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Fire loss set at \$100,000

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Fire destroyed a Cass City area man's workshop along with a valuable antique tractor and thousands of dollars worth of tools and equipment last Wednesday.

The owner, Duane Rushlo, meanwhile, later suffered a slight heart attack but survived and will be undergoing surgery in Saginaw, according to his wife.

The fire was reported shortly after 1 p.m. at 3351 Cedar Run Rd., south of Akron Road at the Rushlo residence, where Duane has specialized in restoring International Harvester tractors and has sold used and reproduction parts for years through his business, Rushlo's Used Parts and Repair.

Elkland Township fire fighters arrived at the scene to find a 50-foot by 30-foot shed engulfed in flames.

"He (Rushlo) was working with a cutting torch and a tire caught fire, and before he could get it out of the building, the building caught fire," Fire Chief Ron Pawloski explained.

The blaze claimed a 1954 Super A-1 tractor that Rushlo had been restoring. At the scene, Rushlo said the antique was one of only 72 models like it left.

"We put the loss at \$100,000. That included the structure and contents, because he had a lot of tools and equipment in there," said Pawloski, who noted Rushlo is insured.

The Caro, Elmwood Township-Gagetown and Kingston fire departments all assisted Cass City fire fighters. They remained at the scene for about 2 hours.

Rushlo's wife, Peg, said her husband later suffered a slight heart attack and was hospitalized in Saginaw.

"He was very upset (about the fire) and stressed to the fullest," she said. The heart attack could have been much worse, according to Rushlo, who said doctors determined that her husband needs to undergo triple bypass surgery.

However, his prognosis is good, she added.

"The doctor said the big thing is we just have to keep him quiet when he gets home," she said. "That's going to be a full-time job because he's a workaholic."

FIRE FIGHTERS FROM 4 area departments joined forces to extinguish last Wednesday's blaze at the Duane Rushlo residence on Cedar Run Road, west of Cass City. The fire destroyed a large shed where Rushlo has restored antique tractors for many years. The loss was estimated at \$100,000.

School approves teacher buyout

The Cass City School Board approved a voluntary separation payment of \$30,000 over 3 years for teachers at the top of the pay scale at a special meeting Monday night at the high school.

The current financial crunch at the school, coupled with a coming lay-off of 5 teachers, prompted the board to void a pledge of no incentive payment this year when the 2004-05 program was inaugurated.

A committee of Michelle Biddinger, Danny Haag and Teresa Rabideau crunched the financial numbers and reported that separation incentives saved the district cash and could serve as a staff morale booster if no teachers had to be pink slipped.

If 7 or more teachers decide to accept the offer the money saved would be considerable. Teachers at the top of the scale cost the district \$97,897 including fringe benefits plus

\$10,000 of the \$30,000 incentive payment offered. That amount will net the district a savings of \$87,897 if the teacher is not replaced due to staff cuts.

If teachers need to be cut instead of retire the salary of a low seniority teacher, plus unemployment costs, would save the district \$55,105 as compared to the \$87,897 savings if a top seniority teacher leaves. The voluntary retirement program will bring a net savings of \$32,792 if teachers retire instead of being cut.

The savings in the next 2 years will not be as great as in the initial year because the district will need to pay \$10,000 each year for the next 2 years

while the salary of the remaining teachers increase. If one or more of the retirees have to be replaced the savings will be \$23,380 per teacher.

The savings will be significant no matter how many teachers opt for the program. The teachers have until April 20 at 4 p.m. to enter the retirement program and then have 7 more days to change their minds after the deadline.

ORIENTATION

After the incentive program was approved the board held an orientation session with new superintendent Ron Wilson under the direction of

Bill Kimball, who conducted the recently completed superintendent search.

Retiring superintendent Ken Micklash was asked to comment on the school. He said that pride in the community was evident among the board members and people in the district. Because of the rural area Cass City serves, he said, we have less prosperous, educated people than other districts and we needed to work harder to attain the goals and the board and the people have done that.

He suggested that the status of the school is good. But it should not be

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Hopper presents at Harvard

Public speaking is nothing new for Joanne Hopper, an educator from Cass City who serves as director of General Education Services for the Sanilac Intermediate School District (ISD).

However, she felt a bit anxious before taking her turn to speak at a recent conference in Boston, Mass.

Hopper, a former Owen-Gage Schools teacher, recently joined 2 colleagues from Central Michigan University's doctoral program, Dr. Rod Rock and Dr. Barbara Appold, in presenting research at the Harvard Graduate School of Education's Student Research Conference and International Forum.

More than 80 master's degree and 80 doctoral degree students from universities such as Texas A&M University, Teachers College - Columbia University, University of Toronto, New York University and Harvard

took part in the Feb. 24 conference.

"I thought it was going to be a lot scarier than it was," recalled Hopper, who said the conference was set up in a round table discussion format, with various speakers taking turns. "I found it to be so interesting to hear from people from other states. It was just so exciting to hear so many different viewpoints."

Although educators there were from different states, all are struggling with similar issues, she added. "knowing we have to do a better job of preparing kids for the 21st century."

Hopper's research, "Implementing Professional Learning Communities Across Diverse Departments of an Intermediate School District," was conducted over a period of several months and included extensive document analysis and interviews at the Sanilac ISD.

In her research, Hopper said she

used what is known as the 8-Step Change Model developed by Harvard Business School Professor John Kotter, and applied that model to education.

"The Professional Learning Communities model developed by Rick DuFour and Robert Eaker is an educational reform model that focuses on identifying what we want students to know, how we will know if they have learned, and what we will do if they do not learn," Hopper explained.

"The Sanilac ISD and several local school districts worked with Rick DuFour in 2003-04 to learn about the model and its application to schools in the county," she said. "The ISD and local districts continue to work together to align curriculum, instruction, assessment and student supports to help all students succeed."

"We're really trying to build a pyramid. Please turn to back page.

Teschendorf tosses hat into ring

A candidate who has ties in both Huron and Tuscola counties has filed for the Michigan House of Representative's seat for the 84th District.

Leland "Lee" Teschendorf is a Republican candidate for the state seat that Rep. Tom Meyer (R-Bad Axe) is leaving because of term limits.



Lee Teschendorf

"Michigan is facing a critical period with the loss of employment to foreign countries," said Teschendorf. "This in turn affects the entire economy, tax base and spendable income available to entice businesses back to Michigan. I feel the single-business tax should be eliminated and property tax incentives should be enhanced on the positive side. We have an educated and experienced work force who could help entice potential employers back to the Thumb area."

Teschendorf is originally from Bad Axe. His family moved to Vassar.

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BARB GRAFF rehearses a Patsy Cline hit during a Thumb Area Center for the Arts rehearsal Sunday in Caro. Graff, a Cass City Middle School teacher, has the leading role in the community theatre group's upcoming production of "Always...Patsy Cline".

Remembering Patsy

Cass City teacher takes on role of legend in production

Barb Graff spends her days in a classroom, teaching eighth grade language arts at Cass City Middle School.

But listen to her belt out a rendition of "Back in Baby's Arms" and you'll almost swear that the late legendary country singer Patsy Cline is in the next room.

Graff's talent and love of singing landed her the lead role in the upcoming musical, "Always...Patsy Cline", which is being presented by the Thumb Area Center for the Arts.

The community theatre group, based in Caro at the former Trinity Episcopal Church, will go on stage at the Caro Knights of Columbus Hall Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 23-26. The show times are 7 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are available by calling (989) 673-5266.

"Barb's voice is fantastic and sounds just like Patsy," said Vicky Penland, who is handling dual roles as director and co-star of the production.

"It's actually a 2-woman cast, (but) there's 11 of us in the cast," said Penland who, like Graff, is an educator - she teaches American history in the Mayville School District. Penland noted the cast includes musicians - The Bodacious Bobcats Band - and back-up singers, the Jordanaires.

The musical focuses on Patsy Cline's life as seen through the eyes of her biggest fan, Louise Seger (played by Penland). "Through her words, she tells how her relationship evolved with Patsy Cline up to her death in the plane crash," Penland explained. She said the production includes Graff's performance of 27 of Cline's hits.

"We do 2 shows a year; one in November and the other in the spring," Penland said of the Thumb Area Center for the Arts, whose members come from across the Thumb, from Watrousville to Cass City to Sandusky.

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Burtch trial date changed

Cass City High School Band Director Doug Burtch has a new trial date in Sanilac County Circuit Court, where he faces 2 counts of third degree and 2 counts of fourth degree criminal sexual conduct.

Burtch, 28, is accused of having a sexual relationship with a former choir student, then 17, at his former residence in Sandusky between December 2003 and May 2004. He was formally arraigned in February and a trial date was set for Tuesday, March 14. However, that date was adjourned.

Sanilac County Circuit Court officials said Burtch is now scheduled

for a final pre-trial hearing Monday, April 10, at 2:30 p.m. A trial expected to last 2 to 3 days has been scheduled to begin Tuesday, April 25, at 9:30 a.m.

Burtch also faces 8 counts of criminal sexual conduct in Tuscola County Circuit Court allegedly involving another former Cass City student.

Attorneys concluded a pre-trial hearing in that case Thursday, but a trial date has not been set yet.

Burtch was bound over to Tuscola County Circuit Court on 2 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct and 6 counts of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct following his Feb.

3 preliminary examination.

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

In the Tuscola County case, a 17-year-old former Cass City student has accused Burtch of inviting her to a carnival fundraiser at the high school in the fall of 2002, then inviting her to his Cass City home, where the 2 allegedly engaged in sexual activity. Burtch has been suspended with pay from his duties in the school district since last July.

Holbrook Area News

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Mr. and Mrs. Whitey Puvalowski, Mrs. Allen Depcinski, Mrs. Tom O'Henley and Mrs. Dale Laming attended a talent show at St. John's Parish Hall in Ubyly to raise money for the youth group for a trip to Pennsylvania.

Edith Jackson spent Tuesday and Savana Doerr spent Wednesday with Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sageman spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen and later they all had supper at Big Boy in Bad Axe.

Claude Mestack, Tom Talaski, Bernard Morley, Jack Kennedy and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Monday morning.

Sally and Pat Bell, Laurie and Katelyn of Cheboygan, Jim and Marge Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Sweeney, Brandon, Nicole and Brett, and Jim and Kay Sweeney were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ritter

and family for ice cream and birthday cake for Beth Ritter's 16th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Laming and family.

Marge Murdick of Shabbona and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr. Myron Wrubble, Allen Farrelly and June Rutz spent Monday in Flat Rock.

Visitors to see Thelma Jackson last week were Mr. and Mrs. Whitey Puvalowski, Mrs. Archie Rumpitz, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson of Ubyly, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sturrett, Jim Puvalowski of Bad Axe, and Mrs. Allen Depcinski.

Mrs. Bryce Hagen visited Joyce Zuluaf at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe on Tuesday.

Jim Booms of Harbor Beach visited Jim and Kay Sweeney on Sunday. Eight members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill Thursday morning. They will meet at Big Boy in Bad Axe next week.

Stanley Filar of Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, Mrs. Martin Sweeney and Brian Sweeney visited Veronica Dolinski and Thelma Jackson Thursday.

Mrs. Allen Depcinski visited Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Holdwick and Bruce of Harbor Beach Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hagen came home Sunday after spending 2 weeks in Florida where they visited Barb and Lorraine Messing in Florida and Randy Heleski in Georgia.

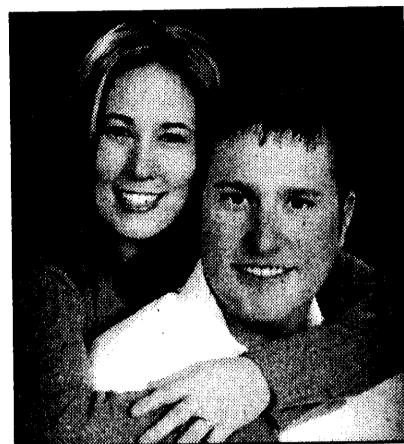
Leone Doerr of Argyle and Mrs. Curtis Cleland visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr Sunday afternoon.

Allen Farrelly came home Friday after spending a week with June Rutz and family of Sterling Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Doris Western were among a group who attended the ham and sausage dinner at the Port Hope Lutheran Church Sunday.

June Rutz of Sterling Heights and Allen Farrelly visited Jim Sommersville at a Port Huron hospital Wednesday.

Engaged



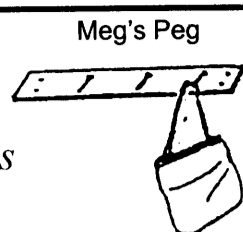
Janis Mastie & Eric Lasceski

Jim and Marilyn Mastie of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Janis, to Eric Lasceski, son of David and Genevieve Lasceski of Kinde.

