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SPOKANE, WASH. resident Ruth Thomas, 77, stopped in Gagetown for a bite to eat and some friendly conversation Monday morning during a cross country bicycle trip that has taken her more than 9,000 miles across 19 states.

Cross country

Spokane senior has biked 9,400 miles on 5-year trek

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Ruth Thomas is living a dream she's had since she was a teenager - to bicycle cross country, free to take her time and visit with as many small town folks as she can along the way.

The journey - 9,483 miles so far - began June 10,

1998, for the 77-year-old Spokane, Wash., woman, who stopped for bite to eat Monday morning at Doug Kucharczyk's All-Way Stop Market in Gagetown.

"I'm visiting the small incorporated - we call them towns where I live, but you call them villages, in every state. I've been to 31 states

and Washington, D.C., already," said Thomas, a widow who has 8 children, 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

A retired school teacher who left the classroom in Kellogg, Idaho, in 1990 after 25 years, Thomas' retirement prompted her to start thinking about living out her

dream of freedom on the road. "I just wanted to do it. Since I was about 18 I've always wanted to do this, and in those days they didn't have gears on the bicycles," she recalled.

"I sold everything to start with - my house, my car, Please turn to back page.

Townwide open house draws dozen visitors

Mother Nature rained on a year-long community promotion effort that culminated in Saturday's community-wide open house in Cass City.

The event theme was "Come for a Day, Stay for a Lifetime."

In spite of the wet, cold, windy weather, however, the open house drew about a dozen visitors, most from downstate cities. The Community Promotions Committee had received about 20 contacts from individuals, couples and families that indicated an interest in visiting the community.

"We ended up altogether with 12 people over the course of the day," committee spokesman L.E. Althaver said.

The visitors included residents from Saline, Troy, Warren, Rochester Hills, Clawson and Stanton.

"Everything went as planned," he added, noting all the business owners and community facilities that had promised to be open Saturday fulfilled that promise, and there was a host of volunteers, from Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who picked up around town one last time in the morning and served refreshments, to local residents who provided personal guided tours of the community.

The visitors had an opportunity to tour local schools, Hills and Dales General Hospital and the Thumb Dialysis Center, Rawson Memorial Library, and other points of interest. Special activities

included an art show at the library, while the Cass City Middle School KLICK Club offered a demonstration in the afternoon.

"Everyone worked really hard and we had a great crew of people downtown. Those who came were absolutely bowled over by the community. They were very enthusiastic," Althaver said. "They really liked the town - number one - and they liked the concept. "We might have some success with one or 2 couples in terms of having them come back for another visit.

"On another day with maybe a little more (advertising), I think we'd have had more activity," Althaver continued. "The look of the community was super, but obviously we didn't get that (across) to enough people."

While the weather likely deterred some potential visitors, Althaver suggested response to the local promotional campaign was affected more by the scope of the campaign, which was launched a year ago by a group of volunteers composed of representatives of the village's senior citizens community, real estate and home construction businesses, healthcare industry, chamber of commerce and others.

"I'm convinced we did a good job with the advertising. But we just don't have enough money to spend over a consistently long time to get the attention of today's hustling, bustling, fast-moving people," he said. "I guess the biggest lesson

we learned is you have to advertise over a year, and that goal is just not reasonable for a community of this size."

Just the same, the promotions committee managed to accomplish several goals, including drawing the interest of some 40 residents who, at one time or another, volunteered their time to the committee, and raising more than \$25,000, all private contributions that paid for expenses such as radio and print advertising.

Their goal all along was simple: to sell the quality of life Cass City has to offer.

"A whole lot of people put a lot of time into it," said Althaver, who noted the group also benefited from dozens of individuals and groups that rolled up their sleeves to fix up, clean up and spruce up the town over the past several weeks. "I can't emphasize enough the cooperation of the citizens of the community," he added.

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5-year-old boy drowns in pond

Sanilac County Sheriff's Deputies Thursday released the name of a Decker area boy who drowned last week in a Lamotte Township pond.

Sgt. Gerry Biniecki identified the victim as Kyle Mark James, 5, son of Daniel and Elizabeth James.

Deputies were dispatched to the family's home at 1895 Hoadley Rd. last Wednesday at about 7:20 p.m.

"(The) initial investigation showed that a 5-year-old boy was riding his bicycle in the family yard when he went missing," Biniecki said.

"Family members started a search for him or his bicycle and at first were unable to locate either. Upon checking a pond located a few hundred feet behind the residence for a second time, the victim's bicycle was located completely submerged in the pond," he said. "Family members then expanded the search from the bicycle and located the victim approximately 15 feet from the bicycle in 5 1/2 feet of water."

The family began resuscitation efforts prior to the arrival of the Lamotte Township Fire Department and sheriff's deputy Otto Kutach. Marlette Ambulance personnel continued efforts to revive the boy while transporting him to Marlette Community Hospital.

Biniecki reported the boy was later flown to Covenant Cooper Hospital in Saginaw, where resuscitation efforts were discontinued at 11 p.m.

School doors closing

Deford students, staff say goodbye

by Melissa Herren
Staff Writer

The close knit neighborhood school, Deford Elementary, where everyone knows everyone by first name, is coming to a close.

Deford Elementary School, which housed K-3 since the 1990s, is closing this year because of low enrollment, said Ken Micklash, superintendent of Cass City Schools. The elementary school currently

houses one class of first grade and one class of second grade, a total of 33 students, he said.

"We hoped kindergarten enrollment would increase, but it hasn't," Micklash said. Enrollment has dropped 12 percent, said Ed Pasant, Deford Elementary School principal.

The school district is not selling the building and will decide the best way to use

the building over the next year, Micklash said.

Deford's kindergarten and third grade was consolidated into Campbell Elementary, last year, Pasant said.

"The Cass City School District is consolidating Deford Elementary into Campbell Elementary to bring more equity into the school district," he said. "It is not in the best interest of the taxpayers' dollars to keep a

school open for a small number of students."

The class size at Campbell Elementary will still remain relatively small, in the 20s, with the consolidation of Deford Elementary students.

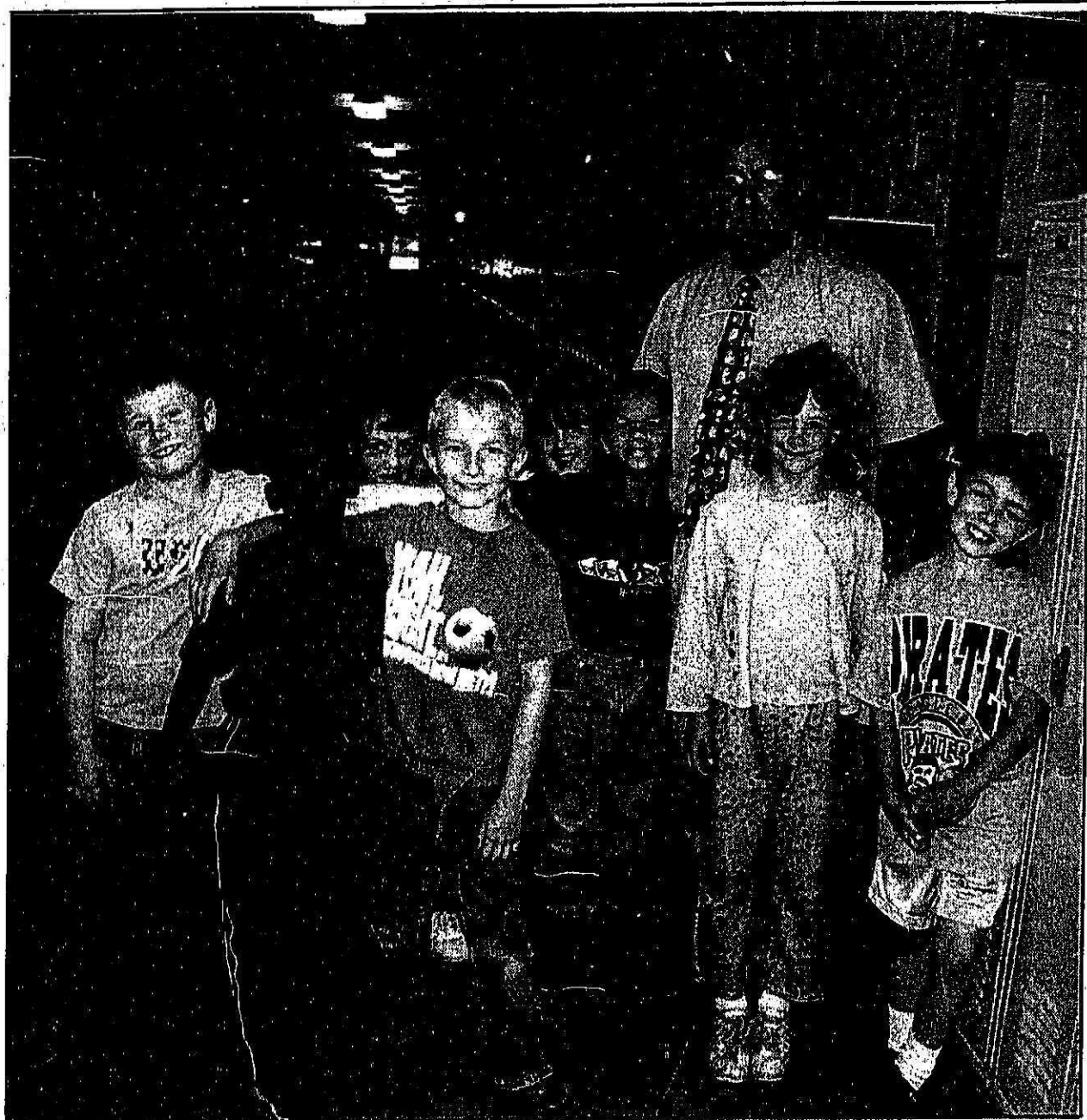
"Deford Elementary School is unique because of the closeness of the community, and knowing 99 percent of the people who walk into the school including students, parents and grandparents of students, and their neighbors, he said. Deford was like a family. I am sad the school year is coming to an end, but I am excited to see the students go on to the next step." Nancy Mason of Deford has a daughter, Emily, who is in first grade and her son also attended the school. "I am not too happy the school is closing. I like having my kids go to a small school. It is nice that the teachers, faculty and principal knows each student by name."

First grade teacher Linda Rose said she is sad to see the school close, but thinks that the larger school will give students an opportunity to become more involved in activities.

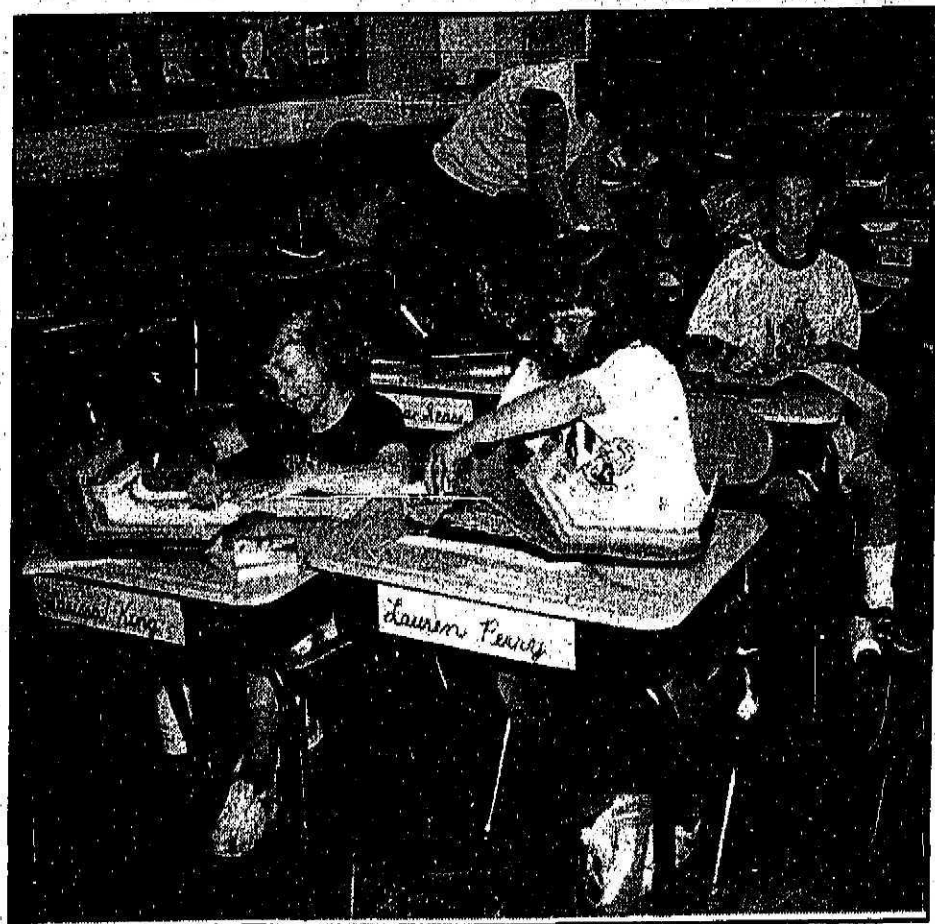
Kathy Dorland, second grade teacher, and Rose both agree that it is too expensive to keep the school open for such a small number of students.

