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## Fall Family Days draws record crowd

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Restore it and they will come.

That twist on a popular movie line couldn't be more appropriate when talking about Fall Family Days at the Thumb Octagon Barn, especially after seeing cars backed up from the barn on Richie Road nearly all the way back to Bay City-Forestville Road Saturday.

Just ask Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn President Bob Hirn.

The 12th annual celebration at the historical barn near Gagetown, Saturday and Sunday, turned out to be a record breaker.

"It turns out it was a record," Hirn said Monday morning. "Saturday was the single biggest day we've ever had, and when we added up Sunday's gate, we came up with 15,000 people for the weekend. Everything went extremely well. The weather couldn't have been nicer. Everything really worked out."

"Last year it (attendance) was down because of the rain on Saturday morning - we had 10,000 - and in '04 and '05, we had 12,000," Hirn added.

"We've always been averaging in the \$47,000, \$48,000 range as far as net income, and one thing we've wanted to do the past few years is to break that \$50,000 mark," he said. "I think we did it this year."

The numbers support that prediction. The number of vendors in the craft area, for example, numbered 200 this year - up from 167 last year - and there was still a waiting list. In the new Munro Building, concessions workers reported they ran out of food Saturday night, despite the fact that they had purchased enough food for the entire weekend.

The 2007 Fall Family Days celebra-

tion again marked some firsts, including a dual theme, with displays and demonstrations focusing on both the corn industry and "laundry days" of the past.

Both proved popular, as visitors toured the Purdy farmhouse and covered the Octagon Barn grounds from one end to another.

"It's beautiful, isn't it?" commented Don Cravin, who along with his wife, Sherry, and the couple's 3 children, ages 6 to 13, drove about 7 hours from their home near Indianapolis to enjoy the festivities.

"We learned about the Octagon Barn 5 years ago through their website, attended our first Fall Family Days and haven't missed a year since," Sherry noted. "It's just a great weekend for families to enjoy, and it's amazing what this group of volunteers has done here."

This was the first Fall Family Days for Ruth Ann and Tim Foerster and their children, twins Emily and Sarah, 6, and son James, 9, of Bay City. Ruth Ann explained they learned about the celebration when her son attended one of the annual school tours of the barn last year. "I thought all the kids would enjoy it," she said. "I was surprised how big it (crowd) is."

Caro residents Tom and Kathy Plamondon and their 4 boys, ages 18 months to 8 years, indicated they thought Fall Family Days would be a great educational experience for their older children. "We home-school our kids, plus we're not farmers," Tom said. "We don't go to too many festivals, but they advertise this one well."

The celebration also is well-manned, with volunteers coming from across

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TWINS EMILY, 6, and Sarah Foerster of Bay City learn to wash clothes the old fashioned way Saturday during Fall Family Days at the Thumb Octagon Barn near Gagetown, which drew a record crowd of literally thousands of people over the weekend. The girls are the daughters of Ruth Ann and Tim Foerster.

### At Evergreen Park

## Board eyes land expansion

The Sanilac County Parks Board is considering an expansion of Evergreen Park, and they'll be seeking public input later this month.

A public hearing has been scheduled for Monday, Sept. 24, to discuss a proposal to seek a Department of

Natural Resources Trust Fund Land Acquisition grant to purchase 30.35 acres of land contiguous to the existing south and west borders of the 48-acre park, which is located about 4 miles south of M-81 on M-53.

The meeting is slated to begin at 7 p.m. at the Sanilac County Conference Room, 37 Austin St., Sandusky. Those unable to attend can send written comments to Sanilac County Parks Board Chairman Jim Bowerman at 60 W. Sanilac Ave., Sandusky, MI 48471.

The project, if approved and funded, would include preserving the land in its natural state, establishing additional campsites, constructing nature trails to connect with existing trails within Evergreen Park, and establishing wildlife viewing areas.

According to Bowerman, the expansion would enable officials to eventually expand the recreational opportunities at the park. Currently, he said, much of the land along the Cass River cannot be developed because it lies within a flood plain. "It would give us higher ground. We would be able to put in some hiking trails, some biking trails."

"We don't really intend to develop it right away," he added. "We just want to have the land available."

Bowerman said Sanilac County parks officials had previously talked to the owner of the land about possibly purchasing the property, but the owner wasn't interested at that time.

"This all happened within the last 3 weeks or month, and it was funny, we had discussed a month before that it would be nice to have some more land," he said. "The owner came to us. The property abuts the park, so he wanted to give us the first opportunity" to buy the land. "And he's not in a hurry. He's willing to wait on the grant process."

Bowerman said the grant process

could take up to 2 years.

"A public hearing must be held 6 months before you even apply for the grant, and we have to draw up a plan to show what we intend to do with it," he explained, adding township officials will also have to consider any possible zoning issues, and the parks board must obtain 2 appraisals for the land to determine a fair price. "There's just a lot of things you have to do. It takes a long time to do, then you wait, of course," he added.

Patience has paid off in a big way before for the parks board, which applied for and received a \$532,000

grant in 2001 to upgrade what was then a park with only rustic campsites.

The upgrade resulted in a combined 147 campsites, most with either full hook-up (sewer, water and electricity) or water and electricity. In addition, park officials were able to construct an office and a modern restroom/shower facility.

Bowerman indicated he's optimistic about Sanilac County's chances to be selected for another grant. The DNR does have grant money avail-

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## \$400,000 boost to improve area airport

Tuscola County businesses that rely on the county's airport in Caro will be seeing even more improvements at the facility thanks to \$400,000 in grant and loan funding recently approved by the Michigan Aeronautics Commission.

State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) last week announced the Tuscola Area Airport has been selected to receive a \$300,000 state-federal grant that will enable officials to make full use of a recently-extended parallel runway, and a \$100,000 state loan to expand the airport's ability to store and maintain aircraft.

"This infusion of state and federal money into Tuscola County represents a tremendous investment in our community," Brown said. "By improving the Tuscola Area Airport, we are increasing access in case of emergencies as well as furthering Tuscola's economic development. Emerging industries look for places with good infrastructures, including

a viable airport, when they are deciding where to relocate or expand."

The \$300,000 grant will be used to incorporate lighting for the airport's recently extended full parallel taxiway, which supplements its primary runway. The lighting will enable the airport to keep the taxiway open for longer hours. That grant, which consists of \$245,600 in federal money and \$53,725 from the state, will be combined with \$7,675 in local funds.

The aeronautics commission also approved the Tuscola Area Airport Authority's request for a \$100,000 state loan to help build a steel maintenance hangar near the airport's terminal. The authority will use tenant lease payments to repay the loan over 10 years at an interest rate of 4.1 percent.

"I applaud the efforts of the Tuscola Area Airport Authority to ensure that the airport expands to meet the

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CASS CITY SCHOOLS Librarian Donna Emerson displays some of the many books and other items she has that belonged to her father, noted science fiction/mystery author Lloyd Biggle Jr., who died in 2002 following a long battle with leukemia. Emerson and her brother later edited their father's "The Grandfather Rastin Mysteries" for publication. (See story, page 4)

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Saturday, Sept. 22 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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**THREE CASS CITY** area youths recently earned honors at the Huron and Genesee county fairs. Kristin Steely, 14, (left) placed second in senior showmanship in Huron County and first place in Genesee County along with winning showmanship reserve champion honors, fifth place in the junior cart class and second place in the fun class; Lauren Perry, 12, (middle) placed first in junior showmanship in Huron County and second place in Genesee County along with third place in the junior cart class and first in the fun class; and Jessica Steely, 12, placed second in junior showmanship in Huron County and first place in Genesee County, plus she was named showmanship grand champion and finished second in the fun class. The girls, who showed for Har-Lyn Ridge Belgians owned by Harvey and Annette Bell of Deford, are the daughters of Randy and Joy Perry and Dennis and Marla Steely.

## Calendar of Events

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

### Wednesday, September 12

United Sportsmen's Alliance meeting, 5:30 p.m., Cass City Gun Club, 2676 Englehart Rd. All are invited to attend. For more information, call 989-872-2398.

### Thursday, September 13

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

### Friday, September 14

Christ-centered 12-step recovery: pain management, addictions, divorce, "Celebrate Recovery," 7-9 p.m. New Creations Church, 114 N. Almer St., Caro (across from Caro Post Office). For more information, call (989) 673-3274 or visit [www.colwood.org](http://www.colwood.org).

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, September 15

Haunted Walk in the Woods, Hay Ride & Bonfire, 8:30 p.m., Evergreen Park, 4731 Van Dyke (M-53), Cass City. Adults \$5, children 13 & under \$3. For more information, contact (989) 872-6600.

Master Gardener Classes, MSU Extension Office, Sandusky. For more information or to register, call Merry Martin, master gardener coordinator, at (810) 672-9913, or the MSU Extension Office at (810) 648-2515.

### Monday, September 17

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

### Tuesday, September 18

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

Heartland Hospice Grief Group Lunch, 1 p.m., Gilligan's. For more information, contact Laura Johannes at 1-877-486-6671.

