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ELKLAND TOWNSHIP Fire Chief (left) and fire fighter Kevin Hoppe inspect one of several new air packs purchased last year thanks to an increase in the local department's budget along with a hefty donation from the Pinney Foundation.

Trend continues

Local fire runs down in '02

Ask Elkland Township Fire Chief Ron Pawloski about the number of runs his department has had in recent years and he's likely to search out a piece of wood to knock before he says a word.

And with good reason.

The Cass City fire department's string of relatively quiet years continued in 2002, although the year started out harshly with a New Year's day blaze that caused more than \$100,000 worth of damage to a Houghton Street residence. And local fire fighters faced a rare tragic blaze in March, when a 48-year-old Ellington Township man died after re-entering his burning Shabbona Road home.

Still, 2002 broke no records. "Fire-wise it was a quiet year. In fact, between November and December, we went 31 days without a fire run. That's very unusual," said Pawloski, a nearly 30-year veteran of the department.

"Last year we only had 80 total runs. Typically, we run right around 100 runs a year," Pawloski added. "And this wasn't the lowest year

we had. In the year 2000 we only had 63 runs. For the past 2 or 3 years, though, it's been down around 80 runs.

On top of that, Pawloski noted, the department has had a new set of the Jaws of Life for 3 years now and "we've yet to use them, knock on wood."

"If it's a trend, it's a good trend, and I want to think it has to do with a lot of our fire prevention programs," he said. "And, I think more people are aware since 9-11. They're being more careful."

Pawloski cited the lack of major structure fires in 2001.

"It seems last year was a year for gas leaks - we had quite a few for some odd reason. One thing that really caught me in going through all this is, we only had one actual grass fire last year, and that really surprised me."

"There's been years when, oh gosh, I can remember, during the springtime, you were running 2 or 3 times a day," Pawloski recalled.

The chief still has vivid memories of one particular spring fire several years ago near the corner of Argyle Road and M-53.

Pawloski was using a wet broom to beat down a section of burning grass when he heard "a strange roar" behind him, then turned around to see a 10-foot wall of fire coming at him. "All you can

do is pull your coat over your head and hit the dirt. All the oxygen was gone and you couldn't breathe," he said, adding he escaped burns, but was treated for smoke inhalation.

Thankfully, more and more people are being more careful about burning outdoors, and more people now understand that they must obtain a permit to burn outdoors, Pawloski said.

Although the number of runs is down, Pawloski's department has become better prepared in recent years to handle a variety of emergencies.

For example, Pawloski said, there has been a slight improvement in the number of volunteers available to fight daytime fires - a problem that plagues many volunteer departments. "We've got, right now, 27 fire personnel and we have increased our daytime (attendance) a little bit. Of course, it comes and goes."

In terms of equipment, Pawloski successfully lobbied for some new air packs, replacement tanks and masks, enough to equip everyone on the department.

He's quick to give credit to the Elkland Township Board, which upped his budget to \$96,000 last year, and

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Sportsmen help form new USA chapter

The United Sportsmen's Alliance (USA) may have fallen out of the limelight since the group's successful opposition to a mandatory quality deer management (QDM) proposal last spring, but the area sportsmen's group remains very active.

In fact, USA's success in the Thumb recently led to formation of another chapter on the west side of the state.

"We're alive and well and we're growing," USA President Tom Lounsbury, Cass City, commented over the weekend.

"We are now at over 200 members and we also have a chapter in Mason County on the west coast near Ludington."

"They contacted us and wanted me to come out and give a lecture," Lounsbury said of a group of Mason County sportsmen who read about USA's efforts in an out-

doors magazine in which Lounsbury is a regular columnist. Tom Jeffery, a fellow USA member and owner of the Pit Stop Party Store in Owendale, accompanied Lounsbury to the meeting, which was attended by more than 60 people.

Lounsbury said the group is opposing a similar mandatory QDM proposal to the one submitted in the Thumb last year. The proposal would require hunters to harvest only bucks with at least 3 points on one antler (the Thumb plan proposed a minimum of 4 points).

"The (DNR) survey has been sent out over there, and they followed the pattern that we did here in the Thumb," Lounsbury said, adding the group gathered some 1,200 petitions, spoke in front of the Natural Resources Commission and launched a newspaper advertising campaign.

"Their campaign was very well run," he said. "They found out, like we did, that they're up against an organized front."

No decision has been made yet in Mason County, but the new USA chapter has a fair chance of seeing the proposal rejected if their experience is anything like that of the small group of Thumb sportsmen who gathered in Sebewaing a little over a

year ago to fight mandatory QDM.

"Originally, what had happened is some of us had gotten in touch with each other. We knew there was a lot of opposition, so what we did is put together a think tank," Lounsbury recalled, adding they expected perhaps a dozen or so sportsmen to turn out for the meeting.

With only word of mouth and less than 48 hours of planning, he said, "103 people showed up."

"Within a week we came up with a name and became a non-profit organization. We knew it would take a united voice."

One of USA's first moves was to circulate a petition in an effort to inform Thumb area deer hunters and landowners about the QDM proposal, which targeted Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties.

QDM officials said their plan would cut back on the number of young bucks harvested and at the same time maintain an adequate harvest of does to improve the overall health of the Thumb deer herd and increase the number of mature bucks.

USA members, however, opposed mandatory point restrictions and questioned QDM officials' assessment of the health of the Thumb deer herd.

"We ended with well over 4,000 signatures in a little over a month. The first week we had 1,500 signatures," Lounsbury said.

The campaign, which included visits to Lansing to lobby the Natural Resources Commission, continued to pick up speed during a meeting held just before Christmas hosted by the Cass City Gun Club. "Out of the 105 people there, they reached into their pockets and came up with over \$1,300 to pay for ads," Lounsbury said. "That was what really amazed me."

In the end, a survey of 2,000 landowners and hunters sealed the proposal's fate in March. QDM officials needed a support percentage of at least 66 percent, but received only 36 percent from hunters and 39 percent from landowners.

Today, USA is continuing to lobby for the rights of sportsmen and hunters, according to Lounsbury, who described the group as a grass-roots watchdog organization.

"Our goal is to support the rights of hunters, and there are other issues besides QDM. For instance, hunting licensing," he said, referring to an effort to establish a fall

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Police probing homicide

Police say they have a suspect in the stabbing deaths of a Sanilac County couple whose bodies were discovered Friday in their mobile home just west of Croswell.

The Sanilac County Sheriff's Department reported the victims, a 74-year-old man and his 63-year-old wife, were discovered by a police officer called to check

on them. No names were being released pending notification of the victims' families.

Police said a male suspect is being held in the St. Clair County Jail on unrelated charges. The man was not identified, but investigators reported he was an acquaintance of the victims and was

in possession of the victims' car and credit card.

According to reports, police found a kitchen knife at the scene that is believed to be the murder weapon.

It's unclear when the murder occurred, but police estimated the couple had been dead for up to a week when their bodies were discovered.

Driver critically injured

A Tuscola County man was critically injured when the vehicle he was driving struck a train Thursday night near Fairgrove.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies said the driver, Michael R. Mallets, 39, Fairgrove, was northbound on Vassar Road when he struck the 37th and 38th cars of the 64-car train, which was northeast bound.

Mallets' pickup truck was dragged until it struck a track-changing device at Deckerville Road, just east of Vassar Road, according to reports, which state the train's engineer and conductor hadn't realized the train had been struck.

Mallets was transported by Fairgrove Ambulance to St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw, where he was listed in critical condition.

Success story

Internet business growth exceeds expectations

Cass City native Jeff Doerr has owned and operated a number of small businesses over the years, but none have exceeded his expectations like TotalCom LLC, which will mark its second anniversary in March.

Doerr started the business in Cass City with a simple goal: to bring high quality, high-speed wireless Internet access to the central Thumb.

"Basically, it was some-

thing we thought the area needed. It was the goal from the start - to bring affordable broadband access to the area."

But it hasn't been easy. Doerr along with partner Dave Keller said the task took longer than they expected and was significantly more costly than they had anticipated, in part because of Cass City's rural location.

And, even after introducing broadband last February, there was the challenge of convincing potential customers that their service, which also includes dial-up Internet access, computer sales and service, and cellular phone sales, is all they promised.

"It took probably 4 or 5 months to take off because there was some skepticism to it," Keller said. "It was a lot of knocking on doors."

"Now, we have trouble keeping up. We'll do 3 or 4

installs a day when we get the equipment in," Doerr said, referring to the modems and antennas they install to provide a customer with wireless access.

Doerr, a former tool and die worker whose background includes industrial quality control equipment sales and computer sales and service, noted he spent months researching the available equipment he would need to serve area customers from his business at 6432 Main St.

"We spent about a year," he said. "There are a lot of companies out there with this equipment, but the quality varies. We have probably the most expensive equipment available."

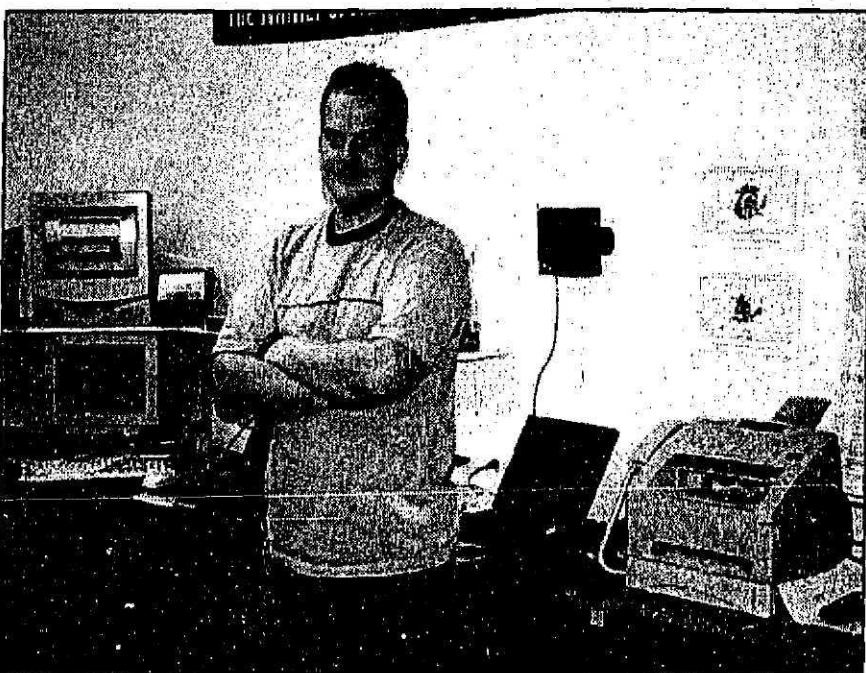
Doerr started out small, but quickly realized a need to expand.

"We started out with one line. We had one incoming phone line and one Internet line. Now, we've got close to 20 of them," he recalled. "Our first month we had 20 (customers). We got just enough money to pay the phone bill."

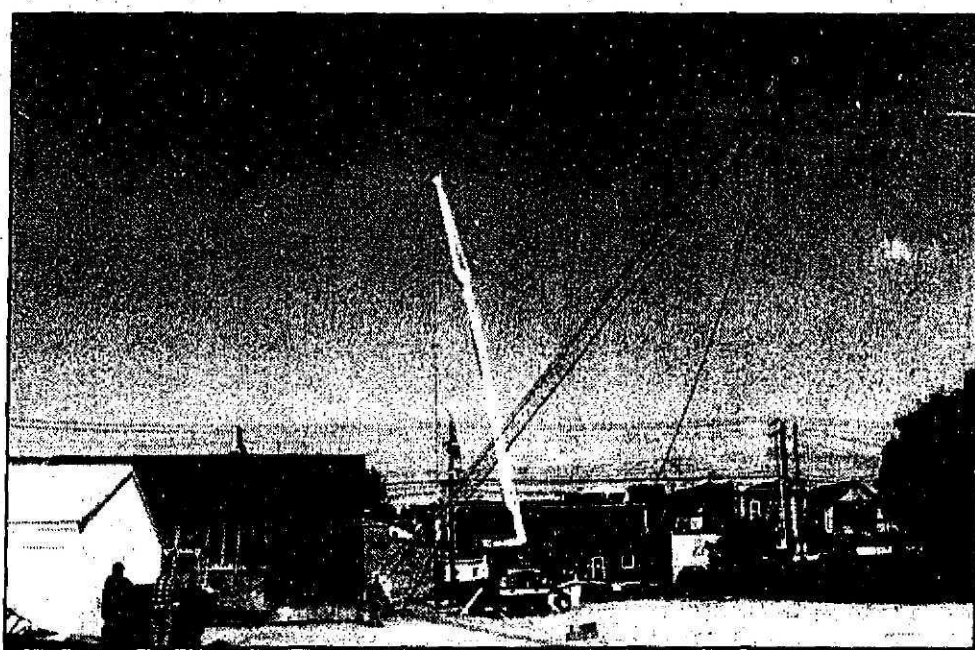
Today, Doerr and Keller have about 1,000 customers. "That's probably a 50-50 split between business and residential," Doerr said.

