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**BROTHERS** (from left) Brandon, 14, Cole, 12, Dustin, 7, and Dylan Miller, 10, load and transport pumpkins that will be sold in front of their Cass City area home Sunday afternoon. The boys are the sons of Scott and Shelly Miller, 4138 Cass City Rd.

### Report: low pollution levels

## Nestles funding unlikely

An environmental assessment of the Nestles building in Cass City has revealed low levels of pollution, Village Manager Frank Sheridan reported to the village council Monday night.

"The good news is, it's not as bad as we thought it was. The bad news is, it's not bad enough for them to do anything about it," Sheridan said.

Sheridan had hoped officials with the Environmental Protection Agency, which arranged the site assessment, would consider cleaning up the Nestles building as a training exercise. However, he said that isn't likely to take place now.

Sheridan said Robin Oeming of the Saginaw office of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), who was instrumental in convincing the EPA to evaluate the building, will take the final report to a review board at MDEQ to ask for financial assistance to clean up the site.

"Based upon the limited amounts of hazardous materials, the best outcome is to have the site added to the Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) funding list," Sheridan said. "The site will be a very low priority and Mr. Oeming does not expect us to see any funds in the near future."

One positive note, he notes, is that the assessment report could be used as a Baseline Environmental Assessment (BEA) for any potential developer in the future. "So, it's worth \$40,000, \$50,000," he said.

The site assessment was conducted Aug. 20 and 21 by a Tetra Tech Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team, a major engineering firm based in Detroit.

The Nestles building is owned by the state, which recently took over ownership of the building following tax foreclosure proceedings against former owners Francisco and Hazel Risken. State officials were expected to put the building up for auction in mid-September.

Sheridan said he has not been able to find out yet if that auction took place and, if it did, whether there were any bidders. The low bid for the property has been set at \$16,400, the amount of unpaid taxes on the property.

### O-G, Kingston, Ugly down, too

## Cass City School pupil numbers down again

Area school officials continue to watch their enrollments fall, draining thousands of state funding dollars from district coffers.

Wednesday, Oct. 24, marked the annual fall statewide student count, and for the third straight year, Cass City Schools came up significantly short.

School Supt. Ken Micklash reported a total enrollment of 1,529 students - 517 students in grades K-4, 497 in grades 5-8, and 515 in grades 9-12.

The local district has 38 fewer students compared to a year ago. The decrease follows losses of about 20 students a year ago and some 40 students the year before.

The net loss in Cass City will actually be about 20 students due to the formula the state uses to determine enrollment. However, the loss still adds up to \$134,000 in state funding this year. The district receives about \$6,700 per student from the state.

In other area districts: •Owen-Gage School officials reported an enrollment of 230 students - 82 in the elementary grades and 148 at the junior-senior high school. Last week's count is down from 241 students a year ago. The district, which receives \$6,900 per student, had an enrollment of 245 students last February.

•Kingston Community Schools Supt. George Bednerek reported a total of 666 students, with 346 at the elementary school and 320 at the high school.

The enrollment is down by 30 students compared to last February. Combined with the loss of about 19 Teen Ranch students, which are now educated in Marlette, Kingston School officials are facing an overall decrease of nearly 50 students, Bednerek said.

Ugly Community School Supt. Hal Hooks said his district's enrollment totaled 903 students, with 603 in grades K-8 and 300 in grades 9-12. The total is down by about 3 students compared to last February and about 9 students compared to a year ago.

Enrollment in Cass City has fluctuated over the past several years, with the numbers ranging from this year's low of 1,529 to a high of 1,683 in 1999.

"I had expected...about a 10 to 15 student decrease (this year), so we're not too far off from my projection," Micklash said, noting school officials have been working to offset the recent trend of shrinking student numbers.

"That's why we have several staff members less than we had a couple of years ago and that's why we're not operating Deford Elementary." The district's staff has been reduced by 6 teachers as well as an administrative position and several support staff, enabling Cass City to end this past fiscal year \$55,000 in the black. And, Micklash noted, with a fund balance of some \$1.6 million, equal to about 15 percent of the district's budget.

"We've been preparing for this," Micklash added. "It's our intent to remain financially healthy."

Kingston School officials have also been reducing staff, including 3 1/2 lay-offs and 2 retirements.

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## Village to seek bids for arsenic treatment project

The Cass City Village Council Monday proceeded with the next step in preparing to meet new, tougher federal guidelines for arsenic levels in public drinking water supplies.

The council also acknowledged the resignation of Trustee Don Ball during the monthly meeting.

Village Manager Frank Sheridan said the village's engineering firm, the Spicer Group, Saginaw, has completed a water treatment feasibility study with a timeline for completion by the federal January 2006 deadline.

"There are about 9 methods to remove arsenic from the water. The study recommends looking at 2 of those methods: oxidation with co-precipitation method with a pressure vessel system, and absorption type of media," he said. "Because the technology is new, Spicer Group recommends that we do a pilot test early in the planning stages."

The village spent about \$4,000 on the study, according to Sheridan, who recommended that the village seek competitive bids from engineering firms to begin the work of planning and implementing a water treatment system in the village.

Council members agreed and directed Sheridan to seek proposals.

The village has been discussing water treatment options since the new federal guidelines were approved about 2 years ago.

Currently, the maximum acceptable level of arsenic in public drinking water supplies is 50 parts per billion. The new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations lowered the limit to 10 parts per billion. Cass City's municipal wells have consistently tested at 16 to 17 parts per billion.

Municipalities have until 2006 to comply with the new rules. However, Sheridan indicated he's confident the village could receive a one-year extension provided officials prove they have taken reasonable steps to comply with the new arsenic standard.

Sheridan estimates the necessary treatment plant to lower arsenic levels in the village will cost \$1 to \$1.5 million. The village will probably finance the project through municipal bonds, he said, adding it's unlikely any grant funding will be available.

### RESIGNATION

Trustee Don Ball notified the council of his resignation by a letter he personally delivered Monday night. He did not indicate why he resigned.

Ball has served on the council for about 2 years. He was first appointed to complete the term of former Trustee

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## HMC expansion set at \$13 million

Huron Medical Center officials have announced plans for a 2-phase, \$13 million expansion project that will include a new cardiac catheterization lab and new facilities for existing emergency and obstetrical services.

In the first phase of the project, cardiac catheterization lab services will be provided through a joint venture with St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw.

"With the aging population continuing to grow and with heart disease as the number one cause of death in the Thumb, HMC has partnered with St. Mary's to ensure high quality cardiac healthcare services locally," said Susan L. Meinhold, chief support services officer.

"St. Mary's was recently awarded 5 stars for its cardiovascular program and (is) rated number one in the region for cardiovascular quality by HealthGrades."

The lab and a cardiac clinic will be located on the first floor of the Bad Axe hospital, adding 6,240 square feet to the facility.

Ground breaking for the project is scheduled for next month, with anticipated completion by July 2004.

"Phase 2 of the expansion project will include a new emergency services area on the first floor of the medical center," Meinhold said.

"The new emergency department will provide more privacy in treatment areas, a larger trauma area, and up-to-date facilities better equipped for disaster preparedness capabilities," she explained.

The new emergency department will total 8,675 square feet, twice the size of the current space.

"It will be constructed east of the existing emergency department and will include a private covered entrance for emergency vehicles," Meinhold said, noting HMC "has recently increased services by staffing its 24-hour/7-day emergency department with onsite physicians specially trained in emergency medicine."

Meinhold said the second floor will house a new, 6,715-square-foot obstetrical department with 6 labor, delivery, recovery and post-partum suites (LDRP).

"Due to the continuing increase in birth rates in its service area, HMC is focusing on a more family-oriented childbirth experience," Meinhold said.

"The new LDRP suites will include private showers, a home-like atmosphere and plenty of space for family and friends. Newborns will be able to room-in with mothers for quality bonding time. The new unit will also include a nursery for babies that require special monitoring."

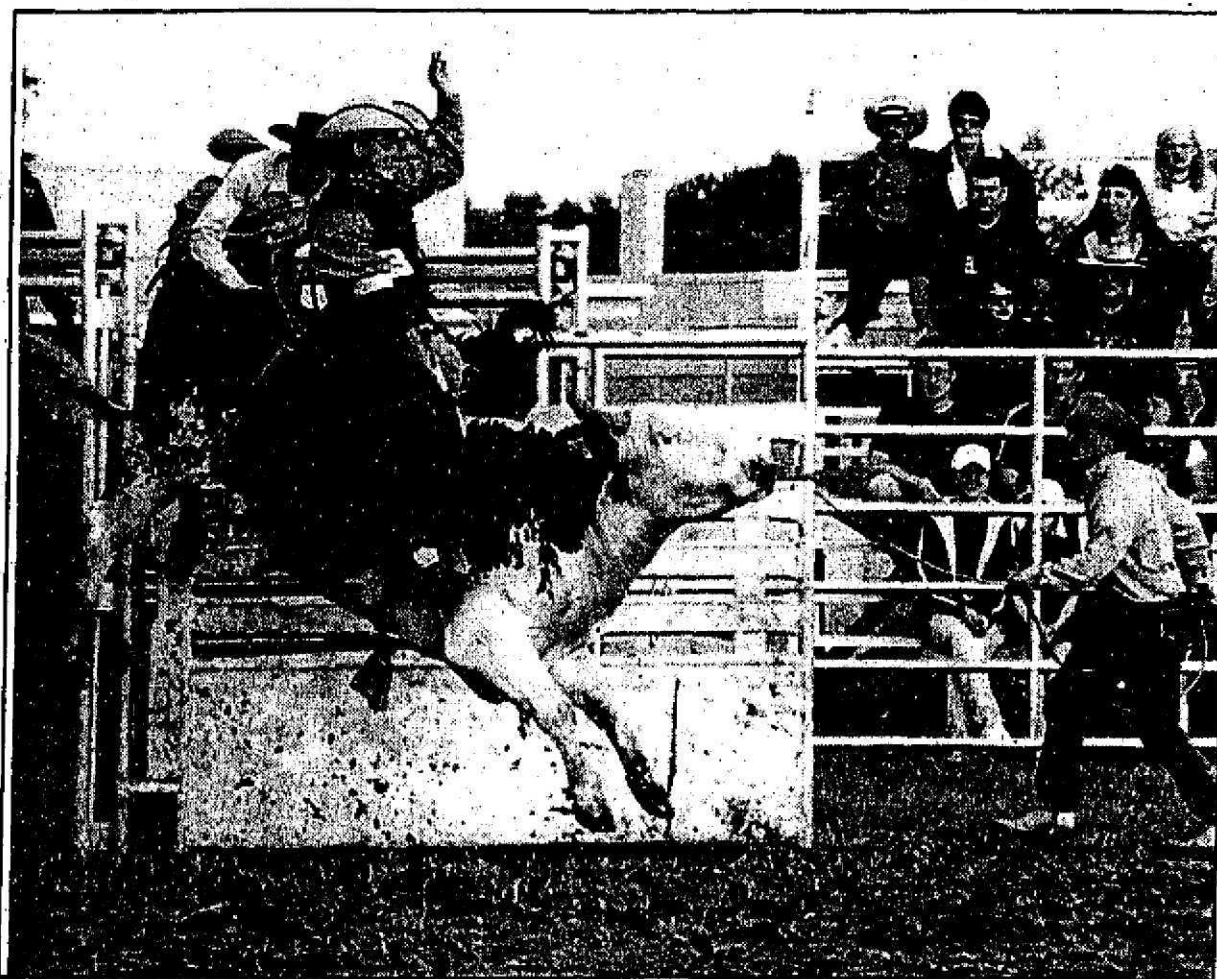
As the only facility to provide obstetrical services in Huron County, Meinhold continued, HMC has recruited additional OB-GYNs to help meet the growing needs of the community.

The second phase of construction will also include a new lobby, an expanded gift shop, centralized registration, an elevator, a new exterior facade on the entire building, and expanded parking.

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## Tough enough

### Owendale's Ryan Tabar hopes to make bull riding a career



**OWENDALE'S RYAN** Tabar, 19, has been riding bulls for 2 years now with hopes of making the rodeo his career. Above, Tabar tries to go the distance on a bull called "Kung Foo" during a rodeo in Hale this summer.

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Ryan Tabar figured he'd eventually have his own herd of dairy cattle after graduating from Owen-Gage High School in 2002.

He was close. Instead of milking cattle, however, he's riding them — bulls, that is — with an eye on possibly making a career out of the rodeo circuit over the next few years.

"I've been riding for 2 years now. I've been on probably close to 200 bulls," said Tabar, 19, the son of Ronald and Wendy Tabar of Owendale. "This year I've been to about 28 rodeos."

Tabar's interest in bull riding dates back to watching rodeo action at the Huron Community Fair with some friends. That interest led the teen to the Muxlow family, which operates a dairy farm as well as Bucking Bulls and Arena in the Brown City area.

Tabar said he borrowed some equipment from the Muxlows and experienced his first taste of bull riding.

"I remember going out to do it, but the ride itself, I just

blocked it out," he recalled. "The combination of the fear and adrenaline just makes you block it out. You just don't remember a thing."

"It was definitely an adrenaline rush, that's for sure."

Tabar was hooked, enough so to begin thinking about the investment he'd have to make in his own equipment. "You're looking at \$400 for a vest, \$300 for chaps, another \$100 to \$200 for rope, probably \$70 for a good pair of spurs and rowels," he explained. "And you need boots - that's another \$60 or \$70 - and another \$60 to \$100 for a hat."

Tabar, who also wears a facemask, invested time in practice as well as a 5-day training session at the Gary Leffew Bull Riding School in Santa Maria, Calif., last November.

"I learned the mechanics of riding a bull and I learned the mental game," he said. "Riding bulls is 60 percent mental and 40 percent ability. You have to go out there and get your head on and focus all of your energy."

"The idea is to ride a bull

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It's a girl! It's a boy! It's a girl! It's a boy!



Alexandria Tilt

Alexandria Mary Tilt was born Aug. 22, 2003 at 8:25 p.m. at Bay Medical Regional Hospital to John and Barbara (Merchant) Tilt of Cass City. She weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. Her maternal grandparents are Allen Merchant and Joanie Merchant of Cass City. Paternal grandparents are Tom and Jackie Tilt of Saline.



Caden Cusack

Andrea and Mark Cusack of Lake Odessa announce the birth of their son, Caden Michael Cusack. Caden was born Sept. 26, 2003. He weighed 8 pounds and was 20 1/2 inches long. His grandparents are Ron and Randee Speirs of Cass City and Herb and Peg Cusack of Lake Odessa. Great-grandparents are Robert and Norma Speirs.



Riley Copeland

Riley Lucille Copeland has joined the family of Mark and Sue (Ganley) Copeland of Deford, along with sister, Whitney, and brother, Mason. Riley was born July 21, 2003 at Covenant-Harrison in Saginaw. She weighed 7 pounds and was 19 1/2 inches long. Her maternal grandparents are Edward and Janice Ganley of Caro. Her paternal grandparents are Robert and Marcia Copeland of Cass City. Her maternal great-grandparents are Norman and Fannie Ellis of Caro and the late Bernie and Lucille Ganley of Caro.



Keith Mika

Paul and Debbie Mika of Cass City announce the birth of their son, Keith Richard. He was born Aug. 28, 2003 at Huron Medical Center. He was 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long. His grandparents are Dennis and Sharon Engelhardt of Gagetown and Richard and Kathy Mika of Luzerne. He was welcomed home by his brothers, Taylor and Evan.

### Historical society to meet

The Watrousville-Caro Area Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the Juniata Township Hall, located at 1971 Ringle Rd. Doug Jackson will speak on the topic, "History of Akron, Michigan, and its famous violin maker Grant E. Dutcher". Jackson, born in 1944 in the Caro Hospital on Burnside Street, grew up in Akron and graduated from Akron-Fairgrove High School in 1962. Jackson has been in private orthopedic surgery practice since 1980 in Midland. Now semi-retired, having turned the practice over to Dr. David Bortel (who also was born in Caro), he started to learn about the Dutcher violins in 2000 and began taking lessons very late in life, showing others it's never too late.

### Ladies' retreat Oct. 10-11

Thumb Christian Outreach Ministries will host Pam Stonehouse at their interfaith ladies' retreat - "Autumn Alive". After the busy months of summer, Autumn Alive offers ladies from every denomination a time to be refilled with God's Word. The event will be held at Evangel Life in Bad Axe, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 10 and 11.

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Meg's Peg

This 'n' that

by Melva E. Guinther

We've all heard about crazy lawsuits and even crazier settlements. Richard Allen Farmer, former chaplain of Taylor University, tells of a couple that I hadn't heard.

One involved a surfer who sued another surfer for "stealing his wave." It seems he'd been waiting for a particular wave and the other surfer beat him to it.

I'm happy to say that he wasn't awarded anything. The judge ruled that it was impossible to put a dollar value on a wave.

Another suit was filed by a shopper who pulled a blender out from the bottom of a stack, causing the blender on top to fall on her. It wasn't clear why she wanted the bottom one.

The blonde realized that she wouldn't have any peace until she went along with the nuisance, so she finally said OK.

He asked what the distance from the earth to the moon is. She reached in her purse and handed him a \$5 bill.

For her turn, the blonde asked, "What goes up a hill with 3 legs and comes down with 4?"

The professor thought and thought, did some research on his laptop, called the Library of Congress, etc., etc.

After an hour, he finally conceded, woke the blonde up and admitted it. She calmly accepted his \$500 and turned to go back to sleep.

The prof stopped her and said, "So what's the answer? What goes up a hill with 3 legs and comes down with 4?"

Whereupon the blonde reached in her purse and handed him a \$5 bill.

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Is it just me or do others have a problem with those "Easy Open Peel Here" labels? You struggle with the dumb things until you break a fingernail or 2, and finally get the scissors and cut the package open.

Same deal with those "Resealable" plastic containers. You might as well get out your Ziploc bag to begin with. But no, I always have to try, thinking maybe somebody has improved the process and this time will be the charm.

Another thing. What's the difference between Mega Hold, Super Hold, Ultra Hold and Maximum Hold hair spray? You never see Very Little Hold hair spray, do you?

It's kind of like ordering a small bag of popcorn. There is no such thing. There's only large, extra-large and super duper.

## Story times on tap for children

Rawson Memorial Library is offering 2 story times for preschool age children this fall.

Children age 3-5 are invited to attend story hour from 10 to 11 a.m., Wednesdays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. The theme for this group will be "Fun Foods" and the children will have an opportunity to explore the world of language with stories, songs,

rhymes, finger plays and crafts. A Halloween party is set for Oct. 29.

A program for toddlers, age 18-36 months, is set for 10 to 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. The theme for the toddler program is "Nursery Rhymes". This program gives children and their parents an opportunity to enjoy stories, songs and finger plays in a positive and supportive atmosphere. A Halloween party will be held Oct. 30 for this group.

This program is offered free of charge, but children must be registered. Parents may register their children for either story time at the library or by calling 872-2856.

### S. Rayl attending law school

Shivaughn Rayl of Cass City joined the incoming fall class of Michigan State University-DCL College of Law as a first year law student.

Rayl, who attended Cass City High School, earned an undergraduate degree in environmental studies and applications at Michigan State University.

Michigan State University-DCL College of Law, formerly known as Detroit College of Law, was founded in 1891 and was the first law school in Detroit.

