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TORNADO

Storms damage property in Deford area Friday

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

No one would blame Dave Eady if he figured he's got to be one of the unluckiest guys around.

The truth is, he may be one of the luckiest.

Eady was inside his 40-foot travel trailer when a reported tornado slammed into an area just west of Deford early Friday morning. The twister picked the 18,000-pound trailer and tossed it like a toy, on its side, into a nearby pond - on top of Eady's rental car. He was due to pick up his truck, which had been in the shop, Friday.

Eady suffered some bruises and abrasions, but escaped serious injury.

"It was sometime around 1:30. I was actually awake, watching the lightning from the bedroom. The wind kicked up so fast. It was loud, just like what they say - trains — you know?" recalled Eady, who went to the front door of the trailer with the idea of running to a nearby ditch and dirt mound to seek shelter.

But as a couple of trees slammed into the trailer, he headed for the bathroom, although he didn't make it that far, instead crouching down on the floor. "I knew I was in trouble. I had nowhere to go," he said. "I had no time. It was just unbelievably fast."

Eady didn't know the trailer had landed in his pond until he saw water coming into his livingroom. He was forced to break a window to escape in the pitch darkness.

"I'm very lucky," Eady acknowledged Friday morning as he surveyed the damage, which includes the home he was rebuilding on the property. What was a second floor now lies piled in the mud. "The house was up, the garage was all up, they were going to sheet it this morning," he said.

Elkland Township Fire Chief Ron Pawloski indicated the scene looked like a war zone when his department arrived after being dispatched at 2 a.m.

"It was so weird, walking through that. Deckerville (Road) was totally blocked with trees. In fact, the fire department was on the east side and the ambulance was on the west end, and we couldn't see each other," he said of the affected area, about 2 miles west of Deford.

Pawloski said the National Weather Service hadn't yet inspected the damage to confirm the storm spawned a tornado, but Eady's convinced. "They can't tell me it's wind shear when I've got trees going this way and trees going that way and trees going that way," he said.

Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern, who resides in the Deford area, also felt the impact of the storm.

"Trees are down everywhere. Every nice maple tree I had was knocked down. It must have broken 100 trees on my farm," Kern said.

"I got up at 2 o'clock this (Friday) morning and said to my wife, we better get downstairs," he recalled. "It didn't last long, (but) it was ferocious. It was unbelievable."

Kern said his home was not damaged, and a new pole barn on his property was narrowly missed by a falling tree. "I was quite fortunate."

The Associated Press reported the line of storms that ripped across Michigan Thursday night and early Friday morning generated at least one and as many as 5 tornadoes. One of the storms, in Kalkaska County,

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DAVE EADY SURVIVED an early Friday morning tornado that ripped through his Deford area property on Deckerville Road. The tornado picked up Eady's 40-foot travel trailer, with him inside, and tossed it into a nearby pond, on top of a car. Authorities say the severe storms that swept through the area damaged several homes, sheds and other property. (Related photos, page 11)

Brown City woman dies in accident

A pair of Brown City residents were critically injured in a 2 vehicle accident last Wednesday afternoon in Sanilac County's Greenleaf Township. The driver, a 20-year-old woman, later died of her injuries.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Sandusky reported the accident occurred at about 3:06 p.m. at the intersection of Bad Axe and Bay City-Forestville roads.

Troopers said the 20-year-old Brown City woman was driving southbound on Bad Axe Road and failed to yield at the intersection. Her vehicle was struck by a westbound vehicle driven by a 28-year-old Harbor Beach woman.

According to reports, the Brown City woman and her passenger, an 18-year-old male, also of Brown City, were both airlifted to St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw. She reportedly died of her injuries Thursday and he was listed in critical condition. The other driver was treated for minor injuries at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe and then released.

Troopers were not releasing the names of those involved in the accident pending notification of family members.

Troopers were assisted at the scene by troopers from the Lapeer and Bad Axe posts, Bingham Township Fire Department and EMS, MMR Ambulance from Tuscola County, Central Huron North Ambulance, FlightCare from St. Mary's and LifeNet from Covenant Hospital in Saginaw.

Consolidation not new for area schools

Law targets shared services

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A new Michigan law that went into effect Friday requires intermediate school districts (ISDs) across the state to conduct studies aimed at identifying ways they and local schools can share a host of services to cut costs.

Area school officials say the law is a good idea, although Thumb ISDs and local school districts have been sharing many services for years.

The new law, called Public Act 63, requires ISD officials to complete a study over the next 6 months to identify possibilities for consolidating a number of non-instructional programs, including pupil transportation, human resources administration, procurement of supplies, technology support services, professional development, accounting and other financial services, legal services, food and child nutritional services, event management, production printing and graphics, and shipping and receiving services.

The state also requires the ISD reports to include a detailed description of the average cost per constituent district within the ISD for each of those services.

Once those reports are filed with the state, the Michigan Department of Education will have up to 2 months to compile the information and submit a summary to the standing committees of the legislature having responsibility for education legislation.

"A lot of things, we've done, we've worked on," Tuscola Intermediate School District (TISD) Supt. Carol Socha said of the list of shared services in the new law.

Socha said she and other ISD superintendents across the state will learn more about the law next month at a workshop scheduled to discuss the new requirements as well as to formulate a reporting format that all ISDs can use.

Socha said the TISD for years has provided a variety of programs to the

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OFFICIALS IN THE Owen-Gage and North Huron school districts "share" foreign language instructor Stephan McIntosh, a 1999 Cass City High School graduate who teaches Spanish to students in both schools. Above, McIntosh works with fifth and sixth graders at Owen-Gage.

Audit: school is in the black for now

An annual audit report Monday night confirmed what Cass City School officials already knew: that some $1.5 million in cuts have put the district back in the black.

However, school Supt. Ron Wilson and auditor Gary Anderson of Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran, P.C., made it clear the school will continue to walk a financial tightrope, especially with no decision out of Lansing yet regarding how much the district will receive in state funding this year.

According to audit figures, Cass City Schools ended the 2006-07 fiscal year with total revenues of $12,550,349 and expenditures of $11,945,638. That left a surplus of more than $600,000, but $223,168 of the total was wiped out by a remaining deficit from the previous year.

Anderson said the remaining fund balance of about $381,500 equals about 3 percent of the district's budget. "It should be between 15 and 20 percent, so you should try to keep increasing that," he added.

At the same time, Anderson noted, the school has sustained a loss of 112 students since 2002-03, plus another 86 students this year, which translates into more than $1 million in state revenue.

Wilson said Monday that Cass City could lose another 45 to 50 students next year, judging by senior class and kindergarten enrollment numbers.

Cass City's financial woes last year turned it into what the state classifies as a "deficit spending district", requiring school officials to file monthly budget reports with the state. Cass City was one of 22 school systems in Michigan in that position last year, and is one of only 2 districts to shed the classification this year, according to Wilson, who said

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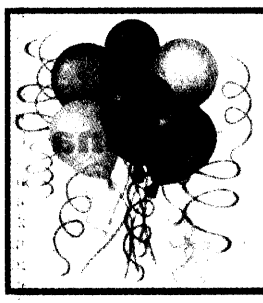

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Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, October 25

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 872-4816.

Toddler Story Time, 10-10:30 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library. Please call to register, 872-2856.

AAUW Halloween Carnival & Middle School Spook House, 5-7 p.m., ages 3-12, Cass City Middle School. Games, food, prizes, hot dogs. Game tickets 3 for 50 cents, spookhouse 50 cents.

Friday, October 26

Closed Al-anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 872-4042.

Saturday, October 27

Young Adult "YA" Book Club meeting, Rawson Memorial District Library.

Monday, October 29

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

Book Fair, 8:15-3:30 p.m., Cass City Middle School Media Center (running Oct. 29-Nov. 2).

Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Tuesday, October 30

Family Night, 3:30-7:30 p.m., Cass City Middle School.

Wednesday, October 31

Preschool Story Time Halloween Party, 10 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library. Please call to register, 872-2856.

Holbrook Area News

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Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka went on a color tour trip to Petoskey and Suttons Bay.

12 members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at Franklin Plaza Thursday morning. They will meet at the Crossroads Restaurant next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sweeney spent a couple days with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sweeney and Samantha at Auburn Hills.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Cleland were Sunday guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland and Mrs. Gerald Wills was a Monday guest of Mrs. Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Reid, Ethan and Joshua spent the weekend and Matt Particka spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka.

Vivian Rumptz, Marie Grifka and Linda Tittjung returned home the first Thursday in October after spending 2 weeks visiting Vivian's brother, Ira Leppek and family in Las Vegas, NV, and her niece, Jean Howerton and family in Reno, NV.

Virginia Bukowski returned home Thursday after spending 3 days in Reno, NV, visiting with Jean Howerton and family.

Pat Adamsspent Monday afternoon visiting with her mother, Vivian Rumptz of Ubly.

FOUR GENERATIONS are represented in this photo featuring (from left) father Brent Fritz of Royal Oak, grandfather Tom Fritz of Gagetown holding Rachel Charlene Fritz, and great-grandfather Arlington Fritz of Owendale.

Dick and Ginna Gentner

Gentners mark 50th anniversary

Dick and Ginna "Virginia" (Lemanski) Gentner of Cass City celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 29, 2007.

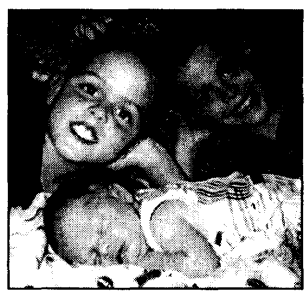
The couple was married Sept. 28, 1957 at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church, Harbor Beach.

A mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bad Axe, with Father Jim Carlson officiating. A dinner and reception followed at the KC Hall, Bad Axe, for 385 guests. The couple reaffirmed their marriage vows and received a special blessing at church.

The couple are natives of Harbor Beach. They spent most of their married life in Royal Oak. They also spent 7 1/2 years in Brighton, Colo. In 2000, they retired back to Royal Oak. In 2004, the couple bought their home in Cass City, where they currently reside.

They have 4 children: Carol (Tom) Septer of Hazel Park, Jayne (Tom) Halter of Columbia, Tenn., Perry (Karen) Gentner of Marlette, and Jeff (Jeanne) Gentner of Madison Heights; and 9 grandchildren.

It's a boy!



Jaedyn Hartwick

Bobbie Schrader and Travis Hartwick of Cass City announce the birth of their son, Jaedyn Allyn Hartwick.

Jaedyn was born Aug. 21, 2007 at 12:19 p.m., at Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe. He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long.

He was welcomed home by 2 brothers, Hunter and Logan Vandecar.

His grandparents are Allyn Hartwick of Cass City, Karen Sines of Bay City, and Bob and Janice Schrader of Caro.

Interesting ice cream facts

The first ice cream cone was produced in 1896 by Italo Marchiony. Marchiony, who emigrated from Italy in the late 1800s, invented his ice cream cone in New York City. He was granted a patent in 1903.

The ice cream cone business expanded in the 1920s, with cone production reaching a record 245 million in 1924. Today, millions of rolled cones are turned out on machines that are capable of producing about 150,000 cones every 24 hours.

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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The current performance by the Bay City Players drew us to the theater and we stopped for dinner at nearby Nino's Family Restaurant, 1705 Columbus Avenue.

First, a word of caution. It's open Saturday and Sunday for sure and there are other days it's open limited hours. For safety, call 989-893-0691.

It's an Italian restaurant, small, intimate and comfortable. My choice was a small size portion of manicotti, cup of clam chowder (11.95) and a small, 8-ounce, Killians draft beer ($3.00). Esther selected spaghetti with meat sauce and salad ($11.95) plus coffee ($2.00).

Judging by the fare at the other tables, there is a wide choice of wines available. The bread was ordinary, but the service was very good. Give it a 7 on the 1-10 scale.

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Visiting the upstairs of the "Opera House" building at the corner of Main and Leach streets should have been like old times, but it didn't prove to be. I spent many spare minutes playing pool on the second floor before Herman Doerr passed away and the pool room closed.

I felt sure that I could picture the area that the pool room occupied, but it escaped me as I walked through the upper 2 floors.

Perhaps the changes made for the fun tours now underway had something to do with that. How can you not remember when all this happened only 50 years ago?

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Worth noting is the Narconon Arrowhead announcement that Oct. 23-31 is Red Ribbon Week. Now in its 19th year, the week is used to publicize a way to help battle drug and alcohol addiction. Narconon offers free addiction counseling, assessments and referrals to rehabilitation centers nationwide. Call 1-800-468-6933.

$111,196 grant to fund training in the Thumb area

State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) announced last week that Thumb Area Michigan Works! has been awarded $111,196 from the state to provide training that will help workers upgrade their skills and boost local businesses' ability to compete in the global economy.

"Enabling our workers to update their skills and knowledge must be a priority in order for them to meet the rapidly changing demands of 21st century employers," Brown said.

"By helping Thumb area businesses provide this training for their workers, we can prevent layoffs and stop local jobs from going out of state and overseas. Keeping and creating good-paying jobs is our most urgent need, and this training will help us make significant gains in that area."

The new funding comes from the state Department of Labor and Economic Growth, which oversees the No Worker Left Behind program. The $111,196 awarded will be used to provide customized training to assist residents who are already employed upgrade their skills.

The Thumb Area Michigan Works! Employment Training Consortium will administer the funding. The agency, which serves Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac and Lapeer counties, helps residents seeking jobs and workers interested in training, as well as area employers. Information about the agency is available on its website, www.thumbworks.org.

"To improve our economy, we need to support our local businesses and give them the tools they need to compete with companies around the world," Brown said. "Most employers do not have the resources to keep their workers up to date on the latest technology. I am glad to see the state using its resources to build partnerships with Thumb businesses and ensure that Michigan has a workforce that is second to none."

The back forty

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by Roger Pond

Health care is always in the news these days. Whether it's Medicare funding for the elderly or health insurance for kids, congress is constantly debating health care.

We've gone from the days when we hoped the doc could cure what ails us, to the present when we expect good health regardless of how much it costs. Modern day doctors are expected to work miracles, and sometimes they do.

We have to give the old country doctors credit, though. They treated you for the immediate problem and left the rest alone. The old doctors didn't lecture you about your smoking or suggest you donate your leftover organs to science.

