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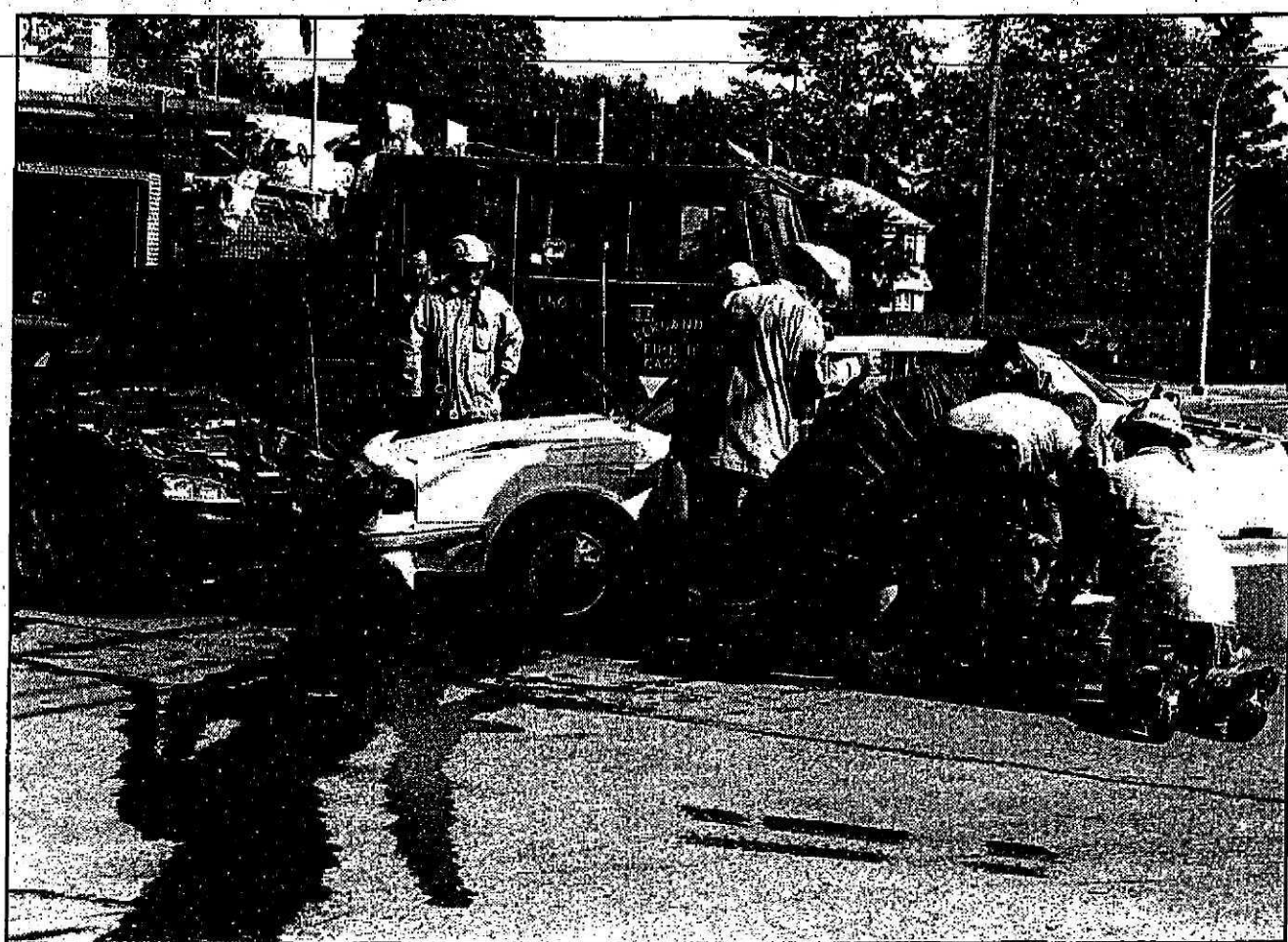
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ONE MOTORIST suffered injuries and another escaped injury when their cars collided at the intersection of Main and Seeger streets in Cass City late Monday afternoon. One of the drivers apparently was attempting to make a left turn when the crash occurred. The names of the drivers were not available at press time.

To meet need for blood

VFW, auxiliary, Walbro respond

by Melissa Herren
Staff Writer

Walbro employees, the VFW and Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary understand the importance of giving blood. All three responded to the Red Cross blood shortage with blood drives last week.

The Great Lakes Region of the American Red Cross issued an urgent request to blood donors across Michigan.

Blood types O, B and A are at critical levels. "People are just not coming out and donating blood to meet the demand," said Jeanne Brasseur, Great Lakes Region donor representative.

The hospital auxiliary and VFW blood drive took place June 17 at the VFW Hall and the blood drive at Walbro, in the TI Aftermarket, took place Thursday.

The number of people who donated blood at the VFW and hospital auxiliary blood drive was lower than hoped

for, said Helen Jezewski, auxiliary member. "The auxiliary's goal was 65 pints of blood and 49 pints were given."

"We need to reach out to people who have never donated blood or haven't donated blood in a while," Brasseur said.

That is exactly what Walbro employees did, said Vicky Thorold, production leader. Out of the 54 people who attempted to donate blood, half of them were first time donors. Fifty-one pints of blood were given.

The Walbro company is really busy right now, but the company was really great about allowing the blood drive to take place and letting the employees take the time out of their workday to give blood, she said.

According to the Great Lakes Blood Service Region of the American Red Cross, 97 percent of the population will receive a blood transfusion by the time they are 75 years old, yet only 5 percent

of the population donates blood each year.

"If everyone who is eligible to donate blood gave it once a year then we would never have a shortage," said Linda Overland, Great Lakes Blood Service Region nurse. "You never know when you or a family member will need blood," Thorold said.

Delmer Miller, an Owendale resident, knows what it is like to give blood to family members. "I understand the importance of giving blood because I gave blood to my brother and brother-in-law who were in the hospital. This is the fourth or fifth time I have given blood. I try to donate blood while I am around in the summer."

School being out may contribute to the shortage of blood, Brasseur said. Twenty percent of blood donations come from college and high-school students. People are also busier in the summer and, as a result, the turnout rate at blood drives isn't always as good.

As July 4 approaches, The Red Cross needs more blood products available because more traffic and outdoor accidents typically occur, she said.

People 17 and older weighing at least 110 pounds and in good general health are eligible to give blood. A screening process is administered before a potential donor gives blood to obtain past medical history.

People can donate blood every 56 days. A person donating a pint of blood can save the lives of several people, because the Red Cross processes the blood into various components including red blood cells, plasma and platelets, she said.

Donated blood is tested before it is used to make sure it is safe.

Contrary to some people's belief, people donating blood will not obtain AIDS because the needles and bags are only used once, and

Economy, unemployment increasing ranks of needy

by Melissa Herren
Staff Writer

The Human Development Commission covering Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac and Lapeer counties, and the Family Independence Agency have seen an increase in the number of people using their services.

A higher demand for services is attributed to the poor economy and unemployment, said Tom Dillon, Tuscola and Huron County Family Independence director.

As of March 2003, 3,225 people were unemployed in Tuscola County and 333 people have lost their job so far this year, said Glen Roth, Economic Development Corp. office manager. Thousands of jobs have been lost in the Thumb in the last year with Tower closing in Sebewaing, Dillon said.

The Human Development Commission, known as HDC, is an action agency designed to help citizens maintain

self-sufficiency. Many of the programs HDC offers are based on income and age said Lori Offenbecher, HDC community service director.

"We are seeing a big shift in the people we help now. Many families we assist were middle class families who lost at least one source of income and are struggling with high mortgages, credit card payments and other bills," she said.

Last year the agency helped 19,000 people and expects to help 25,000 to 26,000 people based on people's needs indicated so far this year, she said. The poor economy contributes to the rising number of people in need of assistance, Offenbecher said.

Poverty is not caused by

one single factor, she said. There are many factors involved including the economy, wage earnings, the economics of an area, the types of jobs available and living costs.

The Emergency Utility Service HDC offers is a popular program, Offenbecher said. The HDC helps families or individual(s) in need of a utility service due to the loss of a job, or another type of emergency situation. HDC assists people who just barely got through the winter fill up their fuel or gas tank or pay a gas, fuel oil or electric bill in an emergency situation, she said.

Last year the HDC helped 1,377 people with utility costs and plans to help 2,000 people this year, based on the

number of people who have already utilized the service.

The HDC assists the elderly population through aging services they provide. Last year HDC volunteers served 1,275 people meals and this year the HDC plans to serve 1,875 people meals based on the needs indicated so far this year.

The dining service program asks recipients to make a contribution toward their meals if they can, Offenbecher said.

"We have seen a big difference in the amount of money the aging population can donate towards their meals." The elderly population is unable to make donations comparable to past years, she

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Painting away the blues...



Teachers protest transfer

Ron Woloshen, a Cass City Middle School teacher, presented a petition signed by 28 members of the middle school teaching staff at the regular meeting of the board Monday at the high school. The petition protested transferring middle school secretary Brenda Sherman to the high school and replacing her with Shirley McIntosh who previously worked at the now closed Deford School.

We are family, the protesters said, and we work together as a family. Supt. Ken Micklash said that McIntosh was given a choice on where to work because of her seniority in the system.

The teachers say that there is no policy for non-union workers and there should be. They feel that since there was an opening at the high school level that was where McIntosh should be placed.

The discussion became a trifle heated when Joan Helwig claimed that the appointment was not in line with the quality counts tenants of the school. Micklash said that remark insulted him, implying that he did not act in the best interest of the school.

It was decided to form a committee to talk with the 2 secretaries and possibly form a policy on replacement of non-union personnel.

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New FOC system in place

by Melissa Herren
Staff Writer

The Tuscola County Friend of the Court (FOC) implemented a federally regulated computer system for child support enforcement June 1.

Federal regulations are requiring the State of Michigan to implement a statewide computer system, referred to as MICSES, for child support enforcement by September 30, or face sanctions in excess of \$147 million dollars.

The Michigan State Disbursement Unit (MISDU) will issue payments and receive all support collections including employers withholding payments and direct pay clients.

"In the long run, once all of the counties are up and running and enhancements are made to the system, it will be an effective tool for us to use to increase child support collections through the state of Michigan," said Mary Burns, Tuscola County

Friend of the Court.

The computer system will enable the FOC to conduct automated processes like consumer reporting and be interfaced with many state agencies to obtain immediate information such as updated addresses, license information and assets.

The new system will also make it easier for employers withholding payments to send the child support payments to one central location, Burns said.

However, the FOC has lost some of its local control since the implementation of the new system.

"The system is standardized statewide and we have lost some of the local control we had in the past to give immediate solutions and answers to our clients," she said.

The Tuscola FOC will still accept cash, bond, credit card payments and payments from child support agencies from other states, and will dealing with some unemployment and federal

checks, Burns said.

Payment information can be obtained through the State Interactive Voice Response Unit (IRV) by calling a toll-free number—877-543-2660. Occasionally the IRV has technical difficulties and information is not available, when this occurs a client should wait a day before calling the FOC, she said.

Direct payments and income withholding payments must be made directly to the MISDU. People who do not have an income withholding order will be sent coupons through the mail, Burns said.