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### Tour of homes slated

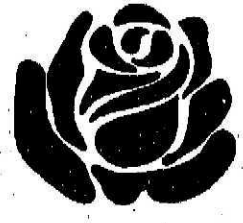
The Huron Medical Center Auxiliary is sponsoring another "Homes With Character" Home Tour Sunday, Oct. 5, from 1 to 5 p.m. of homes in the Uby area.

Tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased at Buds and Blossoms and Angelina's Eatery in Uby, at Stein and Walker Co. and Karen and Katie's Hallmark in Bad Axe, and at Up the Grove Gifts and Antiques in Port Austin. Tickets may also be purchased at the Huron Medical Center Gift Shop and front desk. Tickets will also be available at the homes the day of the tour.

All proceeds from the home tour will be used to purchase patient related equipment for the Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe.

The homes being showed on the tour include the home of Cam Hill, which is one of the historical homes in the village of Uby. A traditional home of Larry and Angie Roth, a farm house colonial of Dean and Ella Welton, and a new home of Mark and Lisa Brown will also be featured, as well as a tour of the Alpaca Barn, which is the home of 29 alpacas, a rare animal from Peru, and where visitors can observe the alpacas in their pasture.

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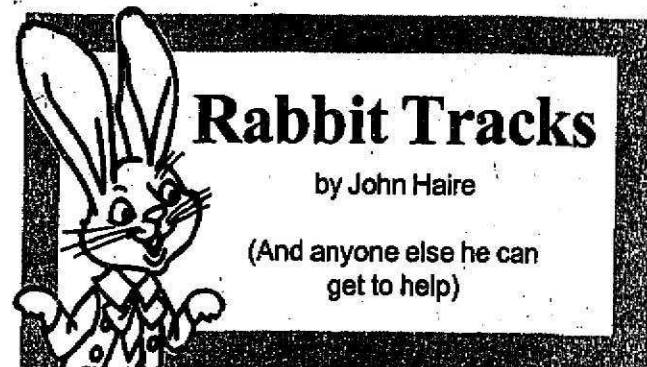
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The meetings are under the jurisdiction of the "Tuscola Pride" committee that will attempt to demonstrate why taxpayers should vote for a net increase in taxes of 1.6163 mills.

The tax would remain in place indefinitely and can be removed only with a referendum vote.

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It was 4 years ago that former middle school principal Jeanne Lohela and Jody Miklovic, elementary school principal, decided to offer the junior achievement program at Cass City elementary and middle schools.

Junior achievement is a program that requires a minimum of 38 volunteers from business and the professions to explain the requirements of their businesses.

JA is still going strong and at the end of the current program 4,000 will have been exposed to the free enterprise system via over 100 volunteers.

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This year's junior varsity football team is undefeated, but the major tests are still ahead. The next 2 games should tell us a lot. If Reese and USA JV falls then it's reasonable to expect that Cass City will have a team that is capable of winning 6 games in a season and finally qualify for post-season competition.

Incidentally, the record may not be significantly better this year than it was last year, but there has been improvement, believe it or not.

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## TNU officers raid home, seize pot, vehicles, gun

A recent Thumb Narcotic Unit (TNU) investigation re-

vealed what officials called an elaborate indoor mari-

juana growing operation in the basement of a Tuscola County residence.

Officers executed a search warrant at a home in Fostoria Sept. 25, according to TNU Commander Detective Lt. Mitch Krugielki.

"The entire basement of the 2-story residence was converted into an elaborate indoor marijuana grow operation complete with an air duct ventilation system built from the basement through the second story roof," Krugielki said.

TNU officers seized 131 marijuana plants growing in different stages in 3 rooms in the basement, as well as several grocery bags of marijuana clippings.

More than \$13,000 in property, including 2 vehicles, electronic equipment and a shotgun, was also seized.

"Warrant requests will be submitted to the Tuscola Prosecutor's Office requesting charges for the husband and wife suspects manufacturing marijuana, habitual offender and felon in possession of a firearm," Krugielki said.

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department and troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Lapeer assisted in TNU officers.

## Beet campaign is underway in Thumb

The sweet harvest of sugar beets is underway in the Thumb.

Michigan Sugar Company officials began receiving sugar beets at their Croswell factory and designated receiving stations last week, and at all receiving stations early this week.

Company officials are expecting a harvest of 2.4 million tons of sugar beets that will produce more than 600 million pounds of sugar.

The 2002 sugar beet crop totaled 2.3 million tons of beets and generated more than 630 million pounds of sugar. The crop added a base economic impact of some \$180 million to the state's economy.

Aside from Croswell, Michigan Sugar Company has factories in Caro, Carrollton and Sebawaing, and operates 12 receiving stations throughout the growing area. The company employs 350 full-time workers and has hired more than 1,000 seasonal and part-time employees to receive and process the 2003 crop. Processing should be completed by the end of February.

Michigan Sugar Company officials and their grower-owners ask all motorists to drive with caution and patience during the harvest season, which involves an increase in truck traffic and wide farm machinery on the roads.

## Senior citizens ball set

The fourth annual Tuscola County Senior Citizens Ball is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 8, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Caro Knights of Columbus hall, 903 Ryan Rd.

The event, hosted by the Tuscola County Senior Fair Committee, is an intergenerational ball for Tuscola County high school students and senior citizens residing in nursing homes and adult foster care homes.

Schools from throughout the county, including Cass City High School, are invited to select 7 to 10 students to represent their school at the ball.

"Students wear prom attire or other formal attire, and seniors don their finest threads, and the young and young at heart cut a rug to live entertainment," explained Donna Lenhard. "The senior citizens ball also includes the crowning of a senior citizens ball king and queen, and intergenerational senior ball pictures."

Last year, more than 70 high school students from Tuscola County and Thumb area schools escorted more than 50 senior citizens to the ball.

## The Haire Net



Education may be like a revolving door. If you wait long enough it will return to where it started.

Large enrollment, impersonal classes are being discarded in many large cities and broken down into schools with an enrollment of about 450-500 students.

According to the story I read, reduced size Chicago schools are separate even though there could be two high schools in the same building.

The theory is that the teachers will stay with these students until they graduate, learning about them, and the students will have a connection with those teachers that is impossible to have in schools with 4,500 or so pupils.

There have been some positive results under this system and the small schools are expected to increase.

While Thumb schools are right on the money when it comes to numbers in the high schools under the new system adopted in Chicago, they are not immune from shifts in education.

Nearly all Thumb schools now offer combined classes for several grades and, I'm told, are happy with the results. In a way, the old one-room schools evidently had some advantages.

When considering changes in education it's best to proceed under the caution light and be prepared for the red light to switch on at any given time. Today the important yardstick is the results of the various tests, with emphasis on the Michigan Educational Assessment Project test. The complaint is that it encourages teaching to the MEAP test rather than a well-rounded educational

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## The back forty

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by Roger Pond

Every so often I read something funny in the newspaper. Quite often it's just a misspelled word or an amusing way of saying things.

A few years ago I saw a farm safety story that cautioned farmers to be careful around grain bins. Farmers were warned to stay out of grain bins when grain is flowing - and to make sure help is nearby.

The story says, "When entering a grain bin, always wear a harness attached to a rope or lanyard held by workers outside the bin or attached to a winch."

I couldn't tell for sure, but I suppose a fairly hefty winch is recommended.

I thought of this recently when I saw a magazine ad for a winch made by the Warn Company. The ad says, "Get a Warn winch for just \$69.95." Misspell that and see what you get!

The folks deserving our utmost sympathy are the classified ad writers. They get a phone call or a hastily scribbled note with the expectation this will become a concise and accurate "For Sale" statement.

All the while, lurking in the back of their minds, is the knowledge that a mistake in terminology or a missed keystroke can produce something really funny.

One of the most frequent miscues I see in the farm classifieds is the notice of "Wiener Pigs For Sale." (I suspect this is often a mistake on the part of the seller rather than the classified ad writer.)

In some parts of the country, a young, recently weaned pig is called a "Weaner Pig." Every so often someone confuses weaner pigs with their more abundant cousins, wiener dogs. Then we get an ad that seems to describe a long and narrow hog.

I'm reminded of an animal scientist friend who was assisting with a small farm (back-to-the-landers) conference back in the 70s. Joe was doing his best to cover the basics of small-scale swine production when a man in the audience stopped him to ask, "Can we define some terms here? What is a boar, what is a gilt, and what is a sow?"

Joe was still seething when

I saw him several weeks later. "How am I supposed to teach those people anything?" he fumed. "What is a boar, what is a gilt, and what is a sow?!"

A recent piece of the Canadian paper, Grainnews, reminds me of the difficulty facing folks who get this kind of information over the phone. The writer claims to have found this in the farm classifieds. (He's lying, of course.)

The ad says, "For Sale: One boar, 2014 piglets. Call 555-

6789." That seemed an odd lot, so the writer called the farmer to see what was up. "Hello. Are you the fellow with 2,014 piglets for sale?" he asked.

"Yeth, I'm thelling thome pigleth," the farmer said. "But I-ff had theveral calth, and I'm tharting to thuthpect the newthpaper made a mihtake."

Time yourself while you figure that one out. It took me about 20 seconds.

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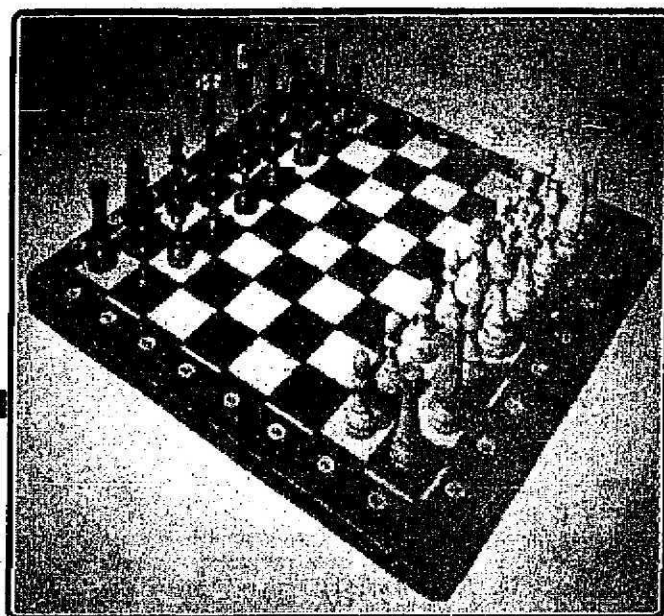
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## Red Hawk Talks

by Kristi Fluegge

Watching explosions, finding out what fool's gold looks like, or watching a blacksmith heat and shape iron into a beautiful rose isn't something one would expect our middle school students are learning in the classroom. School is a place for teaching and learning lessons that will hopefully start every student on that successful path of education.

I can't remember everything from my younger school days, but the things I keep most vivid are those that I experienced first hand. At Cass City Middle School the staff believes in this concept. The school year has just begun and already our 5th grade classes have enjoyed two "learning trips" with many more planned to come.

When I talked to Mr. Hartel, the principal at the middle school, I was very surprised how many outings the 5th grade class will be going on this year. The 5th graders will be attending a water treatment plant, the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn and a State Park in Bay City.

At the State Park the students will see a presentation on the relationship between predators and prey. (Hopefully it doesn't get too messy!) Another very exciting experience is an overnight camping trip. All their lessons will be taught with hands on experiments and outdoor events. I think one of the most important things is that these "learning trips" fit with the curriculum and are for all students not just a select few.

Already knowing how the teachers value these trips I thought it might be interesting to hear what the students thought about the two places they already visited. The first trip was to the Stone Quarry where the 5th graders got to see a rock explosion. Nicholas, a student in Mrs. Green's class, was asked what he liked best about the trip. He gave me a very long list and then summed it up nicely by saying, "ALL OF IT! I like everything about the Stone Quarry!" Many of the other students agreed that they enjoyed the explosion the best. It was obvious that two weeks after going to the Stone Quarry these students still were excited and impacted by the things they learned that day.

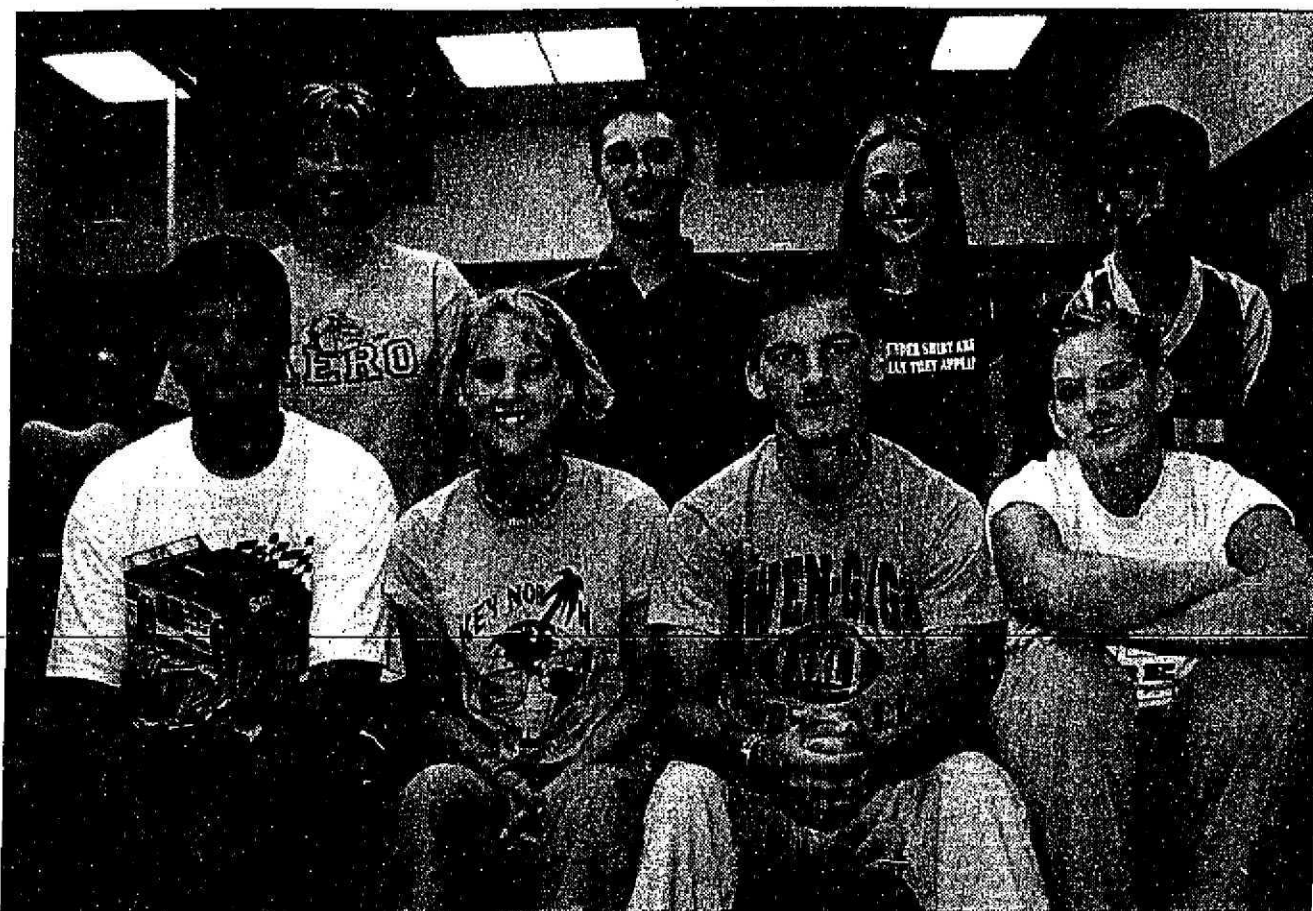
I never thought a 5th grader

could tell me something I didn't know. But in interviewing these students I found out some pretty cool stuff. I asked these kids from Mrs. Kim's and Mrs. Green's classes what was one thing they had learned while on this trip. It took a few 5th graders to explain this idea to me, but I learned along with them about something they call the "Glacier Rock". Travis explained that at the Stone Quarry they found evidence of two different glaciers having passed over Michigan. They knew this because the lines on the rock showed scrapping in different directions. From Hali I discovered chert was used in making arrowheads. Another interesting memory of Aylissa was the "Chinese writing rocks." Mrs. Kim's class had taken pictures of these huge rocks that looked exactly like they had Chinese writing on it.

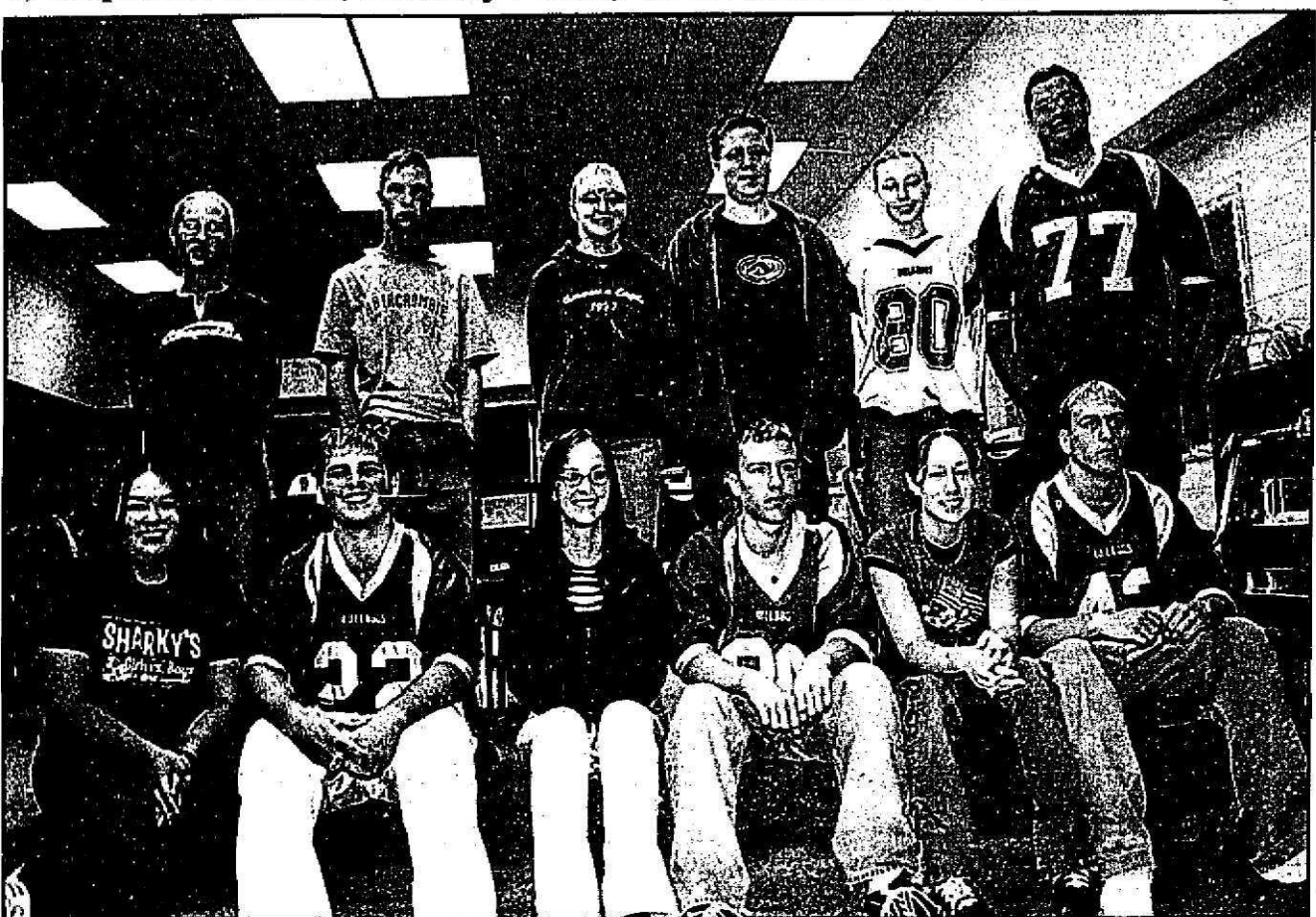
"They would purposely hire people to trade fur that couldn't swim. That way if their boat tipped over when bringing back the fur the only way they could save themselves would be to float holding onto the fur." A few students in Mrs. Green's class explained this interesting fact to me that they had learned, when visiting The Walk Through History, in Freeland. Also while they were there Monica got to punch a letter in the wall! Kevin Urban & his classmates got to watch a blacksmith heat up iron and shape it with a hammer. In addition, many students enjoyed the civil war music, the Jew's harp, and the lumber camp. "I liked the lumber camp with different kinds of axes and when one of the guys fell off a stump!" Said Christopher with a little chuckle. It is obvious that learning can be fun and sometimes even more beneficial this way.

