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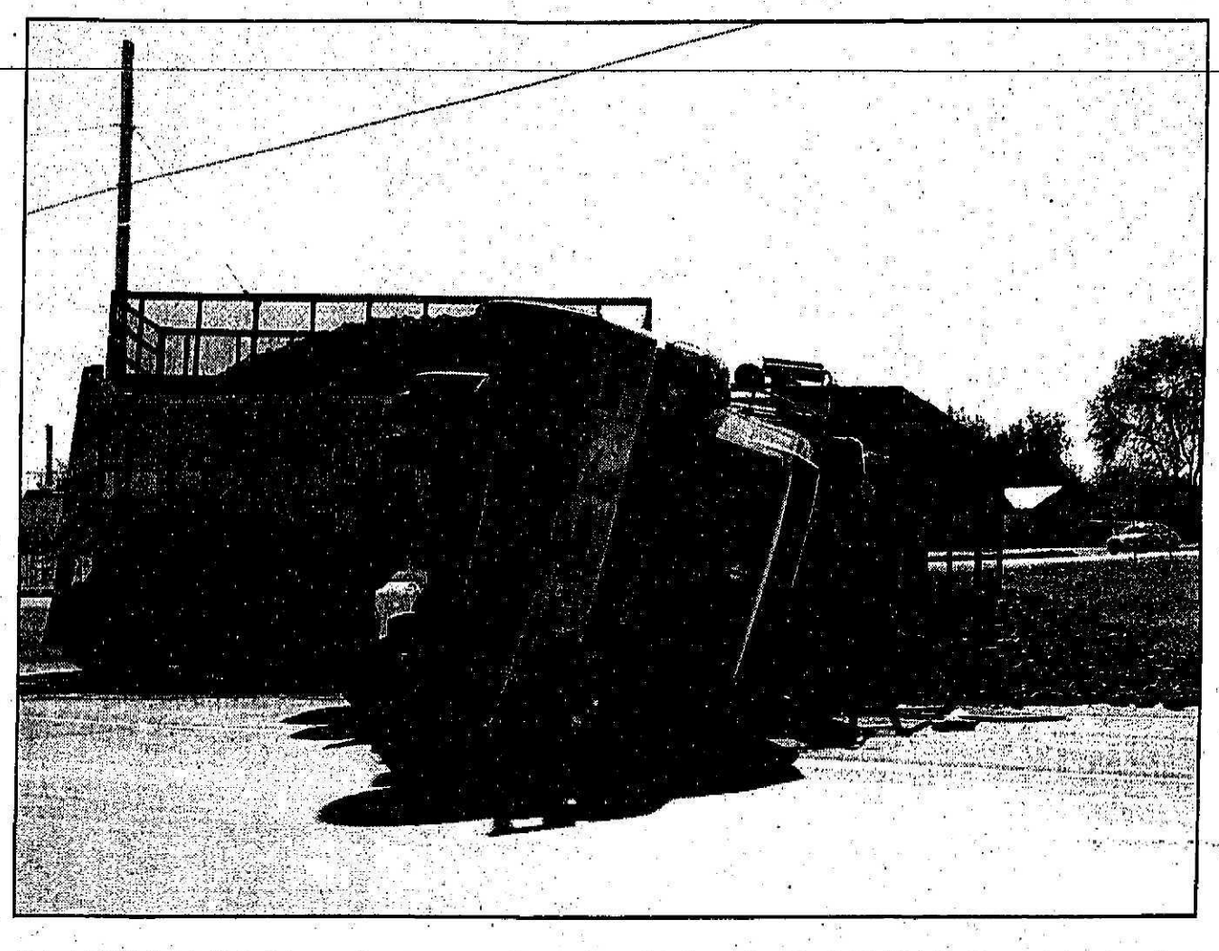

THE DRIVER OF this semi-tractor trailer escaped injury but lost his load of sugar beets when the truck overturned Thursday morning at the intersection of M-81 and M-53. The driver, John Pearce, 40, Sandusky, was attempting to turn west onto M-81 from southbound M-53 when the 11:15 a.m. accident occurred. "I took a wide turn, but it still started to go and I couldn't stop it," Pearce said.

New fee hikes, fines will cost all drivers

A slate of increased fees and new penalties for a variety of traffic violations may make fiscal sense to the state, but the cost of staying legal on the road now may be simply too high for some motorists.

"Time will tell, but I think there's going to be a dramatic effect on whether people are driving without licenses," said Tuscola County District Court Judge Kim Glaspie. "I think it's going to increase the number of drivers on the road without licenses."

Glaspie's annual caseload includes more than 2,000 criminal cases, many of them involving motorists arrested for driving with a suspended license.

With the new penalties, he noted, the state is levying a $2,000 fine over 2 years against drunken drivers, who must also pay a $125 reinstatement fee to get their licenses back. That's on top of the average $1,000 the court assesses in costs and fines, he said.

The bottom line, Glaspie added, is that drivers unable to afford the fines are going to have to make choices such as whether to drive to work without a license or lose their ability to earn an income.

"It's a different situation with the economy the way it is. It makes it even more difficult to pay the costs and fines," Glaspie said. "The people the state is trying to collect from are, in many cases, the least able to pay. It's a vicious cycle."

Under the new fee schedule, which went into effect last Wednesday, the state is levying $2,000 in extra fines, payable over 2 years, for motorists convicted of drunken driving as well as fleeing and eluding a police officer, failure to use due caution - causing death or injury to a construction worker, failure to stop after a personal injury traffic accident, and other crimes.

The state also plans to collect an extra $1,000 in fines, again payable over 2 years, from motorists convicted of impaired driving, driving while in possession of drugs, reckless driving and driving with a suspended license.

An extra $300 in fines will be levied over 2 years to drivers who are stopped and can't produce proof of insurance or who have expired licenses.

Drivers who accumulate points for speeding or other moving violations will be fined $100 for each year that they have 7 or more points. For every point above 7, another $50 will be levied.

Even good drivers won't escape paying more. The cost of a driver's license has increased from $13 to $25, those renewing their licenses will pay $18, up from $13, and a minor's restricted license will now cost $25, up from $5. Late fees of $7 and $10 are being assessed for license renewals and for registrations, respectively.

In addition, fees for trailer owners have been increased. Those fees, which previously ranged from $17 to $39, have been replaced with a one-time $75 charge.

Combined, the fee increases are expected to generate $134 million or more annually to help balance the state budget.

TOUGHER LAW

Drivers caught drinking and driving can also expect to pay more when they get to court under a new state law that redefines drunken driving.

The law, which also went into effect last week, sets the new drunken driving standard at .08 blood-alcohol content (BAC). Previously, the standard was .10 BAC, with .08 to .09 considered impaired driving.

Under the new law, a first-time offender convicted of drunken driving faces up to 93 days in jail, up to a $500 fine, up to 360 hours of community service, up to 6 points on their driver's license, and a license suspension of up to 180 days, with a restricted license possible after 30 days.

In addition, the new law contains a zero tolerance for drivers with certain illegal drugs in their systems. These "schedule one" drugs include marijuana, GHB, cocaine and cocaine-derivative drugs. With this change, prosecutors will not have to prove a driver was impaired, just that they were driving with the drugs in their system.

The same penalties for drunken driving will apply to those convicted under the zero-tolerance drug provisions.

Other penalties have also been increased. Anyone that refuses a breath test the first time is given a one-year driver's license suspension,

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Funds go to 2 area departments

Two Tuscola County fire departments will receive a financial helping hand from separate federal agencies.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded $45,504 to the Elmwood Township-Gagetown Fire Department, while the U.S. Department of Agriculture has approved a $24,607 grant for the Caro Fire Department.