Coupons may show a higher amount for past due support than is required by a court order. These amounts are in compliance with the Michigan Child Support Formula, Burns said. If the court order states a specific amount for past due child support, payers may remit the same amount they did prior to the conversion. If clients think they are receiving coupons in error, they can

submit concerns to the FOC in writing.

Tax offset refunds are no longer under control of the Friend of the Court. Clients who have questions about tax refunds that have been withheld can call the customer assistance number through the IVR, or toll-free at 866-540-0008.

The Tuscola FOC is currently trying to iron out kinks in the system.

"It has been a very stressful period for the FOC staff with the volume of calls from clients and the limited ability for personnel to give clear and prompt explanations to clear up issues," she said. "We are doing everything in our power to achieve a high level of service during the conversion transition."

Payees who want to receive child support payments through direct deposit can get forms through the IVR number, the Tuscola FOC website at www.tuscolacounty.org or the FOC office.



AREA PAINTER Ross Kraft, pictured with his crew, Mike Wilson (top) and Jeff Schember, covered up the trademark blue of the former NAPA building in Cass City with a cream color over the weekend. The building has been sold, but there's no word yet on a new business moving in.

Final honor roll

Cass City High School announces the 6th marking period honor roll.

Wills.

GRADE 10

All A's: Syed Ahmed, Jennifer Brinkman, Donna Bushong, Libby Doerr, Nicole Froede, Ashley Hendrick, Aimee Hennessey, Katie McIntosh, Steven Meeker, Ivan Peruski, Tara Powell, Chad Sparks, Lindsey Speirs, Jeffrey Stoutenburg, Jenna Timko and Kalen Trischler.
B or Better: Caitlin Barnes, Racheal Biebel, Samuel Ceckowski, Stacy Crandall, Monica Cronk, Andrea Erla, Justin Glaza, Ivy Hiatt, Matthew Koepf, Bradley Langenburg, Evan Laurie, Derrick Mallory, Philip Nahernak, Nicholas Nanney, Brandon Otulakowski, Alex Papp, Rebecca Putnam, Valerie Scasny, Andrew Shagene, Jarod Stoutenburg, Brandi Talaski and Jeffrey

All A's: Ashley Barrigar, Tasha Bryant, Chad Francis, Samantha Glaspie, Marcel Helfand, Carrie Hillaker, Krista Homakie, Jessup Hoyt, Lee Hutchinson, Rose Krug, Luann Laming, Bethany Langlois, Delores Rabideau, Stephanie Richards, Andrew Schinnerer, Leah Sherman, Jason Speirs, Angela Stoeckle and Jessie Tuckey.
B or Better: Holly Angle, Allison Ellis, Jared Ferris, Caleb Hanby, Michael Havens, Bryan Hill, Paul Hoelzle, Jenna Hoffman, Nichole McComas, Sean McFarland, Timothy Mills, Christina Montgomery, Jesse Rader, Patrick Reed, Kristina Spaulding, Nicholas Stoutenburg, Jeffrey Tenbusch, Tara Whittaker and Jake Wilder.

GRADE 11

All A's: Krystee Dorland, Kristi Fluegge, Leslie Hacker, Erik Helwig, Sarah Hobbs, Amy Howard, Mallory Powell, Ashley Timon and Megan Toner.
B or Better: Allyson Bell, Gavin Frederick, Lauren Galloway, Kayla Karr, Adam Kessler, Nathan Laming, Maegan Laurie, Dustin Mallory, Jeffrey McMahan, Elizabeth Sobczak, Shanna Spencer, Brandon Stec, Brice Stine, Nicholas Swanson, Jennifer Sweeney, Randall

Tenbusch, Heather Thornton, Bryan Warju and Teresa Woodward.

GRADE 12

All A's: Laura Barnes, Jason Barrigar, Heidi Cheng, Deidre Deering, Amanda Frederick, Ashley Froede, Jordan Glaza, Courtney Green, Rebecca Hartel, Elizabeth Hoyt, Dara Iwankovitch, Joseph Lounsbury, Lindsay Lowry, Jessica Nicol, Alissa Pasant, Jessie Poisson, Rajen Raythatha, Cory Rickett, Talisa Talaski, Annjea Tanton, Andrew Veneziano, Kristen Wiles, Melissa Woodward and Melissa Zmierski.
B or Better: Laura Auten, Stacey Bessler, Megan Cronk, Aaron Diegel, Michael Eckhardt, Aleasha Edwards, Paula Fluegge, Tiffany Francis, Tyler Harp, Heidi Hartwick, Lindsey Hendrick, Cyndi Henn, Kurtis Hessler, Jessica Kamrad, Justin King, Estee LaFave, Christopher Maharg, Joseph Nauka, Chrystal Nicol, Anne Nizzola, Renee Puterbaugh, Hendrik Schmidt, Tiffany Spencer, Matthew Stoutenburg, Amanda Sullins, Ryan Thornton, Nicholas Turner and Liza Volmering.



Rebecca Hartel

Hartel receives award

Rebecca Hartel of Cass City is among 40 of the state's top high school student leaders to receive the Leader Advancement Scholarship to attend Central Michigan University this fall. The 4-year renewable award is valued at \$1,500 per year. It is among the first scholarships in Michigan to provide financial assistance specifically for student leaders. CMU selects scholarship winners based on high school grades, standardized test scores, and a leadership profile detailing involvement in school and community activities.

Hartel, a graduate of Cass City High School, was a member of the National Honor Society, student council and Youth for Christ. She also was a member of the basketball, softball and volleyball teams. She is the daughter of Jeff and Ann Hartel of Cass City.

Once at CMU, the scholarship winners will further develop their leadership skills through the Leader Education and Development Program. The LEAD program is a special academic initiative designed for proven and potential student leaders. CMU established its leadership program to help develop individuals to become leaders in their professions and communities.

Dillon, Khoury on list

Two local residents were recently named to the dean's list at Michigan Technological University, Houghton. They are Joshua V. Dillon, a senior majoring in computer engineering, and Jalal K. Khoury, a junior majoring in engineering technology. Both earned the honor by achieving a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.99.

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The Steel Recycling Institute at www.recycle-steel.org.
Hanes Hosiery at www.haneshosiery.com.
Volunteers of America at www.VolunteersofAmerica.org.
Yezbak Law Offices at www.yezbaklaw.com.
Woodley & McGilivray at www.wmlaborlaw.com.
The Gemological Institute of America at www.gia.edu.

Volunteers hosting sale today

The Tuscola County Volunteers-In-Action will host a rummage sale today (Wednesday), Thursday and Friday at 2822 S. Kirk Rd., between M-81 and M-46. The hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds will go to the volunteer program and future activities.



Senior quiz

by Melva E. Guinther

Most of us who are eligible for AARP know the frustration of "senior moments." This quiz is for us! Oldsters have a definite advantage over the younger set on this one.

1. In the 40s, where were automobile headlight dimmer switches?
a. On the floor shift knob
b. On the floor board to the left of the clutch
c. Next to the horn
2. The top of a Royal Crown Cola bottle had holes in it. What was it used for?
a. Capturing lightning bugs
b. Sprinkling clothes before ironing

c. As a large salt shaker
3. What postwar car's design made it hard to tell whether it was coming or going?
a. Studebaker
b. Nash Metro
c. Tucker

4. What was a popular candy when you were a kid?
a. Strips of dried peanut butter
b. Chocolate licorice bars
c. Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water inside
5. What was the name of the Indian princess on the Howdy Doodo show?
a. Princess Summerfallwinterspring
b. Princess Sacajewea
c. Princess Moonshadow
6. What was the name of Caroline Kennedy's pet pony?
a. Old Blue
b. Paint
c. Macaroni

7. What singing group made the song "Cabdriver" a hit?
a. The Ink Spots
b. The Supremes
c. The Esquires
8. "Praise The Lord and Pass the..."
a. Meatballs
b. Dames
c. Ammunition
9. What was the most dreaded disease in the 1940s?
a. Smallpox
b. AIDS
c. Polio

Owen-Gage Elementary Honor Roll announced

Owen-Gage Elementary School announces the 4th marking period and second semester honor rolls.

Grade 3

Nick Adkins*, Hunter Champagne, Jacob Fuller*, Michael Harp, Alexis Morrish, Erika Mroz*, Amanda Muntz*, Lacie Prich and Carli Warack*.

Grade 4

Holly Error*, Lauren Mandich, Clyde Rhodes, Megan McLaren*, Dylan Powell* and Tyler Kain.

Grade 5

Ryan Francis, Amanda Franzel, Zach Mroz, Devin Prich, Kelsey Quick*, Ashley Rockefeller, Christy Schmidt, Carin Seibel* and Erin Seibel.

* Denotes all "A"s

Second Semester

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Hendrick named to dean's list

Shelly Hendrick, a junior from Cass City, was recently named to the dean's list at Northwood University, Midland.

To achieve dean's list recognition, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.25 or higher.

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Looking forward to celebration

When asked about Fourth of July plans Jalaine Schneeberger, Cass City resident and mother of 3, said "We usually attend the Cass City Parade, the firework show and check out the arts and craft show." Jalaine said she is looking for something neat to purchase at the arts and craft show. "Celebrating the Fourth of July is important to remember our country's freedom, and even though Fourth of July is pretty commercialized now, most people still remember what the Fourth of July stands for." Chips, popcorn and licorice are traditional foods the Schneebergers bring with them to eat during the firework display, she said. She is married to Steve Schneeberger, who works at Schneeberger's furniture store.



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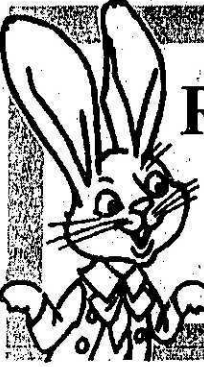
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The Great Wolf Lodge on Division Street in Traverse City has received oceans of publicity and checking it out was on our must-do list during a brief 4-day vacation. It features an enclosed water park. It's huge, with swimming pools, water-spouts, slides and similar equipment in the building that has to be as large as the gym in Cass City.

We didn't stay, but there were hoards of people there. It's new, but if the customers keep coming as they did during a mid-week after the novelty wears out, the Lodge will be a winner.

Mabel's is located at 472 Munson Ave. along the water-front road in Traverse City. It doesn't have an outstanding façade to distinguish it from any of the many others in town. It does serve very ample quantities at reasonable rates. (Especially for prices in the tourist towns in the middle of the tourist season.)

Corned beef hash with 2 eggs, 2 huge slices of toast and coffee was my selection. Esther selected 2 eggs, 3 small sausage paddies and biscuits with gravy. The biscuits and gravy were huge and more than she could eat. About half of the order was left, even though she said they were delicious. Total cost \$13.88, plus tip.

I rate it about a 6.5 on the 1-10 scale, Esther raised her rating a notch above that because of the biscuits.

The results of the campaign to enforce the use of seat belts in a crackdown that started May 19 and ended June 1 have been released.

