



Forensic team wins state championship

STATE CHAMPIONS!
The Cass City High School forensic team walked off with the state championship Saturday at Central Michigan University, competing with 51 schools for the coveted class C title in front of an estimated 1,000 spectators.

The team competed with students from class B as well as class C and D. The Hawks totaled 187 points. Second place went to Grand Rapids City with 159 and third place was won by defending champion Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Leading the 11 students who survived the district and regional competition was Leslie Hacker, who was first overall in informative speaking.

Eric Hanby was 4th overall in sales speaking, but first in class C. Joe Lounsbury was third in story telling, first in class C. Sarah Langmaid was 4th in sales for 9th and 10th graders and Leah Sherman was sixth in sales for 9th and 10th graders.

The satisfying victory came after endless hours of practice by dedicated team members. Coach Chad Daniels said that he or another staff member was at the school until 11 p.m. so that the team could use the facilities to practice.

And practice they did. The team traveled to a meet in Florida Oct. 31. Daniels said it is almost like a practice where we test our stuff and see what we have to do.

The team started to lock in with practices in January. Daniels said meets during the session were held in various areas of the state. We did that, he explained, so we could find out just what the judges in the various areas were looking for.

With that knowledge, the team adjusted to presentations in both the acting and the speaking divisions. In the regionals at Saginaw Lutheran Seminary, representatives from 24 schools worked for the opportunity to make it to the state finals.

The tournament trail started with the districts in Bad Axe where 7 schools competed. In the regionals at Saginaw Lutheran Seminary, representatives from 24 schools worked for the opportunity to make it to the state finals.

See how they do it. Special demonstration by forensic team slated Thursday, May 15 at the high school.

Eight of Cass City's 11 students in the state competition advanced to the semi-finals, with 5 in the finals.

It is estimated that the total hours spent after school by various team members averaged 20 hours 5 nights a week. It was a lot of work, team members quickly agreed. And yes, we were nervous, they said without hesitation.

The practice continued when Daniels was in the hos-

pital. The students videotaped their presentation and it was reviewed by the coach from the hospital bed.

Co-captains of the team were Leslie Hacker and Eric Hanby.

Best of all for Cass City supporters is that it's not out of the question that Cass City could repeat next year. Only one of the state finalists, Joe Lounsbury, graduates this year.

STATE CHAMPIONS - The Cass City High School forensic team won it all at the state finals held at Central Michigan University Saturday. From left, front row: Leah Sherman, Leslie Hacker, Sarah Langmaid and Angela Stoeckle. Second row: Melissa Zmierski, Stephanie Richards, Nichole McComas, Noal Powell and Jessica Covarrubias. Third row: Coach Chad Daniels, Kenny Spencer, Eric Hanby, Amanda Sullins and Joseph Lounsbury.

Gavel Club celebrating its 60-year anniversary

Submitted by Dick Wallace

This marks the 60-year anniversary of the Cass City Gavel Club. It was initially formed by a group of Cass City men who wanted to belong to a civic group, but found none available! The only active group was the Rotary Club, but their by-laws were strictly adhered to - mainly - only one member from a line of business! In my father's case (Buz Wallace), he could never be a Rotarian because the allocation for a banker was filled by his boss - M. Auten.

The charter group of about 30 men set up the club using the guidelines of the Saginaw Toastmaster's Club. Each member was expected to preside over his program and then receive a critique after his talk. The central theme of the group however, was to give service to the community of Cass City. Since this was governed by local guidelines not subject to state or national sanctions, all project proceeds were returned 100 percent to our locality.

Their initial community project was to build toys in the 40s when (because of the restrictions from World War II) toys were not available.

The first really large civic project was to provide an athletic complex for the school. The park area (owned by the Village) was completely renovated. Established was:

- * A new lighted football field that included drainage.
- * A cinder track encircling the football field.
- * A lighted softball diamond at the north end of the football field.
- * An updated baseball diamond.
- * Two tennis courts with backstops and shuffleboard courts.

The club sold bonds to fund this project and then collected gate fees for softball and football games for several years to work off the debt. The great majority of our projects have been related to our beautiful Cass City park

area. All projects have been possible because of a close concert of a working cooperative with both the school

and the Village of Cass City. Other projects through the years include:

1. Chartering the Cub Scouts
2. Establishing the Gavel

and continuing to support them to date. Please turn to back page.

Gagetown ready for new water system

Gagetown officials hope to see work begin soon on a major water system upgrade in the village.

The village recently announced plans to issue and sell about \$1 million in bonds to finance the project, which includes a new well, related pumps and a well house, replacement and extension of water mains, and a facelift for the existing water tower.

"They're finishing up the

preliminaries so they can let out the bids," Village President Charles Wright said of the village's engineering firm, Wade Trim. "They want to do it this year. They thought they'd have the bidding done in April."

The project is being funded through the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. Federal officials last August announced funding for 376 projects nationwide,

including the Gagetown water system improvements.

The village was awarded a \$568,000 loan and a \$262,000 grant for the project, which will include removal of lead-based paint from the water tower and replacement of existing wells that have arsenic above the standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Gagetown residents cur- Please turn to back page.

Gail Tuckey: Natural soaps way to go

Gail Tuckey hasn't bought a bar of soap in a year and a half, and she has no plans to in the future.

That's not to say the Cass City woman and her family have given up bathing. In fact, Tuckey has embraced a more natural approach by making her own soaps, one batch at a time, in her kitchen.

"I've been doing it for a year now. (My sister-in-law) Beth Haglund helped me get started," said Tuckey, who is turning the hobby into a part-time small business she calls "Heavenly Suds."

"I think it's a gift from God - letting me do this," she said. "My main thing is soap, but I also make lip balm, body balm, bath salts, body butter, and then the liquid soap. I also make a mosquito repellent."

"After Beth showed me how to do it, we started using it, and the difference between this soap and store bought soap... it doesn't dry out your skin and it doesn't have the chemicals," Tuckey added. "And I've noticed they last almost twice as long as a normal bar of soap, which was amazing to me."

Tuckey creates a variety of scented soaps and bath salts, including lavender, peppermint, lemon, an oatmeal-beeswax combination, eucalyptus, chamomile, oatmeal, and ylang ylang.

She also makes goats milk soap and coffee soap.

"It's very popular," Tuckey said of the goats milk. "It just seals in the moisture in your skin. I can't keep that on hand, between friends and

family. Coffee soap is really good for garlic and onions - taking the smell away.

"I use all pure, essential oils in my soaps," she noted. "They're all natural oils. The only chemical in them is lye. Everything else is natural."

Tuckey uses a soap-making process known as "cold pressing" that involves heating 2 different mixtures - one consisting of oils and the other lye and water. After they reach 120 to 150 degrees, she mixes them together and stirs until they reach the right consistency. After that it's a matter of pouring the mixture into molds.

"It takes about an hour and a half to make one batch of soap, and then it takes 3 weeks to dry," she said, adding one batch will yield about a dozen 3-ounce bars.

The wife and mother of 3 children says natural soaps are growing in popularity. It's a trend she hopes will continue. Her products are already being sold at 2 local businesses, Sutter's Baker and the Cass City Mini Mall. Friends and family are also keeping her busy with orders.

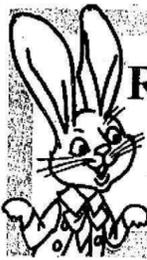
"I'm trying to do it as a small business," she said. "It takes quite a while to make a batch, so it's nothing that's going to be that big."

Even if the business doesn't work out, Tuckey plans to continue enjoying her hobby.

"I like the results," she said. "We've been using them for a year and a half, and we would never go back to store bought soap."



GAIL TUCKEY displays a selection of the natural soaps, bath salts and other skin cleansing and moisturizing products she makes in her Cass City home. "We've been using them for a year and a half, and we would never go back to store bought soap," she said.



Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

There's a reason why I was not surprised when I encountered Dick Szarapski last week and he announced that he shot a big tom turkey on opening day. The reason is that I know that Dick is the Michael Jordan of the hunting-fishing fraternity.

In addition to his reports of success in hunting deer, I can personally attest to his prowess among fishermen.

Szarapski occasionally went with us on stream fishing trips to northern Michigan and I could never figure out how he caught trout when none of the rest of us did.

When the resignation of Sherry Dillon was officially accepted by the Cass City School Board, casual discussion of her career revealed that she always wanted a hug from her first grade students at the end of the year.

At the annual school prom, Supt. Ken Micklash said, there must have been at least 50 students who made it a point of giving her another hug on her retirement. Since she has been in the district 29 years, the odds are great that many of them were in her class. It's a fitting tribute to her work in the classroom.

The 5 fourth grade members of the student council who cut the ribbon at the Regional Education Media Center had more than the honor of participating in the event (see story). The students and their teacher, Beth Howard, received pizza and pop before the big noon event.

Calendar of Events

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

Friday, May 9

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

Monday, May 12

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
TOPS meets at the Detroit Edison building. Weigh in is from 6-6:30 p.m. Meeting is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. If you have a little weight to lose come join us.

Tuesday, May 13

Antique Bus Trip, 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. sponsored by the Friends of Rawson Memorial Library. Tickets still available.
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.



EARTH DAY CELEBRATION! Chemical Bank observed Earth Day by purchasing trees from the Tuscola County Conservation District and donating them to customers. Above: Mary Lou Earl (left) of the Tuscola County Conservation District and Frank Preba (center) accepting a tree from Michele M. Pohlod of Chemical Bank.

Hobbs attend sons' graduations

Jim and Deb Hobbs, along with daughter Sara, attended the graduation celebrations of David and Sam Hobbs over the weekend.

David graduated from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science

in biology on Saturday.

On Sunday, the Hobbs attended Sam's graduation ceremony from Wayne State

University. Sam completed his Masters in social work.

Both Hobbs graduated cum laude.



The going has been easy at Cass City High School because of the great influx of money for education that the district enjoyed when the major funding shifted from property tax to the present funding primarily through a sales tax increase.

It became easier to tax ourselves for a new middle school building and a bulging surplus in the general fund enabled the school to pave parking lots, build the Early Childhood Development Center and the addition to Campbell Elementary School.

True, the school borrowed \$400,000 to finish the addition, but the money is being repaid with general fund (operating) money. It is being repaid at the rate of \$100,000 a year. There will be \$100,000 left to pay next spring and after that the school will have \$100,000 more for operation.

That doesn't mean, of course, that the total general fund revenues available will increase by that amount. Lower enrollment is costly. With payment from the state of \$6,700 for each student, the loss of 15 students would eat up the money.