The FEMA grant was awarded under the 2003 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Program for Fire Operations and Fire Fighter Safety, according to Congressman Dale E. Kildee, who announced the award Thursday.

"We must continue to provide more funding to ensure the safety and preparedness of those brave men and women who continually risk their lives to protect our lives," Kildee said.

The Elmwood Township-Gagetown Fire Department was selected to receive the federal funding for training activities and the purchase of new protective equipment.

FEMA received some 19,950 applications this year from fire departments across the country. The Elmwood Township-Gagetown Fire Department was one of just 15 Michigan departments to receive a grant under the latest round of funding.

The competitive grant was awarded after a national peer review process that involved more than 300 fire service leaders who evaluated and scored each application.

The Caro Fire Department's Community Facilities grant from Rural Development will be used to pay for a pumper unit to be installed on a ladder truck recently purchased by the village of Caro. The pumper unit will provide water pressure to the top of the truck's 35-foot ladder, eliminating the need for a separate pumper truck.

The new equipment will improve fire protection for about 13,000 rural residents as well as the new ethanol plant in Caro.

Cass City teen hurt in crash

A Cass City teen was listed in serious condition at St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw following a one-vehicle accident last week in Huron County.

According to Huron County Sheriff's deputies, the accident occurred Wednesday afternoon about 4 miles east of Owendale on Sebewaing Road near Elkton Road.

Witnesses told deputies that the driver, Jessica Kozan, 18, lost control of her vehicle after driving off the right shoulder of the road at about 4:30 p.m.

Investigators reported Kozan attempted to bring the vehicle back onto the roadway, but the vehicle tipped onto the passenger's side and slid down the road, then struck a guardrail and flipped over the rail, rolling down a steep embankment. Kozan was thrown from the wreckage.

She was transported to Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe, and later transferred to St. Mary's.

Elkton Ambulance personnel, troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Bad Axe, and Central Huron Ambulance assisted deputies at the scene.

No shortage of vaccine this fall

The flu season is rapidly approaching, and health department officials are urging residents to take the time to visit one of several upcoming flu vaccine clinics in Tuscola County.

Delays in the supply of vaccine caused some headaches last year, but that shouldn't be the case this fall, according to Nancy Jones, R.N., public health nurse at the Tuscola County Health Department.

Clinics are scheduled for:

*Oct. 14, Oct. 17 and Nov. 18, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. at the health department in Caro.

*Oct. 20 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Mayville Golden Years Club.

*Oct. 21 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church in Reese.

*Oct. 24 and Nov. 21 from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. at the Caro Church of the Nazarene.

*Oct. 27 from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. at the Millington Church of the Nazarene.

*Oct. 31 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Ivan Middleton Hall in Vassar.

*Nov. 4 from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. at Wal-Mart in Caro.

*Nov. 7 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Kingston Village Hall.

*Nov. 14 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the VFW hall in Fairgrove.

*Nov. 17 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the VFW hall in Cass City.

"The list of persons recommended to receive the influenza vaccine seems to grow each year. However, so does our knowledge of who is at risk for complications and even death as a result of influenza infection," Jones said.

"Statistics show that in the 1990s, an average of 36,000 people in the U.S. died each year from influenza complications. This is much higher than previously reported estimates," she added.

Influenza-related deaths occur primarily among those ages 65 or older, and in persons of any age with medical conditions that place them at high risk, according to Jones, who noted the optimal time to receive a flu vaccine continues to be October and November.

The CDC recommends the following groups receive the flu vaccine: everyone 50 years of age or older, residents and employees of long-term care facilities, anyone who has a long-term health problem and/or weakened immune system, healthcare providers and household members of high risk persons, pregnant women who will be past the third month of pregnancy with a doctor's order, and children 6 to 23 months of age and persons 2 to 49 years of age with certain medical conditions, placing them at increased risk for influenza complications.

Parents who wish their children to be vaccinated are encouraged to discuss it with their primary doctor or pediatrician.

There is a $20 charge for the flu vaccine for persons ages 59 and under. For Tuscola County residents ages 60 and older, the vaccine is paid for with senior millage funds.

The pneumonia vaccine will also be available and costs $25. Health Department officials will bill Medicaid and Medicare.

Swan song

Falling Leaves Arts Fest over, in spite of popularity

Organizers of the Falling Leaves Arts Festival near Kingston said goodbye to their annual 2-day fall celebration of the arts over the weekend.

The decision to end the festival has nothing to do with a lack of response. In fact, the event has proven to be a bit too popular.

More than 1,000 art lovers spent time milling around Ruth Ann Mersino's spacious Cemetery Road property Saturday and Sunday, checking out displays and collections of paintings, carvings, pottery, photography, pen and ink drawings, jewelry, artistic furniture, garden and home décor, and more, all created by Michigan artists.

In addition, Mersino welcomed Dell and Barry from the Michigan Magazine television show Saturday. The pair interviewed several artists for the fall telecasts they host on their television program.

Still, Mersino has decided it's time to move on.

"This is the last one," said the well-known wildlife artist who along with 2 friends, Lapeer artist Debra Keene and Howell artist Theresa Politowicz, founded the Falling Leaves Arts Festival 6 years ago.

"We're merging with Idle Thyme in Lapeer and we're moving the show date to the third weekend in July," added Mersino, who explained the Lapeer show is a garden and art walk.

Mersino said the date change will improve the chances of good weather. This year's Falling Leaves Arts Festival enjoyed crisp, cool fall weather, but there have been years when storms and bitter cold ruled.

But weather wasn't the deciding factor.

"It's getting too big and it's getting to be too much work for me," Mersino said. "And, it's time for me to start doing some of the other things I want to do. I teach a lot more now, so my schedule is getting full and fuller, and that's really my vocation."

Mersino has watched the falling leaves show grow significantly over the past few years.

"We started out with 15 artists and now we're at 40, and that's our capacity," she said. "The first year we had 600 or 700 people (in attendance), and now we have over 1,200 people coming every year."

Mersino indicated the show's popularity confirmed what she and her fellow artists felt from the start - that a show organized by artists for artists would create new opportunities for up-and-coming talent.

"We wanted to open up a venue for first-time artists who don't have the experience" of participating in shows, she said. Mersino explained that many more formal art shows require exhibitors to have portfolios.

Mersino understands firsthand the challenges of trying to get started as an artist.

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KINGSTON AREA artist Ruth Ann Mersino stands in front of her own art exhibit at the Falling Leaves Arts Festival Sunday. After hosting the show for 6 years, Mersino has decided to merge the show with another arts festival in Lapeer.

Investigation into death continuing

The investigation is continuing in the death of a Cass City man who was accidentally crushed while working at the Tower Automotive Inc. plant in Elkton early last week.

The victim was identified as Edward E. Sullivan, 47, who was pronounced dead at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, after the accident early Monday morning.

Officials reported Sullivan, a crane operator at the Huron County factory for more than 25 years, became pinned under a large coil of steel that fell over as he prepared it for use.

Plant officials and representatives of the Michigan Occupation and Safety Health Agency (MIOSHA) are conducting an investigation to determine the cause of the accident.

Calendar of Events

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

Tuesday, October 7

United Hospice Service Volunteer Training Classes, 6:30-9:30 p.m., United Hospice Service Office, Angle Street, Marlette. For more information, call Scharla Tapson at 800-635-7490.