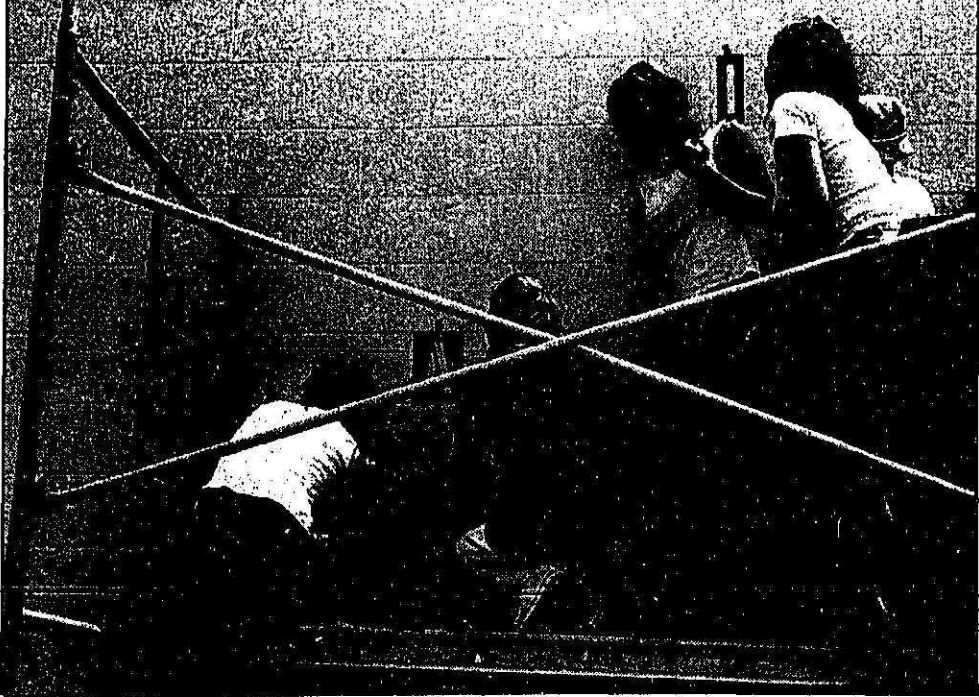
During the period, 21,482 safety belt citations were issued. A total of 333 agencies reported their citations to the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning while the 2-week "Buckle Up or Pay Up Click it or Ticket" was in force.

Ryan Pritchett, Cass City High School baseball coach, is busy organizing a summer baseball schedule. When he talked about it I couldn't help but think of the baseball program that my grandson participates in as a varsity player at Plymouth-Canton High School.

The varsity plays about 30 games in the summer and next week a road trip for games in Chicago is scheduled. For me that's going too far, both literally and figuratively.

Read Meg's Peg

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HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS Ashley Hadd and Sara Guc are painting a patriotic mural on the outside of the VFW Annex. The mural will feature an eagle wrapped in a flag and the pledge of allegiance. Ashley and Sara had some help with the mural last Tuesday.


Early detection key to cure

Many women choose not to have a breast exam, mammo-gram and pap smear because of limited financial re-sources. This can lead to a late cancer diagnosis after symptoms develop and the cancer has become invasive and significantly less cur-able.

Since 1991 over 84,075 Michigan women over age 40 have received services through the Breast and Cer-vical Cancer Control Pro-gram (BCCCP), a federal and state government funded program that provides screening for women age 40 through 64 on an annual ba-sis in an effort to find breast and cervical cancers at an early stage.

Income guidelines are very generous. For example, a woman who is a one-person household may have an an-nual income of \$22,450. If

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she is a woman who is part of a 4-person household her annual income may be \$45,000.

The Huron County Health Department is the lead agency for clinics in Bad Axe, Bay City, Caro, Deckerville, Kingston, Port Huron, Saginaw and Sandusky. There is no resi-dency requirement.

If you or someone you care about is 40 or older, call (989) 269-9721 (ext. 165) or toll-free 1-877-269-0822 for eligibility and to schedule an appointment.

It's understandable why Right to Life groups are ac-tive. It's understandable why the National Rifle Associa-tion is active in promoting the free use of firearms.

What is not understandable is the extreme positions they advocate that, from the side-lines, don't appear to make sense.

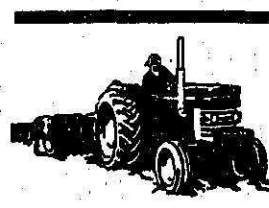
The NRA doesn't want res-trictions of any kind on the use of guns, not only rifles and handguns, but also ma-chine guns and other firearms that were designed for war-time use. They also rebel on taking time to check on backgrounds of gun purchas-ers and will fight to the end to kill any reasonable na-tion-wide law for even mini-mum gun control.

Even more strange is the case that involved the cure of a 16-year-old from Almont who was stricken by a nail from a nail gun that pierced his heart. A surgery that in-volved the use of a stem cell probably saved his life and undoubtedly saved him from a heart transplant if a heart could be found. Today he's active and a pacemaker in-stalled will probably be re-moved.

The stem cell used was taken from blood in his leg and doctors thought it was per-missible because bone mar-row transplants are routinely used to treat cancer patients.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration says that the procedure has not been ap-proved and will not be ap-proved until tests that take up to 2 years are completed. Since it was successful here, the procedure is now being duplicated in Europe and South America.

Meanwhile there are 400 or so patients that are eager to have the therapy which was used so successfully with the



The back forty

by Roger Pond

I never thought it would come to this. It's like an old friend used to say: "If I knew I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself."

First it was the AARP let-ters, then the senior citizen discounts, and now they're giving me free soup! Hey, I get part of the president's tax cut. I'm not totally destitute!

I stopped by the meat mar-ket last week to get my weekly ration of baloney - and a chicken for the grill. The meat cutter bagged my order while I talked fishing with another customer.

When I opened the bag at home there was my chicken, and my baloney, and a con-tainer of hot soup. Free soup! Maybe it was an accident, or maybe it wasn't? (I was all the way home, so I couldn't take it back.) Maybe the meat man is trying to get me hooked on their soup?

It was lunchtime, so I ate it. Ham and bean. Some of the best soup I've ever had.

I was reminded of the meat market I visited with my mother when I was a boy. It was a lot like this one: Nice people, the smell of cured hams. The meat cutter would cut whatever you wanted, however you wanted it.

They always gave me a hot dog. That gave me some-thing to chew on while Mother got her order cut and wrapped. It also turned me into a lifelong meat eater.

That was our market's way of fighting vegetarianism. Give the kids a hot dog, so they won't grow up eating sprouts and tofu.

Maybe that's why the meat man tossed in the soup. He wanted me to know how good their soup is, and he probably thought I needed it.

This fellow sees me several times a week - walking by the cooler, nose pressed against the glass. Drooling and wondering, "Should I buy some steaks today?"

Then, I totter down to the other end of the store and order half a pound of balo-ney. I never order soup.

Not that I don't like soup. I just never thought about it.

I might get used to it though. That was really good soup.

I was back in my old home-town recently, and the meat

market is still there. It hasn't really changed much.

The owners have changed several times, and the man who ran it when I was a kid passed away last winter.

The old market has more deli things now (and soup), but the atmosphere is the same. If you wanted half a steer, they would probably go out and get it for you.

That's why I like the little

stores better than the big su-permarkets. The supermar-kets might have Select steaks, Super steaks, and Supreme steaks; but if you're looking for USDA Choice you are probably out of luck.

The old fashioned markets offer some things you don't find in the superstores: A hot dog for the kids, soup for the old geezer.

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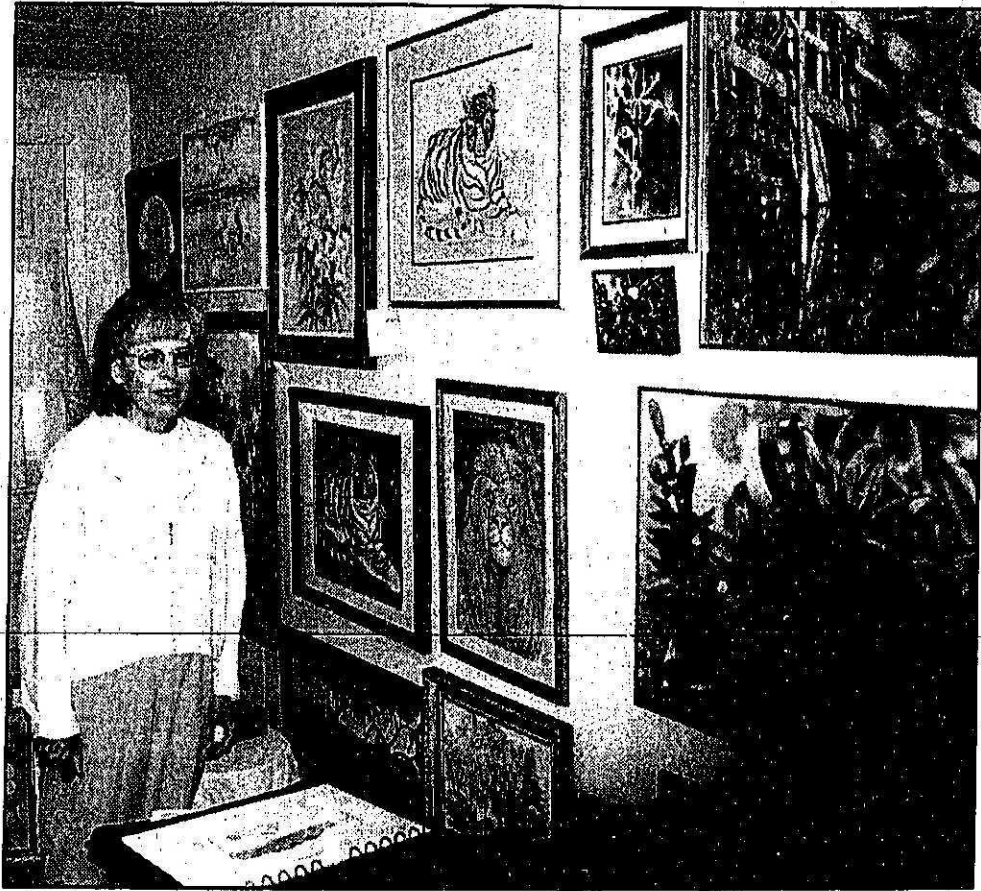
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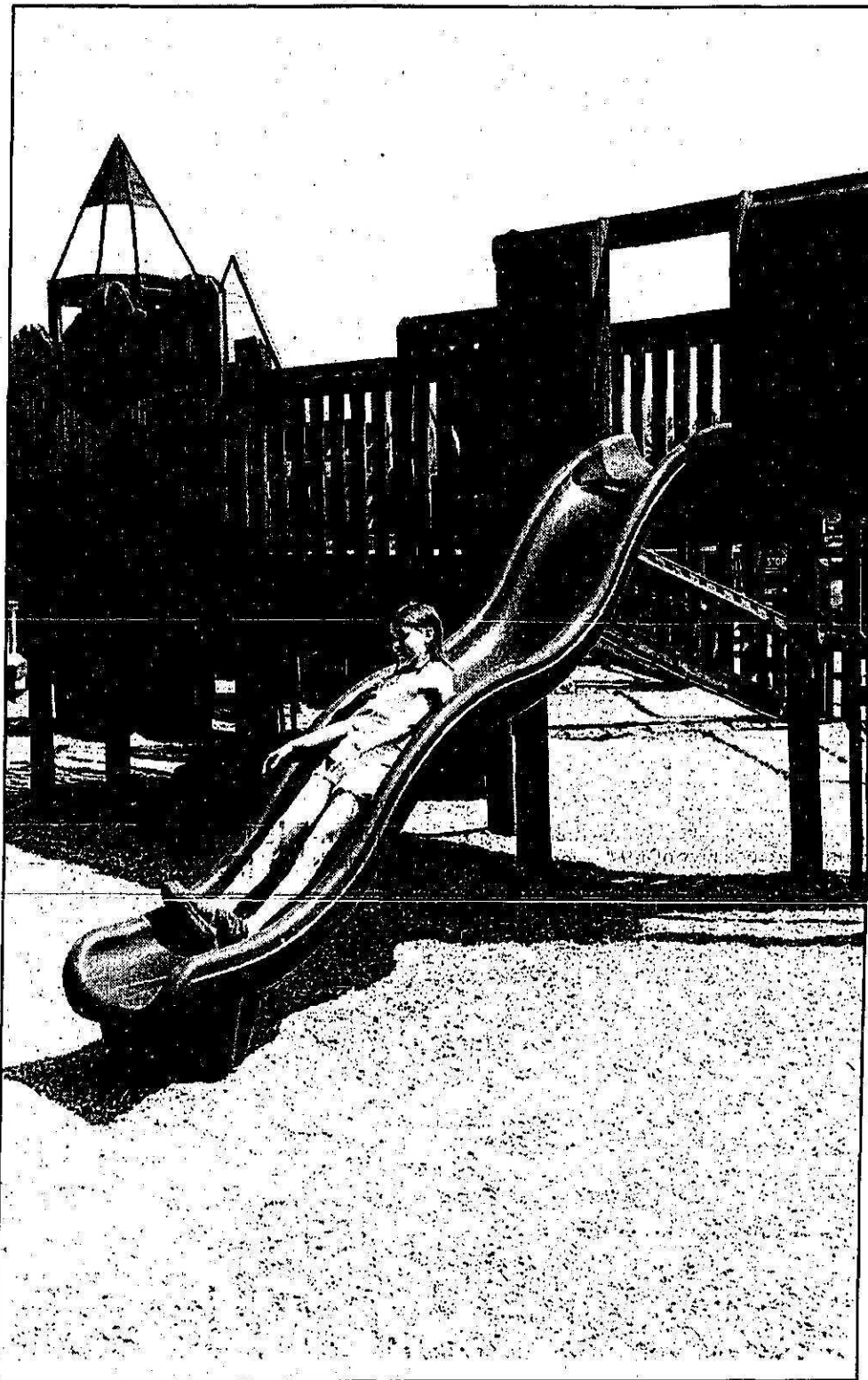
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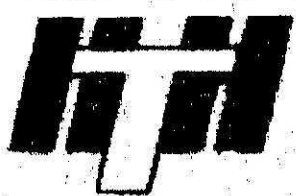
CASS CITY'S Pat Britt has spent a lifetime exploring various forms of art, including painting, photography and crafts. She will soon add "published author" to the list following her submission of a short story to a magazine in Canada.



