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**\$6.2 million in upgrades**

## Ubly to host meet on HISSD proposal

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Ubly Community School officials will host an informational meeting Monday for residents to learn more about the Huron Intermediate School District's (HISD) \$6.2 million bond issue proposal that voters will decide in a special election next month.

The proposal would include renovation of the existing Huron Learning Center building in Bad Axe to update the facility and centralize staffing, and construction of a new learning center wing. The election is scheduled for

Tuesday, Feb. 24.

HISD officials unsuccessfully tried to get the same measure passed last May, however, HISD Supt. Bob Colby indicated he feels the failed vote was largely due to residents not fully understanding the purpose behind the bond issue.

"It's the same proposal," Colby noted, adding the last election "was close - 190 votes separated it ("yes" and "no" votes).

"We thought we did a good job last time (of explaining the proposal), but obviously we didn't," said Colby, who recalled a number of voters

thought the funding would be earmarked for the Huron Technical Center, when nothing could be further from the truth. This time around, Colby said, "We're making a very concerted effort to communicate what the project is."

Under the proposed bond issue, HISD officials would sell their administrative office on Soper Road, use those proceeds to support the renovation cost, and move the administration to a central location inside the existing Huron Learning Center.

The greater emphasis of the project, however, is on improvements that will upgrade services to the students served by the facility, according to Colby. "Unless you have had a child or relative at the learning center, most people don't know what goes on there," he added.

The learning center is a school that serves students and their families from communities throughout Huron County. The center's students, up to the age of 26, come with a variety of conditions that require a highly specialized setting. The services offered range from preschool classrooms for at-risk students and preschoolers with special needs, to specialized classrooms for students with severe cognitive and physical impairments, as well as those with severe emotional and behavioral problems.

Colby pointed out that the learning center was built in 1975 - the year after federal officials mandated special education services - and initially housed 2 programs and served fewer than 30 students. Today, there are a dozen different programs, with 160 students served daily. There is a critical need for more space, according to Colby, and the facility desperately needs substantial renovation and repair.

If approved, all HISD administrative services will be located in remodeled space inside the existing learning center, and the learning center programs will operate in a new wing.

HISD officials say that consolidating all ISD administrative operations into one location will improve efficiency and save taxpayer dollars that now go for maintenance and upkeep of a separate building located 3 miles away (on Soper Road) from the Huron Area Technical Center and Huron Learning Center.

Officials plan to finance the project by using \$2 million in reserve funds from the HISD Special Education Fund, plus a countywide millage of .17 of a mill for 20 years. For the owner of a \$100,000 home, the tax adds up to about \$8.50 more annually.

Should voters approve the bond issue, groundbreaking would take place in the spring of 2010, with an anticipated move-in date set for the winter of 2011.

While Colby is working to convince all voters that the project is needed and worth every penny, Owen-Gage School officials are already sold.

The Owen-Gage Board of Education recently went on record as supporting the bond issue.

"We really feel it's needed in terms of the space (they have now) and the age of the facility," commented Owen-Gage School Supt. Dana Compton. "It needs to be brought back up to today's standard. The facility was not really designed to house all of the programs that it currently houses."

"Our position is that it's needed and necessary for children," he added.



**THE AREA'S FIRST** baby of the new year arrived Friday, Jan. 2, at 10:10 a.m. Chrisinda Bean of Cass City gave birth to a daughter, Anna Haven Bean, at Huron Medical Center. Anna weighed 6 pounds and 10 ounces and measured 20 inches long. Mother and baby were welcomed home recently by 2 sisters, Jazmin, 4 (pictured above), and Kelli, 5, and grandparents Steve Bean Sr. and Lisa Bean, also of Cass City.

## Michigan Wind 1 up and running in the Ubly area

Construction of Michigan's largest commercial-scale wind farm, located near Ubly, has been successfully completed, despite the complexities of the project, according to officials with John Deere Renewables.

John Deere Renewables, a national leader in wind energy development, and Consumers Energy, the utility purchasing the power, last week announced that Michigan Wind 1 went into commercial operation Dec. 16.

Plans to hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony are underway, and details will be announced in the coming weeks, company officials said.

Michigan Wind 1 is part of the former Noble Thumb Windpark (NTW), which John Deere Renewables acquired from Noble Environmental Power in October.

The project consists of 46 GE SLE wind turbines and has a total capacity of 69 megawatts, which produces enough electricity to power an estimated 20,000 homes.

"This is a large-scale project that benefited from strong community support. The combined efforts of the project team at John Deere Wind Energy, RMT, GE, Noble, Energy Works, and Consumers Energy made this happen," said David Drescher, vice president of John Deere Renewable Energy. "Michigan Wind 1 further positions John Deere Renewables as a leader in meeting the state's energy needs."

"Electricity from Michigan Wind 1 supports Consumers Energy's Green Generation program," added John G. Russell, the utility's president and chief operating officer. "This complements our existing renewable energy supply of 5 percent, the largest in Michigan, and will position us well to meet the state's new renewable energy portfolio standard."

The project was made possible by Michigan's recently enacted renewable energy legislation. "The comprehensive energy package I recently signed into law sends a clear signal that Michigan is ready to diversify its economy, create jobs and meet our

21st century needs by becoming a leader in renewable energy development," Gov. Jennifer Granholm said when she toured the facility last fall.

Drescher agreed. "John Deere Renewables developed the first commercial-scale wind project in Michigan, and is pleased to expand its investment in renewable energy generation in Michigan," he said. "With the recent passing of a renewable portfolio standard, Michigan has created a favorable investment environment for

renewable energy, and John Deere plans to be a leader in helping Michigan meet its future energy needs."

Michigan Wind 1 is one of 2 wind farm projects by John Deere Renewables in northeast Michigan, and the company has 2 additional wind projects under development.

The Harvest 1 project is located in Huron County, between the communities of Pigeon and Elkton. It con-

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**THE HURON LEARNING** Center (above), which houses preschool programs and specialized programs for children with disabilities, is the focus of a proposed \$6.2 million bond issue voters will decide next month. Under the plan, the existing facility would house a resource library and teacher training space for local schools as well as administrative services, while an expansion would house special-needs services.

## School board seats expiring in Thumb

Area residents interested in running for a seat on their local board of education have less than a month to file nominating petitions with their township or county clerk.

The deadline to file petitions is 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10. The annual school election is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5.

In the Cass City School District, 2 seats are expiring. Currently completing 4-year terms are Danny Haag, who has served on the board for 11 years, including the past 5 years as board treasurer, and Michelle Biddinger, who has served for the past 10 years. She currently is a trustee but previously served as board president.

Haag has not decided whether or not he will seek another term. Biddinger recently announced she will not be seeking reelection.

In other area districts:

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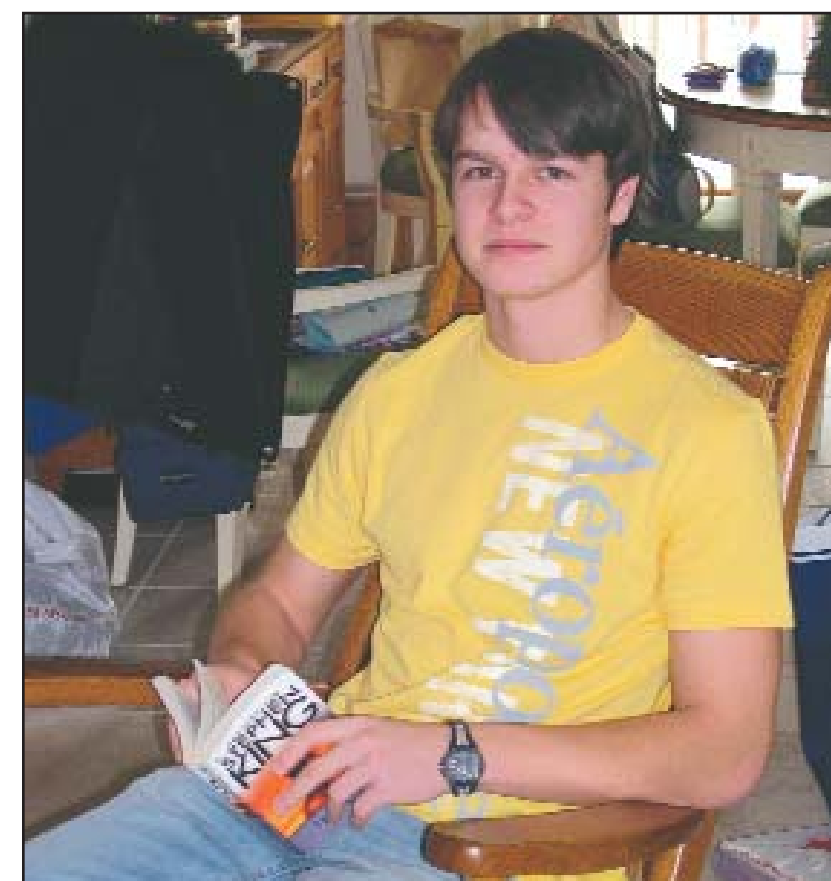
The 4-year terms of Seth Geister and David Kolacz are expiring in the Kingston Community School District. Kolacz, who was first elected in 1989, currently serves as board president. Geister, a trustee, is completing his first term on the board.

### OWEN-GAGE

In the Owen-Gage School District, the terms of board Vice President Terry Muntz and Secretary Loretta Schmidt are expiring. Muntz was first elected to a full 4-year term in 2005, while Schmidt is completing her first term on the board.

### UBLY

The 4-year term of Ubly Community Schools Board of Education President Lucy Recker is expiring this year. She has served on the board for several years.



**EUGENIU "JACK" Slabari, 17, enjoys some time with a book by one of his favorite authors at the home of Cass City's Gail Smith, who is hosting the Moldovan teen for a year as an exchange student through the American Scandinavian Student Exchange (ASSE) program. (See story, page 9)**

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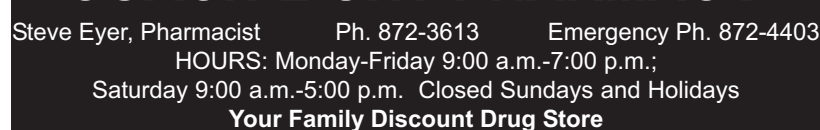
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The couple currently resides in Carlisle, Ind. They will be wed at Southern Exposure in Battle Creek.



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# Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

It's not like winning the lotto, but it is rare to win a drawing when the odds are stacked against you.

Basketball fans know that this year the finals of the Michigan High School Athletic Association will be held at Ford Field in Detroit.

Applications for this year's final 4 tournament tickets came floating in right after the 2008 tournament ended.

Successful applicants were rare enough so that I know of one that was featured in a special story in the Bay City Times.

With that background, let me tell you of a Cass City resident who won a pair of the scarce tickets. Dr. Francis Ozim is the proud owner of the hard-to-find tickets.

Here's a warning for you doctor, unless you already have a confirmed reservation don't plan on staying near Ford Field. No room at the inns.

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One of the more eagerly anticipated special sections published by the Chronicle is the one dedicated to brides and grooms. It's scheduled for the January 28 issue.

What makes it special is the opportunity for all couples married 25 years or more to have the event remembered in the paper. Couples are pictured on their wedding day and currently. If you don't have a current picture, come to the Chronicle and we will take one for you.

All pictures and information must be submitted on or before January 23. There is no charge.

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It had to happen. Just after I boasted about the breaks in the weather that our immediate area enjoyed with only a light snowfall while other nearby areas received as much as 6 inches, old man winter caught up with me (and you, probably).