Normal increase in operating costs will shrink the total available for curriculum as the state is freezing the payment for each student.

Three years or so ago 2 proposals under consideration would have been easily adopted. Both have merit, both are costly. The first is to build a new building properly equipped for weight training for \$90,000, of which the school would pay just \$25,000. The second is to hire an additional high school band teacher to try and revive the slumping band program.

When the board considers these proposals, the crux of the problems will be whether or not they are problem solvers and can the school afford the extra cost. The board should be aware that when the current weight room was established it didn't prove to be the panacea that supporters expected. The band flourished under the direction of Jason Smigell, who left in 1999, but before that the numbers were not great.

Still, if the school can wring the money out of the budget without dipping into the contingency fund it's worth a try.

Nothing ventured, nothing gained.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

I don't know what came over me. I like crappie (pronounced "croppie"), but these were only seven inches long.

I kept them anyway. It was like I was starving!

Anyone who fishes for crappie knows you don't cut many steaks out of a seven-inch. The person who keeps a mess of them is creating a big job for himself.

I tend to blame the sturgeon for my hunger pangs. I had been fishing for sturgeon all spring - and turning them loose. When I finally caught something I could eat, I just went berserk.

The area where I fish has a "slot limit" for sturgeon and no limit on crappies. A person is allowed one sturgeon per day, but they have to be more than 48 inches and less than 60 inches long.

The game department calls that a slot limit. I call it tormenting the fishermen.

This spring I released one sturgeon that was 64 inches (about 60 pounds). Another that was more than six feet. And one that was 1 inch short of 48 inches.

If you want to see tears in the eyes of a fish-eater, just watch him turn loose a 47-inch sturgeon.

I don't mind following the rules, though. I always tell my fishing buddies, "If we really needed fish, we would go to the grocery."

Still, the longer I fished, the hungrier I got!

Crappies are different. There are lots of them, and we aren't trying to wipe them out.

Besides, one can always use the analogy my brother-in-law employs. When Larry catches a small fish he says, "Well, it's bigger than a butter bean, isn't it?"

That's what I figured, "They're bigger than a butter bean, or a crawdad for that matter."

A recent trip to Louisiana taught me about butter beans and crawfish. There are so many crawfish in the state of Louisiana a person can't go anywhere without someone trying to feed him some.

My wife and I watched folks go through a buffet line in Lake Charles where crawfish were the major draw. These people carried huge plates, piled high with the bug-eyed crustaceans. I couldn't tell if folks in that

part of the country eat so many crawfish because they like them, or if they are just trying to get rid of them. My wife and I had crawfish in several dishes, but we never got around to the real animal - shell and all.

My son and his friends tried the real thing many years ago. The boys rigged up a piece of bacon on a string and went crawdad fishing. By the time they quit, they had a five-gallon bucket full of crawfish and persuaded one of the moms to cook the catch.

It was about lunchtime

when the boys started eating, but the longer they ate the hungrier they got! Russ says the crawdads tasted fine, but the boys finally went to the cupboard and made themselves a peanut butter sandwich.

Our crawfish are as big as those Louisiana crawfish. No wonder those folks have to eat so many.

That's what I thought when I cleaned my crappies. I would slice off a little three-inch fillet and say, "Man look at the meat on this one! That's bigger than a butter bean, isn't it?"

The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	62	32	0
Wednesday	54	45	.85"
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DON DOERR of Doerr Landscaping lays bricks out in a circular pattern at a new mini-park being developed in the vacant lot between the former NAPA store and Fairway last week. The Cass City Rotary Club and Pinney Foundation are financing the \$10,000 project, which will include landscaping, benches and lighting. The goal is to complete the work in time for Cass City's open house, scheduled for May 31.

Obituaries

John Kraus Jr.

John D. Kraus Jr., 15, of Deford, died unexpectedly Wednesday, April 30, 2003, in his home.

He was born Aug. 14, 1987, in Mt. Clemens to John D. Kraus Sr. and Cynthia (VanWormer) Kraus.

He attended Kingston Community School. He is survived by his parents, Cynthia (Daniel) Girlish Jr. of Deford and John (Audrey) Kraus Sr. of Warren; sisters, Sarah Dewitt of California, Amanda (Robert) Mourello of Roseville and Sara Farley of Deford; one nephew and 2 nieces; grandparents, Lois and Jerry Lajish of Lake Somerset, Barbara and David Kraus of Roseville and Dan and Linda Girlish of Warren; great-grandmother, Verge Lajish of Estero, Fla.; uncles, Jack Couch of Texas, Tom (Sandy) Couch of Big

Rapids and Tim (Karen) Couch of Naples, Fla.; aunts, Deborah (Bill) Neaton of Stockbridge, Tonja Taylor of Warren and Tracy (Dan) Demanski of Richmond; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by an uncle, Richard Kraus, and grandfather and grandmother, Jack and Delores VanWormer.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 4 at Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston, with Pastor Len Wyatt of the Kingston Wesleyan Church officiating. John's cremated remains will be buried in Somerset Cemetery with his grandparents.

Memorials may be made to the Cass River Pet FriendZ, or Kingston Wesleyan Church Youth Group. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

Anna (Ludwig) Steinmann. She married Donald R. Lorentzen September 10, 1933 in Peck. He died March 10, 1982.

Lorentzen previously worked part time at Cass City Floral. She was a member of Cass City United Methodist Church for over 50 years. She was a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Echo Chapter. She served as a member of the American Cancer Society Tuscola Board for many years. She served on the Hills & Dales Hospital Auxiliary. She played piano for silent movies.

She is survived by her children: Anne Marie Lorentzen of Saginaw, Richard (Nancy) Lorentzen of Clio, Donald (Joyce) Lorentzen of Sun City AZ; 4 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, Charles; brothers: Fred and Walter; sisters: Anna and Christine.

Funeral Services were held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, May 8, 2003 at Cass City United Methodist Church, with the Rev. George Ward of Cass City United Methodist Church and the Rev. Doug Loeffler of State Street United Methodist Church officiating. Interment is in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Cass City United Methodist Church (Saginaw), or American Cancer Society. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Hazel Seeley

Hazel J. Seeley, 90, of Cass City, died Friday, May 2, 2003 in Tuscola County Medical Care Facility. She was born June 11, 1912 in Cass City to Homer and Eva (Brown) Hower. She married Hollis C. Seeley September 5, 1936 in Dearborn. He died January 18, 1967.

Seeley attended County Normal and received her teaching certificate. She taught school in country schools for six years. She was a member of the Cass City Art Club. She had the longest continuous membership in Salem United Methodist Church, now Cass City United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her daughters: Sherry Seeley of Cass City and Janis Seeley of Cass City; 4 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; sister, Audrey Katzenberger of Cass City; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, Charles Seeley; daughter, Kathleen Seeley; infant sisters: Alvah and Ruth; sisters: Helen Hower and Betty Kirn.

Funeral Services were held Monday, May 5, 2003 at Cass City United Methodist Church, with the Rev. George Ward officiating. Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Cass City United Methodist Church. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

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Letters to the editor

Papovich: my letter misread

I must commend Mr. Yax for responding to my letter with a passion which those who I meant to offend obviously do not possess. Unfortunately, Mr. Yax read much into my letter that really wasn't there.

It is not untypical of liberals and socialists to put words in their opponent's mouths or letters and then to criticize the words that were never spoken or written. To address every mistake and contradiction in his confused thought processes would take a book, so I'll concentrate on only a few.

To begin, I neither stated nor implied that if you were not a Real-American you had to be a Socialist-American. I simply stated the truth: the "exact opposites" of Real-Americans are Socialist-Americans. There are many Americans in the middle who don't know what they are and, like the Socialist-Americans, don't know they don't know.

The so-called junk in the sculptor's yard in Florida wasn't infecting any of his neighbor's properties. And it certainly wasn't dangerous or affecting anyone's health.

It is, in fact, government's primary job to protect the people but only when they need protecting. I just assumed everyone would understand that "absolute property rights" means we all should have the right to do as we please on our own property so long as we do not infringe on the other guy's absolute property rights. "Not infringing" works both ways.

Nobody has the right to impose their will upon others which is precisely what socialists do. How might socialists force independent, free-thinking, non-conformers to comply with their "economic plan?" At the point of a gun, Mr. Yax... Tyranny (i.e. King George) And whose gun? The government's gun. You can't separate the 2 simply by calling socialism an economic plan.

The following information is not difficult to research: World-wide in the 20th century well in excess of 100 million non-conforming, innocent civilians were murdered at the hands of socialist governments. Generally, the most educated free-thinkers were eliminated first because they were the biggest philosophical threat to the extremely "primitive" philosophy of socialism.

Karl Marx (basically a lazy bum who never worked a day to support his own family and who would've benefited tremendously from his wealth redistribution scheme) may be given credit for its introduction, but socialism has been here since the beginning of time and has never succeeded, particularly when it's mixed with democracy.

John Adams said: "Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide."

Historically, all democracies have eventually "committed suicide" by the self-righteous individuals within those societies convincing the gullible majority to vote for more and more socialist policies. That's precisely why it's extremely detrimental to the concept of liberty to mix them. That's precisely why the Framers created a constitutionally limited Republic instead of a democracy, hoping the people would be vigilant and wise enough to keep it. Unfortunately, we have been neither.

The age-old tribal mentality of Socialism/Communism (community property) was tried very early in this country. It was a total disaster that ended in near starvation for an entire community because of the lazy bums within the community who shared Karl Marx's philosophy long before he was born. Democracy mixed with Socialism creates an aura of moral legitimacy for acts that would otherwise be considered tyranny. So yes, Socialist Americans are a threat to Real-Americans. They are a threat to freedom, to property rights and to the very principles on which this country was founded.

And Canada a "non-socialist nation?" Fortunately, there have been rumors recently that Canada is slowly weaning itself from Socialism, but where have you been for the past few decades?? Apparently, Canadians who can afford the best health care come to the United States for treatment because Canada has such a great national health care system, right?

I don't recall criticizing any of our Armed Forces in any way whatsoever. I've been a member at a time when it was extremely unpopular to wear the uniform.

Concerning the 2nd Amendment: I never suggested that we should "own a gun in order to blast anyone who steps into our yard and tells us we should mow our lawns", etc. The Framers guaranteed our right to "keep and bear arms" for "the security of a free state" to protect our state, our persons and our property against any type of thug or tyrant, particularly oppressive government thugs and tyrants.