### Wednesday, September 19

"Michigan Reads," Story Time, 10-11 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

## Spencer completes training



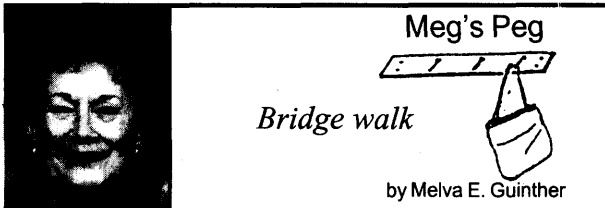
Kari Spencer

Air Force Airman Kari L. Spencer has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Spencer is the daughter of Ken Spencer of Cass City. The airman is a 2007 graduate of Cass City High School.

## Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
Phone 989-269-6994



My sister, Norma Speirs, and her late husband Bob had 6 children, 5 of whom are living. In fact, they're living in close proximity in the rural local area.

There are 13 grandchildren and I can't keep up with the great-grandchildren, but I know the family isn't going to die out any time soon.

Five of the Speirs families live in a row on a rural road and the other family members are not far away. That surely is a testimony to their amiability.

Not only do they get along with each other, they know how to have fun.

One of the Speirs' many innovations is the Labor Day Bridge Walk. No, not that bridge, the Cass River Bridge Walk.

The 5 families mentioned live near the bridge over the Cass on Dodge Road and a couple years ago they instituted the Labor Day Bridge Walk. As shirttail relatives, we get to join in.

This year about 30 walkers - Speirs, relatives and friends - received certificates for participating. They ranged in age from one year old to 80+.

Organizers had a refreshment stand in the middle of the bridge and warned the walkers to pace themselves and not get dehydrated.

Afterward there was a potluck tailgate meal. It was a lot of fun.

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Insurance update: A few months ago I wrote about the nightmare involved with our Plan D insurance policy.

Short version: I chose a new insurance plan, as required, last December. However, the company I was leaving lost my disenrollment letter and refused to let me go.

In spite of multiple letters and phone calls, they continued to withdraw premiums from our checking account until I asked the bank to stop paying them. Then they began sending overdue notices.

Because Company A insisted I was still under their umbrella, the new insurance company didn't bill me, although they did cover my prescriptions and medical expenses.

After 8 months of frustration and wrangling, and repeated calls to Medicare, Company A finally released me in early August and sent me a refund for the months they'd billed me in error.

The refund was inconsequential compared with the bill I finally got last week from insurance Company B. I knew it was coming, but the total for 8 months' premiums was nevertheless a bit staggering.

The desired results eventually came



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Mr. and Mrs. Don Hanby, Lori Patera and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hurford of Cass City were among a large group who attended the funeral of Mrs. Paul Van Allen (Dorothy Schweigert) of Caro at the Caro Nazarene Church Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sweeney spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sweeney and Samantha at the home in Auburn Hills last week.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Vera Deering of Elkton attended the catered dinner at Pigeon for the cancer support drive Tuesday.

Visitors at the home of Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Katha Chockley of Algonac, Wendy Rickett, Amy Doerr, Klyn Puterbaugh, Edith Jackson and Ilene Rich.

Mrs. Gerald Wills, Nancy Carpenter, and Jessica and Timothy Carpenter of Caro were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Reid, Ethan and Joshua of Clinton Township spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka and on Sunday attended the Griska reunion at Cooks Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the Ruth chicken dinner Sunday.

June Rutz of Sterling Heights was an overnight guest of Mrs. Dan Franzel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were among a large group who attended the funeral of Mrs. Malcolm Sweeney at St. Columbkille Catholic Church Saturday.

Mrs. Stanley Filar of Washington, Mich., visited Thelma Jackson Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Mestack, Mar-

garet Cook and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Tuesday.

June Rutz, Mrs. Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly were among a group who attended the pig roast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Griska Saturday evening.

June Rutz, Mrs. Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly were among a group who attended the 40th wedding anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hunt Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson spent Thursday afternoon with Thelma Jackson.

Nineteen members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Franklin Plaza Thursday morning. They will meet at Sherwood on the Hill, Gagetown, next week.

Mrs. Gerald Wills and Mrs. Harold Ballagh visited Thelma Jackson Thursday morning.

## Story time slated for youngsters

All toddlers and preschoolers are invited to a special story time at Rawson Memorial Library on Wednesday, Sept. 19 from 10 to 11 a.m., to celebrate Michigan Reads, a program to encourage all children in Michigan to read the same book during September.

Come listen to the funny story, "Big Chickens" by Leslie Helakoski, create an "egg-cellent" craft, sing silly songs, and sign up for the October story times.

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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Only the start of school last week was a reminder that fall is upon us. With the temperature hovering at 80-plus degrees, it was hard to remember that despite the weather it's time to dig out the jackets, hats and other winter gear. There is another weather flag flying when you head to the northern Lower Peninsula.

The trees are starting to dress in their beautiful fall colors. I can't say if this is normal, but it certainly was incongruous with the summer-type weather that the die-hard tourists were enjoying.

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You have to keep a sharp eye out or you will drive right by Southwoods Restaurant at 1007 Spring Street (M-131) in Petoskey. That would be unfortunate, as the restaurant that will celebrate its first year in October is worth a visit.

We each enjoyed a cup of clam chowder. A whitefish sandwich with cottage cheese on the side cost \$6.49 and was a very generous portion that covered most of a regular sized plate. The soup cost totaled \$5.38 and to split the sandwich cost another buck.

The food is better than the bookkeeping. I checked the bill to write this tidbit about this lunch and then discussed it with Esther and we agreed that she also ordered strawberry shortcake that was not charged.

So the bill for our lunch was just \$15.76, plus tip and should have been more. Give it a 7 on the 1-10 scale.

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There is no such thing as a sanctuary for wild turkeys, but the wily birds have evidently found a location that will fill in nicely, thank you.

It's the cemetery at Boyne City. We were driving in the cemetery last week and drove within 6 feet of a flock of 6 or more turkeys. They never moved and seemed oblivious to our car passing by.

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Pinney Foundation Board President Mike Weaver reminds that the time has come for non-profit organizations to submit requests for grants. The general rule that guides the board, Weaver says, is to make grants to organizations that serve the community or the surrounding area. Organizations that serve just specific groups do not qualify.

The good news is that there is money available. Requests must be received by September 22 and decisions are expected to be reached at the Oct. 3 board meeting.

In the past, grants were usually approved when the sponsoring organization has raised at least half of the money.

Requests can be submitted to Weaver or to Chemical Bank in Cass City.

## "Who's Hiring Week" Job Fair scheduled

The Fall "Who's Hiring Week" Job Fair will be held Sept. 17-20, at locations in Bad Axe, Lapeer, Caro and Sandusky from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There is no charge for employers to participate in the job fair and there is no limit to the number of job fair locations an employer can attend. Employers are invited to call Jan at (989) 635-3561 (ext. 225), at Thumb Area Michigan Works!, or Dina at EmploymentGiant, 1-877-444-5613, for more information, or to reserve a space.

On the surface it would seem that in a tight job market employers wouldn't need job fairs. One would assume, especially in high unemployment areas, that because employers are receiving volumes of resumes and applications they would have no need to participate in job fairs. On the contrary, employers find job fairs to be highly effective.

"We have attended nearly every one

of the "Who's Hiring Week Job Fairs," reports Richard Batterbee, general manager of Norman's Corporation. "They are well-advertised, well-organized and well attended, and we pick up new employees at each one."

Batterbee added that not only do the job fairs provide an opportunity for employers to meet with prospective employees in a neutral, friendly environment, they also give employers a chance to focus on interviews without having to deal with interruptions that often occur in a fast-paced business. "We have found job fairs to be a very effective way of acquiring new employees."

Plus, there are additional benefits for employers who participate, including the opportunity to network with other companies, to see what the competition is doing, and to become actively involved within their communities and industries.

## The Haire Net

Of gas prices and tourism



Comments on the passing scene as seen from the road and the corner of Main and Oak in Cass City.

A bird in hand is worth 2 in the bush, a bromide that I should have remembered when on the road in northern Michigan.

I was on the trek home and needed to stop for gas. About 2 miles west of Gaylord I passed a gas station that listed the same price that I had seen at stations all weekend, \$3.09 a gallon.

Since the station required a left turn, I decided to go another couple of miles for a station on the opposite side of the road. In those couple of minutes the gas price jumped to \$3.24 a gallon and that was the price at the stations all the way home.

Don't think for a second that the higher gas prices came too late to affect the tourist business in the north. The former lower high prices have impacted the industry and the guess is that the current prices will add to the woes.

In the popular tourist haunts, the long Labor Day weekends have resulted in packed restaurants with short and sometimes long waits for a table. This year there were tables available without waiting and no reservations were needed.

That condition included the Bay View Inn, located at the Methodist conclave, east of Petoskey, that always has drawn a capacity crowd for its very good Sunday brunch.