"The school is one of the last pieces of community life in Deford," said Gary Kelley, past principal. It served as a social institution where people attended

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DEFORD SCHOOL is coming to a close as the end of the year approaches. The enrollment rates are not high enough to keep the school open. The 33 students who attended Deford this year will become part of the Campbell Elementary School in the fall. Principal Ed Pasant (above) said the end of the school year will be sad, but the decision to close the school will hopefully benefit the students and the district.



KATHY DORLAND, second grade teacher, helped students with their art project Thursday. Dorland has taught at Deford Elementary School for 13 years.

Engaged Manager Godinez honored by McDonald's



Diane Hillaker and Robert Baur

Diane M. Hillaker and Robert C. Baur, Jr., both of Clinton Township, announce their engagement.

Diane is the daughter of Jerry and Sharon Hillaker of Snover and the granddaughter of Edward and Belva Hillaker of Ubyly and Bill and Cora Parrott of Cass City.

Robert is the son of Robert and Debbie Baur of Port Huron and Ken Matthews and the late Marjorie Matthews of Marysville.

Diane is a graduate of Grand Valley State University and is employed by Michigan Foster and Adoptive Parent Association as a social worker.

Robert is a 1988 graduate of Marysville High School and is employed by PTI Engineered Plastics as a senior prototype technician.

The wedding is planned for Oct. 11, 2003 in Marysville. The couple will reside in Clinton Township.

Some days you could find McDonald's founder Ray Kroc sweeping the parking lots or cleaning the bathrooms — no joke — whatever it took to get the job done.

That philosophy still holds true today and that's why Michigan is honoring the best of the best managers in the state. At a recent manager's rally, almost 50 Michigan McDonald's managers, including Rodger Godinez, manager of the Cass City McDonald's, were honored.

"These managers are the cream of the crop, the best of the best," said Edie Waddell, vice president, general manager of The Michigan McDonald's region. "We are very proud to have this caliber of people on our team."

The winners were chosen based on highest overall scores on several restaurant "mystery shops", which include periodic checks on quality, service and cleanliness.

The Michigan managers were chosen out of the 13,000 restaurants in the nation. The winners will be recognized at a Manager's convention in Las Vegas next month.



Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dafeo

Dafeo and Perry exchange vows

An outdoor wedding took place in Cass City May 10, 2003 at the home of Jimmie and Geraldine Perry, son and daughter-in-law of the bride, for Lawrence F. Dafeo and Marion L. Perry.

The bride was given in marriage by her son Richard Perry of Owosso.

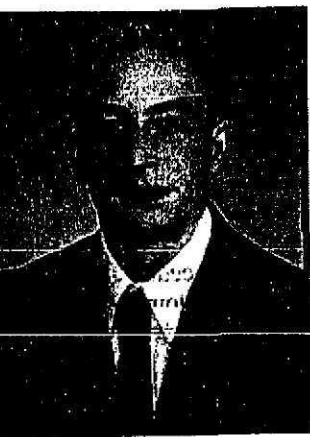
Witnessing their marriage was Geraldine Perry as matron of honor; Rhonda Dafeo of Fountain as bridesmaid,

daughter-in-law of the groom; James Dafeo of Fountain served as best man for his father; and Jimmie Perry was a groomsman.

Immediate family and relatives attended their ceremony and dinner followed.

A honeymoon is planned to Oklahoma to visit the brides' son, Ronald, and daughter-in-law, Arlene Perry of Talala.

Glaspie accepted by scholars group Engaged



Zachary Glaspie

Zachary J. Glaspie of Cass City accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at The University of Michigan. The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS)

is a highly selective, national, non-profit honors organization. Founded in 1994, NSCS recognizes first and second year undergraduate students who excel academically.

The Society was established on the principle that with scholarship comes a responsibility to develop leadership and a duty to perform service.

"NSCS provides the opportunity for students, like Zachary, to be recognized for their outstanding academic accomplishments early in their college experience," said Steve Loflin, NSCS Executive Director. "Zachary will also have the opportunity to join other high achieving college students in developing leadership skills and a sense of civic responsibility."



Meg's Peg

Camping tips

by Melva E. Guinther

Anyone who went camping in Michigan last weekend deserves a medal (or a sanity test). It was extremely cold, windy and wet. I wore earmuffs and gloves Saturday when covering the plants to protect them from frost.

I've never been a camper, even in ideal weather. My idea of roughing it is sharing a fully equipped bathroom.

However, for those hardy souls who are camping enthusiasts, here are a few tips garnered from the You Make Me Laugh website.

>When using a public campground, a tuba placed on your picnic table will keep the campsites on either side of you vacant.

>Get even with the bear that raided your food bag by kicking his favorite stump apart and eating all the ants.

>A hot rock placed in your sleeping bag will keep your feet warm. A hot enchilada works almost as well, but the cheese sticks between your toes.

>The best backpacks are named for national parks or mountain ranges. Steer clear of those named for landfills.

>While the Swiss Army knife has been popular for years, the Swiss Navy knife has remained largely unheralded. Its single blade functions as a tiny canoe paddle.

>By the way, the canoe paddle should never be con-

fused with the gnu paddle, a similar device used by Tibetan veterinarians.

>Modern rain suits made of fabrics that "breathe" enable campers to stay dry in a down-pour. Rain suits that sneeze and cough, however, have been proven to add absolutely nothing to the wilderness experience.

>Lint from your navel makes a handy fire starter. Warning: Remove lint from navel before applying the match.

>You'll never be lost if you remember that moss always grows on the north side of your compass.

>You can duplicate the warmth of a down-filled bedroll by climbing into a plastic garbage bag with several geese.

>Take this simple test to see if you qualify for solo camping: Shine a flashlight into one ear. If the beam shines out the other ear, do not go into the woods alone.

>A 2-man pup tent does not include 2 men or a pup.

>A potato baked in the coals for one hour makes an excellent side dish. A potato baked in the coals for 3 hours makes an excellent hockey puck.

>In emergency situations you can survive by shooting small game with a slingshot made from the waistband of your underwear.

>The guitar of the noisy teenager at the next campsite makes excellent firewood.

>The sight of a bald eagle has thrilled campers for generations. The sight of a bald man, however, does absolutely nothing for the eagle.

>It's entirely possible to spend your whole vacation on a winding mountain road behind a large motor home.

>Bear bells provide an element of safety for hikers in grizzly country. The tricky part is getting them on the bears.



LAMOTTE Missionary Church officials recently announced the arrival of a new senior pastor, Gerald Steel, pictured above with his wife, Miriam. The church board invites area residents to attend an open house for the Steels, scheduled for Saturday, June 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church.

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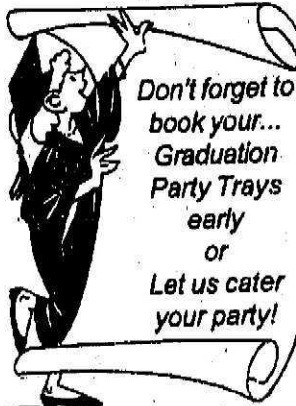
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It's a boy!



Zachary David Johnston

Michael and Shawn Johnston of Charlotte, N.C. announce the birth of their son, Zachary David.

Zachary was born May 19, 2003. He weighed 9 pounds, 4 ounces and was 21 1/4 inches long.

His grandparents are Bob and Sandy Atkins of Bluffton, S.C. and Carol and the late David Johnston of Sandusky. Great-grandparents are Helen and the late Harold Copeland of Cass City and Genevieve Gerstenberger of Sandusky. Zachary was welcomed home by his big brother, Ryan.

Cass City Social Items
Call your local news to the Chronicle office 872-2010

There will be a celebration of Howard McMillen's life, which will take place at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 14, at Nora McMillen's home, 4031 Hoppe Road, Gagetown.



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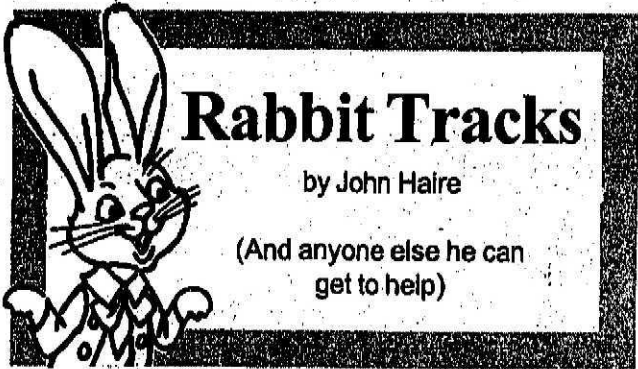
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Think of it as a fast food restaurant for pasta. That's my conclusion after a visit to one of the Fazoli's outlets, this one across the street from the Midland mall.

There is a varied pasta menu posted in fast food style on the wall behind the counter.

My order was twice baked lasagna, Esther's was chicken spaghetti. We shared a tossed salad. She had tea. There is a never-ending supply of hot breadsticks with each order.

Fazoli's is made to order for travelers, quick and surprisingly satisfactory.

Cost for both meals was \$13. It fills a niche in the market and in the fast food category give it a 7.5 in the 1-10 rating.

The Chronicle published its annual commemorative graduation section after graduation instead of prior to the event. That had Pat Wells, Cass City, worried. She informed me that she saved a copy of each of the Chronicle's graduation editions published and was afraid that she would not have one this year to add to the list.

Regular readers of this trivia will recall that Tom Hendrick found morel mushrooms while mowing his law, but had no luck searching the area for more.

Last week that changed. He reported that he finally found some mushrooms. And what mushrooms they were.

He didn't bring a sample because the morels were cut in 2 and put in water. But they were B-I-G, he enthused, demonstrating with his hands that they were in the neighborhood of 6 inches tall and 4 inches in diameter.

The downer in all of this is that he found about a dozen under a pine tree and that was it. Still 12 big morels would fit nicely in a pizza or decorating a few steaks.

For 2 years the Chronicle was privileged to have Alissa Pasant reporting Cass City school news from the students' perspective.

Her last column appears in this issue and is a continuation of her school experiences after she reached high school. She leaves big shoes to fill for the next columnist and we feel lucky that she volunteered and was rock solid with her column each week that school was in session.

Cass City police officer

Zelmer hired full time

Cass City's newest full-time police officer is no stranger to the community, having patrolled local streets part time for the past 3 years.



Roger Zelmer

Village officials Friday announced the hiring of Roger Zelmer to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of Officer Michael Gebauer. Gebauer left the department in April after 5 1/2 years in Cass City to accept a position with the Caro Police Department.

"Officer Zelmer knows the village and the department's policies and procedures, and his performance has always been outstanding," said Police Chief Gene Wilson.