BRITTANY LYNCH, 10, of Cass City, put a beautiful Sunday afternoon to good use at the Cass City Playscape, where she spent some time with Alex Rowe, 11, of Cass City, and Rowe's cousin, Marc Rowe, 7, of Munger.

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Britt's story to be published

Cass City artist focuses on writing

One of Pat Britt's earliest memories was the pleasure the smell of crayons gave her as a child growing up on her parents' farm.

As the years passed, Britt found a soul mate in artistic expression that she has enjoyed in a variety of mediums ranging from paintings and photography to jewelry making, fabric art and sculpture, many examples of which she has shared with the Cass City community at various art and craft shows.

Poetry and creative writing have been lifelong loves as well, but Britt has been reluctant to "go public" with her work. Until now.

Britt recently learned that a short story she submitted to "The Annals of Saint Anna de Beaupre", a small monthly magazine published by Redemptorist Fathers in Quebec, Canada, has been accepted and will be published sometime this year.

Britt, who teamed with a friend who has editing skills, first submitted the piece to Guideposts Magazine, but editors there summarily rejected it.

Undaunted, she "tweaked" the story and tried again, this time after researching at Rawson Memorial Library and learning about "The Annals of Saint Anna de Beaupre".

Britt says she has been ad-

vised to say little about the nature of the story until it's published, but she described it as being a deeply spiritual piece. "It's down to Earth, but has a spiritual message," she said.

For Britt, the acceptance has encouraged her already driving need to create in a way that only words can fulfill.

"My writing is something I've felt for years and years should represent something positive about mankind because there's so much negative," she said.

"I tend towards short stories with a moral or spiritual theme, but without being preachy," she added, noting her work reflects her personal life's philosophy.

"People do not love humanity - that is, our kind - enough," she explained. "We do not value our home, our planet, and we don't love ourselves. Bottom line."

Aside from short stories, Britt has always enjoyed writing poetry, amassing dozens of pieces such as life and death, nature and her own childhood memories. "I used to count them, but I've lost track," she said, adding the words often come to her more quickly than she can write them down.

Britt indicated the ability to express herself is second nature because she has been

doing it all her life.

"From the time I was able to walk and think and get my hands on things, I definitely expressed myself," she recalled. "As a child, on my own, I was very much but not altogether a private child, so I experimented in song and in writing songs - hundreds of them. Also poetry and dance and music to a limited degree."

"I've done everything," she added. "I've refinished antique frames, I've restored old (art) works - water color and oil, I've done some cloth art. I'm not a seamstress, but I've designed some of the things I wear."

"I spent a couple of years painting saw blades for a gentleman. He tended to like wildlife (themes) and he also liked the Budweiser Clydesdales," Britt continued. "But experimentation with art has come to the point where I'm ready for the writing."

Whether Britt is writing or painting, her approach to art has a single focus.

"The common thread under everything is people. They're interesting," she explained. "I always had a need to be analyzing, studying people."

"Writing is like a connection to life. I feel an innate sense of having to record life," she said, "and I can do that by expressing myself through my art and writing."

Calendar of Events

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

Tuesday, June 24

Woman's Christian Temperance Union 8th District "Spiritual Life Day," Cass City Nazarene Church, 10-3 p.m.

Wednesday, June 25

Thumb Retired Officers of Police Service (TROOPS) meets at Franklin Inn, Bad Axe at 11:30 a.m.

Mayville Health Care, 2112 Ohmer Rd., Mayville, 1-5 p.m. Sports physicals will be done on a first come, first serve basis. Parent/Guardian must accompany student or present a signed/dated authorization note to be accepted. Student athletes should obtain a sports physical form at the school office and have form filled out and signed by parent/guardian prior to the physical. Cost is \$10. For more information, please call (989) 843-5135.

Hormone Health and Anti-Aging Seminar, 1-2:30 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St. Learn about a safe solution for the questions surrounding Hormone Replacement Therapy. For more information and to RSVP, call Sue Blakely at (989) 673-8284. Seating is limited.

Thursday, June 26

Story Hour, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Friday, June 27

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

Sanilac County Senior Citizens Fair, 10-2:30 p.m., Sandusky High School, 191 Pine Tree Lane, Sandusky. Seniors and caregivers welcome! Free Admission! Free blood sugar testing, free blood pressure, \$5 cholesterol panel, free lung screenings, free ear wax exam, free pulse oximeter testing, free grip strength testing. Grand prize drawings. For a free ride to the senior citizens fair, call Sanilac Transportation at (800) 275-9311.

Saturday, June 28

Sandusky Lions Club "Thumb Festival" Demolition Derby, 7 p.m., Grandstand of the Sandusky County 4-H Fairgrounds, Sandusky. Gate admission is \$5 per person; ages 6 and under are free. Food will be served by the Sanilac 4-H Teen Club beginning at 5 p.m. under the grandstand. Drivers may pick up entry forms from Arlen Hacker, 1201 W. Sanilac, Sandusky, MI 48471.

Monday, June 30

Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Children's movie, "Atlantis: The Lost Empire," 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

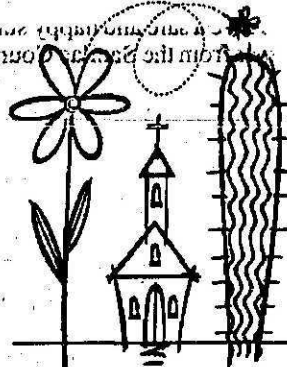
Cass City Area Church Directory

Trust Yourself

We have all had the experience of listening to the advice of others and then following it even though it just didn't feel right to us. Sometimes we know in our heart of hearts what we really should do, but the pressure of others so forcefully exerts itself that we ignore that little voice within us. And although most of us have the capacity to solve our own problems with a combination of reasoning and listening to what our own feelings and conscience are telling us; perhaps the reason we so often listen to others and ignore our own best judgment is that it is easier to hear the clamor of other voices than it is to hear our own. It takes patience and solitude to hear the voice within us, but with practice, and the courage to go against the crowd, we can learn to trust ourselves and make our own decisions about the things that really matter to us. And even if we make a few mistakes, it is far better to make our own mistakes and have them truly be ours than to listen to what others tell us to do, and in effect, live someone else's life. Remember that conscience is the voice of God within us, but we often can't hear this voice because we aren't listening.

Plan carefully what you do, and whatever you do will turn out right.