Wednesday, October 8

Preschool Story Hour, 10 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Turkey dinner served family style, noon, Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd. Takeouts available, 872-4604.

Thursday, October 9

Toddler Story Hour, 10 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Friday, October 10

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

Saturday, October 11

St. Columbkille Christian Mothers present their annual Holiday Fair, 9-4 p.m. Luncheon also served. Corner of M-53 and Atwater Rd., Ubly.

Monday, October 13

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

Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 14

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.

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

Woman's Christian Temperance Union 8th District Convention, 9:30-3 p.m., Snover Heritage Methodist Church.

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Students named to dean's list

The following area students have been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Aquinas College: Brent Goslin of Gagetown and Theresa Grifka and Jill Walker, both of Caro.

In order to qualify for the dean's list, a full-time student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or above in a minimum of 12 hours or more of graded credit in any semester.

Posse planning concert

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Posse, The Mounted Unit, recently announced that Nashville's Billy Joe Royal will star at the annual "Fall Classic Country Music Concert," Sunday, Oct. 26, at 3 p.m.

Royal is considered one of country music's premier stylists. In 1965, Royal's "Down in the Boondocks" rocketed up the charts. He followed up with hits such as "I Knew You When," "Cherry Hill Park," "Hush," and "It Keeps Right on Hurting."

Tickets are $12.50 in advance and $15 at the door. The special family ticket for grandma, grandpa, mom, dad and all the kids is only $35.

For tickets and show information, please call (989) 673-3360 or 1-800-205-7174.

It's a boy!

Samuel Russell

Jim and Kristina Russell of Cass City announce the birth of their son, Samuel Hazen Russell.

Samuel was born July 18, 2003 at Lapeer Regional Hospital, Lapeer. He weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 inches long.

His maternal grandparents are John and Louise Wright and great-grandparents are the late Hazen and Margaret Brown, all of Cass City.

His paternal grandparents are Jim and Sandra (Sam) Russell of Cass City and great-grandparents are Ralph and Mary Russell of Elkton and Louis Laws of Deford.

Samuel joins Andrea, Lauran and Jossalyn at home.

Someone, no doubt over 65, came up with these additional perks for people who are eligible for Social Security:

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> People call at 9 p.m. and ask, "Did I wake you?"

> No one expects you to run into a burning building.

> People no longer look at you as a hypochondriac.

> There's nothing left to learn the hard way.

> Things you buy now won't wear out.

> You can eat dinner at 4 p.m.

> You can have a party and the neighbors won't even realize it.

> You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.

> You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who enters the room.

> You can sing along with elevator music.

> Your eyes won't get much worse.

> Your health insurance investment is finally beginning to pay off.

> Your joints are more accurate than the National Weather Service.

> Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.

> Your supply of brain cells is finally down to a manageable size.

For the few older people who still care about fashion (Most of us are just happy to be able to get up and into clothes), I came across the following list of things that do not go together:

A nose ring and bifocals

Spiked hair and bald spots

A pierced tongue and dentures

Miniskirts and support hose

Ankle bracelets and corn pads

Speedos and cellulite

A belly button ring and a gall bladder scar

Unbuttoned disco shirts and a heart monitor

Midriff shirts and a midriff bulge

Bikinis and liver spots

Short shorts and varicose veins

In-line skates and a walker

Regarding exercise, I'm not sure this guy was a senior citizen, but a timely letter appeared in Dr. Donahoe's syndicated column recently.

The writer said his wife called him a couch potato because he spent so much time watching football on TV.

He claimed that the excitement of the games speeds his heart up, hence he is exercising.

The doctor's reply? "Nice try!"

He said that fright and smoking can also speed the heart up, without any health benefits.

Sorry, guys, you're going to have to get up and get moving.

Antique Appraisal Fair set Oct. 22 at Rawson Library

An Antique Appraisal Fair is slated for Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., at Rawson Memorial Library.

Roger Parrish will be playing organ using sheet music from long ago beginning at 5:30 p.m. During the evening, antique dealer Gail Smith will appraise items with help from Reva Dillon and Roger Parrish.

Items for appraisal should be in the categories of glassware, pottery, paper, books, paintings and prints.

The appraisers will donate their time, but there is an appraisal fee of $3.50 for one item and $5 for two items.

There is a $1 charge if you just want to come and observe for the evening and join in the fellowship and refreshments. Proceeds from the fair will be used to purchase antique price guides and reference books for the library.

Tickets are now on sale and must be purchased in advance. Due to time constraints appraisals will be limited, so be sure to register and get your ticket early. Please join us for a fun-filled night where you can reminisce about your antiques and learn how much they are really worth.

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Jensen completes training as Marine

Marine Corps Private Travis J. Jensen, son of Jeffrey A. and Winnie Jensen of Cass City, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Travis Jensen

Jensen and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Jensen spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Jensen and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

Jensen is a 2003 graduate of Cass City High School.

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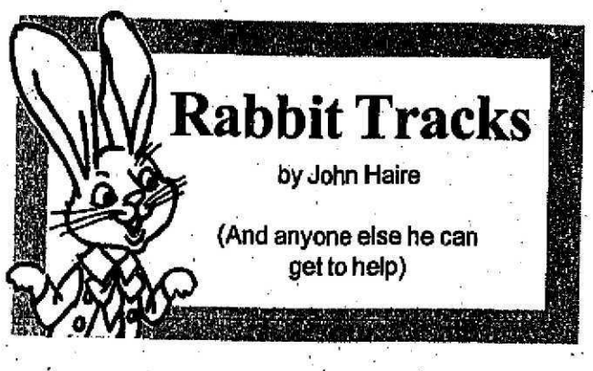

Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Judging by the traffic headed south on I-75 Sunday a lot of folks thought the time was right last weekend to head north to see the trees in their fall color coats.

For the most part it was a trip wasted. It may well be that the color tours this year will never be as great as they sometimes are. We noted in the wooded area southwest of Midland that there were isolated groups of trees that were in full color, but it was not consistent and the groups were very small.

By the time the other trees are in color these groups will be barren. That doesn't make for spectacular viewing that we sometimes enjoy in Michigan.

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There's a plethora of information about Cass City on the internet. city-data.com.

For instance: You can expect maximum temperatures of 60 degrees and minimum temperatures of 39 degrees in October. We all know that's close, but no cigar. Monday night it was about 34 degrees on my thermometer and it's already been over 60 degrees. The average for October is 49.5.

There are more females (1,420) than males (1,223) in the village. The median age of residents is 39.7 years. The median household income is $33,397 and the median house has a value of $85,900.

In Cass City among the population 25 years and older, 80.9 percent have a high school or higher education.

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Driver convicted in death of Millington area teen

A Tuscola County jury has convicted a motorist on charges stemming from the death of a Millington teen last spring.

The jury handed down 2 verdicts of guilty against Robert M. Bank, 56, Tuscola, after deliberating for about 90 minutes in Tuscola County Circuit Court. The 2-day trial concluded Thursday.

Bank was convicted of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - causing death, which is punishable by up to 15 years in prison and/or a fine of $2,500 to $10,000, and failure to stop at the scene of an accident - when at fault - resulting in death, which carries a maximum penalty of up to 15 years in prison and/or a $10,000 fine.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and Bank was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing has been scheduled for Nov. 3.

The charges stem from a fatal traffic accident May 14 in Arbela Township. Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies said the victim, Randy Rae Manning, 17, was riding his bike northbound in the southbound lane of Bray Road at about midnight when a northbound vehicle crossed into the southbound lane and struck Manning from the rear.