Janis is a 1998 graduate of Cass City High School. She is a 2002 graduate of Saginaw Valley State University with a degree in biology. Currently, she is employed in the Dowpharma Research and Development Department of Dow Chemical in Midland.

Eric is a 1997 graduate of North Huron High School. He is a 2001 graduate of Alpena Community College. Currently, he is employed by I.B.E.W. local 876 as a journeyman lineman.

The couple is planning a Sept. 9, 2006 wedding at St. Pancratius Catholic Church in Cass City.



No-frills flying

by Melva E. Guinther

Airlines are in the news a lot lately. They seem to be having a hard time - bankruptcies, potential strikes, etc. It keeps passengers on edge, not from fear of flying so much as wondering if they'll get where they're going or if they'll be able to get back.

With the price of fuel, etc., you can understand the need for airlines to economize.

When we flew over Christmas, those measures were evident. There was no movie and very few amenities.

Airline food has never been considered a gourmet feast, but it used to be filling, sometimes even tasty, and free. On this flight, they offered snacks - for a price.

Stan was hungry and decided to order one. It was pretty pathetic. A tiny bit of cheese, a couple crackers and

a cookie, for \$3.00 as I recall. I opted for the party mix and beef stick I'd brought from home, and shared with him. Soft drinks were still free, but who knows how long that will last?

You'd be wise to carry a bottle of water and a sandwich if your flight is very long.

Our trip overall was quite comfortable, though, if you consider what it might have been.

Someone sent me the following description of a real economy flight.

You'll Know It's A No-Frills Airline If:

* They don't sell tickets; they sell chances.

* All the insurance machines in the terminal are sold out.

* Before the flight, the passengers get together and elect a pilot.

* If you kiss the wing for luck before boarding, it kisses you back.

* You can't board the plane unless you have the exact change.

* Before you take off, the flight attendant tells you to fasten your Velcro.

* The captain asks all the passengers to chip in a little for gas.

* When they pull the steps away, the plane starts rocking.

* The captain yells at the ground crew to get the cows off the runway.

* You ask the captain how often their planes crash and he says, "Just once."

* No movie. You don't need one; your life keeps flashing before your eyes.

* You see a man with a gun, but he's demanding to be let off the plane.

* The planes do have a bathroom -- and a chapel.

Speaking of flying, I heard about a guy who had been given an offer from a large company that flew him to the meeting on business class.

On the return flight, the passengers were given gourmet brownies and cookies, which the man decided to save for his kids, since he wasn't hungry. He placed the goodies in an air-sickness bag.

After the plane landed, he got up to leave and a flight attendant, seeing the bag, asked, "Sir, would you like me to dispose of that for you?"

He quickly replied, "No, I'm saving it for my kids."

"Talk about economizing!"

Student registration scheduled

Kindergarten and preschool registration for Owen-Gage Schools will be Wednesday, March 15, in the school library.

There will be 2 sessions offered, one from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., and one from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. You may attend the session of your preference. Children are welcome and there will be activities available for them while parents attend the registration session of their choice.

Parents must bring their child's birth certificate, social security card, and an up-to-date immunization record to the registration.

Before entering kindergarten, a child should have received the mandatory immunizations established by the state of Michigan. This includes DTP/DtaP - 4 doses, the last dose must be after the child's fourth birthday (most children will have five doses); Polio - 3 doses, the last dose must be after the child's fourth birthday (most children have four doses); MMR - 2 doses; Hepatitis B - 3 doses; varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or proof of immunity. A parent's statement that the child has had chickenpox is sufficient documentation.

A signed certificate by the health department or a licensed physician must be provided to the school by the beginning of the school year.

Parents and students will also be notified in August about an orientation day when there will be an opportunity to visit teachers and classrooms before school starts in the fall.

If you have any questions or concerns, call the school at (989) 678-4141.

Library to host e-Bay program

Are you interested in selling items on eBay, but don't know how to get started? Come to the library March 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (lunch will be on your own from noon to 1 p.m.) and learn the ins and outs of selling on eBay.

Glenda DeMasellis, education specialist trained by eBay, will be the instructor. What better way to learn than by having a professional teach you!

DeMasellis uses the most up-to-date training materials that are used by eBay University. The training will teach you how to: do research and create listings that will attract buyers. Enhance listings with better descriptions and photography. Set pricing that will maximize your profits. Open and use a PayPal account to simplify getting paid. Monitor sales to know exactly what's working and what's not. Avoid many of the costly mistakes that new eBay sellers may make.

Cost of the program is \$60 per person, which includes 5 hours of instruction and an eBay booklet (\$10 value).

This program is limited to the first 15 people who register. Payment is due at time of registration. Computer literacy is a must for this program. For additional information or to register, call the library at (989) 872-2856.

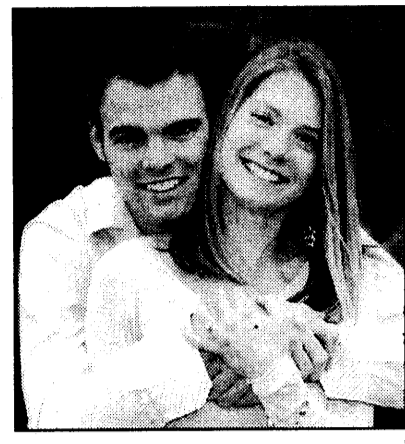
Flowers set to present program

Rawson Memorial Library is hosting a special slide program presented by Pam Flowers, author of the book "Alone Across the Arctic" at 6:30 p.m., March 9.

Flowers and her 8-dog sled team left Barrow, Alaska alone on Feb. 14, 1993 in an attempt to cross the frozen roof of the world. The plan was to retrace the route of Danish explorer Knud Rasmussen's portion of the 5th Thule Expedition. Their destination, the tiny remote Canadian Arctic Village of Repulse Bay, lay 2500 miles east.

This program is sponsored by the Thumb Area Reading Council, which is part of the Michigan Reading Association. This association is a dynamic and diverse organization with a mission to promote literacy.

Engaged



David Hobbs & Kaitlin Bloomfield

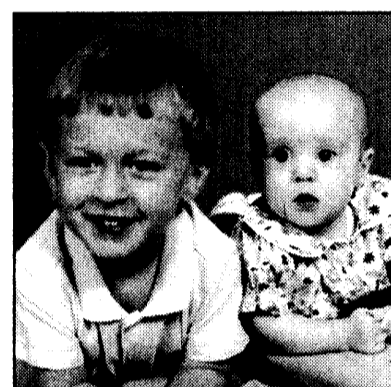
James and Deborah Hobbs announce the engagement of their son, David Jonathan, to Kaitlin Rose Bloomfield, daughter of Robert and Kathleen Bloomfield of Lake City.

David is a 1999 graduate of Cass City High School and a 2003 graduate of Central Michigan University. He is currently attending Drexel University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, Penn.

Kaitlin is a 2000 graduate of Lake City High School. She received an elementary education degree from Central Michigan University in December of 2005.

The couple is planning a June 3, 2006 wedding in Cadillac.

It's a girl!



Paige Elisabeth Roth

Dieter and Shannon Roth announce the birth of their daughter, Paige Elisabeth Roth.

Paige was born Sept. 26, 2005 at Huron Memorial Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Paige was welcomed home by a big brother, Matthew. Her grandparents are Dale and Lynda McIntosh and Harold and Ilse Roth, all of Cass City. Her great-grandmother is Nancy Helwig of Cass City.

Cass City Honor Roll

Cass City High School announces the third marking period honor roll.

Grade 9

All A's: Aaron Bardwell, Kyle Kausch, Gregory Leslie, Travis Mabe, Sarah Reed, Jennica Richards, Lukas Varney and Clark Walsh.

B or better: Krystal Alexander, Samantha Auten, Austin Babich, Bryan Burk, Thomas Burns II, Chelsea Depner, Leigha Drohn, Elisa Ellis, Cassidy Frank, Matthew Hallwood, Michael Howard, Sarah Howard, Chelsea Israelson, Alexandra Kappen, Amanda Langenburg, Kelli Lautner, Brittany Loomis, Candice Marks, Elizabeth Michalski, Amanda Miller, Travis Mozden, Carl Nicol, Cassandra Parker, Carly Rabideau, Andrew Rohlfs, Chris Summersett, Jennie Thorp, Krysta Timko, Tyler Tomlinson, Joram Tyson, Megan VanVliet, Ariel Veneziano and Timothy Vincent.

Grade 10

All A's: Isaiah Battel, Evan Bushong, Danielle Delamarter, Madeline Dooley, Trey Helwig, Kristie Karr, Thomas Parrish, Ashlee Spencer and Derek Weidman.

B or better: Rodney Abasso, David Acker, Meleah Auten, Christopher Binder, Ryan Brown, Ethan Damm, Erica Darr, Anna Deel, Ashley Deel, Andrew Deering, Kelly Eisele, Chantal Field, Kevin Goniwicha, Stephanie Healy, Scarlett Helland, Zachary Hopper, Ashley Hutchinson, Devin Jamieson, Brittany Karavas, Adam Kranz, Benjamin MacGown, Shane McFarland, Lacey Morrish, Alyssa

Grade 12

All A's: Caitlin Barnes, Donna Bushong, Libby Doerr, Ashley Hendrick, Katherine McIntosh, Ashley Puterbaugh, Chad Sparks, Lindsey Speirs, Jenna Timko, Kalen Trischler and Jeffrey Wills.

B or better: Nicholas Bader, Jennifer Brinkman, Sarah Childs, Stacy Crandall, Danielle Dickson, Andrea Erla, Logan Gaymer, Justin Glaza, Aimee Hennessey, Matthew Koepf, Bradley Langenburg, Dean Little, Jill Lowe, Philip Nahernak, Steven Noaker, Heidi Pomeroy, Tara Powell, Klyn Puterbaugh, Rebecca Putnam, Eric Reed, Jarod Stoutenburg, Jeffrey Stoutenburg, Brandi Talaski and Amber Weiss.

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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

I was suspicious when I received a call from TV-12 wanting to interview me about the wolverine I wrote about several weeks ago. Research indicated it was an attempt to satirically ridicule a major grant given to an Indian tribe for plans to control wolves in the northern Lower Peninsula. Wolves have not been documented in the area for a quarter of a century.

Regardless, the guys took my picture and it was part of the video presented last week Wednesday and Thursday.

What's interesting is that the story excited the interest of Paul Leak, a Michigan native who lives in Florida. He and his wife are visiting and the story resulted in a trip from Bay City to talk to me.

He said that the Wolverine was not extinct in Michigan for 100 years. He said that his former father-in-law, Ed Spaulding, killed one in the early 1940s in mid-Michigan and it was featured in a story with a picture.

Since the story appeared several other undocumented sightings of wolverines have been called to my attention.

A pleasing trend in high school athletic events is the singing of the national anthem by students. The presentation at Saginaw Nouvel Catholic High School Friday was noteworthy. It was sung in harmony. Very impressive.

After learning how little I knew about the wolverine, the reporters rightfully did not stress my association with the sighting. They were impressed when they learned that I have been on the job (sort of) for over 55 years and included it in the commentary.

Volunteers seek homes

Organizers of the "Rebuilding Together with Christmas in July - Tuscola County" program are looking for homes to work on this year.

To be eligible for consideration, a home must be occupied by the owner, property taxes and insurance must be up to date, and the owner must meet certain income eligibility guidelines.

Typical work done on selected homes includes painting, cleaning, minor window/door upgrades, minor plumbing work, and yard clean-up. There is no charge to the homeowner for the work done on the house.

The 2006 work date is set for Saturday, July 8.

Volunteers from across the county will pull together to tackle the chores lined up for the day. Some major tasks may be started beforehand, or may be completed after the project date, but most of the work will be completed in one day.

To apply for assistance, to refer someone else's home for repairs, or to volunteer your time and talent, contact board member Julia DeGuise at (989) 673-4121 or (989) 672-6352.

Applications must be submitted by Monday, April 10, to be considered for this year's projects.

Cass City School busses in top shape

Student safety has always been a top priority in the Cass City School District, which is why school officials recently recognized their transportation department staff for a job well done.

The Cass City Board of Education was recently notified that, following an annual bus inspection conducted by the Michigan State Police, the district's bus fleet received a clean bill of health, with not one red or even a yellow tag issued this year.

Inspection officials issue a yellow or red tag to a bus when they find a mechanical problem. A yellow tag indicates a minor problem. When a red is issued, the bus is pulled off the road until the necessary repairs are completed.