George Washington acknowledged that the 2nd Amendment was written so "the people would effectually oppose the introduction of tyranny." The introduction of tyranny by whom? Obviously by government because only government can "introduce" tyranny. Numerous quotes from the Framers (original intent) will confirm this. This information is not difficult to research, either.

And, Mr. Yax, in a free, Capitalist society, it's impossible to have a monopoly. Some entrepreneur, given the freedom, will always compete for the consumer's business with better, cheaper goods or high gas mileage, etc. The only entities that can create monopolies are governments, and they have. As a matter of fact government is

a monopoly, charging us, by force, unreasonable prices often times for unnecessary services.

"From each according to his ability to each according to his needs" may make you and the Karl Marxes of this world feel all warm and fuzzy, but that convoluted philosophy can only lead to the moral and mental decay of a society. In effect, you want the government to take, by force, something from your neighbor who has and give it to those who have not. That not only encourages government to steal property from those who earned it, but discourages those who earned that property from working hard to earn more

and also discourages the have-nots from working for their own property. Why work for it when the government gives it to you for free after stealing it from your neighbor who worked so hard for it?

As I stated before, an experiment with this primitive concept nearly wiped out some of the early settlers in this country. Only Capitalism and the freedom to keep what they produced for themselves saved them. Even the Karl Marx protégés had no choice but to produce if they wanted to survive.

(To avoid any further misunderstandings by the bleeding heart liberals: The ex-

ceptions being those who are physically or mentally incapable of self-support).

According to our God and our Constitution we are all created equal - of equal value - but not necessarily of equal ability.

It's certainly not for me to determine if any particular citizen is a Real-American or a Socialist-American. But it is obvious to me that, in perfect harmony with the vast majority, you are a bright but very confused, uninformed American who will convince many other very confused, uninformed Americans that you actually made some good points.

Bob Papovich
Cass City

Please do not change Chronicle

I read Mr. Gohsman's letter, I can only say: PLEASE DON'T CHANGE THE CHRONICLE!!

I was grateful to read your response. I have lived away from Cass City a few times. I always got "My Chronicle" in the mail. I needed the "hometown news". I am back to stay.

Elaine LaJoie

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

Helen Lorentzen

Helen G. Lorentzen, 90, of Saginaw, formerly of Cass City, died Sunday, May 4, 2003 in her daughter's home. She was born April 28, 1913 in Laurel to Charles and

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Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 9, 2003.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2003, IS MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

Teresa Rabideau
Secretary, Board of Education

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Tuscola County Circuit court cases

Alissa's Article

by Alissa Pasant



If you read my article earlier this year about the MEAP money, you would know that as of right now every Cass City High School student has the opportunity to earn a \$2,500 scholarship award from the state of Michigan. This money will be sent to the college that the student chooses. The way the student can do this is by taking and passing the MEAP test with a level 1 or level 2 score. To be eligible, a student must take the MEAP High School Tests in mathematics, reading, science, and writing. Last week and the rest of this week the juniors at the high school have been taking this test hoping to earn the money when they graduate and that it will still be available.

The MEAP mathematics test is an untimed test that evaluates the abilities of students to solve problems, make connections, reason, understand concepts, and carry out procedures in mathematics and communication. This test is made up of multiple-choice and constructed-response questions.

The MEAP science test evaluates the abilities of students. This untimed test is arranged in clusters. Two clusters for Life Science, Earth Science, Physical Science, along with two integrated clusters, which are a text-criticism cluster and an investigation cluster. The test also has 13 independent multiple-choice items. The multiple-choice items challenge the students to apply fundamental scientific concepts, principles, and processes to select the correct response. These questions are shifted toward depth of understanding instead of trivial bits of scientific information. Constructed response items allow the students to show all they know in any way that they can, using sentences, phrases, lists, pictures, or diagrams.

Reading is also an untimed part of the MEAP test. This reading test has 2 parts to it. Part 1 requires the student to read several selections linked to a common theme and answer multiple-choice questions about these selections. Some questions will

deal with only one reading selection. Other questions will make connections between two or more selections. These questions cover all aspects of reading, which are: determining plot, setting, main idea, analyzing characters, making comparisons and drawing conclusions. Part 2 of the reading test presents a situation or scenario to think about and a question related to the scenario. The student is asked to write a one to four page essay responding to this question, using information from the part 1 reading selections and the student's own ideas to support the position taken on the scenario question.

The only test that is timed is the writing part of the MEAP test. This test also has two parts to it. Part 1 is on-demand reporting and reflecting. Students report, reflect, and respond to a prompt that asks them to write about some aspect of their own writing, in general and specific to a piece(s) of their writing portfolio. This piece will be scored as a first draft. Part 2 is composing and communicating meaning. Students are asked to respond to a prompt that connects to an open-ended theme or concept, and invites them to write about it or of their own experience and observation. This piece will be scored as a polished draft.

The last part of the MEAP test is social studies. This consists of history, geography, civics, and economics. All responses in this test will require students to remember what they have learned and to analyze information presented by the prompt.

There are 3 parts to this test: selected, constructed, and extended. The selected part is multiple-choice. Constructed is when the student has to generate a reply that they have created based upon their prior knowledge and information presented in a prompt at the time of testing. The last part is extended. This is where the students compose an essay that addresses a public policy issue. In order to receive full credit for their answer, the student must include what they know from history, geography, civics, economics, and their understanding of core democratic values of American democracy in their response.

If the student doesn't pass all of the test the first time there are at least 2 other chances during their senior year to retake the parts that they didn't pass so they can get the scholarship before they graduate. Many students at the high school feel that this test is very important even though it takes a long time, and it is a lot of hard work.

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

*Steven C. Joy, 46, Fostoria, received a one-year delayed sentence for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and possession of a controlled substance (marijuana) Sept. 1 in Watertown Township.

He was ordered to serve 12 months probation and pay \$970 in court costs and fines.

*Terry J. Lorenz, 34, Vassar, pleaded guilty to larceny of firearms Nov. 18 in Arabela Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$3,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Matthew E. Kucharczyk, 24, Gageton, stood mute to a charge of violating the Sex Offenders Registry Act by failing to promptly notify law enforcement of his change of address Feb. 12 in Elkland Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case. Bond was continued at \$8,000.

*David J. Killinger, 45, Caro, stood mute to charges of second degree criminal sexual conduct and attempted second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 Feb. 3 in Wells Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$15,000.

*Franklin D. Hatfield Jr., 44, Vassar, stood mute to charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and domestic violence March 26 in Vassar.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$5,000.

*Herbert A. Miller, 18, an inmate at the Midland County Detention Facility, stood mute to 2 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct involving victims under the age of 13 years between May 17, 2001, and Feb. 12, 2002, in Vassar Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$500,000.

*Mark A. Smith, 22, Caro, pleaded guilty to writing a no account check for \$37.89 between Aug. 14 and Aug. 20 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.

*Clifford T. Hill, 29, Caro, pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer and domestic violence April 9 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$15,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to

be scheduled.

*Dmarquis J. Monroe, 21, Saginaw, was sentenced to 30 days in jail (15 days deferred), with work release, and 12 months probation for a plea of no contest to attempted larceny in a building July 20 in Vassar.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$770 plus a \$150 forensics fee.

*Anngie L. Mitchell, 22, Millington, was sentenced to 30 days in jail (deferred) and 6 months probation for her plea of guilty to carrying a concealed weapon Dec. 8 in Arabela Township.

She was also ordered to complete her high school education and pay \$320 in costs and fines.

*Steven R. Jeffries, 38, Clio, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 180 days in jail (90 days deferred) for his plea of guilty to receiving and concealing stolen property valued at more than \$1,000, and possession of a snowmobile with an altered vehicle number May 21 in Arabela Township.

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

*Nicholas R. Williams, 18, Akron, pleaded guilty to delivery of marijuana Jan. 1 in Akron.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$7,500 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Casey S. Downing, 22, Caro, was sentenced to 15 months to 14 years in prison for pleas of guilty to forgery involving a \$56.69 check drawn on Independent Bank

Aug. 26 in Caro, and to larceny by conversion Sept. 4 in Caro.

Court records indicate Downing may be placed in a special alternative incarceration program. The defendant was also ordered to pay \$180 in costs and fines.

*Casey L. Armstrong, 18, Vassar, pleaded guilty to larceny in a building between Jan. 27 and Feb. 4 in Caro, forgery involving a \$532 check drawn on Mayville State Bank between Jan. 31 and Feb. 6, to uttering and publishing involving a \$275 check drawn on Mayville State Bank between Jan. 10 and Jan. 27.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at a combined \$15,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Michelle L. Childs, 32, Vassar, stood mute to writing a no account check for \$68.90 Jan. 2 in Vassar Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$3,000.

*Laura A. Wetherford, 30, Vassar, was sentenced to 24 months probation and ordered to pay \$760 in costs and fines for her plea of no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon Dec. 25 in Indianfields Township.

*James M. Cheney, 52, Fostoria, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 7 in Dayton Township.



EARTH DAY CELEBRATION! Chemical Bank observed Earth Day by purchasing trees from the Tuscola County Conservation District and donating them to customers. Above: Mary Lou Earl (left) of the Tuscola County Conservation District is shown with customer Frank Preba (center) accepting a tree from Michele M. Pohlod of Chemical Bank.

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

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Cass City Area Church Directory

A Mother's Understanding Love



She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
R.S.V. Proverbs 31:26

A mother's love and example are treasures that their children carry with them throughout their lives. It seems that mothers have a special instinct and know just what to say and do for every situation that arises within a family. As a young boy, I remember whenever I did something wrong, it seemed that my mother always knew when I needed a good talking-to. But in many cases, she wouldn't have to say a thing. She apparently could just sense when I was truly sorry for doing something wrong, and no scolding or discipline was necessary. Like all good mothers, she was always aware of my feelings, and her loving consideration simply made me try to be a better person. Our Heavenly Father deals with us in the same way. Whenever we do something wrong, God doesn't give us "time out," take away our TV privileges or punish us. He just wants us to be truly sorry for doing something wrong and to know that we will try to be better. Mothers set the example for their families, and their love and understanding are manifested in almost everything they do.