We didn't expect to be at

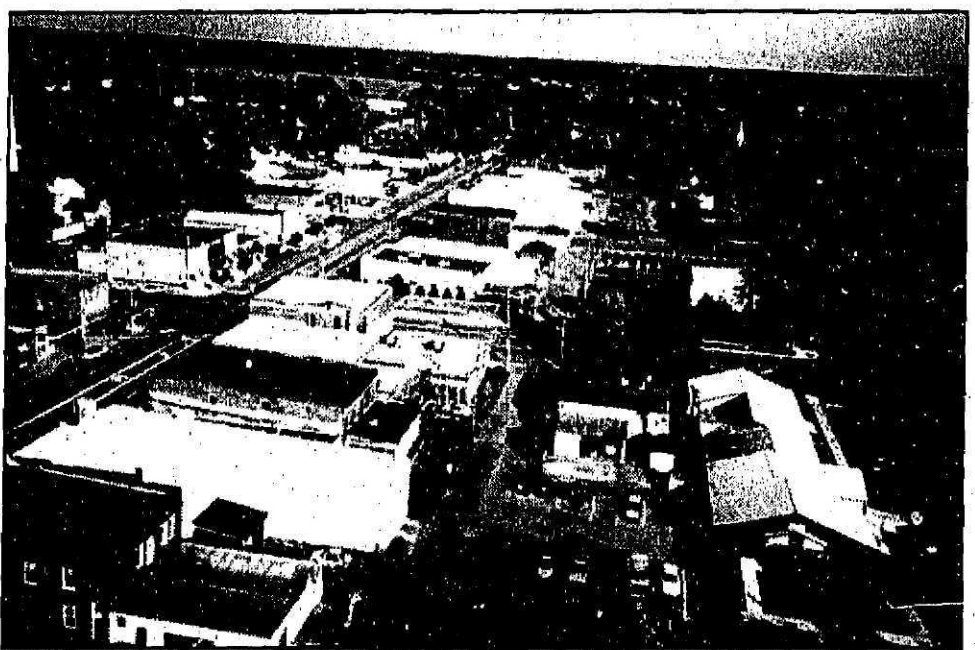
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TOTALCOM co-owner Jeff Doerr says the growth of his Internet business has far exceeded his expectations.



THIS PHOTO of TotalCom's new tower being installed last fall is a bit deceiving - the tower doesn't appear to be 160 feet until you see the view of town from the top.



Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 658-2347



Christmas dinner guests Saturday of Melvin and Charlotte Particka were Kim and Ted Particka and Ashley of Madison Heights, Matt and Christie Particka, Jenny and Matthew of Clayton, Michelle and Greg Reid and Ethan of Clinton Township and Frank Particka of Uby where they all spent the weekend and attended the Particka Christmas dinner at Lamont Hall on Sunday.

Eleven members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at McDonalds Food and Family Deli Thursday morning. They will meet at the Peppermill in Bad Axe next week.

Ray and Rita Depcinski and John and Fran Krozek and an aunt were Christmas dinner guests of Greg and Susan Krozek, Ryan and Samantha.

Kevin Sweeney of South Lyon and Mrs. Martin Sweeney were Tuesday overnight guests of Doctor and Mrs. Tom Collins at Allegan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker were guests of Clara Bond in Cass City Sunday afternoon.

Wayne Kennedy and Allen Farrelly met at Burger King in Bad Axe Friday morning. Bob Cleland Sr. and Dick Wallace visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pelton in Cass City on Thursday.

Marty and Melissa Marks and Paul of Oklahoma were Saturday guests of Jim and Kay Sweeney.

Eugene and Molly Depcinski, Clarence and Leone Depcinski and Ray and Rita Depcinski were late Tuesday afternoon and evening guests of Jardine and Bob Zurek.

Julie Koraleski and Katie of Bad Axe were Tuesday afternoon guests of Allen Farrelly.

Karen King was a Tuesday guest of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Taylor and Brian, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Moore and Heather attended the wedding of Miss Cary Otulakowski and Ryan Engelman at the Brethren of Christ Church Saturday at 4 o'clock at Caro. A reception followed at the Caro K of C Hall.

Jerry and Janet Cummings, Janessa, James, Joey and Josh of Fountain Hills Arizona flew to Detroit on Wednesday where they rented a car and arrived at the home of Ray and Rita Depcinski on Christmas night before going to the home of Bob and Carol, Ryan and Samantha Osantoski for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Anderson and daughter Sharon of Florida, Margaret Cook and Allen Farrelly had breakfast at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe on Monday morning.

Kathryn Wozniack, Julie and Craig Dottmanburg, Dashiell and Aubry of Alamonte, Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Booms of Harbor Beach, Kevin Sweeney of South Lyon, Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Sweeney and Paula spent a few days Christmas vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kotel and family in Wisconsin.

Bob Cleland Sr. of Waterford, who spent a few days with his mother, Mrs. Alex Cleland, left Friday for Cape Coral where he will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Doris Western spent Tuesday evening at the K of C Hall at Ruth where the Barney Schuberger Band was playing.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Moore and family of Snover, Mr. and Mrs. Marty Waggoner and sons of Caro, Kim Gibbard and a friend, Theresa Gibbard, Dan Gibbard, Cheryl Laming, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Taylor and Brian were Saturday Christmas eve dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard.

Bob Cleland Sr. of Waterford, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Osentoski of Greenleaf, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cleland and family of Walled Lake, Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming were Christmas day dinner guests of Bob Cleland Jr.

Mary Smith, Nicholas and Brian of Lucas, Ohio, Joe and Betty Myers of Gladwin, Bob and Carol Osantoski, Kristin and a friend of Kalamazoo, Josh, Matthew and Brad, Jerry and Janet Cummings, Janessa, James, Joey and Josh of Fountain Hills, Arizona, Theresa Depcinski, Shaun and Nicole of Bad Axe, Greg and Susan Krozek, Ryan and Samantha of Filion, Sharon Depcinski and friend Jeff of Grand Rapids and Ray and Rita Depcinski were Sunday December 28 Christmas dinner guests of Dean and Nancy Carpenter, Dean Jr., Michael, Jessica and Timothy at Caro.

Mrs. Ken Osentoski was a Saturday and Tuesday guest of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Around 100 relatives of the Alex Particka family met at the Lamotte Township Hall Sunday for a potluck dinner on Sunday for Christmas where Christmas gifts were exchanged.

Emmert named to dean's list



Craig Emmert

Craig Emmert, Cass City, has been named to the academic dean's list at Milligan College, Tennessee, for the fall 2002 semester.

The dean's list recognizes students who earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the academic semester. Emmert, son of Chuck and Amy Emmert, is a sophomore majoring in history (secondary education). He is a second-year starter on the Milligan Buffaloes basketball team, averaging 12 points per game.

Schenk enlists in the Army

Robert A. Schenk has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year. The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty prior to being assigned to their first permanent duty station.

Schenk, a 1990 graduate of Owen-Gage High School, has reported to Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, MO, for basic training.

He is the son of Shirley A. Tinsey and Augusta E. Schenk of Gagetown.

Cass City Social Item

Mr. and Mrs. Brent Fritz of Coram, New York and their grandmother Charlotte LaPeer spent Christmas Eve and morning with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curry and Halie Charlene.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz and Charlotte LaPeer visited the Tom Fritzes and enjoyed Christmas dinner at the Joseph Lorenzses.

Mrs. Cheryl Egres of Clarkston spent Friday night and Saturday morning with her Aunt Charlotte LaPeer.

Mrs. Wayne Curry and daughter Halie Charlene of Sterling Heights and Mrs. Pattie Fritz of Coram, New York, enjoyed dinner Saturday with their grandmother Charlotte LaPeer.



Meg's Peg
Travel report
by Melva E. Guinther

Like many of our friends we flew the coop for Christmas this year. Our daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Andy Welter, took us to Thousand Oaks, Calif., to spend the holiday with our son, Mark, and family.

We weren't sure what to expect going through airport security at such a busy time, but we didn't have any problems. The personnel were all pleasant and friendly.

On a previous flight, we had to remove our shoes, and a male security person called a female over to pat me down after he asked me if I was wearing underwear. (I later concluded that the question was actually "Are you wearing underwear?" He was kind of hard to understand.) Anyway, it seemed perfectly obvious to me that the metal buttons on my jacket were setting off the alarm and there was no need to get so personal.

But back to the latest excursion. I tried to be very careful about what I packed in my carry-on bag after having a good pair of manicure scissors confiscated on my last trip. Nevertheless, the signal sounded once again as my little bag traversed the scanner. I'd completely forgotten about an eyeglass repair kit in the pocket of the bag.

After 3 officials carefully examined it, they decided that I really couldn't inflict much harm with those tiny screwdrivers, and let them pass.

We were a bit more concerned about the flight home. Departing from Los Angeles, we figured the security might be more stringent than in the smaller Dayton airport. Plus, Andy had received some stocking stuffers from his nephews that could have looked suspicious - nails, glue, Silly Putty, string, etc. - and one of Stan's "bags" was a double gun case, also a Christmas gift.

Once again, there were no problems - until we reached baggage claim in Dayton. Two of the bags were missing. We later discovered that one had somehow found its way to Des Moines, and the other was stuck in Cincinnati. Too bad we didn't get frequent flyer miles for baggage.

Eventually we got back together with our luggage and all was well.

All in all, it was a wonderful trip. The opportunity to be together with the whole family for Christmas was well worth any minor inconveniences that might have arisen.

Sandy and Andy did some sightseeing, but Stan and I were content to hang around with Mark, daughter-in-law Shelley and the kids.

We hadn't seen 18-month-old Gretchen for 10 months and she had changed a lot and grown even cuter and more adorable during the interval. Fortunately, she didn't hesitate in getting reacquainted and we thoroughly enjoyed our time with her.

Diabetic support group meets set

Hills and Dales General Hospital's Diabetic Support Group meets the last Wednesday of every month starting Jan. 29.

It is still being held in the hospital's DLC room in the basement. However, the group will be meeting between 3 and 4 p.m.

Meet with others that have diabetes, talk to a registered

nurse and registered dietitian, share your experiences, and talk with other experts regarding diabetes, plus much more.

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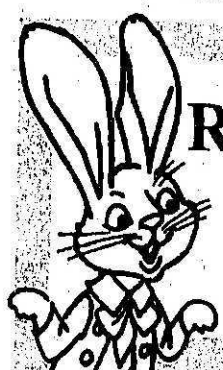
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Ubly Heights Country Club has announced that it will operate on a greatly reduced schedule in 2003. It will be open from 5-9 p.m. on Friday, with no buffet, and will be closed Saturday evening. The Sunday brunch from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. will be continued.

Operating a restaurant successfully in the Thumb is a daunting proposition. Charmont, The Eat Shop and Sutter's have battled the odds and Charmont has bowing and Sutter's has bakery products to augment income. New in Cass City in the restaurant business is Gilligan's. McDonald's came in and Hardee's went out.

Other than that it's been rough sledding. Four Chinese restaurants under different owners have opened and closed. The restaurant that was built in connection with the Northwood condo development failed. Wildwood Restaurant on M-81 with a new building and a full menu bit the dust. At least a half dozen others started and perished.

Regardless of what happens the rest of the way, it was a very nice surprise to go into the new year with the Cass City High School basketball team tied for the Greater Thumb West Conference lead with Bay City All Saints, each with a 3-0 record.