"This is absolutely outstanding and to our knowledge the first time we have ever done this well," said school Supt. Ken Micklash.

Transportation Director Bob Kozan called the inspection results "the best we have had in my 16 years as transportation director."

Kozan was quick to credit all bus drivers along with bus mechanic Rich Sattelberg in a letter to his staff.

"This tells me that you the drivers

are paying closer attention to your pre- and post-trip inspections and reporting any problems to Rich," Kozan wrote.

"The teamwork involved in the day-to-day operation of transportation is essential to the success of our department. We all play a vital role in making sure that our students are transported safely to and from school and school related events."

Forensics team victorious

The Cass City High School Forensics Team traveled to Grayling Saturday for its annual Forensics Tournament. The Red Hawks traveled with 5 entries. Cass City was champion in its division, scoring 4 times as many points as its closest competitor.

Individually, Kurt Hanby finished first in Storytelling and Kyle Swanson finished first in Sales. Finishing second was Sarah Langmaid in Sales. Courtney Hacker finished third in storytelling and Brittany Loomis finished 6th in Oratory 9/10.

The Haire Net

Nothing like cold, clear spring water



It took 20 years, but Michigan finally did what should have been done 2 decades earlier. Passed laws to regulate large withdrawals of water from the Great Lakes basin. It was in 1985 that Michigan joined 7 other states and Canada to sign an agreement to protect the world's largest body of fresh water from withdrawal or diversion.

The other participants passed laws protecting their water within the states, but Michigan had none until last week when Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed the bill that regulated large water supplies in the state.

The new regulations were slow in coming, as lawmakers worked for a balanced law that protected the needs of agriculture and industry and protected the resource for future generations and for recreational use.

Reading about this law immediately directs my thoughts to the court case involving withdrawals of water by Ice Mountain Spring Water for bottling, which consumes large amounts of water.

While a deal has been struck with the company and allows thousands of gallons of water to be taken each day, environmental groups are in court seeking a ruling that prohibits diverting water outside of the state. A while ago the flowing water spring located south of Elkton suddenly

stopped flowing. It was a favorite stopping place when in the area. Nothing like cold, clear spring water on a hot summer day.

I never determined why it went dry briefly, but I was overjoyed when it started its continual flow again.

It serves as a reminder of just how precious water is and how fortunate folks are who live in Cass City and other places where there is adequate supplies of water. One of the first things I heard 55 years or so ago when I came to town was that a river runs under our community.

While new water regulations will require a massive expenditure to take arsenic out of our supply, the upside is that the water is tested and meets rigid standards for public safety.

Standards not required when purchased by the bottle. I regard buying water as a promotion that compares with the craze a few years ago of buying a pet rock.

If you want a rock, go to a nearby field and pick one up. If you want clear, tasty water, turn on the tap in your kitchen.

Or go to the flowing well near Elkton. It's the best and it doesn't cost a buck or so a bottle.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

A recent study of college costs proves once again that some folks have a strange set of values. An Associated Press story says the Lumina Foundation for Education reports that college is too expensive for many low and median-income students.

The Foundation's survey of 3,000 colleges and universities shows many students will have to borrow money if they want to attend college.

Duh? What a bummer! I hope this doesn't affect the type of car these kids have to drive.

I remember a similar survey of college seniors a few years back. Many of those students had outstanding loans for their education.

Several said, "This is horrible! I planned to travel around Europe for a year or two, but now I'll have to get a job to pay off my loans!"

Welcome to the real world, Sweetie. Lots of folks have to get jobs.

Why would kids who borrow money for cars, televisions, and vacations object to taking out loans for school? It wasn't that long ago when borrowing money for college was quite a privilege.

I remember heading off to Ohio State University in the early '60s when tuition was \$100 per quarter. That seems cheap by today's standards, but it wasn't in those days.

My alma mater wasn't the most expensive college in the world, but a reputable university nonetheless. Ohio State graduates have gone on to become everything from bums to brain surgeons. I'm almost sure I didn't learn everything the university had to offer.

I felt lost on the huge campus, but I looked around and noticed everyone else was lost, too. You could see it in their eyes, as they stumbled about — bumping into ginkgo trees and bearded guys in turtle-neck sweaters.

I might have gone to Dartmouth or Brown if I had known where those places were, but I just wasn't the liberal arts type. Besides, I had no idea what kind of squirrel hunting they had in New England.

So my old buddy Doug and I chose Ohio State. We planned to get an apartment and live high on the hog for a few years, or however long it takes to go to college.

That's when we learned how many hogs it takes to pay the rent on one of those apartments — and how many pigs had apparently lived there before us. Then, Doug got cold feet and chickened out. I went, though, squeaking by on scholarships and government loans.

College students loved to borrow money in the '60s. The generation before us had to work their way through college. Government loans meant students of modest means could attend school full-time if they wanted to.

I know some of the doctors, lawyers, and veterinarians had much higher loans to pay off than I did, and I sympathize with them. But those were smart people, and I'll bet you anything they found a way to get it back.

I don't think I'll ever feel sorry for folks who borrow for their education. That's some of the best money they'll ever get to spend.

Board approves buyout

Continued from page one.

our goal to maintain it, but to strive to improve it.

Kimball asked the board to list the strength of the school. Jim Turner called attention to the All-A rating of the 3 school buildings. Cathy Kropewnicki said that the current financial problems could be used to devise creative ways of cost cutting without damaging the curriculum.

Rabideau said that the school has a "complete package" in curriculum and in extra curricular programs.

Challenges facing the district include establishing the "no child left behind" program and finding the money to implement it. Another problem we face is the lack of long-term planning, trustee Danny Haag said. Finally meeting the adequate yearly progress (AYP) mandated by the state will be a very taxing program, Jody Melodic, Campbell principal said.

Discussion between the board and Wilson under the direction of Kimball concluded the special session.



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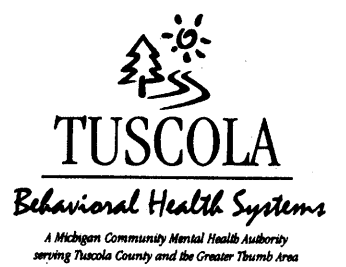
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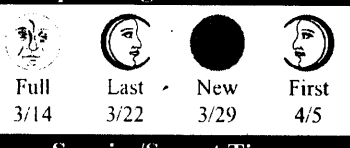
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Red Hawk Talks

by Donna Bushong

Snow days don't slow this town down! With no school on Thursday or Friday, preparations continued for the many activities this month.

The band started off this month's activities with district band festival on Saturday, March 4. This festival was attended by seventh, eighth, concert, and symphony bands. Each band went through a performance and sight-reading to receive their rating. A 1 rating at district festival means a trip to state festival.

Forensics has also begun their season and has had several meets already. The forensics team has proven to be very popular in Cass City and has become known for their success at state championships.

The winter sports teams have finished up their regular seasons and soon the spring sports teams will begin conditioning and practicing for the upcoming season.

Who needs Broadway when we have the Cass City High School All-School Play? This year's play is *Wonderland*, and will take place this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (March 10-12). Auditions took place in early December and they have been re-

hearing ever since. This is a once a year event so don't miss it.

The quiz bowl season continues in the new month. Upcoming events include the tournament of champions and for the A-team, the State quiz bowl tournament.

Student Council is busy making the preparations for the rest of the year. This includes prom and the after prom party.

National Honor Society is busy counting and rolling pennies. They are holding a penny drive for leukemia and lymphoma. The drive is a competition among second hour classes. The winner will receive 5 Hungry Howie's Pizzas. And since it is a penny drive silver change or bills can be put in other classrooms boxes as negative points.

With the end of the fourth marking period, we are two-thirds of the way through the school year. For anyone who is not a senior, the year has been extended because of the number of snow days. With spring break later this month, the remaining one-third of the year should go by rather quickly.

Kelly finishes training

Army National Guard Private Cory A. Kelly has graduated from the light-wheeled mechanic Advance Individual Training (AIT) course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

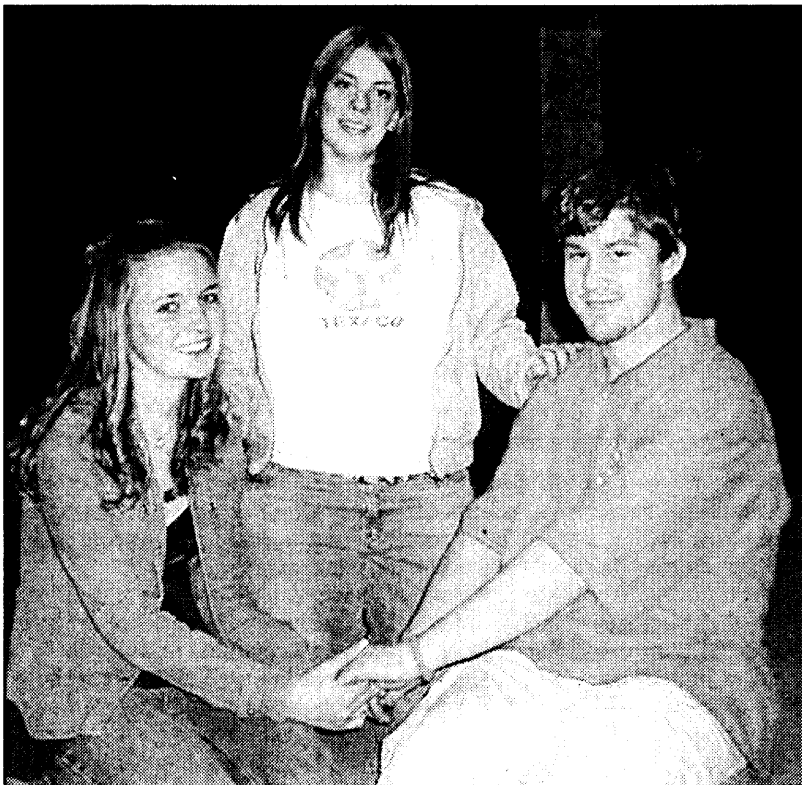
The course is designed to train soldiers to perform maintenance, troubleshoot and repair wheeled ve-

hicles and related mechanical components, which include internal combustion engines and power trains, spark- and compression-ignition engines, wheel-hub assemblies, hydraulic brakes and suspension and steering systems.

Kelly is the son of Kay L. Peruski of Cass City.



MARCH IS READING Month, and students at Campbell Elementary School in Cass City celebrated with the annual "Reading Across America" celebration. Above, Cass City High School junior Sara Meeker was among dozens of older students and members of the community that dropped in at the school to read to students Monday. (Related photo, page 10)



School play on tap

CASS CITY HIGH School students (from left) Katie Klco, Whitney Kirn and Trevor Copeland rehearse a scene from this year's play, "Wonderland", which will be presented March 10, 11 and 12. The Friday and Saturday night performances will start at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday matinee is scheduled for 3 p.m. In all, there are 31 students in the cast and crew for the production.

Letters to the Editor

Campaign set to aid servicemen

The Cass City Civic Center is organizing a project to send gift packages to all area servicemen who are currently serving in the U.S. military, either in the U.S. or overseas.

If you have a relative, friend or know of someone who is currently serving our country as a soldier, would you please mail in their name and address to: Cass City Civic Center, P.O. Box 53, Cass City, MI 48726.

In order for our servicemen to receive these gifts by Memorial Day, we will need to receive their addresses by April 1.

The gift packages will include such items as hygiene products, soap packets, baby wipes, powdered drinks, phone cards, and candy.

If you would like to help with this project by donating any of the above items, please bring them into Knight Insurance Agency on Main Street in Cass City. We could also use monetary gifts to help with the cost of shipping.

If you have any questions, please call 872-5114.

Richard Little,
Cass City

Students did great service

Dear Mr. Micklash,

I would like to thank everyone from the Cass City Schools who participated in the fall food drive. The amount of food donated to the Department of Human Services was incredible!

When we came to pick up the food, I entered the outside door to the high school stage and was overwhelmed by the amount of food. As we were packing the cans in smaller boxes, one of my volunteers asked if I had seen the rest of the food on the other side of the stage curtain. I looked and my mouth literally dropped open in amazement.

I especially want to thank Phillip Nahernak for coordinating the food drive and counting over 3,000 non-perishable food items. He is a remarkable young man. I also am very grateful for the muscle power provided by the wrestling team to pack and load the food into vehicles. What would have taken my volunteer hours, was accomplished in minutes.

Hundreds of needy families in Tuscola are blessed because of the generosity of your students and personnel. I am looking forward to being amazed again this fall.

Sincerely,
Laura Hendrick, Community Resource coordinator
Tuscola County Department of Human Resources

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.