Coming home from Midland Saturday evening it was smooth sailing on M-10, M-25 and Dickerson Road. The roads were as clear and dry as they are in mid-summer after a draught.

But the road home includes a 10 mile stretch on Cass City Road and M-81 and, bang, it was snow covered all the way.

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The proposal under discussion now by the MHSAA is to create a 7-man football team league. It appears to me that it won't get off the ground in the Thumb. I can't imagine a class C school wanting to join and the stronger class D schools will also frown on not playing neighboring schools.

Already class D schools have to travel long distances on occasion just to fill out their schedules. Owen-Gage, for instance, plays Au Gres every year.

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**CASS CITY HIGH School senior Sarah Reed (left), president of the Cass City High School National Honor Society, presents a check for \$370 to Jaime Fritz, representing Revive Ministries, an outreach of the Cass City Missionary Church. The donation will be used to help fund the ministry's food bank services, which have already benefited hundreds of area families.**

## The Haire Net

Thank goodness for human touch



The passing parade as seen from the corner of Oak and Main streets. Our thoughts about activities as reported by the media, including personal opinion with no real proof that the conclusions are correct.

Perhaps it's just one more jolt in the raging recession, striking Michigan and to a lesser extent the United States. I can't prove it, but when the brief period that gas at some stations sold for \$1.50 a gallon ended, it seems to me that we collectively shrugged. Maybe because \$2.00 a gallon was cheap compared to over \$4.00 a gallon the previous month.

Another factor is that when you have been hammered often enough you become hardened to hard times and regard jackrabbit gas prices just another blow to be endured.

Although Michigan is hardest hit by the recession, it also has the second highest gas price in the continental United States, only behind California. As this was written Thursday, gas in several western states was selling for under \$1.50 a gallon. Who knows what the price will be when you read this next week?

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Most folks in Cass City are pleased with the service and the operation of Rawson Memorial District Library, as evidenced by the bequests and the approval of special operating millages in every vote conducted in the last 50 years.

Still, as good as it was and is, there is more advanced technology available, according to a story that appeared in the Jan. 5 edition of the "Detroit News".

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## The back forty

by Roger Pond

A newspaper story about Oregon courthouses reminded me how much things have changed. The report says there are 48 courthouses in Oregon, and most of them need repairs for security reasons.

There's one in the capitol city of Salem, for example, where a guy drove a truck through the front doors, fired his shotgun, and set some fires. The county spent around 12 million for repairs. How do they assure a secure situation when a person goes off like that?

Oregon has a courthouse with two stories but no elevator and another that used to be a hospital. Some have been damaged by earthquakes, and others weren't built very well in the first place. There's obviously room for improvement, but you can't have everything.

I remember the many years I worked in rural courthouses. That was always a friendly environment where we had a sense of security and situations where we expected some common sense.

Extension agents have it made when it comes to security. If anyone gets really mad at the county agent he's generally cooled off by the time he can find the office.

Most counties have banned all weapons from the courthouse and many have installed security buzzers. Nobody had a security buzzer when I first started government work.

A local newspaper story claimed a maintenance official fixed two bullet holes in the courthouse during the previous six years. Both of these plaster wounds were caused by accidental discharges of firearms by sheriff's

deputies. (I don't know about others, but I would think twice before pushing a buzzer attached to one of those guys.)

The main thing I remember about courthouse security is the training of jail trustees for outside jobs. The custodian was the jailer, and he was good at finding chores for the inmates.

One of the best jobs for the trustees in those days was skinning deer that had been killed on the road. It wasn't like today when a road-killed deer might simply be disposed of. We called that product "center-line venison" and looked for someone who could skin it and cut it up.

Many times I have trudged down to the courthouse basement looking for supplies or equipment, while a deer carcass would be hanging from the ceiling. A couple of inmates would be whacking away with their butcher knives as I walked by.

One day when I was upstairs at the front desk of the sheriff's office two of the jail's trustees came marching through. They were dressed in orange and pushing a cart filled with butcher knives, whetstones, and saws.

"We can't get this cart down the stairs so Jim said to use the elevator," they told the deputy. Then the trustees proceeded out the door and down the main hallway of the courthouse.

The deputy watched as the men in prison garb pushed their cart of knives and saws down the public courthouse hallway and waited for the elevator to the basement. Then she turned to me and said, "You know, there's something about that picture that doesn't look quite right."

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**Everyday Stories**  
*Cass City Public Schools*  
*"Assignment America"*  
*By Emily Martin*

In the midst of note cards, outlines, paper rewrites and numerous practice equations, students roaming Cass City High School are in the depths and trenches of semester exam week.

Every year it is the same: one week when life is full of stress, when cares are never free and when your shoulders feel the extra load. This week could potentially be the killer whale of all killer whales. This week could be the winning jump shot or the losing air ball. This week could destroy all that you have worked for thus far.

You either take on the whale, or doubt your abilities and shoot an air ball. You decide.

Exams are the weight tables that eggs roll upon to determine if they are good or if they are bad. We all want to be good eggs. We all want the success that should come after painstaking long hours of study.

Both waking and sleeping hours are filled with thoughts of the 7 mega-tests you are about to duel. Dreams are of Spaniards doing algebra, speaking their native language of course. It seems that you will never escape exam preparation, exam review, exam practice and exam anticipation.

But then again, it all ends at some point. When the bell rings and your pencil hits the desk, you are finished. Suddenly, your cares are free and your shoulders are light. In the grand scheme of things, an exam is just an on-demand recollection of knowledge. It is academia's ultimate test.

When high schools want students to realize the magnitude of a particular test, they call it an exam. Let's put it into a calm perspective...it's just a test.

Looking back on the dreaded week, you will not necessarily remember your grades, the topics you studied for hours on end, or for that matter didn't study. You will recall the feeling you had when you finally dropped your pencil and could breathe deep.

Exams are not truly a measure of what you have learned, because you have learned by the experiences you've had. The real measure of knowledge is that of which is in your head and in your heart; it's what you feel and say for the years to come.



**A SANILAC COUNTY motorist was injured early last week when he lost control of his car on Shabbona Road. Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies reported that Christopher McCarty, 20, Carsonville, was driving eastbound when his vehicle entered a westbound ditch. The car struck a ditch embankment, causing it to go airborne for some 30 yards before flipping over and landing on its roof. McCarty was treated at the scene by Deckerville EMS personnel and then taken by private vehicle to Deckerville Community Hospital. The driver was wearing a seatbelt, according to deputies, who said alcohol is not believed to have been a factor in the crash.**

# Several appear on charges last week

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

- Jarred W. Long, 18, Caro, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail for his plea of guilty to domestic violence Aug. 8 in Indianfields Township.
- He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$95.
- Richard L. McLaren Jr., 32, Millington, was sentenced to 270 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Aug. 8 in Millington. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).
- In addition to jail time, he was placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay \$2,380 in costs and fines.
- Robert W. Lemay, 49, Millington, received a one-year delayed sentence for his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and op-

erating a motorcycle without a motorcycle endorsement June 7 in Millington Township.

- He was placed on 48 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$3,070.
- Billy J. Pugh, 33, Millington, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 36 months probation for his pleas of no contest to 2 counts of assaulting a police officer and one count of possession of marijuana Feb. 29 in the villages of Millington and Caro and the city of Vassar.
- He was also ordered to pay \$2,237.
- Gilbert H. Freeman, 41, Deford, was sentenced to 180 days in jail (87 days deferred) and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Aug. 2 in Kingston Township.
- He was also ordered to undergo inpatient residential treatment and pay costs and fines totaling \$1,720.
- Eric D. Huemiller, 33, Silverwood, was sentenced to 90 days in jail and 36 months probation for his pleas of guilty to interfering with electronic communications and domestic violence Sept. 18 in Dayton Township.
- He was also ordered to pay \$1,665.
- Steven R. Ellis, 43, Silverwood, received a one-year delayed sentence for his plea of no contest to contractor fraud - use of a building contract fund between March and October 2005 in Indianfields Township.
- He was ordered to pay fines and costs totaling \$990 plus restitution of \$12,000. Attorneys fees are to be determined.
- Richard M. Warford Jr., 40, Kingston, was sentenced to 365 days in jail after having his delayed sentence revoked. He previously pleaded guilty to charges of assaulting a police officer and probation violation, and was convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions), according to court records.
- Thomas F. Ridley Jr., 33, Vassar, was sentenced to 2 to 20 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to delivery/manufacture of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 50 grams), and conspiracy to deliver/manufacture marijuana, and delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance March 27 in Vassar, and for his plea of no contest to assaulting a police officer Oct. 25 in Caro/Mayville. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions). In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$360.
- Randal L. Stevenson, 48, Caro, was sentenced to 270 days in jail (90 days deferred), with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 6 in Caro.
- He was also placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay \$2,110 in costs and fines.
- Russel A. Powell, 24, Caro, pleaded guilty to carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent and bribing/intimidating/interfering with a witness Sept. 16-17 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$25,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- David R. Field, 24, Cass City, pleaded guilty to fleeing and eluding a police officer Sept. 28 in Cass City.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.
- Shaun C. Parker, 46, Mayville, pleaded guilty to domestic violence, third offense, Sept. 6 in Kingston Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$25,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Demarko Antonio-Jumar Plain, 29, Mayville, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana Nov. 7 in Juniata Township.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$6,000. Sentencing is to be set.
- Levi J. Phillips, 28, Millington, pleaded no contest to charges of carrying a concealed weapon, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and possession of marijuana March 19 in Millington Township.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Timothy R. Clouse, 19, Clifford, pleaded guilty to malicious destruction of property totaling less than \$200, and no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon Aug. 25 in Koylton Township.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was revoked. Sentencing is to be set.

# Drug team investigates poaching operation

Sanilac County Drug Task Force officials are seeking an arrest warrant charging a Sanilac County man with poaching following a raid on the suspect's property in Bridgehampton Township.

Drug task force Director Bill Gray reported investigators executed a search warrant on what he described as a large-scale poaching operation at 2643 Forester Rd.

"Although no drug activity was taking place at the Forester Road site, information concerning the deer poaching activity at that location had been uncovered during an earlier, unrelated drug investigation at a separate location," he said.

After the initial information on the deer poaching was uncovered, task force officers, assisted by Lt. Robert Willis of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department Road Patrol Division, executed a search warrant at the property last week.

"The search of the home resulted in the discovery of more than 14 deer carcasses in and immediately around the residence," Gray said. "At least 11 bucks and 3 does were located in various stages of being processed and/or simply decomposing on-site. Numerous gut piles and additional discarded deer and/or deer parts were strewn about the immediate area surrounding the suspect's residence."

Investigators also searched the man's pickup truck and located a doe that had been shot several days previously and was rotting. "The suspect claimed he had forgotten it was there," Gray said. "Also in the truck was a large amount of various gauge and caliber ammunition for firearms, night vision apparatus, spotting scopes and a variety of hunting-poaching paraphernalia. Evidence was also discovered that a 4-wheel drive ATV at that location had been used throughout the suspect's poaching activities."

Investigators seized more than a dozen shotguns, rifles, muzzleloaders, a loaded .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol, portable lighting equipment, tree stands, pop-up deer blinds, camouflage tarps and other items.

The suspect, a 35-year-old Bridgehampton Township resident, was questioned and released at the scene. "Once additional follow-up investigation is completed, task force investigators will be submitting a request for an arrest warrant charging the suspect with multiple DNR conservation law violations, charges that will have mandatory minimum penalties of \$1,000 per deer and 5 days in jail per deer," Gray said.