"Roger brings a lot of experience to the department," agreed Deputy Police Chief Craig Haynes, who noted Zelmer worked as a Tuscola County Sheriff's deputy for 25 years before joining the local department.

"It's rare that we can hire an officer with the extent of experience and knowledge he has," said Village Manager Frank Sheridan. "I believe that the police chief chose an individual who will fit in with the department's com-

munity oriented policing philosophy."

Zelmer, whose full-time status in Cass City began Monday, is a Vassar native and 1968 Akron-Fairgrove High School graduate. The U.S.

Army veteran received his criminal justice training at Delta College.

He joins a department that includes 3 other full-time officers and another 8 part-time officers.

No school races set in the area

Annual school elections promise to be quiet this year in the Cass City area. Voters are scheduled to go to the polls Monday.

In the Cass City School District, incumbents Teresa Rabideau and James Turner were the only candidates to meet the official filing deadline last April. Rabideau, current school board secretary, and Turner, a trustee, are seeking reelection to 4-year terms.

Likewise, the only candidate to file in the Owen-Gage School District was an incumbent, board Secretary

Brenda Kretzschmer, who is also seeking reelection to a 4-year term.

In the Kingston Community School District, incumbents Bernard Bishop, currently serving as board secretary, and Trustee Carol Nicol are the candidates. Bishop is running a lone one-year term, while Nicol is seeking reelection to a 4-year term on the board.

In the Ugly Community School District, board of education Secretary Kevin O'Connor and Treasurer Janice Sagemen are both seeking reelection to 4-year terms.

The Haire Net



The Cass City Rotary Club is seeking a long-lasting, significant project to commemorate Rotary's 100th birthday since the organization was founded in Chicago and equally, if not more important, the 75 years of service in Cass City.

Various projects have been banded about, but the club is far from a commitment. Possibly influenced by Rotary Parks in Lapeer and Boyne City that I am familiar with, I thought a park along the Cass River near the end of the walking trail could be a lasting tribute to the club, as well as a worthwhile addition to the quality of life in the community.

It would be nice, but for Cass City it's just not practical. It's not practical, not because of the cost, but because of the shabby conduct that has been the norm in previous attempts to give something extra to the community.

If no one were there to stand guard at all times, whatever the park had to offer would be quickly vandalized. Three incidents come quickly to mind. The nursery rhyme displays that were moved from homes to the park and covered much of the area that now houses picnic tables didn't last long. Thieves stole the Christmas lights and followed that by vandalizing the displays. Displays that took countless hours to create. They were unique, you couldn't buy them at the corner Christmas gift store, or any store for that matter.

Taking advantage of a grant to help pay the cost, Rotary established an exercise trail complete with exercise apparatus at 10 stations. The trail was carved through the park woods. That proved to be a mistake because it was hidden from public view. Within 2 years much of the equipment was wrecked or stolen. Rotary returned and rebuilt the trail and it took

even less time to destroy it again. Today there is no exercise trail.

More recent is the continuing trashing of the walking trail, where the roof was vandalized and a hole punched in the floor of the now graffiti-loaded building that spans the Cass River.

It's apparent that any public structure that isn't under constant surveillance has little or no chance to survive. So what is the best option for the Rotary Club project? Certainly, any suggestion will be considered by club members. If you have a project that fills a need, pass it along to the Chronicle to take to the club.

It's not necessary, but if you would like to write a letter to the editor about it also, so much the better.

A little extra publicity never hurts.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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A recent conversation with my brother reminded me how much agriculture has changed over the years. My brother said the man who leases his farm uses a sixteen-row corn planter, "So planting corn doesn't take as long as it used to."

When they're done with the corn, the planter converts to beans and they plant 32 rows of soybeans at a swath. That's quite a change from the old two-row planter we used when I was a kid.

I don't know how many acres we planted per day with that machine, but it wasn't very many. Planting corn was quite an operation in those days.

The old planter had a seed bucket above each wheel and a fertilizer container behind that. (I think that was the order.) The wheels had sprockets and chains that turned a plate to release seed into the furrow.

Fertilizer ran through a separate tube and was placed beside and below the seed. Each round or two the operator had to stop and fill the seed buckets and fertilizer containers.

We generally had a kid on hand to move the truck and help handle seed and fertilizer bags. Sometimes one of us would jump onto the planter seat and ride a few rounds to make sure everything was working properly.

That's what we were supposed to be doing, anyway. The real reason we rode the planter was for entertainment.

The planter was mounted on a three-point hitch and pulled by a little Ford tractor. Each time the tractor driver came to the end of the field he would lift the planter and make the turn for the next two rows.

That was the fun part. The kid on the planter seat got a pretty good ride on the turns.

I can remember riding the planter when my dad was doing the seeding, but I don't recall ever doing so when my brothers were driving.

That's understandable, I guess. The brothers were always in a bit of a hurry; and if they didn't toss me off accidentally, they would have surely done it on purpose.

Of all the changes agriculture has experienced, that's the biggest in my opinion.

The Weather

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| Wednesday | 76 | 45 | .05" |
| Thursday | 75 | 46 | .14" |
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By Dr. Robert Gabriel

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- Less than one percent of back ailments require surgery. Before saying "yes" to the knife, get a thorough examination and treatment from your chiropractor.
- More than 80 percent of health insurances cover chiropractic.
- Why use medicines that are expensive and have side effects if they are not needed?
- Chiropractors are concerned about the care of the whole body, including exercise, stress reduction, nutrition and correct posture.
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Alissa's Article

by Alissa Pasant

10th biker bash gets underway this weekend

Editor's note: The following is the second and final part of Alissa Pasant's last column written for the Chronicle. A 2003 Cass City High School graduate, Pasant has provided a weekly column for the past 2 years.

I can still remember my first day of high school - walking in to the building and being the youngest one there. This was scary at the time. My high school years flew by very quickly. I had many classes in high school that I enjoyed. I really liked my English class my freshman year taught by Mrs. Markel. She really got me into writing, and I began to read books. My art class was a blast that year. This was the only class that I had upperclassmen in. I didn't know that you could have that in high school. I wasn't just in with my own grade anymore. I wasn't the best artist, but Mrs. Judy Hoelzle helped me quite a bit.

Another class I really enjoyed was public speaking. This was taught by Mrs. Dotty Scollon. This class helped me get up in front of people. To this day I read in church and I even read at Baccalaureate. I have her to thank for that.

My sophomore year was better since I moved up a grade. I will always remember to write in blue or black ink from Mrs. Nancy Folk's class. My junior year was the hardest year in high school. I had many tough classes. Mrs. Jane Reif's college preparatory English class has probably prepared me the most for college. I also would like to thank Mr. Jim Green. His chemistry class made me decide on what I would like to do for the rest of my life. While in high school, I'd have to say that was my favorite class. It was a challenge, but I enjoyed it. One fun class that I had my

junior year was advanced P.E. taught by Mr. Don Markel. I really enjoyed this class because it was different than all the other ones.

My senior year was a blast. I loved all my classes: English with Mr. Dennis Meck, Government with Mrs. Kathy Tuckey, Yearbook class with Ms. Diaz, Biology with Mrs. Nancy Weippert and Mrs. Angie Guza, my college class with Mr. Rick Coleman, and my calculus class with Mr. Joe Guza.

I enjoyed all of my teachers throughout my years. I would like to thank the office staff and everyone from the counselors and secretaries to the principals. You have made my high school years great. Thank you for everything that you have taught me or done for me. I appreciate it.

Besides all of the teachers that I have had, I would like to thank all of my coaches from all the sports that I have been in. I am thankful that you gave up your time to coach and stay after some practices with me to make me a better player.

This is my last article that I will be writing. It has been great and I have enjoyed it. My future plans are to attend Ferris State University in the fall where I have been accepted into the Pre-Pharmacy Program. After that two-year program, I will continue my studies at Ferris in the Pharmacy Program and one day I hope to become a Pharmacist.

Some things are ending, while others are just beginning. My time writing for the Chronicle has come to an end after two years. I have enjoyed writing and I will miss it. I feel fortunate to have had this opportunity, and I am thankful to the people at the Chronicle for giving me this opportunity.

A biker tradition in the Thumb continues this weekend with the 10th annual Evergreen Park Benefit sponsored by American Bikers Aiming Towards Education (ABATE) Region 7.

The festivities kick off at the park, located about 4 miles southeast of Cass City on M-53, with the opening of the gate at noon Friday. The evening will feature live music by The Adam Allen Band.

Saturday's special events will include a poker run, bike show, bike games, 50/50 raffle and a fashion show. The band Duck and Cover will provide live music, and there will be vendors selling bike parts, clothes, jewelry, tattoos, food and ice.

"You do not need to be a biker to join the fun," said Diane Gray, secretary of ABATE Region 7. "Many neighbors of Evergreen Park stop out for the day or just to say 'thanks' for saving their park."

Participants must be at least 18 years of age to enter the park, and those ages 18 to 21 must be ABATE members. Anyone 21 and over is welcome. Admission is \$15 per person for the weekend. Pets, fireworks, 4-wheelers and other ORVs are prohibited.

Due to limited parking, there will be a \$5 parking charge outside the camping area. Parking within the camping area is \$10 for cars and trucks, and \$30 for motor homes, campers and trailers.

Touted as mid-Michigan's largest motorcycle gathering, the Evergreen Park Benefit dates back to 1993 when members of ABATE Region 7 organized the weekend party to help keep the park open. Since then, the organization has donated thousands of dollars in contributions and upgrades to the

park.

Through additional federal funding Sanilac County Parks officials have now completed the transition from a rustic park to a modern camping facility with full hook-up campsites and a new bathroom facility with showers.

In addition to the park benefit, members of ABATE Region 7 are involved in a host of other community-oriented activities, including maintenance of a 2-mile stretch of M-53 through the Michigan Adopt-a-Highway program. The group is also involved in Toys for Tots, Born to Be Wild Days in Elkton, and Harley Drags in Uby.

ABATE is a non-profit organization that promotes motorcycle safety, education and legislative issues. Members, for example, have been instrumental in providing motorcycle awareness programs at Thumb area high schools during driver's education courses.

More information about the organization is available by contacting Region 7 Coordinator Butch Brown at (989) 673-4743, or by logging on to www.mikeman.net/abate7.

Interested residents are also invited to attend ABATE meetings, held the first Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. at Charlie's Pub in Argyle.

MCF to break ground

After many months of pre-construction work, the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility will soon break ground for their renovation/construction project.

The actual groundbreaking ceremony will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 25, at the facility, 1285 Cleaver Rd., Caro. The public is encouraged to attend. Many dignitaries will be in attendance and light refreshments will be served.

Completion of the project will add 20 beds designated for Alzheimer residents to the nursing home as well as adding a 16 unit assisted living facility. Construction will begin about mid-July of this year and completion is expected to be in early summer of 2005.

Letter to the editor

Give kids more coverage

Dear Editor,

I have to agree with Ron Spaulding. These young kids love playing sports. If they didn't they wouldn't be there. And if it wasn't for the coaches giving all their time for weekly practices these children wouldn't be learning sportsmanship and the rules of the games. They learn a lot from their coaches in grade school. They will take these skills with them to high school and possibly on to college.

Give them some coverage in your paper. A photo or a nice story will boost their ego. Never in all my son's years in playing minor league, little league, pony league or his freshman year has there been any coverage. This is not just in baseball. It also goes for basketball, football and now soccer. No pictures or nice stories about our younger children and their sports.

Last year when my son was on the Cass City pony league, his coach Joe Langenburg took these boys to the top. They had a great year...20 wins-no losses. I called the Chronicle to have them come to the ball diamond and do a story on these boys and their great year. These boys and their coach did a great job.

The lady at the Chronicle told me "If we have time we will." You know the Chronicle never came to do a story on this proud team. This tells me as a parent where these kids are in the paper. At the bottom of the list. Why is it varsity gets all the coverage? They get coverage in any sport they do from basketball, baseball, football, soccer, volleyball, golf and track.