Cass City bands earn top ratings at festival

The Cass City High School band students proved themselves to be more than up to the task over the weekend when they performed at the Michigan State Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) District Band Festival, held Laker High School.

Both the Cass City High School Concert Band and the Cass City High School Symphony Band earned straight Division I ratings, the highest mark possible.

During the competition, each band performed 3 selections they had rehearsed. Judges also scored the bands on their ability to sight-read 2 selections in which they had only 7 minutes to rehearse before performing. In both areas, the bands received perfect marks.

The performances qualify the Cass City musicians to compete at the MSBOA State Band Festival, scheduled for Friday, April 28.

The bands are under the direction of Todd Thamer, interim director of bands.

Annual walk raises more than \$42,000

Human Development Commission (HDC) officials recently announced that the 16th annual Walk for Warmth, which took place Feb. 25, was a huge success. As in previous years, Walk for Warmth supporters came out in force to help friends, family and neighbors in their own back yards deal with home heating emergencies this year. Simultaneous walks occurred in Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola counties and raised awareness and money for the Walk for Warmth campaign.

This year's event saw not only an increase in the amount of money raised - over \$42,000 and counting - but also an increase in the number of walkers who participated.

HDC is one of 1,000 Community Action Agency members of the National Community Action Partnership. The mission of HDC is "...to empower individuals and communities to identify their needs and secure the resources necessary to achieve their goals of self-sufficiency and an improved quality of life." HDC offers nearly 70 programs and services, including Walk for Warmth.

If you are interested in donating to the Walk for Warmth, it is not too late. To make a donation, simply mail a check or money order to: HDC, Attn: Walk for Warmth, 429 Montague Ave., Caro, MI 48723. For more information on Walk for Warmth or other HDC fundraising events, contact Ruthann at (989) 673-4121.

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	Multiplier	Ratio
Agricultural	1.098	45.54
Residential	1.126	44.41
Commercial	1.001	49.97

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Audrey Leslie, Supervisor

Notice of **BOARD OF REVIEW** for **Novesta Township** will be held

March 13, 2006 9 a.m.-12 & 1-4 p.m.
March 14, 2006 1-4 & 6-9 p.m.

	Tentative Equalization Factor	
	Multiplier	Ratio
Residential	1.01585	49.22
Agricultural	1.15324	43.36
Commercial	1.000	50.00
Timber Cutover	1.000	50.00
Industrial	1.000	
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Novesta Township Hall, Deford
Karen Mozden, Clerk

Notice of **BOARD OF REVIEW** for **Greenleaf Township** Will Be Held

Tuesday, March 7, 2006 6:30 p.m.
To present the roll. No public protest heard.

Monday, March 13, 2006 9 a.m.-Noon & 1-4 p.m.
Wednesday, March 15 2-5 & 6-9 p.m.

Greenleaf Township Hall on Gilbert Rd., 2 miles north of Cass City Rd.
Taxpayers may appeal assessments at either of the last two meetings or by mail to Judy Doerr, Clerk, at 7381 Germania Rd., Uby, MI 48475

	Tentative Equalization Factor	
Class	Ratio	Multiplier
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Commercial	45.12%	1.10816
Industrial	49.57%	1.00867
Residential	46.69%	1.07089
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The township will provide necessary reasonable service to individuals with Disabilities at the Board of Review Meeting upon 3 days notice to clerk.
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Notice of **BOARD OF REVIEW** For **Elkland Township** Will Be Held

March 13, 2006 9 a.m.-12 & 1-4 p.m.
March 15, 2006 1-4 & 6-9 p.m.
at 6691 Church St., Cass City
Dan Erla, Supervisor



'71 grads gather...

A GROUP OF CASS City High School graduates, all from the Class of 1971, recently gathered for a reunion in Florida. Pictured above, reading an issue of the Cass City Chronicle at Epcot Center in Orlando are (back row) Jan Glaspie Finkbeiner, Patty Doerr Coleman, Sherry Bacon Pellicore, (seated) Janet Weippert Laine, Diane Rabideau Patterson and Anne Bulen Jacobs. Finkbeiner organized the reunion and the women traveled from Florida, Michigan, Colorado, Virginia and New York to attend.

Award of excellence

Trio of Red Hawks honored

Four times during each school year a student from each of the 3 school buildings is honored as a recipient of the Red Hawk Award of Excellence.

The awards are for leadership, service, outstanding behavior, excellent academic performance and achievements in the school or in the community.

The third award night of the year was held Monday, Feb. 27.

Honored from Campbell Elementary School was Brennen Winter, son of Kirk and Lisa Winter of Cass City. He is in the fourth grade. His teacher says that he is a student of the high-

est integrity, conscientious about his school assignments and has earned continued membership on the honor roll. His teacher also describes Brennen as a hard worker who always strives to better himself and is quick to help other students when needed.

Tessa Kus, daughter of Dale and Janie Kus, Cass City, was selected from the middle school. The 6th grade student, says her teacher, is dedicated, conscientious and hard working. She is doing a great job in band and is also a serious student and class leader. She enjoys playing soccer, volleyball and basketball. She has

made the honor roll each of the first 3 marking periods and is active at her church. She is a student council representative.

Selected from Cass City High School was Jeff Stoutenburg, son of Ed and Susan Stoutenburg of Cass City. The senior has compiled a host of awards during his high school career. He was a 4-sport athlete - baseball, track, football, basketball - and earned all-conference honors in baseball and football. He is also an all-conference scholar-athlete. He was freshman class president and worked 2 years on the student council executive board.

He participated in the Red Cross blood drive and the M-DOT highway cleanup program. He has been active in the Cass City Little League, serving the past 4 years as an umpire. He was the coach of the 12-year-old all-star baseball team last year.

He has served as an usher at the Cass City Methodist Church and worked at its vacation Bible school. He plans to attend Central Michigan University.



DISPLAYING THE certificates and ribbons received for their selection for the Red Hawk Award of Excellence are, from left: Brennen Winter, Campbell Elementary; Jeff Stoutenburg, high school, and Tessa Kus, middle school.

Preschool needs help

The Owen-Gage Preschool needs your help. School officials are replacing their current climbing structure with an age-appropriate, approved one, and they are seeking donations to help with this project.

Donations may be mailed to the school at 7166 Main St., Owendale, Mich., with checks made out to Owen-Gage Preschool and designated for the preschool playground project.

School officials are offering an adopt-a-brick program for donations over \$100. This is an excellent opportunity to place a brick on the playground walkway in a visible recognition for your contribution. You may choose to advertise your business, honor a loved one, or place a memorial. Please include the adopt-a-brick information of your choice when you send in your donation, including a name and the type of recognition (business, honor, memorial).

Donations are to be placed by April 1, 2006, with anticipated equipment installation later this spring.

If you have questions, you may call

the school at (989) 678-4141, and ask for project coordinator and preschool Director Ann Garske.

Church to host Carl DeMeritt

The Rev. Carl DeMeritt, pastoral counselor at Covenant Healthcare, is slated to be the speaker for the Mission Sunday service at 9:30 a.m., March 12 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

During the Sunday school hour, Pastor DeMeritt will be speaking about his work as a hospital chaplain. Two issues included in his discussion are organ donations and advance directives.

A potluck dinner will be served at noon. The public is invited to this special service and program.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

Weaver Street, home of VFW Post 3644 in Cass City, has been renamed "Veterans Drive" thanks to a resolution approved by the village council. The request was made by local VFW members, including Martin Wark, Ron Palmer, George Lapp, Bruce Sherman and George Schwartz.

There are 1,000 fewer farms than there were in the beginning of 2000, according to the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service (MASS). And the loss was all in small farms with an average of 69 acres. Medium and large sized farms remained unchanged. The average size of Michigan farms is 200 acres. Nation-wide, the number of farms decreased .9 percent. This information was received from MASS in a press release. Also received during the week was a MASS 100-page annual report with detailed information about all Michigan farm operations. The report is for 1999 and as such probably is outdated in many categories covered. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Maybe after the season is long over, Cass City's Greater Thumb West championship team will have time to appreciate the school's first league championship, but today that's something for the memory books. To be recalled with pride along with a strand of the basket that each of the jubilant team members cut as tokens of the title-winning season. The Hawks won the title with an easy 72-54 decision over visiting Saginaw Valley Lutheran Seminary that wasn't even as close as the final score indicates. "Winning a league title in the GTW," Coach Jim Green smiled, "is quite an accomplishment. It is probably one of the toughest class C leagues in the state."

10 YEARS AGO

Cass City DPW employees were busy Monday installing a swing set, donated by Alan "Duke" Sward, at Cedarwood Park. The addition of a pavilion and grill at the park is among the projects listed in a proposed update of the village's 5-year Master Plan for Parks and Recreation.

Elena Korniyukhova will take many good memories home with her when the school year comes to a close. Looking back, it's been a year of firsts for the 16-year-old Russian, who in recent months enjoyed her first visit to a McDonald's restaurant, her first trip to Disney World, her first opportunity to play a team sport in high school. And, before it's all said and done, she hopes to attend her first prom, complete with a formal gown. But Korniyukhova will take home much more than memories; she'll return with a much better understanding of Americans and American culture, something she says she couldn't

have achieved without actually spending some time in this country. Korniyukhova, an exchange student hosted by Joy Anthony of Ubyly, came to the United States last August. Her journey included a 24-hour train ride from her native Samara north to Moscow.

Coaches have been waiting for Dan Sherman's great quickness and natural abilities to surface ever since he was moved up for part of the season to the Cass City varsity as a sophomore. He never quite reached the efficiency handling the ball that coaches and fans were looking for. Never reached it, that is, until his final regular season game Friday against visiting Bay City All Saints. Sherman was one of the principal reasons that the Hawks posted a 70-47 win over the Cougars, the same team that defeated Cass City earlier, 72-48.

25 YEARS AGO

The Cass City School Board authorized a new contract for Supt. Donald Crouse at its regular meeting Monday night at the high school despite the objections of Dr. E. Paul Lockwood and Thresa Burnette. Crouse previously had announced that he would not seek a pay increase for the 1981-82 school year. The superintendent works under a three-year contract. The practice has been to revoke the old contract each year and sign a new three year agreement with the first year at a changed wage scale. The idea behind the system was that it gives the administrator time to look for a new position if the board indicates that they are unsatisfied by not agreeing to an extension.

Typical of what's wrong with gymnastics was illustrated in a Thursday meeting. The trouble is the size of the schools that offer competition. Cass City lost to Midland (large Class A) which scored 98.3 points but was better than Millington (Class B) which scored 48.35. Cass City scored 60 points. Now, if the team could just drop down to compete in its own class (C) chances are they would sweep the competition. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Owen-Gage won its third district volleyball title in a row Saturday with wins over North Huron, Kingston and Caseville. Coach Judy Campbell's team now plays Dryden in the regionals at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes. The winner plays host Our Lady or the winner of the Hamtramck district tournament for the regional title. In the opening round at Caseville, Owen-Gage defeated North Huron, 15-7, 15-3. Its toughest match of the day was against Kingston, which it downed, 15-3, 15-12. The Bulldogs had to come from behind to win the second game.

35 YEARS AGO

One of the most critical space short-

ages at Hills and Dales General Hospital is in the hospital pharmacy. According to Byron Landholt, the reason for this is twofold. One is the greater patient load today over that of 10 years ago when the hospital was first opened and the second is the greatly expanded use of drugs for medication. The space shortage today is so acute that we are breaking State Health Department regulations, Tom Proctor, pharmacist, said, as he discussed the old and the proposed new hospital pharmacy. The law requires that all IV solutions and the additives be prepared by the pharmacist. However, there just isn't enough room to comply with this regulation today. Consequently the IV solutions are stored outside the area and nurses are making the preparations for the patients.

The Cass City Red Hawks ended the 1970-71 basketball season Thursday when they lost a heartbreaker to the Bad Axe Hatchets, 66-60, in overtime in the district tournament at Lake Huron High School. With the win, the Hatchets won the right to be clobbered last Saturday by the champion Lakers. The game was a nip and tuck affair all the way. Cass City played some of its best defensive ball of the season and on offense passed the ball for close-in shots.

The only silver lining in a cloud of weekend snow for villagers was that it came Saturday night and the village crew was able to go to work immediately, not hampered by parked cars. It was the season's worst snowstorm and closed schools for 2 days.

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6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136
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872-2604 or 872-5201
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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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Cass City Missionary Church
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989-872-2729
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.
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5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,
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Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
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SPIKERS RETURN TO GLORY

Cass City wins first district crown in 29 years

Cass City volleyball coach Beth Howard knew something about how her young spikers felt Saturday after securing the school's first district title in 29 years.