# Join the foundation, receive 10 free trees

Ten free flowering trees will be given to residents of Michigan who become members of the Arbor Day Foundation this month.

The free trees are part of the non-profit foundation's "Trees for America" campaign.

Those who join the foundation in January will receive 2 white flowering dogwoods, 2 flowering crabapples, 2 Washington hawthorns, 2 American redbuds, and 2 goldenrain-trees.

"These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small spaces," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "They will give your home in Michigan the beauty of lovely pink, white, and yellow flowers — and also provide winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Feb. 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6 to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, Neb. 68410, by Jan. 31. Michigan residents can also join online at arborday.org.

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## ATTN: SENIORS Financial Aid Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 6:30 p.m.

CCHS is having an informational meeting for the parents of seniors on financial aid, including the FAFSA. If time permits we may have parents get online to complete their FAFSA that night. Your son/daughter will receive information prior to the meeting on what information is needed to complete the FAFSA.

Guest speaker will be Ryan Truemaner from Baker College financial aid office



# Rep. Brown gearing up for his swearing-in today in Lansing

State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) invites residents to visit Lansing today (Wednesday) as the 95th Legislature is sworn in, and to stop by to visit him and his 2 staff members as he starts his second term.

"Taking the oath of office at the Capitol is an incredibly humbling and inspiring experience for me," Brown said. "I want to share this day with as many of my fellow residents as possible, because I am so appreciative of all the kindness and support they have shown me. I am eager to get the new Legislature off to a positive start and help everyone focus on doing a better job of truly serving the people we represent."

All 110 state representatives will be sworn in today, which is the opening day of the new 2-year legislative session. Because of space restrictions, residents will not be able to attend the swearing-in ceremony that takes place on the House floor around noon.



Terry Brown

# Detroit Edison crews headed to the Thumb for maintenance work

Detroit Edison line-clearance crews will be working in 39 Southeastern Michigan communities, including the Thumb area, in January and February, continuing their year-round effort to maintain service reliability by keeping trees and branches away from power lines.

"We trim trees for two very important reasons - to ensure our customers have dependable electric service and to prevent safety hazards," said Vince Dow, DTE Energy vice president of Distribution Operations. "By maintaining a 10-foot clearance between tree branches and our power lines, we can significantly reduce tree-related power outages."

Tree interference is responsible for about two-thirds of the power outages that occur during storms. That's why Detroit Edison employs more than 500 professional tree trimmers to maintain the estimated 3.5 million trees in its service territory.

The company's tree-trimming crews follow International Society of Arboriculture standards to maintain the health of trees. The company has received the National Tree Line USA Award for quality tree care for 13 consecutive years.

"Our goals are to keep customers' trees alive, healthy and out of harm's way," explained Dow. "The directional pruning method we use removes only the branches that pose a threat to power lines, and helps ensure that future growth is directed away from power lines. After we trim, trees

are less susceptible to disease and insect problems, and because they're stronger, they're more resistant to high winds and heavy ice."

Detroit Edison removes from customer property the small branches and debris that result from its tree trimming work. Larger trimmed branches are cut into firewood length and left behind for customer use or disposal. Detroit Edison will not, however, remove diseased tree debris.

Debris caused by a severe storm also is not removed. In the aftermath of a storm, Detroit Edison crews must work quickly to remove downed wire hazards and restore power to thousands of customers. They will cut broken and uprooted trees in order to reach locations that need repair. In such emergency situations, customers are advised to contact their local department of public works, trash collector or a professional tree-removal company for advice on disposing of debris.

Customers are responsible for keeping tree branches away from their service drops, the lines that run from utility poles to their homes. Although the voltage running through the service drop is significantly lower than that of pole-to-pole wires, Detroit Edison recommends that customers hire a professional tree service to do this trimming.

Visit [my.dteenergy.com/lineclearance](http://my.dteenergy.com/lineclearance) to find more information about line clearance and proper tree planting.

Building across the street, 124 N. Capitol. A reception in Brown's office will take place from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

For more information, call Brown's office, toll-free, at (888) 254-5284.

"I never forget that I am at the Capitol for one purpose: to do what's best for the people of Huron and Tuscola counties," Brown said. "I will keep working hard every day to create good-paying jobs, attract more economic development from the renewable-energy industry, and protect our Great Lakes and other natural resources. My door is always open, and I welcome hearing your ideas, suggestions, and concerns as we work together to make our communities better for everyone."

# Lucas Powell Owen-Gage Student of the Month



Lucas Powell

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

Powell played the trumpet in Owen-Gage's band during his first 3 years of high school. He was also in the marching and pep bands. Powell has also been the lead electric guitar player with an area rock band called "The Loyal Conviction".

Academically, Powell has been on the honor roll and a member of the district's 3.0 Honors Club throughout high school. He is a member of the school's yearbook/newspaper staff as well.

Powell is the son of Mike and Amy Powell of Owendale. His future plans include attending Grand Rapids Community College next fall to pursue a degree in music recording. After receiving his degree, he hopes to attend a larger university.

# Down Memory Lane

By Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO

Years worth of pushing, patience and persistence have paid off for Hills and Dales General Hospital officials, who recently enjoyed a close-up look at Michigan's newest helicopter ambulance. LifeNet of Michigan, in affiliation with Covenant HealthCare, Saginaw, launched the new service Jan. 5. The helicopter, its crew and LifeNet officials landed at the Cass City hospital last Wednesday to showcase the new air ambulance and acquaint local hospital officials with the service.

Quick thinking by Sanilac County Central Dispatcher Janet Severance may have saved 2 lives Thursday. Central Dispatch received a 911 ambulance call at 7:58 a.m. from a Palms area residence, according to Sgt. Garry Biniecki of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department. "The caller, who identified herself as a daughter to the victim, advised that she thought her mother had a stroke, and the dispatcher requested some of the symptoms her mother was displaying," Biniecki said. "Dispatcher Severance, after learning that the daughter was also having a hard time waking her father, immediately suspected carbon monoxide poisoning and alerted her to open windows and doors to flush it out."

Eight Cass City High School wrestlers earned medals at the 10-team Cass City Invitational Saturday and the Hawks finished third with 121.5 points. Leading the Hawk medal winners was Marcell Helland, 112 pounds, who finished first. Second place honors were earned by Kyle Reif, 125 pounds, and Eric Hollis, 189 pounds. Four Hawks earned third place honors - Lee Hutchinson, 275 pounds; Steve Meeker, 215 pounds; Micah Randall, 152 pounds and Jeff Tenbusch, 160 pounds. Kyle Sieradzki, 145 pounds, finished fourth.

## 10 YEARS AGO

Sherryl Seeley is somewhat of a rarity in this age of mobility and career changes. She was born and raised in the Cass City area, graduated from the local high school, spent a short time away from the area studying business, then returned home to start a career in banking that is still going strong after 4 decades. And she wouldn't have it any other way. "Actually, it doesn't seem possible that it's been 40 years in many ways. I love the people and I love banking." Seeley commented last week at her desk at Chemical Bank in Cass City, where she has served as branch manager since Chemical bought out Cass City State Bank in July 1989. Seeley isn't ready to retire yet, but she was treated to cake and plenty of congratulations just the same Thursday. "The bank

has been good to me," she said. "I like Cass City. I was born and raised here. I always thought I had it made - a good job in a town that I loved."

It wasn't a pretty game for the Cass City Red Hawks, rated number 5 in the state in one paper's ranking, but it was a victory and kept the Hawk hoop team undefeated. It was played before a surprisingly large crowd considering it was a Tuesday night basketball game against winless Marlette and played just after the blizzard that deposited the most snow since 1985. The Hawks defeated the Red Raiders 70-48. Craig Emmert played a strong game with 18 points and 15 rebounds. Dan Cuddie contributed 13 points, 4 assists and 3 steals. Heath Zawilinski led all scorers with 23 points. Coach Jeff Hartel said that the free throw shooting is a concern and the team needs a more active defense.

## 25 YEARS AGO

With classes cancelled last Wednesday because of too much snow, it was a perfect day for building a snow dinosaur. Constructing it were: Joe Santos, Shayna Robles, Butch Robles, Keri Santos and Brian Santos. The sculpture was on River Road, where the Santoses and Robleses are next-door neighbors.

Susan R. Caister, R.D., is now a registered dietician, having completed a one-year internship at Christian Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, and passed the national registration exam, which she took in Detroit in October. The daughter of Royce and Betty Russell of Cass City is now an accepted member of the American Dietetic Association. Since completing her internship in August, Mrs. Caister has been employed at St. Luke's Hospital, Saginaw, as a clinical dietician. She is a 1978 Cass City High School graduate and a 1982 graduate of Central Michigan University with a B.S. degree, majoring in dietetics. Mrs. Caister and her husband, Durrell, live in Bay City.

The Cass City schools are moving

cautiously into the computer age. Intermediate school students who finish eighth grade in 1985 will be the first ones to go on to high school with a full three years of computer training. Most of the training the students at the intermediate school and a relatively few at the high school are receiving is how to use computers, as opposed to using computers to learn something else.

## 35 YEARS AGO

It seemed like the middle of the night Monday morning in Cass City as students trudged to school and workers warily made their way to their places of employment in total darkness imposed by nationwide daylight savings time (DST). Traffic lights not yet changed to the new schedule, blinked their yellow and red warnings at the morning's heavy traffic. School buses transported students in total darkness while snow clouds obscured any hope of daylight until past 8:30 a.m. And, while no one seems to like the idea, Michigan and the rest of the nation is stuck with DST until at least October of 1975.

The Lynwood LaPeers of East Elmwood Road love snowmobiling. To them, it's more than something to do on a winter's weekend or evening. "It gets into your blood," Mrs. LaPeer will tell you. "I really can't explain it." So much is it in their blood that for the third consecutive year, they are offering, free of charge, snowmobile instruction courses to youngsters 12-14 years old. The course, given through the auspices of the state Department of Natural Resources, details snowmobile operation and laws as well as teaching students first aid and rudimentary mechanics of their machines.

Varsity members of the Girl's Volleyball team are: Karen Martin, Robin Lapp, Nancy Greenwood, Sean Ouvry, Cindy Ruso, Julie Bills, Jill Field, Linda Karr, Karen O'Dell, Deb Selby, Sandy Hartel, Nancy Koepfgen, Kelly Gee and Sherry Little.

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# Senior movies on tap at the library

Rawson Memorial District Library, Cass City, will show the following Senior Citizen Movies Friday, Jan. 16 at 1:30 p.m.