Good News Bible Proverbs 4:26



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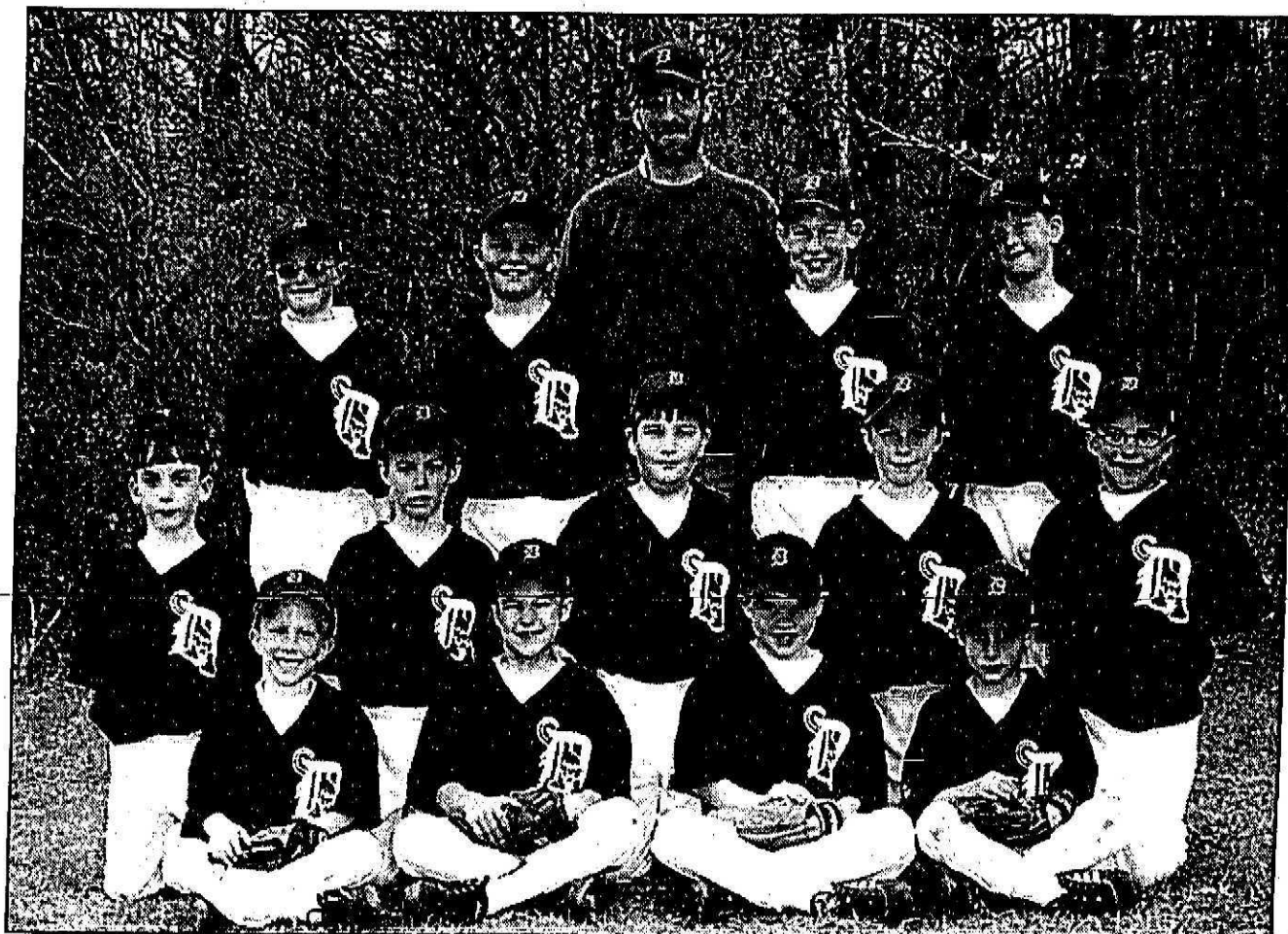
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Minor League playoff report

06-17-03:
TIGERS 9 - DODGERS 2:
Pitchers: Cody Orban pitched the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd innings, with 6 strikeouts. Rob Simpson pitched the 4th, 5th, & 6th innings, with 6 strikeouts; perfect inning in the 5th. Hits: Singles: Austin Deering, Cody Orban

(2) and Alex Zaleski (2). Doubles: Cody Orban and Braeden Perzanowski. Homeruns: Rob Simpson in the 3rd and 5th innings. Summary: 1st inning: Austin Deering's single brought Cody Orban home. 2nd inning: Braeden Perzanowski's double

brought Nathan Simpson and Justin Kerkau home. 3rd inning: Alex Zaleski threw to Cody Orban who threw to Austin Deering to get the runner out. Rob Simpson's homerun brought Alex Zaleski and Alex Adams home for 3 runs. 5th inning: Austin Deering threw to Cody Orban to get the runner out at first. Alex Zaleski's single brought Cody Orban home. Alex stole home and Rob Simpson hit a homerun.

Drew King, and Dakota Hartel. Doubles: Alan Leslie and Morgan Erla. Triples: Zak Syacure and Ethan Nicol.

06-19-03:
TIGERS 8 - ORIOLES 3.
Pitchers: Austin Deering pitched the first 3 innings, with 5 strikeouts and a perfect inning in the 3rd. Rob Simpson pitched the last 3 innings, with a perfect 4th inning. Hits: Singles: Rob Simpson (2), Cody Orban, Braeden Perzanowski, Jeff Leslie, Dylan Miller, and Brock Thane. Doubles: Alex Zaleski, Cody Orban, and Zak Syacure. Triples: Cody Orban and Dylan Miller. Homerun: Rob Simpson and Jeff Leslie. Summary: 1st inning: Rob Simpson's single brought in Cody Orban. Alex Zaleski's double brought Rob Simpson around and then he stole home. 2nd inning: Brett Deering threw to Cody Orban to get the runner out. 3rd inning: Rob Simpson's home run brought in Cody Orban. 5th inning: Cody Orban's single brought home Justin Zaleski. Rob Simpson's single brought home Cody Orban and then Rob stole home. 6th inning: Austin Deering threw the ball to Cody Orban to get the runner out at first.

06-17-03:
ORIOLES 9 - GIANTS 3.
Pitchers: Jeff Leslie, Dylan Miller, and Drew King. Kelby Rowell pitched 3 innings and struck out 9. Anthony House pitched 1 inning and struck out 1. Morgan Erla pitched 1 inning and struck out 2. Hits: Singles - Jeff Leslie (2), Derek Mozen, Alan Leslie,



THE 2003 CASS CITY Little League regular season co-champion and playoff champion Yankees are: (front row, l-r) Brady Wright, Jim Kelly, Kyle Pine, Brandon Stine; (second row, l-r) Aaron Bader, Joe Packhard, Tyler Warner; (third row, l-r) Brent Doerr, Lyle Hutchinson, Austin Babich, Tom Gee, (back row, l-r) Coach Don Doerr, Manager Tim Babich, Coach Al McKee.



THE 2003 CASS CITY Little League regular season co-champion Orioles are: (front, l-r) Steven Rychlewski, Zac McCreedy, Steffin Bader, Alex Varney, Josh Wutzke; (second, l-r) Travis Mozen, Zac Abell, Travis Myers, Lukas Varney; (back, l-r) Coach Nathan Fritz, Coach Ben Varney, Coach Nathan Haag. Missing: Robert VanAuken, Garret Ashbreck.

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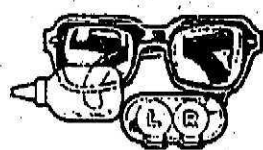
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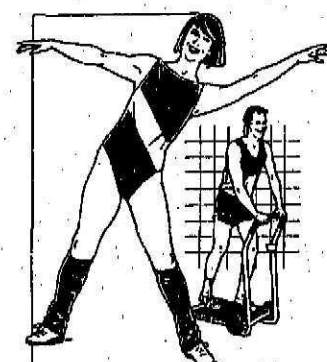
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Dr. Hasni & David Segroves, PA-C
July 24, 2003, 4-7 p.m.
5915 State St., Kingston
989-683-8065

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physical card with them that
is signed and completed by
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\$10 fee per student.

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Dr. Aqil & David Segroves, PA-C
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989-872-8202

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is signed and completed by
a parent or guardian.
Parental permission is
mandatory. Physical cards
may be picked up at the clinic
prior to July 10th.
\$10 fee per student.

Obituaries

Mary Kirton

Mary Agnes Kirton, 99, of Cass City, died Saturday, June 21, 2003 in Tendercare Nursing Facility, Cass City. She was born Oct. 14, 1903 in Sanilac County to William and Annie (McGeachy) Handley.

She married Benjamin Kirton Oct. 31, 1924 in Deckerville. He died July 10, 1974.

Kirton attended Ferris State College. She worked at Eicher's Cleaners and taught in a country school near Deckerville before marrying. They lived on a farm at Kirton's Corners. She was a member of the Cass City United Methodist Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Marjorie (William) Jones of Livonia; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a great great-grandson; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her siblings: Jack Handley, Margaret Morin and Nancy Kunze.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 23, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. George Ward of the Cass City United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Tendercare Nursing Facility. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Eugene Maitrott

Eugene "Gene" Maynard Maitrott, 73, of Cass City, formerly of Rochester, died Tuesday, June 17, 2003 in Marlette Hospice Residence. He was born March 29, 1930 in Pontiac to Maynard and Lucretia (Kerr) Maitrott.

He married Jean Marie Weldon Sept. 12, 1959 in Rochester.

Maitrott graduated from Michigan State University. He served in the U.S. Air Force. He worked as a certified public accountant at Ernst and Ernst in Detroit, Tolley International in Bloomfield Hills and had his own private practice. He retired in 1992. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #8892 and the St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City; the Rochester Elks Lodge #2225; and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He was a member of the Thumb Area Antique Auto Club and the East Side Model A Club.

Maitrott is survived by his wife, Jean Marie; a daughter, Dr. Susan (Dr. William) Weadock of Ann Arbor; and a granddaughter, Claire.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 19, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Steve Fillion officiating.

Interment was in the Mt. Avon Cemetery, Rochester. Military services were given under the direction of the Cass City V.F.W. Post #3644. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Pattie Marshall

Pattie A. Marshall, 32, of Minden City, died Monday, June 9, 2003 at Covenant Cooper Hospital, Saginaw. She was born Feb. 4, 1971 in Inglewood, Calif. to Betty (Wilson) Marshall and the late Patrick Marshall.

She married Troy Casey Feb. 10, 2001 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Marshall lived in Oregon for 12 years, moved to

Frazier Park, Calif. for one year, and has resided in Minden City since October 2001.

She is survived by her husband, Troy; a daughter, Stephanie; two sons: Patrick and Shane, all of Oregon; her mother, Betty Marshall of Grants Pass, Ore.; two sisters, Sherrie of Calif. and Debbie of Grants Pass, Ore.; four brothers, Scott Marshall of Minden City, John, Tim and Kurt; and seven nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Patrick Marshall March 23, 2001.

Cremation has taken place at the Sunset Valley Crematory, Bay City.

A memorial service will be planned for a future date. Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigelski Funeral Home, Uby.

Donna Portice

Donna G. (Haddix) Portice, 77, of Decker, died Saturday, June 21, 2003 at Sanilac Medical Care Facility, Sandusky.

She was born May 29, 1926 in Argyle, the daughter of the late Emerson and Ethel (Newkirk) McIntosh.

She was a lifelong area resident. She was a 1942 graduate of Sandusky High School. She worked at General Cable Co. and the Marlette Community Hospital.

She was an active member of the Lamotte Missionary Church, the Open Door Missionary Church and the Thumb Senior Singles Dances. She was a lifetime member of the O.E.S. Decker.

She is survived by four daughters: Dara (James) Vatter of Louisiana, Denise (Larry) Miller of Sandusky, Rona (Kirk) Willard of Ray Township and Kalyn (James) Thompson of Texas; a son, Bradley (Lisa) Haddix of Crosswell; a brother, Peter (Lorraine) McIntosh of Harsens Island; 17 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 23, at Marsh Funeral Chapel, Sandusky, with the Rev. Larry VanSlambrook officiating. Burial was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Sanilac Medical Care Facility, Sandusky. Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Sandusky.

Virginia Shemko

Virginia Shemko, 65, of Cass City, formerly of Sterling Heights, died Wednesday, June 18, 2003.

She was born May 28, 1938 in Detroit, the daughter of Luther and Martha (Tonn) Durham.

Shemko was a supporter of the Michigan Humane Society and was actively involved in the conservancy of nature.

She is survived by her sons: Richard of Florida and Gary of Canton; her father, Luther Durham; and brothers: Edward (Edith) Durham of Ulica and Robert (Janet) Durham of Grand Rapids.

A private memorial service will take place at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society.

Arrangements were made by Gagetown Funeral Chapel, Gagetown.