It's way too early to celebrate. The Hawks will not be overlooked now when they play Reese, Unionville-Sebewaing and Laker High that figure to be in the mix for the Greater Thumb West title when it's all over.

I grabbed one of my older suits to start the work week Monday morning. I knew it was old, of course, but not as old as it just has to be. The label in the jacket read "Made in U.S.A."

Just a reminder. The Chronicle bridal issue will be published next week. One of its favorite features is pictures of couples married 25 years or more. The deadline for the pictures is Friday at noon. A wedding picture and a current picture is needed. If you do not have a current photo, we will take one for you. There is no charge.

Picanos is an up-scale restaurant located at 3775 Rochester Road, about a mile east of I-75 in Troy. It features Italian food.

Esther had Shrimp Austin. It's shrimp cooked in a special sauce. The meal included a baked potato, salad and coffee. The shrimp were big, 6 filled the plate, and were good.

Mine was Capellini Confrutti deMaic. Despite the name that means nothing to me, it was good.

The dish was more than ample. The noodles were nestled in a variety of seafood. Scallops and shrimp were mixed in the pasta, while mussels and clams were served in the shell. Total cost was \$42.05, plus tip. Give it a 6.5 on the 1-10 scale.

Huron Bean Day slated

The annual Huron County Bean Day will be Wednesday, Jan. 15 beginning at 10 a.m.

This year's program will be held at the Knights of Co-

lumbus Hall in Bad Axe. All interested producers are invited to attend. There will be a \$7 charge per person at the door for the noon lunch. No reservations are needed.

"Click it or Ticket"

Police cite 19,000 drivers

Michigan law enforcement officers wrote more than 19,000 safety belt citations during the highly publicized "Click it or Ticket" campaign over the holidays, reported the Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP).

During the 2-week enforcement period, 484 law enforcement agencies across the state made safety belt enforcement a priority. The 365 agencies providing OHSP with data reported that officers issued 18,872 citations for unbuckled adults and 475 citations for unbuckled children ages 15 and under.

In addition, police made 1,256 arrests for alcohol-related offenses.

"The volume of citations written during this 2-week enforcement period proves that law enforcement officers were serious about the zero tolerance approach," said Betty J. Mercer, OHSP division director. "They realize we can't increase safety belt use rates by giving warnings."

"As belt use goes up, deaths and injuries go down, and that's the ultimate goal."

Overall, belt use in Michigan is 82.9 percent based on a direct observation survey taken following the Labor Day weekend.

Federal funds were granted to 18 counties to put addi-

tional officers on the roads during the enforcement period. These counties are the state's most populous and also reflect where crash problems are the greatest. The grant-funded enforcement was supplemented by hundreds of other Michigan law enforcement agencies taking part in the mobilization. For many non-seat belt users, and especially young

people, the threat of a ticket has proved to be a greater inducement to buckle up than the threat of injury or death, according to Mercer. She cited a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration study that suggests if every state conducted high visibility enforcement, 5,000 to 7,000 lives could be saved nationally each year.

Accident cause still unknown

Police have been unable to determine the exact cause of an accident early last week that left a woman and her 2 young children trapped in their overturned SUV in a Tuscola County ditch for several hours.

According to Michigan State Police troopers at the Caro post, the Dearborn family, whose names have not been released, was on its way home from the Pigeon area during the early evening hours of Dec. 29 when the vehicle left Colwood Road, just north of Hobart Road,

and entered the ditch, coming to rest upside down.

Area roadways were slick at the time following a period of light rain and near-freezing temperatures.

The accident wasn't discovered until the next morning when a road commission employee spotted the overturned SUV.

Area fire departments responded to the scene and extricated the woman and her children, who were then transported to a Saginaw area hospital for treatment of hypothermia.

The
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Reading about a parking snafu in Ann Arbor prompted me to make a New Year's resolution. It's not to let my blood pressure jump when getting mad is about as useless as worrying about Michigan weather.

First the parking story. It was Christmas Day and a storm dumped up to 7 inches on the city. A snow emergency was declared at midnight and parking was prohibited on the side of the street with even-numbered addresses since it was an even-numbered date on Dec. 26. It enraged most of the 596 persons receiving \$125 tickets for illegal parking.

According to the article, Amanda Smith said more than 20 dozen people received parking tickets in her neighborhood. "We weren't watching TV or listening to the radio" to hear an emergency had been declared. "Why would anyone think we were expected to on Christmas Day when the snow had stopped and people were getting around and they hadn't plowed any of it during the worst of it?"

It reminded me of a similar instance a good many years ago and I still have a tendency to fire up a little when I think about it. It was at either a Vassar-Cass City football or basketball game.

I found an open parking space in back of a sign that said no parking here to corner. I pulled in grateful for the parking opening. Grateful that is until I came back to the car after the game and found a parking ticket.

I immediately went to the local police office to complain. That sign was moved from where it was meant to be, the clerk said, and if you are in a no parking area, you are ticketed.

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by Roger Pond

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It's amazing how college and professional sports have changed over the years. People used to just load up their kids, drive out to the stadium, watch the game, and go home.

Now they spend two days planning their menu, drive up in a motor home, and grill steaks in the parking lot. Folks who never watched a complete football game in their life will trundle out to the stadium like it's their life-long passion.

For years I've said major colleges and professional teams are wasting their resources. Why spend all that money on uniforms, players, referees, etc., when most of the people at the stadium don't care if there's a game or not?

Why not just pack them in, let them have a party, and forget about all that roo-rah down on the field?

The Cleveland Browns football team is a good example. Readers may recall the Browns moved to Baltimore in 1996 and turned into Ravens; so there weren't any Browns for several years.

That didn't stop their fans, though. Cleveland fans loaded their trucks and buses with food and provisions and headed for the old stadium on Lake Erie each weekend - just like they did when there was actually a football game.

A man from Mentor said, "I haven't missed a tailgate party in six years. I'm not going to miss one now, just because we don't have a team."

Now Cleveland has their Browns again, and fans are still arriving in the parking lot as their forefathers did before them. (Quite a few thought the team was holed-up inside the stadium for all those years.)

This validates my long-standing belief that the best way to watch big-time sports is to turn on your television and lock the door. There are exceptions, however.

One incident in particular comes to mind. It was Ohio State versus Michigan. Michigan was ahead by three with two minutes to go.

Our television flashed the score but wasn't showing the game. "Call your sister!" I shouted to my wife. "Find out if they're broadcasting the game in her area." Connie had her sister, Barb, on the phone in an instant. "There's a minute forty-five

left. They've got the ball! No, we've got the ball! They're close to the goal. Somebody fumbled!" Connie repeated. "Who's got the ball? Who fumbled? What's happening?" I shouted.

"He's running. He's running. He's running. Oh! They got him!" Barb said. "Who's running? Who's got

the ball?!" Connie shouted. "I can't tell," Barb said. "They're all wearing helmets."

I often think about that game when I see all those people standing around in stadium parking lots. Some might have more fun if they actually saw the game, but I kind of doubt it.

Parents' night slated

There will be a Parents' Advisory Night Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 7 p.m. at the Cass City Middle School, principal Jeff Hartel announced this week.

All parents are invited to attend to see what programs are offered and offer suggestions for improvement, or volunteer to become active in the program.

The Weather

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One of the concerns I always have when thanking people or groups for their support is that I may miss someone in the process. Well, earlier in December when I thanked community businesses and organizations for their support with the upgraded recreational park facilities, I did it. I missed a group that has and continues to do wonderful things for our community, the CASS CITY LIONS CLUB.

So, an additional belated special note of appreciation goes out to the CASS CITY LIONS CLUB

for your financial support of this community project. We are truly appreciative of this and all of your other past support. Thank you very much.

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Alissa's Article

by Alissa Pasant



The mats are down and the wrestlers are ready. The Cass City wrestling season has begun. There are no freshmen or JV teams for the Cass City wrestling program this year. There is only a varsity team that is coached by Don Markel and is helped by first-year assistant coach, Steve Suddeth. Coach Markel has been coaching wrestling for the past 20 years. The first 2 years of his career were coaching at Marine City. Then he took over the wrestling program from Russ Bieker 18 years ago.

Mr. Markel said, "In the past, throughout most of the 1990s, Tom Dorland has been my assistant coach. This is the first year in a long time that he is not helping coach the wrestlers." This year the team consists of 18 members. There are 2 seniors, 1 junior, 5 sophomores, and 10 freshmen. The two seniors, Travis Jensen and Josh Smith, are the captains for the 2002-2003 season.

Optional practices for wrestling usually begin in the summer. This was the only year that there hasn't been summer practices because there was a lack of interest in the summer months. Due to this, optional practices didn't begin this year until a few weeks before mandatory practice began. The optional practices were pretty much open wrestling time. They pulled out the mats to wrestle around.

The team didn't attend a team camp, but Travis Jensen attended an individual skills camp over the summer on his own time. The individual camp was a 1-week camp that was held at Central Michigan University. There Travis went over basic material, such as skills and wrestling moves.

Mandatory practices began November 18 for the wrestling members. Every day

their practices begin with a one-mile run, which are 14 laps around the hallways in the high school. After the run, the team stretches out with calisthenics for about 10 minutes. Then the team has live wrestling and instructional drill work. So far, the varsity team has not been doing as well as past years. The wrestling program has been very successful over the years. Coach Markel said, "The team this year is very young. We are learning while wrestling in varsity competition."

The next home meet for the wrestling team is on Saturday, January 11. This is the Cass City Invitational held at the high school. The tournament starts at 9:00 a.m. and consists of 12 teams.

Ulfig 'player of week'

Alma senior forward Shelly Ulfig, of Cass City, has been named the player of the week in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Ulfig had back-to-back double-double performances as the Scots won a pair of games in the Alma-St. Louis Rotary Classic. In an 81-70 victory over Aquinas, she scored 27 points and grabbed an MIAA season-high 19 rebounds.

She followed in a 61-49 win over St. Lawrence, N.Y. with 20 points and 10 rebounds. In the games she made 16-of-21 shots and 15-of-29 free throws. She was named the MVP of the tournament.

Ulfig leads the team in rebounding with a 13.1 average and is second in scoring at 15.7 points per game.

Her 15 free throws in the 2 games gives her 371 in her career, which is the new Alma College career record. The old record was 370, set by Katie Mans (1994-97).

Alma is 6-3 overall entering Wednesday's conference opener at Albion College.



THE MICHIGAN Athletic and Rehabilitation Center leads a chair aerobics class twice a week at the Northwood Meadows Senior Living Community in Cass City. Above, Angie Holder works with a small group of residents and visitors in the Great Room.

Recycling collections set

Tuscola County Recycling is hosting 2 special recycling events open to area residents.

A tire recycling program began Monday and will continue Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The cost is \$1 per car tire for county residents (\$2 for non-residents), \$2 for car tires with rims (\$4 for non-residents), \$5 for semi-truck or trailer tires (\$10 for non-residents), \$20 for tractor tires (\$40 for non-residents), and \$80 for tractor tires with rims (\$80 for non-residents).

The recycling facility, located at 1123 Mertz Rd., Caro, will accept no more than 10 tires at a time without an appointment. Tires on any type of axle will not be accepted, and tires must be clean inside and out of any mud or any other material.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

A Household Hazardous Waste/Clean Sweep Collection will be held Saturday, March 15. The deadline to register is Feb. 28.

Household hazardous wastes are leftover, unwanted or unusable household products that contain hazardous ingredients. A household product is considered hazardous if it is toxic (poisonous), flammable, caustic (causes burns), or chemically reactive. For example, oil-based paint, drain cleaners, pool chemicals, some pesticides, hobby supplies, used motor oil, car batteries, and anti-freeze all contain haz-

ardous ingredients.

Residents who have these products and don't plan to use them are urged not to

Lutheran officers installed

Officers for 2003 for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cass City were installed Sunday. President is Kevin Mulligan. Fred Matthews is vice president and Lucille Stine, secretary. Roger Gnagey is treasurer.

Other officers are: Board of Elders-Maynard Stine, Ken Martin, Jr., Ed Talaski, Chuck Volz, Steve Schneberger, Ron Rockwell, Chuck Dorsch, Eugene Nicholas and Clare Schuette.