**Hawaii - Strangers in Paradise:** Explore the Hawaiian Islands, an archipelago born of volcanic eruptions tens of millions of years ago. Fertile for evolution and protected by the immense Pacific Ocean, this isolated tropical haven produced an explosion of wildlife found nowhere else on earth. Once able to flourish, exquisite creatures such as the ancient green sea turtle, the playful monk seal, and the Hawaiian honeycreeper now exist in fragile habitats. Since the arrival of man, 2,000 years ago, 70% of all native species have disappeared. Watch as conservation heroes dangle from the cliffs of Moloka'i, risking their lives to hand-pollinate endangered flowers. Ironically, Hawaii's plants and animals must now rely on man's intervention in order to survive. Discover a land of precious and threatened life forms in Hawaii: Strangers in Paradise. (60 minutes)

**Wild About Animals - Animals of Alaska:** Join host Mariette Hartley as she explores the vast wilderness of Alaska in search of wildlife. Alaska is a land where America's symbol, the bald eagle, survives in abundance. Learn about the Alaskan Husky, the famous reindeer, and the strange looking musk ox. And, of course, there is the awesome moose. (30 minutes)

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## Cass City Area Church Directory

**Calvary Bible Fellowship**  
an Independent Baptist Church  
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989-872-4088  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor - Chuck Carr  
Transportation available

**Cass City Church of Christ**  
6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726  
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136  
Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

**Cass City Church of the Nazarene**  
6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-2604 or (989) 912-2077  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study & Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.  
Rev. Judy A. Eskilsen

**Cass City Missionary Church**  
4449 Koepfgen Rd., P.O. Box 57, Cass City, MI 48726  
989-872-2729  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.  
Pastor - Bob Sweeney  
[www.casscitymc.org](http://www.casscitymc.org)

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

**Evangelical Free Church of Cass City**  
6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726  
Phone: 872-5060  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night Impact 7:00 p.m.  
Midweek Bible Studies  
Biblical Counseling  
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould

**First Baptist Church**  
(Independent, Fundamental)  
6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726  
989-872-3155  
Sunday School All Ages 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  
AWANA Clubs 6:45 p.m. During School Year  
Pastor: David G. Hill  
Website: [www.fbccc.us](http://www.fbccc.us)

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

**Fraser Presbyterian Church**  
3006 Huron Line Rd., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-5400  
Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.  
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

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

**Living Word Worship Center**  
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6536 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-4637  
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. (Family Training Hour) 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Keith Misany

**Novesta Church of Christ**  
2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3658 or 872-1195  
Bible School 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.  
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**Potter's House Christian Fellowship Church**  
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872-5186  
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Pastor: F. Robert Tucker

**St. Pancratius Catholic Church**  
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872-3336  
Saturday Liturgy 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.  
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## Red Hawk gymnasts entertain Freeland

The Cass City gymnastic team entertained Freeland Thursday in their first appearance of 2009.

Despite suffering a 130.6 - 103.1 defeat, the Red Hawks were able to earn a pair of individual regional qualifying scores in the team's second outing of their campaign.

Both came on the vault were Lindsay Bliss and Vanessa Scasny each bettered the regional standard of 7.9. Bliss placed 4th in the event with a score of 8.15 and Scasny placed 6th with a score of 8.0.

It has been a long-standing goal of the Red Hawk gymnastic program, according to Coach Kathy Bouverette, to qualify both as a team and as individuals for regional competition.

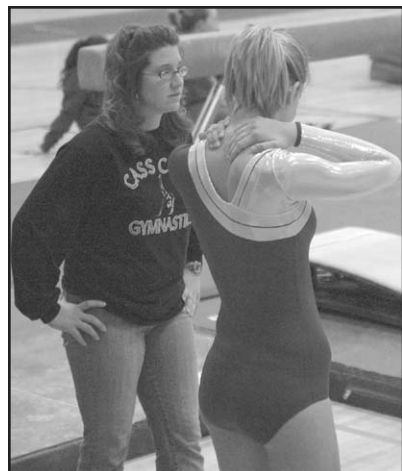
"You need to qualify 4 times to make regionals," Bouverette said. "The regional standards are 8.0 in the floor, 7.5 on the beam, 7.9 on the vault and 7.0 on the bars. To qualify as a team you need to score at least 120."

Also with solid showings for Cass City against Freeland were Sam Swiderski and Kelli Pettit. Swiderski recorded a 5th place showing on the floor with a score of 7.6 and followed it up with a 6th place finish on the bars with a score of 5.5.

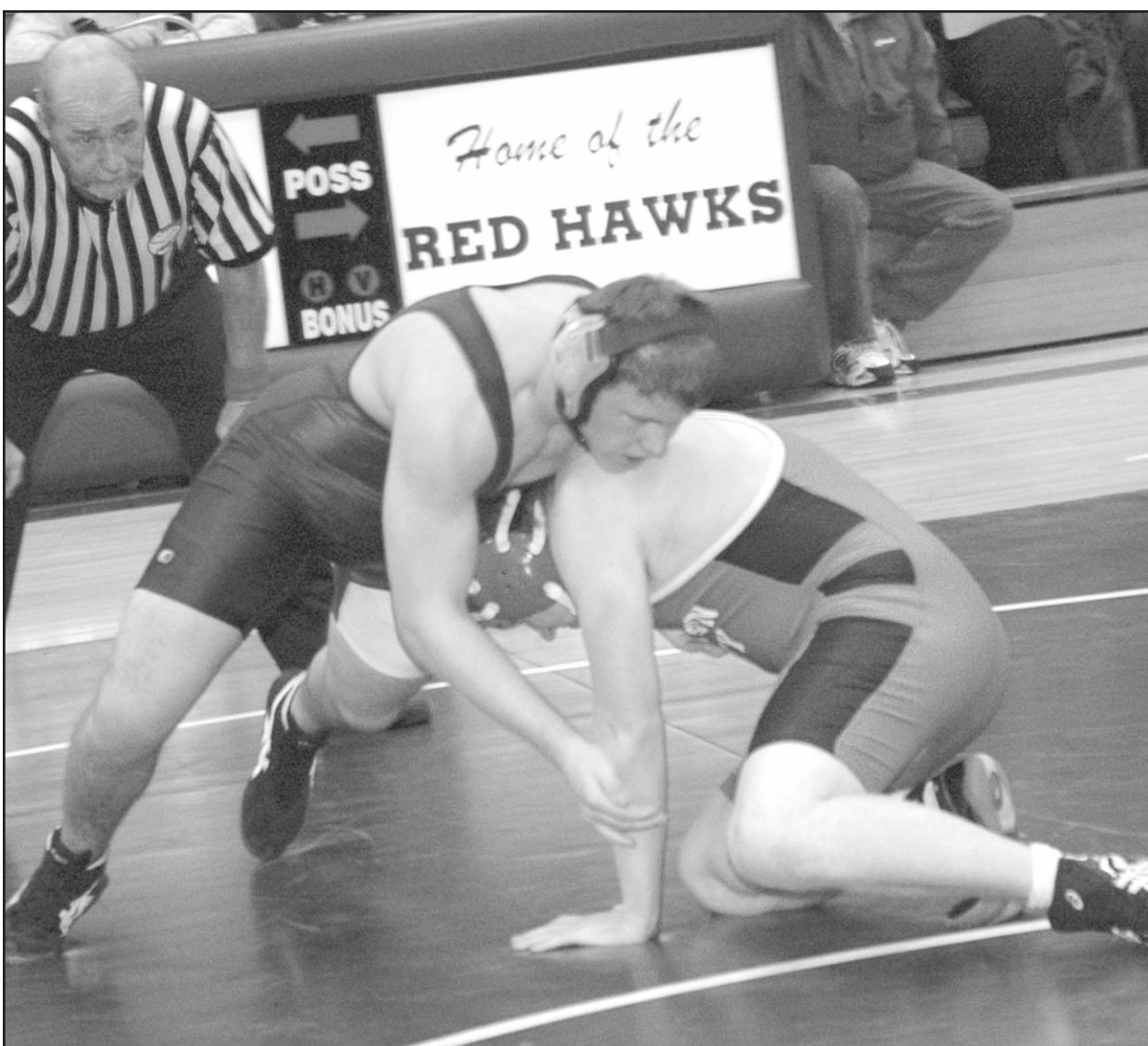
Pettit, with a mark of 7.25 in the floor, and Bliss, with a score of 7.2 on the beam, both 6th place efforts, complete the list of Cass City's best showings.

Freeland's Sophie Vankirk captured the bars (7.95) and beam (9.0), while Mariah Elliott was best on the floor (8.2) and Abby Williams won the vault (8.7).

The Red Hawks' next match is scheduled for Jan. 20th against guest Vassar.



**COACH KATHY Bouverette** and gymnast **Kelli Pettit** talk about her routine during Cass City's home opener against Freeland. The visitors put on an impressive performance and recorded a 130.6 - 103.1 victory.



**RED HAWK Eric Reif (left) pinned John Marks 2 minutes and 28 seconds into his Parents' Night match against Brown City.**



**LINDSEY BLISS** works towards Cass City's best finish on the beam Thursday. She placed 6th with a score of 7.2 against a veteran Freeland team.

## Wild Game Dinner and Auction slated

The American Red Cross - East Shoreline Chapter will present its 15th annual Wild Game Dinner and

Auction on Saturday, Jan. 24, in the Lumber Barons' Banquet Room, 804 East Midland Street, Bay City.

This year's theme is "The Wild Taste Extravaganza" featuring wild game, and not so wild game, from all 7 continents. The 5 celebrity chefs have once again outdone themselves with the widest variety of wild game yet. Mike Shesky, lead celebrity chef, describes the evening's options as an extraordinary taste experience. Your ticket will be your passport to exploring 7 taste stations with mouth-watering dishes from each continent.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a cash bar, silent auctions and raffles. The silent auction will include: hunting & fishing equipment, weekend getaways, golf packages, arts and culture packages, items for home, car, garden and more.

The largest raffle of the evening will be a 2009 customized Harley-Davidson Package that includes the winner's choice of Harleys (choices include a Street Bob, Road King or Cross Bones), a \$3,000 customized paint job from Psycho Customs and a \$1,000 Gift Certificate from Great Lakes Harley good toward parts, accessories or merchandise. Raffle tickets are \$100 each. Only 400 tickets will be sold. Entrants need not be present to win.

New this year is the addition of beer sampling - each of the 7 continent taste stations will offer a favorite beer from our Mid-Michigan brew pubs. Limited beer sampling is included in the ticket price.

Taste stations open at 6:30 p.m. and the live auction will follow.

For ticket information, call (989) 892-1541, or visit [www.redcross-esc.org](http://www.redcross-esc.org).

## Cass City rolls to pair of GTC wins at home

It was a successful Parents' Night Wednesday for the Cass City wrestling team as Coach Don Markel's grapplers recorded identical wins of 66-17 over visiting Brown City and Vassar during the Red Hawks' first outing of the New Year.

"Our overall work ethic through the Christmas break has paid some dividends," Markel said as his team improved to 3-1 in Greater Thumb Conference play.

The Red Hawks will look to continue their winning ways tonight as they travel to Saginaw to face Nouvel and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port in this week's GTC match-up.

Against the Green Devils and Vulcans, 8 Red Hawks recorded double victories on the night. Ronnie Wolschleger swept the 103-weight class action, while Jon Crouch, in the 112-weight class, Bryan Burk, 140-weight class, Kevven Dorland, 145-weight class, Clark Walsh, 152-weight class, Dean Rabideau, 160-weight class, and Josh Jensen, 171 weight class, all went undefeated in their weight class.

Travis Mabe was Cass City's other double winner, wrestling in both the 130 and 135 weight classes.

### NORTH BRANCH TOURNAMENT

On Saturday, the Red Hawks traveled to North Branch and finished 5th

at the 12-team tournament with a 3-2 record.

In pool play, Cass City finished as the runner-up with a 42-28 victory over Frankenmuth and a 64-15 decision over Croswell-Lexington before falling to Midland High, 51-28.

In the bracket rounds, the Red Hawks battled Hartland "B" and Imlay City to a 39-39 tie during 2 matches that the final outcome wasn't decided until the 6th tiebreaker.

When all the smoke cleared, Hartland "B" was awarded a 40-39 victory, while Imlay City suffered an identical 40-39 setback to the Red Hawks.