The rise in gas prices didn't affect the holiday business, but judging by personal experience I'd guess that it would be a major dampener in the weeks ahead.

For most folks the Labor Day weekend marks the end of summer vacation, but don't be fooled, there have been many tourist dollars collected after Labor Day. It's not like the summer months, because much of the business evidently is centered on the weekends.

I found that out a couple of years ago when on a color tour in early October.

We decided to make a leisurely jaunt to Cadillac and at about 6 p.m. started to look for a motel. None were available, although signs in front of motels announced real bargain rates during the middle of the week.

We continued on to Traverse City with the same result. No vacancies. Finding a room on that Saturday was impossible, so we ended at the cottage in Boyne City and huddled under a blanket until the place warmed up.

Since there were vacancy signs at many motels last Sunday at Mackinaw, I would be surprised if the tourists fill all the motels on after Labor Day weekends this fall.

It's tough now in the tourist industry and it's sure that \$3.24 gas will not help at all.



## The back forty

by Roger Pond

This has been a tough year for celebrities. I don't think I've ever seen so many arrests, fights and funerals in such a short time.

It all began when Anna Nicole Smith died last spring. Her death led to all sorts of outrageous posturing and publicity, as we might expect.

Everything Anna Nicole ever did was outrageous, and her death was no different. Readers may recall she married an old billionaire and became filthy rich when he died. Some folks think that was somewhat predictable.

Then, when Anna Nicole died at a relatively young age there was a big battle over where, when, and how she would be buried. Her mother wanted her buried in Texas, as I recall, while her boyfriend and the state of Texas wanted her buried somewhere else. This argument went on for weeks.

Just bury the poor woman for heaven's sake!" I thought. "The neighbors are starting to complain."

Then, the courts had to decide who was the father of Anna Nicole's infant son. It seems there was a lot of money at stake on that one.

Finally, several guys sheepishly came forward and argued that they must certainly be the father. A DNA test settled the matter, and everyone went home.

Soon after that, Britney Spears went to rehab and Paris Hilton went to jail. Not at the same time, but they both went for the same reason.

"What is it with these folks?" I wondered. "There must be a better way to get attention than that!"

Now, I read that luxury-hotel billionaire Leona Helmsley died last month at the age of 87. When Leona's will was read, it revealed she left 12 million to her dog, Trouble, and nothing to two of her grandchildren. The story doesn't say how many grandchildren she had, but at least two of them ranked quite a ways below the dog.

Readers may recall that Leona became famous years ago as the "Queen of Mean." She was credited with the quote, "Only little people pay taxes."

Her will seemed to suggest, "Little dogs don't pay taxes. Maybe I'll just

leave this pile of money to my little dog." (Where's the Wicked Witch of the North when we need her?)

What's a dog going to do with 12 million dollars, anyway? Why not give that money to charity or spend it for a worthy cause.

*"I don't think I've ever seen so many arrests, fights and funerals..."*

There was apparently no controversy over where, when, and how Helmsley would be buried. She was interred in the family mausoleum next to a space reserved for her little dog when the time comes.

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**Thursday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 73 Low: 52  
**Friday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 67 Low: 45  
**Saturday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 60 Low: 39  
**Sunday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 66 Low: 42

### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 64°, humidity of 77% and an overnight low of 42°. The record high temperature for today is 90° set in 1948. The record low is 35° set in 1964. Thursday, skies will remain partly cloudy with a high temperature of 73°, humidity of 73% and an overnight low of 52°.

### Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Monday	81	57	74/53	0.00"
Tuesday	79	52	74/53	0.00"
Wednesday	88	63	73/53	0.00"
Thursday	86	66	73/52	0.00"
Friday	77	68	73/52	0.00"
Saturday	72	54	72/52	0.00"
Sunday	73	59	72/51	0.00"

### Upcoming Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
9/19	9/26	10/3	10/11

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Sunrise today ..... 7:08 a.m.  
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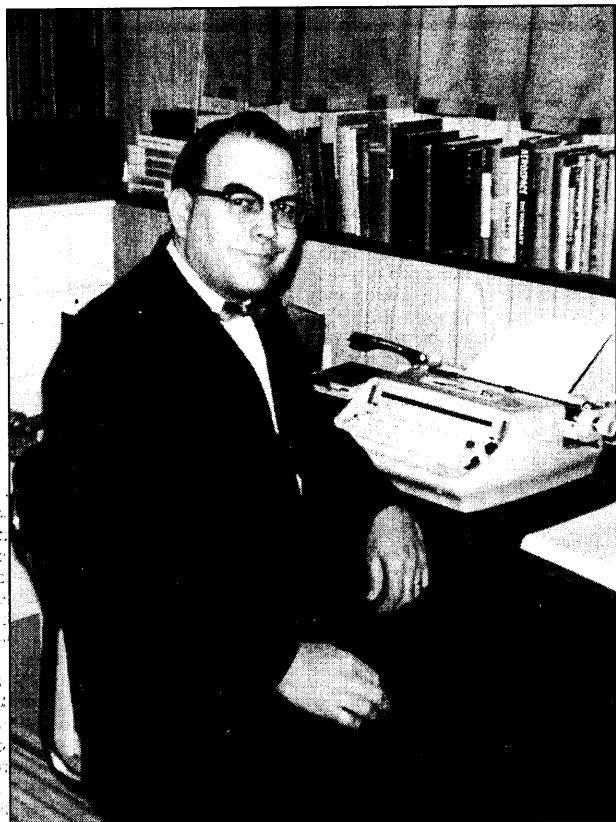
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# Labor of love

## Emerson helps edit late author-father's series

by Tom Montgomery  
 Editor

As a girl, Donna Emerson can remember carefully scanning galley proofs of her father's science fiction/mystery books and short stories - manuscripts her father had already proofed - in search of typos before they went to press.

She and her brother, Kenneth Biggle, had good reason to help their dad out back then at their Ypsilanti home - he offered them a nickel for every mistake they could find.

"We never collected," Emerson recalls, smiling. "By the time I was in high school, I figured there weren't going to be any (errors)."

Emerson, who has worked as a librarian in the Cass City School District for nearly 30 years, says her father, Dr. Lloyd Biggle Jr., was absolutely meticulous when it came to his writing. He was a prolific writer, she remembers, and a zealous crusader when it came to protecting his fellow science fiction writers. And, he was a loving father who instilled and nurtured a love of reading in his children.

Emerson and her brother recently paid tribute to their father's legacy of writing and imagination by compiling and, interestingly, proofreading his popular "The Grandfather Rastin Mysteries" series, 5 years after Lloyd Biggle lost his 20-year battle with leukemia on Sept. 12, 2002.

"They're funny, they've got small-town characters in them," she said of the series. "I think they're just a really fun read."

Emerson explained the series focused on a "grumpy old man" character living in a small town. The stories were previously published in Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine, she said, but the publisher needed typewritten manuscripts for the 14 short stories.

"What we had to do was to figure out, with the new technology, how to get them to the publisher, because they were all typewritten manuscripts," she said.

Emerson and her brother scanned the pages, but the years had taken a toll on the sheets, and when they received the proofs back, found dozens of errors. Emerson, who also contributed the book's introduction, spent hundreds of hours scouring the proofs and correcting the errors, line by line, "because I knew that's exactly what my father would have done."

"He was a total perfectionist when it came to his writing and other areas," said Emerson, who pointed out her father continued writing right up until his death, and even authored his own obituary.

She said the work she and her brother put into "The Grandfather Rastin Mysteries" was simply a labor of love, one that took her back to a time when her father would devote many an evening reading to her and her brother. "And these weren't picture books," she recalled.

### REMARKABLE LIFE

Lloyd Biggle's literary career spanned 5 decades and included publishing 2 dozen books as well as countless magazine stories and articles. Biggle's zeal for his craft and for protecting other authors put him in contact with some giants in the science fiction community - Russian-born American Author Isaac Asimov, "The Hobbit" and

"The Lord of the Rings" Author J.R.R. Tolkien, and American screenwriter, producer and "Star Trek" creator Gene Roddenberry to name a few.

But writing wasn't his first career, although his talent with the written word was evident even in his teen years.

"My dad was born in Waterloo, Iowa, and he was actually a very gifted musician - he played the clarinet," Emerson said. "He was very, very talented as a high school student."

Biggle's talent earned him a music scholarship at Wayne State University, and he later earned his doctorate in musicology (music history) at the University of Michigan, where he also taught for a period of time. However, Biggle became frustrated with the large number of students in his classes, and he opted for another career.

"He sold insurance. That gave him the freedom to write," Emerson said. "It gave him the opportunity to write, and he looked around to see what kind of field he wanted to get into, and he noticed there were a lot of magazines (specializing) in science fiction. He thought there was a good chance for him to be published."

Science fiction stories were wildly popular back then - in the 1950s - and Biggle found his niche quickly, writing short stories and, eventually, his first novel, "The Angry Espers". The story was published in a "double book" featuring 2 stories, one written by another author.