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Financial secretaries-Dave McNaughton and Sharon Rockwell.

Calendar of Events

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

Friday, January 10

Alcoholics Anonymous, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8:00 p.m.

Monday, January 13

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 14

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

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Hawks earn easy win over visiting Hatchets

The high-flying Cass City Red Hawks, sporting a 3-0 Greater Thumb West record after recording a 57-51 decision over Bad Axe Friday, will be severely tested this Friday when Unionville-Sebewaing with its stellar guards, Steve Cramer and Matt Kitchen, come to town. It will be the second-home game of the week for the Hawks who faced Marlette Tuesday.

Coach Kurt Dennis put his charges into a full-court press to open the game and it backfired on the Hatchets. Matt Stoutenburg beat the press for 3 quick baskets to help the Hawks to a 10-2 lead with 4:39 left in the quarter. After that, the Hatchets got tough on the boards in the last 3 minutes to close the gap to 13-8 at the end of the period.

The Hatchets started the second quarter with a trey by Mike Meinhold to close the gap to 2 points and the teams traded baskets the rest of the

way to the half.

Cass City stretched its lead to 22-14 midway through the quarter as Jake Brinkman netted a pair of hoops, one on a pretty drive to the bucket. The Hatchets bounced back with balanced scoring to trail by just 2 points, 24-22, at the half.

Bad Axe kept the pressure on in the third quarter and when Meinhold connected for a trey at the 4:01 mark the Hatchets edged into the lead, 34-33, for the first and only time since they opened the game with a basket.

The Hawks then went on a 10-2 run to lead 43-36 going into the last quarter. In the spurt Chris Maharg connected for 5 points on a pair of hoops.

Brian Messing opened the last quarter with a hoop before Maharg cashed a pair of charity tosses and Craig Holmgren counted a pair of easy hoops as the Hawks broke the Bad Axe press. The Cass City lead was 11 points

with 5:02 left in the game and the Hatchets never got closer than 6 points after that.

Maharg led the Hawks with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Matt Stoutenburg netted 11 and Tyler Erla, 10. Meinhold led the Hatchets with 14 points and John Osminski had 11.

The score of the junior varsity game was Cass City 54, Bad Axe 55.

CASS CITY - Swanson, 0-1 (1-2) 4; Maharg 4-1 (7-9) 18; Brinkman 3-0 (1-2) 7; Holmgren 3-0 (1-2) 7; Matt Stoutenburg 3-1 (2-3) 11; Erla 3-1 (1-4) 10.
TOTALS - 16-4 (13-22) 57.

BAD AXE - Schultz 2-0 (0-0) 4; Schmidt 1-0 (0-0) 2; Messing 2-0 (1-5) 5; Lasceski 3-0 (0-1) 6; Osminski 4-0 (3-4) 11; Melnik 3-0 (0-0) 6; Hanselman 1-0 (1-3) 3; Meinhold 1-4 (0-0) 14.
TOTALS - 17-4 (5-13) 51.



MATT STOUTENBURG helped beat the Bad Axe press Friday with 3 quick baskets in the first quarter.

Owen-Gage cagers bow to Peck rally in final quarter

Owen-Gage surrendered to visiting Peck Friday as the Pirates rallied in the final period to register a 59-56 North Central Thumb League win in Owendale.

In a see-saw battle, the visitors received some clutch free throw shooting from Brandon Fairman to secure the win. Owen-Gage led at the end of one period, trailed at the intermission, regained the lead entering the final period before bowing in the final moments.

With the loss, the Bulldog slip to 1-4 on the campaign. Coach Troy Perry's cagers, who were to have faced undefeated Caseville Tuesday, will entertain winless Port Hope on Friday.

"We're still a work in progress," said Perry. "I think we're lacking confidence. We've had leads in every game, except the Au Gres game, and with a little luck we could be 4-1 instead of 1-4."

The Bulldogs started quickly against Peck when Jeremy Kady knocked down a shot from behind the arc followed by a short jumper from Scott Kunding to give Owen-Gage a 5-0 edge.

Owen-Gage was able to maintain their advantage throughout the initial frame thanks in part to a pair of short-range jumpers that kissed the glass from Justin McLaren.

Peck, however, behind the rebounding of Fairman and Andy Powell, outscored their

host 23-11 to the intermission where they enjoyed a 31-24 edge. Fairman, a tall, lanky center, did most of the damage in the period tossing in 11 points, including a hard break away dunk.

The Bulldogs, who will play without center Fred Periso who has left the team, was hurt on the glass throughout the game.

"We play physical, but when the other team's players are all 6' taller and jump better, it doesn't mean much to block out," says Perry.

Peck's advantage was short lived as the Bulldogs defense held the Pirates to just 6 third quarter points. The Bulldog's pressing defense bothered the visitors, resulting in several fast break opportunities for the hosts. Owen-Gage also benefited from back-to-back triples from Adam Kain and Kady to grab a 42-37 margin entering the final period.

Kain continued to hold the hot hand in the final 8 minutes, nailing a pair of triples to help hold off the Pirates who climbed back to within

a bucket in the final minute. With the game on the line, the Bulldogs put Fairman on the foul strip where he converted 3 shots to hand Peck the win.

"Our guard play overall has been pretty good. But their press hurt us at the end. It wasn't nothing Peck did, we just made some bad passes against a man-to-man press."

Kady led the Bulldogs with 15 points, while Kain recorded 14 markers. Howard also finished in double digits for the Bulldogs with 13. Fairman was the only pirate to reach double figures with 27 tallies that included a 9-11 effort at the foul line.

OWEN-GAGE - Edler 1-1 (0-0) 5; A. Kain 2-3 (1-2) 14; Howard 5-0 (3-4) 13; Kunding 2-0 (1-2) 5; McLaren 2-0 (0-0) 4; Kady 1-3 (4-4) 15.
TOTALS - 13-7 (9-12) 56.

PECK - Curry 0-2 (1-3) 7; Szarenski 1-2 (1-4) 9; Favell 4-0 (0-0) 8; Powell 3-0 (2-4) 8; Fairman 9-0 (9-11) 27.
TOTALS - 17-4 (13-22) 59.

Hawks advance to semis at Hatchet Invitational

The Cass City volleyball team continued its preparation for the upcoming Greater Thumb Conference season Saturday in Bad Axe where the Hawks bowed in the semifinals of the 15-team Hatchet Invitational to runner-up Ubly.

The Bearcats were handed defeats of 15-7, 15-8 in the finals by defending Class C state champions New Lothrop.

The Hawks compiled a 7-1 mark in pool play defeating Harbor Beach (15-0, 15-4), Flint Kearsely (15-8, 15-3) and Deckerville (15-3, 15-2), while earning a split against host Bad Axe (15-7, 11-15).

In the single elimination rounds, Cass City defeated

Millington 15-11, 15-7 in a quarterfinal match-up before being sent home during the semis with 15-6, 15-8 decisions against the Bearcats.

Amy Howard led Cass City with 23 digs, 24 blocks, 36 kills, and 39 assists. Becky Hartel added a team best 51 assists, 24 kills, and 34 digs. Krystee Dorland had 68 digs and 16 kills, while Lindsey Hendrick had 9 blocks, 17 digs, and 10 kills. The Hawks also received 23 digs from Kristi Fluegge.

The Hawks begin Greater Thumb League play Thursday against visiting Bay City All Saints. Overall the team possesses a 15-5-1 record.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS AND RESULTS

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

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

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB NORTH			
Team	W	L	W L
Caseville	3	0	3 0
North Huron	3	0	3 2
Owen-Gage	1	3	1 4
Port Hope	0	3	0 3
A-Fairgrove	0	3	0 4

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB SOUTH			
Team	W	L	W L
CPS	3	0	4 0
Peck	3	1	3 1
Kingston	2	1	4 1
Memphis	1	2	2 2
Dryden	0	3	0 3

FRIDAY'S RESULTS GTW			
Cass City 57, Bad Axe 51			
BCAS 60, Valley Lutheran 52			
Laker at USA (PPD due to floor problems, rescheduled for Feb. 18)			

GTE			
Marlette 51, Brown City 40			
Sandusky 56, Ubly 47			
Harbor Beach 76, Deckerville 66			

GTC NON-LEAGUE			
Reese 75, Mayville 52			

NCTL			
Peck 59, Owen-Gage 56			

NCTL NON-LEAGUE			
CPS 67, Cros-Lex 58			

SATURDAY'S RESULT			
Deckerville 53, Yale 41			

Grapplers winless in tourney

Wrestling fans will have rare opportunities to see the Cass City Red Hawks at home Saturday and Wednesday, Jan. 15. Those are 2 of the 3 home matches this season. The Hawks entertain Millington Feb. 5.

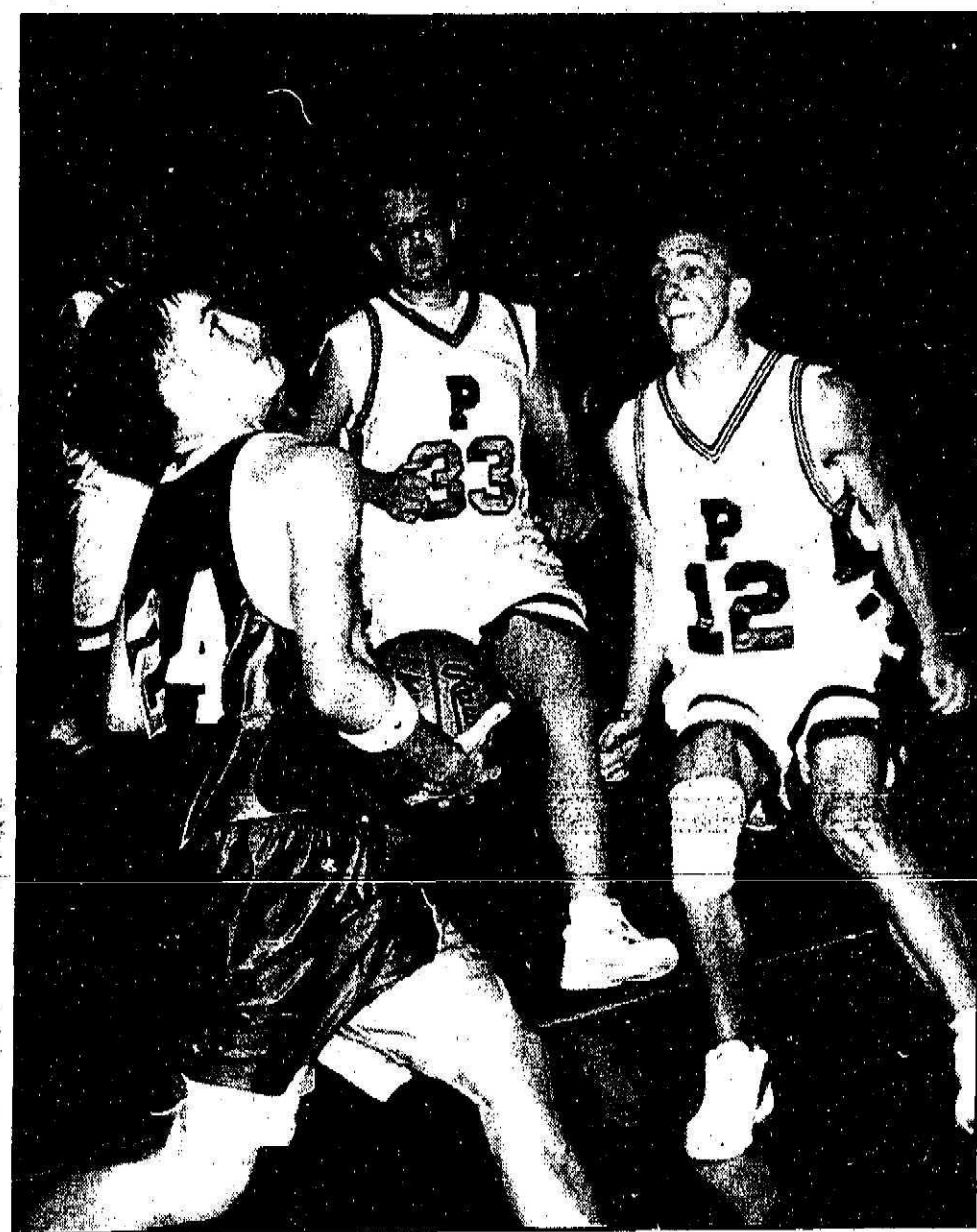
The Cass City invite starts at 10 a.m. Saturday and Wednesday's meet is against Valley Lutheran and Lakers. The Hawks went 0-5 in the North Branch 6-team tournament Saturday. Travis Jensen, 215 pounds, went 4-1 and racked up his 100th career victory.