Coach Markel explained that both matches came down to the 6th tiebreaker criteria - most first points scored in each match - to declare a winner.

"We have improved since the beginning of the season," Markel said, noting the Red Hawks lost to Imlay City 53-25 earlier in the season. "However, we are still sporadic at times. We need to eliminate the mistakes we are making so that we can win the close matches."

Walsh was Cass City's lone champion at the tourney with a perfect 5-0 record. The Cass City senior now stands at a lofty 17-1 on the season.

Finishing as runners-up for Cass City, with 4-1 records, were Mabe, Jensen and T.J. Marker.

## Ubly cagers post easy crossover victory

The Cass City boys' basketball team appears nowhere near ready for the rigors of Greater Thumb West action, which was slated to start Tuesday against guest Bay City All Saints.

In an early season statement game, the Red Hawks surrendered without providing much of a challenge to visiting Ubly during the team's final non-conference tune-up last week.

If the Red Hawks hope to compete during January, when they face 5 straight GTW opponents, a couple of things must happen.

Foremost, they have to shoot better than Tuesday's 17-51 performance against the Bearcats that resulted in a 53-37 drubbing. Despite missing injured standout Jordan Kaufman, Ubly easily improved to 4-1 on the season, while Cass City slips to 4-2.

"I feel like we are 0-6," Coach Aaron Fernald said following the team's latest setback.

While Kaufman's absence didn't seem to slow down the Bearcats, foul trouble for senior Brent Doerr hampered the Red Hawks in the opening half that ended 29-20.

Tyler Kubacki provided plenty of offensive firepower for Ubly. He poured in 8 of his game-high 19 points in the initial frame, while Doerr collected his second foul and rode the pine for the remainder of the half.

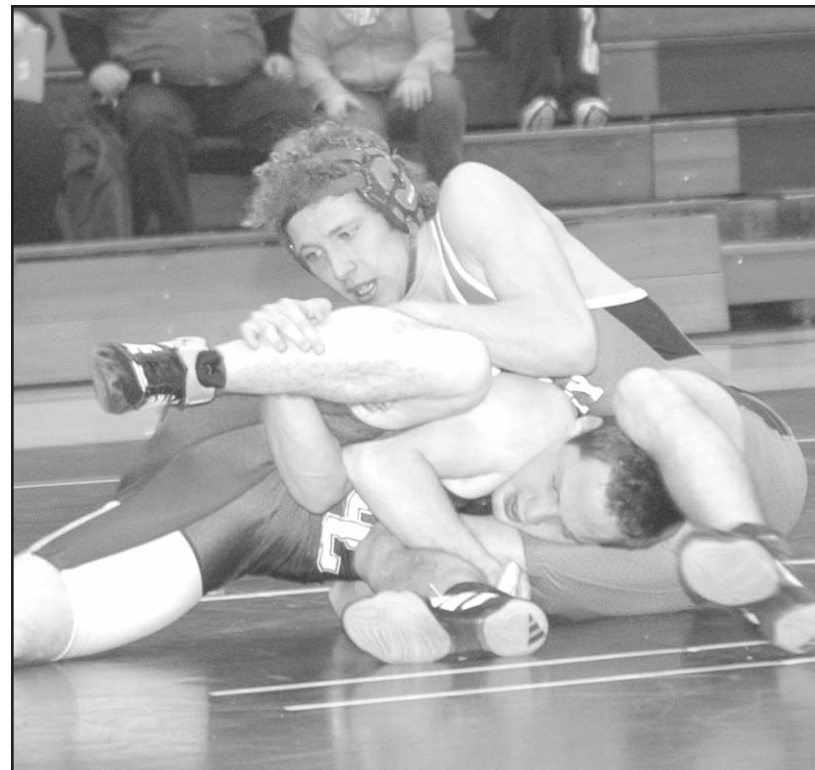
Trailing 15-12, Ubly held 2 of Cass City's top scorers, Austin Babich and Chris Summersett, to solo baskets until the break.

"Babich and Summersett needed to step it up. When they play good, we'll be alright," Fernald said.

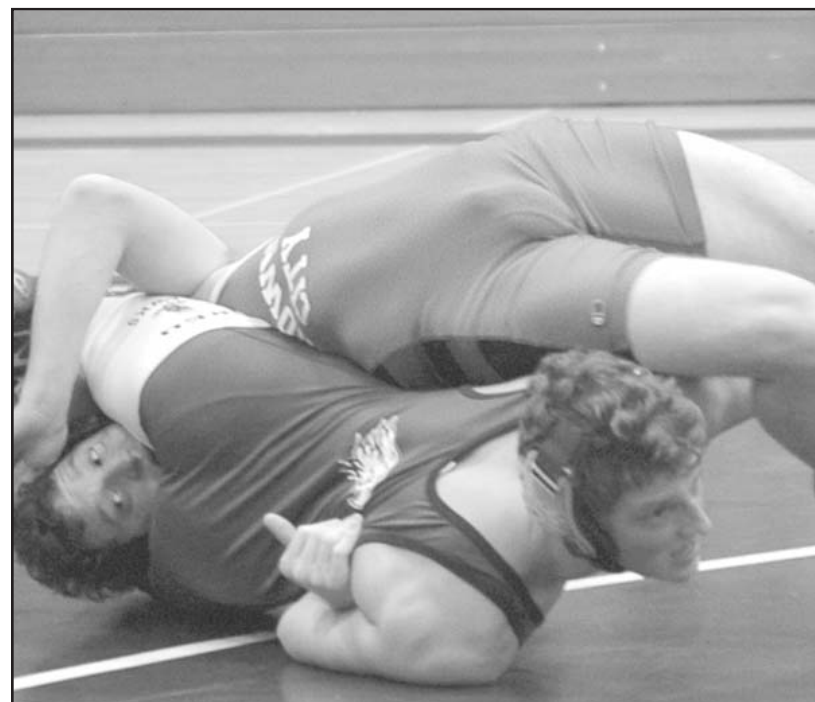
Adding to Cass City's shooting woes in defeat was a 3-for-10 effort at the foul line and an 0-13 showing from behind the 3-point arc.

Shooting problems aside, Cass City's offense was confused against the Bearcat defense. The hosts were tagged with 13 turnovers and passed for only 9 assists, including 7 by Babich, in the Greater Thumb Conference crossover game.

Kubacki and Justin Cleary, who finished with 14 tallies, combined for 10 points in the third quarter to help extend the Bearcats' advantage to 43-28 entering the final stanza, where the game's outcome was never in doubt.



**BROWN CITY'S Ron Hulbert (top) battles Red Hawk Jacques Weilbach in Wednesday night's GTC match against visiting Brown City and Vassar**



**CASS CITY'S Dean Rabideau (front) recorded a third period pin, which came with just 30 seconds remaining against Brown City's Steve Thomas.**

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SARAH REED battles with 2 Deckerville defenders in the post area. Strong play under the basket was one of the deciding factors resulting in Cass City’s first win of the season.

# Lady Red Hawks capture first victory in convincing fashion

The Cass City Red Hawks didn’t play like a winless team last week and when the week ended they weren’t. The Hawks’ first win of the year at Deckerville Friday followed a loss Wednesday at Unionville-Sebewaing. Although Cass City bowed to the Patriots, 52-40, Coach Lloyd Schinnerer called it the best effort of the season for his charges.

The game proved to be a harbinger of the game to come at Deckerville. The Hawks not only posted their first win, they also did it in convincing fashion, winning 53-36.

Neither team has a tall, athletic girl to control the boards and the Hawks responded with aggressive rebounding. Getting the ball off the boards and running a picture perfect fast break with the quicker Jennica Richards and Megan VanVliet beating the defense for open shots, the Hawks went out in front, 9-3, and never trailed.

Schinnerer said the team showed “fine execution” and balanced scoring. At the end of the first period the girls stretched the lead to 15-5. The Cass City offense slowed down in the second period, but the defense kept the Hawks safely in front. At the in-

termission Cass City was in front, 23-10.

The Eagles picked up the pace in the third quarter and closed the gap to 8 points, 29-21, with 4:22 left to play in the period. The Hawks responded with a 12-5 run helped by Richards’ 7 points in the period to stay comfortably in front going into the final 8 minutes, 41-26.

The teams traded baskets in the final quarter as the Hawks edged the Eagles, 12-10, to close out the game.

Richards with 18 points led all scorers and 9 Hawks broke into the scoring column. Chelsea Kritzman led the Eagles with 8.

### USA GAME

Visions of a huge upset danced in the heads of Cass City fans as the Hawks battled USA on even terms for 3 quarters before fading in the final period. Cass City jumped off to an early lead in the first quarter. Richards connected for a pair from beyond the arc for 6 points and 4 other Hawks contributed buckets to put the Hawks in front going into the second period, 14-10. The teams played on even terms in the next 8 minutes and at the intermission Cass City was in front,

22-18.

USA overcame the Hawk lead in the third quarter, outscoring the Hawks 16-13, and edged in front, 35-34. The Hawk offense stalled in the decisive final quarter and the Patriots poured in 18 points to make the game seem less close than it was. In the critical final quarter Carly Rabideau scored all 5 of Cass City’s points. Jillian Williamson, who led USA scorers with 18 points, netted 8 of them in the winning Patriot rally. Also in double figures was Estey Ruppall with 10.

Richards scored 18 for the Hawks. Despite the loss, Schinnerer called the game the best effort for Cass City until the team went cold in the last period.

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<i>This Week’s Forecast</i>					
	John Haire	Clarke Haire	Tom Montgomery	Tina Pallas	Doug Hyatt
<b>GIRLS’ BASKETBALL</b> Tuesday, January 13	Caro at BC John Glenn	BC John Glenn	BC John Glenn	Caro	BC John Glenn
Owen-Gage at A-Fairgrove	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage
<b>Wednesday, January 14</b>	Mayville at Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Mayville	Brown City
Marlette at Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville	Marlette
USA at Vassar	USA	USA	USA	USA	USA
Bad Axe at Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Cass City at BCAS	Cass City	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS	Cass City
Lakers at Harbor Beach	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Harbor Beach
<b>Friday, January 16</b>	Port Hope at Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Port Hope	Kingston
Ubly at Mayville	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly
Caro at Birch Run	Birch Run	Caro	Birch Run	Caro	Caro
Lakers at Cass City	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers
BCAS at USA	USA	USA	BCAS	USA	USA
Vassar at Bad Axe	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar
Akron-Fairgrove at Memphis	Memphis	Memphis	Memphis	Memphis	Memphis
<b>BOYS’ BASKETBALL</b> Tuesday, January 13	Brown City at Mayville	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City
Deckerville at Marlette	Deckerville	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette
Caro at BC John Glenn	BC John Glenn	BC John Glenn	BC John Glenn	Caro	BC John Glenn
Vassar at USA	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar
BCAS at Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Harbor Beach at Lakers	Lakers	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Reese at Bad Axe	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
<b>Thursday, January 15</b>	Mayville at Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly
Kingston at North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron
Bad Axe at Vassar	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar
Cass City at Lakers	Cass City	Lakers	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Reese at Sandusky	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
USA at BCAS	BCAS	USA	USA	USA	USA
Akron-Fairgrove at Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck
<b>Friday, January 16</b>	Caro at Birch Run	Birch Run	Birch Run	Birch Run	Birch Run
Last Week’s Results	17-14	25-6	23-8	25-6	27-4
Season’s Results	32-18 (64%)	43-7 (86%)	38-12 (76%)	37-13 (74%)	43-7 (86%)

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## BOYS' BASKETBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Reese	0	0	4	0
USA	0	0	4	1
Vassar	0	0	4	1
Cass City	0	0	4	2
Bad Axe	0	0	3	2
Lakers	0	0	3	2
BCAS	0	0	3	3

GREATER THUMB EAST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Brown City	1	0	6	1
Ubyly	0	0	5	1
Harbor Beach	0	0	3	3
Mayville	0	0	0	5
Sandusky	0	0	0	5
Deckerville	0	0	0	6
Marlette	0	1	1	7

NCTLNORTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
North Huron	5	0	6	0
Owen-Gage	3	1	3	1
Port Hope	1	4	1	4
Caseville	0	4	0	4
Akron-Fairgrove	0	4	0	5

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

## BOX SCORES

**UBLY** - J. Cleary 2-2 (4-5) 14; M. Cleary 2-1 (1-2) 8; Booms 1-0 (1-2) 3; Kubacki 8-0 (3-5) 19; Weber 4-0 (1-1) 9.

**TOTALS - 17-3 (10-15) 53**

**CASS CITY** - L. Varney 1-0 (0-0) 2; A. Varney 3-0 (0-1) 6; Babich 4-0 (0-3) 8; Mulrath 1-0 (0-0) 2; Doerr 1-0 (0-2) 2; Ketterer 2-0 (2-2) 6; Dunnuck 1-0 (1-2) 3; Summersett 4-0 (0-0) 8.