800 attend annual TEC meet

Louis Wenzlaff, president of the Thumb Electric Cooperative Board of Directors, opened the 66th Annual Meeting of T.E.C. members recently at Cass City Recreation Park.

An estimated 800 people attended the meeting, which was highlighted by the election of 3 directors, and numerous entertainment activities featured as a part TEC's Member Appreciation Day/Annual Meeting.

Re-elected to 3-year terms

were Donald Wolschleger of Huron County, Leonard Briolat of Sanilac County and Karl DeSimpelare of Tuscola County.

In action taken after the annual meeting, the board of directors re-elected Wenzlaff, president; DeSimpelare, vice-president; Beth McDonald, secretary; and Briolat, treasurer.

General Manager Michael Krause presented the 2002 financial statement, which

showed operating revenues of \$11,471,931 and expenses of \$10,434,797, resulting in an operating margin of \$1,037,134. The cooperative also earned \$136,129 in interest on short-term investments, rental income and patronage capital from other cooperative organizations. Total assignable margins were \$1,148,913 for 2002.

The 2002 member's patronage capital accounts were allocated nearly 10 cents on

each dollar paid by TEC members. The 2002 general patronage retirement appeared as a credit on electric bills received in May 2003.

Wenzlaff highlighted the following areas:

- In 2002 TEC employees and contractors designed and constructed \$2.5 million dollars of new utility plant, bringing TEC's total investment in the 3-county service area to nearly \$50 million dollars and serving nearly 12,000 member accounts.

• Since patronage capital retirements began, TEC has refunded nearly \$3.4 million dollars to its members.

• The major work for 2002 was 4 construction projects to improve the transmission system in Sanilac County. Cost of these projects was in excess of \$1.2 million dollars. In 2003 nearly \$1 million dollars is being expended on the installation and rebuild of over 11 miles of major 3 phase lines to improve reliability.

• Indicated the board's involvement in assuring TEC's members are protected as deregulation and open access began. TEC's position is that it is unlikely that deregulation will bring any real benefits to rural Michigan and are working to delay choice until 2007 due to the high cost and questionable value.

• Successfully refinanced nearly \$4 million dollars of loans to lower interest rates, saving hundreds of thousand of dollars. Low interest rates substantially helped the cooperative's margins in 2002.

Krause highlighted the cooperative's financial status, rates, member services, marketing activities and patronage capital retirement.

He said the cooperative maintained a strong financial position due to strong sales growth in kilowatt-hour sales due to hot summer weather and an early winter in 2002. Low interest rates have allowed aggressive pursuit of system improvements without severely impacting electric rates.

TEC continues to offer very competitive rates when compared to other utilities across the state and nation, he added.

Krause lauded members for their participation in TEC's energy management programs. A total of over 4,800 members are participating in TEC's managed water heating and dual fueled space conditioning programs. TEC's free electric water heater program continues to flourish with over 2,800 high efficiency water heaters being placed in member's homes and businesses.

TEC continues to take a proactive business approach in the new deregulated environment to assure low cost yet reliable power supply sources for its members. TEC current supply agreements run until late 2007, he noted.

In 2001 TEC paid over \$404,000 in property taxes to schools and other governmental bodies in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties.

Several appear on charges

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

• Hal T. Patton, 22, Birch Run, pleaded guilty to fleeing and eluding a police officer March 23 in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

• Gary L. Ordway Jr., 39, Fairgrove, pleaded guilty to falsely reporting a felony April 3 in Denmark Township, and no contest to discharging a firearm in or at a building and assault with a dangerous weapon Nov. 19 in Gilford Township.

The pleas were taken under advisement by the court, which ordered a pre-sentence investigation and continued bond at a combined \$10,000. Sentencing is to be set.

• Kenneth J. Ellis, 39, Clio, was convicted on a charge of falsely reporting a felony Oct. 17 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$30,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the department of corrections. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

• James W. Wilber, 33, Vassar, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, May 4 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$1,000. Sentencing is to be set.

• Brandon A. McPherson, 17, Vassar, pleaded guilty to

second degree home invasion March 26 in Arbela Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

• James A. Nickerson, 44, Sebawaing, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, May 4 in Caro, and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

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

• Lawrence D. Hummer, 40, Kingston, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 110 days in the county jail, with work release, for his pleas of no contest to kidnapping and domestic vio-

lence Feb. 26 in Kingston Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$860.

• Tiffany M. Ewing, 22, Millington, was sentenced to 12 months probation and 90 days in jail (deferred), with work release, for her plea of guilty to delivery of marijuana Jan. 23 in Millington.

She was also ordered to pay \$1,080 in costs and fines plus a \$150 forensic fee.

• Thomas R. Schmotzer, 20, Deford, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 120 days in jail (60 days deferred), with work release and worksite privileges, for his pleas of guilty to 3 counts of assault with a dangerous weapon Nov. 11 in Novesta Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$960.

Collection of household waste set for the fall

The Multi-County Solid Waste Task Force will begin offering household hazardous waste (HHW) collections to residents in Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola counties in September.

These collections will reduce the negative impact household chemicals can have on the environment when disposed of improperly.

County officials identified the need for such collections through solid waste planning efforts that have taken place over the last 4 years. The state requires counties to evaluate all aspects of the waste stream, including hazardous products, and find solutions to manage them properly.

This program also aims to educate residents about the impact mishandled hazardous waste has on ground and surface waters. When hazardous wastes are dumped down a storm drain or into a septic system, toxins can easily re-enter the drinking water supply and contaminate a community.

"We want residents to feel secure knowing that they've done the right thing," said Wendy Crounce, HHW program coordinator for the Task Force.

"This program will provide an outlet for disposal and will hopefully change their attitude towards purchasing these products in the future. We don't want repeat customers at this type of collection. We want residents to be aware that more isn't always better, there are many safe alternatives out there that won't have the negative impact that the products of yesterday do and to buy them in smaller quantities.

Due to funding constraints, space is limited. Residents will be required to register in advance and schedule an appointment.

There will be a small charge to participate. One to 49 pounds is \$2 and 50 to 100 pounds is \$5. Those with over 100 pounds are to call for details.

Participant's information will be kept confidential. Contact your county's coordinator for a complete list of acceptable materials and further information at (989) 672-1673.



FOR HARLAN AND MARGE Dickinson, Cass City residents, gardening is a summer hobby, and has been for 45 years. Marge spends 2 hours a day working in her flower garden.

'Works' boosts client services

The Thumb Area Michigan Works! is taking customer empowerment and personal responsibility to a new level with the Tool Chest Customer Card. The agency was scheduled to launch this swipe-card technology Monday.

Everyone receiving a Tool Chest voucher training award will also receive a Thumb Area Michigan Works! Tool Chest Customer Card. The customer card will help those receiving "scholarship-style" awards to keep track of where, when and how much of their award they have spent.

"Access to information is empowering and helps Tool Chest customers better man-

age their own training account," said Marv Pichla, executive director for Thumb Area Michigan Works! "Job seeking continues to become more competitive and those looking for work need to be better informed than ever before."

The Tool Chest system adapts itself to each person as a way of highlighting their employability and skill strengths. It also offers certain "scholarship-style" funding to help build on their employment potential.

Tool Chest Customer Cards can be "swiped" at any of the 5 locations listed on the back of the card. For more information, contact Thumb Area Michigan Works! at (989) 635-3561.

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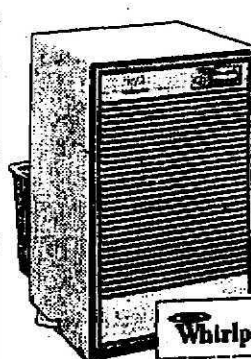
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jessica M. Wright a/k/a Jessica Wright f/k/a Jessica M. Kelch, to Ameriquist Mortgage Company, Mortgage, dated May 22, 2002 and recorded June 13, 2002 in Liber 881, Page 614, and Servicers 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, 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 Ameriquist Mortgage Company, As Mortgagee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000

File No. 214-0527

5-28-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Samuel L. Tallman and Sue Ann Tallman, husband and wife, to Alliance Funding, a Division of Superior Bank FSB, Mortgage, dated September 29, 2000 and recorded October 9, 2000 in Liber 812, Page 823, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Lasalle Bank, N.A. f/k/a Lasalle National Bank, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated 10/1/00. Series 2000-3 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 Sixty-One Thousand Three Hundred Ninety and 95/100 Dollars (\$61,390.95) including interest at the rate of 12.05% 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 18, 2003.

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

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

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. 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: June 18, 2003

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Lasalle Bank, N.A. f/k/a Lasalle National Bank, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated 10/1/00, Series 2000-3, As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000

File No. 199-0925

6-18-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Richard W. Smith and Laurie E. Smith, husband and wife, Mortgage, to Homeowners Loan Corp., Mortgage, dated the 13th day of July, 2000 and recorded in the office of

the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 7th day of August, 2000 in Liber 807 of Tuscola County Records, Page 1178, said Mortgage having been assigned to Citibank, N.A. as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 30, 2001 Series 2001-1 on which mortgage there is claim to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Thirty Thousand Twelve and 62/100 (\$30,012.62), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan, in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of July, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 11.75000% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

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

East half (1/2) of Lots 1 and 2, in Block 24 of Village (now City) of Vassar, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, subject to Building and use restrictions and easements of record, if any.

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

Dated: 6/11/03
Citibank, N.A.
Mortgagee
FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Jonathan L. Engman (P56364)
Attorney for Citibank, N.A.
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470
Troy, MI 48064
248-362-2600

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James Schreiber and Catherine Schreiber, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Icon Financial Group, Mortgage, dated May 29, 2001 and recorded on June 5, 2001 in Liber 834 on Page 600 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Mortgage Company, an Ohio Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated December 11, 2002, which was recorded on April 14, 2003 in Liber 925 on Page 1399, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT AND 93/100 dollars (\$128,948.93), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on July 24, 2003.

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

Commencing from the Northwest corner of Section 34, Town 13 North, Range 9 East; thence East 161 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 208 feet; thence East 59 feet; thence South 32 feet; thence East 530 feet; thence North 240 feet; thence West 598 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: June 25, 2003
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
Team S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200321126

Team S

6-25-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Adam J. McCormick and Shellen M. McCormick, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to DMR Financial Services, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgage, dated October 23, 1998 and recorded on October 26, 1998 in Liber 754 on Page 140 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated April 1, 1999, which was recorded on November 5, 1999 in Liber 786 on Page 1387, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE AND 76/100 dollars (\$41,485.76), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on July 17, 2003.

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

Lot 17, Block 5 of Montague and Wilmet's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 18, Now being Page 18A.

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 18, 2003
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
Team S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200321659

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sherman Suttle, a married man, and Cynthia Suttle, a married woman, (original mortgagors), to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgage, dated June 23, 1998 and recorded on June 23, 1998 in Liber 742 on Page 1382 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Washington Mutual Bank, f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc., successor by merger in interest to Fleet Mortgage Corp., a South Carolina Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated November 1, 1999, which was recorded on December 8, 1999 in Liber 789 on Page 1114, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT AND 47/100 dollars (\$86,698.47), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

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

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

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 18, Town 12 North, Range 8 East; thence East 353 feet; thence South 136.12 feet; thence West 353 feet; thence North 136.12 feet to the place of beginning.