Lapeer East, 5-0, finished first. Other teams finished in the following order: North Branch, 4-1; Warren Woods, 3-2; Saginaw Nouvel, 2-3; Cros-Lex, 1-4; and Cass City 0-5.

The Hawk team losses were to Warren Woods Tower, 42-39; Lapeer East, 59-10; North Branch, 63-12; Saginaw Nouvel, 54-30; and Cros-Lex, 48-24.

Hawks posting winning records were: Marcel Holland, 112 pounds, 3-2; Wes Becker, 171/189 pounds, 2-1; Eric Hollis, 171/189 pounds, 4-1; Lee Hutchinson, 275 pounds, 3-1.

Read Me's Report



BULLDOG Cody Howard beats Peck's Derek Curry (12) and Andy Powell to the basket for 2 of his 13 tallies Friday during North Central Thumb League action in Owendale. The Pirates rallied to register a 59-56 win.

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast.

This week's match ups	John Haire	Clarke Haire	Tom Montgomery	Doug Hyatt
January 7 Bad Axe at Harbor Beach Marlette at Cass City Laker at Ubly Sandusky at USA BCAS at Mayville Swan Valley at Valley Lutheran Vassar at Reese Kingston at North Huron Owen-Gage at Caseville A-Fairgrove at Port Hope Peck at CPS Memphis at Dryden	Harbor Beach Cass City Laker USA BCAS Swan Valley Reese Kingston Caseville Port Hope CPS Memphis	Harbor Beach Cass City Laker USA BCAS Swan Valley Reese Kingston Caseville Port Hope Peck Memphis	Harbor Beach Cass City Laker USA BCAS Swan Valley Reese Kingston Caseville A-Fairgrove CPS Memphis	Harbor Beach Cass City Laker USA BCAS Swan Valley Vassar Kingston Caseville Port Hope CPS Memphis
January 10 Bad Axe at Laker USA at Cass City Valley Lutheran at Reese Marlette at BCAS Deckerville at Ubly Harbor Beach at Sandusky Mayville at Brown City Caseville at North Huron Port Hope at Owen-Gage CPS at A-Fairgrove Dryden at Kingston Peck at Memphis	Laker USA Reese BCAS Ubly Harbor Beach Brown City Caseville Owen-Gage CPS Kingston Peck	Laker Cass City Reese BCAS Ubly Harbor Beach Brown City Caseville Port Hope CPS Kingston Peck	Laker Cass City Reese BCAS Deckerville Sandusky Brown City Caseville Owen-Gage CPS Kingston Peck	Laker USA Reese BCAS Ubly Harbor Beach Brown City Caseville Owen-Gage CPS Kingston Peck
Last week's results	5-3	6-2	8-0	6-2
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Cass City Bowling

Merchanette League As of Jan. 3	
Cablettes	25
Langenburg Plumb/Heat	25
Charlie's Angels	22
The Chiropractors	21
FBI Gals	20
Thumb Octagon Barn	18
Osentoski Realty/Auct.	17
All Season Video	15
JB's Crew	15
Moffitt's Corner Store	15
Gagetown-Cutting-Corners	11

Individual High Series: D. As of Jan. 2	
Potrykus 538; S. Buschlen	525; P. Bauer 502; J. Morell
491; C. Wallace 491; E.	Romain 475; M. Gettel 473;
J. Krol 469; C. Brown 465;	R. Mallory 464; D. Sweeney
454; N. Wallace 454.	
Team High Games & Series:	
FBI Gals, 683 (1903).	
Split Conversions; T. Abbe	2-7; D. Bang 2-7 & 5-6.

Silent Auction scheduled

The Cass City Athletic Boosters will be hosting a Silent Auction at the Cass City High School Friday, Jan. 10, during the boy's basketball games. Auction items will be displayed and available for bid from 4 p.m. until half time of the Varsity Boys' game.

Some of the items available include Red Wing Tickets, Michigan vs. Ohio State Basketball Tickets, gift baskets, portrait packages, and water fountain.

A list of auction items will be available on Jan. 9 at the high school and also upon entrance to the high school on the evening of Jan. 10.

If you are unable to attend but are interested in any of the items please contact Amy Cuthrell at 872-8276. Also, if you would like to donate to this auction please contact Amy at the above number. The Cass City Athletic Boosters help in the funding of all the high school athletic programs. The money raised will help provide the extra support these programs desire.

Individual High Games & Series: D. Beecher 275-231-211 (717); G. Robinson 235-223-221 (679); D. Miller 255 (658); J. Enos 233-221 (646); J. Baker 224-215 (628); M. Finkbeiner 222 (602); B. Biebel 222 (579); E. Champagne (255); R. Doer224; D. O'Dell 224; K. Pichla 215.

Letter to editor

Let 'em pass is merit on ourselves

I thank you United Sportsmen's Alliance for enabling me to have a hunt and harvest of food without an outside interference from others or groups that would hinder my hunt and think it mandatory to hunt any other way.

And to my other friends may I inform you that on Nov. 30th I took a 2 1/2 year old doe after passing many bucks up.

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BASKETBALL - WRESTLING - VOLLEYBALL

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**January 7
Cass City vs. Marlette
January 10
Cass City vs. USA**

VOLLEYBALL

**January 9
Cass City vs. BCAS
January 11
Cass City Invitational
January 15
Cass City vs. Valley Luth/Lakers**

Cass City Red Hawks 2002-2003 Girls' Volleyball

Dec. 14	North Branch (F)	9:00 a.m.	A
Dec. 18	Vassar (V Quad)	6:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 18	Vassar (JV Quad)	6:30 p.m.	H
Dec. 20	Caro Invite (JV)	4:15 p.m.	A
Dec. 21	Caro Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.	A
Dec. 27	Alma Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.	A
Jan. 3	Bad Axe Invite (F/JV)	3:30 p.m.	A
Jan. 4	Bad Axe Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.	A
Jan. 6	Caro	6:30 p.m.	H
Jan. 9	BCAS	6:30 p.m.	H
Jan. 11	Laker Invite (F)	9:00 a.m.	A
Jan. 13	Sandusky	6:30 p.m.	A
Jan. 16	Valley Lutheran	6:30 p.m.	A
Jan. 18	Laker Invite (JV)	9:00 a.m.	A
Jan. 18	Cass City Invite (V)	10:00 a.m.	H
Jan. 23	Lakers	6:30 p.m.	H
Jan. 30	USA	6:30 p.m.	A
Feb. 1	Northwood Invite (V)	TBA	
Feb. 1	USA Invite (F)	9:00 a.m.	A
Feb. 6	Reese	6:30 p.m.	A
Feb. 8	USA Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.	A
Feb. 8	Fenton Invite (JV)	9:00 a.m.	A
Feb. 13	Bad Axe	6:30 p.m.	H
Feb. 15	Laker Invite (V)	9:00 a.m.	A
Feb. 15	League Invite (JV) Bad Axe	8:30 a.m.	A
Feb. 15	League Invite (F) USA	8:30 a.m.	A
Feb. 20	Ublly	7:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 22	League Invite (V) Bad Axe	8:30 a.m.	A
Feb. 22	Northwood Invite (JV)	TBA	
Mar. 1	Districts		

Cass City Red Hawks 2002-2003 Gymnastics

Dec. 17	Vassar	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 4	Cadillac Invite	11:00 a.m.	A
Jan. 9	Hartland	6:30 p.m.	A
Jan. 11	Troy	10:00 a.m.	A
Jan. 18	Hartland Invite	9:00 a.m.	A
Jan. 20	Midland	6:30 p.m.	A
Jan. 25	Vassar Invite	Noon	A
Feb. 8	St. John's Invite		
Feb. 12	Midland/Freeland	6:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 18	Vassar/Cadillac	6:00 p.m.	H

Cass City Red Hawks 2002-2003 Boys' Basketball

Dec. 10	Brown City 49, Cass City 53
Dec. 13	Valley Lutheran 62, Cass City 70
Dec. 17	Ublly 51, Cass City 42
Dec. 20	Lakers 40, Cass City 48
Dec. 27	Caro 53, Cass City 60
Jan. 3	Bad Axe 51, Cass City 57
Jan. 7	Marlette 5:00 p.m. H
Jan. 10	USA 5:00 p.m. H
Jan. 14	Mayville 5:00 p.m. A
Jan. 17	Reese 6:00 p.m. A
Jan. 21	Deckerville 5:00 p.m. H
Jan. 24	BCAS 5:00 p.m. H
Jan. 30	Valley Lutheran (F) 6:00 p.m. A
Jan. 31	Valley Luth (JV/V) 6:00 p.m. A
Feb. 4	Lakers 6:00 p.m. H
Feb. 7	Bad Axe 5:00 p.m. A
Feb. 11	Harbor Beach 5:00 p.m. H
Feb. 14	USA 8:00 p.m. A
Feb. 21	Reese 5:00 p.m. H
Feb. 25	BCAS 5:00 p.m. A
Feb. 28	Sandusky 5:00 p.m. H
March 3-8	Districts @ Cass City TBA

Cass City Red Hawks 2002-2003 Wrestling

Dec. 5	N. Branch/Bridgeport @ N. Branch	6 p.m.
Dec. 7	Cros-Lex (JV/V)	10:00 a.m. A
Dec. 12	Caro/Gaylord	8:00 p.m. A
Dec. 14	Marlette (JV/V)	8:00 a.m. A
Dec. 19	Pinconning/Gaylord	6:00 p.m. A
Jan. 3	North Branch (JV)	5:00 p.m. A
Jan. 4	North Branch (V)	9:00 a.m. A
Jan. 8	USA/Brown City @ Brown City	6 p.m.
Jan. 11	Cass City Invite	10:00 a.m. H
Jan. 15	Valley Luth/Lakers	8:00 p.m. H
Jan. 18	Mayville Invite	8:00 a.m. A
Jan. 22	Marlette/Novel/CC @ Marlette	6 p.m.
Jan. 25	Imlay City	8:30 a.m. A
Jan. 29	Sandusky/Mayville	6:00 p.m. A
Feb. 1	Standish/Sterling	9:00 a.m. A
Feb. 5	Millington	8:00 p.m. H
Feb. 8	League Invite @ Mayville	10 a.m.
Feb. 12	Team Districts	TBA

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith D. Weber and Heidi S. Weber, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to TCF National Bank (a/k/a Great Lakes Federal Savings and Loan Association, Mortgagee, dated September 29, 1983 and recorded on October 5, 1983 in Liber 537 on Page 1067 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and re-recorded on November 14, 1983 in Liber 532 on Page 58, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINETEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN AND 39/100 DOLLARS (\$19,447.39), including interest at 7.360% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 30, 2003.

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

Commencing at a point on the West 1/8 line of Section 8, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, 270.50 feet north along said section line, thence north along said 1/8 line 100 feet; thence westerly 175 feet on a line if extended would intersect the west line at a point 374.08 feet north along said section line from the southeast corner of said section, thence southerly parallel to the west 1/8 line 100 feet; thence easterly 175 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 1, 2003

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Terry G. Nusz and Holly N. Nusz, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Small Business Administration, Mortgagee, dated October 15, 1996 and recorded on October 22, 1996 in Liber 699 on Page 952 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated January 17, 2002, which was recorded on February 22, 2002 in Liber 866 on Page 335, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE AND 71/100 DOLLARS (\$16,295.71), including interest at 3.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 23, 2003.

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

The Southwest 75 Feet of Lot 20 and the Southwest 75 Feet of the Southeast 1/2 of Lot 21, all in Block 3 of Charles Montague's Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 109, now being Page 11A.

