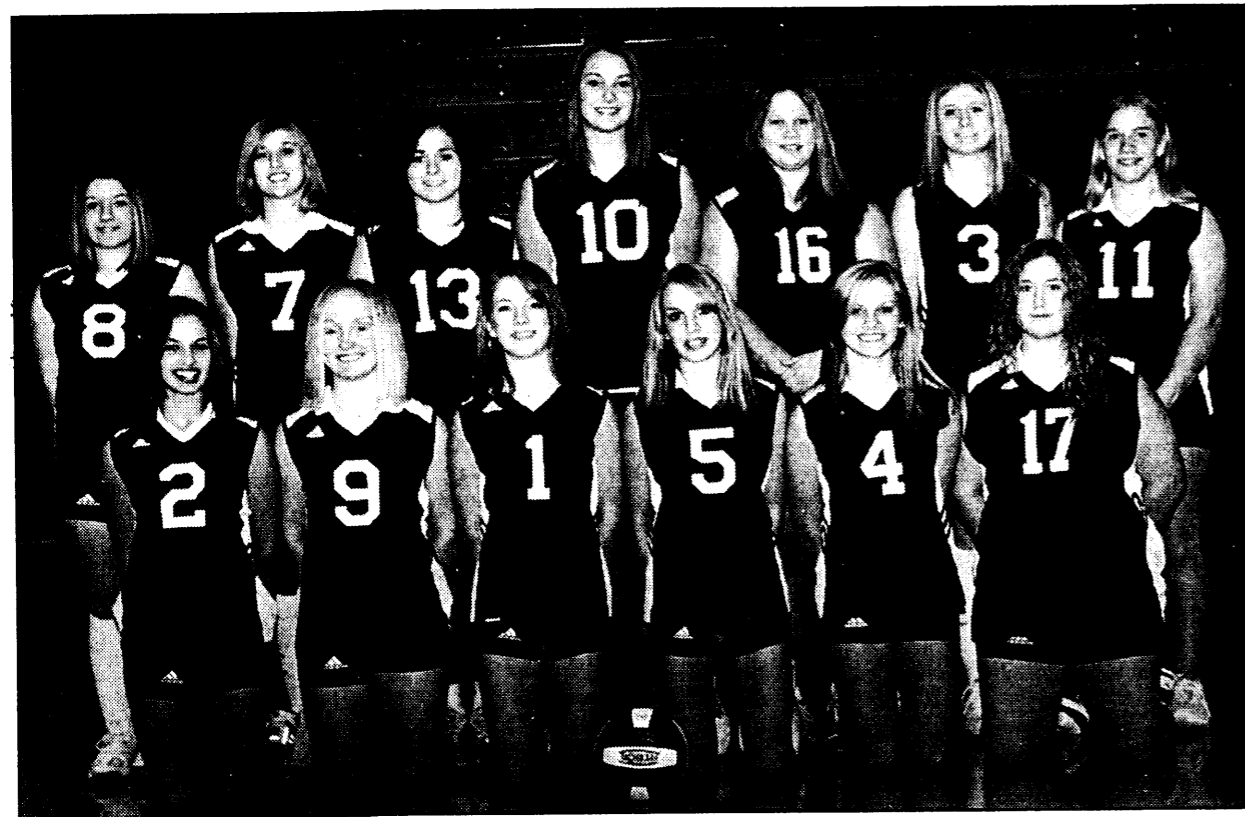
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THE CASS CITY freshman volleyball team consists of (front, l-r) Kelli Lautner, Megan Van Vliet, Carly Rabideau, Brittany Loomis, Jennica Richards, Cassie Frank (back, l-r) Chelsea Depner, Jennie Thorp, Cassie Parker, Sarah Howard, Amanda Miller, Andrea Zimmerman and Genevieve Turner.

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Kingston captures own Holiday Tourney title

Cardinals use explosive first half to defeat Ubyly Bearcats

Kingston captured its own Holiday Tournament Thursday in a convincing manner, thwarting Greater Thumb East foe Ubyly.

The Cardinals' 62-50 win, keeps their record perfect entering Friday's North Central Thumb League cross-over action in Owendale. And although Owen-Gage stands alone on top of the NCTL - North division, if Kingston's showing against the Bearcats is any indication, the Bulldogs' perfect NCTL mark could be in jeopardy.

Dan Weber helped spot the Bearcats to an early 5-1 margin with a pair of hoops from the paint, only to see the hosts end the opening frame on a 13-2 run.

Matt Neff started the Cardinal run with back-to-back 3-pointers and then ended the frame with a half-court buzzer beater, lifting Kingston to a 14-7 advantage.

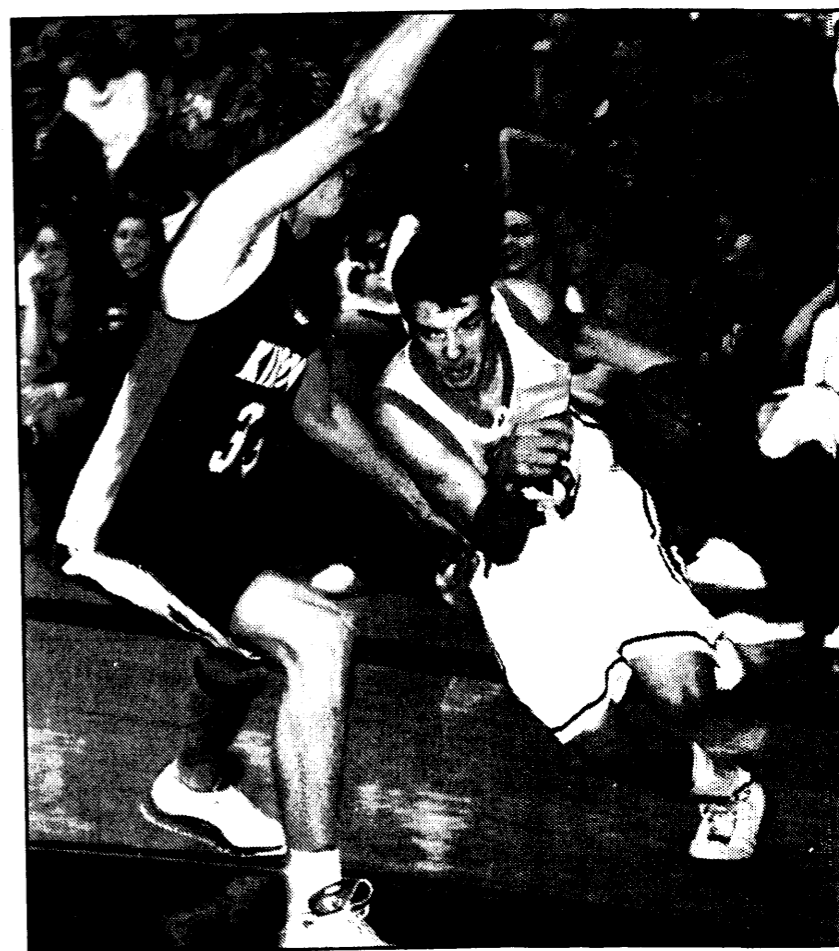
Kingston continued to have its way over the Bearcats and jetted to a 23-8 margin as Neff continued his outside assault on his way to a game-high 17 points, which included 5 treys.

Kingston could do little wrong in the initial half and took a 17-point bulge into the break as Seth Flikkie was rewarded for a great defensive effort to close out the half. The diminutive Cardinal point guard leaped rim high to block a Bearcat shot, moments before ending the frame with another half-court bomb sending the hosts to the intermission in front 32-15.

Grant Pichla, however, caught fire in the final half and brought the Bearcats to within 43-39 with 12 straight points. However, the Cardinals used a 7-of-8 showing at the foul line down the stretch and wouldn't be denied.