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

The other motorist stayed with the victim, and another motorist who had seen Bank's taillights followed his northbound vehicle to the village of Tuscola, where deputies arrested Bank at his residence.

Anesthetist faces prison for CSC

A certified registered nurse anesthetist faces up to 15 years in prison following his plea of guilty last week to a charge of third degree criminal sexual assault.

Howard L. Stickney, 51, of Flushing, entered the plea in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

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

Stickney was charged with sexually assaulting patients in 3 counties, including a May 15, 2001, incident at Caro Community Hospital.

Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox last February announced his office had charged Stickney with 4 counts of criminal sexual conduct.

Cox said that beginning April 20, 2001, Stickney began to engage in a pattern of criminal sexual assault against patients while the victims were under anesthesia. Aside from Tuscola County, Cox said Stickney allegedly assaulted patients in Oakland and Genesee counties.

The Haire Net

I never really went hunting, but I enjoyed the opening of the pheasant season and later the deer season. Unless it was publication day the fall openers were always a fun day, or days, off from the regular grind.

It's not that big a celebration event these days. The pheasant season opener in Cass City for 3 decades or more was an important day. Important to the hunters who came from all over the state. Important to the restaurants. Important to area churches. Important to the party stores and the food stores. Important to the motels.

Perhaps the importance to the churches needs a little explaining. The pheasant season helped several churches meet expenses because they planned dinners and suppers to feed the hoard of visitors.

The deer season opener, Nov. 15, in the heyday of the top pheasant hunting years was important. Important to the hunters, but not to folks along Main Street. In fact during the opening week business didn't swell, it deflated.

At the paper we found it difficult to sell an ad to an owner who wasn't in his store. Staying home to hunt deer was simply not considered.

While the opening of gun season is still eagerly awaited, it has lost the terrific impact that it once enjoyed.

Now by the time the gun season opener arrives hunters have been harvesting deer and spending time in the woods for a month and a half.

The number of guys and gals seeking to experience the frontier life with the campfires in the woods, or the camaraderie of the bar stool or the poker table up north are fewer and fewer.

They stay near home and are being joined by hoards of hunters who travel "up north" to hunt in Tuscola County. The deer season has virtually completely taken over from the pheasant season in the economic impact to the community.

Also in the midst of a 360-degree turnaround is the way hunters are beginning to feel about deer. It must be at least 20 years now since a vigorous campaign was waged against the idea of shooting does.

Today dedicated deer hunters are urging that hunters don't kill young spike horn bucks, but concentrate on harvesting does.

Makes sense, too, we have too many of the wrong kind of deer.

If you want to shoot a trophy, you have to let it stay alive long enough to become one.

Tuscola, Sanilac planning vigils

October has been designated Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Tuscola and Sanilac counties will host separate candlelight vigils in support of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Tuscola County's ceremony is slated for Monday at 6 p.m. on the Tuscola County Courthouse lawn in Caro.

The ceremony, entitled "Break the Silence - Make the Call", will feature speakers, entertainment and memorials, including a Clothesline Project and Silhouettes.

More information is available by calling Tuscola County Victim Services at (989) 673-8161 (ext. 8).

In Sanilac County, The Sanilac Area Violence Elimination Council is planning a candlelight vigil for Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 6:30 p.m. on the Sanilac County Courthouse lawn in Sandusky.

The event will also feature speakers, memorials and refreshments. More information is available by contacting Kasey Hirons at (810) 648-3402.

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The back forty

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by Roger Pond

Everyone is having fun with the California recall, except maybe the voters. The whole thing might be over before you read this, and that would surely be a blessing.

Things have gotten really strange in this election. I think a lot of Californians are beginning to think, "That Davis guy might be a problem, but look at the options."

Even Governor Davis has lost his cool. First he calls in Bill Clinton and Al Gore to help shore up democratic support, then he chides Arnold Schwarzenegger for his pronunciation of "Caleefornia".

What the heck? I can't even say Schwarzenegger.

I don't understand why anyone would want to be identified with Bill and Al, or Arnold for that matter. Right there we have two skilled prevaricators and a third who claims to be the biggest liar in Caleefornia.

Last week I read the California Farm Bureau is backing Schwarzenegger for governor! Who better to represent agriculture and rural values?

Of course politics creates strange bedfellows, but Arnold and the Farm Bureau?! That's enough to cause a person to switch insurance companies.

The strangest part of all this are the jokes being played on Governor Davis. The California Legislature has learned the Governor will sign anything to get a few more votes.

So they send him a bill authorizing driver's licenses for illegal aliens, and he signs it! Then he signs some legislation increasing rights for gay partners.

I can imagine legislators sitting around thinking up tricks. "Hey, I've got one. Let's send him a bill making everyone over 40 a senior citizen. Look at the discounts we would get!"

Another senator says, "Make it 35 and you've got a deal."

The driver's license for aliens bill has proven more confusing than anyone expected. Last week the governor reportedly told a Sacramento audience, "My vision is to make the most diverse state on earth, and we have people from every planet on earth in this state."

Davis must have grown up in the '60s. Lots of folks in California were having visions in those days. He might be right about the planets, though. California seems to be a planet of its own, and there's no reason to exclude folks from other solar systems. (Give them a driver's license.)

Enter the American Civil Liberties Union. The ACLU tried to get the election postponed until the state could replace its punch card ballots. Never mind that everyone in state government was elected with punch card ballots.

What are they going to use instead? Bingo cards?

I tend to agree with the Florida radio commentator who said, "These people play five bingo cards at once. They're not confused by a punch card ballot."

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Cass City Public Schools
PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

NEW HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES FOR 2003

As a means of improving our high school class offerings, several new courses were added to our secondary curriculum this year. These classes were developed based upon input we received from: students, staff and parents.

New in the area of technology is an Advanced Computer Class. Advanced computer students get a chance to be creative while learning or strengthening their concepts of Power Point, Web page layout and design and graphic designing. They will also get a chance to work with the Adobe program (PDF) files, do some computer trouble shooting and use system tools such as Defrag and Scan Disk. Additionally, they will use digital cameras, scanners, projection monitors and other equipment for advanced computers.

A third foreign language is also being offered for our students this year. Conversational Italian has been introduced to compliment our other foreign language classes of French and Spanish. Students will gain an understanding and appreciation of the Italian peninsula through reading selections and many conversations. Students will acquire the ability to express themselves with some fluency and understand Italian as spoken by a native speaker of the language.

In the area of fine arts, a Music Appreciation class has been designed to show students why they enjoy music. It covers all styles, ranging from music of the troubadours who entertained medieval kings, to the "1812" Overture with its cannon blasts and sounds of Napoleon's retreating army, to the 20th century jazz of Count Basie and Charlie Parker. An emphasis is placed on the historical development of the modern day orchestra and orchestral writings.

The final new course is a social studies class entitled, Global Studies. This class is a one semester required course for 9th grade students. The class is not set up as a chronological study but rather a political study of geographic areas of the world that are impacting current history. The course of study is set up by regions emphasizing the State's standards in the content strand of Geographic Perspectives.

It is our hope that these additional courses will help students prepare themselves for their life beyond high school. Questions can be sent to me at 4868 N. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726. Thank you.