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 25, 2002

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jimmy W. Bills and Gladys J. Bills, his wife (original mortgagors), to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 28, 2000 and recorded on November 9, 2000 in Liber 815 on Page 630 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND FORTY-EIGHT AND 31/100 DOLLARS (\$64,048.31), including interest at 8.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case

made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 23, 2003.

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

Part of the Northwest fractional quarter of Section 21, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, described as beginning on the North line of Section 21 at a point of South 88 degrees, 26 minutes, West 929.98 feet, thence North 01 degrees, 18 minutes, 30 seconds East, 330.00 feet, thence North 88 degrees, 26 minutes East, 100.00 feet to the point of beginning, Tuscola County Records

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 25, 2002

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dawn Rumbold, a single woman (original mortgagor), to American Financial Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 18, 1999 and recorded on August 11, 1999 in Liber 779 on Page 450 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mortgagee assignments to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated June 18, 1999, which was recorded on April 17, 2000 in Liber 798 on Page 1291, Tuscola County Records, and re-recorded on May 14, 2001 in Liber 831 on Page 1065, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE AND 50/100 DOLLARS (\$64,889.50), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on February 6, 2003.

Said premises are situated in VILLAGE OF MAYVILLE, TOWNSHIP OF FREEMONT, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: Commencing at a point which is North 89 degrees 49 minutes 23 seconds East 36 feet from the Northeast corner of Lot 1, Block 1 of the Plat of the Village of Mayville; thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 23 seconds East 94.88 feet; thence South 00 degrees 13 minutes 43 seconds West 148.5 feet; thence South 89 degrees 49 minutes 23 seconds West 94.9 feet; thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 15 seconds East 148.5 feet to the Point of Beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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: January 8, 2003

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith Robinson and Rebecca Robinson, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Homestead Lending, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 27, 2000 and recorded on May 25, 2000 in Liber 801 on Page 1447 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, as assignee by an assignment dated November 6, 2002, which was recorded on December 6, 2002 in Liber 906 on Page 80, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR AND 14/100 DOLLARS (\$15,574.14), including interest at 8.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 30, 2003.

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

Commencing 2 rods West and 2 rods South of the Northeast corner of Section 23, Town 10 North, Range 8 East; thence

South 16 rods; thence West 10 rods; thence North 16 rods; thence East 10 rods to place of beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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, 2002

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Kenneth C. Nagy and Julie E. Nagy, husband and wife, of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagee to Fifth Third Bank successor-in-interest by merger Old Kent Bank, dated the 19th day of November, A.D. 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for County of Tuscola and State of Michigan on the 21st day of March, A.D. 2000 in Liber 796 of Tuscola County Records, on page 1179, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$66,840.35 (Sixty-six thousand Eight hundred forty dollars and thirty five cents), including interest there on at 8.30% (eight point three zero percent) per annum.

And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Thursday, the 16th day of January, A.D. 2003 at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Juniata, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Commencing 440 feet South and 587 feet East of the Northwest corner of Section 13, Town 12 North, Range 8 East; thence South 100 feet; thence West 323 feet; thence North 100 feet; thence East 323 feet to point of beginning.

Tax ID: 014-013-000-2600-00

The redemption period shall be six 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, 2002

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.

Daniel E. Best (P-58501)
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Welman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
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Troy, Michigan 48064
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12-18-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jeffrey M. Castleberry, married man, and Katherine Castleberry, a/k/a Katherine Castleberry, married woman, to Delta Funding Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 27, 1999 and recorded October 22, 1999 in Liber 785 on Page 590, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, said mortgage was re-recorded on December 10, 1999 in Liber 790 page 517. Said mortgage was assigned to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A. as Trustee for Delta Funding Home Equity Loan Trust 1999-3, by assignment dated December 12, 2002 and received by and recorded in Tuscola County Records on December 27, 2002, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Two and 41/100 Dollars (\$64,972.41), including interest at 9.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on February 13, 2003.

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

Lot 14, Woodland Acres Subdivision, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 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 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 23, 2002

Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee for Delta Funding Home Equity Loan Trust 1999-3
Assignee of Mortgage

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by John S. Redfield, a/k/a John Redfield, a married man, and Cynthia K. Redfield, a/k/a Cynthia Redfield, his wife, of Tuscola County, Michigan, original mortgagors, to Michigan National Bank, a national banking association, mortgagee, dated the 25th day of April, A.D. 2000 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan on the 26th day of May, A.D. 2000 in Liber 802, Tuscola County Records, on pages 189-195, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late charges, the sum of Forty Three Thousand One Hundred Ninety Two and 00/100 Dollars (\$43,192.00).

And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of February, A.D. 2003 at 10:00 o'clock AM in the forenoon said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with the interest equal to the Prime Rate, as published in the Wall Street Journal on the fifteenth day of the month, plus an added 1.5% Margin added to the Index Rate pursuant to the terms of said agreement and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Village of Watrousville, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, as described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 2, and the South 1/2 of Lot 1, Block 8 of the Village of Watrousville, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 6 of Deeds, Page 12, EXCEPT the South 3 rods of Lot 1 and EXCEPT the South 3 rods of Lot 2 conveyed to State of Michigan by deed recorded in Liber 205, Page 371.

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

Dated: December 23, 2002

Standard Federal Bank, formerly known as Michigan National Bank
Mortgagee

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Andrew Shufelt, a single man, and Laurie Felt, a single woman (original mortgagors), to MNC-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 19, 2000 and recorded on October 17, 2000 in Liber 813 on Page 489 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp., Assignee by an assignment dated May 19, 2000, which was recorded on January 22, 2001 in Liber 819 on Page 1406, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINETY-ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO AND 82/100 DOLLARS (\$91,462.82), including interest at 9.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on February 6, 2003.

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

Commencing at a point of 236.00 Feet East of the Northwest corner of the North 80 Acres of the West 135.92 Acres of the Northwest fractional quarter of Section 7, Town 10 North, Range 8 East; thence South 321.00 Feet; thence East 210.00 Feet; thence North 321.00 Feet; thence West 210.00 Feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: January 8, 2003

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Estate of Terrance L. Clapper and Jacqueline S. Clapper, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Custom Mortgage Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 14, 2000 and recorded on July 20, 2000 in Liber 806 on Page 779 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Bank of America, N.A., Assignee by an assignment dated March 14, 2000, which was recorded on November 3, 2000 in Liber 815 on Page 115, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN AND 50/100 DOLLARS (\$51,227.50), including interest at 9.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on February 6, 2003.

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

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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: January 8, 2003

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by SHERIE JUNE LESOSKI, unmarried, and ELEANOR M. LESOSKI, unmarried, Mortgagees, to THE CITI GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC., Mortgagee, dated the 18th day of May, 2001 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 31st day of May, 2001 in Liber 833 of Tuscola County Records, page 1105, said Mortgage having been assigned to US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, nor its individual capacity, but as Trustee for the Certificate Holders of the Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificate Series 2001-HE22, by its Attorney-in-fact, Olympus Servicing, L.P. (a Caltech Servicing, L.P. on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, the sum of Forty-six Thousand Eight Hundred Thirteen and 06/100 Dollars (\$46,813.06), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of January, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 10.80% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land situated in the Village of Gagetown, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

The West 1/2 of Lot 14, Block 1 and Lot 15, Block 1 of James Cleaver's Addition, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 57. Now being Page 1B, Tuscola County Records.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: December 11, 2002

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Mortgagee
HARRIZON BROOK, P.C.
JONATHAN L. HENGMAN (P56364)
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David A. Howell and Vickie L. Howell, husband and wife, Joint tenants with rights of survivorship (original mortgagors), to Royal Mortgage, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 12, 2000 and recorded on February 28, 2001 in Liber 822 on Page 1055 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated November 27, 2000, which was recorded on April 10, 2001 in Liber 828 on Page 34, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY AND 15/100 DOLLARS (\$11,870.15), including interest at 12.080% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 23, 2003.

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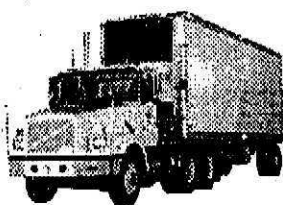
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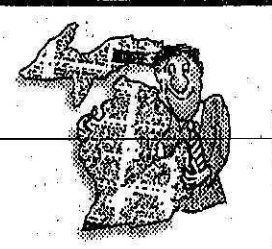
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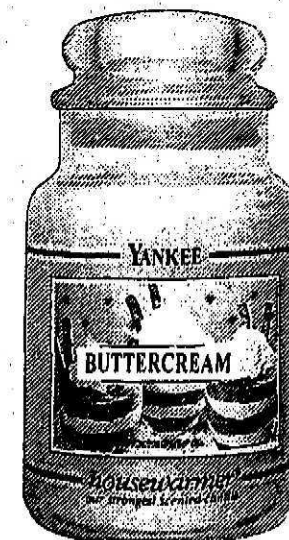
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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5YEARSAGO

Rawson Memorial Library recently received a legacy from longtime Cass City businesswoman and library champion, Ester McCullough. "The bequest, amounting to more than \$300,000, has been placed in an endowment fund," said library Director Barbara Hutchinson. "The principal is invested and the proceeds will be used toward library operations." McCullough, who died Jan. 28, 1997, was a longtime supporter of the library.

New construction in Cass City officially topped \$2.78 million in 1997. The total didn't break any records, but builders enjoyed a decent year, thanks largely to new residential construction, including the new Kranz Funeral Home, and industrial additions. Interestingly, 1997 could really be considered a banner year for construction with the creation of the new Cass City Middle School. However, the school cost is not included in the village figures due to the public school district's tax-exempt status.

A boatful of animated animals and a life-like Noah are all part of the Rev. Duane Plonta's ark. The attraction will be featured in a Christian theme park being constructed by Plonta.

10YEARSAGO

Construction of an addition at Kingston Elementary School is progressing nicely, according to school officials. The new building is part of \$1.36 million in improvements that are "moving right along," school Supt. Jerry H. Laycock commented Monday.

Nearly 400 area children found presents under their tree this Christmas thanks to

the generosity of residents and the efforts of the Cass City Toys for Tots organization. In all, 390 kids from 154 Cass City, Deford and Gagetown area families were served in 1992, according to Toys for Tots Coordinator Sue Werschky, who said the community donated a total of 600 toys and some \$4,400 in cash.

Former area "New Year's" babies are busy doing everything from attending college classes to raising families of their own to running businesses. Mothers and their newborns - the first baby born in Cass City each year - have been featured on the front page of the Chronicle for some 40 years now. The tradition, started back in the early 1950s, has evolved into a welcome of sorts sponsored by local merchants, who annually shower the area's first baby of the new year with a host of gifts. Most of the newborns also get their picture in the paper.

25YEARSAGO

Continued growth at Walbro Corporation has spurred a reorganization plan that will separate product lines under divisional vice-presidents, Lambert Althaver, company president, announced Friday. Under the new plan the Automotive Products Division under the direction of Victor Guernsey, senior vice-president, will be housed in the company's facilities at Caro. The carburetor division will be housed in the company's main plant on Garfield Street and a portion of the former condenser building on Church Street. Carburetor production now at Caro moves to Cass City.

The Cass City Masonic Temple is the home of the recently organized Cass City Council No. 90 of the Royal

and Select Masters. The council is the third step in Masonry and has members throughout the Thumb. Of the 32 potential degrees in Masonry, members earn the first three at the blue lodge level. The Cass City temple is the home of Tyler Lodge. Maynard McConkey of Cass City was elected to his second straight year as chairman of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at the board's organizational meeting Tuesday. Re-elected vice-chairman was Paul Nagy of Vassar. The board's committee assignments will remain the same as last year, McConkey decided.

35YEARSAGO

Some 70 workers at the Nestles Milk Plant in Uby walked off the job Tuesday in a dispute over a new contract. According to Jack Carney, union representative, the company's most recent offer was for a raise of 4 1/2 percent a year, up from four percent originally offered. The union wants a raise of 6 1/2 percent a year.

Roger Parrish, vocal music instructor at Cass City High School, reported this week that he has signed with Gary Usher, record producer on the West Coast, to collaborate on a group of original songs written by Parrish. Parrish was interviewed at Los Angeles over the holidays and presented several of his original songs.