That's how it was when a bunch of fellows from my old home town got together for a fishing trip to Lake Erie. Our town wasn't very big, so it didn't matter if you were the doctor, minister, or a suspected horse thief; everyone was invited for the big fishing trip.

Most of the men in town went, including my dad and brother. They provided this eyewitness account.

Spirits were high as the charter left the dock and headed for open water. Everyone chipped-in with a dollar for first fish, most fish, and biggest fish.

Doc suggested they have a pool for first sick, too; seeing as how he would probably get that money one way or another. This drew a big laugh from everyone. Everyone except Dwight.

Dwight came along for the camaraderie. He didn't really like fishing and was feeling the sway of the boat more than most.

The captain cut the engine, and the boat began to drift with the waves. Dwight reached in his pocket for some Dramamine.

Soon they were into fish. Nothing big, but a few walleye and some perch. My brother, Kenny, caught a walleye and unhooked another for Dad.

The second fish was hooked pretty deep, and Kenny got some blood on his arm. The blood didn't bother him, but it had a noticeable effect on Dwight.

Dwight had given up fishing and was sitting in a deck chair, staring at the horizon. He looked kind of puny, and his coloring was bad. His normally ruddy complexion had turned to ashen gray.

Soon it was lunch time. My brother got out the boxed chicken furnished by the charter. He took out a drumstick and began to gnaw on it.

Dad looked over at Dwight. The combination of fish blood on Kenny's arm and the chicken leg in his hand was the last straw for Dwight. His gray turned to green.

Dad yelled at Doc. "Hey, Doc. Do you suppose there's anything you can do for Dwight here?"

Doc put down his fishing rod and made a big scene of examining the patient. Then he said solemnly, "I'm afraid there's nothing I can do."

"What he's going to do, he can do all by himself."

The Haire Net

View on helmets has changed

Watching the passing scene and mulling my reactions as a senior, senior citizen compared to my reactions when a young adult.

A story in the Detroit News got me to thinking about how age makes a difference. It was a story about the continuing campaign by American Bikers Aiming Towards Education (ABATE) to make the wearing of helmets on motorcycles optional, not mandatory.

In my case, it provides a classic example of age and experience changing viewpoints. When I was just past voting age at an airbase in Texas, I was visited by a cousin and I hopped on the back of his bike and we roared off for Dallas about 100 miles away to celebrate Christmas.

Of course neither of us wore helmets and we probably wouldn't have if we had them. At that time I certainly would have been on the ABATE bandwagon.

Over the next few years in Cass City my concern about safety on motorcycles gradually shifted. When I was called to Deckerville Road to report a fatal accident of a young rider who lived a few miles away I became convinced that anything that could be done to protect riders is a step in the right direction.

When I read statistics in a column by Neil Rubin in the News, they reinforced the conclusion that I reached years before.

Now, I'm aware that ABATE has an outstanding record of volunteer aid as members collect gifts for kids each Christmas and were movers in providing improvements at the Evergreen Park.

And supporters of volunteer helmet wearing will dispute the estimates of insurance companies that say that changing the law will cause 22 more deaths and $140 million in costs in a year.

Rubin quoted the elevated death rates in other states after helmet wearing became optional. "50 percent in Kentucky, 81 percent in Florida and 100 percent in Louisiana. In Louisiana the helmets optional law was repealed."

Those are depressive, revealing statistics. But not as depressive, or impressive, as viewing a young man in his prime stretched out near the bike he rode for fun without a helmet.

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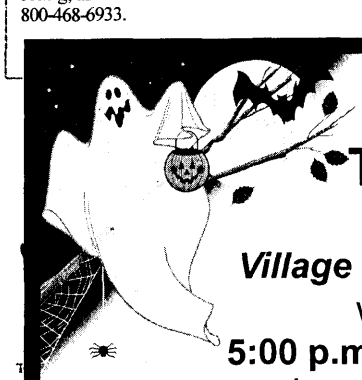

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5-Day Local Forecast

Wednesday
Few Showers
High: 52 Low: 33

Thursday
Mostly Sunny
High: 57 Low: 41

Friday
Cloudy
High: 55 Low: 42

Saturday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 53 Low: 41

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 54 Low: 45

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 40% chance of showers, high temperature of 52°, humidity of 81% and an overnight low of 33°. The record high temperature for today is 81° set in 1963. The record low temperature is 24° set in 1982. Thursday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 57°.

Upcoming Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
10/25	11/1	11/9	11/17

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today .....7:57 a.m.
Sunset tonight .....6:36 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Monday	57	46	58/40	0.00"
Tuesday	57	54	58/40	0.00"
Wednesday	66	48	57/39	0.00"
Thursday	72	50	57/39	0.00"
Friday	68	54	57/39	0.00"
Saturday	63	52	56/38	0.00"
Sunday	77	50	56/38	0.00"

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"The Maroon and White"

by Lauren Hudson

"Does anybody know anything about a murder?!" yells the tour guide/Dick Tracy-type character on Hendrian's Floor Covering's third floor (a "haunted house"). The building has been just about anything and has a tremendous amount of history to it, too!

I'm here to tell you about the "opera house" now becoming a "haunted house!" The monsters are in abundance at Mr. Hendrian's scare place, and a lot of them may be familiar to you.

"(I) get to hang out with my friends and watch people scream!" Brandon Hartwick said to me. He knew Mr. Hendrian. So, when Mr. Hendrian asked Brandon if he could help with the "house", Brandon agreed to do so. There are not only monsters that wander through the "house", but werewolves and zombies, too.

"It's really fun scaring people," said David Acker, 17, who wanted to help Mr. Hendrian out and thought the idea of working at a haunted house would be cool.

Michael Myers swaggers through the "house" also, and he gave me a bit of a fright when I saw him in broad daylight! "Just to be able to scare people...it's a lot of fun!" Ean Elliot told me in "broad daylight!" He had heard of the haunted house on the high school's announcements and wanted to volunteer.

Jesse Powell plays one of the monsters and usually switches characters from day to day, even crowd to crowd, in order to keep things "fresh" and "new". Of course, all of the volunteers do this. He told me, with a grin on his face, that he enjoys, "Different people's reactions when I jump out!" Knowing Mr. Hendrian, he agreed to help out and Jesse had heard of the "house" from his best friend Jordan (Mr. Hendrian's son).

Joe Nauka, 23, first was a dead person at the "house" but sometimes plays a zombie, too. "Little bitty kids having nightmares after coming here!" is what he likes best about the "house" and working there. Joe had heard of the "house" at Novesta Church and decided to help out his friend, Scott (Mr. Hendrian).

Sometimes a wandering zombie seen isn't Joe; it could be Ashley Deel, 17, "You get to have fun while scaring people!" She first heard of the "house" on the high school announcements, much like Ean did, and decided that volunteering there would be fun and look good on her college resume. "More people should do it (visit the "house")...it is fun," she said.

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Nolan benefit a success, mom says

It was overwhelming, said Denise Guinther, mother of Lora Nolan, and the help of the generous and caring people in Cass City will not be forgotten. They crowded into Gilligan's in Cass City to show concern and give a financial boost to Lora, 31, who is suffering with cancer at her Florida home. The benefit raised $9,000 and is still growing.

When discussing the fund raiser, the family gives much of the credit to Mike Sines, Gilligan's owner, and Donna Keilitz, a close friend.

They started coming in at 10 a.m. and persons were coming in and out until we closed at 2 a.m., Donna reported.

Lora had spent about a month in the hospital for treatment of a severe form of stomach cancer and returned home last week, Tuesday. Home chemo treatment is expected to start this week, Denise reported.

While the aid has been outstanding, there is still time to help with cash donations made directly to the Lora Nolan Cancer Fund at the Cass City Branch of Chemical Bank.

Several appear in court

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

•Theodore E. Walker, 35, Millington, was sentenced to 10 to 15 years in prison for his plea of no contest to second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years between January 2005 and January 2006 in Vassar Township.

Walker was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling $540.

•Bonnie M. Frank, 44, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail and 60 months probation for her pleas of no contest to assaulting a police officer and domestic violence March 25 in Caro. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, she was ordered to pay $2,075 in costs and fines.

•John Robert-Hamilton Sanders II, 27, Flint, was sentenced to 90 days in jail, with work release, and 24 months probation for his plea of guilty to possession with intent to deliver marijuana March 12 in Almer Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling $2,080.

•Ryan J. Toner, 24, Pigeon, was sentenced to 90 days in jail (45 days deferred), with work release, and 24 months probation for his pleas of guilty to possession of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 25 grams) and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor.

He was also ordered to pay $3,165 in costs and fines.

•Danny W. Shelton, 39, Flint, was sentenced to 18 months to 15 years in prison for his plea of guilty to larceny of property valued at $1,000 to $20,000 Nov. 22-23 in Dayton Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling $120 plus restitution of $2,000.

•Dean F. Revesz, 48, Richville, pleaded guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond July 5, 2006, in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case, bond was continued at $50,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Daniel J. McNeil, 29, Clifford, pleaded guilty to interfering with electronic communications and domestic violence Aug. 5 in Koylton Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at $3,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Ellen L. Stadler, 29, Silverwood, pleaded guilty to malicious destruction of property totaling $1,000 to $20,000 in damage Aug. 3 in Kingston Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at $3,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Kevin E. Ewald, 23, Unionville, pleaded no contest to assaulting a police officer and assault and battery July 16 in Wisner Township.

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

Amish girl injured in accident

The parents of an Amish girl injured in a recent accident in Elkland Township are asking operators of tractors and other large vehicles to pay special attention to horse-driven vehicles on the road.

According to troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Bad Axe, the Oct. 11 mishap involved a pony and a cart occupied by 5 children on southbound Grassmere Road just south of Huron Line Road.

The driver of a northbound tractor reportedly moved over to let the pony and cart pass, but the pony was spooked by noise from the tractor and the cart overturned. One girl suffered minor injuries to her leg.

"The Taste of Ink"

by Becca Troop

Sitting in the theater watching this movie, I couldn't believe my eyes. The visual effects were mesmerizing and seemingly real to my eyes. The characters were serious with just the right touch of humor to make you laugh aloud. Not to mention the amazing plot that keeps you hooked for 3 hours, 23 minutes, and 24 seconds.

Transformers was directed by Michael Bay and is, in my opinion, the best movie that has been released into our society. It was released onto DVD Oct. 16.

The basic story line to this movie is that both the Decepticons and Autobots are fighting to gain control of the all powerful Allspark, which resides on Earth. The Decepticons repeatedly attack military secured bases to find where the Allspark might be located. Sam Witwicky, played by Shia LaBeouf, provides a large role in this movie because of the discovery his grandfather made so many years before.

Long ago, Sam's grandfather, Captain Archibald Witwicky, was a great explorer and discovered both Megatron and the Allspark in the Arctic Circle. After he discovers them, Megatron's navigational system is unintentionally activated and the Captain's eyeglasses become imprinted with the Allspark's coordinates. Sam is now the owner of these glasses and all the Autobots and Decepticons find out where he is because he is trying to sell them on eBay.

The Autobots include Optimus Prime, Jazz, Bumblebee, Ironhide, and Ratchet. The Decepticons include Megatron, Blackkout, Frenzy, Barricade, Starscream, Scorponok, Bonecrusher, and Devastator.

Sam and his father buy Bumblebee, without knowing that he is an alien. After Sam buys this "car", he tries to impress a girl, Mikela Banes who is played by Megan Fox. She becomes wrapped up into this whole story after he gives her a ride home from hanging out with friends in a park.

To really find out what happens, you have to watch the movie. Of course, the good guys win, but you never know how it will occur or what will go on before the ending.

Before its release, Transformers was voted "Best Summer Movie You Haven't Seen Yet" at the 2007 MTV Movie Awards and Bumblebee was named by Entertainment Weekly as their fourth favorite computer generated character. On its first day of general release in theaters in the United States Transformers raked in $27.8 million, a record for Tuesday box office attendance. Worldwide, this film has grossed $700.6 million.

If you're as a big of a Transformers movie fan as I am, then you'll be glad to know that Paramount has announced that on June 26, 2009, Transformers 2 will be released. Michael Bay and Steven Spielberg will return as director and executive producer, while Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox, and Peter Cullen are signed on to return as well.

Words can hardly explain how amazing this first movie was; let's hope that the second one can live up to the standards that have already been set.

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Deb will be discussing the ever-changing issues with Medicaid and Legal Spend Down. She will discuss how one can legally spend down by obtaining a "Pre-Paid" funeral arrangement.
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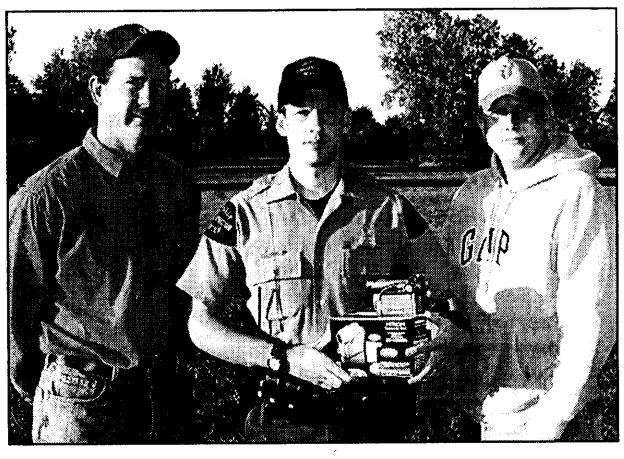
FOURTEEN ALUMNI of the Sand Valley Country School met for their eighth annual reunion Oct. 14 at the Charmont in Cass City for dinner and reminiscing. Pictured above are (front row, left) Connie (Bartle) Schwaderer, Helen (Churchill) Mellendorf, Dorothy (Klinkman) Taylor, Glendora (Churchill) Babcock, (back row, left) Nancy (Brown) Hutchinson, Ben Gruber, Bill Hacker, Kathy (Bartle) Tuckey, Bev (Wagner) Auten, Ken Klinkman, Richard Easton, Amy (Churchill) Stover and Margaret (Churchill) Springstead. Missing is Vernon DuRussel. The next reunion is slated for Oct. 12, 2008.