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 Koepgen 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

Deford Community Church
1392 Kingston Rd., Deford, MI 48729
989-872-4051 (parsonage)
989-872-4055 (church)
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Contemporary & Traditional 6:00 p.m.
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: David Mercer
email: dccc@band.net
website: defordcommunitychurch.org

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

First Baptist Church
6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-3155
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Eric Holmgren

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

Gageton United Methodist Church
Lincoln St., Gageton, MI 48735
989-678-4225
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: John Heim

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Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
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Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
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Youth Minister: Brad Speirs
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Potter's House Christian Fellowship Church
Corner of 6th and Leach, Cass City, MI 48726
872-5186
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: F. Robert Tucker

St. Agatha's Catholic Church
4618 South St., Gageton, MI 48735
665-9966
Sunday Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Father Steve Fillion

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
810-872-9929 (parsonage)
989-872-8094 (church)
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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CASS CITY'S Jenna Timko (left) battles for the ball during the Hawks' contest with Crox-Lex.

Offense struggles for lady Hawks on soccer field

The Hawks played three games this past week, a 5-0 loss to Valley Lutheran, a 10-0 mercy to Lakers, and a 1-1 tie with Crox-Lex.

Hawks since the program started.

Lakers 10, Cass City 0

Cass City 0, Valley Lutheran 5

The combination of a Monday game against a tough team after prom weekend was too much for the Hawks as they were a step slow and lacked the aggressiveness that they had been showing previously. Valley Lutheran kept the ball in the Hawks' end most of the game and Cass City never really developed any type of flow. Passing was sloppy and there was little energy until the game was out of reach. Amanda Sullins managed 3 shots on net and Cyndi Henn had 27 saves, but in general it was not a good effort. On the bright side, we did play better than in the past against Valley Lutheran, as this was the fewest goals that they have scored against the

The Hawks came out with more energy and aggression against Lakers and for the first 12 minutes frustrated their attack, but after the first Laker goal, play degenerated and the game ended 10 minutes into the second half by mercy. The Hawks were missing two starters and two main reserves, giving Jerica Fenningsdorf and Donna Bushong some needed field time and valuable experience.

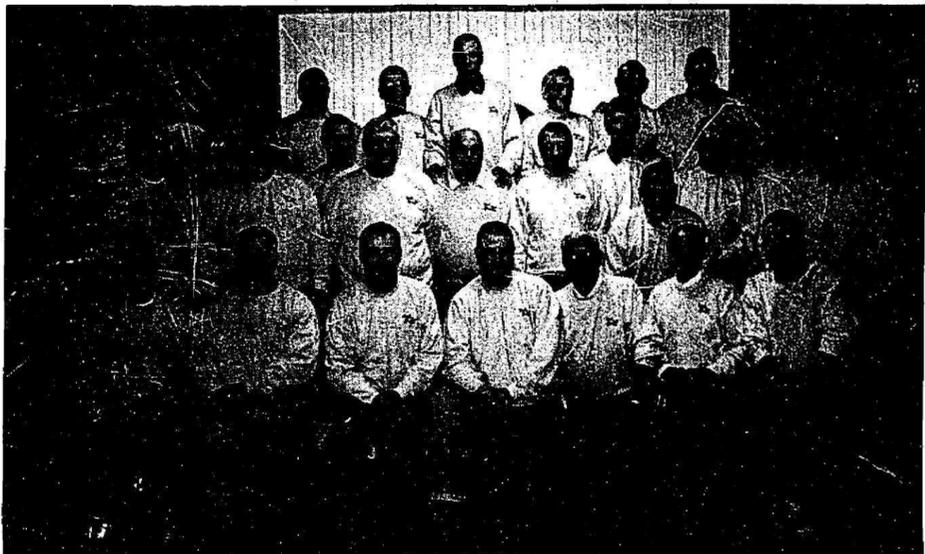
Henn was kicked in the face midway through the first half, so Jenna Timko got an extended period in net and did well, but fundamental mistakes killed any chance of a Hawk comeback. Lakers have their typical strong team, and the Hawks need to play an extremely smart, disciplined game to be competitive with them. Hopefully, both the Valley Lutheran and Lakers game were learning experiences for all.

Crox-Lex 1, Cass City 1

The Crox-Lex game was a complete turnaround for the Hawks as they played strong, aggressive defense, keyed by Heidi Cheng, and kept up steady offensive pressure throughout the game. Hobbs had the lone goal on a solo run and had several other good chances during the game. Deanna Newby and Erin Witkovsky also had good chances. The second half was played in steady rain, which restricted play, and the tying goal was scored with less than 3 minutes left on a cross that Henn couldn't get to on the wet field. Henn stopped 23 shots, but most were from long range as Talisa Talaski and Erica Delamarter kept the ball out of the Hawk end and Liza Volmering, Ashley Timons and Jenna Timko played strong games defensively at midfield to help control play. Megan Cronk, Katie McIntosh, Jerica Fenningsdorf and Donna Bushong also played well when on the field. The high point of the game was Henn stopping a penalty kick that would have tied the game early in the second half. Cyndi has been playing extremely well in net and is one of the better keepers in the area.



CASS CITY'S Todd Gould bagged his turkey early Monday morning while hunting in the Cass City area. Gould estimated the tom's weight at 20 pounds. The bird has a 9-inch beard and 7/8-inch spurs.



THE CASS CITY Gavel Club members are celebrating the club's 60th anniversary. (See story page one.)

Cass City Bowling

Merchanette League May 1, 2003

- Thumb Octagon Barn 48
- The Chiropractors 47
- Charlie's Angels 47
- Osentoski Realty/Auct. 47
- Moffitt's Corner Store 45
- Cabelettes 44
- F.B.I. Gals 38
- Langenburg Plumb. & Heat. 38
- Gagetown Cutting Corner 37
- All Season Video 33
- J.B.'s Crew 33
- Ghost Team 6

Individual High Games & Series: J. Bemus 205-186 (545), D. Williams 188, C. Wright 183, N. Wallace 182-160, S. Buschlen 181, J. Krol 180-161 (481), B. Doran 180 (474), C. Davidson 174-155, P. Bauer 175-169 (505), J. Morell 172-169 (474), D. Sweeney 171-154, S. Hutchinson 170-160 (483), L. Hanson 168-157 (476), D. Hayes 167, M. Sieradzki 166, D. Bang 166, M. Burns 165, S. Smith 163, M. Gray 153, J. Cleland 153, K. Langenburg 151, L. Clark 150

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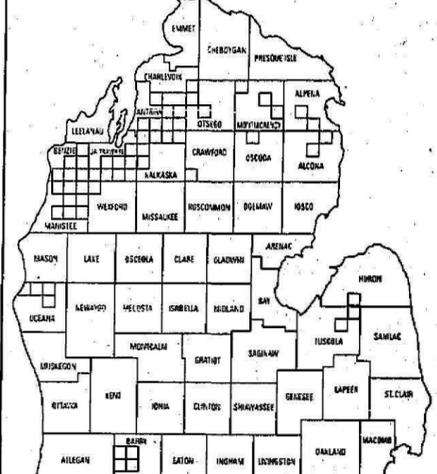
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Ray Fox 16	Dave Hoard *	Ed Knight 18	Mike Hawrylo 19	Bert Althaver 16
Craig Helwig 16	Dan Mosher *	Dan Hittler 16	Bob Stickle 16	Bob Bredemeyer 16
Dieter Roth 16	Mike Ware *	Kevin Bliss 15	Doug Lautner 14	Pat Davis 14
Brad Goslin 15	Jim Fox 17	Rich Perkins 15	Bob Montgomery 14	Bill Ewald 16
Ken Zdrojewski 15	Jack Hool 16	Pat Curtis 13		Dave Keller 16
Bill Kritzman 14	Clark Erla 14	Dick Wallace 13		Roger Apley 16
Mike Lowe 11	Jim Hobbs 14	Roy Tuckey 12		Doug Laurie 16
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Terry Wiseman 6	Jim Alpey 6	Duane Henn 2		
Don Warner 4	Russ Biefer 5	Elwyn Helwig		

Rolling Hills Wednesday Men's League Standings

Early Division	Late Division
Maharg/Pasieczny 17	Williamson/Rieman 14
Zdrojewski/Leeson 17	C. Bliss/K. Bliss 14
W. Dillon/Retherford 15	Doerr/Haire 11
Krizman/Burns 14	K. Smith/Biddinger 11
Stickler/Iwankovitsch 13	Robinson/K. Martin 8
Burns/Hutchinson 9	Schott/Osentoski 8
Herron/Tuckey 8	Ypma/DeBeaubien 0
Henn/Peters 7	LeValley/Morgan 0
Wallace/Warner 5	Hartel/Comment 0
Jones/Marshall 5	N. Bliss/Hampton 0
Bliss/Baker 0	Hool/Toner 0
Strickland/Glaspie 0	Schneeberger/Ulfing 0
Berwick/Greenlee 0	J. Hillaker/S. Murphy 0
Craig/Knight 0	Wright/Prieskorn 0

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The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) will offer at an oral-bid public auction, oil and gas lease rights of approximately 32,000 acres of State-owned minerals in those Michigan counties indicated herein.

Registration of bidders will be held from 9:00 am to 10:00 am on Tuesday, June 17, 2003, at the Michigan State Police Training Academy at 7426 N. Canal Road (Conference Room C1 and C2), Lansing, Michigan.

Offering of lease rights will begin at 10:00 am at a minimum bid of \$13.00 per acre, and will continue until all descriptions have been offered. Additionally at the auction's end and at the option of the MDNR, parcels not bid in at \$13.00 per acre may be re-offered at a minimum bid of \$5.00 per acre.

Bids may be submitted by individuals of legal age, a partnership, corporation, or other legal entity qualified to do business in Michigan. Prospective bidders should be prepared to submit such proof at the time of registration.

The total bonus bid must be paid on the same day the lease rights are bid in. Prospective bidders who do not have an established credit rating with the MDNR through prior leasing of State-owned minerals, must pay at least one-half of the TOTAL bonus bid by cash, certified check, cashier's check, or money order. A credit rating may be established by filing with MDNR/Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division (FMFM)/Mineral and Land Management Section (MLMS) three letters of reference, one of which must be from a bank, in no instance will the MDNR accept "site drafts" even if noted as a "zero day site draft."

An auction catalog showing further auction particulars including a) the legal description of the lands proposed to be offered, and b) parcel classifications, is available through MDNR/FMFM/MLMS, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7952, telephone 517-373-7663 or at <http://www.michigan.gov>.

Written comments by interested parties relative to the classification of any description must be received by FMFM at the address specified above NOT LATER THAN June 6, 2003. Any request for change in classification will be considered by the Department prior to offering the lease rights at public auction, with final classification to be set at the sole discretion of the Director of the Department of Natural Resources. (357-18)

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- Hitchaid bread maker, Proctor Silex coffee maker, toaster
- Round maple table with 2 leaves and 4 captain chairs
- China cabinet with glass doors
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- 2 swivel rockers
- Leather La-z-boy recliner
- Lounge chair
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- Coffee table
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O-G loses pair to Warriors

Owen-Gage did its best to break North Huron's unbeaten string in the first game of a double header last week, Monday, but fell short, 15-8, in a game closer than the final score indicates.