It would sure make the younger children feel wonderful seeing pictures or a story about their sports in your paper. Joe Langenburg is a wonderful coach. He has kept his team together. He encouraged these boys that they can do it and they have. The boys' baseball team had only 3 losses this year and no coverage. Great job, well done boys.

Our children is what makes this community grow. They have a lot of years ahead of them. Lets give them lots of support and encouragement. Pictures and stories about their sports will help boost

their ego about playing sports now and in their future.

Our town has given these children wonderful playing fields to play all sports on. Looks to me as if varsity teams are the only kids to make the paper. Don't get me wrong. Varsity sports deserve praise on their sports, but so should the younger children.

What's one more page in the paper gonna hurt? Please give our younger children the same coverage as you do the varsity teams.

Proud parent of all sports,
Evelyn Wutzke

Editor's note:

We've heard this complaint countless times over the years, and the truth is, we understand parents' frustration with a lack of coverage when it comes to youth sports leagues.

We try to provide a limited amount of coverage. For example, the past 2 issues of the Chronicle included rather lengthy stories on recent Minor and Little League games, thanks to the efforts of some dedicated volunteers.

However, we simply don't have the manpower and space to devote to covering youth leagues. A small editorial staff can be stretched

only so far, and like many other BUSINESSES in the community, we have been impacted by the economy in recent years, which translates into less advertising revenue and, subsequently,

fewer pages to work with each week. "One more page" of sports wouldn't hurt anything, but the Chronicle is a business, and it costs money to print each and every page.

In the meantime, we will continue to strive to put the community's young people in the spotlight through coverage of school activities, special events and features.

Reader: column upsetting

To Roger Pond,

I usually try to read your column because most of the time it's about farming but this week it's a Republican campaign article and that really got me upset because you were making fun of Al Gore when he was talking about pitching manure and how all your Republican friends think that is a bunch of bologna.

Are you nitpicking at Rev. Al Sharpton for Mr. Bush giving Iraq universal health care? Do you have health care and who pays for yours, if you do what does it cost? Our Democrats have been trying to get that passed, but

the Republicans think it's going to cost too much. Since Mr. Bush has been in power there is 3 million less jobs and the manure he is spreading for his tax cut for the poor is going to help increase jobs by 1 million. What I would like to know is where are these jobs going to come from? Is the rich people going to hire others

to shovel their manure so they don't have to?

The Republicans are just like kids with a new check-book, if there's checks in the book then we have to write them to somebody regardless if there is money in there or not.

Richard Marker,
Unionville

Town lucky to have dance studio

The costumes are in. Dress rehearsals are over. Only one more week of classes before the recital. New hairdos and makeup have been tried. Grandparents have been invited. Everyone's excited. The early review is great.

The first Sally Doerr Dance Studio Recital with Jeralyn Herp as owner is destined to be exciting and full of fun. The dancers are talented and the little ones are just darn cute.

Cass City is so fortunate to have such a wonderful dance studio in our town. The teaching staff continues to be the most talented and capable in the area. These instructors have a gift, not only in their own dancing ability, but in their ability to teach young men and women

while allowing them to have fun.

Not only do the students learn dance skills, but they also learn coordination, confidence, poise, how to work with others and how to present their beautiful smiles. These students give their all and have learned that to be good they must work hard.

Come see for yourself. This year's Sally Doerr Dance Studio Recitals are being held in the air conditioned auditorium of Laker High School (only the dancers will be hot) Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7, at 7 p.m. A special matinee for the younger dancers will be Saturday, June 7, at noon.

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Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 285 of 1931, as amended (the Municipal Planning Act), notice is hereby given that the Cass City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to receive comment on the proposed Village Master Plan. The purpose of the public hearing is to explain proposed recommendations of the Master Plan and receive public comment. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present comments.

A draft copy of the Master Plan will be available for public inspection at the Cass City Village Hall during regular business hours. Written comments concerning the Master Plan may be submitted to the Village at the above location prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record.

Contact the Village of Cass City at 872-2911 for more information



KINGSTON ELEMENTARY students Miranda DeBlois, first grade, (left) and Quinnlin Daily, third grade, (right) visited the animals at Douglas Kramer's Villageside Farm during Festival Day. The petting zoo was comprised of a sheep, horses, rabbits, ducks and a pig, to mention just a few of the animals present.



KINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL students Samantha Anger (front), Katie Wood (left), Stacey Blackwell, Andrea McCoy and Ashley King dressed up in old fashioned clothes during their free time at Festival Day. The girls performed skits about things that happened in Kingston in the past, including the train wreck and a big fire.

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Trio to receive funding

State Rep. Tom Meyer recently announced \$8,691 in grants have been awarded by the 4C (Community Coordinated Child Care) Association to 3 Tuscola County child care providers.

Barbara Carter of Caro, Vicky Jane Neuville of Caro, and Destiney Goss of Silverwood were awarded Enhanced Quality Improvement Program (EQUIP) Round II grants for their child care programs to be used in the areas of infant/toddler care, special needs adaptations and non-traditional working hours care.

Carter received \$3,491 for fence, outdoor and infant equipment and a computer. Neuville received \$2,250 towards the purchase of a fence and infant equipment, and Goss was awarded a \$2,950 grant for a fence, outdoor equipment and supplies for indoor activities.

The Michigan 4C Association is a leader in the field of child care resource and referral services. These grants represent the second round of EQUIP grants awarded to increase the quality and quantity of child care in Michigan.

172 applicants secured grants ranging from \$619 to \$3,500.

Students travel back in time

by Melissa Herren
Staff Writer

Kingston Elementary students went back in time to experience pioneer life hands-on during Festival Day recently at Doug Kramer's Villageside Farm.

Sixty local community members volunteered their time and expertise to teach students about life 150 years ago, said Kramer, sixth grade teacher.

Pioneer Days provides the Kingston Elementary schoolchildren with an idea of what pioneer life was like through hands-on experience.

"I learned about quilting and that was cool, we were even able to practice

stitches," Jordan Remington, sixth grader, said. "It was interesting to learn that some quilts are made from old clothing to remember people by," he said.

The kids learned how to square dance, spin wool, and fish - like they did in pioneer days - with a string attached to a stick.

Other highlights of the festival included a portrayal of a one-room schoolhouse, wagon rides, a petting zoo, skits portraying Kingston in the past, carving, leather-making and old fashion pictures.

The students attended sessions that informed them about quilt making, basket weaving, retrieval dogs and a session that stressed the

importance of animals, for transportation, food and clothing.

Local residents brought samples of baskets, quilts and preserved animals.

Bob Walker, of Kingston, said he talked about the importance of hunting, fishing and the fur trade to life during pioneer days.

Quinnlin Daily, third grader said, "I have learned that pioneers use a lot of animals to help them in life. The animals provided clothing and food to the people." Daily said she also learned how to fish different ways.

Joe Hillaker, a Deford woodcarver for 25 years, told students about the different hardness of stone and the types of wood found in

Michigan.

Hezekiah Morell, second grader said, "Wood carving can be fun. You can carve out of different kinds of woods and carve things like a deer's head, an eagle, dinosaurs and birds. The deer head is my favorite."

Julie Ruggles, second grade teacher, said the biggest highlight of the festival is that kids of all ages have the opportunity to interact together. The kids are divided into groups and each group has children ranging from kindergarten to sixth grade.

Kramer said, they mixed the groups to give the kids the experience of what school life was like in a one-room schoolhouse. It is neat to see

the older kids helping the younger kids, he said.

"We have a small school and the opportunity to mingle with other students will be an event the students will never forget," Ruggles said.

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The credit is based on household income, the number of exemptions claimed and the home's actual heating costs.

DTE Energy will help customers apply for the credit through Aug. 31. After Aug. 31, customers may obtain the Home Heating Credit Claim form (MI 1040CR-7) by calling 1-800-367-6263. The deadline to file with the State of Michigan is Sept. 30.

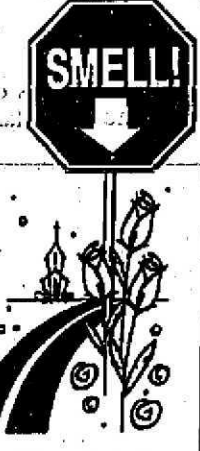
PRESENTING CASS CITY ROTARY'S \$1000 scholarship checks to 3 Cass City High School seniors are Colleen Langenburg, left, and Doug Lautner, right. The honored students are, from left, Matt Stoutenburg, Liz Hoyt and Ashley Froede. Photo by Kay Warner.

Cass City Area Church Directory

Slow Down and Enjoy Life

Despite all of the timesaving technologies at our disposal, from fast-food to fax machines, most of us feel more hurried and harried than ever before. Recently, I had the experience of walking across a beautiful college campus and noticing a newly erected sculpture. My first impulse was to say to myself, "Don't stop to look at it now, you don't have time." Then I realized that I honestly didn't need to be in such a hurry, and that an extra minute or two to look at this work of art wasn't going to negatively impact my day. On the contrary, slowing down to enjoy this artwork impacted my day in a very positive way. A wise man has said that the secret of life is enjoying the passage of time. But, we can't enjoy the passage of time if we are forever trying to beat the clock. Today's lifestyle is fast paced; however, slowing down and enjoying God's beauty, such as watching a sunset, or just sitting outside and watching the birds, can be relaxing, and is beneficial to our well-being. There are countless things that we can see or do to make our lives more enjoyable and peaceful. The Bible tells us that God generously gives everything to us for our enjoyment. We should be aware and thankful to God for all the wondrous things in our lives.

The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle dove is heard in our land.
R.S.V. Song of Solomon 2:12



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Lady Hawks win district title thriller

The Cass City Red Hawk softball team proved again that it's hard to beat a good team 3 times in a season and the Red Hawks proved it by winning a stirring 8-inning, 1-0 decision over the Unionville-Sebewaing Patriots Friday in Cass City to capture the district final and advance to the regionals in Deckerville Saturday at 12:30. In the regular season USA defeated the Hawks twice.

It was a pitching battle between freshman Sarah Alegria and senior Becky Hartel.

The winning run came at an unexpected time. It was the bottom of the eighth with 2 out and Alegria was mowing down the Hawks with regularity. Kristy Fluegge bunted and got on base. Everyone in the park knew that she would try to steal second. To counter that threat, USA

moved a stronger thrower behind the plate. On the first pitch, Fluegge took off and slid into second. The throw to the bag got past the second baseman, Fluegge got up, took off and never stopped till she scored the winning run without even drawing a throw.

Hartel allowed a single in the first and a bunt single in the seventh as she posted the biggest win of her career. She was helped by outstanding defensive support from her teammates who played errorless ball.

They turned 2 of the hardest hit balls of the night against Hartel into outs. Mallory Powell made a catch of a sizzling line drive in left field and Alissa Pasant made a backhanded grab of a ground ball hit to take away a sure double from USA.

The Hawks almost ended the game in regulation time

with a serious threat in the 7th inning. Krystee Dorland led off with a double, Hartel was walked and both runners moved up on a wild pitch. A walk loaded the bases, but Alegria pitched her way out of the jam to send the game into extra innings.

Alegria allowed 4 hits, 2 by Dorland, one by Hartel and the other the fatal bunt single by Kristi Fluegge. She walked 2, both intentionally. Hartel allowed 2 hits, struck out 6 and did not walk a batter.

The Lakers scored their second run of the game in the third as Fritch opened with a single and came around on infield outs.

The Lakers scored 2 more in the last inning, but it was by far too little, too late.

The Hawks went in front 8-2 in the fifth and added 2 more in the sixth.

Hartel allowed 6 hits, struck out 6 and walked one. Pasant had 2 hits and drove in 3 runs.



GOOD GLOVE, GREAT BAT. Cass City's Krystee Dorland makes a play at shortstop in the Hawks' 10-4 victory over Lakers in the district semis Friday. Dorland also collected 4 hits in 4 trips to the plate that resulted in 4 RBIs.

Lounsbury headed to FSU

Joseph Lounsbury will have a great opportunity of joining the Ferris State University football team this fall. Lounsbury, the son of Thomas and Virginia Lounsbury, is a 2003 graduate of Cass City High

School. Last week he received a letter from Ferris telling him that he was a preferred walk-on for the team.