Thumb QDMA donates equipment for DNR COs

For the third year in a row, the Thumb area branch of the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) has donated some much-needed equipment to the area DNR law Enforcement Division.



THUMB QDMA members Rick Schefka (left) and Ryan Swartz (right) recently presented DNR Conservation Officer Bob Hobkirk with 2 digital hybrid camera/video recorders.

QDMA officials recently presented DNR Conservation Officer Bob Hobkirk with 2 digital hybrid camera/video recorders that will allow DNR officers in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties to capture images and/or video of illegal baiting and hunting activities. The cameras have the capability to burn the recorded images to disk, which can then be turned over to county prosecutors.

Thumb QDMA President Paul Plantinga said he believes the annual donations from his organization benefits QDMA members and non-members alike.

"It's frustrating when the law-abiding hunter has to compete with illegal poaching activities and illegal baiting practices," Plantinga said. "Due to the social nature of deer, hunters that place excessive bait in the woods increase the risk for disease by concentrating the deer. Their selfishness hurts the deer and also the harvest opportunities of the ethical deer hunter.

"We encourage anyone that observes a game or baiting violation to report it to the DNR Report All Poaching Hotline at 1-800-292-7800."

Plantinga noted that funds generated through the Thumb QDMA annual 52-Week Raffle have enabled the area branch to continue with annual donations and educational programs. More information is available by contacting Ryan Swartz at (989) 975-2666.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr

5 YEARS AGO

A second attempt to make Sandusky High School change its Redskins nickname is underway. A Battle Creek minister has formed a corporation and is attempting to trademark the name so no one else can use it without permission. He promises a court case if the name is not changed. I could never understand why using Redskins is a put down for Native Americans. In fact, the name conjures the vision of a resolute group of dedicated winners. I'm sure that there is plenty of resentment over being browbeaten into compliance. Still, it's doubtful if the Redskin name is worth keeping at the expense of a court case. (From Rabbit Tracks)

The Cass City girls' cross country team will be making a return visit to the state finals, following Saturday's impressive showing at the Bad Axe regional. Led by senior Annjea Tanton, sophomore Carrie Hillaker and senior Liz Hoyt, the Hawks recorded a second place finish at the meet with a team score of 74. Frankenmuth captured the event with a score of 46, while host Bad Axe finished third with a tally of 81. All 3 schools will compete as teams in this Saturday's state final slated for Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Owen-Gage stayed in the Greater Thumb North league race Tuesday by posting its second win of the season over league-leading Port Hope. In a tight defensive battle, the Bulldogs topped the Blue Stars, 29-18. The decision leaves Owen-Gage a game behind in the loss column and the Bulldogs will need help from another conference team to have a chance to take the title. Neither team was able to hit the hoop with any regularity in the first period when the clubs traded baskets to score just 6 points. The Bulldogs took a stranglehold on the game in the second period with an 11-point splurge to lead at the intermission, 17-8.

10 YEARS AGO

Crowds gathered early for the Bigelow Hardware auction sale Saturday. The sale of the building to Steve and Sandi Wright, owners of The Paint Store, marked the end of an era of sorts, as the building has housed a hardware store since 1901. Bigelow Hardware originally opened for business in 1888 in a wooden frame building located across the street.

Dave Ackerman, retired Cass City teacher, takes all of this talking about our changing weather with a little skepticism and brought in a story written in June 1949 to show that speculation about the weather is nothing new. While there has been unseasonably cold and warm weather frequently, the changes are dwarfed by what happened in New England the summer of 1816, In Vermont on June 6 that year a foot and a half of snow was on the ground and in July and August snow flurries were experienced. A few panicky people sold their farms in haste and moved to the mid-west. It was not until much later that it was learned the weather was the result of the explosion of Mt. Toniboro in the Indies, which claimed 56,000 lives and obscured the sun's rays, causing the abrupt change in normal temperatures. (From Rabbit Tracks)

It's a race again. The Cass City Red Hawks bounded into a tie for the top in the hotly contested Greater Thumb West League with a win Thursday over league leader Lakers 50-45. The Hawks' next 2 games are Thursday at Bad Axe and Tuesday, Oct. 28, with USA. USA holds a win over the Hawks and if Cass City wants to win or share the league title, a win over the Patriots is essential. It was the second win last week for the rejuvenated Hawks, who defeated Brown City in a non-league game, 72-59.

25 YEARS AGO

Dave Asher brought in a promotion booklet published by GM for the new Buick, which features the car on three pages with scenes from Bad Axe in the background. I'd guess that if you live in New York City, Bad Axe in the tip of the Thumb is rural, rustic and romantic. There's always a chuckle about the way Madison Avenue pictures rural America. Take that pitch for an automobile on TV when the daughter drives home alone to the old home small town. When she falls into the arms of her dad he is shown, wearing suspenders. That's rural, the ad men evidently feel. They should come in and look around. I'd guess they can't find one person on the main stem that wears suspenders and if they do it's a lead pipe cinch they won't be the turn of the century type depicted in the commercial. (From Rabbit Tracks)

The first textbook printed in America was Thomas Dilworth's A New Guide to the English Tongue, printed in 1747 in Philadelphia, Pa.

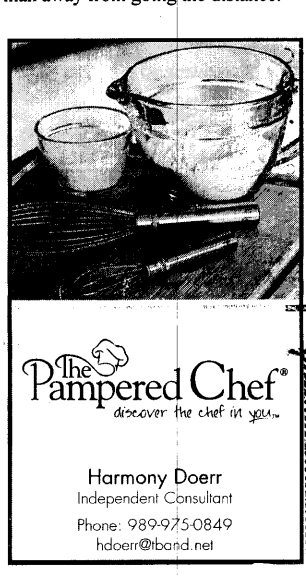
Smokey the Bear passed out the ribbons last Thursday to the winners at Gagetown Elementary School in the fire prevention poster and coloring contest sponsored by the Elmwood Township-Gagetown Fire Department. First place winners were Shane Ross, 3rd grade; Tanya Muntz, 2nd; Brandy Parks, lst; Kay Timmons, kindergarten; Nancy Cummins 6th (sixth graders wrote essays instead of making posters); Chris Pavlichek, 5th, and Kathy Wildman, 4th.

35 YEARS AGO

Walter Burke lives in Royal Oak but owns land in the Deford area. When he learned of the recent devastating fire at the Ray Periso home he took it on himself to help out. He conducted a clothing campaign in his Royal Oak neighborhood and Monday came to Cass City with his car loaded with good, used clothing with an estimated value of $150.

Coach Roland Pakonen may have problems preparing for the invasion of the Vassar Vulcans Friday, but getting his team up for the game shouldn't be one of them. After all the entire season is riding on this game. Cass City's chances for the first Thumb B Conference title in more than 15 years and an undefeated season could well be determined by the outcome. The Hawks will be favored when the whistle blows but the Hawks face a tough battle and they know it. Vassar has lost just one game and is tied for second. They are big. Big in the line and big in the backfield. Joe Smith, a 225-pound back, keys the running attack. Roger Finta is another back that makes the Vulcan wishbone attack go.

Several times this year games have been broken open by runbacks of punts and kicks. Kip Hopper (24) almost did it again in the second period of the game with Marlette. He raced for about 20 yards and was one man away from going the distance.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Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136
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Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Cass City Church of the Nazarene
6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2604 or 872-5201
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer & Bible Study
& Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.
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4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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989-375-2354
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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872-3422
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(Summer 9:30 a.m.)
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Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
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6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726
Phone: 872-5060
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Midweek Bible Studies
Biblical Counseling
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6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-3155
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Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
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AWANA Clubs 6:45 p.m. During School Year
Pastor: David G. Hill
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First Presbyterian Church
Barrier Free
6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726
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Pastor: Dave Blackburn

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Bill targets right to forego helmets

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Motorcyclist groups Thursday called on Gov. Jennifer Granholm to support a plan that would revise Michigan's mandatory helmet law, saying the proposal would boost motorcycle tourism and raise revenue for public safety programs, while requiring the highest safety standards.

Some area law enforcement officials, however, disagree, saying the proposed law won't increase the level of safety and, ultimately, will cost all motorists more in the long run.

The state Senate voted 23-15 to approve House Bill 4749, which would allow motorcyclists to ride without helmets provided they meet certain requirements. The vote came a week after the bill won support in the House.

"The Legislature has spoken in support of a common sense plan that can move Michigan forward. Now, we urge Gov. Granholm to listen to the people, modernize Michigan's outdated helmet law and help turn the Great Lakes State into the Great Motorcycle State," said Jim Rhoades, legislative director for the American Bikers Aiming Towards Education (ABATE - Michigan).

"For too long, millions of dollars have left Michigan on 2 wheels because of a bad law based on bad science," Rhoades said. Today's victory, thanks to overwhelming support from a growing coalition, will help Michigan compete in today's economy."

Rhoades said the bill has received support from a growing coalition that includes the Deputy Sheriff's Association of Michigan, the Michigan State Police Troopers Association, a group of top business and financial executives called Boardroom Bikers of Michigan, the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association, the Michigan Harley-Davidson Dealers Association, and others.

Supporters of the bill say it has among the nation's toughest requirements for a motorcyclist to ride helmet free. Under the plan, motorcyclists who want to ride helmet-free must:

*Purchase an "H" permit for $100 a year or $200 for 3 years.

*Carry at least $20,000 in personal injury health insurance.

*Be 21 years or older, have at least 2 years of riding experience and complete safety training.

Supporters say the bill could generate at least $25 million for law enforcement and safety programs — $5 million would go to the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, which provides officers with training and other support; $1 million would go to secondary road patrols for sheriff's departments; and the remainder would go to the Traffic Law Enforcement and Safety Fund, which helps pay for state police troopers.

Allowing motorcyclists to ride helmet-free could also generate more than $1.2 billion in new revenue, according to a 2004 Michigan Consultants economic study.

Revenue aside, Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern indicated the law doesn't make sense in terms of safety on the road.

In 37 years in law enforcement, Kern said, "I've seen a lot of head injuries. Some of them survive. They won't live, though, if they don't wear a helmet.

"If they want to do it (ride without a helmet), let them, but I'll say this: if they get a serious head injury from that, they don't get state money. We don't take care of these guys," Kern added. "There's a lot of people who do it, but they're crazy."

"I would not be in favor of any changes in the helmet law. In fact, I would be in favor of stricter enforcement of the existing law," said First Lt. Doug Lautner, commander of the Michigan State Police posts in Caro and Bad Axe. "There are a lot of people wearing novelty helmets," he added, referring to what he called beanie-style helmets, which are illegal.

"This is a bad idea," Lautner said of the proposed law change. "Helmets are a safety feature like bumpers, seatbelts and air bags. This is one of those things where we're trying to protect people from themselves."

And, it will cost taxpayers, he added. "Motorcyclists do not carry collision insurance. If you're driving and you hit a motorcyclist, your insurance pays for damage and injuries to the motorcyclist. It's going to raise everyone's insurance rates in this state. Everybody that's driving a vehicle is going to pay for this."

Rhoades disagrees. "HB 4749 has the highest safety standards, requires $20,000 in insurance coverage and goes further than anything before it," he said. "Modernizing Michigan's outdated helmet law will bring in much-needed revenue, jobs and investments. This is a responsible, common-sense proposal that will raise money for important law enforcement and safety programs without raising insurance and other costs to the citizens of Michigan."

Rhoades said the new law would also attract motorcyclists from neighboring states to Michigan, something they have avoided because of Michigan's mandatory helmet law, the only one of its kind in the Great Lakes region.

"Thirty states have modernized their helmet laws, including our neighbors, and Michigan shouldn't be left behind," said Deputy Sheriffs Association of Michigan Executive Director Larry Orlowski. "This plan does more to address safety than anything before it. This proposal is a step forward that will put more money into law enforcement and safety, and also allows Michigan to compete in today's economy. We support this common-sense plan."

In an Oct. 11 memo urging support of the proposal, Michigan State Police Troopers Association President Michael Moorman said: "This legislation puts in place appropriate protection for Michigan's citizens while generating much needed revenue which will support the services provided by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and the Michigan Department of State Police."

Rep. Bert Johnson (D-Detroit), one of the key supporters of the plan, said: "Outdated mandatory helmet laws do not improve safety, they do not reduce deaths and they do not lower insurance rates. What they do is make Michigan lose out on economic opportunities. We believe this plan is good public policy and balances safety with opportunity."

The bill is expected to go to the governor after the House formally concurs with some Senate changes.

GETTING TO KNOW you - Shawn Papp recently brought smiles to the faces of residents at Tendercare, Cass City, when he introduced them to some miniature horses. Papp is pictured above (far right) with Alfred Burk and Mary Burk.

Service of Remembrance scheduled

A Service of Remembrance will be held Sunday, Nov. 4, at 3 p.m. This 11th annual service is sponsored by Kranz Funeral Homes of Cass City and Kingston, and will be held in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

The Service of Remembrance is a time of remembering and celebration. Debra Kranz, owner of Kranz Funeral Homes, says "Anyone who has had someone close to them die will appreciate this service. It is not a funeral but a time for us to come together as a community in remembering those we have loved."

The Remembrance Service consists of music and inspirational readings. Many talented musicians from the area participate. There is also a time for family members to make a floral tribute. Family members are invited to bring a flower to place in tribute of their loved one.

The annual event is a non-denominational service held at the Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City. All clergy are invited to participate or to attend in support of their church members who have experienced a death of a family member or friend.

"While the service is sponsored by Kranz Funeral Homes, anyone is invited to attend," Kranz noted.

Kranz Funeral Home is located one half mile east of the light in Cass City at 6850 Main Street. Cookies, coffee and punch will be offered during a gathering time in the funeral home after the service.

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RUSS LIEBLER TAKES a Shabbona United Methodist Church group on a wagon ride out to his pumpkin patch at his "Fall Fun Days" farm over the weekend. (Related photo, page 16)

Obituaries

Donald Harris

Donald J. Harris, 75, of Palms, died Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007 from injuries from falling off a ladder at home.

He was born Feb. 17, 1932 in Marlette, the son of Donald and Dorothy (Bingham) Harris, Sr.

He married Delores Irving June 27, 1953 in Deckerville.