Besides Neff, the Cardinals received 15 markers from Nathan Harneck while Flikkie and Tristin Pennington each added 10.

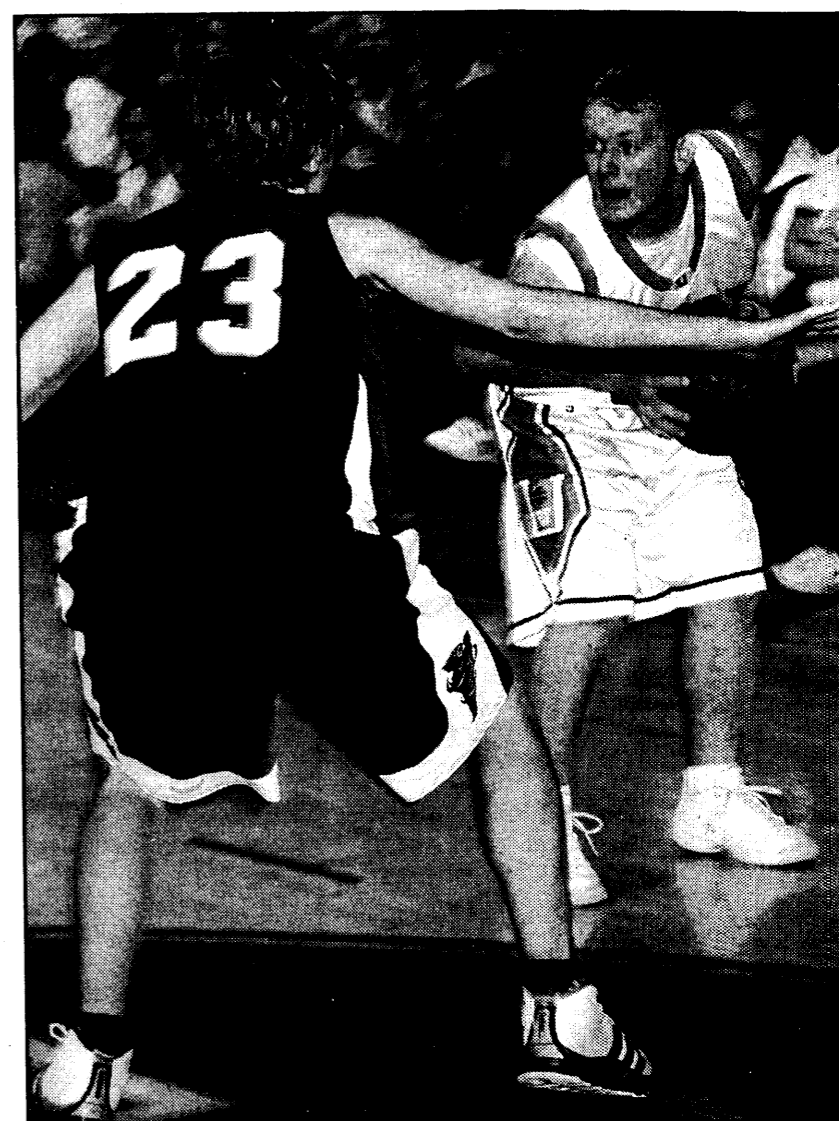
Weber, Pichla and Mark Recker all finished with 14 points to pace Ubyly.



UBYLY'S GRANT PICHLA faces pressure from Cardinal Brandon Jones in Thursday's Holiday Tournament championship in Kingston.

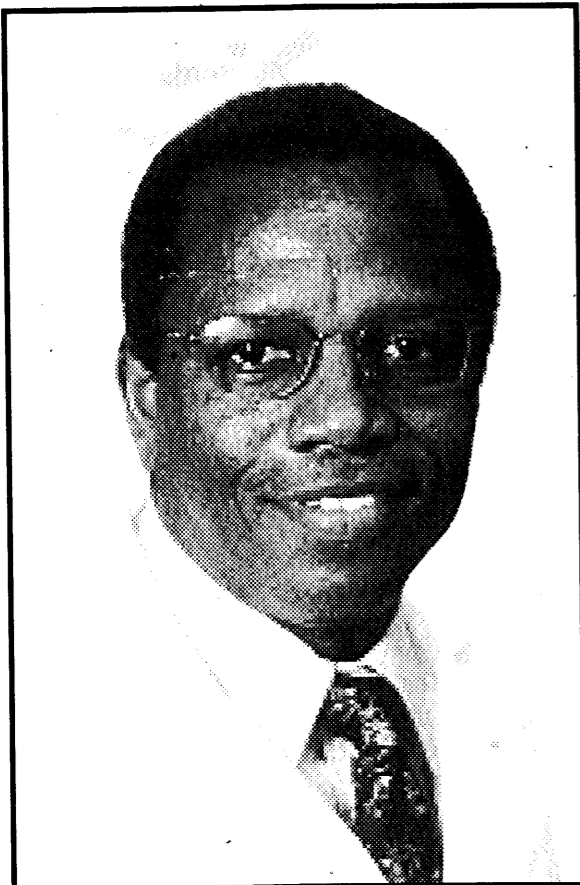
KINGSTON - Flikkie 1-2 (2-2) 10; Neff 1-5 (0-0) 17; Stine 1-0 (0-1) 2; Jones 3-0 (2-4) 8; Pennington 2-0 (6-6) 10; Harneck 5-0 (5-10) 15. TOTALS - 13-7 (15-23) 62.

UBYLY - Recker 4-0 (6-7) 14; Pichla 2-2 (4-5) 14; Maurer 0-1 (0-0) 3; Loss 0-0 (5-6) 5; Weber 5-0 (4-7) 14. TOTALS - 11-3 (19-25) 50.



BEARCAT NICK LINDQUIST looks for an open teammate during Thursday's meeting in Kingston.

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Split Conversions: D. Bang 8-10; D. Sweeney 4-5-7.

Team High Games & Series: Charlie's Angels 846; Crowley Chiropractic (2388).

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Hawks retain M-81 Clash trophy with landslide win

Cass City wins 6th straight M-81 battle against guests Caro

The undefeated Cass City Red Hawks retained possession of the M-81 Clash trophy for the sixth straight year with an easy 76-35 win over the Caro Tigers Tuesday in Cass City. The trophy is kept at the school of the winner of the annual Caro-Cass City game and this is the 11th year in the Clash that started in the 1995-96 season.

Caro won the award the first 3 years, but has won just once since that time and the Hawks have a 7-4 record in the competition. In addition, Chris Landrith was named the most valuable player in the game with 17 points without playing in the fourth period.

It was one of the easier wins for Cass City in the series. Coach Aaron Fernald said that it was good to have a comparatively easy game as the Hawks returned to the floor after the Christmas holiday.

It also gave the coach the opportunity to give all the members of the squad playing time.

After the teams traded baskets the Hawks staged a 10-0 run to lead 12-2 and after a basket by Nicalas Lapienski, posted another 7-0 spurt before Alex Rieck connected for a trey at the end of the quarter. Landrith showed the way with a pair of hoops and 2 of 3 free throws.

With a 19-7 lead entering the second quarter, the Hawks settled the issue for all practical purposes, starting with a 12-3 spurt in the first 4 minutes to jump in front, 31-11. The Tigers were unable to penetrate with the ball and their shots from outside the paint just did not fall.

Eight Hawks scored in the quarter and Cass City was coasting at the intermission with a comfortable 45-21 lead.