I think it is so awesome that our 5th graders are given this remarkable opportunity to not just learn things in school, but also truly experience them. Without the support of Mr. Hartel, the principal, and all the 5th grade teachers and chaperones this would not be possible. I feel it is best explained in a Chinese proverb:

"I hear - I forget, I see - I remember, I do - I understand."



**OWEN-GAGE'S 2003 homecoming King and Queen will be selected from these senior candidates during halftime of Friday's NCTL contest with Kingston. They are: (front l-r) Tim Kain, Meagan Mentor, Cody Howard, Randi Glaza (back l-r) Stephanie Dorsch, Zachary Sutter, Candi Rhodes and Shawn McClorey.**



**MEMBERS OF THE 2003 Owen-Gage homecoming court include underclassmen: (front l-r) Mary McKee, Aaron Faist, Ashley Shepherd, Nathan Rogers, Nicole Nowaczyk, Levi Adams (back l-r) Tabatha Perdue, Matt Downing, Heather Collon, Alec Powell, Becky Schmidt and Michael Pawlak.**

Photo courtesy of the Huron Daily Tribune.

## Letters to the editor

### Reader: letter insulted veterans

According to my New World Dictionary: Mural - of, on, in, or for a wall, like a wall, a picture, esp. a large one, painted directly on a wall. Sign - a publicly displayed board, placard, etc., bearing information, warning, advertising, etc.

Sign or mural? In our great country, all of us have the right to question laws and ordinances. It seems possible, the court of Tuscola County will determine this issue. Our republic government at work.

I felt an insult for the veterans, after reading the letter from Mrs. Rhoda Sheridan, indicating that the veterans collect poppy money under

false pretences.

Everyone in Cass City has enjoyed weddings and parties at the hall. Yes, the veterans charge a fee for this. But where else in Cass City do we go for these things? The Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts used the hall for their meetings for years, free of charge. Many people enjoy Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner in the hall. The church provides the food, volunteers supply the work, and the VFW provides the hall.

These veterans provide a graveside service to all veterans. Sometimes as many as 3 a week. They do this for the community of Cass City, and for any community in

the Thumb that has a need. Most VFW posts cannot provide this memorial service. Our Cass City VFW members do this free of charge, and on their own time.

My husband and I have gotten up, many a Memorial Day morning, early, rain or shine, to help these wonderful elderly people put up all those flags at the cemetery. It is hard work! I have rarely seen volunteers other than veterans and their family members. Who is going to put up all those flags, when these WWII vets, all in their 70s, have had their own memorial service? In fact who will provide their memorial service? Will the younger veterans of today continue?

My suggestion to Mrs. Sheridan, use your poppy donation this year, to purchase a tape measure. The American flag clearly flies higher than the other flags at the VFW post. Also, thank you for pointing out that the light under the flag was malfunctioning. It has been repaired.

Next year, these veteran men and women will stand in the streets of Cass City for hours at a time again collecting poppy money to be used within the community. I will personally drive through town twice, and double my donation, in support of our local veterans who give so much to our community. The same men and women who will comfort me at my father's memorial service. The same men and women who will hold Mrs. Sheridan's hand at the service of her husband and her son, and all her family members if she requests a military service.

They will do this, if the sign becomes a mural, or if the mural becomes a sign. Be-

cause that is what they do.

LuAnn (Kennedy) de la Sotta,  
Harbor Beach



## Bulldog Beat

by Laura Endlerle

This week my article is a continuation of last week's beat, including journalism and the senior class.

The journalism class had had no time to waste since day one. Because of the change in scheduling, journalism and English 4 are one class the first hour of the day taught by Mrs. Carol Sattler. She had expressed how it is hard to have the 2 classes joined. Journalism demands a lot of time with deadlines to meet that it can be challenging to accomplish other assignments for English 4 such as novels and presentations.

The year kicked off by reviewing basic writing and interviewing principals followed by voting for yearbook and newspaper editors. Randi Glaza and Candi Rhodes were chosen as the yearbook editors. Amanda Wise and Meagan Mentor were accepted to be the newspaper editors joined with 13 other staff that do the articles and layouts. Step two for the yearbook included dividing into groups to sell ads for the advertisements of the yearbook. We would like to thank all the local businesses that supported us.

Since then we have each been assigned 3 to 4 layouts and are currently trying to decide on a theme. The first monthly school newsletter "The Dawg Street Journal" recently came out and was a big hit.

For fundraising the journalism class challenges everyone at the popular half court shot at all varsity b-ball games. The journalism class also had started recycling within the school along with help from Todd Rockefeller (Rocky) the janitor. Boxes were distributed in all classrooms, offices, and resource rooms to collect paper, which will be taken to Caro weekly.

Sattler said she started it because, "I am concerned with the world in 5 to 10 years and it is an easy thing to do

to make a difference." I feel the same way and encourage all other schools to do the same!

The 2004 seniors started off the year with big ideas. Leading the class is President Randi Glaza, Vice President Amanda Wise, Treasurer Meagan Mentor, Class Representative Shawn McClorey, and Class Advisor Mrs. Michelle Schuette.

Many important decisions come with our Senior year, not just our future plans, but agreeing on many things as a whole, such as class flower, quote, song, colors, and T-shirts. As always there was much dispute, but there was one thing we all agreed on, a real class trip. The past few years an Owen-Gage class trip included a day at Kokomo's, out for pizza and a movie, or to the Saginaw Mall. If you ask me or any of my other classmates that is not a senior trip.

Some ideas for our trip include going to Myrtle Beach, white water rafting in West Virginia and, if all else fails, at least Cedar Point.

We have a really low budget to start the year off, but everyone agreed to pitch in and do our best to raise the much-needed funds. We have all come up with countless ideas to raise money such as car washes, sell Zap-a-Snack pizzas, A Senior Slave Auction, and selling subs at a local supermarket, and that is just the beginning.

Samantha Brown exclaimed, "It's pretty awesome we are actually trying to go somewhere and I may not be the top seller, but will try my hardest to help with fundraisers." We all have high hopes, good intentions and want to go out with a bang.

Thanks for reading the Bulldog Beat, I look forward to entertaining you next week with the results from Homecoming. Once again feel free to contact me at lauralouise85@hotmail.com. Enjoy the week!

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## Why not Mural City, Michigan?

I've enjoyed the on-going discussion about the VFW mural during the last several weeks. As a combat veteran and a very strong supporter of individual independence and the need for protection from government, I very much agree with the VFW's position. But, as a community I think we should drop the squabble and look at this as a valuable opportunity to promote our village.

Why not think of it as Mural City, Michigan? What better way to encourage people to think of Cass City as a potential home or business location than to illustrate that we are a patriotic God fearing community that would welcome like minded people to help us grow.

I think that a mural of an eagle and "One Nation Under God" would fit quite nicely on my garage door. Or perhaps stars and stripes artwork with "United We Stand" or "Liberty and Justice for All" or "Don't Tread on Me" or "In God We Trust". Larger spaces like the west side of the village office could be used to illustrate larger themes like "We the People...". Just imagine what could be done to decorate the grain elevators and water tower.

Get out your history books and paintbrushes.  
Let's roll.

Birney Summers,  
Cass City

## Deford Country Church

# Strength to pastor new church

The planned opening of a new church in Deford later this month will mark a homecoming of sorts for the Rev. Daniel Strength.

Strength, who will serve as

senior pastor of the new Deford Country Church, located in the former Deford United Methodist Church building on Main Street, was born in Cass City.

"My parents lived in Cass City when I was born. They were only 20 years old and they pastored not only at the Cass City Assembly of God, but also at the Harbor Beach Assembly of God," said Strength, whose parents ministered for 4 years in Cass City in what is now known as the Potter's House Christian Fellowship building located at 6455 Sixth St.

The new Deford Country Church, which is affiliated with the Assemblies of God International Fellowship, will officially open Sunday, Oct. 19, at 3 p.m.

Interestingly, Strength's father, the Rev. Carl Strength, also preached in the Deford church building many years ago.

"They (parents) used to do a lot of combined, joint revival meetings. Dad preached here a number of times," he said. "It's as close to coming home as I can get."

Strength said the Goodland Country Church in Brown City, pastored by his brother, the Rev. David Strength and the Rev. James DeVor, will serve as mother church to the Deford Country Church.

Although the Brown City church is just 6 months old, the congregation has experienced tremendous growth, Strength noted, adding, "He's (David Strength) already got 100 members."

Daniel Strength has served in the ministry for 32 years. He is a graduate of Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo., and earned his bachelor's degree in ministerial studies and his master's degree in Biblical literature from Trinity Seminary.

"I started with my father in Detroit. I co-pastored with him for about 15 years. During that time we pioneered 6 churches in Michigan," said Strength, who then started his own church in Washington Township, where he served as pastor for 6 years.

Strength then moved to South Carolina, where he

worked as a director of church planting from 1992 through 1998. In the years since, he cared for his parents in Florida and also started an outreach ministry for a homeless shelter.

As a pastor, Strength describes himself as conservative in worship. "I'm very traditional and very conservative as far as services," he said.

"We're going to be a family church," he added, referring to his new church. "We're going to enjoy it. We're going to have some tradition; we're going to have it all, contemporary and traditional."

Strength's return to the

Thumb marks not only a homecoming, but also a reunion with his brother, David, as well as his sister and her husband, Faith and James DeVor. Together, the 4 make up a quartet called "Strength", which will be singing during the opening Sunday service.

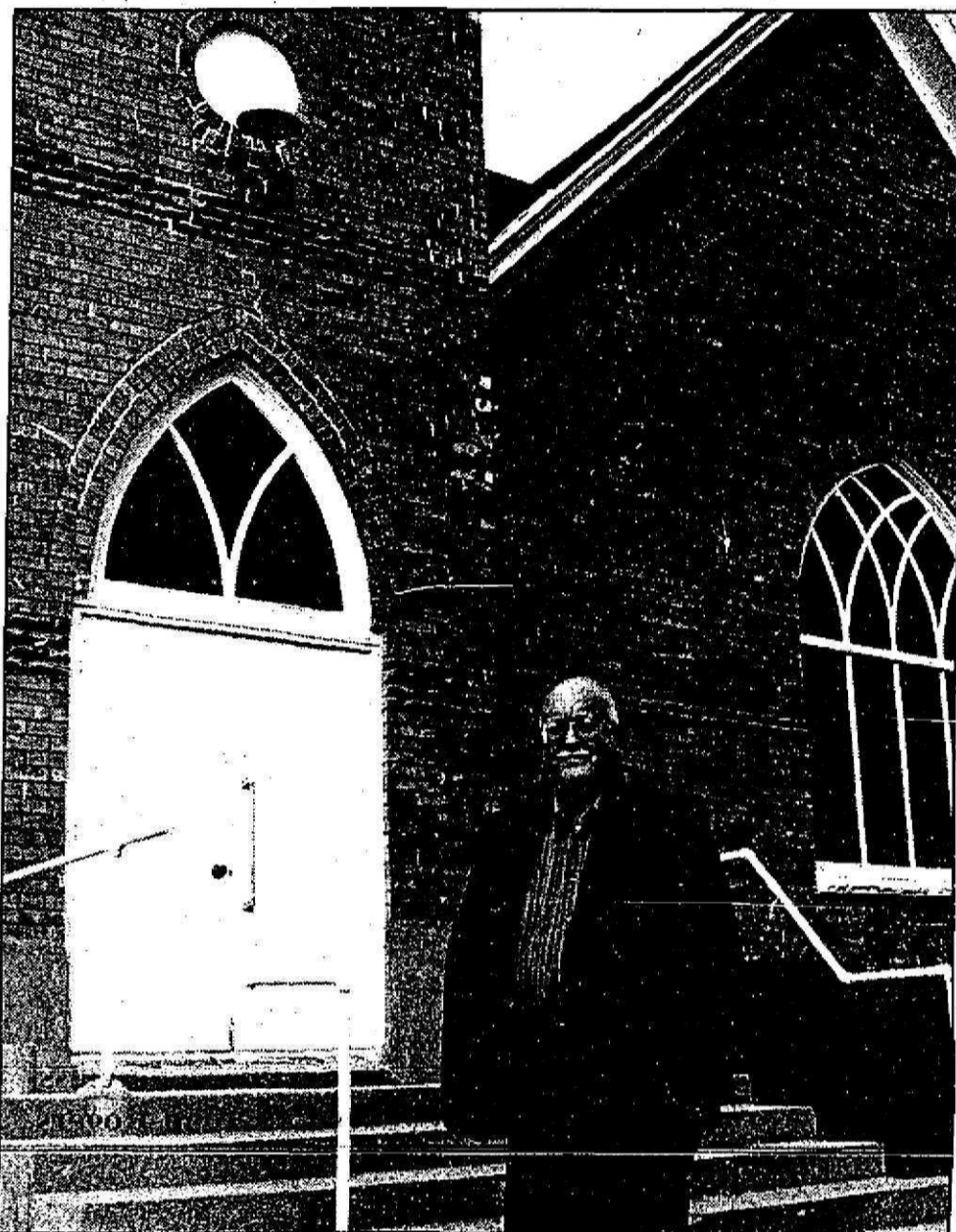
"You can be sure there's going to be a lot of Southern Gospel coming out of this place, if the people can stand it," Strength joked.

"I feel a real need for a church of this type in the area. There are a lot of churches in this area doing a good job. I don't discount that," added Strength, who plans to reach out to those

who don't attend church. Somehow, he said, the excitement of worshipping and having a relationship with God has been lost for many. "I feel like I'd like to see a restoration of that excitement, that joy."

"Things have changed. We have to do things, creative things, to minister to people, especially young people," he said.

"I'm hoping to really be a blessing in this area." Strength welcomes calls from anyone interested in learning more about the new church. He can be reached at (989) 435-8303 or at the Goodland Country Church at (810) 346-2660.



THE REV. DANIEL Strength stands outside the former Deford United Methodist Church building, which will now house the Deford Country Church. Strength, who was born in Cass City, will serve as pastor of the new church.

## Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



### 5 YEARS AGO

Army Sgt. Russell G. Rienas has arrived for duty at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Sheboygan, Wis. Rienas, an infantry mechanic, is the son of Russell E. Rienas, Deford, and Barbara Pitcher of Summerville, S.C. He is a 1986 graduate of Cass City High School.

Ever wonder what you're driving over when you come across one of those portable cables stretched out across the highway? A quick look reveals the cables are connected to small boxes resting off the roadway. It's no mystery, according to Doug Wilson, director of the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Thumb Service Center in Cass City. "What they are are traffic counters," Wilson said. "Every year or so (MDOT) places counters down to get traffic counts on our roadways."

### 10 YEARS AGO

A 3-man crew from Great Lakes Tank & Steel, Inc. went to work on the Cass City water tower last week, completing the 7-year maintenance chore in 4 days.

A former Cass City resident is recuperating at a Florida hospital after surviving a 50-foot fall from an apartment complex earlier this month. Bill Langenburg, 21, fell from the fifth story of the building Sept. 7, according to his mother, Jeanette Langenburg, Cass City, who explained her son was on a construction job, doing some refinishing work on the apartment verandas, when the accident occurred. Langenburg, a 1990 Cass City High School graduate, suffered multiple injuries in the fall, including a broken pelvis and pelvis, punctured lung and 3 broken or cracked vertebrae.

Wendy Wheeler's work with the Rome Festival Orchestra included opera performances in the courtyard of a church near the Colosseum in Rome, Italy.

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### 25 YEARS AGO

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Our ad rep, Marilyn Schriener, got the first taste of the way it is as a reporter. She volunteered to take a picture when the fire whistle blew Tuesday. Charged up, she charged down to the fire hall...only to find it was a false alarm. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Writing poetry doesn't come easy for Charles Louis Severance. "I'm not a natural poet," he explained. "I have to use more erasers than pencils." In 20 years of writing poetry, he has no doubt worn out a lot of erasers and pencils. The results of his efforts during the past generation are contained in a new book he has published, "Everyday poems: From the Land of Great Waters". The contents are 78 poems written by Severance over 20 years.

### 35 YEARS AGO

And a woman's work is never done - Mrs. Leota Ashmore doesn't seem to mind as the men stand around and watch her work. It's all in fun as village dignitaries gathered Tuesday for groundbreaking ceremonies for the village's new water system. Present were Bill Ashmore, treasurer; Eugene Comment, president pro tem; Adam Deering, trustee; Leota Ashmore, clerk; and Councilmen Richard Burdon, LeRoy Stapleton and Harvey Polk.

The Elmwood Township-Gagetown Fire Department will show off its new \$25,000 pumper to interested residents at an open house Sunday afternoon at the fire hall in Gagetown. The pumper is one of a long string of im-

provements that the department has achieved since it became a combined township-village department several years ago. Although records are vague and memories about the origin of the department dim, authorities believe that the department was organized about 43 years ago when man-drawn horse carts were used to battle blazes.

A new system for selecting citizens for jury duty goes into effect next year. More people will be called to serve, but the length of service is cut from three months to a maximum of 30 days. Prospective jurors are presently selected by township supervisors and city aldermen from property tax rolls. They serve for \$15 per day. The selection method was designed when Michigan was primarily an agricultural state and is not conducive to present modes of living, charges Lee C. Dramis, a Lansing lawyer who played a leading role in rewriting the jury law.

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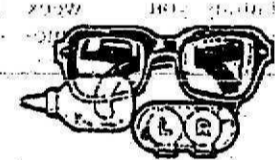
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The Tuscola County Material Recovery Facility is now accepting as part of its electronics waste program old cell phones and computers, working with Charitable Recycling, which is a national program designed to remove discarded wireless phones from the county's environment.

The Charitable Recycling program is an environmental initiative that aims to collect some of the 150 million retired cell phones stock piled in drawers, desks, and corporations in the United States. These cell phones will be refurbished and sent to family shelters and similar organizations within the United States.