Harris drove a road grader for the Sanilac County Road Commission for 33 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Deckerville, where he served as trustee. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of the Buckley Old Engine Show, Black River Tractor Club, Thumb 2 Cylinder Club, and Marion Lodge 392 F&AM.

Harris is survived by his wife, Delores; 2 sons: Kenneth (Ruth) Harris of Cass City, and Bradley (Gerry) Harris of Sandusky; 3 grandchildren; a great-grandson; a brother, Carl (Wilma) Harris; and a sister, Doris (Jim) Nye.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, at the Apsey Funeral Home, Deckerville, with Pastor Jed Willis and the Rev. John Arnold officiating.

Burial was in the Downing Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Deckerville, or the Deckerville Community Hospital.

Arrangements were made by Apsey Funeral Home, Inc., Deckerville.

Marilyn Hobart

Marilyn Phyllis Hobart, 72, of Cass City, died Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2007 at Northwood Meadows in Cass City.

She was born Jan. 4, 1935 in Lansing, the daughter of the late George and Eileen (Rogers) Keast.

She married Marvin J. Hobart March 17, 1956 in Caro.

Hobart came to Caro with her parents as a child. She graduated from Caro High School in 1953. Following graduation, she attended Cleary Business College in Ypsilanti. The couple spent their first year of marriage in Bad Nauheim, Germany, where Marvin was stationed with the U.S. Army. Hobart was employed at the Caro Regional Center for over 20 years, most recently as the administrative assistant to the director, retiring Jan. 1, 1997. She was a member of the Cass City United Methodist Church and the choir. She was a Tom Thumb Singer and a member of the Michigan-Ohio Concert Choir.

Hobart is survived by her husband, Marvin; children: Peggy Sue (Doug) Osborne of Lake Orion, Becky Hobart (Charles) McCormick of Grand Junction, Colo., and Mark (Michele) Hobart of Lincoln Park; 2 grandchildren; sisters-in-law: Chris (Tom) Doty of Maumee, Ohio, and Joyce (Clarence) Ventline of Cass City; brother-in-law, Kendall (Kathy) Hobart of Lutz, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, George Keast.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Cass City United Methodist Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Paul G. Donelson officiating.

Burial was in the Elmwood Township Cemetery, Gagetown.

Memorials may be made to the Cass City United Methodist Choir, the Tom Thumb Singers, or the Michigan-Ohio Concert Choir.

Arrangements were made by Ransford Funeral Home, Caro.

Anna Neal

Anna Marie Neal, 95, of Cass City, died Sunday, Oct. 21, 2007 in her daughter's home.

She was born Oct. 3, 1912 in Saginaw, the daughter of Paul and Victoria (Ruzak) Petricevic.

She married Deloss Edward Neal May 7, 1932 in Saginaw. He died May 21, 1976.

Neal was a life member of the Gagetown Church of the Nazarene for over 58 years. She was a Sunday school teacher and a member of the Missionary Society. She worked for Gerald and Geraldine Prieskorn at the Ben Franklin Store until her retirement at age 78.

Neal is survived by her children: James (Joyce) Neal of Crossville, Tenn., Jeannette (Lynwood) LaPeer of Cass City, and Shirley (Danny) Haag of Cass City; a daughter-in-law, Janice Neal of Fairgrove; 12 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 7 great great-grandchildren; a sister, Eva McNenly of Mt. Morris; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Edward Neal, September 29, 2007; 2 brothers: Eli and Gasper Petricevic; and 3 sisters: Kathryn DeMeat, Rose Young, and Julia Mead.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 25, 2007, at the Gagetown Church of the Nazarene, Gagetown, with Pastor Donald Ault and Pastor Ben Walls officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Gagetown Church of the Nazarene.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Ruth Russell

Ruth Marie Russell, 78, of Grand Rapids, died Monday, Oct. 15, 2007.

She was born March 9, 1929 in Gagetown, the daughter of the late Hebert and Alice (Rochleau) LaFave.

She married Ronald Crawford Russell April 26, 1951. He died Dec. 4, 1969.

Russell is survived by her children: Mary Kay (Michael) Trippe, Timothy (Sharon) Russell, Carrie (Robert) Casaceli, Paul (Fanny) Russell, Sarah (Thomas) Gammans, Patrick Russell, and Ronna Russell (Nicole Eldred); 14 grandchildren; and siblings: Paul LaFave, Elizabeth "Betty" (LaFave) Bryant and Theodore LaFave.

She was preceded in death by a son, Matthew Russell; a daughter-in-law, Rebecca Russell; siblings, Murl, Thelma, Vern, Robert, Frank, John and Patrick LaFave, Virginia Sirbaugh, Melva Bidigare and Katherine Rick.

Mass of Christian burial was held Friday, Oct. 19, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Plymouth and Burton SE, with the Rev. Donn Tufts officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Ruth M. Russell "Tootsie" Performance Arts Scholarship Fund.

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Food prices up a little

Retail food prices at the supermarket increased slightly in the third quarter of 2007, according to the latest American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) Marketbasket Survey. The informal survey shows the total cost of 16 basic grocery items in the third quarter of 2007 was $44.03, up about 2 percent or $1.08 from the second quarter of 2007.

Of the 16 items surveyed, 8 increased, 7 decreased and one stayed the same in average price compared to the 2007 second-quarter survey. Compared to one year ago, the overall cost for the marketbasket items showed an increase of about 7 percent.

For the second quarter in a row, regular whole milk showed the largest quarter-to-quarter price increase, up 48 cents to $3.94 per gallon; followed by cheddar cheese, which rose 35 cents per pound to $4.07.

Other items that increased in price were: Russet potatoes and corn oil up 23 cents each to $2.57 for 5 pounds and $3.01 for a 32-ounce bottle, respectively; bacon up 16 cents to $3.60 per pound; vegetable oil, up 7 cents to $2.73 per 32-ounce bottle; toasted oat cereal and Red Delicious apples, up 4 cents each to $2.90 and $1.49 for a 10-ounce box and 1 pound, respectively.

Pork chops showed the greatest decrease in price, down 24 cents to $3.39 per pound. Other items that decreased in price were: sirloin tip roast, down 13 cents to $3.86; ground chuck, eggs and white bread, down 4 cents each to $2.81 per pound, $1.51 per dozen and $1.54 for a 20-ounce loaf, respectively; and flour and mayonnaise, down 1 cent each to $1.91 for 5 pounds and $3.42 for a 32-ounce jar, respectively.

One item, whole chicken fryers, stayed the same in price at $1.28 per pound.

"Dairy products continue to increase in price," said AFBF economist Jim Sartwelle. "Strong competition from overseas consumers for U.S. milk products has helped drive prices to current levels. On the other hand, it was a pretty tough summer for beef and pork demand here at home. This is reflected in the third-quarter price slide for sirloin tip roast, ground beef and pork chops."

As retail grocery prices have gradually increased, the share of the average food dollar that America's farm families receive has dropped over time.

"In the mid-1970s, farmers received about one-third of consumer retail food expenditures on average. That figure has decreased steadily over time and is now just 22 percent, according to Agriculture Department statistics," Sartwelle said.

Using that percentage across-the-board, the farmer's share of this quarter's $44.03 marketbasket total would be $9.69.

According to USDA statistics, Americans spend just under 10 percent of their disposable income on food annually, the lowest average of any country in the world.

AFBF, the nation's largest general farm organization, conducts its informal quarterly marketbasket survey as a tool to reflect retail food price trends. A total of 77 volunteer shoppers in 31 states, including Michigan, participated in the latest survey, conducted during August.

Farm Bureau volunteer shoppers across the United States recently began tracking retail prices for different types of milk and eggs.

For the third quarter of 2007, shoppers reported the average price for a half-gallon of regular whole milk at $2.40, up 18 cents from the prior quarter. The average price for 1 gallon of regular whole milk was $3.94, up 48 cents from the second quarter. Comparing per-quart prices, the retail price for whole milk sold in gallon containers was 21 percent lower compared to half-gallon containers, a typical volume discount long employed by retailers.

The average price for a half-gallon of rBST-free milk was $3.01, the same price reported in the second quarter but 25 percent higher than the current price for a half-gallon of regular milk, reported at $2.40.

The average price for a half-gallon of organic milk was $3.43, down 22 cents compared to the second quarter but 43 percent higher than the current price for a half-gallon of regular milk, reported at $2.40.

For the third quarter of 2007, the average price for one dozen regular eggs was $1.51, down 5 cents compared to the second quarter. The average price for "cage-free" eggs increased 56 cents to $2.78 per dozen. "Cage-free" eggs cost 84 percent more per dozen than regular eggs in the third quarter.

"Booming dairy exports are driving the retail price surge in fluid milk," said AFBF economist Jim Sartwelle. "That being the case, level prices relative to the second quarter for rBST-free milk and the price drop for organic milk could mean we're close to discovering the outer retail price point for a half-gallon of milk."

Said Sartwelle of eggs: "The widening retail price gap between conventionally produced and 'cage-free' eggs reflects variations in costs for different production practices. Although food and fiber producers typically are not able to pass higher production costs along to consumers, it is happening to some extent with 'cage-free' eggs, which command a miniscule market share."

Fair organization started in 1885

The Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions was organized in 1885. The association, among other things, promotes the development of agriculture and related industries, coordinates the objectives of fairs and exhibitions across the state, and encourages youth participation in these endeavors.

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Red Hawk playoff streak halted with loss to Almont

Cass City's string of 3 consecutive trips to the MHSAA football playoffs ended Friday when visiting Almont captured the non-conference affair.

For the Raiders, their 23-12 victory completes a perfect 9-0 regular season entering this week's playoff match-up against 8-1 Lake Fenton, while the hosts will enter the record books with a 4-5 mark in 2007.

Despite trailing 16-6 at the intermission, Cass City's own playoff life, needing victory to sneak in the back door, was still very much alive at the break.

Both teams started strong and were able to convert their opening drives into points. The Raiders struck first at the 6:02 mark on a one-yard plunge by quarterback Steven Brohl.

It didn't take long for Cass City quarterback Austin Babich to answer his counterpart's touchdown as he sprinted 71 yards down his own sideline to end the scoring at 6-6 entering the second quarter.

Almont drove deep into the Red Zone on its next possession, but were foiled at the goal line by the first of 2 Babich interceptions of the initial half.

But facing a strong wind, Almont forced the Hawks to punt from their own end zone and then where rewarded with excellent field position when they took over on the 37 yardline of Cass City.

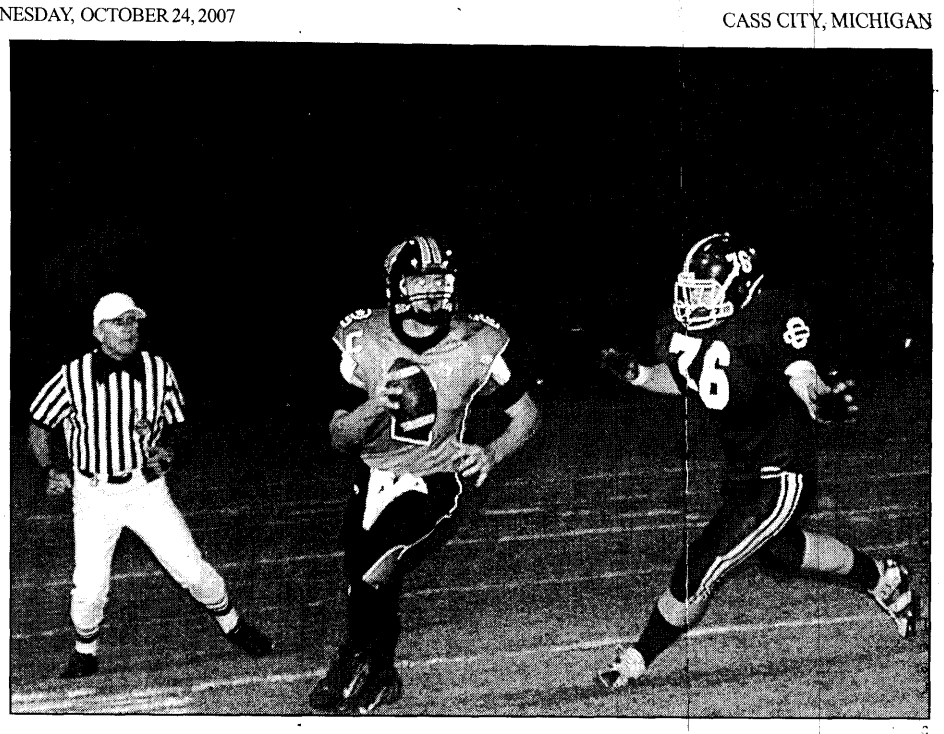
Once again, Almont moved steadily towards the goal and with 4:44 on the clock, Brohl, once again, drove over from the one.

Almont struck one more time before the half when Jeffrey Simian recovered a Cass City fumble to set up former soccer player Steven Kunz's 36-yard field goal to close out the half.

In the final half, Almont's senior-dominated squad held Cass City to a Lukas Varney one-yard tally. Almont's roster had 22 seniors compared to just 4 for the Hawks.

Almont rushed for over 300 yards in the win, including 205 rushing yards by Eric Mann. Cass City's leading rusher was Mark Koepf, who collected 67 yards on 11 carries.

Playing in their final Red Hawk game were Koepf, Tommy Parrish, Isaiah Battel and Jesse Walitalo.



RED HAWK Josh Inbody closes in on Almont quarterback Steven Brohl during Friday's non-conference season finale in Cass City. The Raiders completed a perfect regular season with a 23-12 victory.

Disappointing season ends for Owen-Gage

A disappointing season ended for the Owen-Gage Bulldogs Friday with a loss at Ashley, 40-14. Coach Jason Pierce's charges ended with a 1-6 Greater Thumb West record and a 1-8 mark overall.

It was doubly disappointing for the team and for Bulldog fans, as before the season began Pierce expected the team to be a strong competitor for the league crown.

While the record doesn't show it, the team exhibited a sound offense and in the early season games showed talent that was on par with some of the mid-level conference teams on the schedule.

It turned out to be one of those years that, in the games that O-G had a legitimate opportunity to win, turnovers and missed tackles turned a possible win into another loss.

While there will be a nucleus of veterans returning next year, there will be significant holes to be filled as 12 seniors closed out grid careers.