Emerson said her father's writing style was unique in that he introduced aesthetics into a literature known for its scientific and technological complications. His stories frequently used musical and artistic themes, she explained.

Biggle published "All the Colors of Darkness" 5 years later, in 1963. "That was his first stand-alone book," said Emerson, who was in high school at the time. "I remember he went out and bought champagne, and we had never had champagne before."

Biggle continued to work at the family's Ypsilanti home, writing short stories featuring science fiction and mystery themes. "Then he just started writing science fiction novels, a collection of his short stories," said Emerson, who added her father sold his insurance business when she was a senior in high school and, from that day on, supported his family with his literary career.

It was a career that always included extensive research, Emerson noted. Biggle loved writing historical fiction set in late Victorian and Edwardian England. He began the new Sherlock Holmes novels, "The Quallsford Inheritance" and "The Glendower Conspiracy," which were researched on long visits to England.

Growing up back home in Ypsilanti, Emerson recalled, chuckling, "My family was very suspect in my neighbor. My father never went to work - well, it didn't look like he did - and my mother did," she said, noting her mother was a professional violinist.

In addition to writing, her father, a World War II veteran, served as founding secretary-treasurer of the Science Fiction Writers of America and served as chairman of its trustees for many years dating back to the 1960s. In the 1970s, he founded the Science Fiction Oral History Association, which built archives containing hundreds of cassette tapes of science fiction notables making speeches and discussing aspects of their craft.

### LITERARY GIANTS

He numbered many of these science fiction giants among his friends, and his article in the July/August 2002 Analog Magazine, "Isaac Asimov Remembered," was based in part on his personal recollections of Asimov.

Emerson said her father's contact with "Star Trek" creator Gene Roddenberry came about when Biggle expressed an interest in possibly writing some scripts, and Roddenberry sent him 3 script samples from the show, which was brand new at the time. Biggle didn't pursue the project, but rallied along with others against network executives when they considered canceling the show. For years, Emerson recalled, her family received Christmas cards from the Roddenberrys.

Biggle's career also put him in touch with Author Ray Bradbury, whose book laid the foundation for the movie "Fahrenheit 451", and Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard, who was also a science fiction writer.

Emerson said her father's relationship with Tolkien was the result of her father's support in getting a publisher to remove pirated copies of Tolkien's "The Lord of the Rings Trilogy" in the United States.

"He (dad) was always taking on

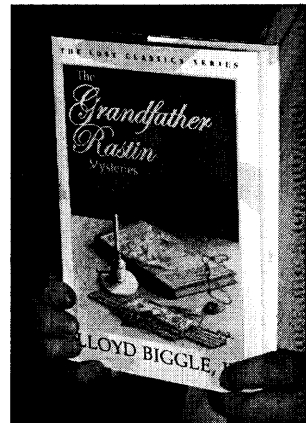
causes that were no-win causes, but that didn't matter," Emerson said. "He had a clear sense of what was fair. He'd take on giant publishers that he thought were being unfair to an author."

She lifted up a signed copy of Jimmy Webb's book "Tunesmith", which he sent to her father, whom Webb counted among his inspirations as a composer - among Webb's tunes are many of the hits sung by Glen Campbell.

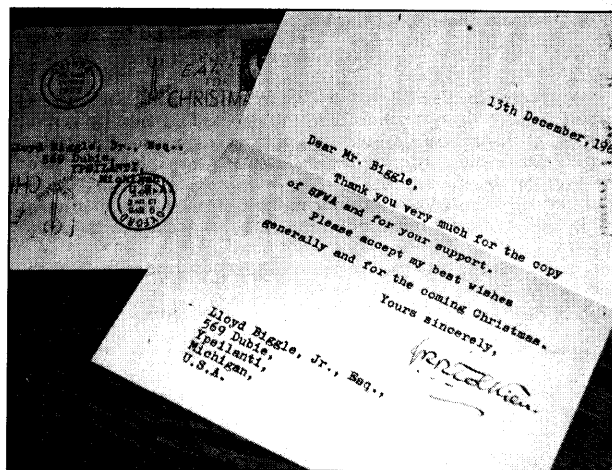
For Emerson, her father's status as a celebrated author has led to her own legacy of sorts - sharing a love of reading and writing with thousands of Cass City students over the years.

It's a legacy Emerson is quick to credit her father with, thanks largely to the hours he spent reading to his children.

As for the "Grandfather Rastin Mysteries," a copy of which is now available for loan at Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City, Emerson called the effort "a tribute to him. We were excited to see it through and have it published," she said.



**EMERSON** holds a copy of her father's "The Grandfather Rastin Mysteries" that includes an introduction she wrote for the book.



**AUTHOR J.R.R. Tolkien** sent this letter to Biggles, thanking him for his support in an effort to remove pirated copies of Tolkien's "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy from American bookshelves.

### Brown hosting coffee hour

State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) will host a coffee hour from 1 to 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, in Kingston.

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CASS CITY'S PAM and Ted Jerzy spend a quiet moment with their German exchange student, Cindy Roth, 16, and the couple's black lab, "Jack."

## Germany's Cindy Roth, 16

# Exchange student coping

The first day of school can be trying for any teen, but try struggling with English and at the same time learning how to speak Spanish with a German accent.

That's one of many challenges 16-year-old Cindy Roth, an exchange student who attended her first day of classes at Cass City High School last week, has faced since arriving in the United States.

Roth pointed to her German and English dictionary, grinning, and said, "It's my best friend here." The teen has taken all of her "firsts" in the United States in stride so far, her bubbly personality and sense of humor having already won over those she's met in Cass City.

Roth, who arrived in the community in late August, will be spending 3 months here through the American Scandinavian Student Exchange (ASSE) program. She hails from Burgan, Germany, a city of about 10,000 people, and her host parents are Pam and Ted Jerzy of Cass City.

Although Roth sometimes pauses in conversation, searching for the meaning of certain words, her grasp of the English language is admirable, and she doesn't hesitate with an answer to a question such as what made her decide to participate in an exchange program.

"The problem is, I don't know it myself," she said. "I have a lot of friends who have done this, too, (and they say) you learn to be independent. And the language is a big reason — you have to speak English. And, to learn about a new culture and meet new friends."

"It's different, very different," Roth said of her first impressions about life in the United States. "Like the popcorn or the hot dogs, the fast food. I think here's all fast food." Roth noted the fast food choices are somewhat limited in Germany, but that doesn't really matter to her — she's very content to stick with wiener schnitzel, a dish consisting of pork, beef or veal, traditionally prepared from thinly sliced meat, tenderized and dipped into wheat flower, eggs and bread

crumbs before being fried in clarified butter or lard.

"The people here are very open minded and they are funny — not all, but most," Roth continued. "It's easier to find friends here because they come and help you, like maybe (finding) a locker."

Pam Jerzy, who indicated Roth is quick to make friends because of her friendly personality, said the teen quickly overcame a fear of dogs after meeting the couple's large black lab, "Jake", who has become attached to her and now waits in the middle of the livingroom floor for her return from school. "She's very outgoing," Pam added.

"She's made a lot of friends, especially in volleyball," commented Ted Jerzy. "She doesn't understand the game, so they've helped her a lot. The students have been helpful, the teachers have been helpful."

"There's a subject, Spanish, and it's a little bit hard, but it's very fun. The spelling is a little bit (like) German," said Roth, who enjoys her foreign language teacher at Cass City High School, Chris Collins.

The feeling is mutual, according to Collins. "She seems well adjusted and I think she'll do great. She's bright, she's very bright," Collins said. "And she's really going to add to our classes, because of the European culture" she brings.

Roth said English and biology are the most difficult subjects for her, while math is easiest. Without the language barrier, however, she said all of the classes she's encountered here so far involve material she has already studied at her school in Germany, where students take on 13 subjects at a time, all spread across each week. And, they get less exercise — the teachers, not the students, move from classroom to classroom.

"I go only to school up to 1 o'clock at home, but I have to go to school at 7:15, and here's an hour later," she explained. "We haven't lockers. I never seen it before."

Roth, who is participating in Red Hawk volleyball, is also still trying to

figure out American football. But, she says her grasp of English — a subject she has studied for 4 years at home — is improving. "I think it's better now. I have more words," she added.

Roth said her transition from Germany to America was eased months ago when she first began to correspond with her host parents, first via a phone call, then a letter followed by e-mails in which she and the Cass City couple exchanged photos and answered each others' questions.

Pam and Ted Jerzy agreed that helped, especially considering this is their first taste of being host parents.

"It's been great. It's interesting because we're not used to having a teenager around. As she's teaching us, we're teaching her," said Pam Jerzy. "Her and I love one word — shopping."

"It's been fun. It keeps us busy," Ted agreed. "I think she's going to regret it (her short stay) when she goes home."

## Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



### 5 YEARS AGO

Area residents who attend a Detroit Pistons home game this season may see a familiar face when the Detroit Pistons' Dance Team: Automotion, takes the court. Nicole Doerr, daughter of John Doerr, Cass City, and Sally Doerr, a longtime Cass City resident and dance studio owner now living in Plymouth, recently earned a spot on the team. It's been a wild ride for Doerr, a 2000 Caro High School graduate. Since auditioning, the 20-year-old has juggled her new responsibilities with a full class load at the University of Michigan, where she is a third year student studying communications. "I have organized my schedule very well. I am still a full-time student at U of M, (but) I am very confident that I will be able to make it work," Doerr said. "When I am dancing a lot, it makes everything in my life a little better."

Bay City All Saints doesn't have a great number of football players, but it has plenty of fans. The Cougar squad has 14 players and lost one, probably for the season, in Friday's game. But for the first time that I'm aware of there was a tailgate party in the parking lot behind the Hawk football stands. The fans came in a bus and there were perhaps 20 Cougar stalwarts fooling and feasting before the game. (From Rabbit Tracks)

### 10 YEARS AGO

A pair of Cass City High School cheerleaders were among those selected as being the "best of the best" following an Elite Cheer Camp summer workshop held at USA High School. Cass City High School junior Adrainne Keller, daughter of David and Judy Keller, and senior Laura Truemmer, daughter of Dana and Marilyn Truemmer, received the top recognition of being named Elite All-Americans. Elite Cheer Camps sponsors the All-American award at each of its more than 1,000 workshops held across the United States. The winners are selected on the basis of cheerleading technique, leadership and all-round cheerleading ability. The award presentation came at the completion of a full workshop of training on cheerleading technique, cheers, chants, jumps, partner stunts and pyramids.

Cass City High School debaters brought home 3 trophies following their first competition Friday in East Lansing. "In the past, Cass City didn't attend this tournament due to a lack of preparation so early in the season," said Coach Chad Daniels. "However, at this year's tournament,

the Red Hawks showed the rest of the debate world just how prepared they were." Daniels said the 4 Cass City debaters to compete Friday won one team and 2 individual speaker trophies. The team of Kristy Ryan and Rose Hoelzle were impressive, finishing third in their division, which totaled 24 teams. The pair lost only to Class A schools Portage Northern and Henry Ford II. "The other team of Brenda Duquesnay and Becky Oesch had a tournament of unfortunate matchings, hitting both Portage Northern and Henry Ford II 3 of the 5 rounds that they debated," Daniels said. "The team is very happy with this weekend's finish," he added. "They are especially proud of the 3 trophies earned, which are a good start on this year's team goal of filling the trophy case."

### 25 YEARS AGO

The photo of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Frutchey and their car, taken in 1908, which appeared in the Sept. 2 Chronicle, revived some memories for Eliza Russell of Fairgrove. She remembers riding in the car when she was six or seven years old and living southwest of Cass City. She also remembers her friend with her wouldn't get in it. They were walking home two miles from Quick School and Frutchey, headed for her parents' home, offered to give them a ride. It was the first time the two girls had ever seen a car. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Dale D. Cleland, son of Jerry and Theo Cleland of Uby, has been officially accepted into the U.S. Military Academy's Corps of Cadets as a member of the class of 1986 during the annual acceptance parade. The parade followed 6 weeks of rigorous basic cadet training at the West Point academy, N.Y. The academy is a 4-year educational institution graduating men and women to serve as career Army officers. In addition to military training, it offers athletics and an academic curriculum, which includes basic and engineering sciences, social sciences and the humanities. The new cadet is a May

graduate of Cass City High School. Tim Ruggles of Kingston was the beef showmanship winner of the second division in the 134th Michigan State Fair Sept. 4 in Detroit. Tim, 17, is the son of Fred and Nancy Ruggles of Kingston.

### 35 YEARS AGO

Success hit the mammoth excavation big last week when an 8-foot tusk was uncovered by Don Weston at the site north of New Greenleaf. The tusk, about 7 inches in diameter, is the most spectacular find at this site since digging began in early August. Archaeologist Weston, director of the dig under Department of Natural Resources sponsorship, found the first evidence of the tusk Monday a week ago after he decided to bail out a pit flooded by rainfall. Tuesday the whole tusk was visible, as well as part of a molar. A portion of cranial bone, which Weston believes is a sinus cavity, is also visible near the tusk. Saturday workers removed the cranial bones, and the molar, which had been removed earlier by Weston, was weighed. The excellent specimen weighed six pounds.

When you are a raw rookie you tend to do what management says. That's why Rob Alexander was in the barbershop Tuesday getting his locks trimmed. Rob, who is a chattel of Milwaukee, is moving up to the Majors for the last month of the season. Before he was called he got the word: long hair costs \$50 a day. When I heard this I couldn't help but think what an established star like Dick Allen of Chicago would say if management didn't like the way he wore his hair. With guys like Allen, the establishment is happy if they just show up to play. When you consider that only 3 percent of the players ever make the Majors, it's an honor just to be called up and Robbie is the nearest I've ever come to knowing a Major Leaguer. His record is 1-5 but his fastball is strictly big time and the reason that the parent club is calling Rob up for a closer look. (From Rabbit Tracks)

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MARK KOEPF ran for a first down on this play Friday for Cass City. However, the Red Hawks couldn't stop host Marlette's potent offense and bowed, 60-33, during a Greater Thumb Conference crossover battle.

# Red Raiders Rule

## Marlette hands Cass City worst gridiron defeat since 2002

Marlette's dynamic duo, quarterback Austin Comment and running back Jon Hayward, played a big hand in delivering Cass City one of its worst gridiron defeats in recent history. The pair combined for 6 touchdowns Friday as the host Red Raiders recorded a lopsided 60-33 victory during a Greater Thumb Conference crossover battle. The last time a Scott

Cuthrell-coached team surrendered 60 points or more was during a 2002 defeat to Deckerville, another Greater Thumb East foe. "We need to go back to work, back to the basics. We'll do a lot of tackling drills this week," Cuthrell said. The Red Raiders, who rushed for more than 450 yards, scored with ease on each of its 3 possessions of the

opening quarter. Hayward, a defending state wrestling champion, notched all 3 tallies. Hayward's first score came on a 48-yard jaunt at the 7:19 mark of the quarter. The 70-yard drive consisted of just 2 plays, which also included a pretty 22-yard scamper by Comment. Then, after Justin Yaroch recovered a Cass City fumble on the next series, Hayward struck again to give the hosts a 12-0 edge with less than 5 minutes remaining on the clock. After 2 consecutive penalties that put Marlette into its own territory, Comment hit Hayward with a screen pass that he converted into a 54-yard scoring strike.

*"We didn't play well. We have to be able to let it go. It's been a while since we've been beat like that. Take nothing away from Marlette, they're a good football team."*

**Coach Scott Cuthrell**

Down 2 scores, Cass City got on the scoreboard with 2:37 remaining in the period on a 2-yard dive by running back Blake Messing and, following Lukas Varney's point after kick, the visitors trailed just 12-7. Messing would lead the Hawk offense on the night with 120 rushing yards on 20 totes. But 2 minutes proved plenty of time for the Red Raiders to add to its margin during the contest. Hayward, who rushed for 146 yards on just 8 carries, recorded a first period hat trick when he scored from one-yard out to end the scoring in the period. Once again, however, the Red Hawks answered with the first points of the second frame. The Hawks moved 63 yards on 7 plays to pay dirt. Luke Newton accounted for the marker with a 29-yard reception from quarterback Austin Babich. Varney's point after kick closed the gap to 20-14. That would be as close as Cass City would get on the night. Comment, who rushed for 125 yards and passed for 92 yards, put the hosts

up 40-21 at the break as he played a role in the Red Raiders' next 3 scores. With 8:27 remaining till the break, Comment's first touchdown came on a 29-yard sprint through the middle of the Cass City defense. Marlette's next score came on a 2-play drive after Comment pounced on another Cass City fumble, the visitor's third turnover of the half, spotting the ball on the Cass City 27-yardline. Comment made the Hawks pay for their mistake when he connected with John Bishop on a play that covered 25 yards. Trailing 34-14, Cass City closed the gap to 34-21 with only 1:06 remaining till the break when Babich cruised into the end zone from 15 yards out. Still, the Hawks had no answer for Comment's antics and on the first play of Marlette's final first half possession, he scampered 39-yards to give the hosts a 40-21 edge at the intermission. While Cass City fans were anticipating another comeback effort in the closing 24 minutes, the Red Raiders had other ideas and put the game away early, very early, in the final half. The winners extended their advantage to 48-21 on the first snap of the third quarter when Bishop sprinted 66 yards down his own sideline with only 23 ticks removed from the clock. Then, leading 48-21, Hayward cruised 65 yards on Marlette's next play from scrimmage that eliminated any comeback hopes the Hawks were entertaining. "We didn't play well. We have to be able to let it go. It's been a while since we've been beat like that. Take nothing away from Marlette, they're a good football team," Cuthrell said.