Lounsbury plans to study graphic arts, marketing and technology at Ferris.



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| Flight #1 (scratch) | |
|---------------------|----|
| Ray Fox | 63 |
| Craig Helwig | 56 |
| Jim Peyer | 53 |
| Mark Swanson | 52 |
| Mike Lowe | 51 |
| Bill Kritzman | 49 |
| Dieter Roth | 48 |
| Ken Zdrojewski | 44 |
| Don Ouvry | 43 |
| Scott Richards | 41 |
| Brad Goslin | 37 |
| John Maharg | 37 |
| Rich Tate | 34 |
| Fred Leeson | 34 |
| Terry Wiseman | 34 |
| Don Warner | 28 |

| Flight #2 (scratch) | |
|---------------------|-----|
| Jim Fox | 58 |
| Ernie Bellew | 52 |
| Jim Hobbs | 51 |
| Dave Weiler | 51 |
| Dave Hoard | 50 |
| Brian Reinhardt | 48 |
| Clark Erla | 46 |
| Jim Apley | 45 |
| Craig Bellew | 44 |
| Daryl Iwankovitsch | 36 |
| Russ Biefer | 35 |
| Gary Robinson | 35 |
| Jack Hool | 34 |
| Mike Ware | 33* |
| Corey Ulfig | 29* |
| Dan Mosher | 13* |

| Flight #3 (all scratch) | |
|-------------------------|----|
| Jon Zdrojewski | 57 |
| Ed Knight | 53 |
| Dan Hittler | 52 |
| Rich Perkins | 52 |
| Don Corrigan | 50 |
| Kevin Bliss | 49 |
| Dave Oehring | 47 |
| Don Erla | 45 |
| Tom Herron | 43 |
| Roy Tuckey | 42 |
| Pat Curtis | 41 |
| Dick Wallace | 39 |
| Duane Henn | 37 |
| Paul Adams | 35 |
| Jim Mastie | 34 |
| Scott Cuthrell | 28 |

| Flight #4 (all scratch) | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Mike Hawrylo | 56* |
| Asa Apley | 48 |
| Dan Curtis | 47 |
| Bob Montgomery | 46 |
| Anton Peters | 44 |
| Tom Lis | 44* |
| Orvil Beecher | 43 |
| Charley Tunis | 42 |
| Bob Stickle | 40 |
| Bruce LeValley | 36 |
| Doug Lautner | 34* |
| Terry Hendrick | 33* |
| Tavis Osentoski | 21* |
| Jeff Krol | 16* |

| Flight #5 (handicap) | |
|----------------------|----|
| Clate Sawdon | 68 |
| Pat Davis | 55 |
| Bob Bredemeyer | 52 |
| Dave Keller | 50 |
| Doug Laurie | 49 |
| Bill Ewald | 46 |
| Ed Mercado | 45 |
| John Agar | 43 |
| Bert Althaver | 43 |
| Roger Apley | 42 |
| Thad Phelps | 38 |
| Dennis Meck | 34 |
| Aaron Mar | 26 |
| Tom Thorold | 25 |

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THE RED HAWK DISTRICT CHAMPIONS are (front, l-r) Paula Fluegge, Allie Pasant, Becky Hartel, Courtney Green; (second row, l-r) Monica Wilcox, Gail Hartwick, Krystee Dorland, Megan Toner, Kristy Fluegge, Mallory Powell, Luann Laming; (back, l-r) Coach Ken Martin and Coach Dave Hoard. (Photo courtesy of Lee Hartel.)

North Huron eliminates O-G

Owen-Gage went to the final out of the final inning with a chance to win in the semi-finals of the district softball tournament Friday at North Huron. The Bulldogs bowed to North Huron, 6-5.

The Bulldogs opened the scoring with a run in the first inning as Kelly Zaleski scored on a fielder's choice. In the top of the third, Owen-Gage went in front, 2-0. The Warriors bounced back with a big 4-run third inning to take the lead. Owen-Gage fought back with a 3-run splurge in the fourth to go ahead by a run.

North Huron added a single run in the fifth and the eventual winning run in the sixth. The Bulldogs made a valiant effort to get the win. With the tying runs on base, Kelly Zaleski cracked a long fly to deep left, but the Warrior left fielder made a fine catch to preserve the win.

We had 5 errors compared to North Huron's single error

and we also had some poor base running, coach Barb Adams pointed out. The Warriors played very well, Adams added, with lots of spirit and we wish them luck at the regionals.

For Owen-Gage, Michelle Brown collected 2 singles. Katie Swiastyn doubled and Kayla Zaleski singled to drive in 2 runs. Stephanie Dorsch doubled and Candi Rhodes singled to drive in a run and Kayla Kady contributed a double and a single.

BASEBALL RESULTS

The Bulldogs' streak of 4 straight district titles came to an abrupt end as North Huron powered past Owen-Gage, 15-5. North Huron went on to take the district title with a win over Caseville, 8-4.

North Huron will face tough Bay City All Saints in the regional opener in Bay City at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.



Hawk thinclad Lowry earns 2nd at state meet

Lindsay Lowry continued to add up individual honors in track last week at Saturday's state finals and at the Caro Meet of Champions Tuesday.

In the state finals she finished second in the pole vault with a vault of 10 feet, 6 inches. She was seventh in long jump (16:1.75).



Rolling Hills Golf

| Wednesday Two Man Golf League As of June 4 | |
|---|----|
| Early Division | |
| Maharg/Pasieczny | 77 |
| Zdrojewski/Leeson | 75 |
| Kritzman/Burns | 62 |
| Strickland/Glaspie | 60 |
| Henn/Peters | 53 |
| Wallace/Warner | 51 |
| Stickle/Iwankovitsch | 50 |
| Dillon/Retherford | 49 |
| Burns/Hutchinson | 48 |
| Herron/Tuckey | 46 |
| Berwick/Greenlee | 44 |
| Jones/Marshall | 41 |
| Bliss/Baker | 35 |
| Late Division | |
| C. Bliss/K. Bliss | 74 |
| Williamson/Rieman | 65 |
| Ypma/deBeaubien | 59 |
| Doerr/Haire | 56 |
| Smith/Biddinger | 50 |
| LeValley/Morgan | 47 |
| Robinson/Martin | 45 |
| Wright/Prieskorn | 42 |
| N. Bliss/Hampton | 41 |
| Schneeberger/Ulfig | 41 |
| Hartel/Comment | 41 |
| Schott/Osentoski | 40 |
| Hool/Toner | 29 |
| Hillaker/Murphy | 11 |

CASS CITY ACE, Becky Hartel, hurled 8 innings of near perfect ball for the host Red Hawks during the district softball final Friday. The senior allowed just 2 hits and recorded a 1-0 win over Unionville-Sebewaing.

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Lady Hawks bow in soccer district finals

The Hawks played three district games, beating Sandusky 2-1, Marlette 1-0, and losing in the final to Lakers, 13-0.

The Hawks went to Sandusky in the opening round of the districts and came home with a solid 2-1 victory. Sandusky's only score came on a penalty kick as the Hawk defense repeatedly kept the ball in the Sandusky end, limiting their ability to generate scoring chances. Jenna Timko played in net and had 11 saves, but spent most of the game watching the action at the other end. The Hawk offense generated 17 shots, with Cyndi Henn and Amanda Sullins getting the goals in a period of less than a minute early in the first half. Sarah Hobbs and DeAnna Newby contributed to the offensive pressure, which limited Sandusky's ability to mount any sort of consistent attack. Ally Bell had a strong defensive game as did Katie McIntosh, but it was an overall team effort that produced the win.

The Hawks came home to face Marlette in a rematch of a close game the previous week. This time the defense did not break down late. Timko had a strong game in net and Sullins came through with the game winner on a breakaway 20 minutes into the second half. The Hawks outshot Marlette, 20-14, and controlled the midfield, forcing long shots, that had little chance of succeeding. The Hawks had several good chances on breakaways and in general,

controlled the pace of the game. Again, it was an overall team effort, and the Hawks played with intensity for the entire 80 minutes. Ashley Timon had her best game at midfield, and Henn had a strong game at forward, but it was Sullins' speed that decided the game.

The district final was played at Cass City against a strong Laker team, and the outcome was never in doubt as Lakers scored early and often, putting the game away early in the first half. Timko started in net and Henn replaced her late in the half. Between them, they had 26 saves. The Hawks managed 5 shots on goal and hustled the entire game, but the overall difference in skill level was too much to overcome. Everyone got an opportunity to play and the younger players showed evidence of good things to come. It was the last contest for the seniors and they didn't quit, even when the game was clearly lost.

This season was clearly a success, Coach Chuck Reed pointed out. There were 19 girls on the roster, the overall skill level was much higher, goals scored and shots taken were up, and goals given up and shots allowed were down. For a third year program, the 5-9-1 record, with 2 wins coming in the districts, was a tremendous improvement and gives a solid base to continue to build on.

Additionally, Sullins, Erica Delamarter and Talisa Talaski were selected to the All District team.



CASS CITY'S Liz Hoyt battles for the ball during district play with Marlette. The Hawks advanced into the finals with a 1-0 win.

Little and Minor league report

Minor League Standings and Results

Overall Standings
Tigers: Wins-7 Losses-1
Orioles: Wins-6 Losses-3
Giants: Wins-4 Losses-4
Dodgers: Wins-4 Losses-5
Yankees: Wins-0 Losses-8

05-27-03: TIGERS 6 - DODGERS 3. Pitchers: Rob Simpson pitched the first 3 innings - 8 strikeouts. Cody Orban pitched the last 3 innings - 9 strikeouts. Hits: Alex Zaleski - double & single. Rob Simpson - triple. Austin Deering - single. Justin Summers - double & single. Justin Kerkau - double. Summary: 2nd in-

ning - Justin Kerkau's double brought in 2 runs. 5th inning - Rob Simpson's triple brought in 2 runs and he stole home.

05-28-03: GIANTS 9 - YANKEES 6. Pitchers: Morgan Erla, struck out 6 batters. Anthony House struck out 6 batters. Curtis Dickinson, first time pitching, struck out 1. Ethan Nicol closed the game by striking out 1 batter. Hits: Kelby Rowell - 1 double with 1 RBI. Morgan Erla - 1 single with 1 RBI. Ethan Nicol - home run with 1 RBI. Summary: Austin Dunnick had 3 stolen bases. Paul Verhines and Mason Erla each had 2 stolen bases. Lucas Baker had 1 stolen

base. Morgan Erla made two terrific outs by fielding the ball as pitcher and making the out. Morgan Erla and Kelby Rowell also used teamwork to make an out at first base.

05-29-03: DODGERS 10 - ORIOLES 9. Pitchers: Jeff Leslie pitched 3 innings with 4 strikeouts. Zac Syacure pitched 1 inning with 2 strikeouts. Derek Mozden pitched 2 innings with 6 strikeouts. Hits: Derek Mozden - homerun & double. Troy Kausch - triple. Zac Syacure - double & single. Jeff Leslie, Dylan Miller, Alan Leslie, Shelby

Please turn to page 11.

Cass City falls to Pirate rally in district baseball

It started out great for the Cass City Red Hawk baseball team in the opening district game in Cass City. The Hawks pounded Nick Sopczynski for 2 runs in the first inning. Matt Stoutenburg walked, Chris Dillon doubled him home and Nick Turner's single scored Dillon.

But after that first inning, Sopczynski shut out the Hawks the rest of the way and the Pirates walked off with a 4-2 decision.

Tyler Erla pitched the distance for Cass City and was

effective enough to win most games.

The Harbor Beach winning rally came in the fourth inning and it all happened after the first 2 batters were easy outs. The next 2 hitters reached base via a walk and a hit batter and Kevin Dallas launched a 340-foot drive over the left-center fence to put the Pirates in front to stay.