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

Dated: June 11, 2003
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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File # 200019749

Team F

6-11-4

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by THOMAS A. WARREN & CINDY M. WARREN, HUSBAND & WIFE, to ALTEGRA CREDIT COMPANY, now known as NATIONAL CITY HOME LOAN SERVICES, INC., Mortgage, dated April 26, 1999 and recorded on May 4, 1999 in Liber 770 on Page 400, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ninety three thousand three hundred twenty three and 24/100 Dollars (\$93,323.24), including interest at 10.840% 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, MI at 11:00 AM, on July 31, 2003.

Said premises are situated in TWP OF ALMER, TUSCOLA County, Michigan, and are described as:

LOT 1 AND 11 OF ASHBRECK SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGES 8-9.

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

DATED: June 25, 2003
NATIONAL CITY HOME LOAN SERVICES, INC.
Mortgagee
ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
For information, please call:
(248) 540-7701

6-25-4

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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., Mortgage, 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 to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, 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 Northwesterly 60 feet; thence Northeasterly 168.5 feet; thence Southeasterly 60 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:
Team W (248) 593-1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200319288

Team W

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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., Mortgage, 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 to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, 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:
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30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200319388

Team W

6-4-4

June 18, 2003
To All Interested Parties

REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST

Riverbend Coordinating Agency (RCA), a Division of Bay Arenac Behavioral Health Authority (BABHA), administrators federal and state substance abuse treatment and prevention funds for Arenac, Bay, Huron, Montcalm, Shiawassee and Tuscola counties. RCA is seeking Letters of Interest for establishing a methadone program in the region.

RCA is statutorily required to provide for a full continuum of care. Medicaid guidelines require that services be available within sixty (60) miles or sixty (60) minutes of the consumer's primary residence. Physician's Offices or Pharmacies could provide dosages while the counseling is completed at an accredited Provider.

RCA, in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), is prepared to offer Technical Assistance and Financial Assistance as

Mortgagor to Flagstar Bank, FSB dated, the 2nd day of July, AD 2001, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 16th day of July, AD 2001 in Liber 837 of Tuscola County Records, on Page 318, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$134,478.89 (One hundred thirty four thousand, Four hundred seventy eight dollars and eighty-nine cents), including interest there on at 10.50% (ten point five-zero 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 10th day of July, AD 2003, at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 12 North, Range 7 East, being further described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 10 seconds West, 660.30 feet along the North Section line to the point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 50 seconds West, 354.15 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 10 seconds West, 246.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 07 minutes 50 seconds East, 354.15 feet to the North Section line; thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 10 seconds East, 246.00 feet along the North Section line to the point of beginning. Subject to any and all easements and/or right-of-way, whether used, implied or of record.

Tax ID: 006-013-000-0700-02

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: June 11, 2003
WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
By: Daniel E. Best (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage
Welman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1802
Troy, Michigan 48064
WWW.02938077

6-11-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Joseph Scales, a single man, of 8453 S. Vassar, Millington, Michigan 48746, Mortgage, to Oxford Bank, 60 South Washington, Oxford, Michigan 48771, 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 786 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 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.

Sidwell #017-007-000-3800-00

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

Anissa C. Hudby
Howard & Howard Attorneys, P.C.
Attorney for Mortgagee
39400 Woodward, Suite 101
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-5151
(248) 723-0363

6-4-5

June 18, 2003
To All Interested Parties

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sociated with the development of this service.

Interested parties need to submit a Letter of Interest no later than Thursday, July 10, 2003. This letter should be addressed to:

Scott Gilman, CA Director
Riverbend Coordinating Agency
306 5th Street, Suite 300A
Bay City, MI 48708

All responses will be considered.

6-25-1

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Virginia Hueter, an unmarried individual (original mortgagor), to Independent Bank, f/k/a Mutual Savings Bank, f/b, Mortgage, dated March 2, 1999 and recorded on March 17, 1999 in Liber 766 on Page 247 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED ONE AND 20/100 dollars (\$52,801.20), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

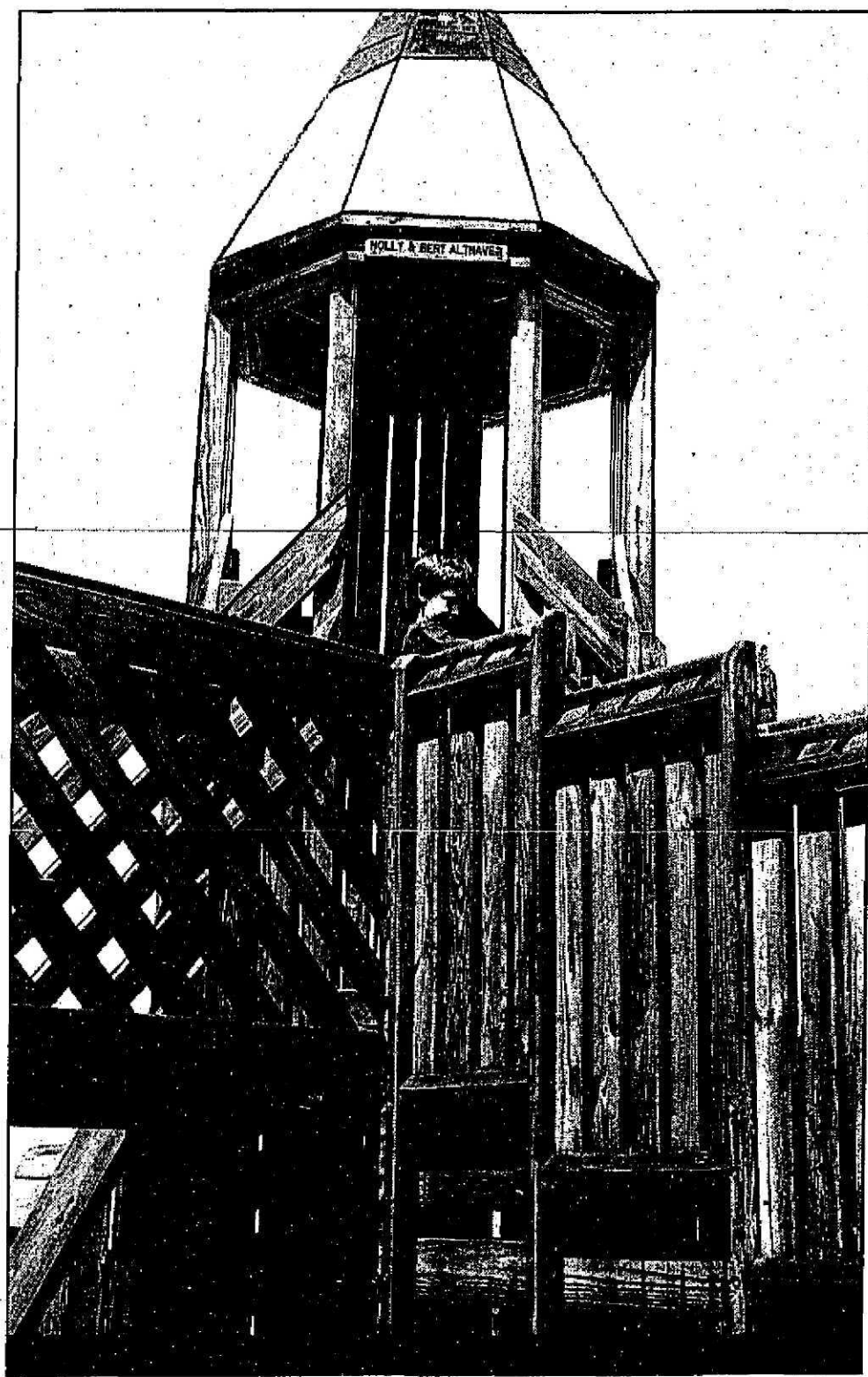
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola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

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

Lot 3, Block 12 of Seagar's Addition to the Village of Cass City, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 29 of Deeds, Page 145.

The redemption period shall be 1 month from the date of such sale, unless an affidavit of occupancy or intent to occupy is recorded in accordance with MCLA §600.3241(d) and given to the mortgagee, in which the redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 11, 2003
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MARC ROWE peers out from the Cass City Playscape Sunday afternoon. (Related photo, page 5)

HDC raffle set Sept. 20

The Human Development Commission (HDC) will host its annual Fundraising Raffle Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Caro.

Tickets are priced at \$100 per couple, which includes dinner, beverages, socializing, and the chance to win great prizes. Doors open at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 7

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Event tickets can be reserved by calling Olga Long or Tina Collins of HDC at 800-843-6394 or (989) 673-4121. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support HDC programs.

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Household Sales

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YARD SALE - June 26-28. 1 mile east, 1 1/4 mile south of M-53/M-81 intersection on Hadley Rd. Bricker. Woodstove, dishes, hand woven rugs and miscellaneous. 14-6-25-1

MOVING SALE - Everything must go! July 3-4, 8:30-3 p.m. No early sales! M-53 and Shabbona Road. 14-6-25-1

GARAGE SALE - Lots of baby items, clothes, stroller, car seat, bathtub, etc. Also, miscellaneous items. Thursday, June 26, 3:30-7 p.m.; Friday, June 27, 3:30-7 p.m.; Saturday, June 28, 9-12 noon. No early sales! 5206 Koepfgen Rd. (1 mile west of Cass City and 1 1/4 miles north). 14-6-25-1

GARAGE SALE - commercial refrigerator, restaurant tables and chairs, computer with Windows 95, girls' (5, 6, 7), men's (XL, L), women's clothing, winter coats, treadle sewing machine, toys, Football, miscellaneous. 4677 Huron (corner of Huron and Dale). Thursday and Friday, 9-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9-1 p.m. 14-6-25-1

GARAGE SALE - June 25-26, 9-4 p.m.; June 27, 9-12 p.m. Yorktown dishes, household, girls' clothes, toys, girls' bikes, curtains. 6396 Seventh St., Cass City. 14-6-25-1

GROUP GARAGE SALE - 4625 S. Elton Rd. (6 1/2 miles north of Cass City). Thursday, June 26 and Friday, June 27, 8 a.m. till dark; Saturday, June 28, 8-12 p.m. 14-6-25-1

GARAGE SALE - June 26 and 27, 9-5 p.m. 2112 S. Cemetery Rd. Variety of items. 3 miles north, 1 mile east, 1/4 mile south of Kingston, or 11 1/4 miles south of Cass City. 14-6-25-1

GARAGE SALE - June 26 and 27, 9-5 p.m. 2112 S. Cemetery Rd. Variety of items. 3 miles north, 1 mile east, 1/4 mile south of Kingston, or 11 1/4 miles south of Cass City. 14-6-25-1

GARAGE SALE - June 26-27-28, 9-5 p.m. Treadmill, comforter sets, percussion/bell kit, 15' pool, dehumidifier, teen girl clothing, lots more. 2660 N. Cemetery Road (3 1/2 miles south of stoplight). 14-6-25-1

MULTI-FAMILY garage sale - June 26-27-28, 9-6 p.m. 4343 Leach Street. Children, misses, plus size clothing, crafts, jewelry, dishware, household items, Barbies, freezer, cement mixer, holiday items. Something for everyone! 14-6-25-1