Glaza and Landrith each connected for 4 hoops in the third quarter to help Cass City to a 65-29 lead going into

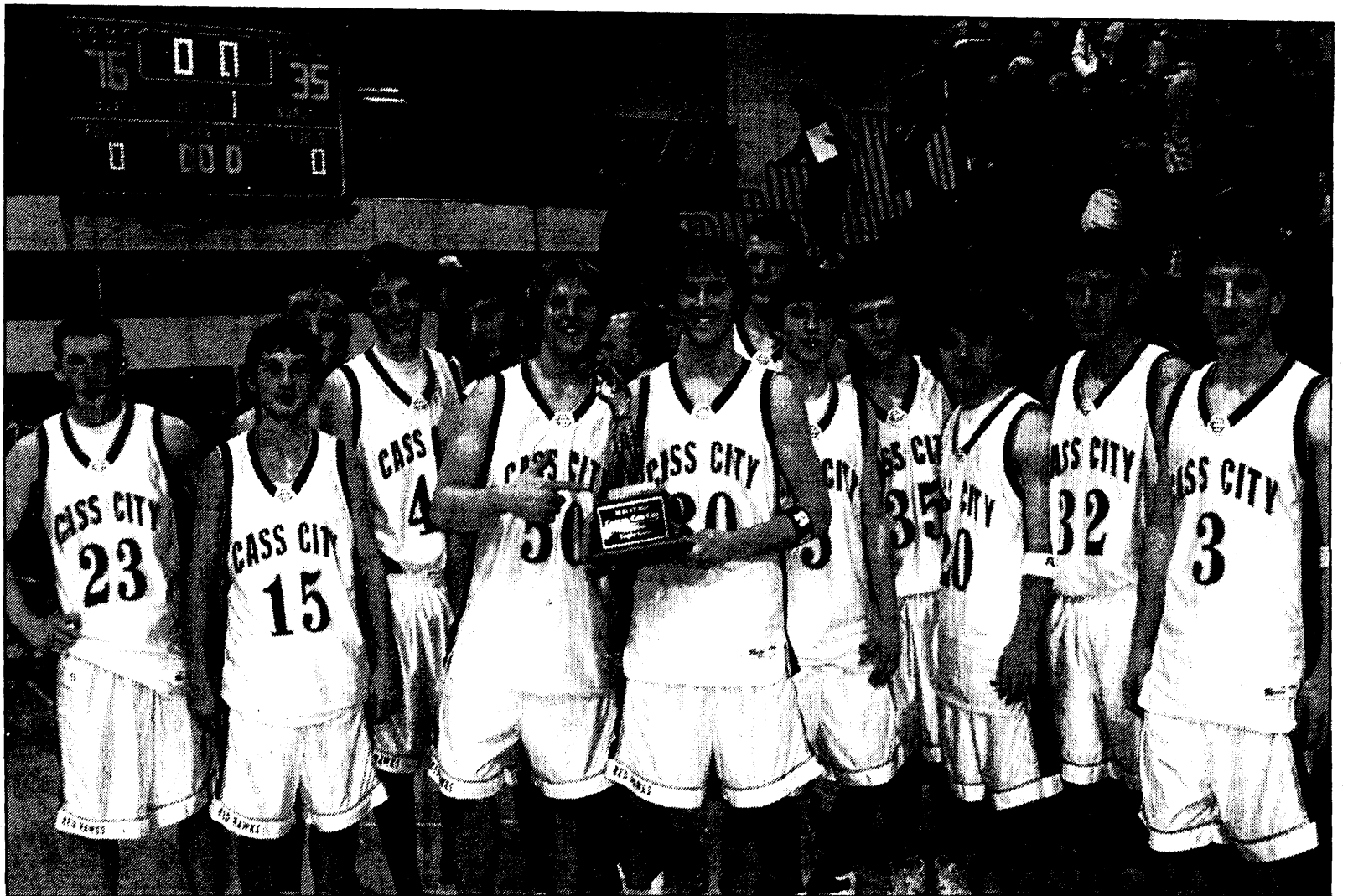
the fourth quarter and a running clock for the remainder of the game.

The benches for both teams took over in the last quarter and the Hawk bench outscored the Tiger reserves, 11-6.

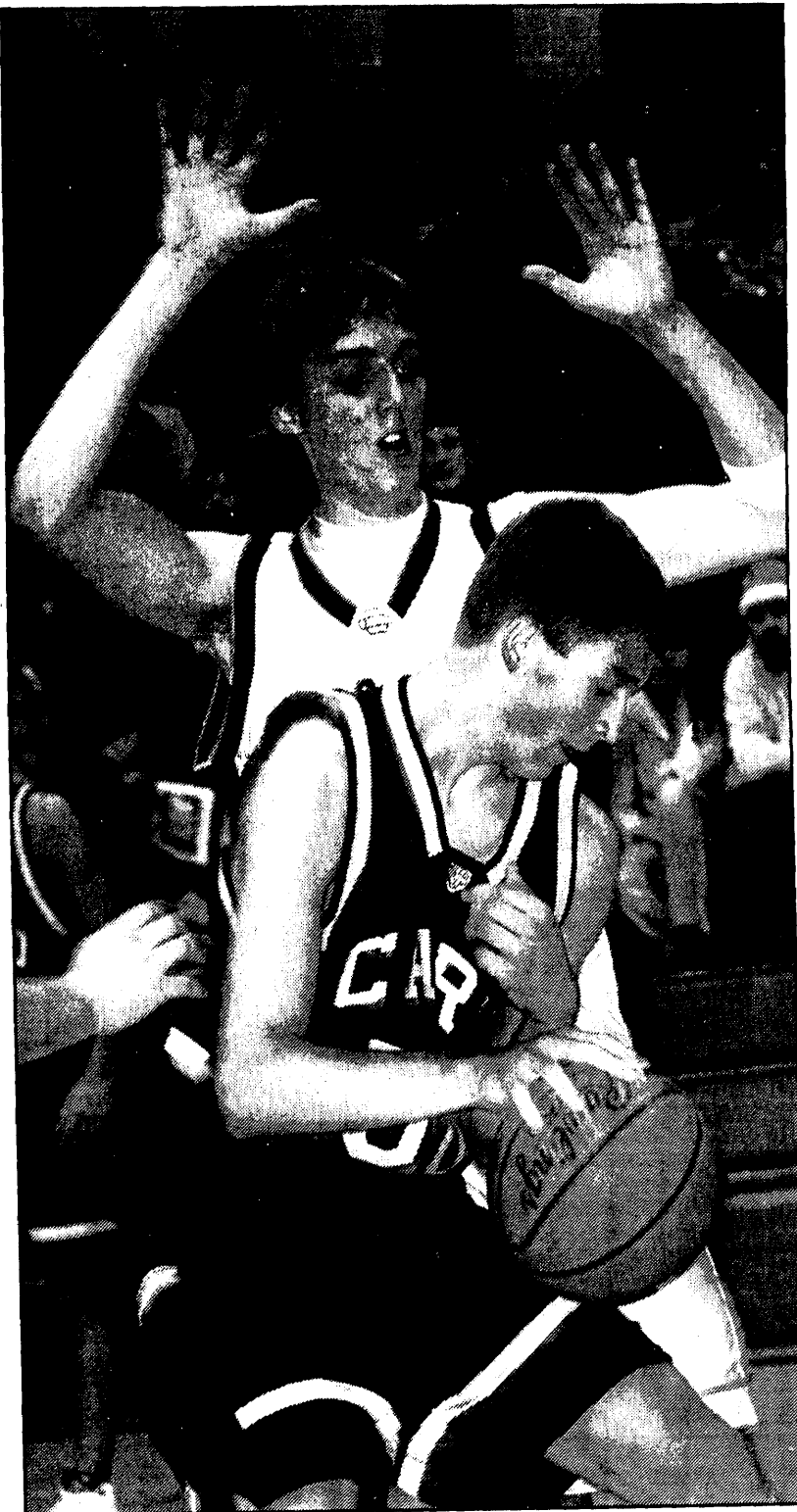
Three Hawks were in double figures - Landrith, 17, Glaza, 15, and Andrew Martin, 12. Tops for Caro was Rieck with 9 points.