Going into the last 2 innings, the Bulldogs were in front, 6-4, but 7 Owen-Gage errors helped the Warriors score 11 times to cinch the victory.

Adam Kain went the distance, allowing 6 hits and 2 walks while striking out 2. Matt Gaeth led the Bulldog attack with a home run and 2 RBIs. Aaron Faist singled in 2 runs and Kain knocked a pair of runs across with a double.

In the nightcap, North Huron broke open a close game with 10 runs in the last 2 innings to post an 11-1 decision.

Owen-Gage scored its only run in the first and the Warriors knotted the score in the second. In the fourth inning the winners scored 3 times and then ended the game in the fifth with a big 7-run rally.

Gaeth took the loss, allowing 4 runs in 4 innings. He was touched for 5 hits and walked one. The loss moved his record to 1-4 for the year. Adam Kain relieved in the last inning. Timmy Kain and Cody Howard singled for the Bulldogs.



CASS CITY'S Deidre Deering (front right) signed a national letter of intent to play basketball for St. Clair Community College coach Carrie Lohr next fall. Witnessing the signing is (back l-r) coach Ken Martin, coach John Maharg, and parents Gary and Becky Deering.

Cass City remains undefeated in GTW

Cass City continued to roll undefeated in the Greater Thumb West, moving its record to 4-0 with a 10-3 decision over the Bad Axe Hatchets Thursday.

Chris Maharg went the distance for Cass City to get the win. He allowed 3 runs on 6 hits and 2 walks, striking out 6. Eisinger took the loss. He was touched for 6 runs in 4 innings. He allowed 5 hits and walked a pair.

The Hawks broke open the game with a 3-run outburst in the fourth inning to lead 6-3 and assured the win with another 3-run burst in the sixth inning.

Cass City's attack was led by Matt Stoutenburg, Jake Brinkman and Chris Dillon. Stoutenburg had 2 hits and a pair of stolen bases.

Brinkman had a home run and a double and 2 RBIs and Dillon a pair of hits. For Bad Axe, Iskow with 2 hits and Wolschlagler with a triple

and 2 RBIs paced the Hatchets.

Saturday the Hawks will play a tournament at home starting at 10 a.m.

Hawks split twin bill with visiting Marlette

Cass City came from behind to win the opening game of a double-header with visiting Marlette Monday, 6-4, but lost a tight game in the nightcap, 4-2.

Going into the sixth inning, the Hawks trailed 5-2 but pulled out the win with a 3-run rally. Jake Brinkman made his 2 hits count, driving in a pair of runs with his single in the rally and another with a hit in the fifth. Also contributing to the attack was Chris Dillon with 2 RBIs.

Nick Stoutenburg started and went 5 innings for the Hawks. He allowed 4 runs, 3 earned, and 6 hits. He struck

out 5 and walked a pair. Chris Maharg relieved and went the final 2 innings without giving up a run to get the win. He allowed one hit, walked a pair and struck out one.

Matt Foster took the loss, giving up 6 runs, 4 earned, 9 hits and a walk. Foster also collected 3 hits and batted in a run. Josh Klauka had 2 hits for the Red Raiders.

In the nightcap, Jeremy Bloor was in control for the Red Raiders. He allowed just 3 hits and 2 runs, one that was earned. He struck out 9 and walked 3. Dave

Licardello with 2 hits and Klauka with 2 doubles and a single led the Marlette attack.

Brandon Stec started and took the loss, going 3 1/3 innings and was charged with 4 runs on 3 hits and 2 walks. Tyler Erla shut the door on the Raiders in relief. He allowed no runs on 3 hits. He whiffed 5.

All the action in the game came in 2 innings. In the third, the Hawks scored twice on an error and hits by Brinkman and Matt Stoutenburg. Marlette bunched 3 hits and errors to score all of their runs in the fourth.

Bulldogs trade wins with North Huron in NCTL

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs were defeated in the first game of a doubleheader at Owen-Gage as North Huron overcame a one-run lead in the last inning to take a 6-5 decision. The Bulldogs made certain that wasn't going to happen in the second game as they bounced out to a 4-0 lead the second inning

on the way to an 8-1 decision.

We lost that first game, coach Barb Adams said, because we didn't come out strong enough. We were laid back and lost because of errors.

Kayla Zaleski took the loss as she struck out 10, allowed 4 hits and 2 walks. DePrekel pitched the win. She was touched for 4 hits, struck out one and walked 3.

Mary McKee led the Bulldog attack with a pair of singles and an RBI. Nicole Schmidt singled home a run and Katie Swiastyn had a single, a sacrifice and drove in a run.

In the second game, Kayla Zaleski was in charge all the way and a 4-run rally in the

second was more than enough to chalk up the win for the Bulldogs. Zaleski allowed just 3 hits, struck out 10 and walked 3.

The girls were hitting the ball well, getting on base and scored when teammates produced timely hits to bring them in, Adams observed.

DePrekel pitched 5 innings and took the loss. She allowed 9 hits and walked 2. Jacobs pitched the last inning and allowed two hits and walked one.

Swiastyn collected 3 singles and Dorsch a pair of singles to drive in 2 runs. Kayla Zaleski singled and drove in 2 runs.

The Bulldogs overall record is 5-5 (4-2 in the North Central League North.)

Hawks continue winning ways on softball diamonds

It took a wet, cold rain to stop the Cass City Red Hawks as they continue to pile up the wins in the Greater Thumb West softball wars last week. Coach Dave Hoard's charges upped the record to 4-0 in the league, 13-1 overall.

The rain wiped out the second game of a doubleheader with Bad Axe after 3 innings with the Hawks in front, 2-1.

Prior to the postponement, Cass City won a non-league twin bill with Marlette and took the opener against Bad Axe, 3-2.

It was an extra inning pitching duel with the Hatchets all the way. The game went into extra innings tied at 2-

all before Cass City pushed across the winning run in the ninth when Paula Fluegge reached base on an error and was driven home by Krystee Dorland. Dorland was the offensive star of the game as she drove in all 3 runs for the Hawks with 3 hits.

Becky Hartel pitched all 9 innings, allowed 3 hits, struck out 4 and didn't allow an earned run. Lawrence was equally effective for the Hatchets, allowing 3 hits and no earned runs.

MARLETTE GAMES

The Hawks and the Marlette Red Raiders engaged in a tight pitching duel in the

opening game, not decided until the sixth inning when Cass City pushed across the winning run for a 2-1 decision.

The Hawks scored a run in the first and it was countered by a Marlette tally in the fifth.

The winning run scored when Hartwick opened with a hit and pinch runner Megan Toner scored on Red Raider errors.

Hartel allowed 4 hits and one walk. She struck out 8. Allissa Pasant collected 2 of the Hawks' 4 hits in the game. Emily Mroczek took the loss.

Mallory Powell took over the mound in the nightcap and spun a neat 5-hit shut-out as Cass City won, 7-0.

The Hawks opened with a big 3-run first inning that proved to be more than enough for the victory. Mroczek again was charged with the loss.

Leading the Hawk attack was Dorland with 2 hits and an RBI in 3 official times at bat.

Jennifer Boyne had 3 hits in 4 trips for the Red Raiders.



Allissa Pasant



Becky Hartel



SUCCESSFUL HUNTER Art Fisher, of Cass City, bagged his turkey Thursday, April 24, at 7:20 a.m. on private property in Tuscola County. The turkey weighed 20 pounds and had an 8 1/2 inch beard.

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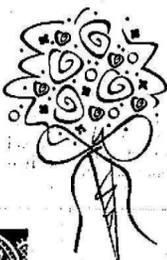
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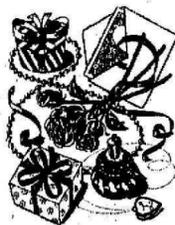
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Laura Enderle

Editor's note: The following is the latest "letter home" written by Laura Enderle, an Owen-Gage High School junior who began a year-long adventure last July as a Rotary Exchange student in Taubate, a city of about 245,000 people in Brazil. Enderle is the daughter of Ron and Arlene Jamieson of Cass City and Frank Enderle of Caro.

Well, I have readjusted to my new family and my life has a fairly regular schedule again.

In my new family I do not have a father, just a mom, Alcione, a brother, Francisco, and a dog named Finder (they found the dog, but thought found was too difficult a name so they call him finder). Because this family lived in Michigan for 3 years, they speak good English (but not with me) and they have a lot of American habits, which makes me feel really comfortable here. Alcione actually first learned English when she was an exchange student in the Bermudas, and she has traveled most of the United States.

My mom is employed at GM and is gone most of the time working most of the day, and when she comes home in the evening she does the regular American mom things like making dinner, doing laundry and just taking care of her family.

When my brother comes home from school he likes to veg out in front of American television programs so he doesn't forget his English. We have a maid, too, Fatima, but she is new (I had to show her how to use the washing machine) and only comes 2 to 3 times a week, when mom needs her.

Another difference in this family is they live in a different town called Tremembe, a small town just outside of Taubate. So, now I have a little trouble getting around. Now I have to take a bus quite often except for in the morning when mom drops me off for school on her way to work.

After school I usually eat lunch at my first family's house or my next host family's house. Since I live in a different town it is more difficult for me to find time to exercise, too, so unfortunately I have not returned to TCC yet. I have gained a little weight, but managed to stay the same size. One thing that has changed is my hair. It keeps growing and getting blonder from the non-stop sun over the past 10 months.

After I take care of everything I need to do in Taubate, I return to Tremembe on the 30-minute bus ride home. When I get home, I always have chores to do like dishes and laundry. I always enjoy helping Alcione because I know how hard she works. She is also the Rotary secretary and teaches at the University of Taubate some nights. We do our best to work, live and learn together.

VACATION'S OVER

Well, one thing is for sure, I am not on vacation anymore. I have been back to school for about 2 months. The same school and classes I started with, but I am in the third and final year of high school (in Brazil they have only 3 years).

My classes include 2 classes of physics, math, chemistry, biology, geography and one class of history, literature, writing, Portuguese and, still my favorite, English. Although I do understand most of the material, the classes are still difficult. School starts at 7 in the morning and finishes at 12:40 just like last

year. Every Monday I have school in the afternoon, too, from 2 until 5:30. Everyone is happy to have me back, but sad I won't be able to graduate with them in November.