MOVING SALE - Room air conditioner, kids' clothes, toys, dishes, etc. Thursday and Friday, June 26 and 27. 1 west and 2 north of Cass City, corner of Koepfgen and Wilsie. 9-4 p.m. 14-6-25-1

GARAGE SALE - June 26-27, 9-5 p.m. Junior golf clubs, household items, and miscellaneous. 4293 Leach Street. 14-6-25-1

GARAGE SALE - Thursday-Saturday, June 26-28, 8-5 p.m. Baby clothes (newborn-size 6), Little Tykes sand turtle, handicap equipment, lawn roller. 6325 Kelly Rd. 14-6-25-1

MOVING SALE - June 27-28, 9 a.m.-7:4789 Dodge Rd., Cass City. 14-6-25-1

Household Sales

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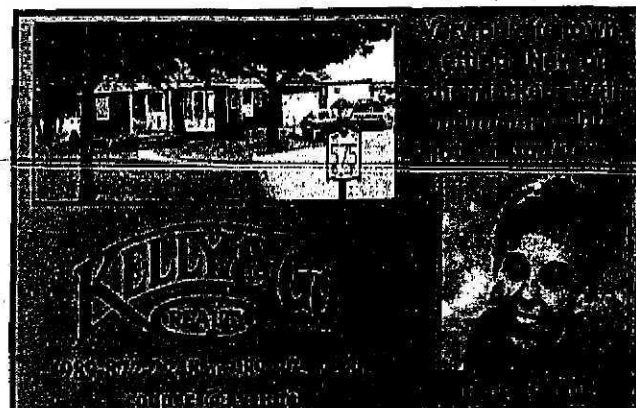
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Motorist charged in fatality

A Tuscola County man stood mute last week to charges stemming from a fatal traffic accident that

claimed the life of a Millington teen.

Robert M. Bank, 56, Tuscola, was arraigned in

Tuscola County Circuit Court on charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - causing death, and failure to stop at the scene of an accident - when at fault - resulting in death.

Both counts are felonies punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case, bond was continued at \$1 million and Bank was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

The accident occurred May 14 around midnight in Arbel Township, according to Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies.

The victim, Randy Rae Manning, 17, was riding his bike northbound in the southbound lane of Bray Road when a northbound vehicle crossed into the

southbound lane and struck Manning from the rear.

Investigators said Bank, the driver of the vehicle, initially stopped at the scene, and then along with another motorist went back and found the victim. Bank then returned to his vehicle and drove away, they said.

Reports state the other motorist stayed with Manning, and another motorist who had seen Bank's taillights followed his northbound vehicle to the village of Tuscola, obtained a license plate number and called 911.

Deputies located Bank and his vehicle at his residence. He was placed under arrest and transported to Caro Community Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

Millington Rescue and MMR ambulance personnel assisted officers at the scene.

Teachers protest

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Linda Volz, 8th grade teacher, and 3 of the dozen students involved in the "Citizens of the Future" campaign to provide a community center in Cass City detailed the plans for the school board. Explaining the progress to-date were Alyssa Cryderman, Stephanie Jamieson and Katie Klco. The group has talked with the village manager and started plans to raise the needed funds. Several buildings as possible sites have been looked at, including the former IGA building that is available for \$100,000, according to the project sponsors. The students were granted permission to use the school copier to create flyers to be distributed during the July 4 Festival.

OTHER BUSINESS

The special reorganization meeting of the school board will be held Wednesday, July 2, at 7:30 p.m.

Three members of the school board, Michelle Biddinger, Randy Severance and Teresa Rabideau, will be on the committee to interview candidates for the director of guidance position at the school.

Resignations of crossing guard Kathy Daneault and teacher assistant Darlene

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Parsell have been accepted with regret.

Permission was granted for the school to borrow up to \$1 million if needed against anticipated state aid. A line of credit for \$250,000 was approved.

Purchasing of a line of jackets, an initial project of a new school store, was approved. More information about the new store is expected at a later board meeting.

The campaign to establish a school slogan was put on hold until the start of the next school year when a greater response is expected.

Ranks of needy growing

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noted.

The HDC distributes food monthly through a commodity program. In past years the HDC had an extra supply of food to donate to the community, but this year there hasn't been enough food to distribute to the people who receive food commodities, she said. Last year 3,600 people received food each month and this year 4,000 people are expected to receive food monthly, she said.

Louis Nemeth of Cass City said the HDC helps him out quite a bit.

"I need help making my ends meet because my social security check just isn't enough to cover my expenses. But with the help I receive through programs HDC offers, I am able to pay my bills on time."

There is a rise in the number of people receiving assistance in FIA programs as well.

"Locally, we have been hit pretty hard with people applying for aid due to the poor economy," Dillon said. The average number of people receiving food assistance in Tuscola County as of April 2003 is 4,297 people, compared to 3,808 people in 2002 and 3,222 people in 1997.

The average number of people qualifying for Medicaid in Tuscola County has increased as well. In 1997, 7,029 people qualified for Medicaid, in 2002, 7,327 people qualified, and in 2003, 7,732 people qualified.

Meanwhile the number of people receiving cash assistance in Tuscola County has decreased slightly. In 1997,

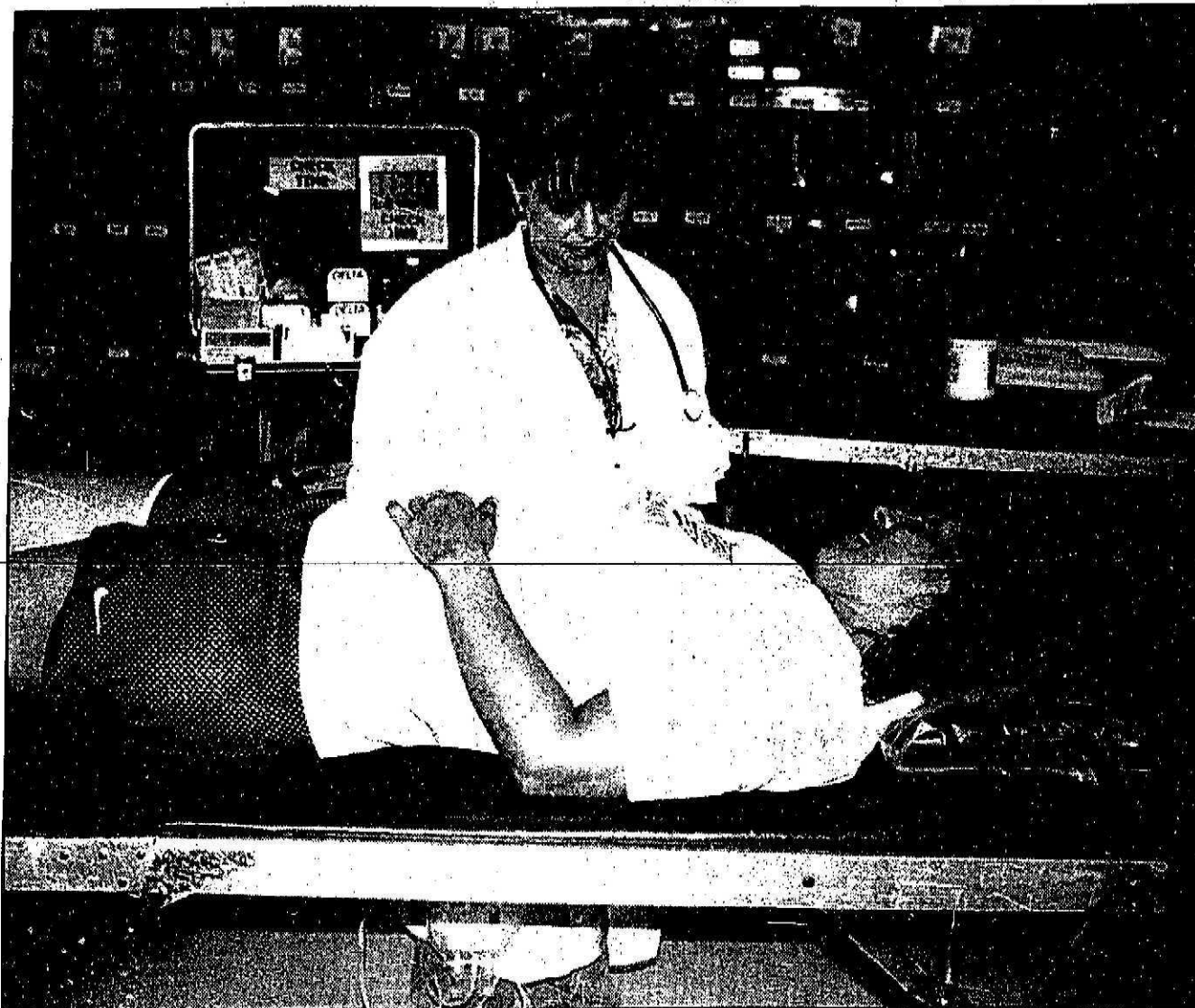
1,304 people received cash assistance, in 2002, 663 people received cash assistance and in 2003, 629 people received cash assistance.

Not as many people qualify for the cash assistance programs, due to more stringent requirements, said Dave Hollenbeck, Family Independence manager.

An applicant's income and assets are evaluated to determine eligibility unless an applicant is applying for disability, he said.

In order to receive assistance, state law requires that an individual or family applying for assistance is working or looking for work unless the applicant is disabled, Dillon said.

"The goal of the FIA is to provide safety for kids, independence for families and help the well-being of the elderly," Dillon said.



JUDY MARTIN donated blood during the Walbro blood drive Thursday and is pictured with Christine Krump, Red Cross donor technician out of the Flint Great Lakes Region.

Blood

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times of natural disasters and for people who are in need of organ transplants.

First time donors who attended the VFW and hospital auxiliary blood drive were Nathan Mills and Samuel Kempf. Joseph Kababik was a one gallon donor, Richard Gaffney, Jannie Brown, Michael Kim, and Janie Kus were 2 gallon donors, Kathryn Wice was a 4 gallon donor, Betty Rosenberger was a 6 gallon donor, Dick Wallace was a 7 gallon donor, Jon K. Zdrojewski was an 8 gallon donor, Owen Pierce was a 13 gallon donor.

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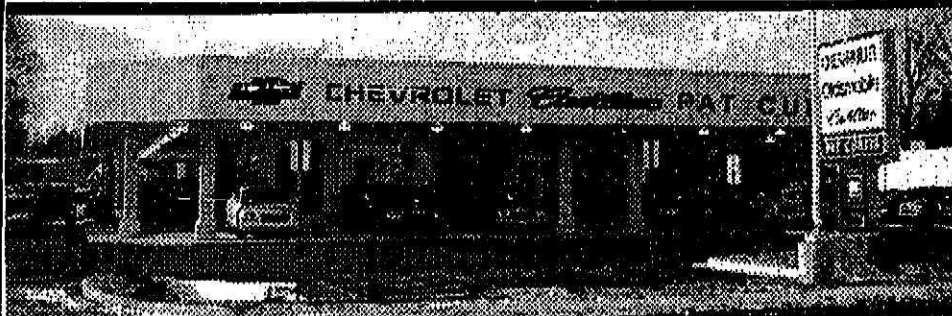


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