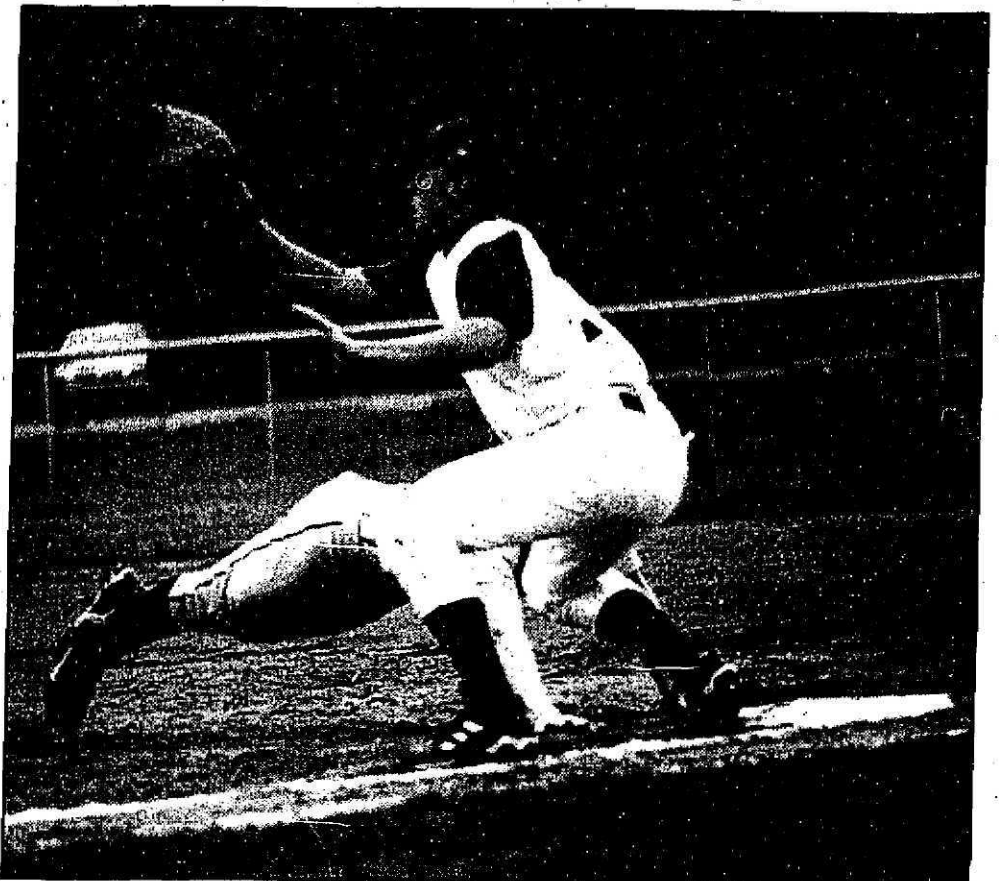
Harbor Beach added an insurance run in the fifth as Randy Mazure singled, went to second on an infield out, stole third and scored on a single by Chris Tyrell on a

lightly hit grounder that hit the first base bag.

The Hawks had a chance to pull the game out of the fire in the last inning with the tying runs on base, but failed to come up with the key hit.

Some stout defensive play helped Cass City keep the game close. In the second inning a great throw after a catch by right fielder Scott Thane nailed Connell with a great throw to the plate.

Harbor Beach then faced Unionville-Sebewaing in the finals and won in extra innings, 6-5.



BACK IN TIME. Red Hawk Nick Turner holds a Harbor Beach runner close at first base during district play Friday in Cass City. The Pirates rallied to register a 4-2 victory.

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Notes from Northwood Meadows

By Becky Barr, Activities Coordinator/Receptionist

All of us at Northwood Meadows are thankful to the many community minded folks who have helped make our facility a real success. There are those who simply drop off puzzles, magazines and books. There are those who stop in to visit friends and bring a tray of goodies for everyone to enjoy. It was our good luck to have our own registered volunteers: Nicole McIntyre - who pitched in with activities in our Dementia Care Center and Assisted Living Residence (but, sadly for us is now moving on), and Jeannie Klinkman who's always ready with a big smile and does any task we ask of her. We also have teachers, troop leaders, people who sing, tell stories of their travels, or play musical instruments, and many others who continue to find ways to bring the generations together. This month it's our pleasure to thank you all, and name those children in our community who have shared their time and talents with us in May.

Huge thanks to Den Mother Paula LeValley of Cub Scout Pack 3594 - who went the extra mile for us on a beautiful Saturday in May. We were treated to fun camp songs sung by 2nd year Weebelos: Calvin Mason, Alex Varney, Thomas LeValley, Tommy Brinkman, Joey Doerr, Jeff Bliss and Nick Karvos. Service awards were presented to each of them. These boys truly enjoyed themselves, and our residents loved spending time with them.

We were happy to welcome Campbell Elementary School's 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders who sang and danced for us. Our thanks to teacher Mrs. Rebecca Walker for all her support this past year, and to each of these students: Gage Abfalter, Abigail Arroyo, Erika Badgley, Crysta Beyette, Brandy Brooks, Taylor Brown, Austin Cavanaugh, Mitchell Clark, Ashley Cochrane, Emily Cochrane, Kevin Coleman, Alekzander Creason, Zachary Deitering, Curtis Dickinson, Meri Dzielski, Sarah Flowers, Abby Fox, Brittany Guilfoil, Jacob Hacker, Nicholle Hartel, Jordan Hendrian, Carley Hendrick, Antoinette Hilliker, Bridgette Homrocky, Patrick Horne, Brianna Ill, Drew King, Cody Kluger, Domonique LaCourse, Cody McGee, Kaitlyn Messing, Kayla Montreuil, Trent Nicholas, Ethan Nicol, Cody Orban, Gabreile Ortiz, Chandler Pawloski, Jacob Perry, Braden Perzanowski, Liberty Ann Quijas, Megan Parrish, Alexandra Pena, Kelsey Pohlod, Morgan Potter, Ashley Potts, Jesse Powell, Jessica Prieskorn, David Radeka, Kara Reif, Brenden Ricker, Brena Rutkoski, Nathan Simpson, Ashley Stilson, Heather Sweeney, Alexander Tabar, Hayley Thorp, Alyse Timko, Cassandra Tomlinson, Stone VanAllen, Hanna Van Erp, Austin Vincent, Paul Verhines, Alexander Williams, Ashley Wilson, Dustin Wilson, Sydney Winchester, Allyson Withey and Keith Wright.

Daisy Troop #863 lent a hand with our spring plantings for the Assisted Living Patio. Those getting their hands dirty were: Katie House, Kendra Kerkau, Natasha McNeil, Allison Norcross, Savannah Oak, Rachel Tanner, Breanna Wothers and Erin Zdrojewski. Thanks to the girls and their Leaders Denise Mosey and Eileen Norcross.

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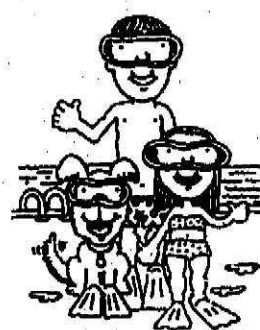
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MORE THAN 100 people attended the artists' reception and kick-off of the 13th annual art show at Rawson Memorial Library May 27. This year's show was open to many types of media, including quilts, photography, painting, sculpture, stained glass and wood carving. Pictured with some examples are Steve Lutzky and Paige Lester, both of Cass City.



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Weippert: won't forget the students and the rewards

by Melissa Herren
Staff Writer

Science and biology teacher Nancy Weippert is retiring after 31 years in the classroom at Cass City High School, but she will not forget the students she has had and the friendships she has made.

Or how rewarding it is when students say, "I was thinking about what we talked about in class yesterday."

"The most rewarding moment of teaching is when a student comes in before class begins and wants to discuss something I talked about the previous day in class," she said. "I think, wow, I have succeeded in teaching, students do listen."

Weippert said she knew she wanted to teach science related courses since she was in high school because of her love for nature and passion for science.

She received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Central Michigan University in 1972 and her Masters of Art Degree from CMU in 1982.

"Nancy is an outstanding teacher who provides top notch Biology and science instruction and is considered a teacher you want to model after," said Ken Micklash, superintendent.

After 31 years of teaching, the high school staff and students, past and present, are like family to Weippert, she said. "This has been a great school to work in, the camaraderie I have had with my peers and the relationships I have developed with my students are my fondest memories of teaching."

Weippert says she enjoys getting to know her students as young people forming ideas. "The students keep me young in thought." She is constantly learning more in the field of science to teach her students, she noted.

"Teaching is very rewarding," she said. "I have a sign in my classroom that says teaching makes all other professions possible, and I would like to think I have played a big role

in my students' lives."

Weippert's decision to retire was not an easy one.

"A year ago last April I was in Europe visiting France, Spain and Italy with the foreign language club. If someone would have told me a year ago I would be retiring this year I wouldn't have believed them."

Weippert said she found out that she had lung cancer over a year ago in April.

"I still feel like I have a lot to offer students, but sometimes in life we have to take roads we were not planning on taking, and retiring is a detour for me."

She officially stopped teaching in January to focus her attention on her recovery.

"I miss teaching," she said.

Students and faculty definitely miss Weippert. Students, faculty and staff eagerly greeted Weippert with open arms and an invitation to lunch in a recent visit to the school.

Weippert said the doctors give her a 15 percent chance of life. She is currently taking Iressa, a pill form of chemotherapy, to keep the cells from metabolizing, to reduce the size of the tumor and alleviate some of the symptoms. She said she is feeling alright.

Despite Weippert's retirement and inability to stay involved with programs like United Way, boy scouts, and Thumb Area Compassionate Friends, Weippert said she can still do many of the things she enjoys.

"My pace is slower, I tire more easily, and run out of breath at times, but I can do most of the things I enjoy doing," she said. "I can do a lot more now compared to the period of time when I was taking radiation with chemotherapy."

She said she draws her strength from God, family and friends. "My surviving son Jeremy brings me joy, he is the most important person in my life."

While Weippert will not officially be employed as a

teacher, her attitude about life will continue to influence many people.

"I have a good attitude about my battle with cancer because the only other option I have is to sit around and cry all day, but I have decided the best will turn

out. There is a time frame to life when you have lung cancer and I want to stretch it out."

Weippert said she wants to travel. "I love to see new places and learn new things." She would like to travel to Florida during the winter and

her long-range goal is to take a cruise to Alaska next summer and enjoy the wonderful nature.

"I am enjoying life right now and living one day at a time," she added. "I realize the importance of every day."



CASS CITY HIGH SCHOOL science and biology teacher Nancy Weippert is pictured with her 10th grade science class. She is retiring this year after 31 years in the classroom.

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NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF
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TO BE HELD
JUNE 9, 2003

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

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

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

At the regular school election there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 2007.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

Teresa Rabideau

James G. Turner

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 6, 2003.

THE VOTING PLACE IS AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1

Voting Place: High School Building in the Village of Cass City

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

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

Teresa Rabideau

Secretary, Board of Education

Check Out These Web Sites:

Here are a few Web sites you may want to watch:
Atlantic Luggage Company at www.atlanticluggage.com.
MusicFriends at www.musicfriends.org.
Benihana at www.benihana.com.
The School-to-Work Initiative, administered jointly by the U.S. Departments of Education and Labor at www.stw.ed.gov.
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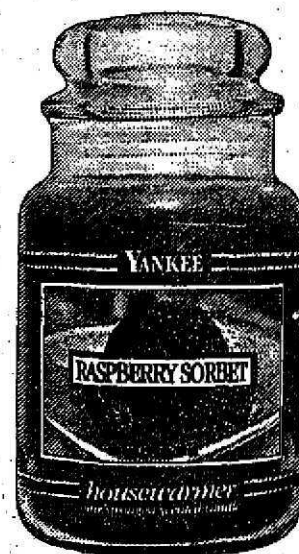
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5 YEARS AGO

Violent thunderstorms that roared through the Thumb early Sunday morning downed numerous power lines and trees, causing thousands of dollars in property damage. Among the casualties was a home at 6470 Houghton St., Cass City.