Red Hawk Talks

by Kristi Fluegge

Can you remember your senior homecoming? Was it an exciting and memorable night? Maybe you were a former football player or a fan whose Friday evening ended just the way you wanted it to. Do you remember working many hours to make a float to win nothing but the title and glory? I emailed our staff last week for some input on their homecoming, but nobody could come up with a memorable moment of their homecoming. As a student council member and class president there is no week more stressful and busy, but I am going to make my night as memorable as I can so ten or twenty years from now I can pass on my story! (I know I will remember Mr. Lomasney ready to yell, as I broke that piece of wood over my knee, and the lesson that I learned). On Friday when everyone gets together with their friends, painting faces, borrowing football jerseys for the big game, then the victory celebration at the dance will make all that planning and work worthwhile.

This week at our Cass City High School each day has something going on to get ready for the big game on Friday. Whether it is a spirit day during school or the powder-puff game Wednesday night. This week starts by having autograph day. Every student is encouraged to wear a blank T-shirt and all their other classmates sign their shirt. Tuesday is hillbilly day, which the staff enjoys because they can wear jeans! Wednesday is twin day, when you and a friend dress alike. Later that night is when the seniors and underclassmen go head to head in a powder puff football game. On Thursday we have a new and original spirit theme called decade day. Each class dresses up in their assigned decade. On Friday it is the traditional maroon and white day in preparation and anticipation of the game.

The decades assigned to each class for Thursday were also used as their float themes; the seniors for example were given the 50s or the 80s. Each class was given two decades to choose from or they can use both of them. Every class is given 7 days to transform a wagon into a float that resembles something related to their theme.

Being one of the seniors who has already put in those hours I was asked at the last "float building" what we win for getting first place. I looked at them and thought about it. I realized every grade is very competitive and spirited, and to put so much effort into these floats and win.....nothing? "We get nothing, but the self satisfaction of WE DID IT!" You definitely have to come to the parade on Friday at 6:00 and check out these awesome floats. Following the parade, Thumb National Bank puts on a Tailgate party at the Lions Pavilion, which is open to the public. Be sure to come and have a hotdog and join in the fun! Monies made are given back to the school.

Along with the floats our parade also will have the court members, the Grand Marshals, the past king and queen, along with all the fall sports teams. The court members you'll see in our Chronicle, and our Grand Marshals are Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Dillon. Their driver will be Debbie Binder in a convertible lent by Pat Curtis here in town. Debbie was pretty excited when asked to drive this new Sebring so be sure to say hello as she drives by! The other convertible will seat Lindsey Hendrick and Aaron Diegel, our former king and queen, along with this year's crown and scepter bearers. Mr. Herrmann will be their lucky driver. Our parade will hopefully be a fun introduction to the exciting energy in the hours to come.

The crowning of the king and queen at halftime, and the excitement from our fans and football players are what makes homecoming so great. If you have been to any of our football games and have seen Nick Walther on the sidelines or on the field you cannot help but feel part of his energy. In case you don't know Nick, he is the player always yelling and jumping up and down. This kind of energy will hopefully be found in all our varsity players this Friday at 7:00. However, I think most of the excitement they find must come from the fans. Homecoming definitely brings out most people, and I think our players are ready to put on a show this Homecoming game. It would be great if you could come out and help make this homecoming memorable for the students and players.

College Night Program slated

The Tuscola County Counselors Association will host a College Night Program Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center, one mile north of M-81 on Cleaver Rd. in Caro.

Representatives from the public universities in Michigan, area community colleges, private colleges, vocational schools, and branches of the military will be on hand to provide information to students and parents. Two sessions on financial aid - at 6:45 p.m. and 7:20 p.m. - will explain how college can be affordable.

There will be no better opportunity for students and parents to get so much information on so many schools at one time. Students and parents will also be able to pick up printed information on college planning and sources of financial aid.

For more information, contact Carmel Savera or Craig Searight, counselors at the Tuscola County Technology Center, at (989) 673-5300, or see your local high school counselor.

Breast cancer screening on tap

During National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, the Caro Community Hospital Diagnostic Imaging Department will be offering Screening Mammograms at a reduced cost of $40.

Available between Oct. 17 and Oct. 31, 2003, this effort is being undertaken to help raise awareness of the American Cancer Society's recommendation that annual mammogram screenings begin at the age of 40.

More than 211,000 new invasive cases of breast cancer are expected to occur among women in the United States during 2003, with nearly 40,000 deaths resulting. This makes breast cancer the leading site among American women, and second only to lung cancer in resultant cancer deaths. Breast cancer is also the leading cause of cancer deaths among women aged 40-59. At the same time, it will affect some 1,300 men in 2003, 400 of whom will succumb to the disease.

The 2 most significant risk factors for breast cancer are being female and aging. Its symptoms are not the same in all women, and may have no symptoms that they can see or feel. On average, mammography will detect 90 percent of the breast cancers in women who have no symptoms. Since successful treatment depends largely on early detection, mammography is a major reason that there are 2 million women alive today who survive the disease.

According to the American Cancer Society, the 3 most important things a woman can do to protect herself are: 1) perform a breast self-examination once a month and inform her physician of any changes; 2) have her breasts examined once a year by a healthcare professional; and 3) most importantly for early detection, have a mammogram as recommended. Annual mammograms should begin at least by the age of 40.

Caro Community Hospital patients who would like to take advantage of the special mammogram rate should have an order from their physician, then call the hospital's Diagnostic Imaging Department to schedule the procedure. Evening appointments are available.

For further information, the department can be contacted at the hospital by calling (989) 673-3141.

BULLDOG ROYALTY

Stephanie Dorsch and Shawn McClorey highlighted Owen-Gage's Homecoming ceremony Friday as they were announced the Bulldogs' king and queen for 2003.

Letters to the editor

County benefit troubling

To the voters of Tuscola County:

I have been a resident of this county my entire 80 plus years and this is my first "letter to the editor".

I have never missed voting in any election, regular or special, except for 2 primaries since I became voting age, also I have never voted against a millage or proposal that would benefit our county, township, or school district.

But something took place a few months ago that convinced me that I cannot support the "Proposal U" that will be presented in October - here is why: the Lions Club, of which I am a member, was asked to help put on a pancake breakfast to benefit a terminal cancer patient in our county. We were more than anxious to do so. This person has been a taxpayer in our county for years. Due to the cancer she was forced to drop her health insurance for lack of income and now must rely on others for help and support.

What troubled our group was the fact that in our county we have present and retired commissioners who are all at least middle class and some professional people who could be called "part-time employees" since they are in session only a few days each month, "basking in the sunshine" so to speak of a health insurance program financed by the county that any self-employed person can only dream about having.

There are hundreds of taxpaying families in our county who, due to low income and unemployment, have no health insurance at all but yet are forced to pay taxes that support the above mentioned program.

Perhaps there is reasoning for this expense to the county, especially when revenues for other much needed programs have been dropped. If possible maybe someone can assist me in "seeing the light" so that I can be more on the affirmative. "God bless our county."

Tom Laurie,
Cass City

Manager has done an excellent job

I normally do not respond to other people's letters. I have read Mrs. Sheridan's letter to the editor several times. I have gone over each statement she made. It is my opinion she was neither mistaken or a liar. I wish I could say the same for the letters that have followed.

Mr. Sheridan has done an excellent job so far and has made a positive improvement in the village. May it continue. He is the type of person who would roll up his shirtsleeves to help a neighbor, and he has. It is unfortunate that some people want to play games in maintaining their property or complying with ordinances (obtain a variance) in order to comply. I somehow expected more from the VFW.

To the complainers with tape measures, the POW flag was lowered approximately 3 feet at mid-day today to comply with proper flag etiquette. The flagpoles in front of the VFW hall, for all practical purposes, are of the same height. The flags, up until Mrs. Sheridan's letter, flew at the same height just as she had stated. Isn't it wonderful they speak to each other and she came to his defense? God bless this wonderful lady.