Among those graduating are Nathan Minkler, Kenny Brown and Tim Neal, all 4-year letter winners. Brandon Edler, Matt Grenke and Quinn Kelly had earned 3 letters each.

Other seniors are David Grates, J.C. Witherspoon, Steven Stormzand, Mack Visard, Kevin Bucholtz and Justin Trupe.

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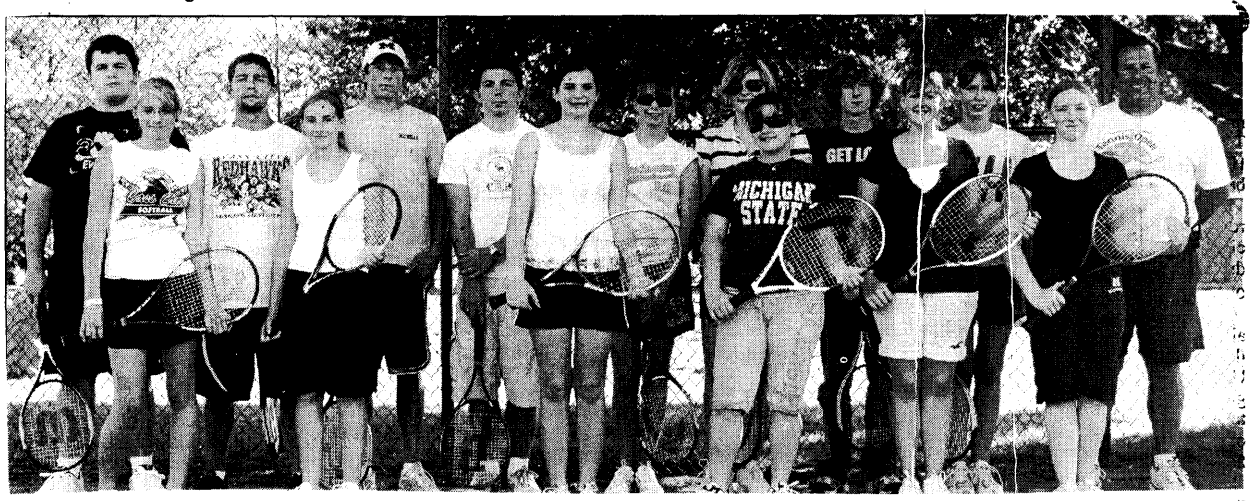

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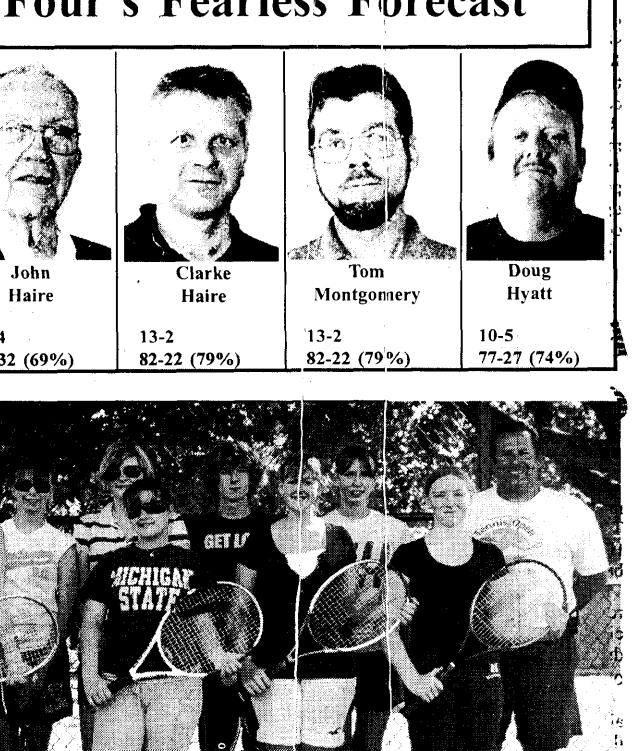

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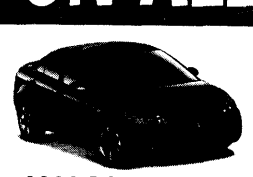

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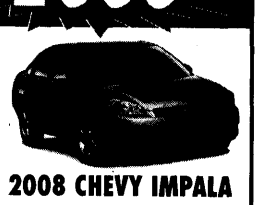

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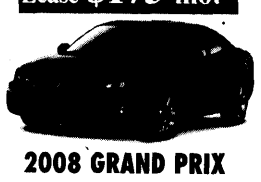

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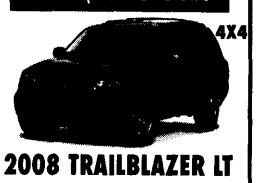

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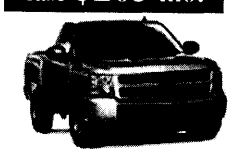

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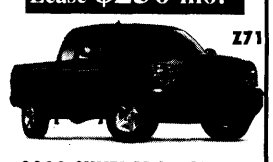

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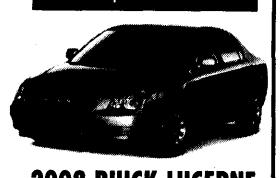

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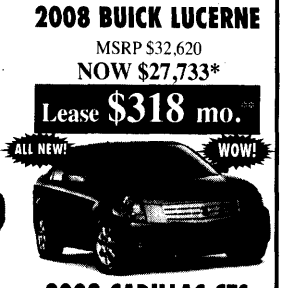

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Varney wins GTW invite

Despite possessing 3 of the top 4 times at the Greater Thumb West cross county invitational held in Bad Axe, Cass City was narrowly edged by league champion Reese, 35-38.

Tuesday's league meet, which also served to determine the GTW all conference teams, had the host Hatchets finishing a distant third with 65 points, while Unionville-Sebewaing completed the team standings with 91.

Red Hawk juniors Lukas Varney and Dewey Mabe finished first and second, individually, with times of 17:13 and 17:25, respectively, to lead Cass City.

Joining the pair as first team GTW all conference performers is Cass City's Tyler Burke, who finished fourth with a time of 17:47.

The champion Rockets, who had all 5 runners finish among the top 10 places, were led by Mike Elbers' third place showing timed at 17:36.

"Lukas and Tyler are both 3-time all conference runners," said coach Amy Cuthrell.

The Red Hawks also had Alex Varney finish 14th with a time of 19:26 and Kirill Dyachkov place 18th with a time of 19:56. Varney was named to the second team all conference GTW squad and Dyachkov received honorable mention recognition.

"Both Alex and Kirill ran personal best times," said Cuthrell.

While the lady Hawks failed to qualify enough runners for the team standings, Brittnay Loomis and Jennica Richards finished among the top 10 runners to earn first team all conference status.

Unionville-Sebewaing, led by female medallist Sara Turschak's time of 19:58, grabbed the team title with 29 points. Bad Axe finished as runner-up with 38 and Reese tallied 56 to complete the lady team standings.

Loomis recorded a time of 21:00 to finish as the GTW individual runner-up, while Richards ran a time of 21:54 to place 7th.

Red Hawk Carly Rabideau finished 24th with a time of 27:19.

CARO INVITE

Boasting the meet's top 3 runners, Fenton easily captured the Caro Invitational Saturday with just 37 points. The top 5 places at the 15-school meet had Cros-Lex with 122 points, Reese 143, Yale 159 and Cass City 161.

Following Fenton's Joey Kryza (16:20), Jesse Anderson (16:29) and Evan Bancroft (16:58) was 4th place finisher Varney for Cass City. Varney ran a time of 17:00, while Mabe and Burke finished slightly behind, in 7th and 8th positions, with times of 17:21 and 17:25, respectively.

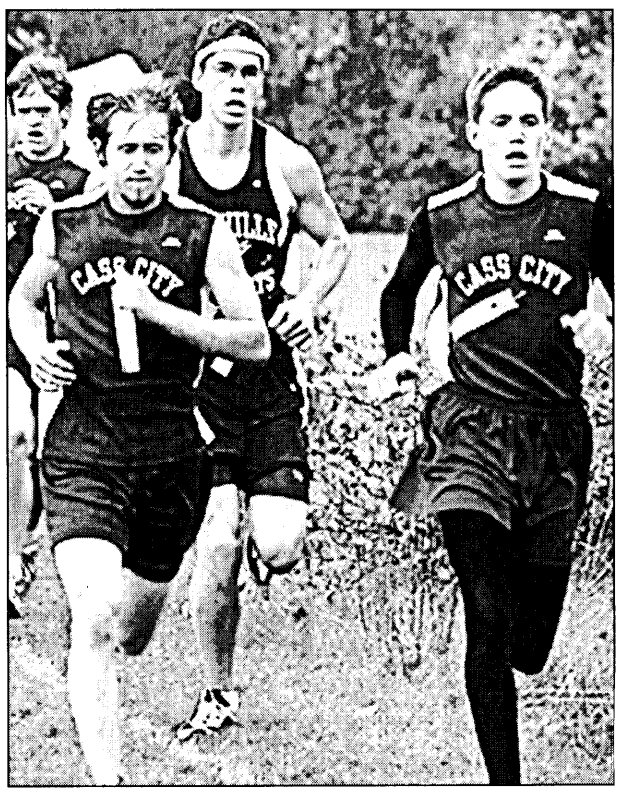
Also for the Hawks, Dyachkov recorded a time of 19:47; Alex Varney, 20:53; Tom LaValley, 21:27; and Mike Potrykus, 21:49.

In the ladies' division, Cros-Lex took top honors with 55 points, while Fenton, 109, Unionville-Sebewaing, 144, Sanford Meridian, 144, and Almont, 162, completed the top 5 team finishers.

Loomis turned in a time of 22:00 (34th place) and Richards a time of 22:08 (41st place) for the Hawks.

Although Cass City hasn't had the required 5 runners to qualify for the team standings all season long, Cuthrell says the near future looks bright for the lady Hawks.

"We've had the top junior high girls all season in the area. It (looks) very exciting for next year," noting Ashley Potts and Jessica Prieskorn finished in the top 2 spots in the junior high division at the meet with times of 12:47 and 12:53. The junior high field contained over 75 runners.



RED HAWKS Lukas Varney (left) and Dewey Mabe battle for the lead in Tuesday's Greater Thumb West Invitational.

Bulldogs drop pair of NCTL matches

A change from their regular routine didn't prevent host Carsonville-Port Sanilac from derailing Owen-Gage in North Central Thumb League play.

In a rare Wednesday night meeting, the Tigers needed 5 games to turn back the pesky Bulldogs during a contest moved ahead one night due to parent/teacher conferences in Owendale.

The Tigers grabbed a quick 2-0 edge with a 25-17 win in the opener and a tight 25-23 decision in game 2.

Owen-Gage, however, outlasted their hosts 30-28 in game 4 and sent the match to a rubber game with a 25-23 win of their own in game 4.

In the deciding game, the Tigers came out on top, 15-12.

April Nowaczyk led Owen-Gage with 13 kills, 5 assists, and 6 digs, while Amanda Faist added 12 kills, 7 digs, 3 blocks; Christy Schmidt, 6 kills, 3 blocks, 8 aces; Samantha Radabaugh, 13 assists; Katie Rhodes, 6 digs; Kelsey Quick, 4 aces; and Alisha Kovach, 4 aces.

NORTH HURON

One day earlier, Tuesday, the Bulldogs traveled to face co-league leader North Huron and suffered defeat in 4 games. The scores on the night were 25-20, 19-25, 25-14 and 25-18.

With the win, the Warriors improved to 7-3 in conference play, while Owen-Gage slipped to 4-7 in the NCTL-North.

Faist turned in a big effort for the Bulldogs and was credited with 11 kills, 11 digs and 3 blocks. Nowaczyk added 10 kills, 8 digs, 4 aces and 5 assists, while Schmidt recorded 8 kills, 1 block; Radabaugh, 16 assists, 2 aces; and Rhodes, 4 aces.

The Bulldogs will compete at the Laker Invitational this weekend for their final tune-up before district play.

Red Hawk spikers defeat Cougars in straight games

After suffering a pair of hard-fought, marathon, 5-game losses in Greater Thumb West play, coach Beth Howard's Cass City spikers needed a break.

The Red Hawks created their own reprieve from the usual riggers associated with league play Thursday during the team's home finale sweep over Bay City All Saints.

Cass City, 6-3 GTW and 22-7 overall, came into its final GTW match on the heels of deflating home losses to Unionville-Sebewaing and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port. Those setbacks tumbled the Red Hawks from the top of the GTW standings, a spot they had enjoyed most of the season.

While Cass City could have entered their 2007 parents' night outing with heavy feet, the hosts displayed plenty of guts and character to register an easy victory in straight games. The scores of the night were 25-11, 25-14 and 25-16. It was only fitting that the Hawks' lone senior member, Lauren Dillon, had a big night in her final match on home turf.

"It was a quick night for us," said Howard.

The Hawks now have a non-conference affair at Sandusky this Thursday and a weekend invitational to get ready for district play. In a district that includes Bad Axe, USA and the Lakers, all who have dealt Cass City defeat this season, in addition to Greater Thumb East powerhouse Ubly, to say the district's eventual winner will have to earn the title is understated.

Cass City's path to defend their back-to-back district crowns begins in pre-district play Thursday, Nov. 1st, against the host Lakers.

Still, against the Cougars, it was a night for seniors to shine and Dillon responded with a team-best 10 kills to get Cass City back on track.

"Lauren played hard tonight. It was her last home match and she played very well. She led the team in kills and was very strong from the service line," said Howard.

Howard also praised the effort of junior setter Amanda Langenburg in the whitewashing.

"Amanda was strong for us from the service line as well, she led the team with 17 serves and 5 aces. Amanda also played great defense, leading the team with 10 digs."

Additionally, Cass City had Carly Howard with 8 kills, 2 aces, Megan Zawilinski, 5 kills, 1 block; Kristie Karr, 7 kills, 3 blocks; and Megan VanVliet, 2 aces and 6 digs.