I got to meet my first grandpa in Brazil, and he is a really great guy. We had a lot to talk about, even though he doesn't speak English, because he visited Alcione when she lived in Michigan.

We were at his house painting because he was having a big 70th birthday bash the next weekend. I wasn't expected to help, but there was no way I was going to sit back and watch after I haven't painted anything in over 6 months. It was actually strange how excited I was.

From 8 in the morning until 8 at night, I painted everything I saw blue. And, during the whole day, I couldn't stop thinking about how my mom, sister and I always painted together since I was a little girl. It was great to reminisce, but also really made me realize how much things have changed and how fast I have been growing up.

I offered to make some American cuisine for his party and he was thrilled, but not as thrilled as I was to have the opportunity to cook. I made deviled eggs and tuna macaroni salad. The day of the party rolled around and everyone welcomed me and loved my food, which made me feel good.

CARNIVAL

Now I will tell you about the 4-day, non-stop celebration Brazilians live for - Carnival.

It started Saturday, March 1, 4 days before Lent, and ended Tuesday, March 4. Rich and poor alike forget all their troubles and just let everything loose in celebration. Although Carnival is celebrated all over the country, it is best known in Salvador and Rio de Janeiro.

I was really excited to celebrate since it has been one thing I have not stopped hearing about since I first ar-

rived here, but unfortunately I was a little let down. I spent the whole Carnival with my family and one other exchange student from Finland, Anna Stina.

First we went to Ubatuba and spent the first night of Carnival in the house in front of the TV because it was raining. The next morning we left early for the beach. It was really beautiful and was wildly decorated with fresh natural plants.

That night, despite the rain, Anna Stina and I went out into the street with our friends and stayed with them, but had to be back at 4 in the morning because my mom thought it was too dangerous to be out any later (normally that is really early to be home for a night of Carnival - usually you go home when the sun comes up and, after 4 days of partying, you rest and catch up on your sleep).

The next morning we went to the beach again. It was really full of people and a great day for the beach. After that we went back to Tremembe late Monday

night so I just stayed and watched Carnival on TV in Rio de Janeiro.

The last night of Carnival Anna Stina and I went with our friends to the Taubate Avenue de Povo, where they had a huge Carnival parade with costumes, Samba dancing, music and floats. It was really fun to be there in person.

We joined in with the crowd and were trying our best to keep up with the fast Samba dancing. We are not real big fans of Samba, but we were standing right in front of the drums and the energy just kept our bodies moving.

At about midnight we had seen enough of that and went with our friends to the TCC Carnival Celebration. It was a huge party and we spent the whole night there until 6 in the morning. Everyone there tried their best to help Anna Stina and I have a great impression of our first Carnival in Brazil. Although I had a great Carnival, I guess I expected more. But there is only so much I can do as an exchange student.

FEELING AT HOME

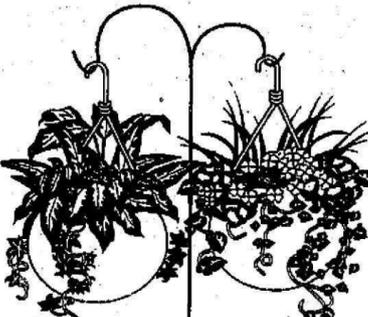
Well, 8 months have now passed in Brazil and I am really used to my life here. It is so strange how I feel like I have lived here my whole life and how I have forgotten so many simple and normal things of my life-in the Thumb, even after growing up there for 16 years. I have a home, family, friends and a life here now too.

Although I am really looking forward to coming home, I think if I had a choice I would stay here. And I think the only people who can really understand that are the people who have been in my shoes.

I never thought this experience would do this to me, but I guess it is all part of the exchange, and it's not over yet.

Thank you for all the love, support and letters. See you in 3 more months.

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By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

TIRED OF IT - Cass City area residents John Ryba and Alex Robles recently picked up nearly 100 tires dumped by others along roads and ditches near Ryba's residence. Ryba believes a tire refund program, similar to that now in place for pop cans, would help to eliminate the problem.

The chase is on - Cass City's Lindsey Mills and Freland's Nicole Sutor battle during Monday's running of the 1600-meter race. Mills recorded her best time of the year at 5:46.22. Sutor won the event with a time of 5:45.02.

Roger Parrish of Cass City has received a written message from His Holiness the Pope, the Apostolic Palace, the Vatican City State, Europe, thanking him for his kind letter and gift of a recording Parrish made of his new original musical tribute to Mother Teresa.

10 YEARS AGO

Forty years ago the Erlas purchased the Cass Frozen Food Locker, a small country grocery with frozen food lockers, and it proved to be the start of a rapidly expanding retail grocery and wholesale meat business. The last of several expansions was

completed in February with the addition of 3,000 feet that gives the business about 12,000 feet of selling area. The addition fills a need, Erla's says, that our customers were demanding. A modern in-store deli and bakery designed to keep Cass City customers shopping in Cass City.

There's no such thing as safe sex, and there's only one way to prevent being tested positive for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS: Don't put yourself at risk, or at least take every measure possible to reduce the risk. That was the message offered to Cass City High School students Thursday by Dr. Jeanne M. Marshall, and Robert and Jerry, 2 men who have tested HIV positive and are now living the nightmare of full-blown AIDS. The program was a homecoming of sorts for Marshall, a Cass City native who recently graduated from the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine and is preparing to begin a residency in internal medicine at Saginaw Cooperative Hospitals.

Plans to form an airport authority in an effort to improve the Caro Municipal Airport will proceed, with or without the support of Indianfields Township - home of the airport. The decision was announced Monday by members of the committee spearheading creation of the Tuscola Area Airport Authority.

25 YEARS AGO

Editor Mike Eliasohn figures he got the short end of the stick. On the second Monday of each month he covers Owen-Gage, while I cover the Cass City school board meeting. His meeting lasted until after midnight while mine ended shortly after 9 p.m. (From Rabbit Tracks)

PETITION SIGNING - Cass City teachers Monday were urging citizens passing by their table downtown to sign their petition asking for binding fact-finding to resolve unsettled issues in the contract dispute. As Cass City Education Association President Geraldine Tibbits, an intermediate school teacher, explains, Ruth Kelley signs the petition.

The new federal law extending the retirement age to 70 won't have an effect on some large employers in the area. Neither will a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that women cannot be required to contribute more to their pension plans than men.

35 YEARS AGO

Fire consumed \$58,000 of property in two separate blazes this past week. Destroyed Friday was a farm home owned by Eugene Smentek and Monday, a dairy barn owned by Howard Hill Jr. The fire at the Smentek home started in the area of the floor furnace. Cause of the Hill fire is undetermined but is believed to be due to faulty wiring.

William A. Steinman, administrator of the estate of Frederick J. Steinman, filed a \$100,000 damage suit in Tuscola County Circuit Court against Bauer Candy Company of Cass City, and Joseph L. Mosher. Steinman charges that on Dec. 13, Frederick J. Steinman was driving his automobile in Novesta Township when a Bauer Candy Co. truck, driven by Joseph L. Mosher, employee, crossed the center line of Cemetery Rd., and struck the Steinman vehicle. Frederick Steinman was killed in the accident and, according to the charges, the car totally destroyed.

Bow to Progress - North Cemetery Road will be widened and leveled this spring and the many trees that previously lined the road have been removed. Trees are regarded as one of the major traffic hazards on country roads. Now just the stumps remain and soon these will disappear as the work progresses.

National Nurses Week

Hills and Dales plans celebration

All across the United States, nurses are being saluted. The work of America's 2.7 million nurses to save lives and to maintain the health of millions of individuals is the focus of this year's National Nurses Week, celebrated annually May 6-12 throughout the United States.

The purpose of National Nurses Week is to raise awareness of the value of nursing and help educate the public about the role nurses play in meeting the health care needs of the American people. National Nurses Week opens May 6, the traditional National Nurses Day, and ends on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of nursing as a modern profession. During this week, nurses at Hills & Dales General Hospital will be honored by a nursing festival on Thursday, May 8. The role of nurses at Hills & Dales will be celebrated with food buffets, prizes and

raffles.

Traditionally, National Nurses Week is devoted to highlighting the diverse ways in which nurses, the largest health care profession, are working to improve health care.

From bedside nursing in hospitals and long-term care facilities to the halls of research institutions, state legislatures, and Congress, the depth and breadth of the nursing profession is meeting the expanding health care needs of American society.

Hills & Dales General Hospital nurses join in the tradition by practicing throughout our healthcare system in our inpatient services, Emergency and Surgical Services Department, Physician's offices, Thumb Area Home Care Agency, Utilization Review, Employee Health, Infection Control, Occupational Health and at Northwood Meadows.

In honor of the dedication, commitment, and tireless effort of the nearly 2.7 million registered nurses nationwide, to promote and maintain the health of this nation, Hills & Dales General Hospital is proud to recognize nurses everywhere on this particular day for the quality work they provide seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Hills & Dales recognizes the tremendous value and importance of the 40 nurses we employ and express our appreciation for their services. Further, Hills & Dales

would like to encourage compassionate, intelligent persons looking for a career to strongly consider nursing.

As of November 2001, the Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that more than one million new nurses will be needed by the year 2010. The report projects that total employment will increase by 22.2 million jobs during the 2000-2010 period, rising to 167.8 million. Health care practitioners and technical occupations are expected to account for 1.6 million new jobs during that period. Reg-

istered nurses, which represent the largest occupation in this group, should account for more than a third of those new jobs. As one indication of the value Hills & Dales places on nursing, we invite interested parties to investigate our program to financially assist students through nursing school.

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What you should know when buying a digital camera

People often ask me what to buy when they go shopping for a digital camera. It all boils down to - what do you plan to use it for and how much do you want to spend. Here are some guidelines that will help you decide which camera to buy.

Digital vs. Optical Zoom
Digital zoom doesn't move you closer to your object. It merely "blows up" your object, and in essence, stretches it out. The more you stretch out your picture, the more quality you will lose. Optical zoom moves you closer to your object and can maintain the picture quality. It results in a crisper, clearer image. Optical zoom is better than digital zoom, and the higher the optical zoom, the better.

Megapixels
The number of megapixels you need depends on what you want to do with your photos. If you only plan on printing photo quality 4"x6" prints, you only need a 1.2 megapixel digital camera. If you want to print an 8"x10", you will need at least 2 megapixels, and 3 megapixels is recommended. A 4 megapixel camera will allow you to capture photos that can be made into 11" x 14" prints.