Gerald Hicks jokingly called Joenie Remsing, Cass City, the "million dollar Collier girl" after presenting her with a scholarship check that boosted to \$1 million the total amount of money awarded by the Collier Foundation in educational scholarships over the past 9 years. Cass City's best chance to score came in the third inning against power-pitching Jamie Stahl of USA. Melissa Heinlein singled and advanced to third, but the Hawks failed to come up with the key hit to send her across the plate.

10 YEARS AGO

Hills and Dales General Hospital walked away with "Hospital of the Year" and "Pharmacy of the Year" awards at a recent hospital seminar. Attending were Shirley Buschlen, Juliet Patterson and Craig Bellew.

Debra Lee McClorey and Donna Lee Finkbeiner, mother and daughter, are among 18 people who have earned their high school diplomas this year through the Cass City Adult Education program.

Susan Hippensteel, local coordinator of the Farm Cancer Control Project, presented a T-shirt to Cass City Middle School winner Lee Dillon, whose winning "Save Your Skin" design appears on the shirts presented to her and each of her eighth grade classmates.

25 YEARS AGO

The Gagetown village dump on Reagh Road will be closed June 15 under orders from the Thumb District Health Department and state Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The village council has now contracted with Cove Sanitation of Bad Axe to take over the trash pickups, which had been done by a village employee, who hauled the trash to the dump.

FIREWORKS - Cass City Police Chief Gene Wilson examined some fireworks confiscated by his department from minors. The small firecrackers are now legal in Michigan unless prohibited by local ordinance. Cass City has such an ordinance.

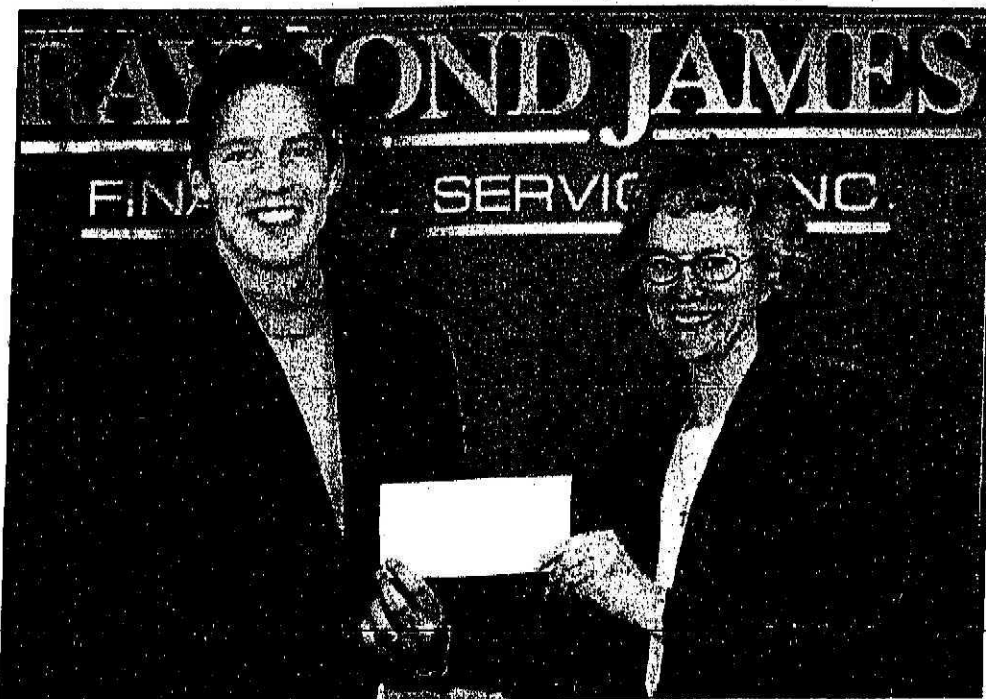
WALL TO WALL - There wasn't a bare wall at Campbell Elementary School Tuesday evening as students in grades 2-6 at Campbell, Evergreen and Deford and the intermediate school each had at least three art projects on display. Hanging them took teachers, students and parents more than eight hours.

35 YEARS AGO

Getting the details on their all expenses paid trip to New York are the winners of the recent IGA Girls' Contest sponsored by Cass City IGA Foodliner. The winners include: Debbie Loomis, Mrs. Don Loomis, Mrs. Charles Reed and Laurelei Reed. The winners received instructions from Mrs. Harry Lenda. The group leaves Tuesday from Bishop Airport in Flint for the four-day New York trip.

Ken Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Kennedy of Cass City, is one of four Sanilac County representatives who will attend a citizenship short course in Washington, D.C. July 20 to 27. Kennedy will also compete in the Danforth Leadership Training scholarship. The award is based on the 4-H member's record according to scholastic standing, leadership in 4-H work and character.

Carl Palmateer, Cass City, this week filed a petition as a candidate for Tuscola County Sheriff, the third person who is seeking the office. Palmateer has been Cass City Police Chief for six years and served as a deputy sheriff in Tuscola County for three years.



JASON KROHN, with Raymond James Financial Services, recently donated \$500 to the Huron County Special Olympics, represented above by Director Jeanne Eilers. This is the company's third year as a Gold Sponsor.

Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, June 5

Friends of the Library meeting, 1:30 p.m. at Rawson Memorial Library.

Friday, June 6

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

Monday, June 9

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

Tuesday, June 10

Sign-up for Summer Reading Program begins at Rawson Memorial Library.

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., Adult Day Services building, 435 Green St., Caro. For additional information, call (989) 672-2273.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jessica M. Wright a/k/a Jessica Wright f/k/a Jessica M. Kelch, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgage, dated May 22, 2002 and recorded June 13, 2002 in Liber 881, Page 614, and Scriveners Affidavit submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Twenty-Two and 56/100 Dollars (\$65,022.56), including interest at the rate of 10.5% 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 27, 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 11 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 11 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 28, 2003

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Ameriquest Mortgage Company, As Mortgagee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48067-5041
(248) 457-1000

File No. 214.0627

5-28-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ryan L. Kramer, a married man and Nicole M. Kramer, his wife, to Old Kent Mortgage Company (now by voluntary resolution duly known as Fifth Third Bank), Mortgage, dated May 13, 1998 and recorded May 26, 1998 in Liber 740, Page 408, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Ninety Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-One and 76/100 Dollars (\$99,591.76), including interest at the rate of 7.5% 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 20, 2003.

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, described as: Beginning at a point which is South 01 degrees 30' 11" East, along the East line of said Northeast 1/4, 405.01 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 1; thence continuing South 01 degrees 30' 11" East, along said East line, 201.54 feet; thence South 88 degrees 34' 16" West, 385.49 feet; thence North 01 degrees 55' 51" West, perpendicular to the North line of said Northeast 1/4, 198.15 feet to the Southeast corner of so-called "parcel B" of a previously recorded survey (recorded in Liber 539, Page 851 of Tuscola County Records); thence North 88 degrees 04' 09" East, 386.98 feet to the point of beginning.

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 21, 2003

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(248) 457-1000

File No. 200.0842

5-21-5

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Joseph Sarles, a single man, of 8453 S. Vassar, Millington, Michigan 48746, Mortgage to Oxford Bank, 60 South Washington, Oxford, Michigan 48371, Mortgage, dated the 25th day of August 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, on the 2nd day of November 1999 in Liber 785 of Tuscola County Records, on Page 657-666, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, as of the date of this notice, the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Twenty and 29/100 Dollars (\$83,420.29), including interest at the rate of 5.50% 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, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on July 10, 2003.

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

The North 10 rods of the South 30 rods of the West 13.70 acres of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of Section 7, Town 10 North, Range 8 East.

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The redemption period shall be six (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 thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: May 23, 2003

OXFORD BANK, Mortgagee

Andria C. Hudyt
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Attorney for Mortgagee
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6-4-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Raymond Johnson and Terry Johnson, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 13, 2001 and recorded on January 8, 2002 in Liber 855 on Page 1143 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINETY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 27/100 Dollars (\$99,500.27), including interest at 13.500% 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 July 3, 2003.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as the East 220 feet of the North 396 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 9, being more particularly described as commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 9; thence North 89 degrees 20 minutes 02 seconds East along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 1068.06 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 20 minutes 02 seconds East along said 1/4 line, 220.0 feet; thence South 00 degrees 42 minutes 22 seconds West, 396.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 20 minutes 20 seconds West, 220.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 42 minutes 22 seconds East, 396.00 feet to the point of beginning, subject to right of way for Frankford Road over the Northerly side thereof.

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

Dated: June 4, 2003

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
Team W (248) 593-1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
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File # 200319388

Team W

6-4-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rose Marie Cook and Harry J. Cook, wife and husband (original mortgagors), to EquiVantage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 10, 1998 and recorded on December 11, 1998 in Liber 758 on Page 297 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Credit Based Asset Servicing and Securitization, LLC, Assignee by an assignment dated October 15, 2001, which was recorded on April 25, 2002 in Liber 875 on Page 1109, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-SIX AND 91/100 Dollars (\$58,496.91), including interest at 9.450% 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 19, 2003.

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

Commencing at a point 443 feet East of the Southwest corner of the East half of the Southeast quarter of Section 24, Town 14 North, Range 10 East; running thence North 180 feet; thence East 190 feet; thence South 180 feet; thence West 190 feet to the point of beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: May 21, 2003

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys and Counselors
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Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200216245

Team M

5-21-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott W. Kirby, a single person and Kathy A. Fletcher, a single person (original mortgagors), to Standard Federal Bank, a Federal Savings Bank, Mortgage, dated March 25, 1996 and recorded on April 16, 1996 in Liber 688 on Page 1191 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE AND 39/100 Dollars (\$31,329.39), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on June 26, 2003.

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

The East 125.3 feet of South 327 feet of West 290.3 feet of Southeast 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of Section 33, Township 11 North, Range 8 East.

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 28, 2003

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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File # 200319130

Team C

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Alan M. Draper, a single man (original mortgagors), to Community Mortgage Services, Inc./DBA Home Mortgage CO., Mortgagee, dated September 8, 1999 and recorded on September 15, 1999 in Liber 782 on Page 271 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated September 14, 1999, which was recorded on September 15, 1999 in Liber 782 on Page 278, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTEEN AND 23/100 Dollars (\$95,516.23), including interest at 8.500% 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 12, 2003.

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

The East 200 Feet of the South 18 Rods of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 10, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: May 14, 2003

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
Team C (248) 593-1301
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Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
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File # 200221447

Team C

5-14-4

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Melany L. Hall and Kenneth L. Hall, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to The CIT Group/Consumer Finance, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 25, 2000 and recorded on November 27, 2000 in Liber 816 on Page 396 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated December 14, 2000, which was recorded on April 30, 2001 in Liber 830 on Page 29, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE AND 05/100 Dollars (\$142,123.05), including interest at 13.500% 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 July 3, 2003.

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

Lot 10 of Pine Crest Acres Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Pages 15-16, and commencing at the South corner of Lot 8; thence North westerly 60 feet; thence Northeasterly 168.5 feet; thence Southeasterly 50 feet; thence Southwesterly 168.5 feet to the point of beginning, being the Southeasterly half of said Lot 8.

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: June 4, 2003

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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File # 200319288

Team W

6-4-4

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Thomas F. Wudarski, a single person of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagee to MorEquity Inc. dated the 18th day of March, A.D. 1999, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 29th day of March, A.D. 1999, in Liber 767 of Tuscola County Records, on Page 469, which said mortgage was thereafter on, to wit the 8th day of June, A.D. 2000, assigned to American General Finance, trust meane assignments and recorded on August 14, 2000 in the office of Register of Deeds in Liber 808 for said County of Tuscola Records, on page 688, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$123,514.39 (One hundred twenty three thousand, Five hundred fourteen dollars and thirty nine cents) including interest thereon at 9.75% (nine point seven five percent) per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of June, A.D. 2003 at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Waterford, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Commencing at a point that is 665.22 feet and North 00 degrees 16 minutes 06 seconds East, 1322 feet from the South Quarter corner of said Section 13, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, thence continuing North 00 degrees 16 minutes 06 seconds East 267 feet; thence West 663.03 feet; thence South 00 degrees 11 minutes 40 seconds West, 267 feet; thence West 663.37 feet to the point of beginning. Together with an easement for ingress and egress purposes over and across a 66 foot wide strip of land, the centerline of which is described as beginning at a point on the South Section line that is West 655.22 feet from the South Quarter corner of Section 13; thence North 0 degrees 16 minutes 06 seconds East 1984.26 feet to a point of ending.