# Owen-Gage blanked by undefeated North Huron in NCTL play

There were high hopes for the Owen-Gage football team this fall, but a combination of games against tough opponents and costly turnovers has pushed what was hoped to be a very promising season into one that the team is struggling to post a win. The Bulldogs lost their third in a row Friday, bowing to undefeated North Huron, 45-0. A turnaround this Friday doesn't look promising, as the Bulldogs will be entertaining Memphis, fresh from its upset of Kingston last week. North Huron dominated the line of scrimmage, holding O-G to 83 yards rushing and one pass completion for 10 yards. Turnovers by the Bulldogs made life easy for the winners. O-G lost the ball 3 times on fumbles and had a punt blocked. Leading the attack for the winners was Kurt Dhyse, netting 110 yards and 2 touchdowns. Also posting a pair of markers was Ed Wisneski with one on the ground and the other on a pass from Eric Dhyse. Other touchdowns were by Kevin Rice and John Schramski. Besides the turnovers, the Bulldog offense was hampered by injuries that sidelined a pair of starting backs, leading rusher Nick Zaleski and Brent

Reil, for much of the game. Both are expected to play against Memphis. Kenny Brown was the top Bulldog rusher with 67 yards in 15 carries.

**Football Standings**

**GREATER THUMB WEST**

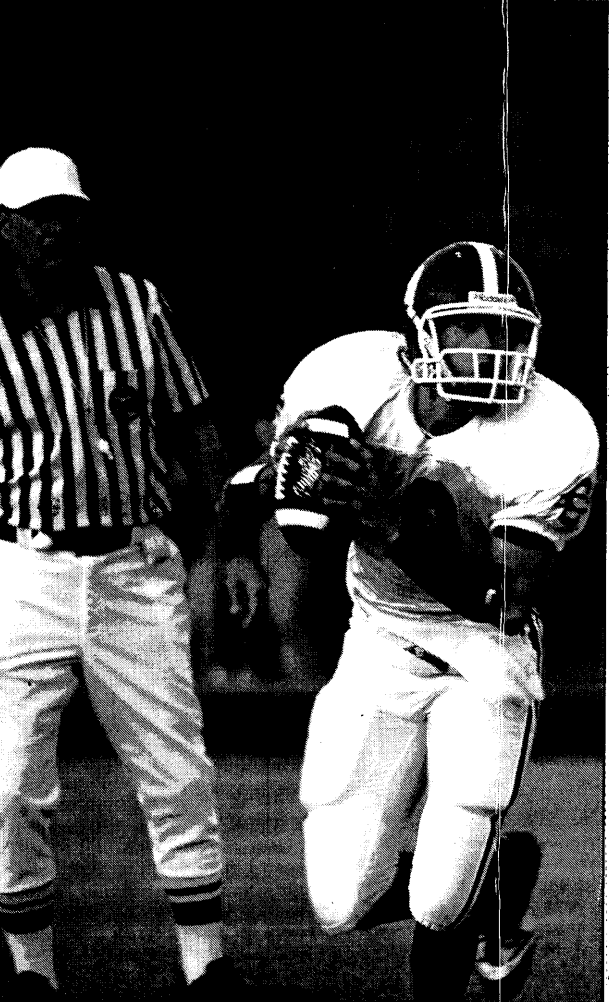
Team	W	L	W	L
Reese	2	0	3	0
Cass City	1	0	2	1
USA	1	0	2	1
Bad Axe	1	1	1	2
Lakers	1	1	1	2
BCAS	0	2	0	3
Saginaw BV	0	2	0	3

**GREATER THUMB EAST**

Team	W	L	W	L
Deckerville	2	0	3	0
Ubyly	2	0	2	1
Harbor Beach	1	0	3	0
Mayville	1	1	1	2
Marlette	0	1	2	1
Brown City	0	2	0	3
Sandusky	0	2	0	3

**NORTH CENTRAL LEAGUE**

Team	W	L	W	L
North Huron	2	0	3	0
Peck	2	0	3	0
Dryden	1	1	2	1
CPS	1	1	1	2
Memphis	1	1	1	2
Kingston	1	1	1	2
Akron-Fairgrove	0	2	0	3
Owen-Gage	0	2	0	3



CASS CITY quarterback Austin Babich looks down field for an open receiver in Friday's non-conference contest with Marlette. Babich completed 3 of 7 passes for 45 yards.

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The Sanilac County Parks Board will conduct a public meeting on Monday, September 24, 2007 to detail a plan to seek a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Land Acquisition grant for the expressed purpose of obtaining 30.35 acres of land contiguous with Sanilac County Evergreen Park for the eventual expansion of that park facility.

The project would include preserving the land in its natural state, establishing additional campsites, constructing nature trails to hook in with existing nature trails and establishing wildlife viewing areas.

This property is located in Section 18, Evergreen Township, 2 1/2 miles north of Deckerville Road on M-53.

Public comments on this proposal will be received at this meeting. If you are unable to attend this meeting, you may send written comment regarding this proposal to the office of the Park Chairman, c/o James Bowerman, Drain Commissioner, 60 West Sanilac Avenue, Sandusky, Michigan 48471.

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## Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

**This Week's Forecast**

	 John Haire	 Clarke Haire	 Tom Montgomery	 Doug Hyatt
Friday, September 14	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Lakers at USA	USA	USA	USA	USA
BCAS at Saginaw BV	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS
Harbor Beach at Ubyly	Ubyly	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Ubyly
Mayville at Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Mayville	Mayville
Sandusky at Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette
Akron-Fairgrove at Dryden	Dryden	Dryden	Dryden	Dryden
Peck at CPS	Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck
Kingston at North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron
Memphis at Owen-Gage	Memphis	Memphis	Memphis	Memphis
Deckerville at Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Last Week's Results	7-4	9-2	9-2	11-0
Season's Results	22-12 (65%)	24-10 (71%)	27-7 (79%)	27-7 (79%)



# Cass City spikers defeat Brown City, Caro in home opener

Despite a slow start, the Cass City volleyball team collected a pair of victories Thursday during their home opener against Brown City and Caro. The Red Hawks remained perfect on the season, in non-tournament action, with wins of 25-20 and 25-21 over the Green Devils, while the Tigers fell 25-18 and 26-24.

Coach Beth Howard's spikers will now attempt to keep their win streak alive this week when they enter Greater Thumb West play at Bad Axe Tuesday and at Reese Thursday.

"We started out slow against Brown City," Howard said. "We had way too many serving errors and attack errors, but somehow we pulled it off. In our match against Caro we started out in

the hole but fought our way back in the first game. We had problems with serve receptions in our first rotation." The Hawks, 7-2 overall, were led in kills by outside hitters Carly Howard (18) and Lauren Dillon (13), while Jennica Richards added 5 winners.

Defensively, Cass City had Dillon with 18 digs, Amanda Langenburg with 13 digs and Megan VanVliet with 10, while Megan Zawilinski added 3 blocks and Kristie Karr, 2.

"Carly Howard and Lauren Dillon are doing a great job at putting the ball away for us. Our setter Amanda Langenburg is also doing a great job setting the ball and I am also seeing great gains in Megan Zawilinski and Jennica Richards at the net," Howard said.

# Kubacki continues winning ways at Hatchet Invitational; Burke finishes as individual runner-up for Cass City

Ubyly's Chelsey Kubacki and Reese's Mike Elbers posted medallist honors, in their respective divisions, Saturday at the Hatchet Invitational in Bad Axe.

In the girls' division, Kubacki topped the field, running the 3.1-mile course in a time of 20:40, while Elbers recorded the afternoon's best time at 27:38, leading the Rockets to the team championship.

Reese easily defeated runner-up Lapeer East 60-74. Armada (90), Birch Run (100), Ubyly (128), Brown City (149), Lapeer West (156), Bad Axe (161), Marlette (234) and Unionville-Sebewaing (263) rounded out the top 16 in the team standings.

Cass City's Tyler Burke posted a time of 17:56, to finish second individually. The Hawks also had Mike Botrykus and Thomas LeValley with

times of 22:02 and 23:50, respectively, among the top 100 finishers.

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CASS CITY'S Derek Weidman battles for the ball in Thursday's soccer match with guest Harbor Beach. The Red Hawks finished on the short end of a 3-2 decision.



RED HAWK Megan Zawilinski makes a good reception Thursday in non-conference play with Caro. Cass City recorded wins of 25-18 and 26-24 against the visiting Tigers.

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CARLY HOWARD

LAUREN DILLON

Cass City's Carly Howard and Lauren Dillon are this week's recipients of Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week honors.

The Red Hawk volleyball outside hitters led Cass City to a pair of wins over visiting Brown City and Caro Thursday in non-conference action.

Junior Howard posted 18 kills while senior Dillon had 13 kills and 18 digs.

With the wins, the Hawks improve to 7-2 on the season entering Greater Thumb West play this week.