Tom Bardwell ranks as one of Cass City's most unlucky teenagers. The youth spent the summer in a cast as he twisted his knee while playing Friday his snowmobile started to tip and he stuck out his foot to keep his balance and sprained his ankle. The leg will be placed in a cast Saturday and Tom will be hobbling for another six weeks.

Internet business growing

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1,000 customers already. We figured if we had that kind of growth in 4 years we'd be okay," added Keller.

"It kind of took us by surprise," agreed Doerr, who is active in the community as a member of the Cass City Rotary Club and the village's DDA-EDC board. He has watched his business grow from one person (himself) to 3 full-time and 2 part-time employees along with a pair of contract workers.

"We really haven't advertised the broadband. We don't have to advertise it," Doerr said, adding there are many benefits to wireless Internet. "Speed, convenience, ease of use. With the broadband it's always on, and you don't have to worry about tying up your phone

line. It's just always there."

Although wireless is a big draw, Doerr said his dial-up Internet access customers still outnumber his broadband customers by about 6 to one. However, he expects dial-up access to become a thing of the past over the next 5 years. "It's the way technology is heading - everything is going to be broadband."

Doerr and Keller are prepared and eager to meet what they expect will be an increasing demand for the service.

"We've got a lot of room for expansion," Keller said.

"Equipment-wise, right now we can handle double the customers. That only takes a piece of equipment to take care of that," Doerr added.

He said keeping up with equipment upgrades has proven to be a big challenge. Last fall, he and Keller had a new, 160-foot tower installed behind their business. Doerr explained they needed more height, and their equipment was a little too heavy for a nearby tower they had been renting.

In addition, they have installed a sophisticated monitoring system that enables them to gauge Internet usage versus capacity, a key in preventing customers from getting "kicked off" the system.

Still, there are occasional problems inherent in a business where you have to rely on suppliers of Internet access via physical lines across the country. Even the most efficient Internet service businesses have little control over problems experienced by their providers, according to Doerr, who anticipates continued growth in more than one way in the coming months.

"I see us relocating in a year or 2 because we're going to be squeezed out of here," he said, referring to a lack of

space.

Doerr and Keller plan to remain in Cass City and continue building on what has become a real success story.

"We've come a long ways,"

Keller said, adding commitment to offering the best service possible has paid off. "We talked about this at the

beginning, that if we're going to make a long-term commitment, it's got to be quality, it's got to be number one."

USA membership rising

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turkey hunting season if possible.

As for QDM proposals in other parts of the state, Lounsbury said the Thumb chapter will provide support to other sportsmen if the local chapter is asked to do so.

"USA has never been anti-QDM. We truly support the private landowner who wishes to do that on his own property," Lounsbury emphasized. "But, mandatory (rules) are something we are against. A person should have a chance as far as what they consider a quality deer."

"We have the habitat, we have the healthy deer herd, and the DNR has done an exemplary job of getting the doe numbers down," he said.

"QDM has 1,200 members and 9 active chapters. That's 1,200 people trying to dictate to over 750,000 hunters in the state of Michigan."

Which is why groups such as USA are important, according to Lounsbury, who

cited USA membership figures that have doubled in just over a year. "We have members not just in the Thumb area, but there are also a number of people from downstate who hunt up here. We had one guy who drove all the way from Detroit just to attend one of our meetings."

According to Thumb chapter Secretary Shelley

deBeaubien, USA now has more than 240 members from 13 different counties.

Lounsbury invites area hunters to the local chapter's first banquet, which is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 18, starting at 5 p.m. at the Uby Fox Hunters Club. More information is available by contacting him at (989) 872-2398 or deBeaubien at 872-5606.

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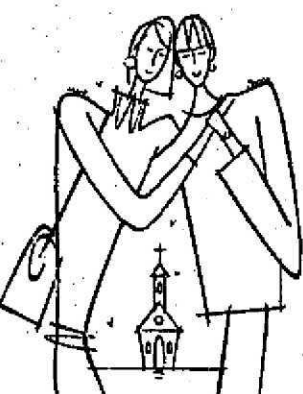
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872-5186
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: F. Robert Tucker

St. Pancratius Catholic Church
4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-3336
Saturday Liturgy 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Pastor: Father Steve Fillion

Shabbona United Methodist Church
4455 North Decker Rd.,
Decker, MI 48426
810-672-9929 (parsonage)
989-872-8094 (church)
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
UMW Monthly 1st Wed., 7:30 p.m.
Youth Group Sunday Evenings 5:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ellen Burns
Visit our website at: www.dasuparish.com

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

Cass City Church of the Nazarene
6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2604 or 872-5201
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study
& Children's Activities 7:00 p.m.
Pastor - Rev. Darold Ward

Cass City Missionary Church
4449 Koepfen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2729
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:30 p.m.
Pastor: David Edwards

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

Tuscola Technology Center



Life Long Learning

1401 Cleaver Road
Caro, MI 48723.9379

winter semester 2003

HOW TO REGISTER

Walk-in: Tuscola Technology Center
Education for Employment Services

Phone: Charge-a-course (Visa or MasterCard)
989.673.5300 ext 345 or
989.672.2224



Times for Registration:

Monday-Thursday Noon to 7:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Payment is due upon registration. Registration should be completed at least one week before class begins. Mailing your registration is not recommended because classes fill quickly. Schedule/receipts will be mailed. E-mail jsavers@tisd.k12.mi.us for additional information.

Refund Policy

For classes more than twelve weeks, 90% of total tuition will be returned after first class. 50% of total tuition will be returned after second class. No refunds will be issued after third class. If class is cancelled, a full refund will be issued.

For enrichment classes (classes less than 12 weeks in duration), 100% of tuition will be returned if student gives notification at least one week before class begins. If the class is cancelled, a full refund will be issued. Once class starts, there will be no refund.

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for more
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G.E.D. PREPARATION AND G.E.D. TESTING

Our **FREE** G.E.D. program gives adults 16 years and older the opportunity to:



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- ◆ Earn a G.E.D. certificate
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- ◆ Develop self-confidence

Students are required to complete *all* of the following three steps before taking the G.E.D. Test free of charge:

- Step #1: Registration & Orientation**
Tuesday, February 11, 2003
6:00-8:00 pm
- Step #2: Assessment Testing**
Wednesday, February 12, 2003
6:00-8:00 pm
- Step #3: Preparation Classes**
Week of Monday, February 24, 2003, class times varying

For more information, please call the G.E.D. Secretary at 989.673.5300 Ext. 357.

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Computers

All classes in this area are scheduled 6:15-8:45 pm unless otherwise noted.

Introduction to Computers

This class is designed for users with little or no computer experience. You will learn Windows 98 basics and get an overview of software applications.

Jan 22-Feb 19 #0102W Wednesday
Feb 24-Mar 31 #0102M Monday
Apr 24-May 22 #0102R Thursday
5 weeks Fee \$80

Microsoft Word (level 1)

Learn to copy, cut, paste, create, save and edit documents, as well as use format and proofreading tools.

Jan 23-Feb 20 #0110R Thursday
Apr 1-Apr 29 #0110T Tuesday
5 weeks Fee \$80 Book fee \$20

Microsoft Word (level 2)

Learn enhanced skills such as using templates creating tables, working with columns, and adding graphics to documents.

Mar 6-Apr 10 #0111R Thursday
5 weeks Fee \$80 Book fee \$20

Microsoft Excel (level 1)

This class teaches spreadsheet basics including using formulas and functions. You will know how to create, save, and edit spreadsheets within weeks.

Jan 16-Feb 13 #0108R Thursday
Apr 23-May 21 #0108W Wednesday
5 weeks Fee \$80 Book fee \$20

Microsoft Excel (level 2)

Learn advanced spreadsheet skills such as using names, working with advanced formulas and functions, and automating your work.

Feb 24-Mar 31 #0109M Monday
5 weeks Fee \$80 Book fee \$20

Microsoft Publisher

Learn to make calendars, cards, signs, brochures, flyers, and more.

Jan 20-Feb 3 #0112M Monday
May 6-May 20 #0112T Tuesday
3 weeks Fee \$50 Book Fee \$20

Microsoft PowerPoint

This computer software application can present a slide show complete with animation, music, and transition effects. It can be a real plus for any organization.

Jan 20-Feb 3 #0122M Monday
Apr 16-Apr 30 #0122W Wednesday
3 weeks Fee \$50 Book Fee \$20

Mail Merge

Do you need to know how to make form letters and mailing labels? If so, come to this one night class and learn how to create a database and use the data for a mail merge.

Prerequisite: good word processing skills.
Apr 14 #0123M Monday
1 week Fee \$25

Microsoft Access (level 1)

Students will learn steps to design a database and create reports.

Jan 21-Feb 18 #0106T Tuesday
5 weeks Fee \$80 Book Fee \$20

Microsoft Access (level 2)

Now that you have learned the basics of a database, you can learn more about creating reports, merging files, graphing and more.

Mar 4-Apr 8 #0107T Tuesday
5 weeks Fee \$80 Book Fee \$20

Basic Keyboarding

This class is designed to teach you the proper fingering techniques as well as help increase your typing speed.

Feb 27-Apr 10 #0140R Thursday
6 weeks Fee \$100

E-Mail & Attachments

Learn how to use hotmail to send and receive e-mails, attach files, photos and more.

May 8-May 22 #0159R Thursday
3 weeks Fee \$50

Quick Bytes

Forms & Templates

This class will teach you how to use forms and pre-made templates, or create your own. It can save you time for those items you create over and over.

May 7 #0157A Wednesday

Business Cards

Learn how to design your own business cards, add graphics, use word art and more.

May 14 #0157B Wednesday

Booklets

This class will give you the tips you need to lay out your pages for typing and assembling a booklet so that printing and collating run smoothly.

May 21 #0157C Wednesday
1 week each. Take one \$25 or take all three \$50.

QuickBooks Pro Basics

This class will teach you how to set up a computerized bookkeeping system. You will be able to organize your data, keep track of customers, sales, invoices, and income. Learn how to keep track of your vendors, inventory, expenses and payroll.

Jan 21-Feb 11 #0147 Tuesday
4 weeks Fee \$65 Book Fee \$40

HTML (level 1)

Take your first steps into learning the language of web pages. You will learn to create and customize your own web page. Prerequisite: computer experience.

Jan 22-Feb 19 #0142W Wednesday
5 weeks Fee \$80

HTML (level 2)

You will learn about more HTML tags and tables to make your web pages get noticed!

Mar 5-Apr 9 #0143W Wednesday
5 weeks Fee \$80

Beginning Adobe Photoshop

This class will teach you the basics of Photoshop. You will learn to work with selections, layering, painting and editing, using masks and channels, along with photo retouching. Must have computer experience.

Jan 21-Feb 25 #0145T Tuesday
Fee \$80 Book fee \$50
6 weeks 6:30-8:30 pm

Intermediate Adobe Photoshop

Learn more about color selection, applying filters, and the art of blending photos. You will also learn how to prepare your photos for print or the Web.

Jan 22-Feb 26 #0146W Wednesday
Apr 1-May 6 #0146T Tuesday
Fee \$80 Book from prior class
6 weeks 6:30-8:30 pm

Printmaster Gold 12

Learn how to create cards, brochures, calendars, use graphics, insert photos and even do some minor photo editing. Copy of the software is included with this class.

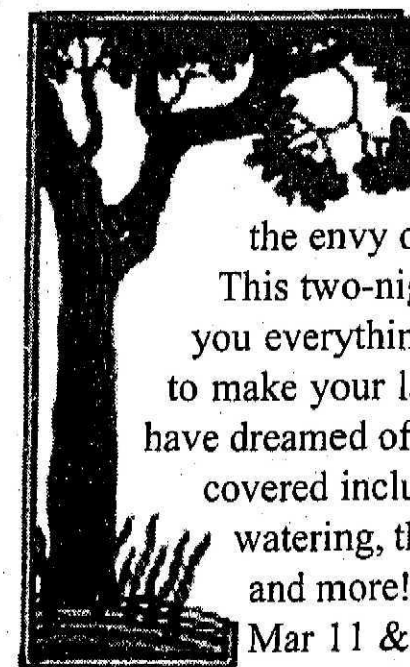
May 5-May 19 #0158M Monday
3 weeks Fee \$65

Exploring your PDA

Learn to use the key features of your handheld, including calendar, contacts, prioritized tasks, notes, graffiti and more.