CASS CITY - Langenburg 2-0 (0-0) 4; Landrith 7-0 (3-4) 17; Martin 4-1 (1-2) 12; Glaza 6-1 (0-0) 15; Schenk 3-0 (0-0) 6; Otulakowski 1-0 (2-3) 4; Hartel 2-1 (0-0) 7; Clifton 2-0 (1-1) 5; Halasz 2-0 (0-0) 4; Biddinger 1-0 (0-0) 2.
TOTALS - 30-3 (7-10) 76.

CARO - Cotton 1-0 (0-0) 2; Riley 1-0 (0-0) 2; Mitch Lapienski 2-1 (1-3) 8; Nicalas Lapienski 1-0 (0-0) 2; Rieck 2-1 (2-2) 9; Thompson 2-0 (0-2) 4; Durham 1-0 (0-0) 2; Pokley 2-0 (2-2) 6.
TOTALS - 12-2 (5-9) 35.



CHRIS LANDRITH (30) AND his Cass City teammates proudly display the M-81 Clash trophy earned Tuesday night with a lopsided 76-35 victory over Caro. Landrith earned game MVP honors with a game high 17 points.



NOWHERE TO GO. Red Hawk Andrew Martin denies Caro's Tyler Pokley a path to the basket during the 2006 M-81 Clash. Martin hit a variety of outside jumpers in the opening half and finished with 12 points.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST				
Team	W	L	W	L
BCAS	1	0	6	0
Cass City	1	0	5	0
USA	1	0	3	0
Bad Axe	0	0	0	4
Lakers	0	1	1	2
Reese	0	1	0	3
Valley Lutheran	0	1	0	4

GREATER THUMB EAST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Marlette	1	0	5	0
Brown City	1	0	4	1
Mayville	1	0	1	3
Ubyly	0	0	3	2
Sandusky	0	1	2	2
Harbor Beach	0	1	1	3
Deckerville	0	1	1	4

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

NCTLSOUTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
Memphis	3	0	3	1
CPS	2	0	4	0
Kingston	2	0	4	0
Peck	0	1	0	2
Dryden	0	3	0	3

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This Week's Forecast



	John Haire	Clarke Haire	Tom Montgomery	Doug Hyatt
Tuesday, January 3				
Caro at Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Marlette at USA	USA	USA	USA	USA
Owen-Gage at Arenac Eastern	Arenac Eastern	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage
Friday, January 6				
Caro at Millington	Millington	Millington	Millington	Millington
Bad Axe at Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Valley Lutheran at Reese	Valley Lutheran	Valley Lutheran	Reese	Valley Lutheran
USA at BCAS	USA	USA	USA	USA
Lakers at Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Lakers	Harbor Beach
Deckerville at Ubyly	Ubyly	Ubyly	Ubyly	Ubyly
Kingston at Owen-Gage	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Last week's results	7-2	7-2	9-0	9-0
Season's results	27-5 (84%)	26-6 (81%)	25-7 (78%)	30-2 (94%)

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- Keep windshield solvent at full strength and make sure the reservoir is full, and keep new wiper blades on front and rear wipers, if so equipped.

- Wash vehicles for better visibility to other drivers, and remove ice and snow from all lights, windows and the license plate before traveling.

"Periodically check all lights and replace when necessary.

- Prepare a winter driving survival kit with items such as an extra winter coat, pants, hat, boots and gloves; jumper cables; tow strap; first aid kit; shovel; salt or kitty litter; road flares; and a spare tire and jack.

- If stranded in a winter storm, do not leave your vehicle. Stay with the vehicle and wait for help.

"Michigan weather is unpredictable any time of the year, but especially during the winter months," said Sgt. James Flegel of the Michigan State Police Precision Driving Unit. "The most important fact to remember is the capability of your car is drastically reduced in winter weather, so it is best to use a slower speed to compensate for poor handling."

In addition, troopers remind drivers to be aware of several factors when stopping and turning during the winter months.

"Remember to do all your braking before the turn is made and take a proper line of travel through the turn to reduce the potential for a skid to occur," Flegel said. "If your car begins to skid, correct the skid by getting off the throttle, staying off the brakes and using a quick, hand over hand steering technique to turn the front tires in the direction you want to go."

Michigan motorists can also prepare for a safe trip by checking road conditions at: www.michigan.gov/roadconditions.

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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	Uby/Owen-Gage (JV)	6:30 p.m.	H
Dec. 19	Uby/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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**Friday, Jan. 6
Cass City vs. Bad Axe**

**Volleyball
Monday, Jan. 9
Cass City vs. Sandusky**

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

**Gymnastics
Tuesday, Jan. 10
Cass City vs. Midland**



Cass City Red Hawks 2005-06 Boys' Varsity Basketball			
Dec. 6	Vassar 38, Cass City 65		
Dec. 9	Uby 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	A	
Jan. 3	Caro	6:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 6	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.	H
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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Obituaries

Laura Ball

Laura Molly Ball, 88, of Cass City, died Monday, Jan. 2, 2006 in Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

She was born Aug. 24, 1917 at home in Tuscola County, the daughter of Louis and Clementina (Merchant) Crocker.

She married Grant Wesley Ball July 15, 1938 in Cass City. He died Sept. 18, 1976.

Ball graduated from Cass City High School in 1936. She was a caregiver to many friends and neighbors. Ball was a member of Salem United Methodist Church, then the Cass City United Methodist Church, totaling 72 years. She was a member of the United Methodist Women. Ball was a member of the Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary for over 25 years. She served as a Cub Scout leader when her boys were young.

Ball is survived by her sons: Wesley (Sharon) Ball of Reese and Donald (Barbara) Ball of Cass City; 5 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; a niece, Beverly (Donald) Hazard; a nephew, Richard (Kay) Armstrong; and several great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Julia Armstrong in 1963.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Jan. 6, at Cass City United Methodist Church, Cass City, with her grandson, the Rev. John Ball of Mayville United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment will be in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Memorials may be made to the Cass City United Methodist Church. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Genevieve Kehoe

Genevieve M. Kehoe, 85, died Jan. 2, 2006.

She was born Nov. 26, 1920 in Gageton, the daughter of the late Henry and Iza (Rocheleau) LaFave.

She married Harry L. Kehoe Sept. 10, 1941 in St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gageton. He died Feb. 14, 1998.

Kehoe worked at Wähjamega (Caro State Hospital), and 30 years with the Gageton Post Office, retiring in

1982. She was a member of the St. Agatha Catholic Church and a past president of its Women's Society. She served several terms on the parish council. Kehoe was co-founder of the Over-the-Hill Garden Club, Gageton. She wrote the Gageton News for the Cass City Chronicle.

She is survived by her children: Carol (Jack) Beith of Linden and Steven (Barbara) Kehoe of Brighton; 4 grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; 2 sisters: Elaine (William) Prieur of Alpena and Willa (Wendell) Birch of Lehigh Acres, Fla.; a brother, Harold (Norma) LaFave of Bay City; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by an infant brother, Edward LaFave; and a sister, Helen Wright.

A funeral mass will be held Thursday, Jan. 5, at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gageton.

Memorials may be made to Hemophilia of Michigan, Friends of the Octagon Barn, or the Parkinson's Foundation.

Jerome Root

Jerome "Jerry" Root, Jr., 82, of Cass City, died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005 in Northwood Meadows, Cass City.

He was born May 9, 1923 in Cass City, the son of Jerome and Margaret (Szabo) Root, Sr.