Tax ID: 021-013-000-1800-02

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

Dated: May 14, 2003

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

By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
Welman, Weinberg & Reis Co. L.P.A.
755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1820
Troy, Michigan 48064
WWR#02969195

5-14-5

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard Hathaway and Barbara Hathaway, husband and wife, to Meritage Mortgage Corporation, an Oregon Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 19, 2000 and recorded October 27, 2000 in Liber 814, Page 522, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee of CSFB ABS Trust Series 2001-HE17 by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred One and 20/100 Dollars (\$16,301.2), including interest at the rate of 11.125% 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 20, 2003.

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

Parcel 1: Part of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 17, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 17; thence East 198 feet; thence South 660 feet; thence West 198 feet; thence North 660 feet to the point of beginning. Right of Way for Phillips Road over the Westerly side thereof.

Parcel 2: Part of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 17, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, commencing 198 feet East of the Northwest corner of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 17; thence East 66 feet; thence South 660 feet; thence West 66 feet; thence North 660 feet to the point of beginning.

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 21, 2003

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee of CSFB ABS Trust Series 2001-HE17, As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48067-5041
(248) 457-1000

File No. 231.2654

5-21-5



GAVEL CLUB President, Rick Hollis, recently awarded the Cass City civic club's annual \$1,000 college scholarship to the 2003 recipients. They are Dara Iwankovitsch (left) and Alissa Pasant.

Little and Minor league report

Continued from page 7:

Abell, and Andy Collin each had a single. Summary: Dodgers had a 10-2 lead going into the bottom of the 4th. The Orioles, led by Derek Mozden's homerun and Troy Kausch's triple, scored 6 runs to get the Orioles back in the game. In the 5th inning, Shelby Abell stole home to bring the Orioles within one run; Dodgers 10 - Orioles 9. Derek Mozden struck out 5 batters over the last 2 innings, to keep the Dodgers from scoring; giving the Orioles one last chance to pull it out. Andy Collins led off the sixth inning with a single and stole 2nd. With 2 outs, Derek Mozden hit a hard ground ball off 1st base. Patrick Henderson made a great play to stop the ball and get the out at 1st base, saving the game for the Dodgers.

05-30-03: DODGERS 4 - ORIOLES 2. Pitchers: Jeff Leslie pitched 3 innings with 9 strikeouts. Derek Mozden pitched 3 innings with 8 strikeouts.

Hits: Jeff Leslie - homerun. Zac Syacsure - triple. Dakota Hartel - double. Derek Mozden and Dylan Miller each hit a single.

05-30-03: TIGERS 10 - GIANTS 1. Pitchers: Rob Simpson pitched the first 3 innings with 9 strike outs, a perfect 2nd inning. Cody Orban pitched the last 3 innings with 6 strikeouts. Morgan Erla pitched 3 innings and struck out 8. Kelby Rowell pitched 2 innings and struck out 6. Ethan Nicol closed the game, struck out 1 in the last inning. Hits: Singles - Patrick Horne and Ethan Nicol. Doubles - Alex Zaleski, Rob Simpson, Austin Deering, and Austin Dunnuck. Cody Orban - double & single. Brett Deering - double & 2 singles. Summary: 2nd inning: Nathan Simpson stole home for the first run. 3rd inning: Alex Zaleski's hit brought in 2 runs. Cody Orban's double brought in 2 runs. Austin Deering's double brought in 1 run. 4th inning: Cody Orban threw to Austin Deering to get runner out on 2nd base. 5th inning: Cody Orban caught a pop fly for the 1st out. 6th inning: Cody Orban threw to Alex Zaleski to get runner out on

1st. Alex Zaleski's hit brought in 1 run. Cody Orban stole home. Austin Deering's hit brought in 1 run.

Little League Standings and Results

Overall Standings

Orioles: Wins- 7 Losses- 1
Yankees: Wins- 6 Losses- 1
Giants: Wins- 4 Losses- 4
Dodgers: Wins- 2 Losses- 7
Tigers: Wins- 1 Losses- 7

05-13-03: GIANTS 18 - TIGERS 4. Pitchers: R.J. McKee and Trevor Phillips. Hits: Trevor Phillips was 1 for 3, with a triple. Josh Inbody was 2 for 2, with a single and a double. Nicholas Horne was 1 for 2, with a single. Jacob Mozden was 1 for 3, with a single. Summary: Tigers left a runner stranded in the bottom of the 1st inning after R.J. McKee hit a double. Tigers stranded 2 runners in the bottom of the 2nd after back to back hits, a double to Josh Inbody and a single to Nicholas Horne. No scoring in the 3rd for the Tigers; after the 3rd batter reached base on a

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**YARD SALE - Weather per-
mitting. June 5. 4372
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**MULTI-FAMILY garage sale -
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toys. Wednesday and Thurs-
day, June 4-5, 9-5 p.m. 6008
Cass City Rd. (1 mile west of
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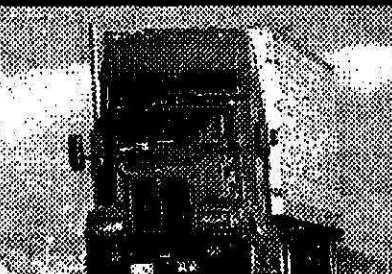
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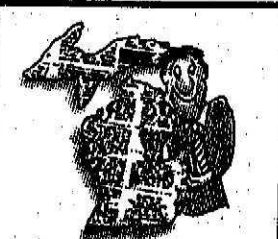
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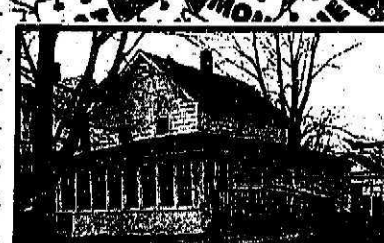
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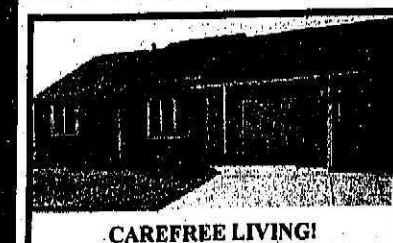
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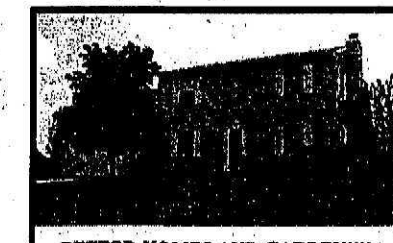
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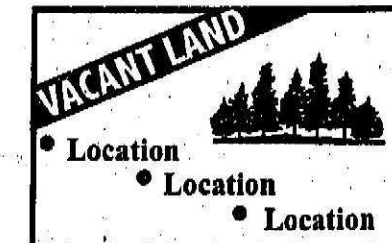
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Cross country trek

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everything's gone - but I have a pension," she said of her decision about 5 years ago.

Family members, who help Thomas out with banking chores and keep in touch by cellular phone, have been supportive, she indicated.

"They heard me talk about it all their lives, so I think they were happy that I've been able to do this."

Thomas' adventure hasn't been continuous. She doesn't ride in the winter months and has been forced to delay travel at times due

to illness. She relies on a 21-gear "Diamondback Voyer II" bicycle for transportation, and she tows a small trailer with 150 pounds of camping and other gear. "I carry winter clothes and summer clothes and tires and tubes. Everything I need," she said. "I'm self-sustained except for a potty."

The journey has been exciting and occasionally dangerous. Thomas recalled she's had to use her cell phone 3 times to call 911 because of 2 incidents in which she was harassed by motorists, and another after she was confronted by a

flasher. "I haven't had any trouble in Michigan yet. In Iowa I got run off the road. It was bad. I really got hurt," she said, adding the motorist didn't stop to help. The accident last summer left Thomas with a cracked hip, forcing her off the road for about 3 weeks.

But the positive experiences have far outnumbered the negative ones. In fact, Thomas said she has run across many friendly and generous people along the way.

"Last night I spent in Unionville with David Yoder's family. I had never met him before, but I called Unionville city hall and he was there. I told him who I was and what I was doing and asked if there was a campground or if I could camp in the city park," she said, adding the answer to both questions was "no." "So I said, do you have a place where I can camp, and he said, 'you can stay at my house."

"That's really hospitality, isn't it? I've stayed at a lot of people's houses."

Thomas had planned to continue her journey south through Michigan this week, then on to Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and across Pennsylvania.

Throughout her travels, she said her dream has lived up to her expectations. "It is (a wonderful adventure), and a lot of people have said, 'I guess you know you're the envy of many people'. It's just fun to be on the road. You feel good and the people are good."

"I had hoped to finish next year, but maybe a couple, 3 more years," she said, smiling. "I only have 19 more states to go."

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Do you think President Bush's tax cut will help the economy?

Ben Gruber, 68, of Cass City, said, "I don't think the tax cut will help the economy because it's just aimed for the rich and not the middle class. I don't have any children and so the tax cut won't help me. It doesn't do any good for the older population. The older population needs prescription drug coverage and government funded health insurance like they have in Canada."



Open house draws 12

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As for the future of the promotions committee, Althaver said he isn't certain what the group's next step will be.

"It's a little early to say. We're an informal group," he added. "I'm sure we'll have some sort of after-the-fact critique and discussion."

Part of the discussion will

probably focus on the group's success in getting the word out about all Cass City has to offer - from schools to medical facilities to recreational opportunities - to potential families from other areas of the state.

"It really all comes down to how can we convey that idea to people and have them come and see us - how can we promote that."

Deford school closing

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school functions. He said he had around 150 students enrolled when he was the principal in 1970 through 1972. Kelley said he hates to see the school close, but it is necessary.

Gilbert Freeman, a bus driver of 27 years and custodian said the rooms were pretty full when he started working in 1960. "The kindergarten's were taught on the stage," he said.

The original school was a brick building built in 1929 with 60 students enrolled, said Dorland Kuntz, past principal.

The previous building had 2 stories and basement, said

Bill Zemke, who graduated from eighth grade in 1942. The school housed students K-8. Kindergarten through third grade was taught in one classroom on the first floor, fourth through eighth grade was taught on the second floor, and the basement was used for recreation during the winter.

"We had outdoor toilets, the teacher kept the coal boiler going, and some of the students walked 3 miles to school," he said.

His wife Joan Zemke worked at the Deford school. "I enjoyed working with the kids, principals and teachers," she said.

"The current Deford school housed grades K-8; until it was annexed to the Cass City Schools in the 1960s, and changed to K-6.

Sanilac golf event scheduled

A concerned group of Sanilac County citizens is continuing to pursue funding of the new Sanilac County 4-H Dairy and Expo Center at the fairgrounds.

This facility currently houses dairy and small animals during the Sanilac County Fair and also provides a show ring for a variety of uses during the fair. The facility also houses the new ice skating rink that was used for the first time in March 2002. The rink will be used during the winter by the community hockey program and the general public.

One of the fund raising activities of the groups involved (Sanilac County 4-H Dairy Committee and the Sanilac County 4-H Small Animal Committee) will be the 5th Annual Sanilac County 4-H Dairy & Expo Center Golf Outing.

The event will be held Saturday, June 21, at the Woodland Hills Golf Club in Sandusky.

The outing will start with a free buffet breakfast at 9 a.m. sponsored by Michigan Milk Producers Association. The outing will follow a 4-person scramble format and start at 10 a.m. sharp. There will be plenty of prizes, drawings and auctions.

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