Jan 23 #0144R Thursday
1 week Fee \$25

Personal Development



Lawn Care

Want to know what to do to make your yard the envy of the neighborhood? This two-night class will teach you everything you need to know to make your lawn the yard you have dreamed of having. Topics covered include soils, fertilizers, watering, thatching, mowing, and more!

Mar 11 & 12 #0604
Tuesday & Wednesday
Fee \$25 7:00-9:00 pm

Perennial Garden Care

How can I make my flower garden be a show place? Learn how to plant and care for a perennial garden. Learn how to select, plant, prune, and divide perennials. Find out what soils and fertilizers are best for your flower gardens. This two-night class will have you enjoying flowers from early spring until the fall frosts.

Apr 8 & 9 #0605 Tuesday & Wednesday
Fee \$25 7:00-9:00 pm

Knitting Basics

Learn knitting techniques such as cast-on, knit, purl, increase and decrease, bind off and other basic stitches. Learn to change colors and read patterns. Bring needles and yarn to class.

Apr 3-Apr 24 #0453 Thursday
4 Weeks Fee \$40 6:30-8:30 pm

Therapeutic Water Exercise

No swimming skills are needed. Water exercising is terrific for beginners and those who are physically fit.

Jan 27-Apr 14 #0502M 4:00-5:00 pm
Monday
Feb 5-Apr 16 #0502W 5:00-6:00 pm
Wednesday 10 weeks Fee \$40

Therapeutic Water Wakeup

This class is the same as the Therapeutic Water Exercise class, but is for those early risers who want to start their day with exercise.

Feb 6-Apr 17 #0502R 6:45-7:45 am
Thursday 10 weeks Fee \$40

Valentine Bouquets

Enjoy an evening of fun and creativity. Create a beautiful bouquet for your home or special sweetie. Make three different Valentine's Day arrangements. Fresh flowers & greens will be used for two and silk flowers for the third. Come be creative, and show the one you love how you say it and create it with flowers. Instructor will supply materials. No prior experience is needed. Fun for all!

Feb 12 #0602 Wednesday
Fee \$40 7:00-9:00 pm

Easter Arrangements

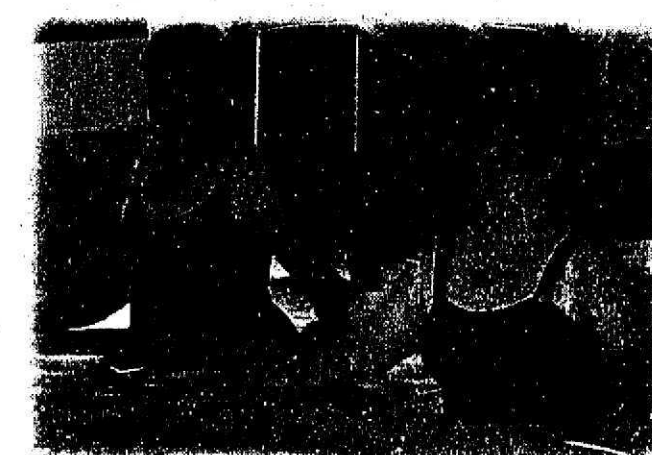
Hop into the Easter season with floral arrangements to brighten your table. Each student will design three arrangements, two from cut flowers & greens, one from silk. These arrangements will last for weeks. Instructor will supply materials.

Come join the fun!
Apr 16 #0603 Wednesday
Fee \$40 7:00-9:00 pm

Crocheting Basics

Learn to chain stitch, single, double, shell, and other basic stitches. Learn to read patterns. Once you learn these basic stitches you can make anything from doilies to afghans. Bring a size G crochet hook and a skein of yarn to class.

Apr 1-Apr 22 #0454 Tuesday
4 Weeks Fee \$40 6:30-8:30 pm



This class is held in the warm water pool and whirlpool of Highland Pines School.

The Art of Drawing

Have you always wanted to draw or improve on your skills? Susan Campbell, art instructor, has taught this class on the college level and will not only teach you the art of drawing, but also the psychology behind the skill. Come to class with a large sketch book, pencils and eraser. Supply list will be given at the first class.

Feb 6-Apr 10 #0452 Thursday
Fee \$100 Book Fee \$30
10 weeks 6:00-8:00 pm

Scrapbooking

Wonder how to make those photos and special items into lasting memories? This certified art teacher will assist you with composition and color choices and help you with drawing so you can personalize your scrapbook pages. Turn your special memories into family heirlooms.

Feb 19-Mar 19 #0450 Wednesday
5 weeks Fee \$40 6:30-9:00 pm

Beginning Sign Language

A beginning course in signed communication, American Sign Language (ASL)

Jan 28-Mar 11 #0305B Tuesday
7 weeks Fee \$45 6:30-8:30 pm
Book Fee \$35

Intermediate Sign Language

Students must have completed Beginning Sign Language. This class will provide a working knowledge of sign language concepts and

communication.
Apr 1-May 13 #0305I Tuesday
7 weeks Fee \$45 6:30-8:30 pm

Matwork Pilates

This series of mat exercises are designed to promote core strength, flexibility, good posture, and improve body awareness. Concentration, quality and precision of movements are emphasized. This requires attention to breath, head, neck alignment, scapula movement, rib cage and pelvic movement. Come join us and learn how to tune into your body! Bring your own mat or blanket to class.

Jan 29-Mar 19 #0504A Wednesday
Apr 2-May 21 #0504B Wednesday
4:00-4:45 pm 8 weeks Fee \$48

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Senior Citizens

Seniors Introduction to Computers (level 1)

If you are 50+ years old, this class is where you take your first steps into computing. It is for those who have very little or no computer experience. Learn about the very basics of a computer and how to use Windows 98.

Jan 21-Feb 18	#0119T	Tuesday
Mar 6-Apr 10	#0119R	Thursday
4:30-6:00 pm	5 weeks	Fee \$45

Seniors Introduction to Computers (level 2)

In this class, you will learn some basic skills and sample the beginning steps to several software programs as well as learning to surf the internet.

Jan 22-Feb 19	#0115W	Wednesday
Mar 4-Apr 8	#0115T	Tuesday
4:30-6:00 pm	5 weeks	Fee \$45

Senior E-mail

Here is your chance to get your own web-based e-mail address and learn to use it. You will log into the network at TTC to send and receive your own hotmail e-mail! Learn to use an address book, e-mail groups, how to attach a document or picture, avoid viruses and more!

Jan 20-Feb 3	#0117M	Monday
May 6-May 10	#0117T	Tuesday
4:30-6:00 pm	3 weeks	Fee \$30

Seniors Microsoft Word (level 1)

Learn to use word processing software to write great letters! They will be ready to e-mail too! You will need to take "Seniors Introduction to Computers" prior to taking this class.

Mar 5-Apr 9	#0152W	Wednesday
4:30-6:00 pm	5 weeks	Fee \$45

Seniors Microsoft Excel (level 1)

Nothing handles money data like a computer. In this class, you will learn to use spreadsheet software to keep track of your financial condition. You will need to take "Seniors Introduction to Computers" prior to taking this class.

Jan 23-Feb 20	#1054R	Thursday
Feb 24-Mar 31	#0154M	Monday
4:30-6:00 pm	5 weeks	Fee \$45

Seniors Microsoft Publisher

Learn how to use Publisher software to make great signs, letterhead, brochures and more. You can do it!

May 8-May 22	#0153R	Thursday
4:30-6:00 pm	3 weeks	Fee \$30

Seniors PrintMaster Gold 12

Using computer graphics is fun and easy. You will learn to use clip art, symbols, drawing tools, and more! Learn to touch up your own photos and turn them into prints, cards, etc. You will receive the PrintMaster Gold software to install on your home computer.

May 5-May 19	#0151M	Monday
4:30-6:00 pm	3 weeks	Fee \$30

Therapeutic Water Exercise

No swimming skills are needed. Water exercising is terrific for beginners and those who are physically fit.

Jan 27-Apr 14	#0502M	4:00-5:00 pm	Monday
Feb 5-Apr 16	#0502W	5:00-6:00 pm	Wednesday
10 weeks			Fee \$40

Therapeutic Water Wakeup

Wake up and get going with this early morning Therapeutic Water Exercise class.

Feb 6-Apr 17	#0502R	6:15-7:15 am	Wednesday
10 weeks			Fee \$40

Healthy Senior Series

Presented by Hills & Dales Hospital

Chair Aerobics

Calling all seniors who want to get moving again, make new friends, and feel better about yourself. Join this new chair aerobics class and get stronger and more flexible. Bring set of light dumbbells to class.

Jan 28-Mar 18	#0503A	Tuesday
Apr 1-May 20	#0503B	Tuesday
4:00-4:45 pm	8 weeks	Fee \$24

Matwork Pilates

This series of mat exercises are designed to promote core strength, flexibility, good posture, and improve body awareness. Concentration, quality and precision of movements are emphasized. This requires attention to breath, head, neck alignment, scapula movement, rib cage and pelvic movement. Come join us and learn how to tune into your body! Bring your own mat or blanket to class.

Jan 29-Mar 19	#0504A	Wednesday
Apr 2-May 21	#0504B	Wednesday
4:00-4:45 pm	8 weeks	Fee \$48

Healthy Heart Nutrition

Learn about low fat, low cholesterol, low sodium diets. Learn which fats are the healthiest ones. What is cholesterol and where can you find it? Learn how to replace fats in recipes.

May 8	#0702	Thursday
4:00-5:00 pm	1 week	Fee \$7

Diabetes Nutrition

This class will cover carbohydrate counting, label reading, portion sizes, and artificial sweeteners. Successful tips for restaurant dining and holiday meals will also be discussed.

May 15	#0703	Thursday
4:00-5:00 pm	1 week	Fee \$7

General Nutrition For The Older American

This class will touch on topics such as calcium and osteoporosis, vitamin/mineral requirements & supplementation, foods that help arthritis and the benefits of soy.

May 22	#0704	Thursday
4:00-5:00 pm	1 week	Fee \$7

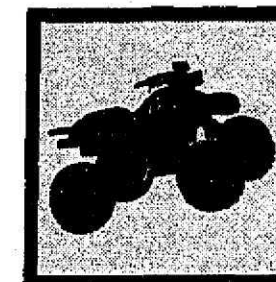
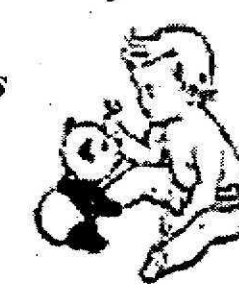
Youth Activities

Babysitting Training

Become American Red Cross Certified.

This class is open to students ages 11 & up. Students will learn safe and successful ways of taking care of children & infants.

May 21 & 22	#0904	6:00-9:00 pm
Fee \$30		Wednesday & Thursday



Pending Grant Approval

All-Terrain Vehicle Rider and Safety Education Training

This 7 hour program consists of 4 hours of classroom instruction and 3 hours of range riding experience. It is designed for riders who request training for the purpose of obtaining an ORV safety certificate, individuals who want to learn how to operate the vehicle safely, and individuals seeking to reduce the cost of vehicle insurance. Classes will be held in May if the grant is approved.

Call for more information 989.672.2224

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Nondiscrimination
In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, it is the policy of the Tuscola Intermediate School District that no person shall, on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, marital status, height, weight, arrest record, and familial status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any program or activity or employment. Inquiries regarding this policy should be directed to the Tuscola ISD Superintendent, 1385 Cleaver Road, Caro, Michigan 48723. (989) 673-2144.

Tiny Tots Swim

Swimming made fun for the 2-5 year old. Children must be accompanied by a parent the pool.

Jan 27-Apr 14	#0501M	5:15-6:15 pm	Monday
Feb 5-Apr 16	#0501W	6:15-7:15 pm	Wednesday
10 weeks			Fee \$40



Karate for Kids

This program is open to children ages 5 and up. Classes will be held on Thursdays beginning January 23. Cost \$40

Walk-in Registration at Tuscola Technology Center Thursday, January 16 from 5:30-7:30 pm.

No early registrations. No registrations by phone. For more information call 989.823.2582

Class Schedule Winter 2003

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