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# Harbor Beach escapes with 3-2 win over Hawks

Harbor Beach handed host Cass City its second straight defeat Thursday with a tight 3-2 decision in non-conference play.

The Greater Thumb East Pirates scored all their goals, on shots from Alex Talaski, Jeremy Booms and Scott Grekowicz, in the opening half and held on for victory.

The hosts rallied behind a goal from Jalen Ferris in the final half and then in the final minutes several shots, including one that hit the crossbar, failed to find the net and the Pirates escaped with the hard fought win.

"It was a shooting gallery in the final minutes, but we couldn't get one to fall and send the game into overtime," coach Kevin Mulligan said.

Keeper Chris Hagedorn came up with 8 stops for the winners, while Red Hawk keeper Shane Bloomfield stopped 11 shots.

Chris Zawilinski recorded Cass City's only goal in the opening period.

# Hawks fall 6-2 on tennis courts

The Cass City tennis team fell, 6-2, Thursday to host Harbor Beach. Coach Bill Potter said the Red Hawks captured 46 of 110 matches, including victories by Chris Childs, 6-1 and 6-4, in the number one singles match and by Travis Mozden, 6-1 (4-6) 6-3, in the number 2 singles match.

The Hawks' next match is slated for Thursday in Bad Axe.

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Hool/Warner	8

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### Division B

Kelly/St. Louis	16
Alexander/Spencer	15
Laurie/Lautner	14
Peters/Wallace	8
Hobbs/Meck	7
Henn/Iwankovitch	6

Medalists: Individual-Kelly 38; Team-Kelly/St. Louis 79.

### Division C

Young/Veggian	20
Cotton/Israelson	15
Keller/LeValley	14
Berwick/Greenlee	8
Pobanz/Smithson	7
Collins/LaMarr	2

Medalists: Individual-Young & LeValley 43; Team-Young/Veggian 90.

## Obituaries

### Gwendolyn McLachlan

Gwendolyn R. McLachlan, 73, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2007 in Courtney Manor, Bad Axe, following a short illness.

She was born Nov. 30, 1933 at home in Brookfield Township, Huron County, the daughter of C. Robert and Beryl (Ricker) Osborn.



She married Archie A. McLachlan Jan. 14, 1956 in Gagetown. He died May 31, 1984.

McLachlan attended Central Michigan University and received her nurses training from Saginaw General Hospital. She worked as an RN and served as director of nurses at the Huron County Medical Care Facility, retiring after 36 years. McLachlan was a member of Fraser Presbyterian Church, a life member and past worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a member of the Tom Thumb Singers.

She is survived by her children: Bob McLachlan of Ubyly, Scott McLachlan of Ubyly and Bea McLachlan of Ionia; 2 grandchildren; a special friend, Robert Cregeur of Bad Axe; sisters: Marilyn (Anton) Peters of Cass City, Nida Jean Osborn of Port Hope and Norma (Richard) Wallace of Cass City; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Archie Robert; and her parents.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 8 at the Cass City First Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. David Blackburn officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

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Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

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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 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 21	USA 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 28	Reese 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 5	BCAS (HC) 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 12	Buena Vista 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 19	Almont 7:00 p.m.

## 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

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September 18 -

Cass City vs. Sandusky

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October 6 -

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## 2007 Volleyball

Aug. 27	@Garber/Birch Run	6:00 p.m.
	/Bullock Creek (V)	8:30 a.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.
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## Reporter's notebook

# So this is progress?

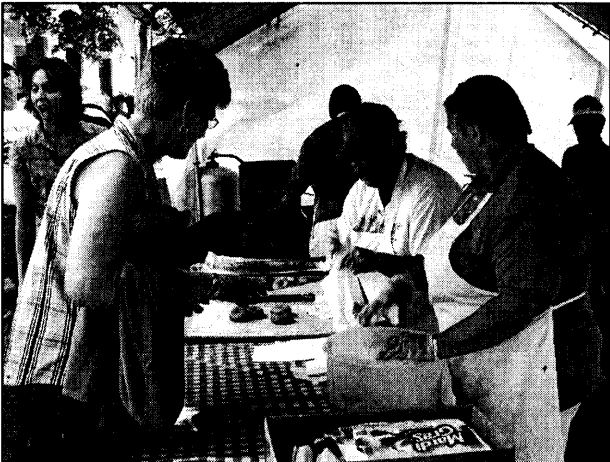
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"Thank-you for calling Cass City High School. Please listen carefully.

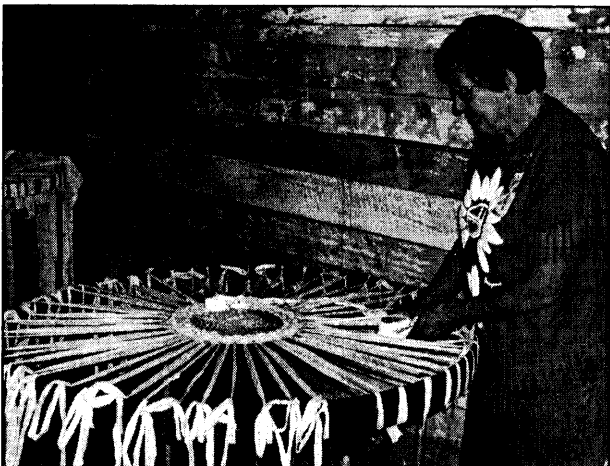
as our menu options have changed. If you know your party's 4-digit extension, you may dial it at any time. For athletics, press one...."



**JACKIE KOCH OF Vassar takes Fall Family Days visitors through a tour in which she demonstrated several models of old washing machines. This year's celebration was a dual-themed event featuring the corn industry and "laundry days" of the past.**



**ELAINE THIES of Owendale awaits an order of piping hot, homemade fried cakes during Fall Family Days Saturday.**



**KATHY BRIDSON OF Manton, Mich., was among many artisans who traveled miles to display their skills and sell their wares during Fall Family Days. Above, Bridson works on a "wagon wheel rug" utilizing a basket-weaving technique and rag material.**

Our menu items have changed? Boy, have they.

This is an opinion column, so please understand that what I'm about to say about the new automated telephone system in the Cass City School District is just that - my opinion.

As for the new phone system, I hate it, plain and simple.

Now, I'm certain Technology Director Lyle Severance and school officials had the best of intentions when they discussed and, in the end, opted to spend \$100,000 on this upgrade. After all, school officials pointed out the old equipment was, for the most part, antiquated — some portions of the system didn't work at all.

And, they pointed out, an up-to-date communications network is vital to the district's emergency response program.

Okay. But, whatever happened to a real person, a real voice, answering the phone when you call the elementary, middle or high schools? Given, the system is new and adjustments are probably being made. However, I've yet to call and hear a live person answer.

Other area districts have implemented similar systems - Kingston and Ubly come to mind immediately. I dislike their automated phone setups, too.

If I recall correctly, the Cass City Board of Education was led to believe that, once the new phone system was put into place, callers would receive a recorded greeting only when someone in the office was unavailable to pick up the phone. That's reasonable, considering the fact that the school has drastically trimmed down personnel over the past several months.

Still, it's hard to believe that no one is ever available to answer the phone. And unless you have a list of the staff members' 4-digit extensions, you're very likely going to be transferred to voicemail.

As a parent, that bothers me. I'd like to think that if I really needed to contact someone at the school, I would be able to do just that. Waiting for the system to connect me to this extension or that extension, or that voicemail box, under those circumstances, just isn't acceptable.

As a newspaper reporter, it's frustrating. As far as I'm concerned, it's quicker and infinitely less frustrating to simply drive to one of the school buildings to contact a staff member.

Perhaps I'm just getting old. After reporting the events in this community for more than 20 years, I'm set in my ways, and I had taken for granted that, more times than not, when I called the schools, whomever answered knew who I was and quickly made every effort to put me in touch with the individual I had asked to speak with.

There's something to be said about progress, and I'm sure the new system is designed to be as efficient as possible. On the other hand, I don't think a desire for the personal touch will ever go out of style, especially in a small community such as Cass City. At least I hope not.

## Board eyes park land

Continued from page one.

able for land acquisition, he explained, and the parks board has available funding to match a grant.

Evergreen Park is one of 4 county-owned and operated parks and is funded though a parks millage that residents have renewed 3 times. Currently, the annual tax of .2 of a mill raises about \$274,000, and a portion of that revenue is set aside to match grant funding.

In spite of the latest improvements at Evergreen Park, it's taken time for the recreational facility to become a destination for a growing number of campers.

"It started out real slow - Evergreen did," Bowerman said. "But (we're) beginning to realize what we had always hoped - that people would find it and adopt it."

A number of special promotions have helped, including a popular Halloween/haunted forest weekend slated this year for Saturday, Sept. 15, starting at 8:30 p.m.

This is the fourth year for the Halloween weekend, according to Evergreen Park Manager Ed Mosher, who expects to see 500 to 600 people attend this year. And, like during other special weekends that include a hog roast with a live band at the end of September, and an "outdoor" weekend in early August, the park will be at capacity, he said.