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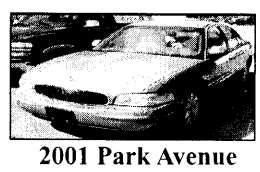

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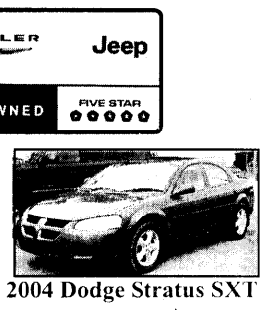

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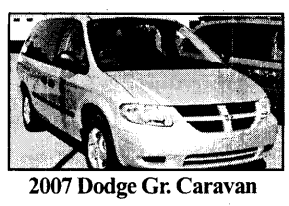

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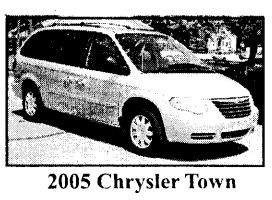

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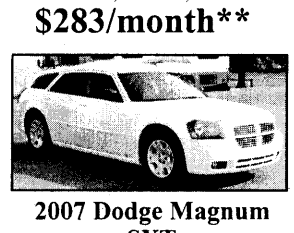

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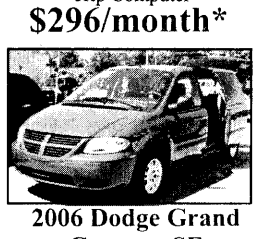

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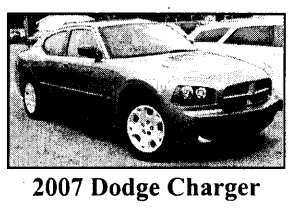

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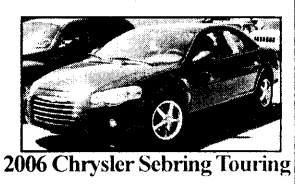

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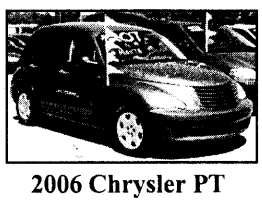

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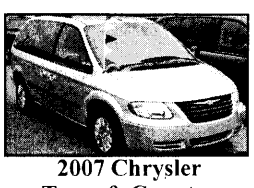

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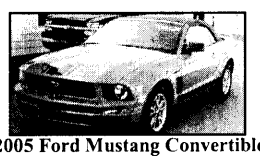

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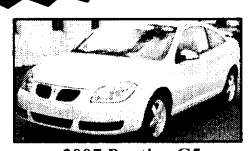

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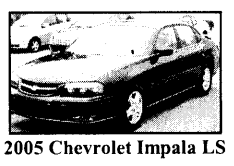

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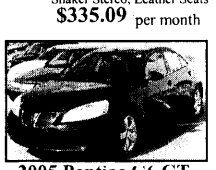

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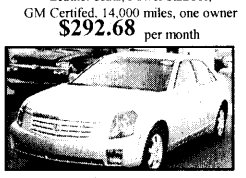

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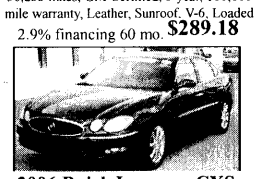

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GREATER THUMB WEST

Team	W	L	W	L
Reese	6	0	9	0
USA	4	2	6	3
Cass City	3	3	4	5
Lakers	3	3	4	5
Bad Axe	3	3	3	6
BCAS	2	4	3	6
Saginaw BV	0	6	1	8

GREATER THUMB EAST

Team	W	L	W	L
Harbor Beach	6	0	9	0
Ubly	5	1	7	2
Deckerville	4	2	6	3
Marlette	3	3	6	3
Sandusky	1	5	2	7
Mayville	1	5	2	7
Brown City	1	5	2	7

NORTH CENTRAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	W	L
Peck	7	0	8	1
North Huron	6	1	8	1
Memphis	5	2	5	4
Kingston	4	3	4	5
Dryden	3	4	5	4
CPS	2	5	2	7
Owen-Gage	1	6	1	8
Akron-Fairgrove	0	7	0	9

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Ubly 50, Bad Axe 8
Carrollton 19, BCAS 14
Almont 23, Cass City 12
Lakers 27, Sandusky 7
Reese 40, Birch Run 14
Flint Northwestern 38, Saginaw BV 6
USA 20, Pinconning 14
Brown City 28, Memphis 21
Deckerville 49, CPS 6
Harbor Beach 33, New Haven 8
Marlette 30, Peck 16
Mayville 42, Kingston 28
A. Eastern 60, A-Fairgrove 24
North Huron 37, Au Gres 28
Ashley 40, Owen-Gage 14

Cass City Bowling Leagues

Merchants as of Oct. 17

Curtis Chrysler	19
Thumb Peds	18
Two Guys & A Dave	17
Kelly & Co. Realty	17
Barronsteam Bears	12
R&H Body Shop	10
Charmont	9

Individual High Games & Services: Jeff Matthewson 204; Brent Doerr 223-233-241 (697); Don Doerr 207; Gary Vanderstelt 203 (580); Garrett Wichert 215; Rich Kessler 219 (584); Bob Joseph 215; Denny Doherty 215 (587); Dan Curtis 22; Tom Lis 235.

Team High Games & Series: Thumb Peds 615 (1672).

Individual Award Scores: Brent Doerr 140 Pins over Average (697 Series), 600 Series Award (697); James Dean 160 Game with 120 Avg or less (166); Dave McPhail 160 Game with 120 Avg or less (164).

Thursday Nite Trio as of Oct. 18

Mycogen Seeds	19
Doerr Landscaping	16
Jebco Consulting	16
United Building Centers	14
Martin Electric	13

Individual High Games & Series: Nick McCreedy 254 (644); Ed Schmaltz 242-214 (644); Dave Miller 220-212 (636); Rick Kerkau 232 (628); Wally Laming 255 (608); Tom Summers 254 (605); Tom Lis (583); Bob McLachlan 253; Rick Doerr 215.

Team High Game & Series: United Building Centers 612; Martin Electric (1800).

Awards: Wally Laming - 75 Pins over Average game (76); Tom Summers - 75 Pins over Average game (77); Nick McCreedy - 200 Game (160 Avg. or less) (254), 250 Game (170 Avg. or less) (254), 75 Pins over Average game (95), 600 Series (175 Avg. or less) (644), 140 Pins over Average series (167).

Merchanettes as of Oct. 18

All or Nothing	28
All Season Video	27
Thumb Octagon Barn	12

Individual High Games & Series: D. Zdrojewski 187 (476); J. Koch 180; L. Pabst 173.

Team High Game & Series: All or Nothing 647 (1781).

Splits: J. Koch 3-10; M. Gray 5-10.

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2007 Varsity Football

Aug. 24	Sandusky 14, Cass City 18
Aug. 30	Lakers 15, Cass City 22
Sept. 7	Marlette 60, Cass City 33
Sept. 14	Bad Axe 34, Cass City 28
Sept. 21	**USA 34, Cass City 14**
Sept. 28	Reese 48, Cass City 7
Oct. 5	**BCAS 14, Cass City 37**
Oct. 12	**Buena Vista 0, Cass City 56**
Oct. 19	**Almont 23, Cass City 12**

2007 JV Football

Aug. 23	**Sandusky**	**7:00 p.m.**
Aug. 29	**Lakers**	**7:00 p.m.**
Sept. 6	**Marlette**	**7:00 p.m.**
Sept. 13	**Bad Axe**	**7:00 p.m.**
Sept. 20	USA	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 27	**Reese**	**7:00 p.m.**
Oct. 4	BCAS	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 12	Buena Vista	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 18	Almont	7:00 p.m.

2007 Boys' Soccer

Aug. 21	Sandusky	5:00 p.m.
Aug. 23	**Brown City**	**5:00 p.m.**
Aug. 27	Marlette	5:00 p.m.
Aug. 29	**Caseville**	**5:00 p.m.**
Sept. 4	**Caro**	**4:30 p.m.**
Sept. 6	**Harbor Beach**	**5:00 p.m.**
Sept. 8	Bad Axe Invite	9:00 a.m.
Sept. 11	**Lakers**	**5:00 p.m.**
Sept. 14	Almont	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	USA	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 20	**Bad Axe**	**5:00 p.m.**
Sept. 25	Lakers	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 27	Brown City	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 2	**USA**	**4:30 p.m.**
Oct. 4	**Sandusky**	**4:30 p.m.**
Oct. 9	Bad Axe	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 15-20	Districts	
Oct. 23-27	Regionals	

Home games in bold.

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Laker High School

2007 Volleyball

Aug. 27	@Garber/Birch Run /Bullock Creek (V)	6:00 p.m.
Aug. 30	New Lothrop Invite	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 6	**Caro/BC (V/JV)**	**6:00 p.m.**
Sept. 8	Lakers Invite (JV)	9:00 a.m.
Sept. 11	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 13	Reese	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 15	Birch Run Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 18	USA	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 20	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 25	BCAS	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 27	**Bad Axe**	**6:00 p.m.**
Sept. 29	Birch Run Invite (JV)	8:30 a.m.
Oct. 4	**Reese**	**6:00 p.m.**
Oct. 6	USA Invite (JV)	8:30 a.m.
Oct. 9	**USA**	**6:00 p.m.**
Oct. 11	**Lakers**	**6:00 p.m.**
Oct. 13	Northwood Invite (V)	8:00 a.m.
Oct. 18	**BCAS**	**6:00 p.m.**
Oct. 25	Sandusky	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 27	Lakers Invite (V)	9:00 a.m.
Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2, 3	Districts	
Nov. 9, 10	Regionals	

2007 Cross Country

Aug. 24	Bad Axe	4:30 p.m.
Aug. 29	Akron-Fair. Invite	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 5	USA Invite	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 8	Bad Axe	10:00 a.m.
Sept. 13	Chesaning Invite	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	Frankenmuth Invite	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 22	John Glen Invite	9:00 a.m.
Sept. 26	Marlette Invite	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 29	Harbor Beach Invite	9:00 a.m.
Oct. 6	**CC Invite**	**9:00 a.m.**
Oct. 13	Reese Invite	TBA
Oct. 16	League Meet (Bad Axe)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	Caro Invite	10:00 a.m.
Oct. 27	Regionals	

2007 Tennis

Aug. 28	Sandusky	4:15 p.m.
Aug. 30	Lakers	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 6	Harbor Beach	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 11	BCAS	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 13	Bad Axe	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 18	**Sandusky**	**4:15 p.m.**
Sept. 20	**Lakers**	**4:15 p.m.**
Sept. 25	**Harbor Beach**	**4:15 p.m.**
Sept. 27	**BCAS**	**4:15 p.m.**
Oct. 2	**Bad Axe**	**4:15 p.m.**

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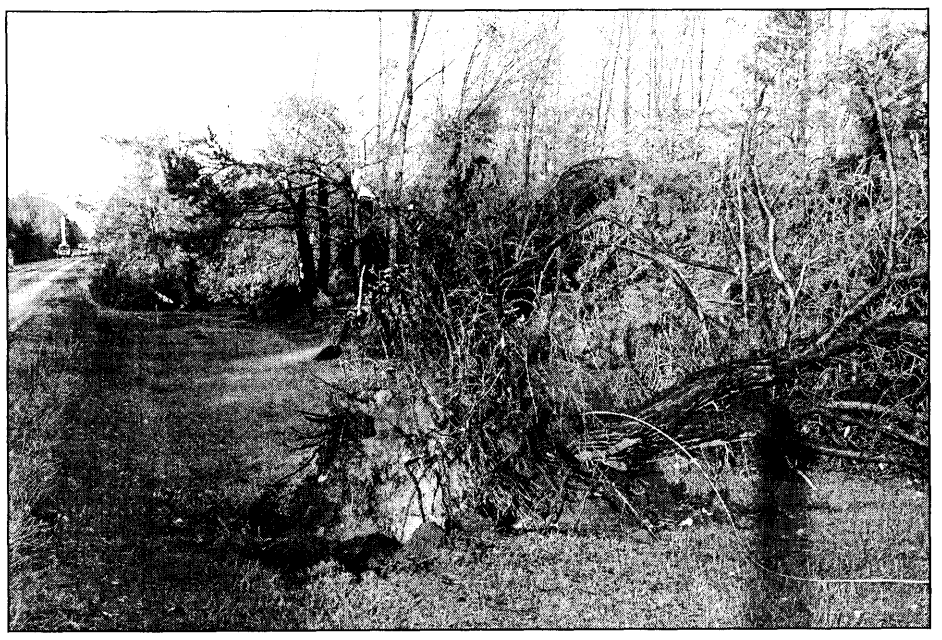
THE SECOND STORY of Eady's home, which has been under construction, lies in a heap next to the rest of the structure. Pictured below are some of the hundreds of trees uprooted west of Deford, where a lengthy section of Deckerville Road was blocked.



Tornado

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claimed the life of a 29-year-old man trapped inside his home, which was demolished. In addition, several homes and overturned vehicles were reported across the state.

In southern Tuscola County, authorities reported a one-year-old boy suffered minor injuries. According to reports, the child was found under a pile of rubble some 30 feet from his Millington area home, beneath an overturned crib mattress. The family's home was destroyed.

As for Eady, he's thankful that his wife, Maggie, decided to wait until Friday to drive up from their Metamora home in Lapeer County to meet him for a work weekend at their property.

He shook his head slowly as he looked around. "I don't even know what we'll do now. It has not been a good year," said Eady, a 25-year veteran of the Metamora police and fire departments (he serves as fire chief and road patrol sergeant). "I was in a motorcycle accident in July '06 and haven't been able to work since, and the house burned down in February. "After all the problems I've had this past year, I'm sure the insurance guy's not going to be real happy."

Still, Eady knows this stroke of bad luck could have been much worse. "You look inside there (trailer). I can't believe I'm still here," he said.

His wife, who is also a fire fighter and EMS worker, agreed. "He's lucky," she said.

THIS WAS THE view inside Eady's 40-foot trailer, through a rear window.

Law targets shared services

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9 local districts in Tuscola County. Paid for by a combination of state, federal and millage funding, they include career technical education, special education and general education (instructional services). Socha noted the TISD is among the leaders in some areas, adding, "This ISD has more special ed programs than any other ISD in the state."

The TISD provides local districts with access to a number of professionals such as school psychologists and physical and speech therapists.

There are many other examples, such as the TISD Technology Information Department, which offers local districts computer and computer network support. And professional development conferences each year target the county's administrators and teachers.