**TOTALS - 17-0 (3-10) 37**

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL STANDINGS

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

GREATER THUMB EAST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Brown City	3	0	8	1
Sandusky	2	0	8	1
Ubyly	2	0	5	2
Deckerville	0	1	3	3
Mayville	0	1	3	5
Harbor Beach	0	2	4	4
Marlette	0	3	2	6

NCTLNORTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
North Huron	5	0	6	1
Port Hope	4	1	4	2
Caseville	2	3	3	3
Owen-Gage	0	4	0	4
Akron-Fairgrove	0	7	0	8

NCTLSOUTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
Memphis	4	1	5	2
Dryden	4	1	4	3
Kingston	5	2	5	3
CPS	2	4	2	6
Peck	2	5	3	6

## BOX SCORES

**CASS CITY** - Richards 6-2 (0-2) 18; VanVliet 2-0 (0-0) 4; Rabideau 3-0 (1-2) 7; Kappen 1-0 (0-0) 2; Reed 2-0 (1-2) 5; Rowell 2-0 (0-0) 4.

**TOTALS - 16-2 (2-6) 40**

**USA** - Gruehn 4-0 (0-0) 8; Valentine 2-0 (0-2) 4; Gremel 2-0 (0-2) 4; Ewald 1-0 (0-0) 2; J. Williamson 8-0 (2-3) 18; Eisengruber 1-0 (0-0) 2; J. Williamson 1-0 (0-0) 2; Ruppel 4-0 (2-2) 10; Herdman 1-0 (0-0) 2.

**TOTALS - 24-0 (4-7) 52**

**CASS CITY** - Richards 5-2 (2-6) 18; VanVliet 1-0 (1-5) 3; Parrish 3-0 (2-2) 8; Rabideau 0-1 (0-2) 3; Kappen 2-0 (4-6) 8; Reed 2-0 (2-3) 6; Hendrick 0-0 (3-4) 3; Rowell 2-0 (0-1) 4.

**TOTALS - 15-3 (14-29) 53**

**DECKERVILLE** - Apsey 0-1 (0-0) 3; Nichol 2-0 (0-0) 4; Guza 1-0 (2-2) 4; K. Smith 0-0 (2-2) 2; Sampson 0-1 (0-2) 3; Oswald 1-0 (2-4) 4; Kramer 1-0 (2-2) 4; Stolicker 2-0 (0-2) 4; T. Smith 0-0 (0-2) 0; Kritzman 3-0 (2-4) 8.

**TOTALS - 10-2 (10-20) 36.**

JV results: The Hawk junior varsity defeated USA, 51-24, and lost to Deckerville, 35-24.

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## Cass City Red Hawks 2008-09 Boys' Basketball

Dec. 11	Mayville 30, Cass City 54
Dec. 16	Harbor Beach 64, Cass City 61
Dec. 18	Almont 42, Cass City 52
Dec. 22	Sandusky 43, Cass City 55
Dec. 30	Deckerville 44, Cass City 67
Jan. 6	Ubyly 53, Cass City 37
Jan. 13	BCAS** 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 13	Kingston (Fresh. only) 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 15	Lakers 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 23	Vassar 5:00 p.m.
Jan. 28	Reese 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 30	Bad Axe 5:00 p.m.
Feb. 4	USA 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 5	Kingston (Fresh. only) 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 6	Deckerville** 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 11	BCAS** 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 11	Marlette (Fresh. only) 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 13	Lakers 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 20	Vassar (snowcoming) 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 25	Reese 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 27	Bad Axe 6:00 p.m.
Mar. 3	USA 6:00 p.m.
Mar. 5	John Glenn 6:00 p.m.
Mar. 9-13	Districts

Home games are in bold  
\*\* No Freshman game

## Cass City Red Hawks 2008-09 Wrestling

Dec. 3	Imlay City/Capac 6:00 p.m.
Dec. 6	Cros-Lex Invite 8:30 a.m.
Dec. 10	John Glenn/Freeland 6:00 p.m.
Dec. 13	Marlette Invite 9:00 a.m.
Dec. 17	Sandusky/Mayville 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 7	Vassar/Brown City 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 10	N. Branch Invite 9:00 a.m.
Jan. 14	Lakers/Nouvel 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 17	Imlay City Invite 9:00 a.m.
Jan. 21	Bad Axe/Marlette 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 24	Mayville Invite 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 31	Flint Central 9:00 a.m.
Feb. 4	Vassar 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 7	Standish/Sterling Invite
Feb. 11	Caro/Mt. Morris 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 14	GTC League Meet TBA
Feb. 19	Team Districts
Feb. 21	Individual Districts

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## Follow the Hawks at home Boys' Basketball

**Tuesday, January 13**  
**Cass City vs. BCAS**  
**Wednesday, January 28**  
**Cass City vs. Reese**

## Girls' Basketball

**Friday, January 16**  
**Cass City vs. Lakers**  
**Thursday, January 22**  
**Cass City vs. Vassar**

## Wrestling

**Saturday, February 14**  
**GTC League Meet**  
**Gymnastics**  
**Tuesday, January 20**  
**Cass City vs. Vassar**

## Cass City Red Hawks 2008-09 Girls' Varsity Basketball

Dec. 2	Ubyly 53, Cass City 33
Dec. 5	Brown City 44, Cass City 22
Dec. 10	Sandusky 59, Cass City 40
Dec. 12	Mayville 58, Cass City 31
Dec. 17	Harbor Beach 42, Cass City 25
Jan. 7	USA 52, Cass City 40
Jan. 9	Deckerville 36, Cass City 53
Jan. 14	BCAS 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 16	Lakers 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 22	Vassar 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 27	Reese 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 29	Bad Axe 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 3	USA 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 5	Deckerville 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 10	BCAS 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 12	Lakers 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	Marlette 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 19	Vassar 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 24	Reese 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 26	Bad Axe 6:00 p.m.
Mar. 2, 4, 6	Districts @ Bad Axe

Home games are in bold

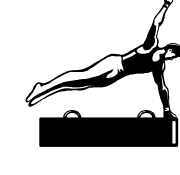
## Cass City Red Hawks 2008-09 Gymnastics

Dec. 18	Vassar 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	Freeland 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	Vassar 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	Jackson 9:30 a.m.
Jan. 29	Freeland/Vassar 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	Vassar Invite 12:00 p.m.
Feb. 17	Freeland 6:30 p.m.
Mar. 7	Regionals
Mar. 13-14	State Finals

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# “Jack” soaking up local culture

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

His name is Eugeniu Slabari, but you can call him “Jack”.  
Actually, if anyone should be confused about his name, it probably should be the 17-year-old, who started out with the Russian name “Yevgeny”.  
“Our government - our country - was in 2 countries historically; it was sometimes in Romania and sometimes in Russia,” explained Slabari, who noted that after his country, Moldova, declared its independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, the new government was determined to return to its Romanian roots and re-named its citizens - literally. Later, government officials decided to embrace their new independence and its language - Moldovan, which is virtually the same as the Romanian language. So, Slabari went from Yevgeny to Eugene to Eugeniu.  
Today, Slabari has settled into his temporary home in Cass City as the guest of Gail Smith, who is hosting the teen for a year through the American Scandinavian Student Exchange program. ASSE was established in 1976 to organize student exchange programs between Sweden and the United States, but since has expanded to include a host of countries across the globe.  
“We corresponded on the Internet for several weeks before his arrival (in August), and he was afraid people wouldn’t be able to pronounce his name, so he chose ‘Jack’,” com-

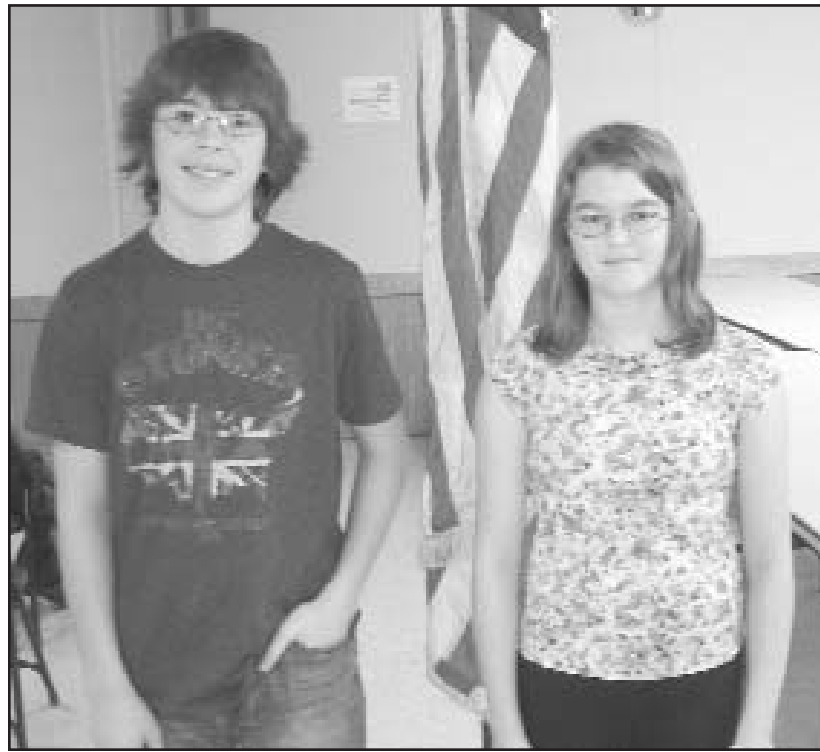
mented Smith, who serves not only as an ASSE field representative, placing exchange students in homes throughout Michigan.  
“I’ve always been fond of Russia. I always have,” Smith said of her personal interest in hosting Slabari. “I have a fascination with it.”  
And there has been plenty to learn about Slabari’s homeland.  
Formerly part of Romania, Moldova was incorporated into the Soviet Union at the close of World War II. The country, located in Eastern Europe, northeast of Romania, has been independent from the USSR since 1991.  
Moldova, which has a population of more than 4.3 million people, remains one of the poorest countries in Europe in spite of recent progress in its small economic base, according to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) website, which states the country enjoys a favorable climate and good farmland, but has no major mineral deposits. As a result, the economy depends heavily on agriculture - fruits, vegetables, wine and tobacco. Moldova must import almost all of its energy supplies, according to the website.  
As exchange students go, Slabari’s command of English is extraordinary, considering he also speaks Russian and Romanian, and is learning German.  
“I studied English for 9 years in school. I took private lessons for 2 years prior to coming here,” he noted.  
Smith was also impressed. She laughed when she recalled telling Slabari that his teacher had done a great job, and he told her that teaching was a second career for her. “I asked what was her first career and he said, ‘KGB,’” Smith said.  
Slabari said the opportunity to come to the United States as an exchange