God bless Cass City!

Ray Donaldson,
Cass City

Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper.

Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason.

The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.

Bulldog Beat

by Laura Enderle

This week at Owen-Gage the cooler it got outside the warmer our spirits grew inside for all the events of Homecoming 2003.

Spirit week kicked off Monday with Hat Day followed by Opposite Gender Day, Autograph Day, the all hilarious Red Neck Day and Friday was the traditional Red and Grey Day. There seemed to be a lot of participation this year. All the winners were announced at the pep-assembly Friday afternoon. The beautiful Cody Howard, Jacob Wald and Zak Sutter all tied for first place on Opposite Gender Day with their tight mini skirts, low cleavage shirts and even a bikini! Everyone agreed it was nice of the boys to finally show their true feminine sides!

Despite the blustery weather Wednesday night, the junior class sponsored a Powder-Puff football game. Home team included seniors, sophomores and 8th graders against juniors, freshmen and 7th graders. The home team scored the first touchdown and managed to keep the lead the rest of the nippy night with a final score of 16-12.

Friday was an easy day for most students, except for the ones who had the responsibility of setting up the gym, getting games ready, handing out balloons and flowers and making all the little final preparations so the royalty could hopefully show up at noon worry free. The pep-assembly started at 1:15 by the band welcoming everyone with the school song "We're a Grand Old Team"("It's a Grand Old Flag"). Then the band set the mood to have the beauties stroll down the court to the musical theme of Beauty and the Beast.

After anxiously waiting for the envelope to be opened and the drum roll to end, Shawn McClorey was announced King. Then the games began. First the Spirit Cheerlead by our 3 Cheerleaders Natasha Sprague, Nashia Prich and Jenny Czewski. V.I.C.T.O.R.Y was granted to the elementary students. The cheerleaders also had a kiss the pig contest among all teachers in elementary and high school. So when the pig arrived the 4th and 5th grade teacher Amy Maurer and the high school math teacher Terri Falkenberg were called down to caress his snout.

Amanda Wise and myself called down 2 kids from each elementary grade to find red Cardinal feathers hidden in a huge tub of popcorn. They dove right in the popcorn and cheered each other on. The next game included 2 high schoolers and one staff member making a fool of themselves being falsely hypnotized and ending up with black faces. Everyone then nestled into their jackets and headed outside for the parade.

The sprinkle cold weather hurried everything along as the bare armed girls held on to their shawls as other students tried to keep their floats in one piece. The school then quickly emptied so everyone could rest up for the big game.

In spite of the rain, the tailgate party sponsored by Thumb National Bank started at 5 p.m. and the kick off at 7. It was a terribly cold night, but the show did go on. At half-time the float winners were announced with the theme of movies. Seniors, "the Matrix" got 4th place. Juniors, "2 Fast 2 Furious" received 3rd. Freshmen, "Star Wars" came in 2nd and sophomores, "Drum Line" were awarded 1st place. The band quickly marched out then the returning Jenny Sparks gladly crowned Stephanie Dorsch our 2003 Homecoming Queen. After the game, the dance was well attended. But the Homecoming magic came to its end at midnight.

Even though our Bulldogs could not be victorious over the Kingston Cardinals, all in all Homecoming was once again enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone who worked together to help us pull it off. Until next time, have a great week! As always if there are any questions or comments feel free to contact me at lauralouise85@hotmail.com.

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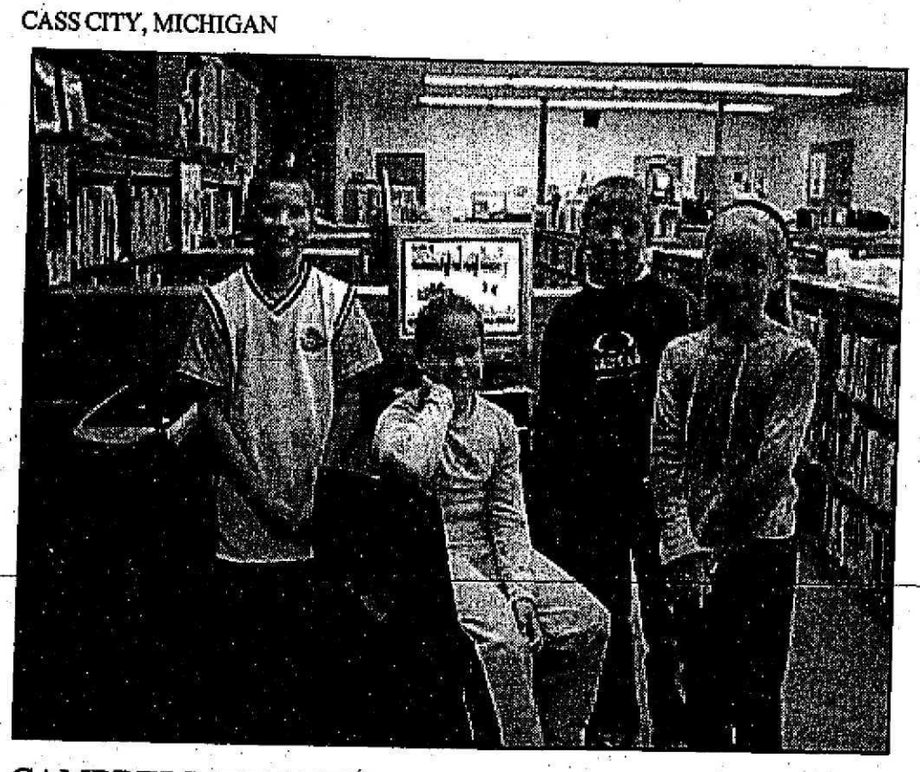

CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY students (from left) Ethan Nicol, Macey Messing, Derek Mozden and Hayley Thorp were scheduled to participate in a student technology showcase Wednesday (today) at the state Capitol building in Lansing.

In front of legislators

Campbell pupils showcase their technology know-how

Campbell Elementary School is among nearly 100 Michigan schools scheduled to participate in the third annual AT&T/MACUL Student Technology Showcase Wednesday (today) in Lansing.

The event is being held at the state Capitol building in Lansing.

Fourth grade students Ethan Nicol, Hayley Thorp, Macey Messing and Derek Mozden were set to show members of the Michigan State Senate and the House of Representatives how they used technology to create PowerPoint programs about their families.

The students created the PowerPoint programs as part of their third grade social studies and media center curriculums. They studied American history through historical fiction books, and Cass City history through PowerPoint programs created by third grade teacher Kris Milligan and Media Specialist Donna Emerson.

Finally, they interviewed parents and grandparents to write a history of their own families. They learned what their parents and grandparents liked about school and what they did for fun as kids.

The local students used digital cameras, scanners and computers to make their programs, entitled "I am part of history."

Ric Wiltse, MACUL (Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning) executive director, said that technology has joined the "3 Rs" as one of the basics of educating children.

"Surveys show that students enjoy using computers, so they tend to get more involved with their projects and often do much better in school as a result," he added.

Derek Mozden said he likes computers so much because it is easy to correct mistakes. He and the other Cass City students agreed that it was fun to find pictures that move as well as sound to add to their presentations. "The computer makes it easier to show other people my ideas," Hayley Thorp said.

The students will also be sharing their computer expertise in presentations to the Cass City Historical Society, Oct. 20, and to the Cass City Board of Education, Oct. 27.