With relative ease, the Red Hawks captured the Class B district title in Birch Run by downing both Tri-Valley East foes Caro and Frankenmuth in straight games. Cass City will now advance into the Linden regional this weekend to face Mason at 12:30 with the winners squaring off against the Cornua - Flint Powers victors with a berth into the quarterfinals at skate.

Howard had to be reminded of Cass City's 1977 title, when she was then known by the name Erla and as the spikers' senior team leader. And she would like nothing better than for the Red Hawks to follow that team's achievements by adding a regional toga.

And if the Hawks can build on their recent success, Howard may get just what she wants. The Hawks opened district action with wins of 25-11, 25-23 and 25-16 over neighbor Caro and never looked back.

"The girls played their best ball ever," Howard said. "They played as a team, moved well, communicated well and played fired up all day."

Senior Ashley Hendrick enjoyed a banner day for the champions and recorded 14 kills, 2 blocks, 10 receptions and 10 digs against the Tigers. "Ashley was on fire. She was really putting the ball away," Howard said. Hendrick got plenty of help with the net chores from Sara Meeker and Emily Schinnerer who each posted 6 kills in the semifinal win. Schinnerer also added 12 receptions and 13 digs. "Emily played great ball all day."

Cass City's fabulous freshmen - Amanda Langenburg, Carly Howard and Sara Howard - all made solid contributions in their maiden district

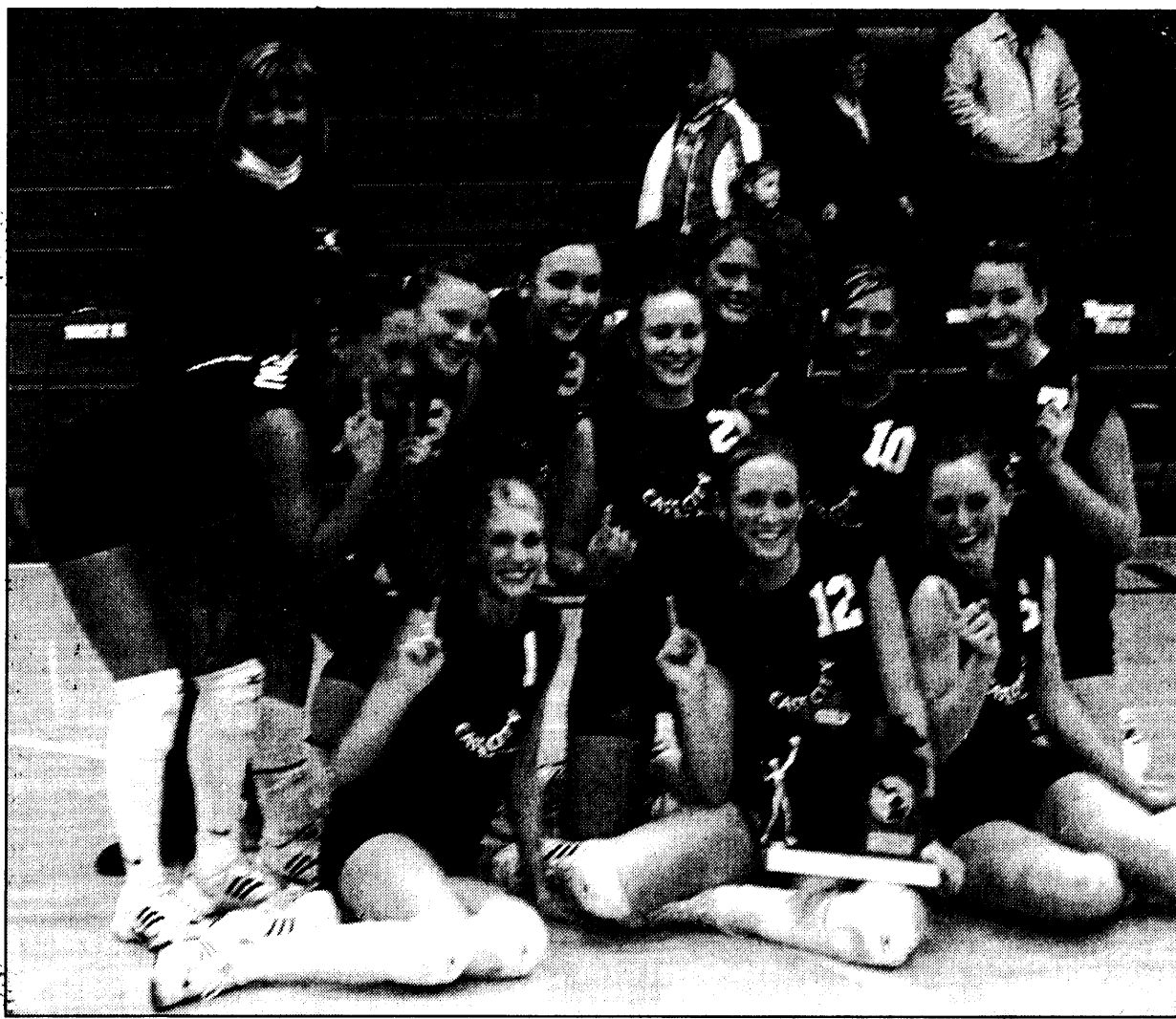
action. Langenburg contributed 28 assists and 8 digs; Carly Howard, 16 digs and 4 aces; and Sara Howard, 3 kills and 4 aces.

In the finals, the Hawks downed the Eagles, for a second time this year, by the scores of 25-15, 25-12 and 25-20.

The Hawks were never seriously challenged en route to the crown and Howard gives some of that credit to her emerging freshman setter.

"Langenburg did a great job of setting and mixing things up," Howard said. Adding "Sara Howard really came through for us at the service line and Carly Howard on defense."

Hendrick continued her fine net play in the finals and recorded 13 kills to compliment nicely 6 receptions and 6 digs. Schinnerer and Meeker split 8 kills in the championship game, while Carly Howard had 12 digs and Langenburg, 23 assists.



THE CASS CITY volleyball team is all smiles after claiming the Class B district crown in Birch Run. The Hawks now advance into regional play this weekend in Linden. They are (seated, from left): Carly Howard, Ashley Hendrick, Sara Meeker (background, from left) Courtney Rabideau, Amanda Langenburg, Emily Schinnerer, Ashleigh Rabideau, Maddie Dooley, Lauren Dillon, Sara Howard and (standing) Coach Beth Howard.

Cass City gymnasts close out promising season at regionals

Cass City's gymnastic season came to a close Saturday during division 2 regional competition in Hartland.

Although none of the 6 individual Red Hawk regional qualifiers finished among the top 8 positions, required to advance into the state finals, first year coach Kathy Bouverette was more than pleased with the efforts she received from her rookie season's squad.

"They did real well. And next year looks pretty exciting," Bouverette said, noting that all of her regional qualifiers are underclassmen.

The Hawks' best showing over the weekend came during the vault competition where Caitlin Sorenson finished in a tie for 14th with a score of

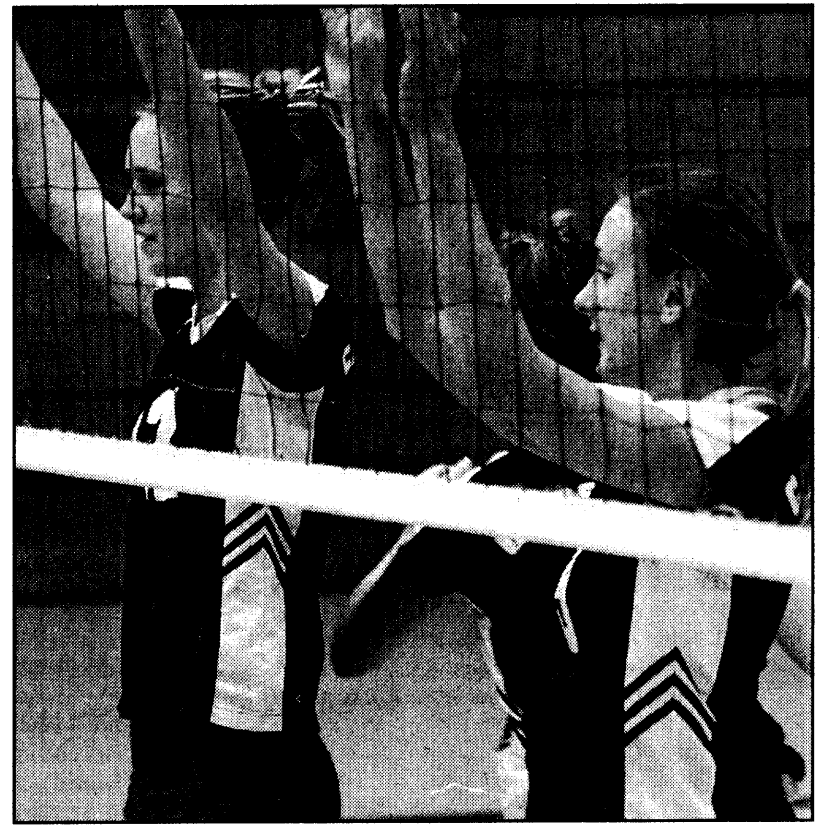


Caitlin Sorenson

8.5. Cass City also had Allie Richards with a mark of 8.4, good for a 15th place tie in the event, while Jennica Richards and Megan VanVliet each tied for 26th place with marks of 7.85. Rounding out the Hawks' effort in the vault was Ashley Weiss who earned 31st place with a score of 7.5.

Cass City also received a pair of 28th place performances at the regional. On the uneven parallel bars, Cass City had Sorenson with a team best score of 7.3, while Jennica Richards' score of 7.975 topped the Hawks' effort during the floor exercise.

Allie Hillaker earned Cass City's best results on the balance beam with a mark of 6.85 to finish in the top 50 at the regional. Allie Richards turned in a score of 6.50 on the beam and 7.225 on the floor exercise.



ASHLEY HENDRICK (left) and Emily Schinnerer gave Cass City a strong presence at the net Saturday to help the Red Hawks capture their first district title in 29 years.

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The Cass City volleyball team captured the school's first district title in 29 years Saturday without losing a single game during victories over Caro and Frankenmuth.

The district champions are: (front l-r) Courtney Rabideau, Carly Howard, Sara Meeker, Ashley Hendrick (2nd row) Sarah Howard, Ashleigh Rabideau, April Pica (3rd row) Lauren Dillon, Amanda Langenburg and Emily Schinnerer.

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Bulldogs defeat Memphis

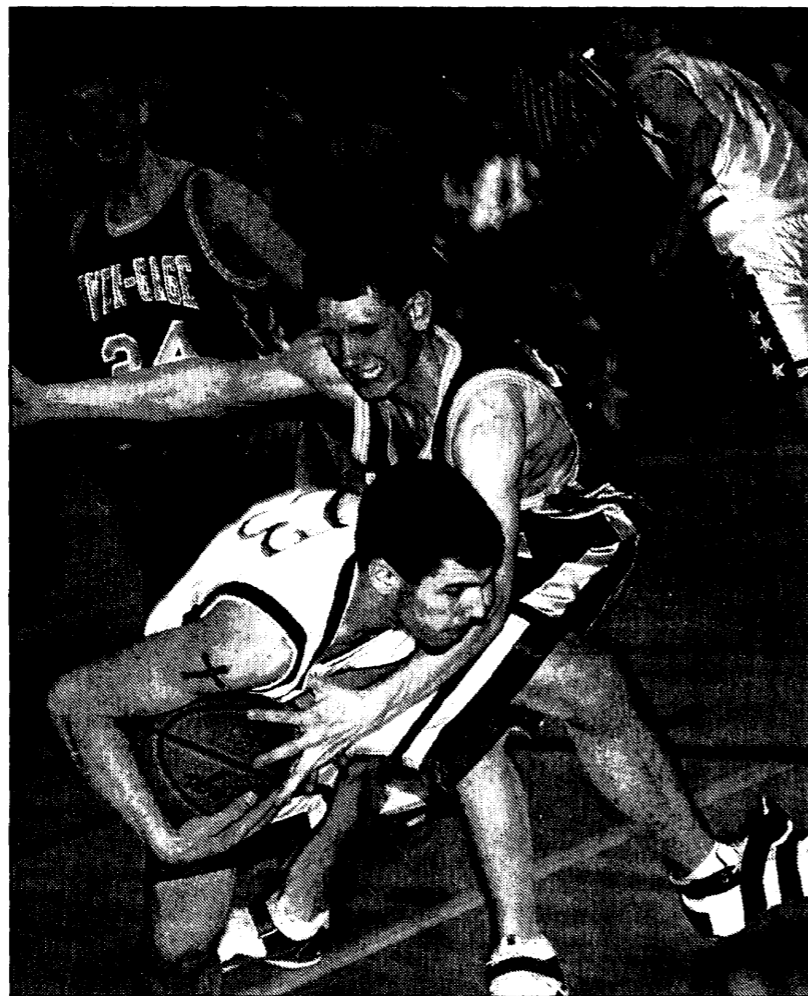
Owen-Gage ended its regular season on a positive note Friday, slipping past Memphis 53-51 during a North Central Thumb League cross-over battle in Owendale.