student was a complete surprise. He learned about an opportunity with ASSE’s FLEX program (Future Leaders Exchange) while researching grant possibilities for his sister, Olga, who recently traveled to the United States to earn her master’s degree in business administration at a university in Oregon.  
“I was, okay, why not just go there and try,” he said.  
Slabari was among 2,000 hopeful students who applied for scholarships. He went on to 3 rounds of testing and an interview, becoming one of 40 finalists for a scholarship worth \$15,000 to \$20,000 to cover his exchange student expenses.  
In return, the teen has been required to complete a 5-point action plan involving research and other projects related to the 2008 elections, culture, leadership, activism and society. He also must make 3 public presentations and complete 50 hours of community service, although that requirement has already been met and then some because he has mentored a Ukrainian student also attending Cass City Schools.  
And, he has been busy making the most of his time abroad.  
“Mostly, probably, I just wanted to see the world. Secondly, I wanted to improve my language,” he said. “I just heard a lot about America and wanted to experience it firsthand. I wanted to meet new people, make connections that might help me in the future.”  
Asked to compare the United States with the standard of living he is used to in Moldova, Slabari indicated the culture shock isn’t as great as one might expect.  
“It’s actually not that bad (in Moldova). If you live there for a certain period of time, you get used to some things,” he said. “From my point of view, it’s not that difficult. I go to school, hang out with my friends, do my household chores.”  
Slabari acknowledged that he’s noticed some stark differences, including the wages earned in various professions.  
For example, his father is a cardiologist and his mother, an engineer by profession but is currently working as a textile factory manager, earn a combined \$1,000 a month.  
“The first thing I noticed (here) was - what - discretionary income,” Slabari said, referring to the ability among many families to travel or enjoy other pursuits in addition to paying for food, clothing and other

living expenses. “Although the economy is bad, people are doing things they don’t need.”  
“I have never met anybody his age who is so money-aware,” Smith commented. “He is aware of every dollar he spends and why he spends it, and he makes good choices. He budgets his money. He researches before he buys anything.”  
Finances aside, Slabari said living in Cass City is far different from what he is used to. That’s understandable, considering he hails from Moldova’s capitol city, Chisinau (pronounced kee-shee-now), which boasts a population of some 800,000 people.  
“It’s like, okay, here I am (in Cass City); one theatre, and that’s the big attraction,” he said, grinning.  
At Cass City High School, there is much more socialization here compared to school in Moldova, where the entire emphasis is on academics, the environment is strict and students have no choice when it comes to selecting classes, Slabari observed.  
On the other hand, he enjoyed playing soccer as a Red Hawk. He’s also a big volleyball enthusiast and was a bit disappointed to find the sport isn’t as big here among male athletes. Still, he found a way to participate anyway by practicing with the girls’ varsity team.  
Although a senior at Cass City High School, Slabari will have to complete his final year of high school when he returns to Moldova, and he plans to further his education there, in part because higher education is much cheaper. He confided he has considered following the footsteps of his father and his father’s parents into the field of medicine, “but then I saw how poorly he (father) was paid...and then when I saw it’s about 8 to 10 years of study...” he said, adding he’s decided to pursue a career in finance or automotive engineering.  
In the meantime, Slabari indicated he’s enjoying his time abroad, and he figures he’ll return home with some customs that will be met with stares.  
“Even walking down the street, saying ‘hi, how are you’, because it never happens” in Moldova, he said. “I really think I’ve become a little bit more sociable.”  
Slabari nodded at the suggestion that he’s adjusted well to every challenge involved in being an exchange student.  
“Except me, probably,” joked Smith. “I just try not to think of my life back at home, and try to be busy with everything possible,” he said.

## Test homes for radon, experts say

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Director Steven E. Chester is encouraging Michigan homeowners to start the new year off right by testing their home for radon.  
Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas found in almost any kind of soil or rock. It travels through the ground, and is quickly diluted when released to the atmosphere, however when it seeps into homes through openings in the foundation floor or walls, it can build up to unhealthy levels.  
“Radon is tasteless, odorless, and colorless, which too often makes it easy to ignore,” said Chester. “The reality is that nearly one in 8 Michigan homes could have an indoor radon problem and the only way to know if your family is at risk is to test your home.”  
The DEQ is partnering with local health departments to ensure a source of low-cost test kits in every county this year. Most local health departments offer the kits for \$15 or less, and many will be selling them at discounted prices during the month of January. Kits obtained from the local health departments include the postage to mail the device to an out-of-state laboratory, the fees for having the device analyzed, and a report sent back to the user.  
For those who cannot get to their local health department during normal business hours, kits can be obtained online at <http://mi.radon.com>. Like the local health department kits, these kits include postage and lab fees in the price.  
Test kits may also be available from some hardware stores or home improvement centers, but not all include postage and analysis, so citizens are urged to read the packaging before making their purchase.  
The National Academy of Sciences estimates that about 15,000 Americans die annually from radon-related lung cancer, and a Michigan Public Health Institute report estimates more than 600 new lung cancer cases in Michigan are attributable to indoor radon each year.  
Radon tests should be done in the lowest livable level of the home during the cooler months of the year, when windows and doors are normally kept closed. If the test indicates an elevated radon level, more testing should be done to confirm the problem and appropriate actions taken to reduce the levels when needed.  
To find out more about radon, visit the DEQ Web site at [www.michigan.gov/deq/radon](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/radon) or call the DEQ Radon Program at 1-800-RADON-GAS (1-800-723-6642) for a free packet of information.



**CASS CITY MIDDLE School students fared well at the Knights of Columbus Saginaw Area Spelling Bee Saturday, with 2 third-place finishes. In the seventh, eighth and ninth grade level, there were 15 participants, including Brennan Winter (above, left), who went out in the ninth round, and Kayla Zmierski (right), who went down in the 47th round and finished third overall.**



**IN THE FOURTH, fifth and sixth grade level, there were 25 participants, including (from left) Tara Nicholas (alternate), Maegen LeValley, Erica Martin, Devan Kluger and Rachel Turner. Kluger made it to the fifth round, while Turner made it to the eighth round, LeValley reached the 15th round and Martin, the 20th round (third-place finish). Cass City’s top finishers just missed qualifying for the state K of C Spelling Bee, as only the top 2 finishers qualify for state competition.**



# Obituaries

**Ada Hutchinson**

Ada Amelia Hutchinson, 91, of Cass City, died Monday, Jan. 5, 2009 in Tendercare Nursing Facility, Cass City.

She was born June 30, 1917 in Elkton, the daughter of Jacob and Katherine (Frank) Deering, Sr.

She married Orval Hutchinson April 30, 1966 in Cass City.

Ada owned and operated restaurants in the Cass City area including the Crossroads Restaurant. She worked in the cafeteria of the Cass City High School, retiring after many years. Ada was a founding member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, many of the church organizations and was a member of the church choir. She enjoyed needlework in years past and loved her flower gardens.

Ada is survived by her husband, Orval; a grandson, Rick (Kathy) Soubliere of Howell; great-granddaughters: Danielle Soubliere, Nikole (Billy) Soubliere-Brzoza; step-children: Ann Marie Erlenbeck of Burney, Calif., Gary (Jeanine) Hutchinson of Saginaw, and Robert

Hutchinson of Cass City; step-grandchildren: Kelly (Wally) Estes, Leigh Ann (Craig) Huang, M.D., Shawn Marie (Doug) Scott, Melissa (Brant) Arendts, and Dave (Allison) Hutchinson; 13 step-great grandchildren; brothers: Harold Deering of Cass City, Millard (Beatrice) Deering of Bad Axe, Donald (Doris) Deering of Elkton, Gerald (Judy) Deering of Carseville, and Richard (Joyce) Deering of Sandusky; sisters: Esther Schweitzer of Bad Axe, and Frances Spaeth of Ocala, Fla.; a brother-in-law, Alvin (Barb) Hutchinson of Cass City; sisters-in-law: Elvea, Vera and Janet Deering.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jeanne Soubliere; a step-grandson, Michael Hutchinson; brothers: Edward Deering, Jacob Deering, Jr., Ralph Deering; and brothers-in-law: William Spaeth and Gilbert Schweitzer.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 8, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Gerald Meyer officiating.

Interment was in the Linkville Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

**Leonard Thompson**

Leonard L. Thompson, 89, died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009 at Wm. Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

He was born Jan. 10, 1919 in Chandler Township, the son of the late John and Minnie (Eisinger) Thompson.

He married Helen J. Shaw Aug. 3, 1946 in Baton Rouge, La.

Leonard joined the U.S. Army Air Force after high school. He served 3 years during WWII. In 1947, Leonard and his wife moved back to Huron County and farmed in Chandler Township for 10 years, then bought a crop and dairy farm in Grant Township. In 1980, they retired and in 1992, they sold the farm and moved to Cass City. Leonard was a member of the Chandler Presbyterian Church, Cass City Presbyterian Church and the Town & Country Square Dancers, Cass City. He enjoyed the outdoors and was a good avid golfer.

Leonard is survived by his wife of 62 years, Helen; 4 children: Bettye Jo (Fred) Maki of West Bloomfield, Clotile (Ray) Fox of Cass City, Larry (Cindy) Thompson of Spring Hills, Fla., and James (Rhonda) Thompson of Ypsilanti; 7 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one great great-grandchild; and 2 brothers: Kenneth (Bernadine) Thompson of Utica, and Lyle (Naomi) Thompson of Port Huron.

He was preceded in death by 3 brothers: Don, Jack and Thomas Thompson; and 2 sisters: Eleanor Eichler and Irene Roberts.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 6, at Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton, with the Rev. David Blackburn, pastor of the Cass City Presby-

terian Church, officiating.

Military honors were under the direction of the Elkton VFW and the Caseville American Legion.

Interment was in the Chandler Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Chandler Presbyterian Church or Rawson Memorial District Library. Arrangements were made by Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton.

## Offices closing

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land reminds residents that all branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, Jan. 19.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.

Motorists renewing license plates can "skip the trip" to the branch office and do business by mail, or if eligible, by Internet or touch-tone telephone. Easy to follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. License plate tabs will arrive by mail within 7 business days.

With the exception of holidays, branch offices are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Smaller branch offices may close for the lunch hour. On Wednesdays most offices are open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., with those in city centers open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PLUS offices and SUPER!Centers are open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. SUPER!Centers also provide Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to noon.



**AN ICY FOG descended upon the Cass City area early Sunday morning, leaving the landscape — every tree, bush and shrub — painted with delicate white, frozen crystals.**

## Wind farm up, running

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ity of 53 megawatts, which can produce enough electricity to power more than 15,000 homes.

## MFB ready to host agriculture conference

With wind turbines cropping up around the state and agritourism flourishing, it's an exciting time for agriculture in Michigan.

But sustaining this momentum requires careful planning - the kind of planning that considers every detail from property taxes to road rules.