The TISD also shares personnel such as a tech center counselor who also works part-time in the Millington School District.

The Huron Intermediate School District (HISD) provides similar programs for its member schools, including the Owen-Gage School District, which has taken advantage of special, vocational and education services, as well as shared distance learning, professional development, substitute teacher contracting, and an alternative education program for students unable to succeed in a regular classroom.

Without those opportunities, Owen-Gage simply could not provide many of those services, according to Supt. Dana Compton.

"We could not run our own alternative education program," he said, adding the district might have 2 or 3 students who need such a program, but the state aid for those students wouldn't add up to more than $25,000. "We couldn't hire half a teacher for that."

The same goes for the school psychologist who works with Owen-Gage students. "You're probably looking at (a salary of) $55,000 to $60,000 for that one person," Compton said. "We have them here twice a week. Where would we get the extra funding for that?"

Owen-Gage is also entered into cooperative agreements with other schools. For the past 2 years, the district has shared a foreign language teacher with North Huron.

A growing trend, Socha pointed out, is cooperative efforts with other counties.

She said the Tuscola and Huron intermediate school districts have partnered on several projects, including providing literacy services and coordinating the curriculum-based student achievement model used by several area school districts. The TISD also has a shared contracting service with the Bay-Arenac ISD and Iosco ISD to provide substitute teachers.

"We have been, I think, working more and more towards collaboration of services because there are fewer (education) dollars," Socha said.

She noted superintendents from throughout the county meet regularly and have formed committees to explore shared services covering issues ranging from student achievement to purchasing.

Although a law is now in place requiring ISDs to explore these and many other avenues of consolidation, Socha and other school officials say the economy and little in the way of increased revenue from the state for school operations has been the driving force behind partnerships among schools.

"We haven't had a choice. Schools have already had to become much, much more frugal, so we've looked at ways not to be redundant in services," said Cass City School Supt. Ron Wilson.

"I think the idea behind the (new) law is good, to share services. It works out pretty well," Wilson added. "The problem you run into...is there are certain things that are hard to share. For example, my transportation director is also my bus mechanic, and we have the largest geographical bus district in the Thumb - we travel 1,000 miles a day - so we're covering a lot of ground."

Still, Wilson and other school officials have made great strides in cutting costs. And, Socha believes, there will be even more partnerships struck in the future.

"There's always room for a lot more collaboration. Always. And that's not only among districts in one county, but with other counties," Socha said. "It only makes sense if we can save money" that can be used to educate students in the classroom.

School district in the black

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nearly 60 schools are expected to become deficit spending districts in the coming year.

State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) earlier this month announced a House plan to give the state's lowest funded schools more money to keep teachers in the classroom, minimize class sizes and provided necessary educational tools for students.

The plan, he explained, is designed to close the gap between the state's maximum guarantee of $8,385 per student and the lowest foundation grants of $7,108 now set for many districts, including Cass City, which will receive $23 more per pupil this year, or an increase of some $31,000.

Brown indicated the plan should give schools an even larger funding increase, but legislators continue to struggle with a multi-million dollar deficit, and with no firm budget in place, Wilson indicated it's impossible to know what additional increase, if any, Cass City will receive. Projections at this point range from $23 more per student to as much as $119 per student.

Based on the student count numbers, Wilson said, board members may be looking at cutting just over $250,000 in expenses this year.

POLICY CHANGES

Turning to other matters during the monthly board of education meeting, school administrators explained a pair of proposed policy changes.

Middle school Principal Jeff Hartel outlined changes in the middle school promotion procedure. Currently, students who pass 2 out of 3 marking periods in each semester in all core classes (math, social studies, science and English-language arts) with a 63 percent or better, with a cumulative semester average of 60 percent, are promoted. Students failing one or 2 core classes are promoted if they make up the class by attending summer school.

However, there are other exceptions, including promotion approval based on factors such as parental recommendation, and Hartel said the goal of the new policy is to close that loophole by requiring students who are failing a core class to successfully complete unfinished "Study Island" lessons, a web-based instructional and diagnostic tool that enables teachers to help students master state standards and prepare for their state assessments the following year.

High school Principal Chad Daniels, meanwhile, explained proposed changes at the high school involving grading.

Under the plan, he said, semester grades would be determined via a formula of 40 percent for each marking period and 20 percent for final exams. All classes would require an examination, and teachers would use a uniform grading scale.

In addition, the opportunity for students to opt out of a final exam based on their grades would no longer be determined on a class-by-class basis. To qualify for the incentive, students would be required to have no more than 5 total absences in any class to opt out of exams.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday, the board:

•Heard an update on a planned daycare operation at Campbell Elementary School, largely to serve 4- and 5-year-olds attending half-day classes.

Wilson said the necessary state inspections are in the process of being completed, and school officials should be able to seek student applications soon. "I'm hoping, if everything goes well, by the first week of November we'll be licensed," he added.

Wilson has said 2 staff members will be hired to run the program, which will continue only if it is self-supporting. He estimated the annual budget at roughly $50,000 and said a minimum of 20 children will need to be enrolled.

•Approved a proposal from Anderson, Tuckey Bernhardt & Doran, P.C., to conduct the district's audits for the next 3 years at a cost of $8,200 the first year, $8,300 the second year and $8,400 in the final year of the contract.

•Authorized the band boosters to organize a raffle this year.

•Approved the hiring of Kathy LaPonsie as school nurse. She replaces Rachel Malone, who is moving out of the area.

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The mortgage will be foreclosed by a public sale of the property on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., at front steps, Tuscola County Courthouse, Caro, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 10.25 percent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

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

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Dated: October 24, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Matthew R. Yeo and Michelle L. Yeo, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 26, 2004 and recorded on April 6, 2004 in Liber 986 on Page 1368 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S Bank, N.A. as trustee for MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2004-HE1 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Three and 05/100 Dollars ($99,953.05), including interest at 6.65% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 29, 2007.

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

Commencing 4 rods west of the northwest corner of Lot 3, Block 15 of the Plat of the Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence West 4 rods; thence South 8 Rods; thence East 4 rods; thence North 8 rods to beginning. Being part of the southeast 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 east, Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan and commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot 2, Block 15 of the Plat of the Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan; running thence West 4 rods; thence North 8 rods; thence East 4 rods; thence South 8 rods to the point of beginning. All in the Village of Millington, Tuscola County.

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: October 24, 2007

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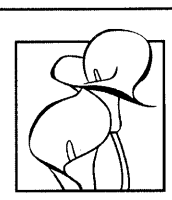

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Violet Bidinger, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 4, 2005 and recorded on August 8, 2005 in Liber 1048 on Page 1381 in instrument 200500869747, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Three and 60/100 Dollars ($100,163.60), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 8, 2007.

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

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 22, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds East 343.59 feet along the North line of said Section 22 to the point of Beginning; running thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds East 320.00 feet along the North line of said Section 22; thence South 00 degrees 29 minutes 02 seconds East 275.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds, West 320.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 29 minutes 02 seconds West 275.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: October 10, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Arthur J Hastedt, a single person, original mortgagor, to American Home Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated August 16, 2005, and recorded on August 18, 2005 in Liber 1050 on Page 896, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dianna Pikyavit, a single woman, to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated January 13, 2006 and recorded January 25, 2006 in Liber 1069, Page 904, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by LaSalle Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the MLMI Trust Series 2006-AR1 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-One and 73/100 Dollars ($91,591.73), including interest at 8.7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on NOVEMBER 29, 2007.

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

Parcel B: Commencing at the South one-quarter corner, Section 21, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, Kingston Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; running thence North 0 Degrees 02 Minutes 17 Seconds West 984.35 feet along the North-South one-quarter line; thence South 89 Degrees 56 Minutes 23 Seconds East 467.96 feet; thence South 0 Degrees 24 Minutes 12 Seconds East 824.82 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 53 Minutes 30 Seconds West 86.0 feet; thence South 0 Degrees 24 Minutes 12 Seconds East 160.0 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 53 Minutes 30 Seconds West 388.23 feet along the South Section line to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southeast one-quarter, Section 21, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, Kingston Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

Being the same property conveyed to Dianna Pikyavit, a single woman by Deed Dated 1-30-04 and Recorded 3-10-04 in Deed Book 983, Page 1252, in the Office of the Recorder of Tuscola County, Michigan.

Being the same property conveyed to Edith M. Wayman, a single woman, and Eric A. Smith, a single man, a joint tenants with full rights of survivorship by Deed Dated 2-1-99 and Recorded 2-22-99 in Deed Book 763, Page 1307, in the Office of the Recorder of Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: October 24, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Leah K. Soldan, a single woman, original mortgagors, to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated October 21, 2004 and recorded on February 3, 2005 in Liber 1026 on Page 260, and assigned by said Mortgagee to CitiFinancial Mortgage Company, Inc. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty and 63/100 Dollars ($61,660.63), including interest at 10.2% 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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 1, 2007.

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

Lot 13 of Wilsey and McPhail's Addition to the Village of Cass City, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 6, now being 7A. 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: October 3, 2007

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One Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Seven and 44/100 Dollars ($91,167.44), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 1, 2007.

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

A parcel of land in the South 1/2 of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of Section 19, Town 13 North, Range 7 East, described as, Commencing on the Northwest corner of the South 1/2 of said fractional Southwest 1/4 of Section 19; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 20 seconds East on the North line of said South 1/2 of the fractional Southwest 1/4, 284. 7 feet: thence South parallel with the West section line, 153.0 feet, thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 20 seconds West parallel with the North line of the South 1/2 of the fractional Southwest 1/4, 284.7 feet; thence North along the West line of said Section, 153.0 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT reserving an easement for ingress and egress over and across the, Northerly 10.0 feet and a 40-foot square parcel in the Northeast corner of the described property.

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: October 3, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dennis M. Haslett and Lisa R. Haslett, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Chase Bank USA, N.A., Mortgagee, dated September 30, 2005 and recorded on October 20, 2005 in Liber 1058 on Page 795 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Three and 85/100 Dollars ($191,233.85), including interest at 7.975% 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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 1, 2007.

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

The West 1/2 of the following described property, to-wit: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 13 North, Range 9 East described as beginning at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 32; thence along the North line of said Section 32, West 500.00 feet; thence parallel to the North and South 1/4 line of Section 32, South 00 degrees 01 minutes 15 seconds West, 700.00 feet; thence East 500.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 01 minutes 15 seconds East, 700.00 feet to the North 1/4 corner of Section 32 and the point beginning.

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

Dated: October 3, 2007

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 1, 2007.

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

Lot 13 of Wilsey and McPhail's Addition to the Village of Cass City, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 6, now being 7A. Tuscola County Records.

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Dated: October 3, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RICHARD SZÅNKIN, A SINGLE MAN, and RHONDA J. REPKIE, A SINGLE WOMAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 12, 2007, and recorded on July 18, 2007, in Liber 1125, on Page 496, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and Seventy-Two Cents ($76,325.72), including interest at 8.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statue 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 November 15, 2007.

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

LOT 24 AND 25, BLOCK 12 BLACKMAN'S PLAT OF THE VILLAGE OF REESE.

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: October 12, 2007

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

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scottie A. Bray, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 26, 2004 and recorded on March 17, 2004 in Liber 984 on Page 826 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Eight Hundred Fourteen and 17/100 Dollars ($160,814.17), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 29, 2007.

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

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 30, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Township of Arbela, Tuscola County, Michigan, being further described as follows: commencing at the Southeast corner of section 30; thence North 00 degrees 13 minutes 04 seconds West 1061.00 feet along the East section line to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 46 minutes 56 seconds West 143.00 feet; thence South 44 degrees 46 minutes 42 seconds West 24.04 feet; thence South 00 degrees 13 minutes 04 seconds East 128.50 feet; thence South 89 degrees 46 minutes 56 seconds West 228.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 13 minutes 04 seconds East 515.50 feet; thence South 89 degrees 46 minutes 56 seconds West 588.74 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 26 seconds West 256.94 feet; thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 11 seconds West 330.00 feet to a point on the East 1/8 line; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 26 seconds West 661.77 feet along said line to a point on the South 1/8 line; thence North 89 degrees 31 minutes 57 seconds East 1304.71 feet along said line to a point on the east section line; thence South 00 degrees 13 minutes 04 seconds East 262.36 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: October 24, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Edward R. Fritz and Cheryl R. Fritz, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 26, 2006 and recorded October 5, 2006 in Liber 1098, Page 15, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by CitiMortgage, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Six and 35/100 Dollars ($47,506.35), including interest at 8.55% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on November 1, 2007.

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

Commencing at a point 110 rods West of the Northeast corner of Section 1, Township 14 North, Range 8 East; thence South 11 rods 10 and one-half feet; thence West 4 rods; thence North 11 rods 10 and one-half feet; thence East 4 rods to the Place 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.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: October 3, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Terry N. Sansote and Bridgett A. Sansote, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 24, 2005 and recorded on November 16, 2005 in Liber 1061 on Page 900 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Nine and 22/100 Dollars ($70,539.22), including interest at 6.75% 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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 1, 2007.

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

A parcel of land located in the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 14, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 14; thence South 89 degrees 33 minutes 05 seconds West along the North line of said Section 14, a distance of 690.00 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence South 00 degrees 26 minutes 55 seconds East 160.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 33 minutes 05 seconds East, parallel with said North line, 55.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 26 minutes 55 seconds 125.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 33 minutes 05 seconds West 235.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 26 minutes 55 seconds West, 285.00 feet to a point on said North line of Section 14; thence North 89 degrees 33 minutes 05 seconds East, along said North line, 180.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: October 3, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sandra M. Winnie, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 20, 2007 and recorded on May 7, 2007 in Liber 1118 on Page 1065 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Three and 66/100 Dollars ($94,283.66), including interest at 6.75% 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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 15, 2007.

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

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 26, Town 14 North, Range 7 East; thence North along the West line of said Section 26, 775.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 05 minutes 40 seconds East, 198.0 feet; thence North parallel with the West Section line, 323.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 05 minutes 40 seconds West, 198.0 feet; thence South along the West Section line, 323.0 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: October 17, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mary E. Nieznajko, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 26, 2003 and recorded on January 6, 2004 in Liber 971 on Page 1315 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine and 10/100 Dollars ($51,999.10), including interest at 12.5% 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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 29, 2007.