The favored Yellowjackets gained a 14-10 margin after one period and then extended the gap to 33-24 by the intermission. Steve Healy handled the scoring chores for the guests throughout the opening half, hitting for 19 of his game-high 25 tallies.

But in the final half the Bulldogs stepped up their defense pressure and used a 16-6 run to gain a 40-39 advantage entering the final 8 minutes. Freshman Brent Reil paced the hosts' rally with 8 markers in the third stanza, including a 3-point buzzer beater that gave Owen-Gage a lead it wouldn't surrender.

Down the stretch the winners used 3 field goals from Aaron Gaeth and a 7 of 12 showing at the foul stripe to seal the victory.

Gaeth led a balanced scoring attack for the Bulldogs with 15 points, while Eric Zaleski and Reil each added 11 and Grant Champagne, 10.



BULLDOG ERIC ZALESKI pressures Port Hope's Dustin Weiss during Monday's district action in Owendale.

At Owendale district Weiss vaults Bluestars past Owen-Gage 66-54

Port Hope used solid guard play, combined with an incredible shooting performance from senior Dustin Weiss to upset Owen-Gage, 66-54, Monday during the opening night of Class D district play in Owendale.

The loss puts the Bulldogs into the record books with a record of 10-11, while the Bluestars, who collected just 4 wins on the year, advance into tonight's (Wednesday) semis to challenge Caseville with a scheduled 7:30 tip off. Akron-Fairgrove, who defeated Saginaw Arts and Science 79-51 to open Monday's district action, will square off against North Huron in Wednesday's other semifinal meeting beginning at 6:00. The semifinal winners compete for the district title on Friday night at 7:00.

The Bluestars built an early 9-4 margin behind guards Joseph

Woodke and Matt Koglin who traded fast break lay-ups in the early going. And although the Bulldog offense was held scoreless from the field for over a 5-minute period following Nathan Rogers' opening bucket, its defense eliminated Port Hope's inside presence and the game remained tight until the 1:41 mark of the period.

That's when Weiss threw in 3 consecutive bombs from behind the arc in a 30 second span, lifting Port Hope to an 18-6 margin.

Weiss kept the hot hand in the second period and another trey put Port Hope in front, 22-8. However, Owen-Gage pulled to within 27-19 at the break as they closed the half on a 9-0 run with baskets from Josh Howard, Aaron Gaeth and Brent Reil.

In the final half, Weiss added a pair of treys to help extend the Bluestars'

margin to 38-27. But the Bulldogs refused to go down without a fight and when freshman Reil hit a running jumper at the buzzer, Owen-Gage trailed 42-32 with 8 minutes remaining.

Port Hope responded and built its advantage to 53-34 with an 11-2 run to open the final period and then went into its deliberate offense sets to run time from the clock.

The strategy also backfired as Zaleski scored a pair of baskets for Owen-Gage, which trailed just 59-54 with 58 seconds remaining.

Weiss' career night included 6 treys and a game-high 28 points for Port Hope, while Koglin added 14 and Woodke, 13.

Owen-Gage had Zaleski with 16 points and Reil with 12 as its only double figure scorers.

Hawks take solid effort against Nouvel into Frankenmuth district

Coach Aaron Fernald will undoubtedly be pleased if his charges take the floor by All Saints the winner of the Frankenmuth-Caro class B district game Thursday at Frankenmuth and play as well as they did in the first 3 quarters at Saginaw Nouvel last Friday.

The Hawks lost to the Chargers, 55-48, in a nip and tuck game.

Going into the last quarter the score was tied at 33-all and after Andrew Martin scored the first hoop of the period, Nouvel scored 9 unanswered points that proved decisive.

The rally was paced by Timothy Ryan who notched 4 of his 11 points in the fourth quarter and the Chargers were in front, 42-35.

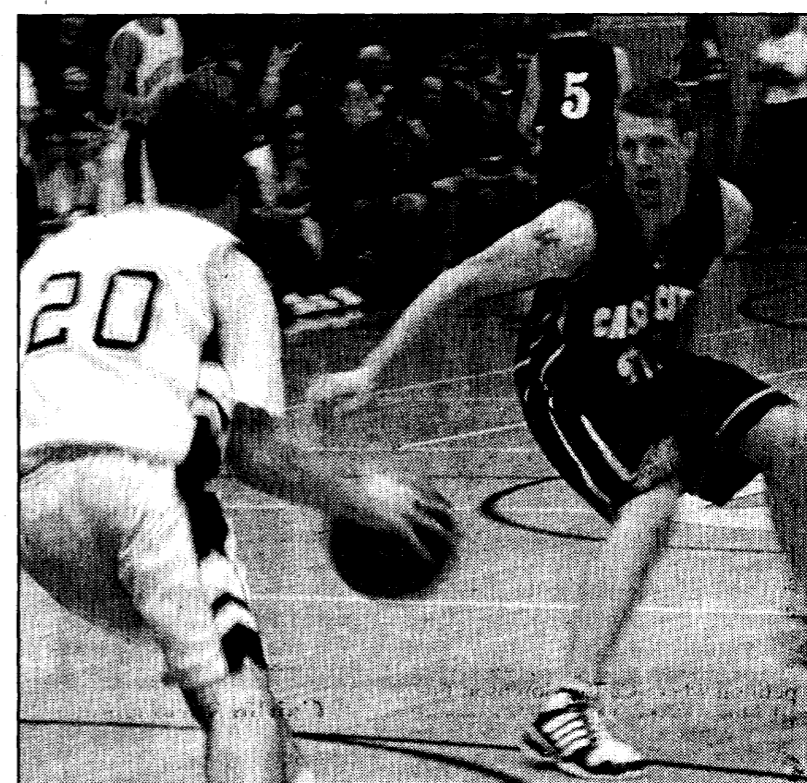
Cass City closed the gap to just 4 points on baskets by Brad Langenburg and a pair of free throws by Deryll Schenk with 2:53 left to play. Nouvel then put the game away as Ryan notched 5 unanswered points and Sean White added a hoop to push the Chargers in front, 51-40.

Despite the loss, Fernald feels that the team played well against a team with many good athletes. Nouvel obviously had the Hawks well charted and with a strong defense kept the ball out of the hands of Justin Glaza most of the evening. Cass City's leading scorer was held to 7 points.

The Hawks used some tight defense to stay in front in the first half. In the first quarter the lead changed hands twice and Nouvel was in front by a point starting the second period.

Cass City bounced in front at the intermission, 25-20, as Langenburg netted 5 points on a pair of hoops,

Brad Hartel added a trey and Glaza converted 4 of 4 from the charity stripe in the second quarter and Nouvel netted just 9 points.



LUKE HENDRICK of Nouvel brings the ball up the floor as Deryll Schenk applies the defensive pressure. Nouvel won, 55-48, with a last quarter rally.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST				
Team	W	L	W	L
USA	12	0	19	0
Reese	9	3	14	6
BCAS	8	4	15	5
Cass City	6	6	12	8
Valley Lutheran	4	8	5	15
Lakers	3	9	7	13
Bad Axe	0	12	1	18

GREATER THUMB EAST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Brown City	10	2	16	4
Marlette	10	2	15	5
Sandusky	8	4	12	8
Ubyly	6	6	10	10
Harbor Beach	5	7	10	10
Mayville	3	9	5	15
Deckerville	0	12	1	19

NCTL NORTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
North Huron	12	6	12	6
Owen-Gage	8	10	9	11
Caseville	8	10	8	12
Port Hope	2	15	3	15
Akro-Fairgrove	0	17	1	18

NCTL SOUTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
Kingston	18	0	20	0
CPS	16	2	17	3
Memphis	10	8	10	10
Dryden	8	9	9	10
Peck	6	12	6	14

Cass City comes up short at Bay City

It was a tough game to lose, but Cass City fans can point with pride because their team failed to quit even though they were in the midst of a 3-game losing streak and trailed Bay City All Saints by as much as 15 points Tuesday on the Cougars' home floor. The final score was 69-66.

While any loss is hard to take, the defeat by All Saints was not as bitter as other defeats. Coach Aaron Fernald said before the game that he felt that the Cougars have the second best personnel (behind USA) in the Greater Thumb West.

The Saints are led by Ryan Janer who passed the 1,000 points mark in a 3-year career with 23 points and none were more important than the final 2 hoops he scored to thwart a great comeback by Cass City.

The Hawks trailed all of the way until the final period. The Cougars jumped off to a 19-12 lead in the first quarter as Janer netted 8 points to lead his team's attack. Brad Langenburg kept the Hawks in the game with a pair of treys and 2 free throws.

All Saints stretched the lead to 35-22 at the intermission and the teams traded baskets in the third quarter to set the stage for the Cass City rally. Propelled by a 15-0 run in the last

quarter and some fine play by Langenburg and Justin Glaza, who closed out their careers in the Greater Thumb West with 21 points each, the Hawks charged into the lead for the first time in the game, 59-58, with 4:10 left to play.

The score was knotted at 63-63. The Hawks scored and Janer hit a pair of jumpers to push All Saints into a 67-65 lead with 50 seconds left. In the last seconds with All Saints in front by 3 points, 2 3-point shots by the Hawks failed to find the mark and All Saints squeaked out the win.

The teams traded wins during the season. Cass City won the first game at home, 62-49.

CASS CITY - Glaza 4-4 (1-3) 21; Hartel 2-1 (0-0) 7; Stoutenburg 0-0 (1-2) 1; Schenk 3-0 (0-0) 6; Clifton 1-0 (0-0) 2; Landrith 2-0 (0-0) 4; Langenburg 3-3 (6-7) 21; Martin 2-0 (0-0) 4.

TOTALS - 17-8 (8-12) 66.

ALL SAINTS - Janer 6-2 (5-5) 23; Heintskill 1-2 (3-6) 11; Agnew 2-0 (0-0) 4; Facundo 1-1 (0-0) 5; Marvin 1-0 (0-0) 2; Spyhalski 6-0 (4-6) 16; Hull 1-0 (0-0) 2; Simpson 2-0 (2-3) 6.

TOTALS - 20-5 (14-20) 69.

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Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, March 9

Dogsled Slide Show, 6:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Saturday, March 11

How to Sell on eBay Class, 9-3 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Please call to register, 872-2856.

United Hospice Service 2nd Annual Euchre Tournament, 6 p.m., Continuous Learning Center, 3270 Wilson St., Marlette. Call (989) 635-4134 for more information.

Monday, March 13

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

Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14

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.

Wednesday, March 15

United Sportmen's Alliance meeting, 7 p.m., Cass City Gun Club, 2676 Englehart Rd. All are invited. For more information, call (989) 872-2398.

Obituaries

Sharon Dennis

Sharon Kay Dennis, 46, of Vassar, died unexpectedly Monday, Feb. 27, 2006 in Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

She was born Aug. 15, 1959 in Lincoln Park, the daughter of Clark and Betty (Schenk) Hodgson.

Dennis was a C.N.A. at Tendercare Nursing Facility in Cass City. She worked in nursing care for over 20 years.

Dennis is survived by her children: Angel (Matthew) Hux and Aron Dennis, both of Greenbush; 2 grandchildren; a sister, Dawna (Allan) Nelson of Vassar; a brother, Randy Williams of Curacao Island in the Caribbean; nieces and nephews; and her grandparents: Paul and Martha Schenk of Bad Axe.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Betty Williams and Clark Hodgson.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 3, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Elder Steven Beebe of Community of Christ Church, Mayville, officiating.

Interment was in the St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, Bach.

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

Randell Hiatt

Randell Lee Hiatt, 55, of Cass City, died unexpectedly Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006 in his home.

He was born April 3, 1950 in Tacoma, Wash., the son of Robert Donald and Elizabeth Jean (McGregor) Hiatt.

Hiatt graduated from Cass City High School. While in high school he participated in track, setting school records. He was recently baptized at Colwood United Brethren in Christ Church in Caro.