Mosher estimated use of the park has increased about 20 percent annually in recent years. "We're probably double what we started out at. It's still early, and there's no sign of it slowing down, either," he said. "Once they're here, they're coming back."

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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 September 27, 2007.

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

Lot 7, Block A, Kelland's Addition to the Village of Cass City, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Page 8A, 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.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Marianne Prystajko, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 17, 2003 and recorded on January 22, 2003 in Liber 911 on Page 1332 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Eighty-Four and 42/100 Dollars (\$69,084.42), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 27, 2007.

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

Lot 1 of Shay Lake Heights Subdivision Number 1, according to the plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 35-36, Tuscola County Records.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on SEPTEMBER 27, 2007.

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

Parcel "A-1" Part of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 13, Town 10 North, Range 08 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the center of said Section; thence South 85 Degrees 38 Minutes 24 Seconds East, 679.88 feet (Recorded as South 85 Degrees 19 Minutes 30 Seconds East) along the East-West one-quarter line of said Section; thence South 85 Degrees 38 Minutes 24 Seconds East 663.26 feet (recorded as South 85 Degrees 19 Minutes 30 Seconds East) parallel with said East-West one-quarter line; thence South 00 Degrees 04 Minutes 55 Seconds West, 2111.12 feet (Recorded as South 00 Degrees 07 Minutes 38 Seconds West) to a point on the South line of said Section; thence North 83 Degrees 30 Minutes 00 Seconds West 387.59 feet (Recorded as 385.25 feet) along the South line of said Section; thence North 75.00 feet; thence North 83 Degrees 30 Minutes 00 Seconds West, 275.00 feet parallel with the South line of said Section; thence North 133.63 feet to the point of beginning.

AND Parcel "A-2" Part of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 13, Town 10 North, Range 08 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of

said Section; thence North 83 Degrees 30 Minutes 00 Seconds West, 1343.93 feet along the South line of said Section; thence North 00 Degrees 04 Minutes 55 Seconds East, 460.21 feet (recorded as North 00 Degrees 07 Minutes 38 Seconds East) to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 00 Degrees 04 Minutes 55 Seconds East 1650.91 feet; thence South 85 Degrees 38 Minutes 24 Seconds East 973.27 feet (recorded as South 85 Degrees 19 Minutes 30 Seconds East) parallel with the East-West one-quarter line of said Section; thence South 59 Degrees 19 Minutes 58 Seconds East 434.17 feet (Recorded as South 85 Degrees 18 Minutes 41 Seconds East) to a point on the East line of said Section; thence South 00 Degrees 20 Minutes 19 Seconds West 632.85 feet (Recorded as South 00 Degrees 21 Minutes 59 Seconds West) along the East line of said Section; thence North 83 Degrees 30 Minutes 00 Seconds West 493.93 feet parallel with the South line of said Section; thence North 00 Degrees 20 Minutes 19 Seconds East 300.00 feet (Recorded as North 00 Degrees 21 Minutes 59 Seconds East) parallel with the East line of said Section; thence North 83 Degrees 30 Minutes 00 Seconds West 800.00 feet parallel with the South line of said Section; thence South 06 Degrees 20 Minutes 19 Seconds West, 1175.02 feet parallel with the East line of said Section; thence North 83 Degrees 30 Minutes 00 Seconds West 52.07 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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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lisa Harper and Theodore Harper, wife and husband, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 9, 2005 and recorded on October 25, 2005 in Liber 1059 on Page 120, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wachovia Bank, N.A. as trustee for the registered holders of Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-5 as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Two Hundred Four and 71/100 Dollars (\$110,204.71), including interest at 10.59% 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 September 27, 2007.

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

Part of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast of Section 15, Town 11 North Range 9 East, described as beginning at a point on the North line of section 15, which is East 889.28 feet from the North quarter corner of section 15; thence continuing along said North line East 166.00 feet; thence 264.00 feet West-erly of and parallel to the East line of said Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of section 15, South 00 degrees, 05 minutes 40 seconds East 330.00 feet to the North line of section 13 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.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Shane Peterson, a/k/a Shane A. Peterson, a single man, original mortgagor, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 5, 2005 and recorded on January 4, 2006 in Liber 1067 on Page 336 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to LaSalle Bank, N.A. as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Thirty and 08/100 Dollars (\$87,430.08), including interest at 6.875% 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 September 27, 2007.

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 27, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the North line of Section 27 which is South 89 degrees 09 minutes 21 seconds West 1173.40 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 27; thence continuing along said North line of Section 27, South 89 degrees 09 minutes 21 seconds West 170.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 50 minutes 09 seconds East 214.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 09 minutes 21 seconds East 170.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 50 minutes 09 seconds West 214.00 feet to the North line of Section 27 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

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Zandy Sol Borodichuk, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 21, 2003 and recorded on November 26, 2003 in Liber 965 on Page 1340 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Seven and 21/100 Dollars (\$36,897.21), including interest at 6.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 27, 2007.

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

Commencing 32 rods West of the 1/4 stake on the South side of Section 36, Town 15 North, Range 8 East, Columbia Township, Tuscola County, Michigan thence West 8 rods; thence North 20 rods; thence East 8 rods; thence South 20 rods to the Place of Beginning.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Todd Hessler, a single man, as his sole and separate property, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 21, 2005 and recorded on August 26, 2005 in Liber 1051 on Page 1379 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Citic Mortgage, Inc., as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Six and 10/100 Dollars (\$59,946.10), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

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

Commencing at a point 11 Rods West of the North-east corner of Lot 9, Block 12, Assessor's Plat of Akron recorded in Liber 1, Pages 78 to 80, Now Pages 28B to 30B, running thence South 8 Rods, West 8 Rods, North 8 Rods, East 8 Rods to beginning, being a part of the North Half of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 3, Township 13 North, Range 8 East, Village of Akron, Fairgrove Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

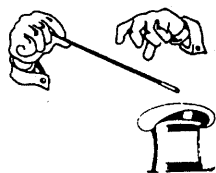
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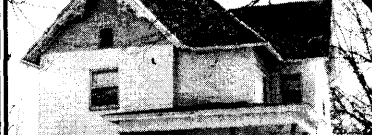
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# Tuscola airport to receive funding boost

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community's needs," Brown said. "When the state decides to invest hundreds of thousands of dollars in our area, we know we're moving in the right direction."

The latest grant award is part of a continuing funding success story for the airport since the Tuscola Area Airport Authority was established in 1993, according to Jim McLoskey, who serves as executive director of the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation and is also a member of the authority board of directors.

"I'm going to say it's (amount of funding awarded) now close to \$3 million - mostly federal funds, but also state and local money," McLoskey said.

The airport authority is made up of representatives of several municipalities that help to fund the airport. They include Cass City, whose financial contribution this year totals more than \$10,000. Other members include the village of Caro, Vassar and Elkland, Ellington, Almer and Indianfields townships.

Combined, the local governmental units provide nearly \$76,000, or about 35 percent of the airport's annual operating budget of about \$217,000, according to McLoskey, who noted area businesses are taking advantage of the facility.

"We've got about 45 businesses that use the airport on a regular basis, including UPS and the hospitals," McLoskey said. He described the airport as "another tool to encourage businesses to come to Tuscola County. It can be a key, particularly in recruiting new business," he added.

Tuscola Area Airport Manager Eric Engler agreed. "Anytime we can do any kind of expansion, it (encourages) companies to look at us," said Engler, who also works as a corporate pilot and says pilots look for airports that make their jobs easier and safer.

Since 9/11, Engler said, corporations have shifted from commercial to private jet transportation, and many are following a trend in which they time-share jets. In fact, use of such arrangements has grown some 300 percent.

The key, Engler said, is to provide what the customer is looking for, and that's especially true for smaller airports such as the Tuscola Area Airport, which handles small and medium sized corporate jets. Judging by the numbers, many corporations are opting to take advantage of the convenience of flying to Caro rather than utilizing MBS or Flint Bishop Airport.

Engler said the area airport is among the top 10 airports in Michigan in terms of growth. When he started as airport manager in 1992, there were 20 planes based in Caro. Now, there are 60.

The airport's facilities have also changed. The airport boasts a 4,300-foot blacktopped runway along with a 2,500-foot turf runway. A new administration building was constructed a few years ago, a 16-bay hangar was added last year and the new maintenance hangar construction will get underway soon.

"We've got enough (space) to house 70 airplanes here. We've put a lot of money into this airport over the past 10 years," Engler said, adding that without continued improvements designed to meet today's corporate air travel needs, "you're not going to exist."

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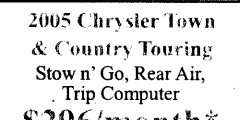
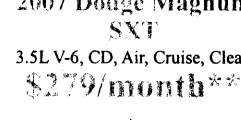

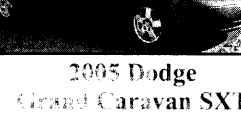

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