He married Grace Myrtle Galbraith April 15, 1945 in her parents' home in Comins. She died May 24, 1983. He then married Normaleen Jean McIntosh Aug. 31, 1985 at the Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Root served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a self-employed carpenter with Root Building for many years. He was a former member of the Cass City Tyler Masonic Lodge #317 and the Cass City Chamber of Commerce. He started with the Cass City Fire Department in 1958 and served until 1989. During that time, he served as chief from 1969 until 1971. In 1982, Root was appointed by the township board as the first full-time paid village Fire Department Chief. He was one of the original members of the Cass City Investment Club, a former member of the Cass City United Methodist Church and a member of the Shabbona United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Normaleen; children: Carol (Larry) Summers of Gageton, Shirley (Bob) McIntosh of Cass City, and Jim (Kelly) Root of Cass City; a stepson, Dale (Lynda) McIntosh of Cass City; 9 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; brothers: Dick (Glenola) Root and Don (Helen) Root, all of Cass City; a sister, Doris (Mike) Barto of Cleveland, Ohio; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Elmer Root; and sisters: Marge Blakely and Elaine Molnar.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 2, at Shabbona United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Ellen Burns officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Military honors were under the direction of the Cass City VFW Post #3644.

Memorials may be made to Bay Shore Camp, Cass City Fire Department, or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

John Stamp

John M. "Jack" Stamp, 89, of Marlette, died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006 at his home.

He was born Sept. 8, 1916 in Marlette, the son of William and Nora (Tyler) Stamp.

He married Effie Angus May 28, 1938. She died Oct. 21, 2003. He then married Evelyn Gabler Feb. 14, 2005 in Cass City.

Stamp was a life-long area farmer. He was a member of the Marlette First United Methodist Church.

Stamp is survived by his wife, Evelyn; 2 sons: Tom (Deanna) Stamp of Marlette and David (Diane) Stamp of LaPorte, Ind.; a daughter, Judy (Richard) Wood of New York City, NY; 2 step-sons: Michael (Deb) Zmierski of Cass City and Mark (Becky) Zmierski of Caro; 3 step-daughters: Angela (Dr. Craig) Noble of Summerville, SC, Teresa (John) Enos of Elk City, Id., and Deanne (Charles) Brown of Midland; a daughter-in-law, Lynn Stamp of Belleville; 8 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and 15 step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a son, Dr. James Stamp.

Cremation has taken place at the Sunset Valley Crematory, Bay City.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 7, at Marlette United Methodist Church, Marlette, with Pastor Daniel Bowman officiating.

Memorials may be made to the United Hospice Service or Marlette First United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Inc., Marlette.

Lucille Wright

Lucille Marie Wright, 83, of Cass City, died Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2005 in Covenant Medical Center, Cooper Campus, Saginaw.

She was born Nov. 1, 1922 at home in Tuscola County, the daughter of Henry and Etta (Wright) McLellan.

She married Louis Ray Wright Aug. 23, 1940 in Cass City. He died Aug. 21, 1994.

Wright worked in the cafeteria of the Cass City Middle School for over 15 years. She worked for Rawson Memorial Library for 15 years.

Wright is survived by her children: Shirley (Albert) Griffen of Deford, Dennis Wright of Cass City, and Lois "Jean" Bliss of Cass City; 4 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; sisters: Gladys (Stanley) Cook of Caro and Florence (George) Wright of Forester; a sister-in-law, Wilma McLellan of Caro; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Charles Arthur Wright; a grandson, Laurel R. Griffen; a son-in-law, Raymond Bliss; and 3 brothers: Don, Robert and James McLellan.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 31, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Chuck Emmert of Novesta Church of Christ officiating.

Interment will take place in the spring in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

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With another cold Michigan winter here, residents can find help managing their energy bills and avoid service shut-offs through payment assistance programs available from DTE Energy utilities, MichCon and Detroit Edison.

The following programs are available to qualified low-income and senior customers:

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The Winter Protection Plan protects qualified seniors and low-income customers from service shut off due to non-payment between Nov. 1, 2005 and March 31, 2006. While enrolled in this program, customers must pay a portion of their estimated annual bill, plus regular payments on any past due bills. Customers wishing to enroll in this program must meet eligibility requirements, and should call (800) 477-4747.

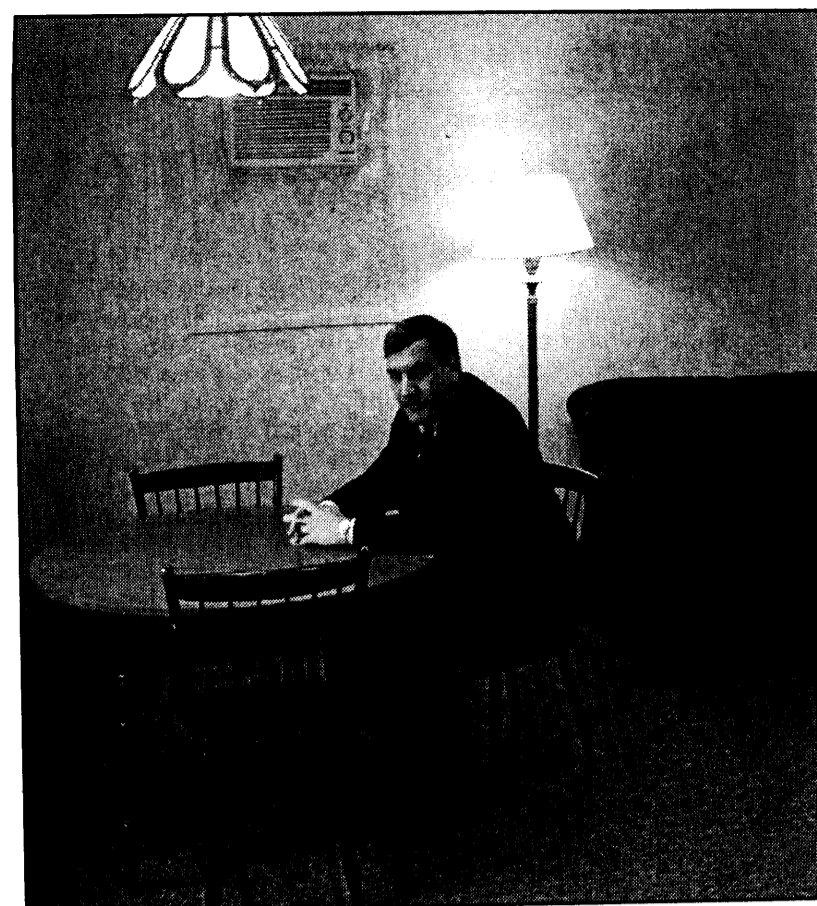
Double Notice Protection
An additional safeguard provided by MichCon and Detroit Edison is the Double Notice Protection plan. Customers may identify a friend or relative to receive a copy of any overdue or shut-off notice. The backup helps protect against service shut-off in the event that a customer is ill, out-of-town, or otherwise unable to receive utility shut-off notices.

Medical Emergencies
If a medical emergency exists, the utilities will not shut off service for up to 21 days if customers obtain verification from their doctor or a public health agency.

Home Heating Credit E-filing
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State Emergency Relief Program and Energy Direct
Eligible low-income households may receive help paying energy bills year-round through the Department of Human Services (DHS). Customers currently receiving assistance from DHS - and whose energy service is subject to shut-off - may automatically qualify for the Energy Direct program. This program protects against service shut off and places the account on a budget plan. DHS will make a payment directly to DTE Energy.

Low-Income Weatherization
Assistance with home weatherization may be available to those who meet eligibility guidelines through the Community Action Agency.



DWIGHT THABET is pictured above in the lounge at his funeral home in Cass City. The lounge is a gathering place for young people who participate in the Thabets' grief aftercare counseling program.

Aftercare grief counseling program popular offering

Dealing with grieving family members is an integral part of the job for any funeral director, but long-term grief counseling isn't always available.

Making that sort of help available has been a goal for Dwight and Elizabeth Thabet since they opened their funeral home in early 2004. The following spring, they introduced their Aftercare Program for Grief Counseling, a free, all volunteer program for those who have lost a loved one and feel the need to share their feelings with others.