To help farmers and local government leaders with this task, the Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) will hold a Planning for Agriculture Conference on Jan. 29 in Lansing from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lansing Center.

A good portion of the conference is devoted to land use and farmland preservation, but the event branches into other timely topics as well, providing "something for everyone," said MFB Land Stewardship Specialist Matt Kapp.

"The intention of this conference is to help attendees get up to speed on the latest developments that impact agricultural planning, while also providing an educational platform for fundamental, core strategies such as farmland preservation programs," said Kapp.

To accomplish this, 2 breakout sessions are planned. The first will give attendees their choice of 4 concurrent workshops; the second, a choice of three. The individual workshops will cover the following.

- Local taxation - What landowners should know before attempting to appeal their property tax bill.
  - The Michigan Right to Farm Act - What the act does, who it protects, and how it works.
  - Farmland preservation at the state level - What the Michigan Department of Agriculture's Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program offers and how farmers can benefit.
  - "Roads 101" - What the emerging
- issues are in agriculture and transportation.
  - Farmland preservation at the local level - What's worked and what hasn't with county and township farmland preservation efforts.
  - Farm markets and agritourism - What's the role of farm markets and agritourism in Michigan's agricultural economy and what's being done to foster this sector.
  - Leases and easements - What landowners need to know before signing a wind energy, oil or mineral rights contract.
- The conference line-up also includes 3 guest speakers who will address the crowd in general sessions.
- "By the end of the day, I think attendees will have a greater appreciation for the role elected leaders play in carving out agriculture's future, and an understanding that farmers need to be active and involved to influence public policy. They can't resolve themselves to simply being observers on the sidelines," said Kapp.
- To register or for more information, call (517) 323-6550.

## Huron County picnic slated in Florida

The 49th annual Huron County Picnic will be held Saturday, Feb. 7, at Sun-n-Fun Resort, 7125 Fruitville Rd., Sarasota, Fla. (use Exit 210 off of I-75, then one mile east).

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. in Woodland Hall.

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Said premises are situated in Township of Columbia, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot(s) 3, 4, 5 and 10 feet of the South part of Lot 8, Block 17, of H.C. Marvins Plat to the Village of Unionville, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 on Page(s) 48, now being Page 49A of Plats.

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Dated: December 24, 2008

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The West 1/2 of a parcel described as commencing at a point 356 feet East of the Northwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, thence 260 feet; thence South 350 feet; thence West 260 feet; thence North 350 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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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 January 22, 2009.

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

The West half of the East half of the South quarter of the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of section 1 Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Township of Arbelia, Tuscola County, Michigan more particularly described as follows: Commencing on the South line of said Section 1 at a point 327.26 feet North 84 degrees 47 minutes 15 seconds West from the Southeast corner of said Section; thence North 84 degrees 47 minutes 15 seconds West from the Southeast corner

of said Section; thence North 84 degrees 47 minutes 15 seconds West on said Section line, 327.26 feet; thence North 00 degrees 03 minutes 08 seconds East on the West line of said West half of the East half, 325.77 feet; thence South 84 degrees 58 minutes 17 seconds East on the North line of said South quarter, 327.02 feet; thence South 00 degrees 01 minutes 33 seconds West on the East line of said West half of the East half, 326.84 feet to the point of beginning.

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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 JANUARY 22, 2009.

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

Lots 59 and 60 of Sunshine Park Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 71, now being Page 21B, and also including that part of Lot 52 of said Sunshine Park Subdivision, which is Easterly of the following described line. Beginning at a point on the Southerly line of said Lot 58 which is South 75 degrees 03 minutes East 15.1 feet from the Southwest corner of said Lot 58; thence North 11 degrees 26 minutes 12 seconds East 116.62 feet to the North line of said Lot 58 said point being South 89 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds East 36.25 feet from the Northwest corner of said Lot 58.

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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 January 22, 2009.

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

A part of the East half of the Northeast quarter of Section 23, Township 15 North, Range 8 East, Beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 23 that is 295.00 feet, North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West from the Northeast corner of said Section 23; thence continuing North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West on said North line of Section 23, 164.74 feet; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 89.00 feet; thence South 45 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 20.14 feet; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 219.26 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 150.50 feet; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 322.50 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: December 24, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC L (248) 593-1312  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by DANIEL SCHARFF, A SINGLE MAN, and TIFFANIE LEGUE, A SINGLE WOMAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagees, dated June 23, 2008 and recorded on June 27, 2008 in Liber 1152 on Page 1497, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars and Nine Cents (\$76,989.09), 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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on January 22, 2009.

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

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 13 OF LONGACRES SUBDIVISION, WHOSE PLAT IS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 PAGE 398; THENCE WESTERLY ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 13, A DISTANCE OF 495 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 13; THENCE SOUTHERLY ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 13, A DISTANCE OF 5 RODS; THENCE EASTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH THE NORTHERN LINE OF SAID LOT 13, A DISTANCE OF 495 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 13, A DISTANCE OF 5 RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. BEING A PART OF LOT 13 OF LONGACRES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 1, PAGE 398.

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

Dated: December 18, 2008

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

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.  
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12-24-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Anna J. Breckenridge, a single woman, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 26, 2006 and recorded on September 6, 2006 in Liber 1094 on Page 47 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to CitiMortgage, Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Four and 17/100 Dollars (\$17,544.17), including interest at 7.375% 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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 29, 2009.

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

Commencing at a point on the Section line 1537.00 Feet East of the Southwest corner of Section 6, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, thence East 350.00 Feet, along the South line of said Section 6; thence North 241.00 feet parallel with the East line of said Section 6; thence West 350.00 feet parallel with the South line of said Section 6; thence South 241.00 feet, to the place of beginning, being a part of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 6, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Township of Millington, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan.

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

Dated: December 31, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC C (248) 593-1301  
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12-31-4

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

Commencing at a point where the so-called Goodrichville and lower Saginaw State Road crosses the Section line between Sections 7 and 18, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; running thence South on center line of said State Road 10 rods; thence East 2 rods to the East line of said State Road, which is the place of beginning; thence East 10 rods; thence North 4 rods; thence West 10 rods; thence South to beginning. Described on the tax rolls as: Part of Section 18, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, commencing 6 rods South of the North line of Section 18, being the centerline of Goodrich Street; thence East 10 rods; thence South 4 rods; thence West 10 rods; thence North 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: December 31, 2008

Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael R. Holman, a single person, original mortgagor, to M&I Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated May 25, 2005 and recorded on June 15, 2005 in Liber 1042 on Page 282 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Seven and 45/100 Dollars (\$176,677.45), including interest at 6.6% 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 January 29, 2009.

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

Part of the West half of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, town 11 North, Range 7 East, Tuscola Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the North line of Section 35, which is North 89 degrees 58 minutes 50 seconds East 64.30 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section; thence continuing along said North line, North 89 degrees 58 minutes 50 seconds East 118.00 feet; thence at right angles to said North line South 00 degrees 01 minutes 10 seconds East 380.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes 50 seconds West 118.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 01 minutes 10 seconds West 380.0 feet to the North line of Section 35 and the Point of beginning, right of way for Ormes Road over the Northerly side 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: December 31, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC G (248) 593-1310  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jamie L. McCoy, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor, to Oak Street Mortgage LLC, Mortgagee, dated June 23, 2004 and recorded on July 23, 2004 in Liber 1001 on Page 1321 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. d/b/a AmeriSpec Servicing Company as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Eight and 12/100 Dollars (\$19,308.12), 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 January 29, 2009.

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

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 25, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, thence East 20 Rods; thence South 8 Rods; thence West 20 Rods; thence North 8 Rods to the place of beginning. Also the North 33 feet of land commencing on the West line of Section 25, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, 56 Rods North of the Southwest corner of said section, thence North 16 Rods; thence East 20 Rods; thence South 16 Rods; thence West 20 Rods to beginning.

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

Dated: December 31, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC D (248) 593-1309  
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #224501F02

12-31-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Todd L. Withers and Brandy Childs, single man and single woman, to First National Bank of America, dated August 20, 2007 and recorded on September 6, 2007 in Liber 1129, Page 187, Tuscola County Records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$15,657.94.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a public sale of the property on Thursday, February 5, 2009 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 12.25 percent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

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

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 19, Town 13 North, Range 10 East; thence South 88° 22 minutes East, 455.34 feet along the South section line to the point of beginning; running thence South 88° 22 minutes East, 268.61 feet along the South section line; thence North 1° 14 minutes East, 150.0 feet; thence North 84° 20 minutes 40 seconds West, 271.25 feet; thence South 0° 36 minutes 40 seconds West, 169.05 feet to the point of beginning. Except the West-erly 8 feet thereof. Being part of the Southwest quarter of Section 19, Town 13 North, Range 10 East. Including but not limited to a 1972 Crown Haven Mobile Home Serial #8242.

The redemption period will be six months from the date of sale; but if the property is abandoned, the redemption period will be one month from the date of sale.

Dated: December 31, 2008

Joseph B. Backus  
Attorney for mortgage holder  
P.O. Box 794  
East Lansing, MI 48826  
517-337-1617

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jamie L. McCoy-Dillon a married woman, as community property, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 26, 2005 and recorded on October 14, 2005 in Liber 1057 on Page 1190 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Ever-Home Mortgage Company as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Eight and 26/100 Dollars (\$94,388.26), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on February 5, 2009.

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

Commencing at a point on the South line of Section 4, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, 273 feet West of the Southwest corner of said Section; thence West along said South line 90 feet; thence North 165 feet parallel with the East line of said Section 4; thence East 90 feet parallel with the South line of Section 4; thence South 165 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: January 7, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Danny L. Steinmann and Mishelle J. Steinmann, 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 16, 2006 and recorded on July 14, 2006 in Liber 1088 on Page 193 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to US Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust, 2006-BNC-3 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Two Thousand One Hundred Twenty-One and 82/100 Dollars (\$92,121.82), including interest at 8.85% per annum.







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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Angela Walker, a single woman, and Phillip Borgeiding, a single man, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgage, dated April 26, 2004 and recorded on April 28, 2004 in Liber 990 on Page 164 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand Seventeen and 22/100 Dollars (\$107,017.22), 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 February 5, 2009.

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

Lots 1 and 4, Block 2 of Beechwood Annex to Village of Mayville, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 31, now being Page 32A, AND a strip of land beginning 2 1/2 feet North of the Southeast corner of Lot 1, Block 14 of William Turner's Second Addition to the Village of Mayville, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 29, now being Page 30A, thence West 50 feet; thence South 2 1/2 feet; thence West to the Southwest corner of Lot 1, Block 14; thence South to the 1/8 line; thence East 8 rods; thence North 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: January 7, 2009

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The property to be sold at foreclosure is all of that real estate situated in Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as:

THE EAST 50 FEET OF LOT 1, BLOCK 2, OF THE PLAT OF JESSE FOX ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY, ELKLAND TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 15, PAGE 277, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

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Dated: January 2, 2009

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Dated: January 9, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Leith E. White, a married man, and Tania White, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgage, dated August 24, 2001 and recorded on August 27, 2001 in Liber 841 on Page 885 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Eight and 73/100 Dollars (\$97,348.73), 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 February 12, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: s 737, 738, 739 and 740 of Shay Lake Heights Subdivision No. 5 according to the recorded Plat in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 11, 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: January 14, 2009

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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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on February 12, 2009.

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

The balance owing on the Mortgage is \$141,433.40 at the time of this Notice. The Mortgage contains a power of sale and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part of the Mortgage.

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