All cell phones are accepted. Please attach the battery or charger if you have them. Make certain to deactivate before turning them in.

The organization is also working with the Michigan State Industries on collecting computer equipment so they can refurbish the computers and make them available to schools and non-profit organization at an affordable price.



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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study  
& Children's Activities 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor - Rev. Darold Ward

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

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

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

**Evangelical Free Church of Cass City**  
6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726  
Phone: 872-5080  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Midweek Bible Studies  
Biblical Counseling  
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould

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

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

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Lincoln St., Gagetown, MI 48735  
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Worship Service 9:30 a.m.  
Pastor: John Heim

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

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Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. (Family Training Hour) 7:00 p.m.  
Senior Pastors: Michael & Carla Arp

**Novesta Church of Christ**  
2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3658 or 872-1195  
Bible School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
Youth Group & Sunday Evening Services 6:00 p.m.  
Minister: Chuck Emmert  
Youth Minister: Brad Speirs  
Visit our website at: [www.novestachurch.org](http://www.novestachurch.org)

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

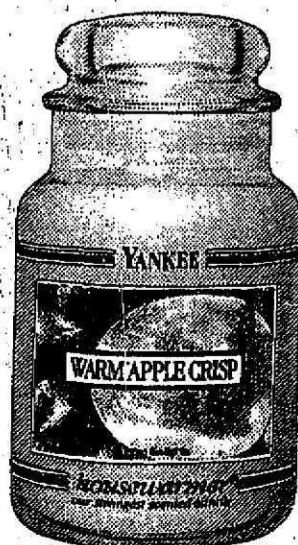
**St. Agatha's Catholic Church**  
4618 South St., Gagetown, MI 48735  
665-9966  
Sunday Liturgy 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor: Father Steve Fillion

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

**Shabbona United Methodist Church**  
4455 North Decker Rd., Decker, MI 48426  
810-672-9929 (parsonage)  
989-872-8094 (church)  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
UMW Monthly 1st Wed., 7:30 p.m.  
Youth Group Sunday Evenings 5:00 p.m.  
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# Cass City earns important over-time victory in GTW

The Cass City Red Hawks notched an important win in the battle to defend its title in the Greater Thumb West league Tuesday with an over-time win over visiting Laker High, 49-45.

The victory keeps the Hawks tied for the league lead with Reese, pending Tuesday's game with Bad Axe and an important game at USA Thursday. The Patriots were pre-season co-favorites to vie for the title this year. The game against the Hawks is almost a must win for them.

The win over the Lakers gives the Hawks a little breathing room, but it took a nail-biting finish for the team to prevail. The Lakers overcame a 42-34 Hawk lead with 4 minutes left to force the game into overtime.

The rally was sparked by Amanda Chiotti, who led the 9-1 Laker run with a pair of treys. The Lakers had the ball with 24 seconds left in regulation, stalled until the 5 seconds mark and Chiotti launched a shot from 3 feet past the 3-point line and it clanked off the rim to send the game into overtime.

After that Cass City took charge although the game was still in doubt with 13 seconds left to play. Krystee Dorland came up big in the overtime with a pair of buckets and a free throw.

Her first hoop, followed by one of 2 free throws by Jenny Brinkman, moved Cass City in front, 46-43. Lakers stayed in contention with a basket by Chiotti with 1:21 left to play. Dorland's hoop put the Hawks in front, 48-45, with 16 seconds left. After a Laker miss, Dorland was fouled and when she made the first of 2 free throws Cass City was ahead by 2 possessions with 13 seconds left in the game.

The game was close all the way with never more than 8 points separating the teams all night. The Lakers' biggest lead came at the 6:32 mark in the second quarter after an 8-0 run paced by a pair of hoops by Jena Wroblewski.

The Hawks answered that run, paced by 3 hoops by Dorland with 8 unanswered points. At the half the Lakers were in front, 16-14.

Ashley Hendrick, unusually quiet in the first half, came to life in the third quarter with 3 baskets and at the 3:53 mark the teams were tied, 26-26. In the final 2 minutes Cass City went on an 8-2 run to put the Hawks in the lead, 36-32, going into the fourth quarter. In that spurt Amy Howard connected for 2 big hoops from the post position. Although she wasn't a major figure in the scoring, the Lakers benefited by the fine ball handling and defense of Kim Wiederhold.

Dorland finished with 13 points and 6 steals. Howard was a commanding presence all night for Cass City with 13 rebounds, 7 steals, 2 blocked shots and 11 points. Wroblewski led the Lakers with 16 points.

## BOX SCORES

**CASS CITY - C. Rabideau** 0-0 (1-2) 1; **Hobbs** 3-0 (2-2) 8; **Sherman** 1-0 (0-0) 2; **Dorland** 5-0 (3-4) 13; **Howard** 5-0 (1-2) 11; **Hendrick** 4-0 (0-0) 8; **Brinkman** 2-0 (1-2) 5; **Hartwick** 0-0 (1-2) 1. **TOTALS - 20-0 (9-14) 49.**

**LAKERS - Wiederhold** 1-0 (0-0) 2; **Chiotti** 3-2 (0-0) 12; **Mitchell** 1-0 (2-2) 4; **Kunisch** 3-0 (5-6) 11; **Wroblewski** 8-0 (0-0) 16. **TOTALS - 16-2 (7-8) 45.**

**RECENT JV RESULTS**  
Cass City 49, Lakers 34.  
Cass City 54, Ugly 39.  
Cass City 45, Valley Lutheran 34.

**FRESHMAN RESULTS**  
Cass City 54, Lakers 27  
Cass City 27, Ugly 25  
Valley Lutheran 39, Cass City 34.



**RED HAWK SARAH Hobbs beats Laker defender Ashley Mitchell off the dribble during Tuesday's Greater Thumb Conference meeting in Cass City. The hosts recorded an exciting 49-45 overtime victory.**

## Soccer round up Hawk offense struggling

The Cass City soccer team failed to score in a pair of conference matches, losing 5-0 at USA on Tuesday and 8-0 at Bad Axe on Thursday.

The Hawks started fast before bowing to USA, 5-0, keeping play in the opponents' end and getting several good scoring chances early. Sam Howard led the way with 6 chances, but good keeper play kept the Hawks from scoring.

A defensive lapse gave USA the only score of the half, as Hanby was having a good game in net and midfield

play by Jake Howard and Gavin Mills was keeping the pressure of the defense.

A foot injury to Jake Howard and a leg injury to Eric Reed just before the half severely shortened the bench for the Hawks and when Hanby went down with a knee injury just after half time, the flow of the game turned.

USA dominated the second half. The Hawks could generate only three shots in the second half, the best by Reed, playing with a sore hamstring, but still could not score. Cory Brooks, Bobby Windsor, Ryan King and Ray Ellis all got extensive playing time in the half, but the loss of the experienced players kept the Hawks from mounting a comeback. It was a disappointing game, as injuries, not playing ability controlled the outcome.

The Hawks went to Bad Axe and lost, 8-0, without the services of Caleb Hanby as his knee injury was severe enough to sideline him for at least a week. Losing a player as good as Hanby could have caused a major letdown, but the Hawks responded well. Klco started in net and played well, stopping a penalty kick early and in general stepping up to the challenge. Midfield play by Leon Sullins and defensive play from Brent Cooper and Brandon Miller was solid and frustrated the Hatchet attack.

The Hawks ran out of gas in the second half and the experience and better ball skills of the Hatchets took over, but the Hawks never stopped hustling and generated several scoring chances in the second half, including a penalty kick, which unfortunately McFarland put too close to the keeper and missed. Norm Pierce got a chance to play net late in the game and stopped 6 shots. Klco got onto the field late in the game and was red carded for a collision with a Bad Axe player, so he will be unavailable for the next game, so Pierce will get another opportunity in net.

Reed moved to midfield and provided several good stops and put one shot on net from beyond the center line. Sullins and Sam Howard kept pressure on even after the game was decided. As a team, the Hawks responded well to the loss of Hanby, but could not generate enough consistent offense to match the Hatchets.

Injuries have limited the Hawks' ability to field a consistent starting lineup and have shortened the bench and limited substitution opportunities to rest starters. As the level of competition in league is so high, this has made it difficult to compete with older, more physical opponents, but the level of play is improving and the younger players are getting valuable experience for the future.

# Bulldogs topple C-PS, bow to North Huron in conference play

Katie Swiastyn continued her high scoring antics Thursday leading Owen-Gage to a 42-27 North Central Thumb League crossover win at Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

The Bulldog junior tossed in a game-high 21 points, including 11 in the opening stanza where the guests built a 16-2 margin.

With the win coach Dave Fritz' Bulldogs improved to 2-5 on the season, while the Tigers fall to 1-6.

The Bulldogs enjoyed a 23-5 advantage at the break as they held their host to a Sarah Behnke field goal and Angela Bopra free throw in the period before the break.

Swiastyn, who has recorded double figures in 6 straight games, connected on her 2nd trey on the night during the 3rd period as Owen-Gage took a 20-point bulge into the final period.

Knotted at 39 entering the final period, host North Huron outscored the Bulldogs 17-8 down the stretch to register a 56-47 victory.

The 2 schools traded baskets for most of the opening period that ended deadlocked at 12. The Warriors, however, behind a pair of treys by Amanda Deprekel gained a 30-25 edge at the intermission.

Owen-Gage's Stephanie Dorsch helped draw the visitors even at 39 entering the final period as she tossed in 8 of her 15 points shortly after the break.

The Warriors received 15 points from Deprekel and Andrea Clancy in the final stanza, while holding the Bulldogs to a lone Swiastyn field goal and 6 free throws over the final 8 minutes.

Swiastyn led the Bulldogs with 17 points. North Huron received a game-high 18 markers from Deprekel and 14 points from Clancy.

The Bulldogs returned home Thursday and will face Dryden.



**Katie Swiastyn**

Coach Fritz emptied his bench for much of the final 8 minutes, where the Bulldogs were outscored 12-7.

Swiastyn was the only player from either squad to reach double digits. Kayla Zaleski scored 8 for the Bulldogs.

## NORTH HURON

Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, the Bulldogs traveled to Kinde and gave the North Central Thumb League North leaders all they could handle before bowing.

**OWEN-GAGE - Zaleski** 4-0 (1-3) 9; **Swiastyn** 6-0 (5-7) 17; **Kady** 3-0 (0-0) 6; **Dorsch** 5-0 (5-6) 15. **TOTALS - 18-0 (11-17) 47.**

**NORTH HURON - Gisel** 2-1 (0-0) 7; **Clancy** 5-0 (4-7) 14; **Deprekel** 3-3 (3-6) 18; **Baranski** 2-0 (0-0) 4; **J. Rice** 2-0 (0-0) 4; **R. Rice** 3-0 (1-2) 7; **Osantoski** 1-0 (0-0) 2. **TOTALS - 18-4 (8-15) 56.**

**OWEN-GAGE - Zaleski** 4-0 (0-1) 8; **Swiastyn** 6-2 (3-6) 21; **Rhodes** 1-0 (1-7) 3; **Brown** 1-0 (0-0) 2; **Kady** 0-0 (2-2) 2; **Dorsch** 2-0 (2-4) 6. **TOTALS - 14-2 (8-20) 42.**

**CPS - Willis** 1-1 (0-2) 5; **Winkley** 2-0 (2-4) 6; **Christy** 1-0 (1-2) 3; **Turcott** 2-0 (0-0) 4; **Bopra** 1-0 (1-2) 3; **Behnke** 3-0 (0-0) 6. **TOTALS - 10-1 (4-10) 27.**



**LAUREN HOWARD**, Cass City 14-year-old, downed this trophy 8-pointer with a 30-yard shot from her 20-guage shotgun Saturday night on private property in Tuscola County. The high beam buck sported a 16 1/2" inside spread. Lauren was hunting with her father, Tom Howard.

## BASKETBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Reese	3	0	5	3
Cass City	2	0	5	2
USA	1	1	5	2
EPBP	1	1	4	2
V. Lutheran	1	2	4	4
Bad Axe	1	2	2	6
BCAS	0	3	3	5

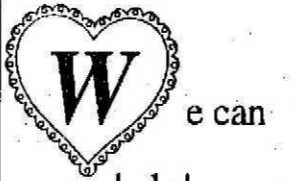
GREATER THUMB EAST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Sandusky	2	0	7	0
H. Beach	2	0	6	2
Brown City	2	1	6	2
Mayville	2	1	4	3
Ugly	1	2	3	6
Deckerville	0	2	1	6
Marlette	0	3	1	7

NCTL NORTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
North Huron	6	2	6	3
Port Hope	5	2	6	2
Cassville	3	4	3	4
Owen-Gage	3	4	3	5
A-Fairgrove	0	7	1	7

NCTL SOUTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
Kingston	8	0	8	1
Memphis	6	1	6	1
Dryden	3	4	3	4
Peck	1	6	1	6
CPS	1	6	1	7

## THURSDAY'S GAMES

EPBP at Bad Axe  
Cass City at USA  
Reese at Valley Lutheran  
BCAS at Marlette  
Harbor Beach at Sandusky  
Brown City at Mayville  
Ugly at Deckerville  
CPS at Cassville  
Kingston at North Huron  
Dryden at Owen-Gage  
Memphis at Port Hope  
Peck at A-Fairgrove



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**FROM DUCKS to bucks.** After a successful youth duck season opener last weekend near Rose Island, Cass City youths **Ryan Biddinger** (left) and **Cameron Lautner** continue their good fortune during the early youth deer season Saturday. The Red Hawk freshmen each took nice 8-pointers hunting east of Cass City.



**NEWLY ELECTED** officers of the Cass City Gavel Club include: (l-r) **Ben Schott**-treasurer, **Andy Gray**-secretary, **Dale McIntosh**-vice president and **Larry Robinson**-president.

## NOTICE TO VILLAGE RESIDENTS

### Fall Yard Waste Management

- The Village will begin picking up leaves on Monday, October 20, 2003, Monday through Friday. Please rake leaves in windrows out to the curb and gutter area on curbed streets and to the shoulder of the street on non-curbed streets.
- Leaves are NOT to be placed in plastic garbage bags.
- Grass clippings are NOT collected by the Village. Do not place clippings in the curb area of the street.
- World Waste Services (Cove Sanitation) will continue to pick up the compost containers through the end of November. Please place grass clippings in these containers along with any other yard waste item.
- During the Fall Yard Waste Management, large limbs and brush which are too big to be placed in the containers will be picked up by the Village crew on Fridays. Please call by Wednesday for pick up. Brush and limbs should be no longer than 4' lengths, placed neatly at the curb with limbs parallel to the street.

Joyce A. Bemus  
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Village of Cass City  
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# Big plays help Lakers to 44-22 gridiron win over visiting Cass City

Long touchdown runs sparked the Lakers to a 44-22 decision over Cass City Friday and for another season added to their continued domination of the Hawks.

It doesn't promise to get any easier for Cass City this week as Unionville-Sebewaing

comes to town fresh from a 47-0 pasting of the Reese Rockets.

In the first half, the clash with the Lakers produced visions of the end of the losing seasons for Hawk fans.

Although Cass City trailed at halftime, 15-8, the Hawks

had stopped a Laker drive for a third touchdown shortly before the first half ended and had bounced back to score and take an 8-7 lead early in the second quarter.

The first Laker score came on a 59-yard, 10-play Laker drive capped when Matt Papkey ran over from the one.

The Hawks started a sustained drive from their own 22, only to have it temporarily stopped by a fumble on the Laker 15. Three plays later the Lakers returned the favor with a fumble on their own 29. From there Cass City scored in 7 plays. Key play was a pass from Chris Landrith to Brad Langenburg on fourth down. It covered only 7 yards but it gave the Hawks a first down on the Laker 2-yard line. Brice Stine took it over for the touchdown and Landrith hit Langenburg again for the extra points.

The long runs that spelled doom for Cass City started at the first play from scrimmage following the kickoff. Juan Howell dashed around the end for 84 yards and the score. The run for extra points was good.

Cass City's chances for an upset were fleeting at the 10:32 mark in the third quarter. Papkey ran 74 yards to score after the Lakers were stopped cold in the first 2 plays of the series. Papkey also ran for the extra points and the Lakers were in front, 23-8.

On the very next series the Lakers scored again. Dave Gross intercepted a pass and returned it to the Cass City 10. Brandon Schemer ran it in for the touchdown, the run for the extra points was good and the Hawks trailed, 30-8.

The Lakers scored twice more after those decisive touchdowns and Jake Brinkman ran 25 yards for a consolation TD to make the final score, 44-22.

Coach Scott Cuthrell said that his team played good football in the first half, but the second half was marked by poor tackling and blocking.

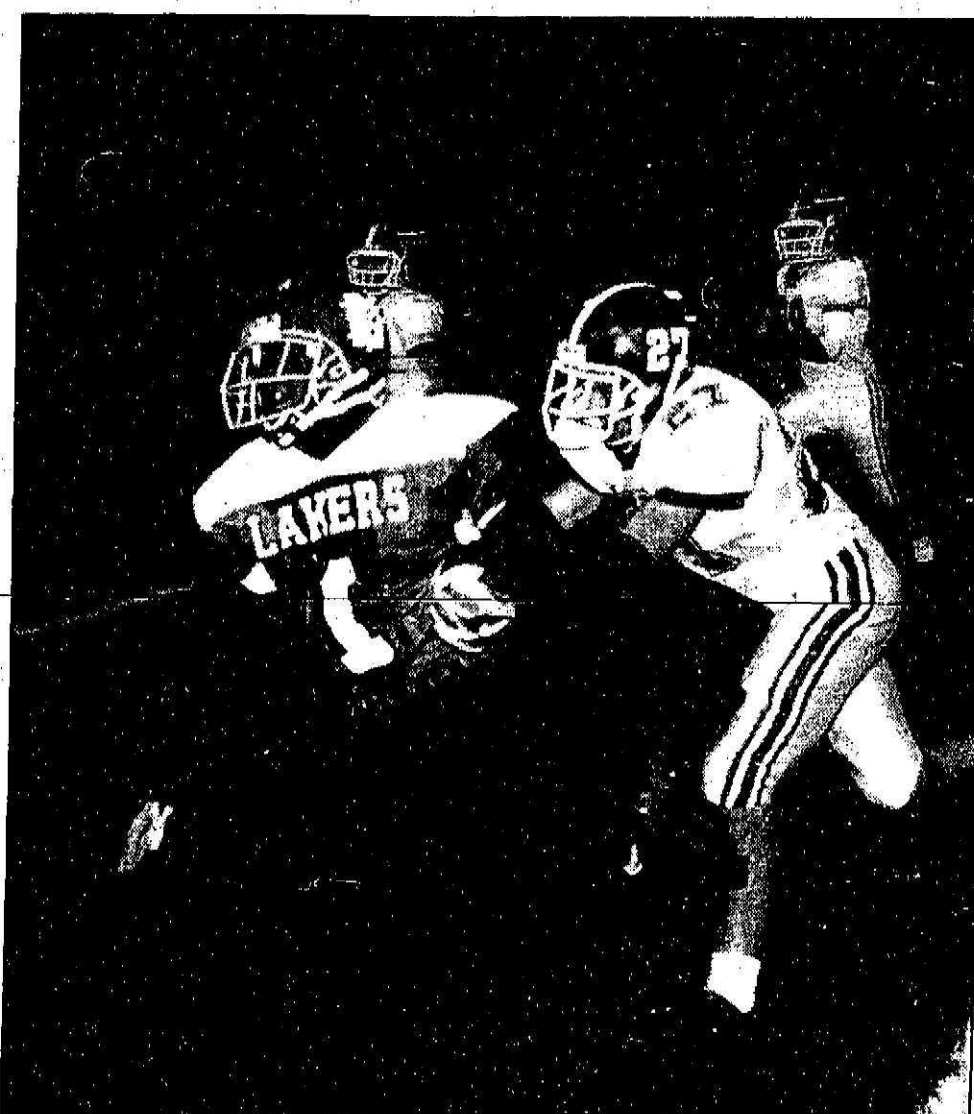
Landrith hit 5 of 8 passes with one interception and Brad Langenburg caught 2 passes for 9 yards. Brinkman gained 89 yards in 13 attempts with one touchdown. Stine gained 34 yards and 2 touchdowns in 11 carries.