"It was my wife's idea, mostly. She said it was something we should do," Thabet recalled. "With this, they can come to the group, and if they have problems they can call day or night. It's open to anyone, no matter where the funeral took place. If you want to come, you're welcome to be there."

Thabet said he had considered hosting an annual event especially for families who had lost someone. "But my thought was, realistically...6 months after that what do you do?"

The Thabets established the program in cooperation with Heartland Hospice, which provides professional counselors to both adults and children. Bereavement Coordinator Ed Kile, a Baptist minister who works out of Heartland's Bad Axe office, is the lead counselor.

The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Cass City VFW Post's annex building, located just north of the funeral home along Veterans Drive. Often, the younger participants meet with a separate bereavement coordi-

nator in a lounge at the funeral home, Thabet noted.

"We also have an informal luncheon at the Charmont Restaurant the third Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m.," Kile said.

"These meetings allow the grieving family members to express their feelings in an open, friendly setting," he explained. "Our clients have many similar circumstances and issues. Sometimes all the griever needs is to tell their story to someone other than family."

Thabet indicated the arrangement with Heartland has worked well because it enabled him to help provide professional counseling.

"He (Kile) has the credentials to do that," he said. "This is a support group. They're supporting each other and they're helping each other, with a bereavement counselor there to lead the way."

Thabet said there's a core group of about 10 people that regularly attend the meetings. Others attend sporadically. "I've had families I've served come, and I've had others where they come off and on."

Each of their needs varies, he added, and the counselor is available whether they feel the need to attend every week or just occasionally. "It all depends on your level - how you start and how you cope with things."

Regardless, all are welcome. "Healing is taking place and coping techniques are discussed in our meetings," Kile said. "Our support groups are open to anyone who wishes to attend."

Area residents can learn more about the support group and the meetings by calling Thabet at (989) 872-9700.

Band returning to Thumb for concerts

The Lonesome Mountain Boys will make a return visit to the Thumb area Saturday, Jan. 14, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Heidelberg Gallery in downtown Sebawaing.

The band consists of 4 men from the Detroit area, along with Sebawaing resident, Richard Wroblewski. Another member, Charlie Jones, sits in occasionally, and has produced the band's 2 CDs.

Wroblewski invites the public to this, his fifth "annual" birthday party - bluegrass style.

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Fire department year in review

Pawloski: crew had busy year

Ask Elkland Township Fire Chief Ron Pawloski to summarize 2005 for his department and he'll tell you it was a year of ups and downs. The worst "down" came early in the year, during the early morning hours of Jan. 27, when fire fighters responded to a house fire just blocks from the fire hall, at 6608 Pine St., and found the blaze had claimed the lives of 2 people, 49-year-old Bethann Gaszczyński and her father, Robert Umbreit, 86. "We had a couple of bad house fires, but that was the worst one," recalled Pawloski, who said the department

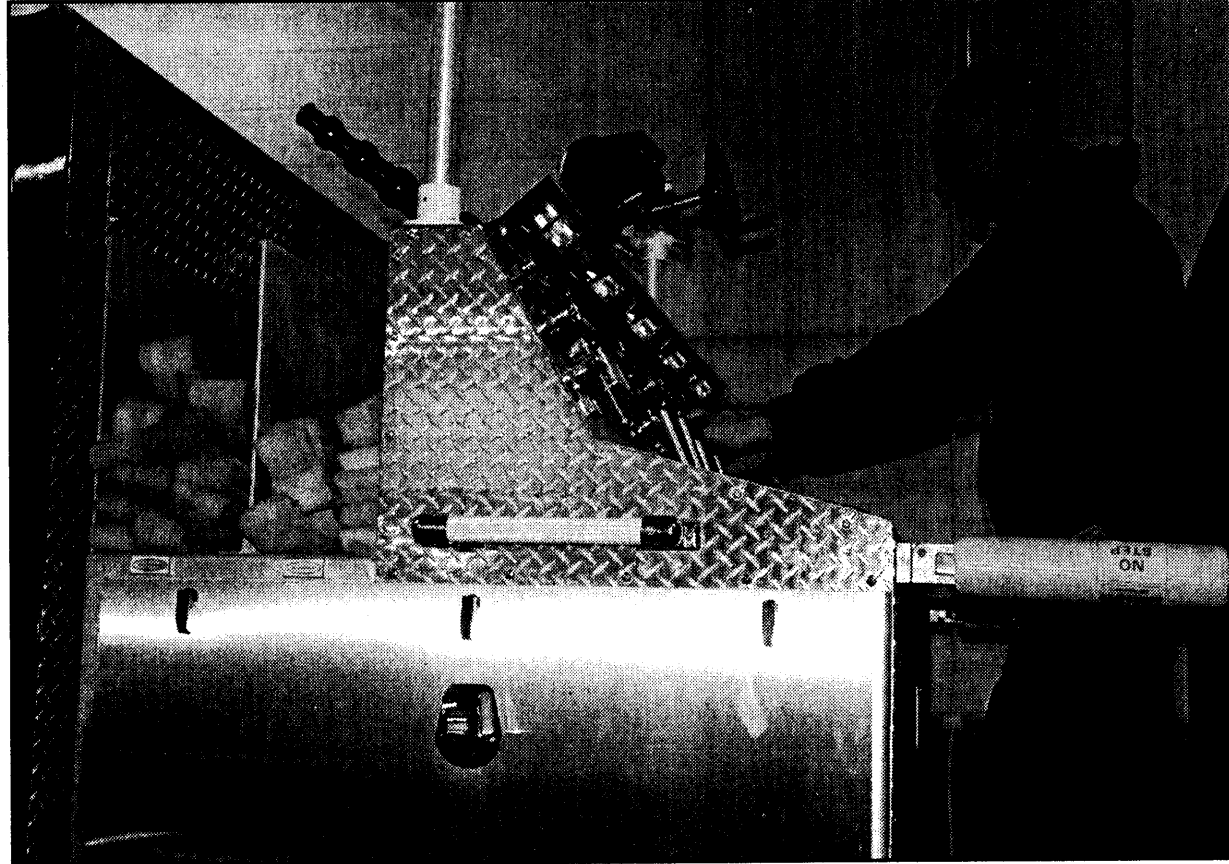
was especially busy in 2005. "We had 103 runs. That's a little bit above average. We're about 27 runs ahead of last year (2004)," he added. "I want to say we had a lot more downed wire (calls)." Fortunately, most of those calls did not involve injuries or death, and Pawloski, a 33-year veteran member of the department who is finishing his ninth year as chief, figures his department has had something to do with that. "You know, we do a lot of fire prevention with the kids in schools, and we have them down here at the hall," he said. "The biggest thing we pound into the kids' heads is, when you get out (of a burning building), stay out. But the kids aren't the biggest problem - it's the adults." Pawloski speaks from experience. He recalled a house fire in the Kingston area a few years ago that

claimed the life of a man who escaped the residence but then went back inside to recover a pistol. "That, to me, is so frustrating," Pawloski said. "He never got the pistol - it was in a breadbox, unscathed by fire." The past year proved to be a bountiful one for Pawloski and his crew. Pawloski secured a federal grant totaling more than \$48,000 - his department's first such grant - which was used to purchase new turnout gear for the entire department. Later in the year, the Elkland Township Board agreed to spend nearly \$150,000 on a new Pierce Pumper, which replaced a 1978 pumper. Pawloski also enjoyed a full complement of volunteers. "It's been averaging right around 28 paid volunteers," he said. "Back when I first became chief, including myself, there were only 16."