Of course, your camera is only half the picture when it comes to "developing" or printing your photos. We recommend the Hewlett Packard Photosmart Series of printers. They offer great features and high quality prints at a reasonable price.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steven L. Plummer and Deborah J. Plummer, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to King Financial, Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 21, 1998, and recorded on February 11, 1998 in Liber 730 on Page 248 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by me as assignee to Countywide Home Loans, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated February 10, 1998, which was recorded on November 20, 1998, in Liber 756 on Page 364 Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINETY-SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE AND 45/100 DOLLARS (\$96,769.45) including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on June 6, 2003.

The premises are located in the Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1: Commencing 10 rods East and 2 rods North of the North Quarter Stake of Section 1, Town 10 North, Range 10 East, thence North 5 rods; thence East 5 rods; thence South 5 rods; thence West 5 rods to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

Parcel 2: The East 53 Feet commencing at the North 1/4 corner stake of Section 1, Town 10 North, Range 10 East; thence East 10 rods; thence North to P.M. Railroad right of way; thence westerly along right of way to intersection of 1/4 line with railroad, thence South to place of beginning. Being part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: May 7, 2003

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File No. 214-0627 5-7-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Frank L. Gregory and Tracy L. Bitters, a single man and a single woman, to Homecomings Financial Network, mortgagee, dated August 19, 2002 and recorded August 23, 2002 in Liber 891, Page 156, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Forty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve and 32/100 Dollars (\$141,912.32), including interest at the rate of 9.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 8, 2003.

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33 including Lots 3, 4, 5, 6 and part of Lot 8 of Block 7, Lots 1-4 and part of Lots 5 and 6, Block 8 of the plat of the Village of Tuscola, South Side of the River, recorded in Liber 417, Tuscola County Records, Township 11 North, Range 7 East, Tuscola Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at point that is east along the North section line 1785.34 feet from the Northwest corner of section 33; thence from said point of beginning containing East along the North section line, 667.46 feet; thence South 14 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds East, along the centerline of Barkley Road as recorded in Liber 441, Page 341, Tuscola County Records so called, 405.40 feet; thence South 82 degrees 48 minutes 42 seconds West, 740.75 feet; thence North 3 degrees 18 minutes 28 seconds West, 486.09 feet to the point of beginning. Except Lots 1, 2, 7 and the East 25 feet of Lot 8, Block 7, and a strip of land 25 feet wide adjoining the East side of Lots 1 and 2, Block 7 of the Plat of the Village of Tuscola, South of the River, recorded in Liber 1, Page 417, Tuscola County Records. Subject to State Street, turnpike to Flint Road (undeveloped), Barkley Road and Public Square, according to the Plat of the Village of Tuscola South side of the river recorded in Liber 6, Page 417, Tuscola County Records. Subject to those parts reserved for Barkley Road (71.79 feet wide and Orange Road, so called). Also, subject to any easements, restrictions and/or rights of way of record.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: April 9, 2003

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File No. 207.0814 4-9-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steven L. Plummer and Deborah J. Plummer, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to King Financial, Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 21, 1998, and recorded on February 11, 1998 in Liber 730 on Page 248 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by me as assignee to Countywide Home Loans, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated February 10, 1998, which was recorded on November 20, 1998, in Liber 756 on Page 364 Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINETY-SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE AND 45/100 DOLLARS (\$96,769.45) 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on June 5, 2003.

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

The North 1/2 of a parcel of land described as: Beginning at the East 1/4 corner of section 15, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, Thence along the East line of said Section 15, South 02 degrees, 00 minutes, 54 seconds East, 424.00 feet; Thence South 87 degrees, 46 minutes, 03 seconds West, 1318.05 feet to the West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said section; Thence along said line, North 02 degrees, 04 minutes, 28 seconds West 424.00 feet to the East-West 1/4 line of said section; Thence along said line west 1/4 north 87 degrees, 46 minutes, 03 seconds East, 1318.00 feet to the East 1/4 corner of said section 15 and point of beginning. Except reserving all mineral and oil rights as set forth in said claim deed recorded in Liber 580, Page 20, and any interest in subsequent instruments pertinent thereto.

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

Dated: May 7, 2003

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Raymond A. Rogers and Carol A. Rogers, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 5, 2000 and recorded on June 23, 2000 in Liber 804, on Page 579, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee for the Registered Holders of Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2000-C, Asset-Backed Certificate, Series 2000-C, without recourse. Assigned by an assignment dated August 1, 2001 which was recorded on August 7, 2001, in Liber 840 on Page 528, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETEEN AND 10/100 DOLLARS (\$76,819.10) including interest at 8.876% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on June 5, 2003.

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

The East 16 rods of the South 50 rods of the East half of the Southwest quarter of Section 15, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Dated: May 7, 2003

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Wendell J. Wildermuth, a married man, and Lisa Wildermuth, (original mortgagors), to Icon Financial Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 17, 2000 and recorded on October 23, 2000 in Liber 813 on Page 1276 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the ABNAMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC., as assignee by an assignment dated October 23, 2000, which was recorded on October 23, 2000 in Liber 813 on Page 1284, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY AND 29/100 DOLLARS (\$87,420.29), 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 15, 2003.

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

A parcel of land located in the Northwest quarter of Section 29, Town 10 North, Range 9 East described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 29, thence North 89 degrees 08 minutes 00 seconds East, along the North line of Section 29, a distance of 944.36 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing along said North line North 89 degrees 08 minutes 00 seconds East, 370.23 feet; thence leaving said North line South 01 degrees 40 minutes 35 seconds East, 661.63 feet; thence South 89 degrees 08 minutes 00 seconds West, parallel with said North line of Section 29, a distance of 288.23 feet; thence North 08 degrees 43 minutes 43 seconds West, 667.84 feet to the Point of Beginning, Tuscola County Records

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

Dated: April 16, 2003

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Team C 4-16-4

mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 15, 2003.

The premises are situated in the Township of Arbut, County of Tuscola, Michigan, and are described as:

The North 91 feet of the East 226 feet of the South 691 feet of the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 31, T10N, R7E, subject to all easements, restrictions and governmental regulations, if any, of record, or that would apply to the premises.

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

Dated: April 2, 2003

OXFORD BANK, Mortgagee

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian J. Heeke and Anita K. Heeke, husband and wife, as joint tenants (original mortgagors), to Long Beach Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated May 24, 2001 and recorded on June 20, 2001 in Liber 836 on Page 037 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, a National Banking Association formerly known as Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-2, Assignee by an assignment dated March 14, 2003, which was recorded on April 3, 2003 in Liber 923 on Page 1069, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND EIGHTY-NINE AND 75/100 DOLLARS (\$160,889.75), including interest at 11.750% 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 15, 2003.

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

Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 31, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan and the point of beginning; running thence South 0 degrees 26 minutes 58 seconds East, 1323.73 feet along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 31; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 17 seconds West, 384.14 feet along the North 1/8 line of said Section 31; thence North 16 degrees 40 minutes 49 seconds West 325.86 feet; thence North 18 degrees 08 minutes 38 seconds West, 390.46 feet; thence North 02 degrees 26 minutes 10 seconds West, 640.99 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes East, 616.13 feet along the North line of said Section 31 to the point of beginning. Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 31, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Dated: April 16, 2003

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Lot 5, Block 14 Charles Montague's Subdivision (Second Plat) as recorded in Liber 1, Page 88 of Plats, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: April 30, 2003

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

Dated: April 30, 2003

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10 A.M. on June 5, 2003.

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

The West 1/2 of lot 13, Block 2, Village of Mayville, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof.

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

Dated: May 7, 2003

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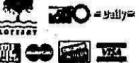
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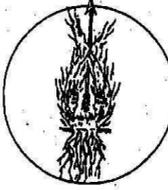
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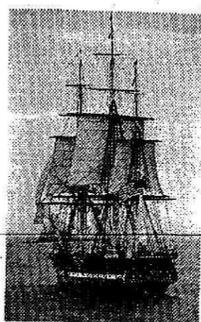
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Factoids About Trees in America

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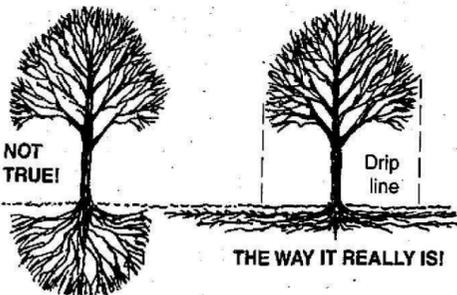


"Old Ironsides," formally known as the USS Constitution, was built in 1797 from more than 1,500 trees—white oak for the keel, white pine for the tall masts, and live oak for its hull. Live oak gave the hull great strength. During a ferocious battle with the HMS Guerriere, during the War of 1812, seamen cheered as British cannonballs bounced off their ship's sides. "Huzzah for 'Old Ironsides'!" The name stuck, and today this national treasure may be visited at the Charlestown Navy Yard, part of Boston National Historical Park.

• The U.S. has more than twice the number of tree species as are found in all of Europe.

Because of its great geographic diversity and its north-south trending mountain ranges, North America is home to far more tree species than Europe, with its east-west trending mountains. With the advance of ice sheets and glaciers during the ice ages, the European Alps were a barrier to plant migration. In North America, the Appalachians and Rocky Mountains served as paths for species to move ahead of the ice, and as high elevation sanctuaries when northern species were pushed far south.

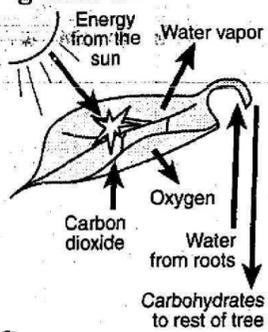
• Tree roots live a secret life in the underworld.



It's not how you think it is: Instead of forming a mirror image of the branches above the ground, a tree's roots more often spread out less than two feet below the surface of the ground, much like an extra-wide base on a wine glass. Some roots extend far beyond the tree's drip line, the farthest reach of the branches and leaves in the tree's crown. In some species, roots extend horizontally as far as two and one-half times the height of the tree.

• Each leaf is a tiny food factory, air purifier, and cooling machine.