Howell rushed for 191 yards to top the Lakers.

Leading tacklers for the Hawks were Nathan Laming, 11, Danny Mittlestat, 10, and Stine, 8.

## JV RESULTS

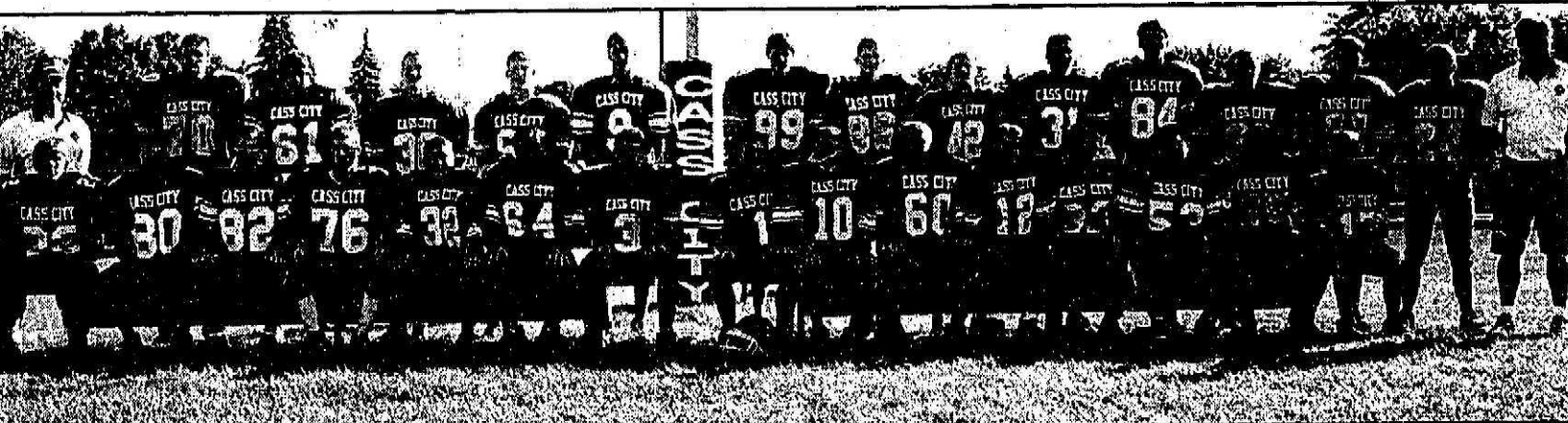
Cass City 41, Sandusky 18.  
Cass City 48, Ubyly 8.  
Cass City 27, BCAS 23.  
Cass City 46, Valley Lutheran 8.  
Cass City 29, Lakers 0.



**ELKTON-PIGEON-BAY PORT speedster Juan Howell can't escape the grasp of Cass City's Dan Mittlestat during Friday's gridiron action in Pigeon. The Lakers, however, did get away with a 44-22 win.**



**BRAD SEVERANCE took this nice 6-point buck with a 50-yard shot Saturday morning. The buck's rack had 4 points on one side and 2 points on the other.**



**THE CASS CITY RED HAWK JV Football team members include (front, l-r) Dustin Bitzer, Brett Babich, Kevin Ouvry, Trevor Copeland, Deric Murphy, Jarod Stoutenburg, Cameron Lautner, Jeff Stoutenburg, Bradley Hartel, Dereck Halasz, Billy McCreedy, Justin Glaza, Jack Palmer, Jason Wilder, Derek Ricker; (back, l-r) Coach Ed Stoutenburg, Derek Suro, Matthew Koepf, Jareth Tyson, Brad Severance, Chris Landrith, Dave Erla, Andrew Jones, Micah Randall, Kyle Sieradzki, Andrew Martin, Alex Walsh, Cory Merz, Chris Johnson and Coach Scott Richards.**

# Peck remains perfect with lopsided victory over visiting Bulldogs

Peck recorded 4 first quarter scores Friday and had no problem keeping its record unblemished against visiting Owen-Gage in North Central Thumb League play.

The Pirates struck with 4 different players to register their opening period touchdowns en route to a lopsided 52-0 victory. Peck improves to 5-0 on the season while the Bulldogs, losers of 4 straight, fall to 1-4.

Brandon Fairman started the scoring parade for the winners. His opening series marker was followed by touchdowns from Matt Hall, Derick Currey and D.J. Hendra. Brian Hyll kicked a pair of extra points in the frame, which ended with the Pirates in front, 26-0. The Pirates extended its advantage to 39-0 at the break and never looked back.

If Owen-Gage is to have any chance in this Friday's homecoming match-up against Kingston, the Bulldogs will need to find some offense. After scoring 12 points in their season opener against Arenac-Eastern, the Bulldogs have averaged just 3 points per outing.

The Pirates dominated both lines of scrimmage, while holding their guests to 48 yards of total offense. Bulldog receiver Andy Kretzschmer accounted for 38 yards on 3 receptions.

Currey led Peck's ground attack with 86 yards on 4 carries. He scored 3 times on runs of 20 and 40 yards and a pass play from near the 50-yard line. The winners also received 3 scores from Hall who also scored on a pair of runs and one pass reception.

Defensively, Owen-Gage had Cody Howard with 7

stops. Kretzschmer and Aaron Faist split 12 tackles.

## Cass City Bowling

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All Season Video 15  
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Thumb Octagon Barn 11  
Cablettes 11  
Crowley Chiropractic 10  
Gagetown Cutting Corners 9

Individual High Games: K. Maurer 209-193; P. Hellwig 208-158; W. Romain 202; S. Hutchinson 189-160; M. Gettel 185-178-161; P. Bauer 181-167-150; P. Tyll 178; J. Morell 173-153-153; D. Williams 171; C. Wallace 168-156; J. Krol 167-164; M. Sieradzki 167-167; J. Koch 166-155; S. Buschlen 161; J. Bemus 160; L. Hanson 158; J. Cleland 158; L. Campbell 157; T. Abbe 157; D. Zdrojewski 157; N. Wallace 156; L. Riddle 154; L. Pabst 152; D. Sweeney 150.

Individual High Series: K. Maurer 561; M. Gettel 524; S. Hutchinson 499; P. Bauer 498; P. Hellwig 493; J. Morell 479; M. Sieradzki 462; D. Williams 461; J. Krol 454; S. Buschlen 453; C. Brown 451.

Split Conversions: J. Bemus 4-7-10; J. Morell 5-10.

Team High Game & Series: FBI Gals, 705 (1968).



**COLD WEATHER didn't prevent Cass City golfer Nick Swanson from turning in a fine round Wednesday against visiting Mayville. Swanson fired a 41 to help the Hawks post a 165-197 win.**

## Hawk golfers split pair of unusual GTW matches

The Cass City Red Hawk golf team played 3 days in a row last week, winning one game and losing 2.

Cass City split a pair of Greater Thumb West conference clashes and both were unusual. The matches were played at Rolling Hills Golf Course. Tuesday the Hawks bowed to Lakers 274-271. The match was decided in the second tiebreaker. Medallist was Brody Beachy of Lakers with 41. Other Laker scores before the overtime were: Aaron Diebel, 42; Lauren Gardner, 47; Jason Smith 45.

Two Hawks, Nick Swanson and Ryan Biddinger shot 43; Zach Bliss, 44, and Zac Toner, 45. Evan Laurie and Brett McBride, tied with 47 in the first overtime and Dave Gilbert, Lakers, with 49 bested Cass City's Brent Kucharczyk with 52.

Junior varsity Cass City scores were: Kurt Hanby, 54, Michael Stevens, 61, Ryan Ross, 53, Philip Strong, 46, Kyle Reif, 54, Preston Stec, 69, Marcel Helland, 63, Pat Reed, 65.

## MAYVILLE MATCH

The Hawks played one of

their best matches of the season while easily defeating Mayville, 165-197. Three Hawks, Swanson, Bliss and Toner, shared medallist honors with 41s. Biddinger shot 42. Other Hawk scores were Laurie, 44, and Kucharczyk, 46.

Mayville scores were: Nik Hopp and Gordy Brown, 46 each, David Buggia, 52, and Drew Hoffman, 53.

Cass City junior varsity scores: Hanby, 46, Stevens, 54, Ross, 53, Strong, 55, Helland, 67, Stec, 67, and Reed, 65.

Frankenmuth Eagles boasts the top team in the Thumb and one of the strongest in the Saginaw Valley and rolled to a 161-177 win over Cass City at the Fortress Golf Course.

Despite the loss, Cass City's Swanson was medallist with a sparkling 38. Toner shot 48, Bliss, 47, and Biddinger, 44.

The Eagles' Ben and Reed Black each shot 39. Matt Schiefer posted a 40 and Brennan Kerr, 43.

Laurie shot 53 and Kucharczyk, 49. JV scores: Hanby posted a 51 and Stevens, 52.

## Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

*This week's match ups*

	John Haire	Clarke Haire	Tom Montgomery	Doug Hyatt
October 3				
Millington at Birch Run	Birch Run	Millington	Millington	Millington
Frankenmuth at Bridgeport	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth
Garber at Caro	Caro	Caro	Caro	Caro
North Branch at Vassar	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar
BCAS at Reese	Reese	BCAS	BCAS	Reese
USA at Cass City	USA	USA	USA	USA
Laker at Valley Lutheran	Laker	Laker	Laker	Laker
Bad Axe at Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Brown City at Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville
Ubyly at Mariette	Ubyly	Ubyly	Ubyly	Ubyly
Mayville at Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky
Memphis at Akron-Fairgrove	Memphis	Memphis	Memphis	Memphis
Dryden at CPS	CPS	CPS	CPS	CPS
North Huron at Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck
Kingston at Owen-Gage	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Last week's results	10-5	10-5	11-4	9-6
Season's results	48-23 (68%)	54-17 (76%)	49-22 (69%)	52-19 (73%)

## FOOTBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST				
Team	W	L	T	P
BCAS	4	0	5	0
USA	3	1	4	1
Reese	2	1	4	1
V. Lutheran	1	2	3	2
EPBP	1	2	2	3
Cass City	1	2	1	4
Bad Axe	0	4	0	5

GREATER THUMB EAST				
Team	W	L	T	P
H. Beach	4	0	5	0
Ubyly	2	1	4	1
Sandusky	2	1	3	2
Deckerville	2	2	3	2
Brown City	1	2	1	4
Mariette	1	3	2	3
Mayville	0	3	0	5

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB				
Team	W	L	T	P
Peck	4	0	5	0
Memphis	4	0	4	1
A-Fairgrove	3	1	4	1
CPS	2	2	3	2
Kingston	2	2	3	2
N. Huron	1	3	1	4
O-Gage	0	4	1	4
Dryden	0	4	0	5

## FRIDAY'S RESULTS

GTW				
BCAS 36, Bad Axe 0				
USA 47, Reese 0				
EPBP 44, Cass City 22				
GTE				
Harbor Beach 19, Deckerville (OT)				
Sandusky 27, Ubyly 26				
Mariette 26, Mayville 22				
NCTL				
A-Fairgrove 26, North Huron 0				
Peck 52, Owen-Gage 0				
Memphis 15, CPS 14				
Kingston 54, Dryden 0				

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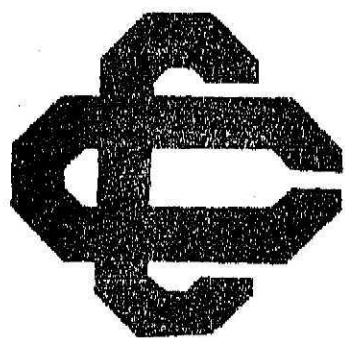
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Campbell Elementary School Principal	Jody Miklovic
Cass City Assistant Principal/Spec. Proj. Coord.	Ed Pasant
Cass City Assistant Principal/Athletic Director	Aaron Fernald
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### School Calendar

Professional Development Day	October 20 (M)
Parent/Teacher Conference	November 4 (T) Afternoon & evening conferences
Tuesday PM - no school students	
Wednesday AM - no school students	November 5 (W)
Thanksgiving Break (no school)	November 27 & 28 (Th, F)
Winter Break (begins at end of day)	December 19 (F)
School Resumes	January 5, 2004 (M)
Records Day (half day for students, full day for teachers)	January 16 (F) End of semester
Professional Development Day (no school students)	February 16 (M)
Spring Break (begins at end of day)	March 19 (F)
School Resumes	March 29 (M)
No School	April 9 (F) & April 12 (M)
Memorial Day (no school)	May 31 (M)
Last Day for students (full staff day - 1/2 day students)	June 7 (M)
Teacher Record Day	June 8 (T)



### Inclement Weather Information for Parents

Our school district's area is large and covers approximately 200 square miles. One part of our district, at times, can have snow or fog while other parts may be fine. On days in question, regarding the opening or possible early closing of schools, please listen to one of the listed radio or television stations. Early morning decisions to close school will be made before busses are dispatched for the morning runs around 6:00 a.m., if possible.

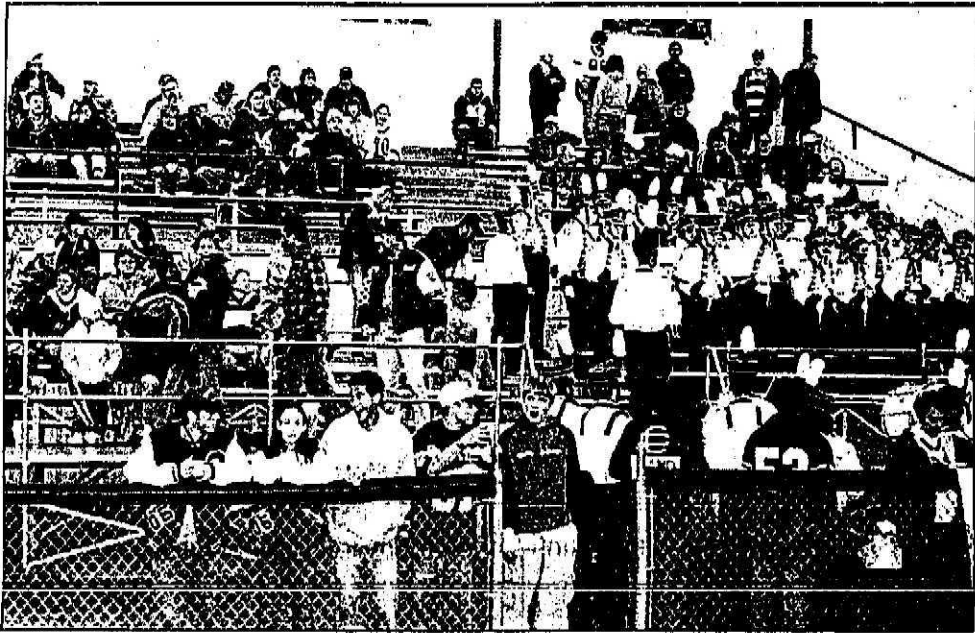
#### RADIO STATIONS

WKYO-AM	13.60 Caro
WLEW-AM	14.30 Bad Axe
WMIC-AM	6.60 Sandusky
WHNN-FM	96.1 Saginaw
WIOG-FM	102.5 Saginaw

#### TV STATIONS

WNEM TV-5
WJRT TV-12

A final important piece of information for parents who have children riding our busses is that our school has a staff member monitoring the bus radios each day until all the busses return. If your child's bus is late, it is most likely due to the weather or a mechanical problem. Keep this number handy, **872-4151**. This is the number to call in the afternoon to obtain information about late busses.



### Selection Procedure for Full-Time Non-Certified Staff

Applications will be accepted at any time for all positions within the Cass City Public Schools. Persons interested in applying for a position should request an application from Cass City Public Schools' Superintendent's Office. Applications shall be maintained on file for a period of three (3) years from date of receipt. Should a vacancy occur, within the school district, interviews of external applicants will be selected from these application files.

### CAFETERIA PRICES

The cafeteria staff is working hard to provide a quality school food service program. If you have any questions, feel free to call Shari Bock, at the high school at 872-2148, extension 22.

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<b>LUNCH</b>	
Campbell	\$1.25
Middle	\$1.30
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Milk	\$0.25

### ATTENDANCE

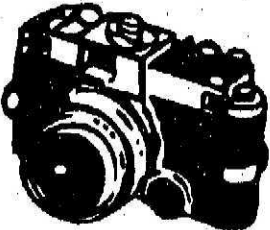
Parents are reminded to call the school when their child is absent from school. The call should be on the same day the student is absent. The reason for the absence needs to be provided.

We are looking forward to a great school year. As questions or problems arise, please feel free to contact the school. It is our sincere desire to make the school year successful for you and you child(ren).

<b>CAMPBELL</b>	872-2158
<b>E.C.E.C.</b>	872-2158
<b>MIDDLE</b>	872-4397
<b>HIGH</b>	872-2148

### PICTURE DATES

Campbell & E.C.E.C.	October 22, 2003
Middle School	October 17, 2003
High School	October 17, 2003



### Asbestos Notification Requirements

This notice is to inform you that the school district has an asbestos management plan on file in the Superintendent's Office. This management plan has been approved by the State of Michigan and is in compliance with AHERA regulations. At least once each year, the district will inform you about asbestos activities. We have asbestos in the tunnel areas and on some pipe joints. IF you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the district designated person, Kenneth Micklash, Superintendent at (989) 872-2200.

### Student Directory Information

The school district is allowed by law to furnish "directory information" to alumni groups, proprietary and/or trade schools, the military services, and other groups. Directory information may include the following:

1. Name
2. Date of birth
3. Participation in school activities
4. Dates of school attendance
5. Honors and awards
6. Other information generally found in year-books.

Parents or legal guardians may request, in writing to the Superintendent's Office, that such information be withheld.

## FOLLOW THE RED HAWKS!

### VARSITY FOOTBALL

Sept. 26	Lakers	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 3	USA	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	Reese	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	Bad Axe	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	Freeland	7:30 p.m.

### JV FOOTBALL

Sept. 25	Lakers	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 2	USA	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 9	Reese	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 16	Bad Axe	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 23	Freeland	7:00 p.m.