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

Commencing at a point 360 feet North of the Southeast corner of section 26, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbela Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence North 132 feet; thence West 330 feet; thence South 132 feet; thence East 330 feet to place 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: October 24, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joann L. Foote, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 8, 2006 and recorded on November 17, 2006 in Liber 1102 on Page 1101 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Indenture Trustee for the registered Note holders of Renaissance Home Equity Loan
Trust 2006-4 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Three and 28/100 Dollars ($234,583.28), including interest at 8.59% 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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 8, 2007.

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 27, Town 12 North Range 10 East Wells Township Tuscola County Michigan described as commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Said Section 27; thence along the North line of said Section 27 North 89 degrees 45 minutes 43 seconds West 329.86 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 26 minutes 11 seconds East 1320.39 feet to the South line of the Northeast 1/4 of said Northwest quarter of Section 27; thence along the South line of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 27 North 89 degrees 40 minutes 11 seconds West 992.68 feet to the West line of said Northeast 1/4 of the North west 1/4 of Section 27; thence along said West line of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 27 North 00 degrees 11 minutes 23 seconds West 1318.74 feet to said North line of Section 27; thence along said North line of Section 27 South 89 degrees 45 minutes 43 seconds East 986.98 feet to the Point of beginning as recorded in Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: October 10, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Randal Myers and Sheila Myers, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to H&R Block Mortgage Corporation, a Massachusetts Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 26, 2006 and recorded on February 3, 2006 in Liber 1070 on Page 1272, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Three and 18/100 Dollars ($97,673.18), including interest at 12.05% 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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 15, 2007.

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

Lot 12 of Lakehill Farms, being located in Section 36, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, according to the recorded plat thereof.

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

Dated: October 17, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joan E. Gray and Ronald Gray, wife and husband as joint tenants, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 10, 2004 and recorded December 9, 2004 in Liber 1020, Page 319, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Eight and 21/100 Dollars ($35,488.21), including interest at 11% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on NOVEMBER 15, 2007.

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

Parcel C: Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 29, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as beginning at a point on the Centerline of Bruisee Road, which is along the North line of Section 29, North 89 degrees 57 minutes 14 seconds East, 276.15 feet and along said Centerline, South 03 degrees 25 minutes 04 seconds West, 676.23 feet from the North Quarter corner of Section 29; thence continuing along said Centerline, South 03 degrees 25 minutes 04 seconds West, 225.41 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 14 seconds East 1091.59 feet; thence along the East line of the West half of the Northeast quarter of Section 29, North 00 degrees 8 minutes 00 seconds East, 225.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 14 seconds West, 1078.68 feet to the Centerline of Bruisee Road and the point of beginning. According to a survey recorded in Liber 511, Page 639 through 640, Tuscola County Records.

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

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: October 17, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Larry D. Weller and Shawn M. Weller, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Household Finance Corporation III, Mortgagee, dated April 20, 2004 and recorded on April 23, 2004 in Liber 989 on Page 468 in instrument 200400849585, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Four and 32/100 Dollars ($213,564.32), including interest at 7.694% 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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 15, 2007.

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 15 Town 12 North Range 10 East Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at the Northeast corner of the West 20.00 acres of said Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 (said point being East 658.50 feet along the North line of Section 15 from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 15); thence East 263.76 feet thence Southerly parallel to the East line of said West 20.00 acres 1322.5 feet; thence along the South line of said Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 Westerly 263.76 feet; thence Northerly along the East line of said West 20.00 acres, 1322.7 feet to the North line of Section 15 and the point of beginning. Subject to the use of the Northerly 33.00 feet thereof as Riley Road and other easements and rights of way of record as recorded in Tuscola County Records. Containing 8.0 acres more or less.

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

Dated: October 17, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Debra Ann Lamphere, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated December 27, 1999 and recorded on January 20, 2000 in Liber 792 on Page 1253 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, 2005-SC1 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-One and 50/100 Dollars ($51,481.50), including interest at 11.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 15, 2007.

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

Lot 5 and the North 1/2 of Lot 8, Block 2, of Woodside Addition of the Village of Mayville, Fremont Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 63, now being 34A.

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: October 17, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kellie A. Sebert and Craig T. Sebert, wife and husband, as tenants by the entirety, to Aames Home Loan, Mortgagee, dated June 30, 2003 and recorded July 15, 2003 in Liber 942, Page 168, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by US Bank, National Association as Trustee for SASCO Aames Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2003-1 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Seven and 96/100 Dollars ($354,007.96), including interest at 12.375% 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on NOVEMBER 15, 2007.

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

The East one-half of the Southeast one-quarter Section 10, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, except land described as beginning at the East one-quarter corner of said Section 10; thence along the East line of said Section 10, South 01 Degree 09 minutes 50 seconds East, 800 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 07 minutes 00 seconds West, 217.80 feet; thence North 01 Degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds West, 800 feet to the East and West one-quarter line; thence North 89 Degrees 07 minutes 00 seconds East, 217.80 feet to the East one quarter corner of said Section 10 and the point of beginning.

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

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: October 17, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Marcus M. Miller and Amy Miller, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 3, 2005 and recorded on June 9, 2005 in Liber 1041 on Page 1257 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Seventy-Five and 71/100 Dollars ($84,075.71), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 15, 2007.

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

The North half of Lot 21, Shay Lake Heights Subdivision No. 1, According to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 35, 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: October 17, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lyle J. Salisbury Jr., a/k/a Lyle Salisbury, and Lynette Marie Salisbury, a/k/a Lynnette Salisbury, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 26, 2006 and recorded May 2, 2006 in Liber 1079, Page 1122, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Six and 61/100 Dollars ($135,756.61), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on NOVEMBER 8, 2007.

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

All that certain parcel of land situated in Tuscola County, State of Michigan, being known and designated as part of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 30, Town 12 North, Range 8 East described as: Beginning at a point on the North line of Section 30 which is North 89 degrees 41 minutes 35 seconds West 945.34 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 30; thence continuing along said North line, North 89 degrees 41 minutes 35 seconds West 176.33 feet; thence parallel to the East line of said Section, South 247.00 feet; thence parallel to said North line, South 89 degrees 41 minutes 35 seconds East, 176.33 feet; thence North 247.00 feet to the North line of Section 30 and the point of beginning.

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

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: October 10, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nathan Robinson and Megan Robinson, husband and wife, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 22, 2005 and recorded December 29, 2005 in Liber 1066, Page 1111, and An Affidavit of Scrivener's Error to correct the legal description was submitted for recording, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificate holders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-OPT3, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-OPT3 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Five and 00/100 Dollars ($94,175.00), including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on NOVEMBER 29, 2007.

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

Commencing 612 feet West of the Northeast corner of the West half of the Northeast quarter of Section 27, Town 12 North, Range 11 East; thence West 168 feet; thence South 1050 feet; thence East 780 feet; thence North 435 feet; thence West 312 feet; thence North 390 feet; thence West 300 feet; thence North 225 feet to the point of beginning.

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

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 29, 2007.

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

Commencing at a point 92 Rods North of the Southwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Northwest fractional 1/4 of section 18, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; thence North 74 feet; thence East 28 Rods; thence South 74 feet; thence West 28 Rods to the place 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: October 24, 2007

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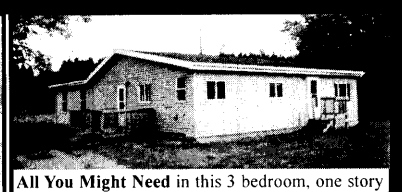
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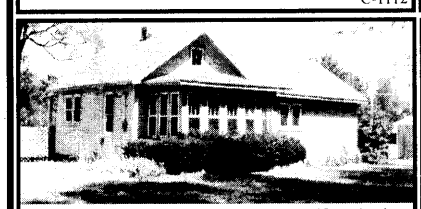
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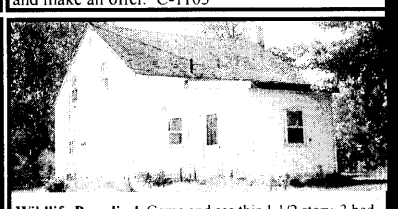
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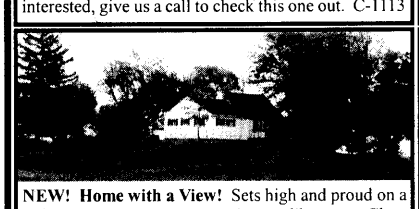
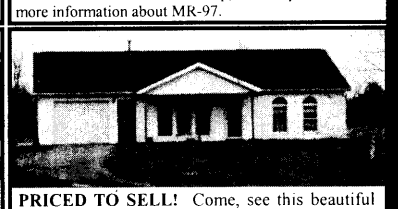

NEW! Home with a View! Sets high and proud on a hill on 3.5 acres. Picturesque views unlike many. Close to town. Offers over 1,000 sq. ft. Has 2 bedrooms and possible 3rd. Main floor laundry. Large living room. Updated furnace and central air. Roof was updated in last 5 years. Outer building is 18'x28'. Many mature trees. Call to have a personal showing today. CC-603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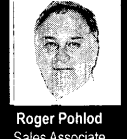
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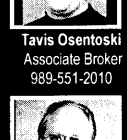
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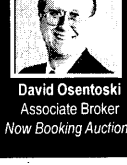
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- Wired for cable and internet
- Utility room

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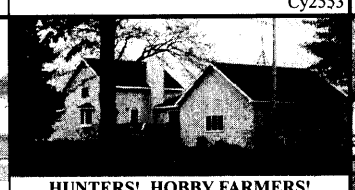
This 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath Home has been updated within the last few years. New carpet, new sink and cabinets in bath. 2 garages (1) 1 1/2 and (1) 2 1/2. Roof is only 1 year old. This is an excellent starter home. TCC1522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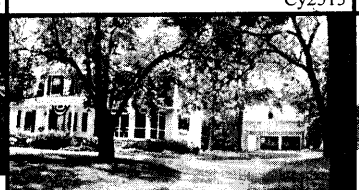
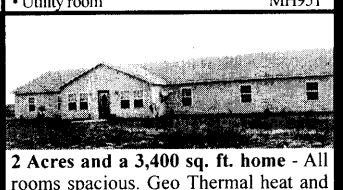

Historic Home! Pristine condition. Original oak floors, trim and pocket doors. 16'x30' carriage house. TCC1517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Fun in the pumpkin patch...

I'LL TAKE THIS ONE! Elizabeth McCormick, 3, daughter of Heidi Vatter, was among the group of youngsters from the Shabbona United Methodist Church to visit Russ and Bonnie Liebler's "Fall Fun Days" farm along M-53, just south of Deckerville Road Sunday. The farm offers wagon rides, a u-pick pumpkin patch, corn maze and other fun fall activities.

$130,400 grant goes to Caro

Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) officials recently announced a $130,400 grant to launch a major renovation of downtown buildings in the village of Caro.

"This grant will help business and property owners make their buildings more appealing, which will attract more people who want to live, work and invest in our area," said state Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon). "Businesses want to set up shop in lively, modern-looking places, and downtown areas are often what they see first. Improving downtown Caro will help stimulate much-needed economic growth in our area and create more good paying jobs for our workers."

The grant, which covers 8 buildings along State Street in Caro, is part of a project to create "Vibrant Communities" of all sizes throughout Michigan. The money can be used for a variety of exterior improvements such as painting, windows, awnings and lighting.

The program is intended to stimulate other private investment in the areas of building and housing renovations along with job creation.

The grant comes on the heels of Caro's designation earlier this year as a Blueprint for Michigan's Downtown Community. That designation earned the village a MSHDA grant totaling $15,000 to develop a strategy to improve its downtown area.

"The folks in Caro are to be commended for taking advantage of these opportunities to position the village as an active, dynamic place," Brown said. "Projects such as this downtown renovation are very deserving of major grants like this one."

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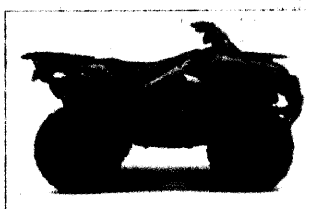

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Corn yields affected by dry weather

With very little rain in Michigan in June and early August, many corn growers are seeing lower than average yields. Even though the state average bushels per acre has steadily increased, the lack of rainfall has caused lower than normal yields this year for much of the state.

Michigan farmers planted 2.5 million acres of corn in 2007, which was about a 15 percent increase from last year. The 20-year range for corn acreage planted is between 2.1 million and 2.7 million acres. During this same 20-year time frame, the Michigan corn crop has grown from 112 million bushels to 288 million bushels per year.

Production is determined by acres harvested and average yield. The average yield per bushel has increased dramatically in the last 20 years from 70 bushels per acre to 147 bushels per acre. Although this year much of Michigan suffered from a drought, the current yield trend predicts that Michigan has the potential to produce more than 147 bushels per acre, but is predicted to be at 113 bushels per acre this season.

"Unfortunately Michigan has suffered from a drought, but nationally corn production is up from more than 11 billion bushels in 2006 to more than 13 billion bushels in 2007," said Jody Bollok, Corn Marketing Program of Michigan (CMPM) executive director. "The lack of water in Michigan during the critical time of the corn plant's growing season has lead to an impact of the final crop. This has caused about 70 percent of the corn grown in Michigan to be rated as a fair to poor condition crop."

Even with the lower yield, there will only be about 15 percent less production because more acres were planted. Last year Michigan produced about 288 million bushels of corn, while this year the United States Department of Agriculture has predicted about 251.9 million bushels of production. If you take this year's crop and add the carry over, Michigan's available corn crop is 272.9 million bushels.

Recycle tires in Tuscola

Tuscola County residents can recycle their tires year-round without having to travel long distances or pay huge fees for the service.

"Thanks to a grant from the mosquito abatement program and our recycling center's millage, we are able to keep the cost per tire for our residents to a minimum," explained Kate Neese, recycling coordinator at the Tuscola County Recycling Center in Caro.

The center charges $1 per tire ($2 with a rim), $5 per semi truck or trailer tire ($10 with a rim), and $20 per tractor tire ($40 with a rim). The fees are double for out-of-county residents.

The facility, county-owned and operated since 1996, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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