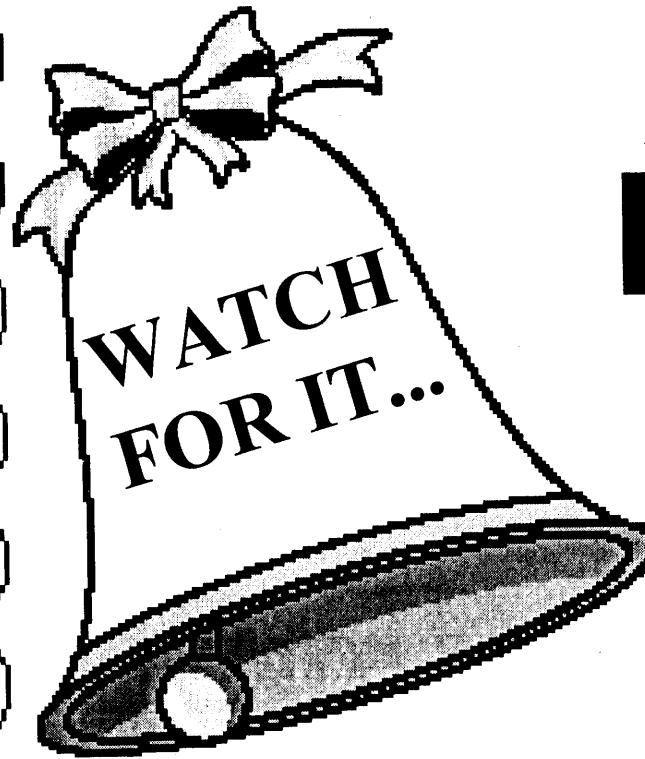
Today, Cass City fire fighters earn \$8 an hour. "It's not a lot," Pawloski noted. "At one time they only made \$5-something an hour. Then I heard they were going to raise the minimum wage, and I went to the (township) board." Pawloski's department has an annual budget of roughly \$80,000 and services an area totaling nearly 170 square miles, including portions of Tuscola, Sanilac and Huron counties. The fire chief is looking forward to another year with the department that he indicated is second to none when it comes to the dedication of the men and women who make up its membership. "There's a lot of things I could say about 2005. Interesting. It was very interesting. It was also a gratifying year," he said. "Do I have any regrets being chief? No. None. I have a fantastic group of personnel."

Foundation again giving away trees to new members

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January. The free trees are part of the non-profit foundation's "Trees for America" campaign. The 10 trees are 2 White Flowering Dogwoods, 2 Flowering Crabapples, 2 Washington Hawthorns, 2 American Redbuds, and 2 Kousa Dogwoods. "These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small spaces," John Rosenow, the foundation's president, said. "They will give your home the beauty of lovely pink, white, and yellow flowers - and also provide winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds." The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Feb. 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bi-monthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care. To become a member of the foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, Neb. 68410, by Jan. 31. Or go online to arborday.org.



FIRE CHIEF Ron Pawloski checks the gauges on the Elkland Township Department's new Pierce Pumper, which was purchased last year. Pawloski says 2005 presented some challenges, but overall was a good year for his department.



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Lots 1 and 10, Block 34, Map of the Village of Fostoria, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, on Pages 44-45, now being 45A-46A, Tuscola County Records.

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

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

Dated: December 7, 2005

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Fifth Third Mortgage-MI, LLC,
As Mortgagee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 200.1504

12-7-5

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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 Terry D. Gasi, 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:
FC X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
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 Arbelva, Tuscola County, Michigan, and

are described as:

That part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 25, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbelva 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 Northernly side thereof. Also subject to the right of way for Vassar Road along the Easternly 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

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Chase Home Finance LLC
successor by merger with Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
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, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse 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 Southwest 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 350.00 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.

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 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 350.00 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.

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 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

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

12-28-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Anthony Deluca and Kimberly K. Deluca, 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 Arbelva, 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, Arbelva 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

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas f/k/a Banker's Trust Company, as Custodian, As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
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:
FC G (248) 593-1310
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 Rodney Withers, Sr. and Corina Withers, husband and wife, to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. successor by merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 2, 2000 and recorded August 7, 2000 in Liber 807, Page 1152, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty Thousand One Hundred Ninety and 30/100 Dollars (\$50,190.30), including interest at the rate of 11.50% 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 5, 2006.

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

Part of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 28, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, described as beginning at a point on the North line of Section 28, which is South 89 degrees 49 minutes 10 East, 252.5 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 28; thence continuing along said North line, South 89 degrees 49 minutes 10 seconds East, 118.00 feet; thence parallel to the West line of Section 28 South 312.50 feet; thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 10 seconds West 118.00 feet; thence North 313.00 feet to the North line of Section 28 and 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 7, 2005

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. successor by merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., As Mortgagee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 326.0349

12-7-5

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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 Gerald White and Andrea White, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 5, 2004 and recorded on August 30, 2005 in Liber 1052 on Page 291 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Four and 07/100 Dollars (\$54,554.07), including interest at 10.3% 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 12, 2006.

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

East 22.5 feet of Lot 2, Lot 3 and the West 2 feet of Lot 4, Block 3 of Charles Montague's Subdivision, as Recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11A, Tuscola County Records, together with 1/2 of vacated alley on South side, subject to reservation of part of garage located on East side as recorded in Liber 269, Page 187.

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 14, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC J (248) 593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #059972F01

12-14-4

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

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by 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 John E. Reid, a married man, and Tonya M. Reid, his wife, original mortgagors, to Flagstar Bank, Federal Savings Bank, Mortgagee, dated December 29, 2000 and recorded on January 8, 2001 in Liber 818 on Page 1420, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey 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 One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Sixty-Seven and 00/100 Dollars (\$157,067.00), including interest at 8.5% 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 12, 2006.

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

Lot 7, of Botmer's Woodland Subdivision, according to the recorded Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Liber 4, Pages 58 through 61, 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 14, 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 #009901F04

12-14-4

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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 Amerquest 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-Five 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 MCLA §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

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jason Schenk, an unmarried man, a/k/a Jason T. Schenk of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Long Beach Mortgage Company dated the 23rd day of September, A.D. 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 8th day of October, A.D. 2003, in Liber 958 of Tuscola County Records, on Page 731, which said mortgage was assigned to Long Beach Mortgage Company, a Delaware Corporation, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$80,122.65 (Eighty thousand, One hundred Twenty Two dollars

Legal Notices

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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, MI on January 19, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Arbel, 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:
FC X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #075907F01

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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 Seven Hundred 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
ORLANDS 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

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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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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 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 SECTION 9, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, 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; 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 130.0 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
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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