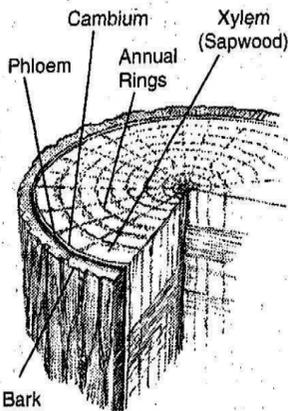
A tree's leaves or needles perform some vital functions that help make life possible on earth. Through photosynthesis, leaves use energy from the sun to create carbohydrates from water and atmospheric carbon dioxide, forming an important link in the food chain for all living things. In the process, leaves remove excess carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, release life-giving oxygen into the air, and filter out dust.



Water pulled up from the roots by these processes is given off into the atmosphere, cooling the area near the tree. Urban areas with trees can be as much as 12 degrees cooler on a hot summer day than areas in the community that do not have trees.

• A tree grows itself from the outside out.

A tree's branches lengthen from terminal buds at the ends, but otherwise a tree grows by expanding itself. The cambium, a microscopic zone of cells that specialize in cell division, lies just inside a tree's bark. Each year the cambium creates a new layer of wood that is added to the outside of a tree, and the trunk and branches expand in diameter.



A tree's cambium layer is the only part of the tree that actually grows. Each year, this layer creates two kinds of new cells. Those on the inside of the layer become the xylem or sapwood that conducts water from the roots to the leaves. Cells on the outside of the layer become phloem and transport sugars produced by the leaves to the roots and other living cells throughout the tree. Older phloem layers become the bark, a protective "skin" for the tree. Each year's growth is marked by an annual "ring."

• Trees are a living record of our history.

The annual rings of a tree may be counted to determine the tree's age. Tree rings reveal that one gnarled old bristlecone pine on a mountainside in eastern California is the oldest living tree on earth, sprouting from a seed more than 4,760 years ago. Ancient oaks in the eastern United States may have 300 or more annual rings. Some of these trees actually witnessed major events in American history as they took place.

94 middle school students academic track participants

Cass City Middle School had 94 sixth, seventh and eighth graders compete in Academic Track this year. In February and March, Cass City competed with Birch Run, Caro and Bay City Handy in 27 events, which included testing, art, and stage performances. Twenty-six of those students qualified for the All-

Area Academic Track Invitational held at Bridgeport Middle School April 15. Approximately 20 schools competed in this event.



ACADEMIC TRACK WINNERS - From left, front row: Trey Helwig, Emily Schinnerer, Ryan King. Second row: Andrew Martin, Ryan Biddinger, Courtney Rabideau, Kyle Swanson. Back row: Adam Kranz, Lindsey Montgomery, Kelton Roth.

MSU crop agents say

Wheat crop in good shape

MSU Field Crops Agents recently met with agribusiness representatives from the area to discuss the current condition of the 2003 wheat crop. Very cold temperatures and the lack of snow provided conditions that potentially could have a very negative impact on the survival of wheat plants. Dr. Rick Ward, wheat breeder MSU, visited the area to help evaluate the potential damage. The good news is it looks as though most of the wheat fields are in good condition and still have excellent yield potential. However, the crop did sustain some damage

with some fields at higher risk of plant reduction than others. Variables impacting the level of damage include planting date, stage of development prior to dormancy, variety and planting depth.

The crown regenerates new growth in the form of new shoots and roots each spring. It is possible for the crown to generate new shoots while the root regeneration portion of the crown has been destroyed. If this is the case the plant will produce new green growth and look normal until the soil surrounding the crown becomes dry and temperatures rise.

These conditions result in the loss of water through the shoots to be higher than what the plant can uptake, due to the lack of root development, causing the plant to die.

Seeds planted shallow may have sustained more damage. Plants that only developed one or two shoots last fall are also at high risk. It also appears that drilling the seed in rows helped trap enough snow to protect the crown from freezing.

It is also important not to delay nitrogen applications any later than possible. Nitrogen is required very early in the development of the

wheat plant. The size of the seed head is determined very early and any nitrogen deficiency will have a negative impact on the head size. Research indicates that any leaf burn sustained by 28 percent nitrogen has no impact on yield so if liquid is an option, get it applied as soon as weather permits.

Catholic women to meet

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REMC holds ribbon cutting celebration to mark opening of communications updates

Four 4th grade students from Cass City Schools participated in a ribbon cutting at the Cass City Regional Educational Media Center (REMC) Tuesday to mark the opening of an updated communication system completed with a \$37,000 grant.

Steven Rungranon, operations manager at REMC, explained that with the new equipment it will be possible to contact anyone around the world and he cited as an example explorers on the ice cap could communicate with as little as a computer.

Previously the multi-conference unit at REMC required the use of at least 6 phone lines. The \$200,000 system could use 16 different sites and with the addition of the new unit (H.323) 4 sites are available over the Internet and no long distance phone charges are necessary.

The 4 student members of the 4th grade student council waited for Gov. Jennifer

Granholtm to appear on the screen. She told students at Cass City and centers in Genesee and VanBuren counties that what we are seeing today is merely the tip of the iceberg. It's just the start of better communication around the globe.

She then picked up a large mock scissors and simultaneously cut the ribbons with the students at the 3 sites.



MEMBERS OF the fourth grade student council prepare to cut the ribbon officially opening the new system installed at Regional Education Media Center in Cass City. From left, Michael Milligan, Mitchell O'Dell, Channing Langenburg, Hayley Peters and Brooke Hartwick.

Notes from Northwood Meadows

By Becky Barr, Activities Coordinator/Receptionist

Birds chirping, tulips blooming, rain dropping - all sure signs that April and springtime have arrived. Many of our residents spent the Easter holiday with their families. Those folks who stayed here at home, were treated to a delightful dinner and joyous music by Don Greenleaf. Many thanks Don!

We're sending a special thanks to Cass City Schools' Sherri Dillon and her students for the terrific artwork they provided for the Easter holiday consisting of colorful paper eggs and bunnies. Their names are: Lucas Baker, Rachel Barnik, Lauren Bukoski, Taylor Burleson, Alexandria Clapper, Dillon Cox, Kristin Ewald, Chelsea Hoppe, Daniel Howitt, Ashtyn Juaniskee, Jazmine LaCourse, Katie Manwell, Jean Luc Mathewson, Elisabeth Milligan, Michael Mulligan, Elisa Norcross, Zachary Pristley, Casey Rabideau, Michaela Romain, Kayla Schneeberger, Trent TerBush, Cody Thompson and Dakota Wilson.

On a recent visit, the Bear Den of Scout Pack #3594 crafted and presented us with a lovely birdhouse we now have on display in our Memory Garden for all to see. Thank you Rita Hanby, Kyle Hanby, Tyler Boyne, Zachary Hoppe, Austin Vincent and Travis Wright for your spirit of community and dedication to the elderly. Our gratitude goes out to the Caro High School Drama Department for their willingness to bring their production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" to our residents. These students' singing and acting talents were very evident, and we truly appreciate them. Thank you Derrick Bassett, Larry Bills, Andrew Guzman, Brandon Laventure, Steven McCann, Kayla Serfes, Sherrie Strider, Megan Tibbits and Kathryn Wills. This venture would not have been possible without production director Mike Campbell and teacher/production director Janet Swarhout. We're looking forward to a return visit in the fall.

The Cass City Area Historical Society's Jack Esau did a wonderful job presenting "A Look Back At Cass City." His slide show program gave our longtime residents (and those who are new to Cass City) insight into the area's history. Thanks to Katie Jackson for helping to arrange for this special evening, and the entire group for their participation.

Absolutely beautiful voices filled our facility when Connie & Dara Iwankovitch were invited to sing for residents. These ladies performed hit show tunes and were marvelous!

Our family is now a little bigger - we've welcomed new residents Howard and Marie Steele, George Clara, Max Cameron and Mildred (Millie) Dennis. The "birthday boys" this month were John Marshall and Howard Steele.

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Gavel Club celebrates its 60-year existence

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Club Relays, which was second only to Central Michigan's "Chip Relays" as the largest invitational track meet in the state of Michigan. This faded out in the late 60s when cinder tracks gave way to asphalt all-weather tracks. Cass City's track is now up to date thanks to the efforts of the Cass City Booster Club along with assistance from Gavel Club and other civic organizations.

- Many improvements to our recreation park including:
 - Dugouts for baseball and softball.
 - Original curb for the 440-yard cinder track prior to the current 400-meter asphalt makeover.
 - Electric baseball and softball scoreboards.
 - Work projects to build picnic tables for the park. Have updated cooking grills several times.
 - Constructed storage shed for track equipment.
 - Constructed the original concession stand at the football field (now situated at the high school baseball/softball complex).

- Provided asphalt runways for pole vault, long jump and the approach for the high jump.
- Initiated project for paving football parking lot.
- Spearheaded last summer improvements to the announcer's booth, updating team rooms in the stadium, erecting new concession stand at football field with new bathroom facilities - these done in concert with the high school.

- Funded and provided for a visit by Santa Claus to Cass City for many years. We always enjoyed the project of putting up a Santa house and packaging candy boxes for the Santa handouts.
- For many years the Christmas displays at the park of "Storybook Land". The last few years of that project the entire community was involved. Unfortunately, vandals caused the cancellation of this worthwhile project.
- Erected a covered area in the courtyard for the use of the patients at Tendercare.
- Established a scholarship fund, along with several other organizations, for the Cass City graduates.

8. Have funded many trips and projects for school functions that fall outside the normal school budget.

9. Gavel Club Invitational Golf tourney. This has been a very successful fund raiser for many years along with a reunion of golfers from throughout the state to our local Rolling Hills course.

Gagetown waiting for new water system

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rently rely on a single well constructed in 1990 in the village park. "We have the 2 uptown, but we haven't used them in a long time," Wright said, noting the wells were shut down due to low but present levels of arsenic in the water. He added the new well will be located just east of the park.

Although the village has locked in the federal money, officials have not finalized certain details, including a plan for repaying the loan.

Wright said earlier that council members had discussed increasing water rates \$11 a month. That's still the plan, according to one village president, who noted the hike would be the first in a decade. Currently, water rates average about \$12 a month, he said. If all goes well, Wright added, the council could increase rates sometime over the next several weeks, although residents would not see a difference in their bills until after July 1.

Wright noted the village pursued the federal money, in part, to meet more stringent federal rules related to arsenic levels in public water supplies.

"Rather than have to put in a treatment plant, which could cost millions of dollars, we're going to put one more (well) in," he said. "It's a lot cheaper to do this."

Aside from meeting arsenic standards, the project should improve the taste of water for some residents.

"Anybody at the end of a (water) line - we're going to loop the lines, so there are no dead ends. That way they won't get stale water," Wright said.

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