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Sept. 23	Lakers	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 30	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 2	USA	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 7	Mayville	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 9	Reese	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 14	Deckerville	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 16	BCAS	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 23	Valley Lutheran	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 28	Saginaw Nouvel	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 30	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 4	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 6	USA	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 10	Reese	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 13	BCAS	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 17-23	Districts @ Bad Axe	TBA
Nov. 24-26	Regionals	TBA

### BOYS' SOCCER

Sept. 23	USA	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 25	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 30	Lakers	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 2	Valley Lutheran	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Lakers	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	USA	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	Bad Axe	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 20-25	Districts	TBA

### GOLF

Sept. 24	Mayville	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 25	Frankenmuth	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	Harbor Beach	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 30	Bad Axe	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 3	Vassar Invite	9:00 a.m.
Oct. 6	Sandusky	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 8	League Tourney @ Sandusky	TBA
Oct. 10	Regionals	TBA

### CROSS COUNTRY

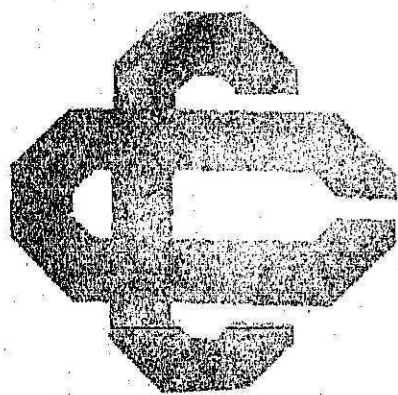
Sept. 25	Mayville County Meet	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 27	Harbor Beach	9:00 a.m.
Oct. 4	Cass City Invite	9:00 a.m.
Oct. 11	Reese Invite	8:00 a.m.
Oct. 14	League Invite (Reese)	
Oct. 18	Caro Invite	11:00 a.m.
Oct. 25	Regionals	TBA

### MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Sept. 25	Marlette (8th)	5:30 p.m.
	(7th)	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Reese	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	USA	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	Lakers	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 13-15	Tournaments	
	7th grade @ Bad Axe	
	8th grade @ Ubyly	



Home Games are bold!



# CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Red Hawk News



### READING IS THE FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING

Reading provides the basis for learning. Because of this, it is important for schools and families to work together in order to help our children build a solid reading foundation. Not only is effective teaching in school important, but the time families spend reading with children greatly helps to build this strong reading base.

Here are some tips taken from an educational newsletter which outlines ways to increase the reading skills of our children:

1. Set 30 minutes aside every night to read to or with children. Read with children or grandchildren in a way that actively involves them. Ask and answer questions about pictures and people in the story and point to pictures, letters, and words. Ask older students questions that get them to think and solve problems. Be sure your children or grandchildren see you read and write. Reading the newspaper together is one good way to involve older children in civic life. Dads and granddads can be especially important reading role models for their children.
2. Take your children to the library and get them a library card. Visit the library at least once a week and allow the children time to select their own books. Share a good book with a teenager. Encourage older children in the family to read to and with younger children in family.
3. Limit the amount of television children view to no more than two hours on school nights, and help them select the right programs for their age. Watch and discuss television programs together.

### KLICK PROGRAM

#### "Kids Learning in Computer Klubhouses!"

The Cass City Public School District is part of a consortium that has been awarded a U.S. Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant to establish a computer clubhouse in the Cass City Middle School. The clubhouse is a safe place for children and community members to learn about and use the latest technologies in a fun and exciting environment.

**1 computer for every 3.1 students.**



### VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

Volunteering in the school is an experience and a privilege for both the school and the volunteer. It is designed to promote and maintain a supportive relationship for students, teachers and school staff.

Goals of the Cass City Public Schools Volunteer Program are:

1. Increase parent, citizen and student involvement to improve the quality of education.
2. Increase volunteerism and its opportunities at the elementary, middle school and high school levels through an organized volunteer program.
3. Improve communication within the schools and community.
4. Provide community volunteer opportunities.

Our volunteer program began in 1998, and is strong at the elementary and middle school levels, but support is welcome at all levels, including the high school. Volunteers should have a positive attitude, be dependable, have good communication skills, maintain high levels of confidentiality and be supportive of the school staff and students.

If you are interested in volunteering, at any level, please feel free to contact any of the Cass City Public School Principals.



### Reasons People Choose Cass City Schools

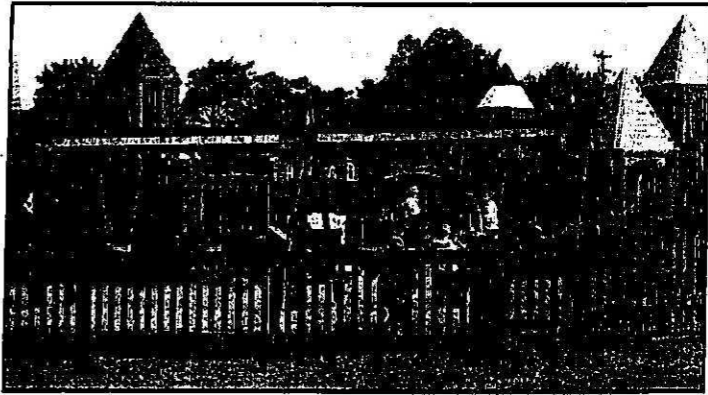
The Cass City Public School District is viewed upon as an excellent school system by both our community and neighboring communities. We are very fortunate to have a supportive public, which understands the value of having a strong and healthy public school system. Our children are provided quality educational programs in a safe and caring environment. Over the year, many people have joined our community. One of the reasons a good number have chosen to live here, is directly because of our schools. I wish to share some of the reasons people have provided as reasons they used to send their children to our schools:

- Love our Early Childhood Education Center
- Like the option of traditional and multi-age elementary classrooms
- Layout of the new middle school
- Variety of high school offerings in addition to core subjects such as: foreign language, vocal music, advanced art, debate, forensics, theater, industrial arts, life skills and instrumental music
- Reading Recovery program
- Special education inclusion
- Advanced technology available for students
- Well maintained facilities
- Competent teachers and administrators

The Cass City Public School staff will continue to strive for high student academic achievement, while providing educational services in a safe environment in order for all students to become caring and productive citizens.

### Standards and Poor's School Evaluation Services

- Well above state average MEAP grade 11 excelling rate.
- Well above state average MEAP passing rate.
- Well above state average proportion of students receiving Michigan Merit Awards.



### Early Childhood Education Emphasized

Several years ago, a focused effort was placed upon enhancing the early childhood education opportunities within the Cass City Public Schools. Though these programs are many years away from high school, it was determined that at this level, by getting our children off to a strong academic beginning, we would provide the best drop out prevention plans as well as reduce the overall need for special education options.

Presently, all of our early education programs for children in pre-school through 4th grade take place at Campbell School as well as our Early Childhood Education Center. The many opportunities that are offered for our young children include:

- 4 year old pre-school program
- Young 5's kindergarten program
- Regular kindergarten programs at the Early Childhood Education Center.
- All day kindergarten program for parent/teacher identified students.
- Traditional 1st through 4th grade classrooms at Campbell School.
- Multi-age 1st through 4th classrooms.
- 1st grade Reading Recovery programs at Campbell Elementary School.
- Formal curriculum support in the areas of: art, music, physical education, and library.

We believe this focused emphasis is assisting our school district with reaching its goal of having all children read at grade level during their beginning years of school, since reading provides our children with the foundation on which all academics will be built, this early childhood education priority is extremely important.

### CASS CITY STUDENTS CONTINUE TO EXCEL ON STATE TEST

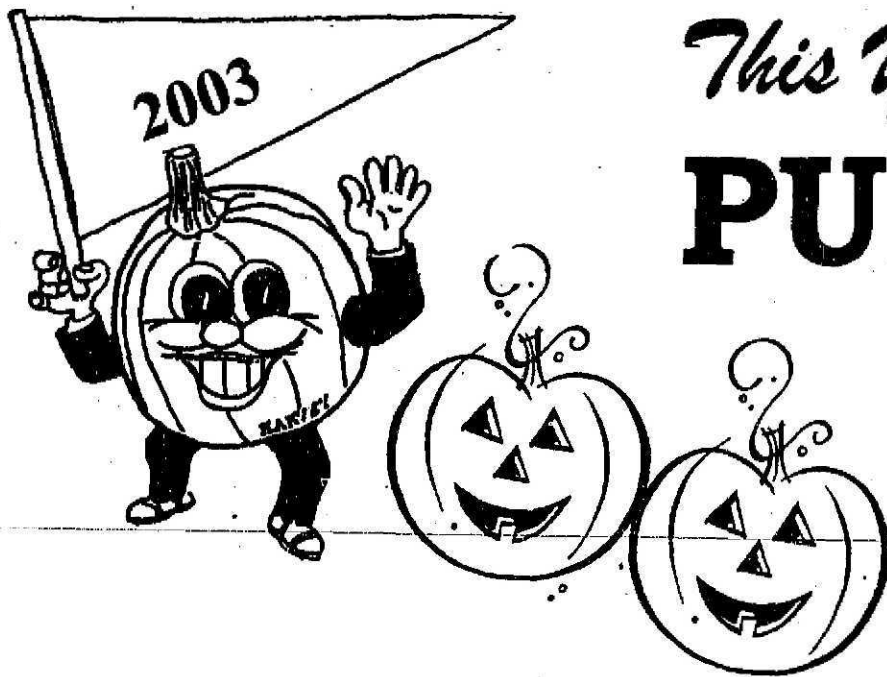
The latest test results have been received from the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP). Our students exceeded state averages in every category tested at every grade level. Our staff, with the support of our community, but most importantly you parents, continues with our efforts of making our school district one of the very best in our entire region. This will certainly benefit the children of our community as they prepare for their future.

The following is a listing of the results:

GRADE	SUBJECT	STATE	CASS CITY
4	Math	65	71
4	Reading	60	64
5	Science	77	82
5	Social Studies	28	32
7	English	58	72
8	Science	65	72
8	Social Studies	33	37
8	Math	52	56
11	Math	67	80
11	Reading	71	81
11	Writing	68	86
11	Science	59	71
11	Social Studies	24	32

### STATISTICS ABOUT CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- Our 2003 taxable valuation is \$184,781,534.
- Cass City Schools' buildings, equipment and property are valued at over \$21,600,000.
- Our school district covers approximately 200 square miles and includes parts of 3 counties and 13 townships.
- Our annual general fund budget for this year is \$11,508,391.
- Our student enrollment is approximately 1,520.
- Local taxes collected for school operations total \$737,643.
- State revenues are projected to be over \$10,000,000.
- Our district student to teacher ratio is 18.7 to 1.
- Our drop out rate is 2.6%.
- Our computer to student ratio is 1 computer to 3.1 students.
- Only 6.3% of Michigan schools spend less per student on administration than Cass City.



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<b>Friday</b>	6:30 p.m. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 3:30-5:30 p.m. 5 p.m. 6-10 p.m.	Arts & Crafts Teen Dance Pumpkin Seed Spitting Haunted House Leroy Hayward Band 3 on 3 Basketball Soccer Squash
<b>Saturday</b>	6:30 p.m. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 9 a.m. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 12, 2 & 4 p.m. 10a.m.-4 p.m. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. 6-10 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	Classic Car Show Bluewater Train Rides Whispering Meadows Horse Drawn Wagon Rides Haunted House Hindsight Euchre Tournament Plymouth Fife and Drum
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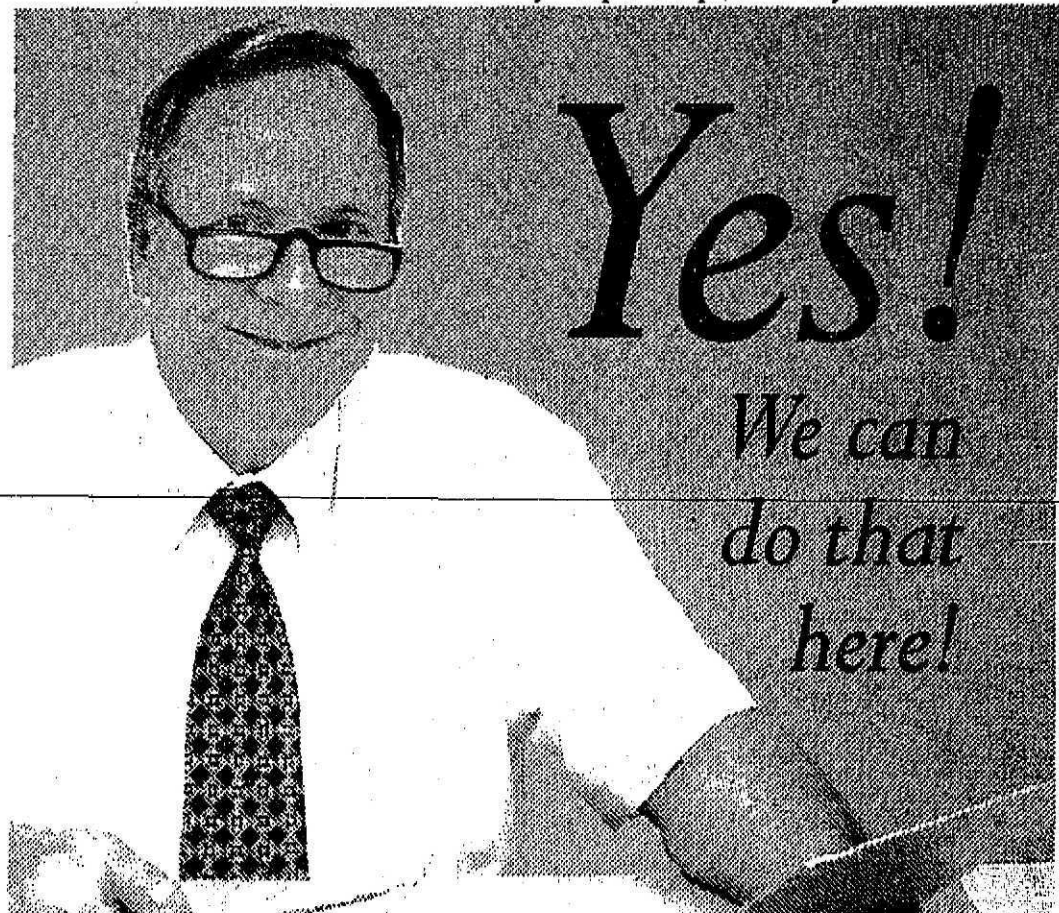

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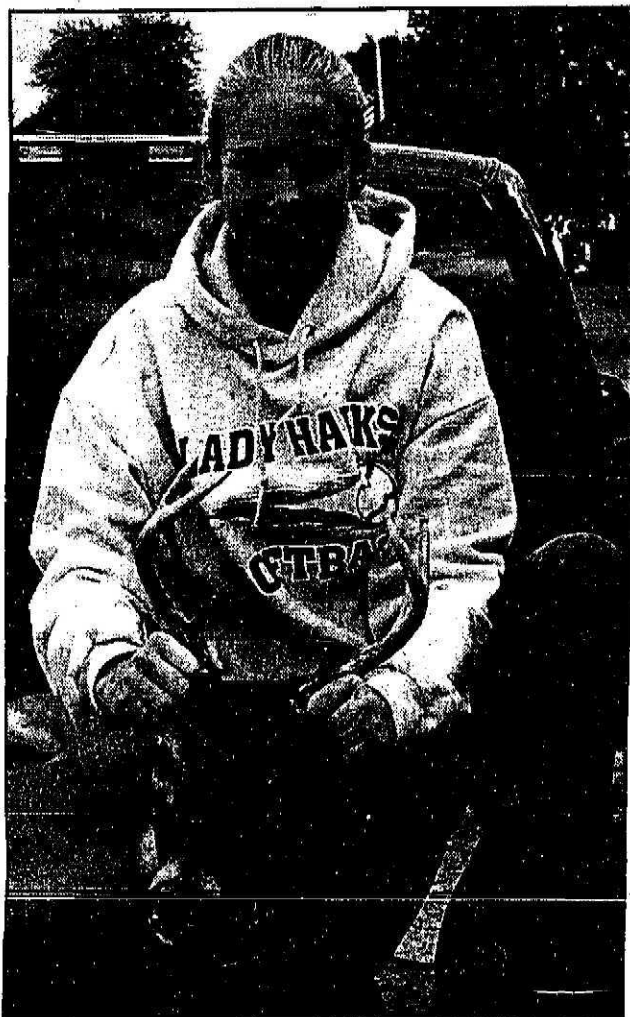
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## Calendar of Events

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

### Wednesday, October 1

Preschool Story Hour, 10 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library.  
Citizens of the Future Community Center meeting, 6 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Thumb Arts Guild is sponsoring a trip to the Henry Ford and Greenfield Village. Included in the trip price is an unlimited transportation pass for the many rides it offers. Trip price is \$80 and includes dinner. Call Eve at 738-7617 for more information.

United Hospice Service Volunteer Training Classes, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Huron Medical Center, 1100 S. Van Dyke Rd., Bad Axe. To register for classes, please call Scharla Tapson at 800-635-7490.

### Thursday, October 2

Toddler Story Hour, 10 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library.  
Friends of the Library meet, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Senior Citizens' Luncheon, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

### Friday, October 3

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

Music Fest in the park after the football game. Sponsored by Citizens of the Future.

Grief Support Group, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Scheurer Hospital Class Room, 170 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon. For more information or to register, call 800-635-7490 (ext. 4134).

### Saturday, October 4

23rd Annual Fall Home Tour, 1-6 p.m. Buffet luncheon, 11-1 p.m., St. Elizabeth's Parish Hall, Marlette. For more information, call Judy Mahaffy, RN at 989-635-4349.

### Monday, October 6

Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

CPR/First Aid Class, Marlette Community Hospital. For more information or to pre-register, call Jeanette Yaroch, RN at 989-635-4103.

# FOOTBALL - GOLF - SOCCER - CROSS COUNTRY

Cass City Red Hawks 2003 Varsity Football			
Aug. 28	Sandusky 48, CC 22	7:30 p.m.	
Sept. 5	Ubyly 41, CC 6	7:30 p.m.	
Sept. 12	BCAS 22, CC 6	7:30 p.m.	
Sept. 19	Valley Lutheran 14, CC 44	7:30 p.m.	
Sept. 26	Lakers 44, CC 22	7:30 p.m.	
Oct. 3	USA	7:30 p.m.	
Oct. 10	Reese	7:30 p.m.	
Oct. 17	Bad Axe	7:30 p.m.	
Oct. 24	Freeland	7:30 p.m.	