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, As Trustee, of Ameriquest Mortgage, Inc., Asset-Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2003-1, Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated 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 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
ORLANDS ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, As Trustee, of Ameriquest Mortgage, Inc., Asset-Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2003-1, Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2003, without recourse, As Assignee
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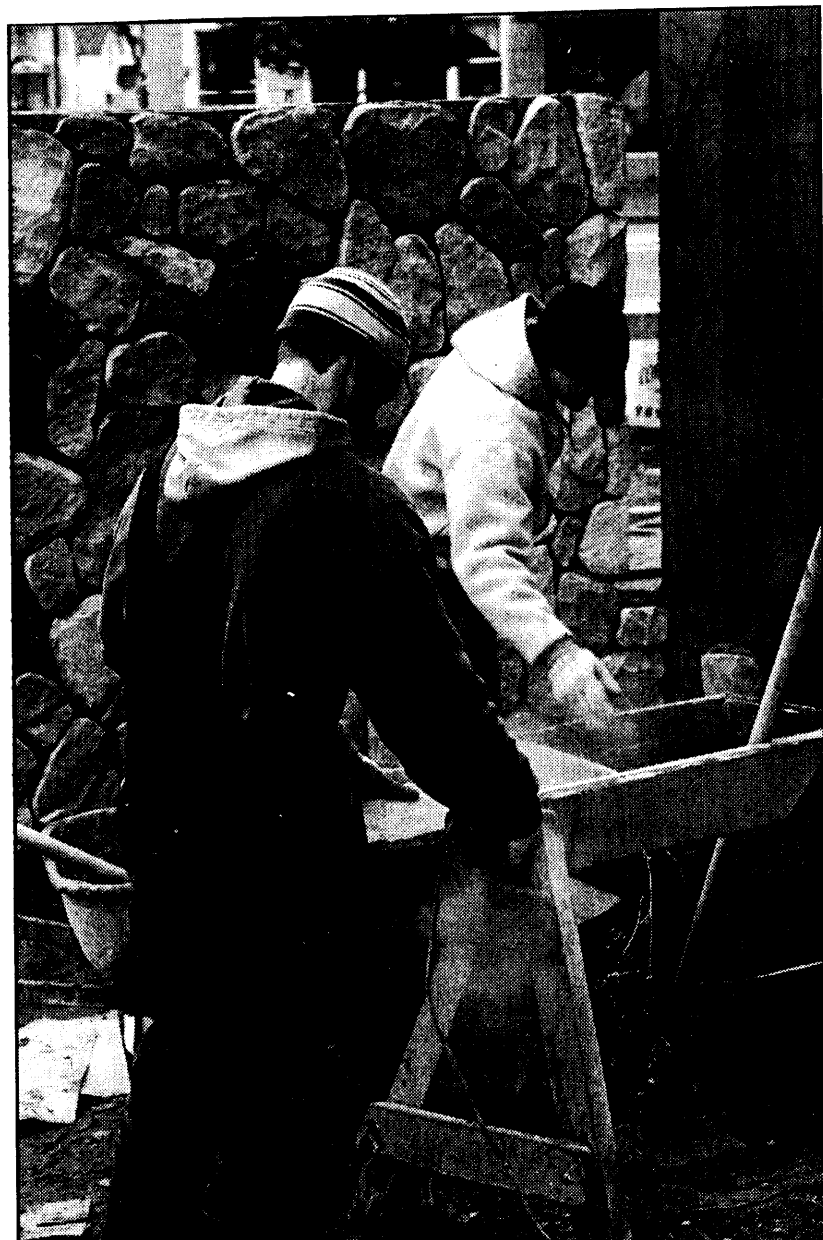
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Finishing up...

RYAN CUMPER (left) and Nathan Cumper, both of Complete Concrete, Cass City, work to prepare pieces of cultured stone for the Cass City War Memorial.

Membership strong

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said. "If you're not fundraising or doing something, you get stale." Like the other local clubs, the Cass City Rotary Club's impact on the community can be seen from one end of town to the other. Recreational facilities, the local library, college students and children of all ages have benefited.

"Our membership has held quite steady within the range of the 30s for a number of years," said Bert Althaver, a Rotary member for more than 40 years.

The local club celebrated its 75th anniversary last summer and, according to Althaver, the decision to allow women to join some years ago has had a very positive impact.

"Without the addition of the ladies

to our club, I don't even know if we'd be here today," he said. "They have brought an enthusiasm and an invigoration. The ladies have really strengthened our club in qualitative ways as well as in numbers. It's been positive and we're very pleased with that."

Althaver suggested that life in today's society presents a challenge for all clubs. There are so many family activities, entertainment, sports, the Internet, he said. "We are busier and we are more mobile. Everything has taken away from the time people are willing to donate as volunteers."

"Rotary has a particular challenge in that we meet every week," Althaver said. However, he noted, we've maintained, I think, a strength of attendance by having interesting programs and challenging projects. Still, like the other clubs, Rotary is concerned about maintaining its numbers.

"Membership is always a point of discussion and is always a challenge," Althaver said.

Superintendents

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•Saturday, Jan. 7, 9 a.m.-Ronald Wilson, Harrison.

Master's degree plus 20 hours beyond MA degree from CMU.

•Saturday, Jan. 7, Joseph Candella, Cass City.

Master's degree in education leadership, 2000, from CMU.

If necessary, second interviews are tentatively scheduled Jan. 9 and Jan. 12, with site visits Jan. 16 and 19 and the successful candidate announced during the week of Jan. 23.

Present superintendent Ken Micklash will remain to assist the new superintendent as long as necessary. However, the new superintendent will assume all the responsibilities of the district no later than July 1.

4-H tractor safety class in February

Sanilac County 4-H tractor safety and machinery courses will be held in February.

The Beginning Farm Safety Course is slated for Feb. 2-16 for youth ages 9 to 12 years old. The course will be taught at the Sanilac County Conference room, 37 Austin St., Sandusky. The cost is \$2.

The 7-week Tractor Safety Certification Course will be Feb. 2-March 16, also at the Sanilac County Conference Room, for youth ages 13 and older. The cost is \$5.

The dates for the Machinery Certification Course are to be announced. The course is for youth 13 years and older, and they must complete the tractor certification course.

Youths can register by calling the 4-H office at (810) 648-2515.

Dealership hosting seat inspection

Pat Curtis Chevrolet-Olds-Cadillac in Caro will host a child passenger seat inspection Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The dealership is located on Ellington Road (M-24) across from the Indianfields Cemetery and just south of the M-24 and M-81 intersection.

The inspection is also being sponsored by the Tuscola County Safe Kids Chapter of the Greater Thumb and Saginaw Area Coalition, and the Tuscola County Community Foundation.

More information is available by contacting Susan Andrus at (989) 659-2805, or Ann Hepfer at (989) 673-8114 (ext. 117).

Sanilac 4-H council to give scholarship

The Sanilac County 4-H Council will be awarding its fourth annual Sanilac County 4-H Scholarship at the 2006 Spring Achievement program.

The criteria for applicants is:

- *Must be currently enrolled Sanilac County 4-H.
- *Must be currently attending or planning to attend a post-secondary education program (fall 2006).
- *Must complete the original application provided; and
- *Must submit applications to the Sanilac County MSU Extension Office by March 1.

Scholarship forms are available at the MSU Extension Office.

Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, January 5

Friends of the Library meeting, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Friday, January 6

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

Monday, January 9

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.

Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 10

Watrousville-Caro Area Historical Society meeting, 7:30 p.m., Juniata Township Hall, 1971 Ringle Rd.

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

Lucky Thumb Snowmobile Races

RACE DATES - DAY RACES

January 7, 2006

Registration: 10:00 a.m.

Drivers' Meeting: 11:30 a.m.

Race: 1:00 p.m.

• POWDER PUFF • THREE CHILDREN'S GROUPS: Ages 8-11, 12-15 & Mini Class

January 15, 2006

Registration: 10:00 a.m.

Drivers' Meeting: 11:30 a.m.

Race: 1:00 p.m.

COSTS

\$20.00 Adult Sign-up

\$10.00 Children Sign-up

\$10.00 Gate Fee

(6-12 yrs. old - \$5.00, 5 & under - Free)

~~~~LOCATION OF TRACK~~~~

Lucky Thumb Motorcycle Club Grounds
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

Ron Stolzman, Jr. 989-635-2219

Shawn Colton 989-872-8873

On Race Day Call: 810-710-0671



A Freedom From Smoking Clinic

Will begin on Monday evenings in January

A "Thinking About Quitting" session will be held on Monday, January 9th, at 7:00 pm at Huron Medical Center's Wellness Center 1142 S. Van Dyke

Interested parties can register at the session or by calling Mary Messing at 989-269-2883.

Huron Medical Center

1100 South Van Dyke, Bad Axe

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American Diabetic Weight Loss Program

Will begin on Thursday afternoons Starting January 12, 2006

Programs will be held from

1:00 - 2:30pm at

Huron Medical Center's Wellness Center

1142 S. Van Dyke

Interested parties must register by calling

Mary Messing at 989-269-2883.

Registration deadline January 10

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