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Several appear on charges

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

•Thurmon R. Tucker, 21, Cass City, pleaded no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon May 31 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at $15,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Christopher B. Senior, 20, Vassar, pleaded no contest to assaulting a police officer Aug. 11 in Caro.

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

•Lieschen K. Trippe, 58, Cass City, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Aug. 9 in Elmwood Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at $10,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Kelly L. Pollard, 30, Mount Morris, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 180 days in the county jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for pleas of guilty to attempted second degree home invasion and possession of a financial transaction device without permission of the device holder May 19, 2002, in Arbela Township.

Pollard was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling $2,080.

•Alex A. Miller, 27, Vassar, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 300 days in jail (120 days deferred), with work release and worksite privileges, for his pleas of guilty to 2 counts of receiving and concealing stolen property valued at $1,000 to $20,000 between Dec. 27 and March 6 in Vassar Township.

He was also ordered to pay $2,760 in costs and fines plus restitution totaling $10,306.70.

•Donald E. Brabo Jr., 22, Akron, pleaded no contest to first degree home invasion May 17 in Akron.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at $5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Jeremy J. Lounsberry, 27, Kingston, was sentenced to 210 days in jail and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, May 4 in Dayton Township, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling $2,320.

•Howard J. Sherman, 41, Cass City, was sentenced to 111 days in jail and 36 months probation for his plea of no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon June 10 in Elkland Township.

Sherman was also ordered to pay $1,160 in costs and fines.

•Ryan J. Warren, 17, Caro, pleaded guilty to unlawfully driving away an automobile July 5 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at $3,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Abraham Gonzalez Jr., 32, Hart, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and assaulting a police officer July 14 in Wisner Township.

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

•Jerry L. Teague, 36, Vassar, was sentenced to 90 days in jail and 36 months probation for his plea of no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon Oct. 15 in Vassar.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling $1,960.

•Jason J. Periso, 18, Caro, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 180 days in jail, with worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny April 30 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay $1,420 in costs and fines plus restitution of $555.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr

5 YEARS AGO

Tuscola County Magistrate Steven J. Sattler welcomes the proposed $6.5 million courthouse expansion project designed to ease cramped space, improve security and provide barrier-free access. "The caseload keeps going up," commented Sattler, who on one recent day conducted 30 arraignments in his office.

Congressman Jim Barcia (D-Bay City) announced Monday that the U.S. Department of Education has awarded a $198,258 grant to the Regional Educational Media Center #10 in Cass City. The money, in the form of a Public Telecommunication Facilities Program grant, will be used to purchase a video bridge and to install video classrooms to provide instructional programming in health care to Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City, and Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon.

Eric Montreuil is new to dirt bike racing, but he's done well in his first summer of competition. He took first place in a race on the half-mile track at the Tuscola County Fair in Caro, finished second in the Dirt Track State Championships in Croswell and placed third in the Michigan State Championship TT Scrambles in Palo this summer. In less than 6 months of racing, the Gagetown resident has racked up 9 trophies and one plaque.

10 YEARS AGO

Things were going smoothly for Tuscola County District Court Judge Kim Glaspie as the new year started. But what started as a banner year quickly turned into one full of trauma for him, for Jackie, his wife, and their 3 children; Alyssa, 12, Zack, 10, and Sammy, 7. It all started in January when the then 37-year-old Glaspie went to a specialist for treatment for a persistent "sinus" infection under his left eye. After several sinus treatments and weeks of continuous pain and tests that showed nothing, an MRI exam disclosed the problem. A brain tumor. That was the beginning and before it ended there were 3 major operations and a total of 40 days in University of Michigan Hospital at Ann Arbor.

The Cass City Gavel Club, represented by Treasurer Dave Hoard, recently donated $7,000 to the Cass City Schools, represented by Ken Micklash, to cover the cost of resurfacing the high jump area and runways for the long jump and pole vault in the park.

A $250 safe driving grant was recently donated to the Cass City Gavel Club by Philip Morris U.S.A. in club member Bob Hutchinson's name. Hutchinson, a sales representative for the company, presented the check to club Treasurer Dave Hoard.

25 YEARS AGO

Just in time for National Fire Prevention Week, which is this week, the Elkland Township Fire Department has a new fire truck. The township board, at a special meeting last Thursday, approved purchase of the lime yellow pumper for $62,948 from the manufacturer, FMC Corp. of Tipton, Ind. No special millage will be needed to pay for the vehicle. The unit isn't really new. It is a demonstrator with about 4,000 miles on it. The pumper, which has a capacity of 1,000 gallons per hour, will become the department's No. 1 unit, taking the place of the 1968-model truck, which has a capacity of 750 gallons per hour.

Another tradition came quietly to an end a few weeks ago with the ending of home delivered dairy products. Basil Bigham, the man who made the deliveries, had mixed emotions about seeing it end. "I miss the people involved," he said of his customers, some of whom he has had during his entire 38 years in the milk business. It was economics that caused the end of home deliveries.

35 YEARS AGO

Members of the St. Pancratius Council of Catholic Women are assembling ditty bags for servicemen abroad. A special worknight was held following the club's regular meeting Monday evening. The bags contain cashews, washcloths, toiletry articles, stationary and other similar items.

Development of the recently acquired new area at Cass City Recreational Park that blew up two weeks ago when it was announced that the cost of the project as outlined would be $15,000, is back on the agenda again for the village. Further investigation and planning has disclosed that two new Little League diamonds can be installed in the new park area and perhaps a toboggan slide installed as well. Trustee Dr. D.E. Rawson said that in conferring with C.R. Hunt, and other authorities, it was decided that a slope of four feet over the 200-feet area of each diamond is permissible.

A new program for intermediate students now in its second year at Cass City Schools was outlined for members of the school board Monday night at the high school. The program includes industrial arts, home economics and communications and all students are required to take 12 weeks of each of the three programs.

Check Out These Web Sites:

The American Society for Dermatologic Surgery at www.aboutskinsurgery.com.
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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services at www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/.
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6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136
Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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

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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: dccdca@tband.net
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Worship 11:00 a.m.
Midweek Bible Studies
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Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould
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6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726
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Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study,
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
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Youth Pastor: Bryan Heller

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

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

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Senior Pastors: Michael & Carla Arp