Cass City Red Hawks 2003 Girls' Basketball			
Aug. 26	Marlette 32, CC 51	5:00 p.m.	
Sept. 4	Harbor Beach 44, CC 42	5:00 p.m.	
Sept. 9	Sandusky 61, CC 28	6:00 p.m.	
Sept. 11	Brown City 56, CC 64	5:00 p.m.	
Sept. 16	Valley Lutheran 45, CC 60	5:00 p.m.	
Sept. 18	Ubyly 26, CC 38	5:00 p.m.	
Sept. 23	Lakers 45, CC 49	5:00 p.m.	
Sept. 30	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.	
Oct. 2	USA	6:00 p.m.	
Oct. 7	Mayville	5:00 p.m.	
Oct. 9	Reese	5:00 p.m.	
Oct. 14	Deckerville	5:00 p.m.	
Oct. 16	BCAS	5:00 p.m.	
Oct. 23	Valley Lutheran	5:00 p.m.	
Oct. 28	Saginaw Nouvel	5:00 p.m.	
Oct. 30	Lakers	6:00 p.m.	
Nov. 4	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.	
Nov. 6	USA	5:00 p.m.	
Nov. 10	Reese	6:00 p.m.	
Nov. 13	BCAS	5:00 p.m.	
Nov. 17-23	Districts @ Bad Axe	TBA	
Nov. 24-26	Regionals	TBA	

Cass City Red Hawks 2003 Cross Country			
Aug. 22	Bad Axe	9:30 a.m.	A
Aug. 27	Akron-Fairgrove Invite	4:00 p.m.	A
Sept. 3	USA Invite	4:00 p.m.	A
Sept. 6	Bad Axe Invite	9:00 a.m.	A
Sept. 11	Chesaning Invite	4:30 p.m.	A
Sept. 18	Frankenmuth Invite	4:30 p.m.	A
Sept. 20	Akron-Fairgrove Invite	10:00 a.m.	A
Sept. 25	Mayville County Meet	4:00 p.m.	A
Sept. 27	Harbor Beach	9:00 a.m.	A
Oct. 4	Cass City Invite	9:00 a.m.	H
Oct. 11	Reese Invite	8:00 a.m.	A
Oct. 14	League Invite (Reese)		
Oct. 18	Caro Invite	11:00 a.m.	A
Oct. 25	Regionals	TBA	

## CATCH THE HAWKS AT HOME

**SOCCER**  
September 30  
Cass City vs. Lakers  
October 2  
Cass City vs. Valley Lutheran  
**BASKETBALL**  
September 30  
Cass City vs. Bad Axe  
October 7  
Cass City vs. Mayville  
**FOOTBALL**  
October 3  
Cass City vs. USA  
**CROSS COUNTRY**  
October 4  
Cass City Invitational  
**GOLF**  
October 6  
Cass City vs. Sandusky

Cass City Red Hawks 2003 Boys' Soccer			
Aug. 23	USA Invite	8:30 a.m.	
Aug. 25	North Branch 1, CC 4	4:30 p.m.	
Aug. 26	Caseville 3, CC 1	5:00 p.m.	
Aug. 28	Harbor Beach 5, CC 1	5:00 p.m.	
Sept. 2	Caro 6, CC 0	5:00 p.m.	
Sept. 6	Bad Axe Invite	9:00 a.m.	
Sept. 9	Sandusky 0, CC 4	5:00 p.m.	
Sept. 11	Marlette 4, CC 0	5:00 p.m.	
Sept. 16	Valley Lutheran 8, CC 0	5:00 p.m.	
Sept. 19	Lakeville 7, CC 1	4:30 p.m.	
Sept. 22	Memphis	5:00 p.m.	
Sept. 23	USA 5, CC 0	5:00 p.m.	
Sept. 25	Bad Axe 8, CC 0	5:00 p.m.	
Sept. 30	Lakers	5:00 p.m.	
Oct. 2	Valley Lutheran	4:30 p.m.	
Oct. 7	Lakers	4:30 p.m.	
Oct. 14	USA	4:30 p.m.	
Oct. 16	Bad Axe	4:30 p.m.	
Oct. 20-25	Districts	TBA	

Cass City Red Hawks 2003 Golf			
Aug. 14	Cass City Invite	9:00 a.m.	H
Aug. 27	9-Hole Tourney	4:15 p.m.	A
Sept. 3	BCAS	4:15 p.m.	A
Sept. 5	Brown City Invite	8:30 a.m.	A
Sept. 8	Deckerville	4:15 p.m.	A
Sept. 10	Valley Lutheran	4:15 p.m.	H
Sept. 15	Ubyly	4:15 p.m.	A
Sept. 17	USA	4:15 p.m.	A
Sept. 22	Lakers	4:15 p.m.	H
Sept. 24	Mayville	4:15 p.m.	H
Sept. 25	Frankenmuth	4:00 p.m.	A
Sept. 26	Harbor Beach	4:00 p.m.	A
Sept. 30	Bad Axe	4:15 p.m.	A
Oct. 3	Vassar Invite	9:00 a.m.	A
Oct. 6	Sandusky	4:15 p.m.	H
Oct. 8	League Tourney @ Sandusky	TBA	
Oct. 10	Regionals	TBA	

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## Circuit court proceedings

# Several face charges

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

•Michael F. Wissinger, 26, Montrose, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, May 2 in Arbel Township.

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

•Charles R. Harder, 21, Caro, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail (de-

ferred without a date) and 12 months probation for his plea of guilty to attempted possession with intent to deliver marijuana Jan. 30 in Almer Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,020 plus a \$150 forensic fee.

•Edward D. Carlisle, 72, Vassar, was sentenced to 12 months probation for his plea of no contest to possession of a dangerous weapon Dec. 5 in Juniata Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$2,070 in costs and fines.

•Michael S. Schannon, 34, Silverwood, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 36 months probation for his pleas of no contest to aggravated stalking Dec. 3 in Wells Township, and guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond March 28 in Caro. He also pleaded no contest to being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

Schannon was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$2,260 plus restitution of \$120.

•Jeffrey A. LaFontaine, 33, Caro, was sentenced to 18 months probation for his plea of guilty to attempted carrying a concealed weapon April 25 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay \$700 in costs and fines.

•Michael L. Frederick, 47, Deford, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 270 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, May 23 in Kingston Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$7,280.

•Daniel T. McClanahan, 40, Deford, was sentenced to 15 months to 10 years in prison for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, March 7 in Novesta Township, and to being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$620.

•Jody M. Hall, 42, Bridgeport, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, April 30 in Indianfields Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Larry L. Hunter, 37, Caro, pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer May 18 in Indianfields Township, and to domestic violence, second offense, and aggravated stalking June 18 in Indianfields Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at a combined \$12,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Charles W. Heiser, 23, Flint, was sentenced to 7 to 20 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to first degree home invasion, 2 counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony May 16, 2001, in Arbel Township.

## Hospital joining campaign

Marlette Community Hospital Officials recently announced their dedication to fighting breast cancer by joining the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in Saginaw at Fashion Square Mall, Saturday, Oct. 11.

Judy Mahaffy and Rennae Mazei, who are putting together the Marlette Community Hospital Making Strides Against Breast Cancer team, have set a goal of recruiting co-workers for a day of "fun raising" in celebration of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer pledge walk will begin with registration beginning at 8 a.m. and the walk starting at 9 a.m.

According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer will strike approximately 7,500 Michigan women, and 1,400 residents will die from the disease this year.

Hospital officials ask area residents to join their team and show support for eradicating breast cancer in local communities. Friends and family are also welcome to participate in the walk.

Funds raised through Making Strides Against Breast Cancer will support scientific research on the causes of breast cancer and ways to prevent it; Reach to Recovery, a one-to-one support program for women with breast cancer; local prevention/early detection programs; and advocacy efforts regarding legislation on mammography quality standards, insurance coverage and other issues.

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donald P. Frisch, a single man (original mortgagor), to R-B Financial Mortgages, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 29, 2000 and recorded on January 5, 2001 in Liber 818 on Page 1213 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated December 29, 2000, which was recorded on January 5, 2001 in Liber 818 on Page 1221, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-THOUSAND SIXTY-FOUR AND 07/100 DOLLARS (\$68,064.07), including interest at 8.500% per annum.

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

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

Commencing at a point 5 rods South of the South boundary line of Kingsbury Alley on the East line of Pine Street, thence South 3 rods; thence East to a point within 22 1/2 feet of the center of Alder Creek Drain; thence North parallel with said drain 3 rods; thence West to the place of beginning, being a part of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 33, Town 12 North, Range 11 East.

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

Dated: October 1, 2003  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul R. Zumbach, a married man, and Teresa K. Zumbach, his wife (original mortgagors), to Michigan National Bank, a National Banking Association, Mortgagee, dated July 26, 1994 and recorded on July 29, 1994 in Liber 662 on Page 176 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., successor by merger and/or name change to Norwest Mortgage, Inc., a Minnesota Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated September 30, 1994, which was recorded on September 21, 1995 in Liber 679 on Page 280, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX AND 53/100 DOLLARS (\$62,556.53), including interest at 9.000% per annum.

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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 October 30, 2003.

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

Lot 1 of Morgan Subdivision No. 1, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 4, Page 7 and 8, Tuscola County Records.

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Trevor M. Moyer, a married man, and Troy A. Moyer, his wife, in bar of dower (original mortgagors), to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 19, 1999 and recorded on March 23, 1999 in Liber 766 on Page 121 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated April 25, 2000, which was recorded on July 20, 2000 in Liber 806 on Page 800, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN AND 97/100 DOLLARS (\$63,115.97), 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 October 23, 2003.

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

Lot 7, Block 5, of the Plat of James Cleaver's Addition to the Village of Cass City, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 57, now being Page 1B of Tuscola County Records.

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark N. Lieber and Diane Lieber, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 29, 1998 and recorded on June 3, 1998 in Liber 741 on Page 346 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association, f/k/a Norwest Bank Minnesota, National Association, as Trustee Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement, dated as of January 1, 1999, Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 1999-A, Asset-Backed Certificates Series 1999-A, without recourse, Assignee by an assignment dated July 18, 2001, which was recorded on August 7, 2001 in Liber 840 on Page 530, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-ONE AND 32/100 DOLLARS (\$95,741.32), including interest at 9.600% 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 October 30, 2003.

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

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the South line of said Southeast 1/4, which is North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, along said South line, 280.00 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 31; thence continuing North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, along said South line, 150.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, perpendicular to said South line, 290.40 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, parallel with said South line, 150.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, perpendicular to said South line, 290.40 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: October 1, 2003  
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
Team G (248) 593-1310  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
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File # 200210374

Team G

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by George L. Bodrie, a married man, and Teresa M. Bodrie, waiving her dower rights (original mortgagors), to Icon Financial Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 31, 2002 and recorded on February 14, 2002 in Liber 864 on Page 1207 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated December 31, 2002, which was recorded on April 2, 2003 in Liber 923 on Page 910, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT AND 68/100 DOLLARS (\$97,538.68), including interest at 7.625% 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 October 30, 2003.

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

Part of the Southeast quarter of Section 12, Town 14 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of Section 12, which is South 00 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds West, 864.00 feet from the East quarter corner of said Section 12; thence continuing along said East line, South 00 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds West, 726.15 feet to a point North 00 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds East, 37.45 feet from the center of the King Drain; thence along said traverse line North 89 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds West, 33.00 feet; thence continuing along said traverse line along the Northernly and Easterly banks of the King Drain, North 50 degrees 09 minutes 25 seconds West, 370.60 feet; thence continuing along said traverse line North 34 degrees 41 minutes 20 seconds West, 109.65 feet; thence continuing along said traverse line North 04 degrees 27 minutes 40 seconds West, 401.00 feet; thence at right angles to said East Section line South 89 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds East, 413.46 feet to the East line of Section 12 and the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: October 1, 2003  
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# Tech showcase set Oct. 8

Nearly 100 schools throughout Michigan including Cass City Middle School and Campbell Elementary, will participate in the third annual AT&T/MACUL Student Technology Showcase to be held Wednesday, Oct. 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the State Capitol Building in Lansing.

Presented by the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) and supported by AT&T, the event provides a venue for student groups to set up computers and displays to show Michigan state legislators how technology is being used in the classroom to facilitate learning.

There are two separate demonstration sessions, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m., with opening ceremonies at 9:15 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. for each session.

The projects this year will cover a wide variety of learning areas including distance

learning, computer programming, e-commerce and other curriculum integration concepts. Student demonstrations will include video production, web authoring, handheld technologies, robotics, digital imaging, multimedia and student broadcasting.

While individual projects vary, there are some similarities.

Third graders from several schools will use clay animation software to display learning in a variety of ways. A number of middle schools will show how they use handheld computers for projects that help them become better organized and productive in their daily studies. Some student groups will show how they are using graphing calculators to learn, while others will show the student electronic portfolios which they created.

Ric Wiltse, MACUL executive director, says the grow-

ing sophistication of the students' technology projects clearly shows how important technology has become to educating children. "Technology has become critical to the way in which students learn," he states. "Students enjoy using computers and other technological devices,

so they tend to get more involved with their projects and often do much better in school."

For further information about the event, and a complete list of participating schools and projects, visit the MACUL website at [www.macul.org](http://www.macul.org).

## Homelessness focus of meeting

The Tuscola County Community Foundation (TCCF) will hold a Community Prevention Planning Summit on Thursday, Oct. 9, at the Tuscola Technology Center.

The purpose of the event will be to discuss issues related to homelessness and to learn more about what can be done to affect its impact. TCCF Executive Director

Donald J. Hahn said "homelessness is a social issue that is not always evident in our community. It affects all of us either directly or indirectly."

The keynote speaker for the event, which will begin with an 8:30 a.m. registration and welcome from Hahn, will be Holly Kempner, national program officer for the Corporation for Supportive Housing in New York. She will speak about supportive housing and its importance as a homelessness prevention strategy.

After a morning break, Julie Parks will present a case study on supportive housing and its impact in rural Michigan. Parks is the program officer for the Corporation for Supportive Housing in Brighton. At 11 a.m., those attending may choose between 2 breakout sessions: Angela Hoff of the Blue Water Center for Independent Living, talking about homelessness in the Thumb and efforts to alleviate it; or Peg Davy and Dana Wentworth of the Human Development Commission's Center for Dispute Resolution, who will present information about mediation as a homelessness prevention strategy in the Thumb. The summit will conclude at noon.

The Tuscola Technology Center is located at 1401 Cleaver Road in Caro. There is no charge to attend this event, but reservations are required. Those who are interested in homelessness, and particularly in learning what they can do to make a difference in their communities, are asked to call Hahn at (989) 673-8223.



CASS CITY Police Officer Wood "arrests" suspect Kay Etheridge, played by library Page Christina Carr, for the "murder" of the music librarian during the recent Family Mystery Night at Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City. More than 65 adults and children attended the program and worked in teams to solve the mystery. Also pictured is Gene Salas who played the part of Jake Cobain.



JULIE Salas won the drawing for the Observer 60 telescope during the Family Mystery Night at Rawson Memorial Library.

## Obituaries

### Robert Gornowicz

Robert J. Gornowicz Sr., 55, of rural Snover, died Saturday morning, Sept. 27, 2003, at Northwood Meadows in Cass City following a 16-month bout with brain cancer.



He was born Sept. 29, 1947 in Bad Axe, the son of Julia (Pionk) Gornowicz and the late Henry Gornowicz.

He married Audrey Hull Nov. 13, 1970 at St. John Catholic Church of Ubyly.

Gornowicz resided in Austin Township of Sanilac County all of his life. He was a farmer and a partner with the Copeland-Gornowicz Insurance Agency in Cass City for 29 years. He and his wife, along with his sister, Barbara Keller and her husband, Carl, owned the G & K Lounge in Argyle from 1996-2002. Gornowicz served in the U.S. Army in the Vietnam War (1966-1969) being wounded and receiving the Purple Heart. He received other meritorious awards and medals including Combat Infantry Badge, 2 Sharpshooter Medals, Marksmanship Badge, Aviation Badge, National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal. He was a member of the Sanilac County Veterans Council and was instrumental in bringing the Moving Wall monument to Sandusky 5 years ago. Gornowicz was a member of the Sandusky Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2945, the American Legion of Caro and the Region 7 ABATE Motorcycle Club. He was a former member of the Ubyly Jaycees Club and an active member of the Ubyly Fox Hunters Club. He was awarded an honorary farmers degree of the Ubyly Community Schools and served on various fundraising projects for the Future Farmers of America Chapter. He was a member of St. Ignatius Catholic Church of Freiburg and a former member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Ubyly.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey; a son, Robert Gornowicz Jr. (Angela Dorey), of Grand Rapids; a daughter, Shelley (Jeff) Briolat of Ubyly; his mother, Julia Gornowicz of Sandusky; two grandchildren: Mitchell and Danielle Briolat; two brothers: Harold (Karen) Gornowicz of Snover and Leo (Susan) Gornowicz of Mobile, Ala.; three sisters: Barbara (Carl) Keller of Snover, Judy (Ken) Bonnin of Clinton Township and Sandra (George) Augustyniak of Pinconning; his mother-in-law, Vivian Acheson of Peck; two aunts: Veronica Pionk of Bad Axe and Eleanor Partaka of Palms; an uncle, Roman (Audrey) Pionk of Ruth; and numerous nieces, nephews and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Henry in 1986; a brother, Virgil in 1952; and a nephew, Paul Keller in 1981.

Funeral mass was celebrated Tuesday, Sept. 30, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church of Freiburg, with the Rev. T.J. Fleming, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery with full military honors by the Sandusky VFW Post #2945 and other

military organizations. Memorials may be made to the Taussig Cancer Center, Cleveland, Ohio. Arrangements were made by the Zinger-Smigelski Funeral Home, Ubyly.

### Marion McClorey

Marion Elizabeth McClorey, 92, of Cass City, died Friday, Sept. 26, 2003 in her home.

She was born Dec. 7, 1910 in Novesta Township, the daughter of Clayton and Anna (Handley) Crawford.

She married Glenn McClorey Dec. 13, 1927 in Sheridan. He died Oct. 9, 1975.

McClorey was a plane spotter during WWII. She worked as a housemother in reform school in Adrian. She was a member of St. Pancratius Catholic Church and their Altar Society, the Cass City VFW Auxiliary, the Canasta Club, the Quilting Club and the Cass City Senior Citizens.

McClorey is survived by three children: Richard McClorey of Cass City, Mary (Dale) Damm of Cass City and Beverly (George) Frank of Cass City; 20 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Lessel Crawford of Rochester Hills; 4 sisters-in-law: Onalee Crawford of Cass City, Joanne Crawford of Caro, Virginia Crawford of Cass City and Ellen Crawford of Snover; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by 2 sons: Frederick and Larry McClorey; a daughter-in-law, Margaret McClorey; 8 brothers: Arthur, Glen, Clare, Bill, Norm, Lewis, Harry and Milt Crawford; and a sister, Mable McComb. Funeral services were held Monday, Sept. 29, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Steve Fillion officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Rawson Memorial Library or St. Pancratius Catholic Church.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

### Donavon Vining

Donavon N. Vining, 40, of Sandusky, died Friday, Sept. 26, 2003 at St. Marys Hospital in Saginaw.

He was born June 17, 1963 in Amarillo, Texas, the son of Clarence Vining and Kayce Smith.

Vining was a lifelong area resident and a lifetime member of the North American Hunt Club. He was an independent truck driver.

He is survived by LuAnn Vining; three children: Aaron, Alisha and Alison Vining; parents: Clarence "Pete" and Vi Vining of Decker and Kayce Chapman of Amarillo, Texas; a sister, Linda Vining of Mayville; a step-sister, Mary Jane Messing of Carsonville; two step-brothers: Charles (Brenda) Phetteplace of Sandusky and Edward (Edwina) Phetteplace of Decker; and several other relatives and friends.