Hiatt is survived by his children: Ashley Chapelo of Caro, Jesse Rader of Cambridge, Mass., Alex Hiatt of Cass City and Ivy Hiatt of Cass City; 2 grandchildren; a brother, Ken (Donna) Hiatt of Taylors, SC; and a niece and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 2 infant siblings.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 3, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Genevieve Obee

Genevieve Elizabeth Obee, 89, of Minden City, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006 in Marlette Community Hospital after a long illness.

Obee was born Nov. 4, 1916 in Flint, the daughter of John and Lydia (Holler) Manke.

She married Walter Obee June 27, 1957 in Alpena. He died Nov. 18, 1994.

She worked for Chrysler Corporation for over 20 years as a quality inspector.

She is survived by a daughter, Beverly (Stanley) Reese of Deckerville; 5 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by 10 brothers and sisters.

A memorial service will be held in the spring at her graveside in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City, with Debra L. Kranz, funeral service celebrant, officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Parenting classes scheduled

Sanilac MSU Extension officials recently announced their next class offering for the winter series. Parenting education classes are open to all families who live in Sanilac County and are held in the county conference room, 37 Austin St., Sandusky.

"How to Talk so Kids will Listen," a 6-week series for caregivers of children ages 2 to 18 years, will be offered Tuesday evenings beginning April 4. The 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. class series has a \$10 fee and scholarships are available. Parents will learn tools for healthy communication and practice new methods and proven skills for healthier family interactions.

Participants must register to attend a class by calling Sanilac MSU Extension at (810) 648-2515. Questions about parenting education programs can be directed to Gail Innis, Extension educator.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Marvin B. Plaznich and Kristie Kelly Plaznich, husband and wife, to JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NA, fka BANK ONE, NA, successor by merger to NBD BANK, dated November 12, 1996 and recorded on November 25, 1996, in Liber 701 on Page 1098, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Forty and 39/100 Dollars (\$119,840.39), including interest at Twenty-Eight and 07/100 Dollars (\$28.07) per day.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on March 30, 2006.

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

Commencing 78 feet East and 33 feet South of the Northwest corner of Section 4, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, thence South 122 feet thence West 45 feet thence South 10 feet thence East 92 feet thence North 132 feet thence West 47 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of Lots 1 and 2, Block 2 of Village of Kingston, formerly Newberry, being part of Stephen's Addition, ALSO known as Stephenson's Addition to the Village of Kingston, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 24 of Deeds, Pages 304-305. Commonly known as 5976 State Street, Kingston, Michigan 48453.

Tax Parcel Identification Number 039-500-402-0150-00.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a third party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: February 7, 2006
JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, NA Mortgagee

Attorney for Mortgagee: Dingeman, Dancer & Christopherson
JASON P. ECKERLY (P64955)
100 Park Street
Traverse City, Michigan 49684
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Case No. 04-22743-CH

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

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

City of Vassar, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, which is legally described as follows:
Commencing at a point 933.00 feet South of the Northwest corner of the West half of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; thence East 200.00 feet; thence South 150.00 feet; thence West 200.00 feet; thence North 150.00 feet to point of beginning.

Also described as proposed Lot 5 of Harry & Loretta's Estate. Together with an easement for ingress and egress to and from said premises over and across an existing road in the East 66.00 feet of the West 266.00 feet of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Town 11 North, Range 8 East. More commonly known as 7118 Down Creek Rd., Vassar, MI 48768 ("Subject Property").

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant Dickenson's interest in the manufactured home, a 1972 Parkwood and identified by the serial #MBS0894 (hereinafter Mobile Home), that is affixed to the real estate comprising the Subject Property, is extinguished. This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale.

Dated: January 11, 2006

THOMAS T. KERN,
Sheriff

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By: Christopher S. Astfalk, P53129
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jill Wright, a single woman, Don A. Wright and Barbara Wright, husband and wife, as joint tenants, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 27, 2004 and recorded March 2, 2004 in Liber 982, Page 435, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as trustee for ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2004-0P1 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates 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 Ninety-Two Thousand Eighty-Eight and 74/100 Dollars (\$92,088.74), including interest at the rate of 7.10% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statute of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on March 30, 2006.

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

Parcel 1: Commencing at a point 330 feet West and 315.16 feet North of the East one-quarter corner of Section 3, Township 12 North, Range 9 East, thence continuing North parallel to the East line of the Northeast one-quarter of said Section 68.07 feet; thence South 47 degrees 47 minutes 22 seconds West, 79.99 feet to the Northeastly right of way line of Bush Street; thence along said right of way line North 42 degrees 12 minutes 38 seconds West, 53.58 feet; thence North 47 degrees 47 minutes 22 seconds East, 131.25 feet; thence North 88 degrees 09 minutes 04 seconds East, 66 feet; thence South 147.67 feet; thence North 88 degrees 09 minutes 04 seconds West, 66 feet to point of beginning.

Parcel 2: Commencing at a point that is North 88 degrees 09 minutes 04 seconds West, 330 feet along East and West one-quarter line of Section and North 01 degrees 31 minutes 06 seconds East, 457.38 feet from the East one-quarter corner; thence continuing North 01 degrees 31 minutes 06 seconds East, 13.84 feet; thence South 47 degrees 47 minutes 22 seconds West, 140.81 feet to the Northeastly right of way line of Bush Street; thence along said right of way line South 42 degrees 12 minutes 38 seconds East, 10 feet; thence North 47 degrees 47 minutes 22 seconds East, 131.25 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 mortgages 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: March 1, 2006
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as trustee for ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2004-0P1 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, As Assignee.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenton J. Howard and Kim Perez, husband and wife, original mortgagees, to Icon Financial Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 5, 2000 and recorded on June 12, 2000 in Liber 803 on Page 296, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, successor in interest by merger and/or name change to Chase Mortgage Company as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Fourteen and 06/100 Dollars (\$79,414.06), 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 April 6, 2006.

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

Lot 2, Block 1 of Pinney's Addition to the Village of Cass City, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 60, now being Page 6B, 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: March 8, 2006

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Peggy M. Peacock, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Grand Oak Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated August 23, 2002 and recorded on September 12, 2002 in Liber 893 on Page 990 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. d/b/a Americas Servicing Company as assignee by an assignment on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Four Hundred Seventeen and 46/100 Dollars (\$94,417.46), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 30, 2006.

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

LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLINGTON, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: PARCEL B: COMMENCING AT THE CENTER OF SECTION 9 TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, MILLINGTON TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST 90.0 FEET ALONG THE NORTH AND SOUTH QUARTER LINE OF SAID SECTION 9 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; RUNNING THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 199.81 FEET; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 289.10 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST 198.91 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 289.10 FEET ALONG THE NORTH AND SOUTH QUARTER LINE OF SAID SECTION 9 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST.

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

Dated: March 1, 2006

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Derek D. Trower, a married man, and Kristina Trower, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 29, 2003 and recorded on January 20, 2004 in Liber 974 on Page 847 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgage to Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificate Holders of CWMB5 2004 HYBS as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Fifty-Eight and 57/100 Dollars (\$17,058.57), including interest at 4.375% per annum.

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

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

Dated: February 22, 2006

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2-22-4

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Chuck Daley, a married man, a/k/a Charles Daley, and his wife, Judith Daley, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Mortgagee, acting as nominee for lender Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. dated September 24, 2002 and recorded on October 30, 2002, in Liber 900 on Page 685, Tuscola County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety One Thousand, One Hundred Forty Eight and 56/100 Dollars (\$91,148.56), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on April 6, 2006.

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

Commencing at the Northeast Corner of Section 14, Town 12 North, Range 8 East; thence West on the Section Line 20 Rods; thence South at Right Angles 12 Rods; thence East 20 Rods; thence North 12 Rods to the Place of Beginning, commonly known as: 3505 W. Caro Road.

Tax Parcel No.: 79-014-014-000-0200-00

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

Dated: February 24, 2006

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
P.O. Box 2026
Flint, Michigan 48501
Mortgagee, nominee for lender Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., 4500 Park Granada, Calabasas, California 91302-1613

Prepared by: Brandon K. Buck, Esq.
Maddin, Hauser, Wartell, Roth & Heller, P.C.
28400 Northwestern Highway, 3rd Floor
Southfield, MI 48034

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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 Christopher A. Huizar II, a single man, original mortgagor, to DMR Financial Services, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 17, 1998 and recorded on July 22, 1998 in Liber 745 on Page 694, and assigned by said Mortgage to Alliance Mortgage Company 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 Fifty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Two and 95/100 Dollars (\$54,622.95), including interest at 7.5% 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 April 6, 2006.

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

Lot 11, Block 1 of Agar Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 86, now being Page 36B.

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: March 8, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC W (248) 593-1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #086051F01

3-8-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by MARY ANN CULLEN, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, to DMR FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., Mortgagee, dated March 10, 2000 and recorded on March 13, 2000, in Liber 796, on Page 207, and assigned by said mortgage to M&T MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Dollars and Twenty-Three Cents (\$70,330.23), including interest at 8.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 30, 2006.

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

LOT 10 AND THE EAST HALF OF LOT 11, BLOCK 1 OF WILMOT & WALKER'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF CARO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 9, NOW BEING PAGE 10A.

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

Dated: February 22, 2006

M&T MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Mortgagee/Assignee
Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075
Client I.D. MT.0014

3-1-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gregory Spencer, a married man, and Carlene Spencer, his wife, original mortgagors, to Today's Home Mortgage, Inc., a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 15, 2005 and recorded on March 7, 2005 in Liber 1029 on Page 978 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust, 2005-6 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Five and 2/100 Dollars (\$101,775.22), including interest at 6.85% 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 April 6, 2006.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, Juniata Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 32; thence East 135.00 feet along the South Section line to the Point of Beginning; thence North 0 degrees 01 minutes 22 seconds West, 625.50 feet; thence East 532.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 01 minutes 22 seconds East 417.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 01 minutes 22 seconds East 208.50 feet to the South Section line; thence West 115.00 feet along the South Section line to the Point of Beginning, above described parcel being recorded in Liber 465, Page 191, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: March 8, 2006

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 #084874F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by NORMAN R. BECKROW and ANN E. BECKROW, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to REPUBLIC BANK, Mortgagee, dated August 29, 2001 and recorded on October 30, 2001, in Liber 845 on Page 1296, and assigned by said mortgage to GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Twenty-

Two Dollars and Ninety-Eight Cents (\$148,022.98), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

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

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

THE S 1 / 2 OF THE NW 1 / 4 OF THE NW 1 / 4 OF THE SW 1 / 4 OF SECTION 13, T10N, R7E, WITH THE S 40 FEET RESERVED FOR PUBLIC EASEWAY.

TAX ID NO. 003-013-300-0900-00

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

Dated: February 16, 2006

GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075
Client I.D. GMAC.0512

2-22-4

The North one half of the South one half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, except commencing at the East Quarter of said Section; thence North 0 degrees 0 minutes 0 seconds East, 1678.03 feet along the East Section line to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 36 seconds West, 280.0 feet; thence North 0 degrees 0 minutes 0 seconds East, 32 feet; thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 36 seconds East, 280.0 feet to the East Section line; thence South 0 degrees 0 minutes 0 seconds West, 32.0 feet along the East Section line to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: February 15, 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 #082718F01

2-15-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Terry Cortimilia and Linda Cortimilia, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 29, 2003 and recorded on December 11, 2003 in Liber 968 on Page 1024 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgage to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred One and 56/100 Dollars (\$63,901.56), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

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

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

Lot 7 and the West 1/2 of Lot 8, Block 3 of the Plat of Gates, now Village of Reese, except beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 7; thence North 8 rods; thence East 24.00 feet; thence South 66 feet; thence East 75 feet; thence South 66 feet; thence West 6 rods to the Place of Beginning, as recorded in Liber 29 on Pages 115 of Plats.

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

Dated: February 22, 2006

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 #084215F01

2-22-4

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. 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 Ralph E. Bills and Kelly Bills, husband and wife of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for People's Choice Home Loan, Inc. dated the 21st day of January, A.D. 2005, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 17th day of February, A.D. 2005, in Liber 1028 of Tuscola Records, on Page 216, which said mortgage was assigned to HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Indenture Trustee under the Indenture relating to People's Choice Home Loan Securities Trust Series 2005-2, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2005-2, through mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, day of January, A.D. 2005, for principal of \$90,090.32 (Ninety thousand, Ninety dollars and Thirty Two cents), plus accrued interest at 7.50% (seven point five zero) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of March, A.D., 2006, at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Akron, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows:

Part of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of section 27, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of said Section 27, said point being along the East-West one-quarter line said Section 27 North 89

degrees 59 minutes 02 seconds West, 1311.06 feet to said West line, and along said West line South 00 degrees 26 minutes 52 seconds East 664.98 feet from the East one-quarter corner of said Section 27; thence continuing along said West line, South 00 degrees 26 minutes 52 seconds East, 653.40 feet to the South line of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of said Section 27; thence along South line North 89 degrees 59 minutes 08 seconds East, 200.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 26 minutes 52 seconds West, 653.40 feet; thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes West, 200.00 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 4200 Tobias Rd.