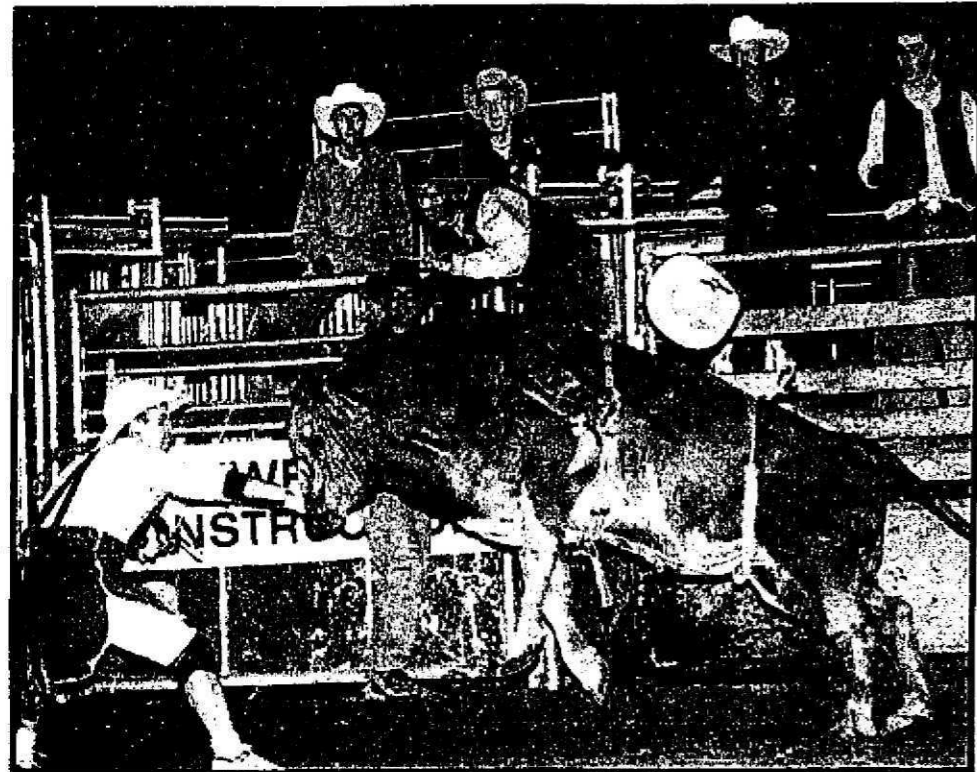
He was preceded in death by a brother, Matthew Vining.

Funeral services were held Monday, Sept. 29, at Marsh Funeral Chapel, Sandusky, with the Rev. Larry VanSlambrook officiating.

Burial was in the Evergreen Township Cemetery, Shabbona.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Arrangements were made by the Marsh Funeral Chapel, Sandusky.



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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Fredric M. Redfield and Julie A. Redfield, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to G.L. Byron and Company, Mortgagees, dated October 2, 1998 and recorded on October 6, 1998 in Liber 752 on Page 117 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by meane assignments to Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated October 9, 1998, which was recorded on February 19, 1999 in Liber 763 on Page 821, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY AND 83/100 DOLLARS (\$60,450.83), 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 October 23, 2003.

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

Lot 4, Block 5, W.E. Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 11 of Deeds, Page 491, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: September 24, 2003

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
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File # 200314351  
VA

Team W 9-24-4

Gary G. Love, Attorney, P.L.C. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has occurred in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Michael Davis and Donna Davis, husband and wife (Mortgagors), and Washenaw Mortgage Company (Mortgagee), dated October 4, 2002 and recorded on October 23, 2002 in Liber 899, Page 749, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, as of September 5, 2003, the sum of One Hundred Eighty Six Thousand, Two Hundred Seventy Eight and 29/100 Dollars (\$186,278.29), including interest at 7.75% per annum, together with a per diem increase of \$36.97 from after September 5, 2003.

Pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in the statutes in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises at public venue at the front entrance of the Tuscola County Courthouse, in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, October 23, 2003.

Said mortgaged premises are situated in the Township of Fremont, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, commonly known as 2373 Waterman Road, Vassar, Michigan, and legally described as follows:

Parcel A: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8, Township 11 North, Range 9 East, Fremont Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: beginning in the North line of said Section 8 distant South 89°48'20" East, 984.68 feet along said North section line from the Northwest corner of said Section 8; thence from said place of beginning, South 89°48'20" East, 337.66 feet along said section line to the Northeast corner of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of said Northwest 1/4; thence South 00°03'08" West, 390.00 feet along the East line of said West 1/2 of the North West 1/4; thence North 89°48'20" West, 335.40 feet to the centerline of a 66.00 foot wide easement "I"; thence North 00°16'48" West, 390.01 feet along said centerline to the place of beginning; subject to the use of the Northerly 33.00 feet for Waterman Road, so called, and further subject to and together with Easement "I" described as:

Easement "I": Easement No. "I" is for the purpose of ingress and egress and for installation/maintenance of public utilities. Said Easement No. "I" is described as: lying 33.00 feet each side of a centerline, which begins in the North line of Section 8, Township 11 North, Range 9 East, Fremont Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, distant South 89°48'20" East, 984.68 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 8; thence from said place of beginning, South 89°48'20" East, 335.40 feet to the centerline of a 66.00 foot wide Easement No. "I"; thence North 00°16'48" West, 390.01 feet along said centerline to the place of beginning; subject to and together with Easement "I", as described above.

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

No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by

said mortgage or any part thereof.

Dated: September 3, 2003

Washenaw Mortgage Company, a Michigan corporation

Gary G. Love, Attorney, P.L.C.  
161 Ottawa Avenue, NW  
Suite 606  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
(616) 771-9500

9-10-5

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by EDWARD A. KIMBRUE, a married man, and ROBERT REGNIER, a single man to American Financial Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated April 3, 1998 and recorded on April 7, 1998 in Liber 734 on Page 684, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said Mortgagee by meane assignment to STERLING BANK & TRUST by an assignment dated April 3, 1998 and recorded on March 5, 1999 in Liber 765 on Page 210, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FOURTEEN AND 05/100 DOLLARS (\$101,814.05), including interest at 8.50% per annum.

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

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

Lot 9, Block 12 of William E. Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the plat recorded in Liber 11 of Deeds, Page 491 of Tuscola County Records.

Team W 9-24-4

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 October 30, 2003.

Dated: August 28, 2003

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Assignee of Mortgagee

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Helen Sadler, a single woman (original mortgagors), to Continental Mortgage Corporation U.S.A., Mortgagee, dated August 27, 1999 and recorded on September 7, 1999 in Liber 781 on Page 462 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Suntrust Mortgage, Inc. Assignee by an assignment dated August 27, 1999, which was recorded on September 7, 1999 in Liber 781 on Page 468, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND TWENTY AND 90/100 DOLLARS (\$76,020.90), including interest at 8.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 AM, on October 16, 2003.

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

Commencing 178 feet East of the Northwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 21, Township 11 North, Range 11 East; and running thence South 209 feet; East 190 feet; North 209 feet; West 190 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: September 17, 2003

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
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Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200326716

Team F 9-17-4

**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage dated November 14, 2001 ("Mortgage"), made by JOHN D. REICHL and VIVIAN REICHL, his wife, as mortgagor ("Mortgagor"), to BANK ONE, N.A., a national banking corporation, a/k/a Bank One, Michigan, a Michigan banking corporation and Banc One Leasing Corporation, as mortgagee ("Mortgagee"), recorded on January 4, 2002 in Liber 854, Page 1031, Tuscola County Records, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due, as of August 27, 2003, for principal, interest and late charges the sum of One Million Four Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Five and 19/100 Dollars (\$1,456,675.19) ("Indebtedness").

And no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the Indebtedness secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof, Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Thursday, the 16th day of October, 2003 at 11:00 a.m., local time, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, immediately inside front door of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in the Mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the Indebtedness with interest on the principal balance of the Indebtedness at the annual interest rate of 3% per annum, together with all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by Mortgagee necessary to protect its interest in the premises, which premises are described as follows: land, fixtures, easements and improvements situated in the Township of Elkland, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows:

Land situated in the Township of Elkland, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, described as:

The Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter and the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 13, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, Right of Way for Reed Road over the Southerly side thereof.

Tax ID: 79-007-013-000-1100-00 (NE 1/4 of SE 1/4) and 79-007-013-000-1300-00 (SE 1/4 of SE 1/4)

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale the premises may be redeemed.

Dated: September 2, 2003 at Detroit, Michigan

BANK ONE, N.A., a national banking association, a/k/a Bank One, Michigan, a Michigan banking corporation and BANC ONE LEASING CORPORATION Mortgagee

Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP  
By: Jeffrey R. Kravitz  
Attorneys for Mortgagee  
2290 First National Building  
Detroit, Michigan 48226  
(313) 465-7448

9-10-5

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John W. Elmoe and Ida L. Elmoe (original mortgagors), to Bay Creek Mortgage, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 1, 1995, and recorded on February 2, 1995 in Liber 669 on Page 1305 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by meane assignments to Alliance Mortgage Company, as assignee by an assignment dated October 19, 2001, which was recorded on June 12, 2002 in Liber 881 on Page 604, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN AND 69/100 DOLLARS (\$60,967.69), including interest at 10.00% 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 October 16, 2003.

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

Land beginning at the Southeast corner of East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 10 East; thence North 12 rods; thence West 10 rods; thence South 12 rods; thence East 10 rods to the place of beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: September 17, 2003

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James M. Bauer and Roxann S. Bauer, husband and wife, to Superior Bank FSB, Mortgagee, dated February 16, 2001 and recorded February 22, 2001 in Liber 822, Page 301, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by LaSalle Bank National Association as Trustee of Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust Series 2002-AFCI by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand and 61/100 Dollars (\$123,000.61), including interest at the rate of 10.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on October 3, 2003.

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

Lot 15 "Williamsburg Estates No. 2" as recorded in Liber 4, Pages 5 and 6 of Plus, 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 foregoing mortgage can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: September 3, 2003

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC  
Attorneys for LaSalle Bank National Association as Trustee of Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust Series 2002-AFCI, As Assignee

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rickie L. Welch and Lori L. Welch, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated June 20, 2001 and recorded on August 15, 2001 in Liber 841 on Page 087 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE AND 50/100 DOLLARS (\$40,623.50), including interest at 5.750% per annum.

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

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

The West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Township 13 North, Range 10 East, Ellington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, more particularly described as beginning at the point on the North line of said Section 27, which is West 659.69 feet from the Northeast corner of Section 27; thence continuing along said North line West, 659.69 feet; thence along the West line of said Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, 1319.64 feet; thence along the South line of said Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, 57 minutes 52 seconds East, 659.95 feet; thence along the East line of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, North 00 degrees 02 minutes 54 seconds East, 1320.05 feet to the North line of the Section 27 and the point of beginning. Subject to the use of the Northerly 33.00 feet thereof as Shabbona Road, Township of Ellington, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Dated: October 1, 2003

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Aid to Animals of Michigan, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, by Lydia M. Stack, President; Milton A. Stack, Treasurer; and Donna Bostik, General Manager, to AA Mortgage Corp., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 27, 2002 and recorded on December 9, 2002 in Liber 906 on Pages 561-582, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Boulder Escrow, Inc., a Nevada Corporation, by an assignment dated December 4, 2002 and recorded on February 24, 2003 in Liber 917 on Pages 79-80, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-five thousand seven hundred forty-eight and 30/100 Dollars (\$35,748.30), including interest at 15% 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 Courthouse, Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m. o'clock on Thursday, October 2, 2003.

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

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 13, Town 14 North, Range 10 East; thence running East 506.31 feet along the South line of said Section to a point where Southerly extension of the centerline of Walsh Road intersects said South line; thence North 11°30'12" East, along centerline of Walsh Road 976.74 feet; thence South 78°09'39" East, 416.54 feet; thence South 05°25'24" West, 235.45 feet; thence North 78°09'39" West, 262.85 feet; thence South 74°43'16" West, 129.72 feet to the centerline of County Ditch; thence South 29°19'58" East, 553.47 feet and South 16°29'17" East, 138.79 feet along the centerline of County Ditch to its intersection with South line of Section 13;

thence West 493.53 feet along the South line to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: August 19, 2003

Boulder Escrow, Inc., a Nevada Corporation

By: Alan G. Greenberg, P 14326  
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Waterford, MI 48329  
(248) 674-0986

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 AM, on October 16, 2003.

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

The South 400 feet of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 24, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, Township of Arbel, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Dated: September 17, 2003

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John T. Bean and John A. Bean, A/K/A Barbarann D. Bean, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Mortgage Acceptance Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 17, 2000 and recorded on November 29, 2000 in Liber 816 on Page 516 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and re-recorded on August 18, 2003 in Liber 949 on Page 764, Tuscola County Records and was assigned by meane assignments to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated August 21, 2003, which was recorded on September 4, 2003 in Liber 952 on Page 367, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHT AND 58/100 DOLLARS (\$62,108.58), including interest at 12.800% 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 October 23, 2003.

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

A parcel of land commencing 43 Rods, 8 feet, 3 inches South and 12 Rods West of the Northeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Township 13 North, Range 11 East; running thence South 7 Rods; thence East 10 Rods; thence North 7 Rods to the place of beginning.

And also, Parcel A: Commencing 43.5 Rods South of the Northeast corner of Section 36, Township 13 North, Range 11 East; running thence West 10 Rods; thence South 7 Rods; thence East 10 Rods; thence North 7 Rods to the place of beginning.

Except a parcel of land commencing 965 feet, 3 inches South of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Town 13 North, Range 11

East; running thence West 330 feet; thence South 354.75 feet; thence East 330 feet; thence North 354.75 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: September 17, 2003

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas F. Ridley and Bonnie M. Ridley, husband and wife, to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 7, 2001 and recorded January 24, 2002 in Liber 858, Page 1401, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Citibank, N.A. as trustee by assignment submitted to

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# Village to seek bids

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Sandra Haley, who resigned, then Ball was elected to a 4-year term.

In other business during the monthly meeting, the council:

- Authorized Sheridan to negotiate a contract with South Central Michigan Code Construction Inspection Inc. (SCMCCI), Caro, to provide zoning administration services for the village. The council will take final action on the contract next month.

Robert S. Logan, deputy director of SCMCCI, explained his firm's services, saying the company would

handle zoning permits as well as enforcement issues in line with current village ordinances.

The company charges \$55 for a zoning permit. Currently, the village charges on a sliding scale, with the average permit costing \$35.

The company's services will cost the village only when a blight or other enforcement issue is involved. That cost is \$40, which includes contact with the property owner and 2 inspections.

- Approved applying for a \$1,500 forest management grant for a program that would provide technical assistance and resources to the

village related to tree replacement and management. The application will cost the village \$100.

- Listened to a program on Proposal U, a countywide millage proposal slated to go before voters at a special election Tuesday, Oct. 28.

- Set Halloween trick-or-treating hours at 5:30 to 7 p.m., the same as last year.

- Noted wastewater treatment plant Supt. Rick Mohr has earned his Storm Water certification, which is required as part of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.

## Expansion

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Ground breaking for the second phase will be held in the spring, with completion of the project expected in 2006.

"Over the past 4 years," Meinhold said, "HMC has expanded its medical staff by recruiting 11 additional healthcare providers in many specialized areas. Together these actions underscore HMC's commitment to grow to provide access to more services locally, and better serve the needs of area residents."



**TABAR says he's earned enough money bull riding to pay for his sizable investment in protective gear and clothing.**

## Tractor, engine show set

The Thumb Area Old Tractor and Engine Association will be present at the Deckerville Historical Museum Saturday, Oct. 11, to show antique tractors and equipment, and to swap parts. The show is free and every-

one is welcome to participate.

Bring your tractors or equipment, or come to buy or sell that special part. While you are there, visit the museum exhibits, the museum flea market and many special displays and programs featured during that day.

## Enrollment

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"We have planned financially, (but) things are tight," Bednerek said, adding school officials may have to look at cuts in the future if student numbers don't rebound.

Enrollment has been a key factor in school funding throughout Michigan since voters approved Proposal A, which put the lion's share of local funding in the hands of the state for distribution to individual school districts. State dollars accounted for 88.7 percent of the Cass City Schools' revenue this year.

Schools receive the majority of their funding in the form of a state foundation allowance, which is applied to the number of students enrolled in each district. The enrollment is determined by "blending" 2 separate student counts; one conducted in September and the other during the previous February.

The state's formula places a heavy emphasis on the fall count, which is worth 80 percent of a district's blended total enrollment.

Videos, talks, music and artifacts featuring the "Tarahumara Indians" of Mexico, still living in the Stone Age in Mexico today will be presented throughout the day.

Attend the famous "Indian Pot-Luck Luncheon" at noon. Just bring a dish to pass.

Indian artifact collectors from across the state will be present to show their collections, and the 10th Michigan Infantry Civil War Re-Enactors will have an encampment commanded by Brigadier-General David Rowley of Mt. Pleasant.

Pumpkins and sunflowers will line the veranda of the museum throughout the day. Every child who participates will receive a gift from the museum when they pick up their exhibit. Tractor and wagon rides will be given all day between the festivities at the museum and the Deckerville Library and Main Street.

The Deckerville Historical Museum is located at 4028 Ruth Rd., one mile north of Deckerville on old Route 51. More information is available by calling (810) 376-6695.

# Ryan Tabar riding bulls

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for 8 seconds without touching the bull with your free hand or your riding hand coming out of the bull rope, and to maintain control throughout the whole 8 seconds," Tabar explained. He said 2 judges determine the best rider by assigning up to 50 points each to the rider and the bull. The bull's score, he said, is based on how difficult the animal was to ride.

Tabar has lasted the entire 8 seconds on several rides, but he pointed out there's always room for improvement.

"Consistency is the big thing if you ever want to make money at it, and that's where practice comes in," he said. Focus is another key, he added, "and, of course, you have to have some ability to ride bulls, and that comes with time."

Tabar indicated he's been fortunate so far in what is a very dangerous sport.

"I've never had any major injuries," he said, "but I have a lot of friends who have been seriously hurt, and one young man was killed last year."

"I'm definitely nervous every time I get on a bull," Tabar added. "But that's part of the mental game - overcoming that. I just think about what

I have to do that day and not about what might happen."

That might seem like a tall order, given Tabar's size - he stands 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighs about 140 pounds - and the size of the bulls, which average 1,600 to 1,800 pounds. "Every once in a while you run into a 2,200 pounder," he noted, "and most of them are pretty grumpy when you get on their back."

But skill and attitude, not size, are what count, according to Tabar, who pays attention to the basics, including avoiding landing on his feet after a ride. "You want to land on your hands and knees," he explained. "If you're standing on your feet, he's (the bull) going to kick your head off your shoulders."

Becoming familiar with individual bulls' temperaments is also important. Tabar said some animals will do anything to step on or "hook" (gore) a fallen rider, while others are less aggressive.

Understandably, Tabar's parents were less than enthusiastic at first about the idea of watching their son ride.

"They weren't too thrilled when I started riding bulls," Tabar acknowledged. "But my parents support me 100 percent. All my friends and family are 100 percent behind me and I try to support

them in whatever they do, too."

Tabar hasn't completely given up on the idea of working with dairy cattle - he's spent about 5 years working part-time on dairy farms belonging to a cousin and a friend. But bull riding is the priority for now.

"I find it to be challenging. It's something that not a whole lot of people want to do," he said.

"I would like to make a job of it. I'd like to make something I could make a living at," he added. "Right now I couldn't make a living at it, but I'm just going to keep doing it and hopefully become the best bull rider I can be."

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