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

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

Dated: February 15, 2006

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage
Welman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S
Troy, Michigan 48064
WWR#05007704

2-15-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by MICHAEL UMPHREY, A MARRIED MAN, AND MELISSA UMPHREY, HIS WIFE, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDERS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; LENDER IS ALLIED HOME MORTGAGE CAPITAL CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated November 13, 2003 and recorded on November 19, 2003 in Liber 965 on Page 46 in TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred thirty thousand nine hundred sixty and 31/100 Dollars (\$130,970.31), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

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

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF WATERTOWN, TUSCOLA COUNTY, Michigan and are described as:

PART OF THE SW ONE-QUARTER OF THE SE ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 20, T10N, R9E, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SECTION LINE THAT IS S 87 DEG 33'58" W, 1976.00 FT FROM THE SE CORNER OF SAID SECTION 20; THENCE CONTINUING S 87 DEG 33'58" W, 160.00 FT; THENCE N1 DEG 58'47" W, 264.01 FT; THENCE N 87 DEG 33'58" E, 159.04 FT; THENCE S 2 DEG 12'17" E, 264.00 FT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

DATED: February 15, 2006

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue, Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDERS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; LENDER IS ALLIED HOME MORTGAGE CAPITAL CORPORATION Mortgagee

For More Information Call: (248) 540-7701

2-15-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John Miller and Faith Miller, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to MacClair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 13, 2000 and recorded on February 22, 2001 in Liber 822 on Page 271, and assigned by said Mortgage to Standard Federal Bank, a Federal Savings Bank as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Two Hundred Thirty and 80/100 Dollars (\$110,230.80), including interest at 8.75% per annum.

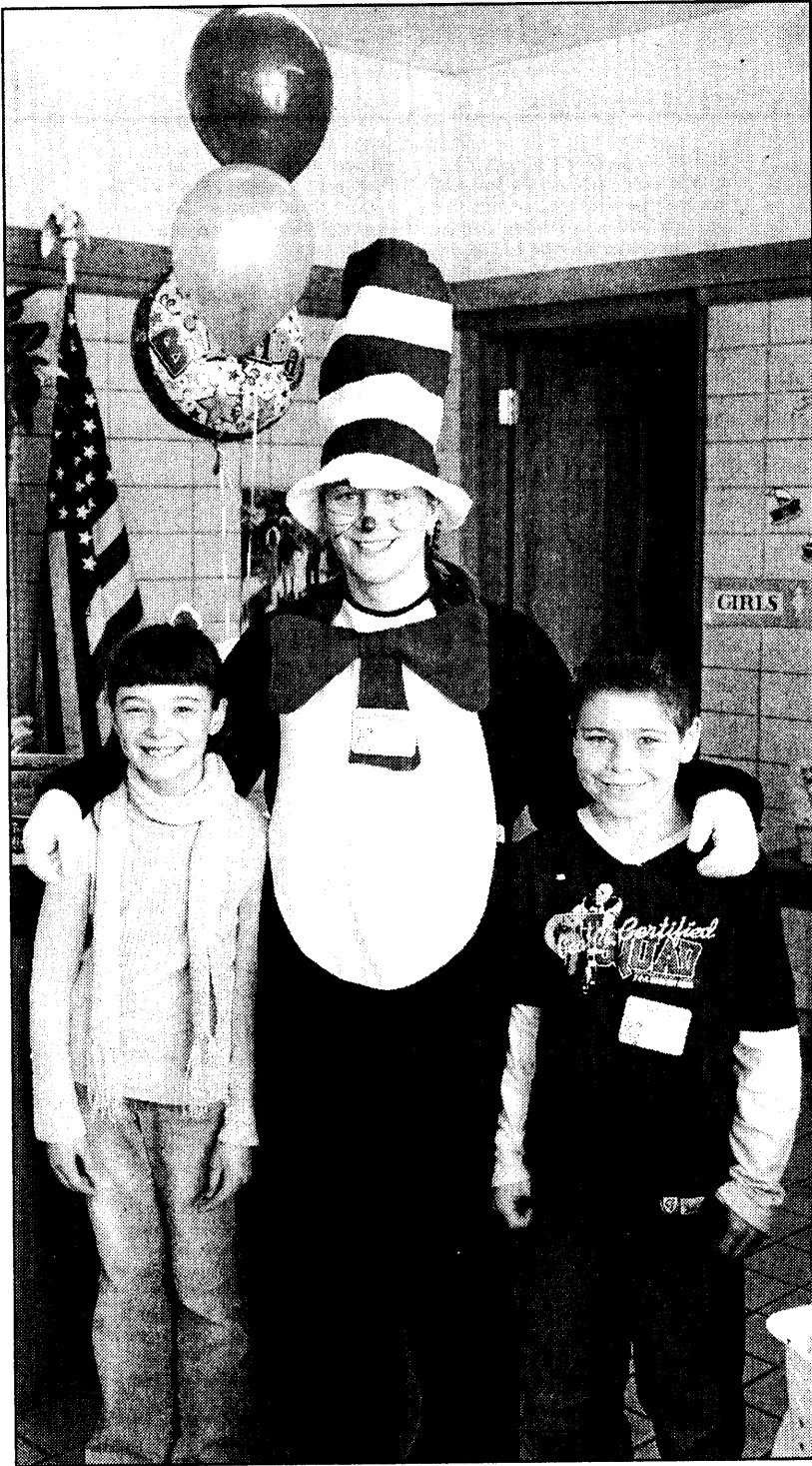
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola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

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

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

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THIRD GRADE students Erika Martin and Kyle Ross, pictured above with the "Cat in the Hat" (Cass City High School junior Ashleigh Rabideau), served as greeters Monday, welcoming guest readers during the "Read Across America" celebration at Campbell Elementary School.

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Notices

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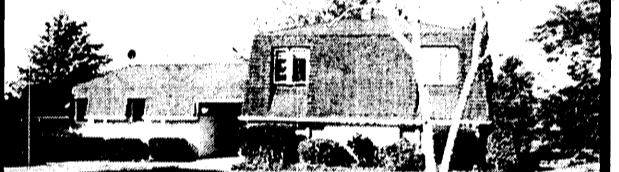
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JOANNE HOPPER, an educator from Cass City (right), poses with colleague Barb Appold and Harvard Business School Professor John Kotter at Kotter's home in Harvard Square last month.

Hopper at Harvard

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mid of intervention to help the kids that are not succeeding."

While in Boston, Hopper and her colleagues had the opportunity to meet Kotter at his residence at Harvard. She said they discussed Kotter's experiences with "change leaders" from business, government, public and private sectors.

"More than anything, Kotter emphasized that leaders need to accept the responsibility for change and move forward rather than making excuses or letting stumbling blocks get in the way," Hopper said.

"As we were departing, I asked Mr. Kotter one last question," she noted. "What book would you recommend that we read? Without hesitating, (he) recommended Nelson Mandela's autobiography, 'Long Walk to Freedom'. Kotter stated that he is spending time reading autobiographies to learn from great leaders about the challenges they faced and how they persevered despite the odds."

Hopper said her attendance at the conference was sparked, in part, by the philosophy of the faculty at CMU,

where she is in the process of earning her Doctorate of Education Degree.

"The professors there push students to share what they've learned with the education community," she explained.

Hopper, who earned her bachelor's and master's degree at Saginaw Valley State University, began her career in education as a teacher. She taught English to grades 9-12 at Owen-Gage for 5 years before being named junior-senior high principal there.

She later accepted the position of assistant director of general education and distance learning coordinator at the Lapeer ISD.

Seven years ago she joined the Sanilac ISD, where her duties focus on areas such as professional development, leadership, curriculum support and student services for the county's 7 public school districts. She also serves as principal of the Sanilac County Science and Math Center Accelerated High School.

"I really like it there. I like the relationship we've built with all of the public schools in the county," she said.

Teschendorf tosses hat into ring

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where he graduated high school in 1967. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University in 1971.

He has 32 years of public service. Teschendorf started working for the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department in 1973, and was promoted to road sergeant in 1981. He is currently a lieutenant and the county's jail administrator. He was named the 2004 Tuscola County Sheriff's Department Officer of the Year.

"Crime in general, especially drug-related crime, is an epidemic," said Teschendorf. "Our state prisons are near capacity and the increased effort by the state to reduce prison population has had an adverse effect on county jail populations putting an additional burden on local governments."

Teschendorf has the support of the

Tuscola County prosecutor and sheriff.

"I have worked with Lee approximately 13 years," said Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reene. "He displays a rare combination of common sense and dedication to his work. In his role as lieutenant at the sheriff's department, he manages an extraordinarily complex jail operation on a day-to-day basis. He has unique insight into many of the issues that confront the state and region because of the nature of his work, and its impact on the community."

"I have personally observed Lee at various meetings facilitate solutions to long-standing problems."

Reene also mentioned Teschendorf's extensive law enforcement background and said that his personality would be an asset to Huron and Tuscola counties and bring a fresh perspective to Lansing. "Lee has the ability to build coalitions across a broad spectrum of interests, which is a talent he could successfully utilize in Lansing," added Reene. "His experience could effectively be relied on to address the many challenges Michigan faces in both short and long term. Based upon the discussions I have had with Lee, I believe he has one agenda - make Michigan and the Thumb the best possible places they can be for all their citizens to live, work and raise families. It is my hope he is given the opportunity to satisfy that most worthwhile objective."

Sheriff Tom Kern has worked with Teschendorf for over 2 decades, and although his leaving the department

would be a loss, he said he feels Teschendorf would be a good representative for the Thumb area.

"I feel Leland Teschendorf would be an asset to our legislature," said Kern. "Many of the laws passed or debated have to do with the criminal justice system. Legislators look to those who have experience in the field."

Kern noted Teschendorf comes from a farm background with the operation of the family farm in Huron County so he understands the need for keeping our farm industry in tact."

"We have an excellent opportunity to assist our area farmers and protect our environment with the continuing emphasis on the development of alternative fuels," said Teschendorf. "The expansion of ethanol and the development of bio-fuel facilities would provide a source of consumption for our local crops, lower storage and transportation costs, and reduce our country's dependence on foreign oil."

Teschendorf is a life member of the National Rifle Association (NRA), a past president and the current treasurer of the Greater Thumb Area Lodge of Fraternal Order of Police, he has served on the Thumb Regional Community Corrections Board for 20 years, a member of the national, state and county Republican Party, a member of the Richville and Tuscola County conservation clubs, a supporter of the Forgotten Man Ministries in Huron and Tuscola counties, a supporter of local Special Olympics, and an avid supporter of pro-

grams for youth with special needs. "Providing our children with quality education in a safe environment is of the highest priority," Teschendorf said. "Also, out-of-control medical care and prescriptions is affecting employers, workers and especially our senior citizens. An effort must be made to stabilize these costs and assist everyone so they can have access to the quality of care we all expect and deserve."

In his spare time, he collects and refurbishes Allis Chalmers WD tractors, and enjoys hunting, fishing and boating.

"The state is rich with natural resources and recreational opportunities. This should be promoted to make our state and the Thumb area a destination for tourists," said Teschendorf, who along with his wife of 30 years, Christine, have one daughter, Kristen, who is a student at Highland Pines School in Caro.



Musical

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"We began auditions (for this play) in January," Penland said. "We rehearse on Thursdays and Sundays. It's the time we can all get together because we all work."

Graff, a Caro native who has taught in Cass City for the past 6 years, said she has been singing most of her life and has performed at a few benefit concerts in Cass City and Caro.

"It's just for fun. This is only my third play," said Graff, who indicated her students know about her love of singing. "They just love it because I get to serenade them during the day."

"I love country music, I love the fact that I get to sing," Graff added. "I'd rather sing than act."

Her musical tastes and talents come naturally. They certainly run in the family, according to Graff, who said her mother, Marilyn (Guinther) Young, who is originally from Cass City, is also a country music fan.

"This is my mother's music," she added. "She's down in Florida and she's singing Patsy Cline in a band down there. I wish she could come to the play."

Penland believes the upcoming shows will be a hit with audiences, whether or not they are familiar with Patsy Cline and her musical legacy.

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