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Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Youth Group & Sunday Evening
Services 6:00 p.m.
Minister: Chuck Emmert
Youth Minister: Brad Speirs
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Potter's House Christian Fellowship Church
Corner of 6th and Leach, Cass City, MI 48726
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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.
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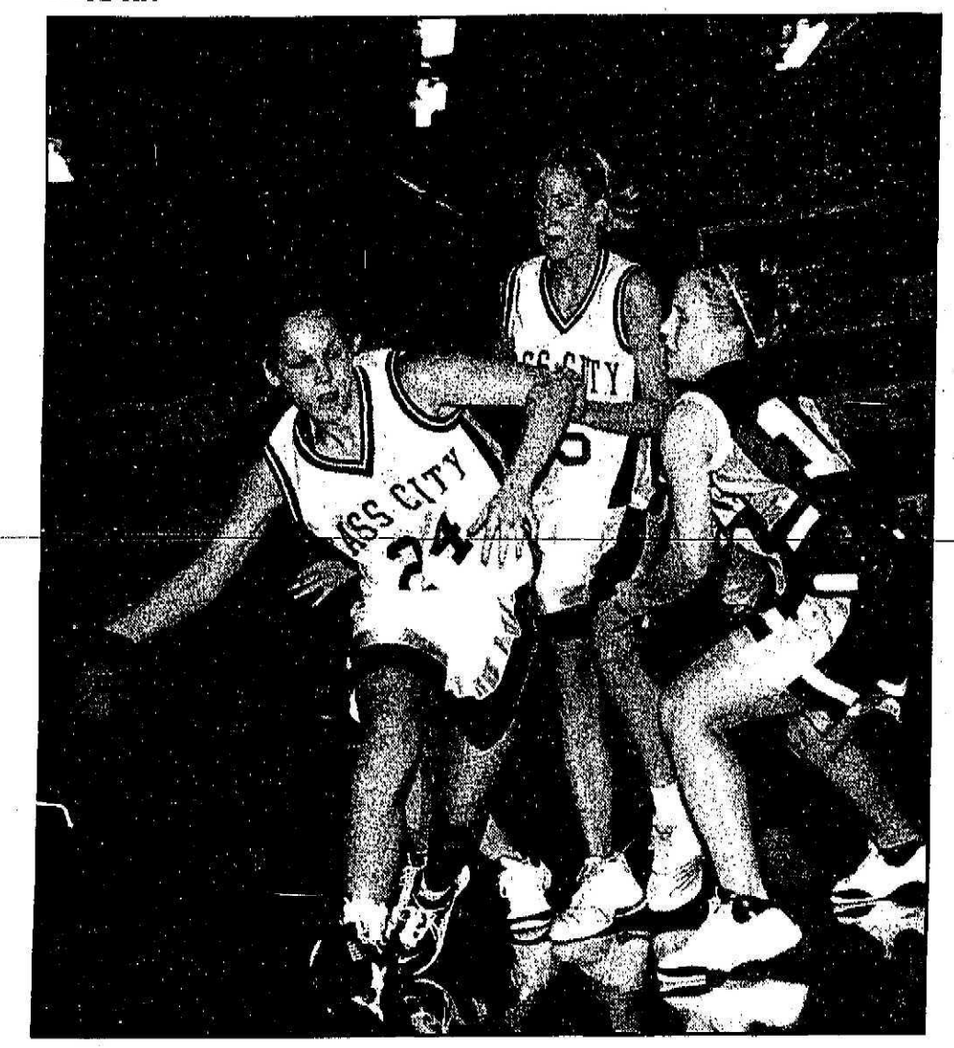
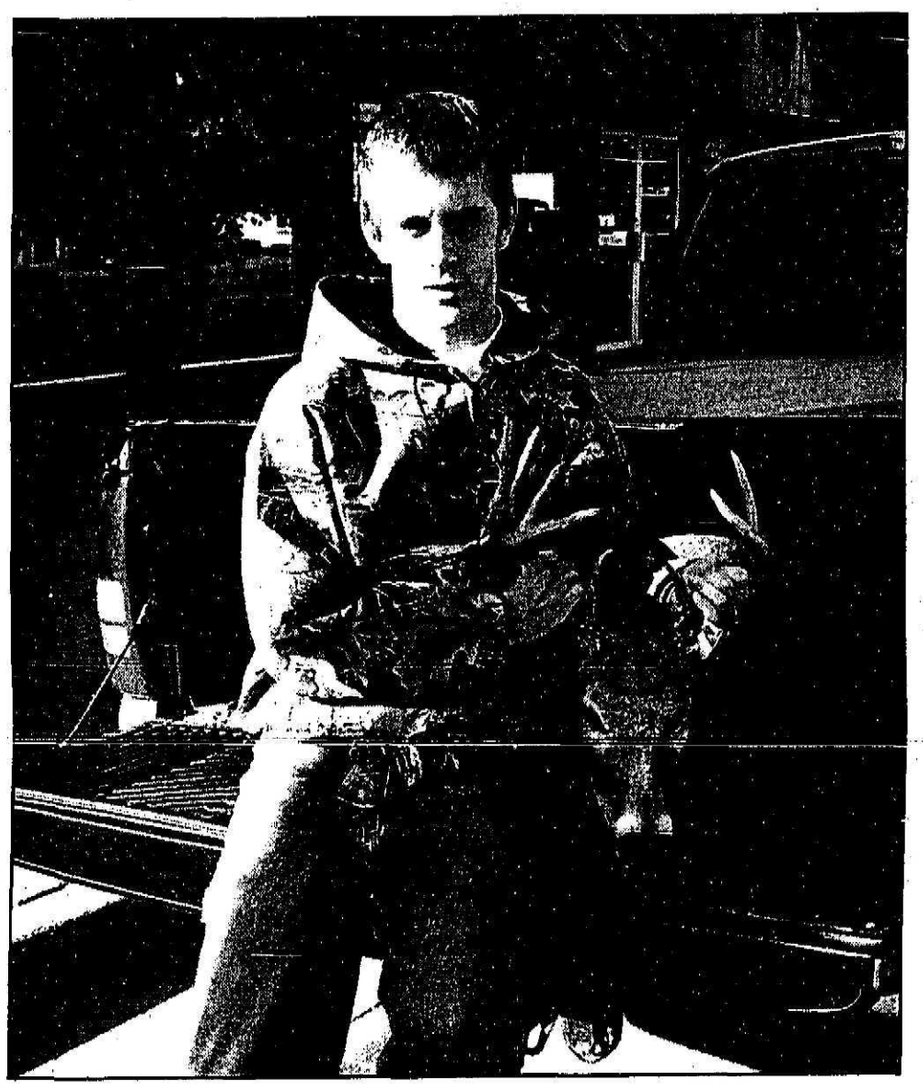


PICK-N-ROLL. Cass City teammates Krystee Dorland (with ball) and Amy Howard work for a hoop in Tuesday's Greater Thumb West battle with visiting Bad Axe.



DANDY FIRST DEER. Cass City 16-year-old Jeff Tenbusch downed this 9-point buck Sunday night hunting on private property near Gagetown. The deer had a drop tine on its right side.

Hawks whip USA, stage set for GTW battle with Reese

Be ready. It's Reese at Cass City Thursday. The stage was set by the Hawks' 54-39 win at USA Thursday.

It won't decide the Greater Thumb League West hoop title, but it certainly will place the winner in the driver's seat on the road to the championship.

Both the Rockets and the Hawks are undefeated in the league and the game figures to be a toss-up. Prior to the big game, Cass City reigned as a prohibitive favorite Tuesday over visiting Mayville Wildcats in a non-league game.

The Hawks spotted the USA Patriots an early lead and then turned on the heat to register a comparatively easy win on the Patriots' home floor.

In the early going, USA was beating the Hawks down the floor and its transition game vaulted them into the lead after an opening trey from Sarah Hobbs followed by a hoop and 2 free throws by Ashley Hendrick had staked the Hawks to an 8-2 lead.

Paced by Stacy Rayl with a free throw and 2 hoops and 4 points by Kala Winiecki, the Patriots went on a 12-3 run to lead 14-11.

Cass City started getting back on defense and the lead quickly evaporated and the Hawks took control.

By intermission time Cass City was in front, 25-19. In the splurge Amy Howard contributed 5 points and Hendrick added 2 more hoops.

The Hawks quickly stretched that lead in the third quarter with 3 quick hoops, 2 by Hendrick.

After Rayl broke the spell with a hoop, Cass City went on another run. This one was 11-3 and when the third quarter ended Cass City was in front, 42-26.

When Courtney Rabideau, who seems to have found a home at point guard, converted a 3-point play with a hoop and a foul shot Cass City was in front, 50-30.

After that it was mop-up time and both coaches used their benches liberally.

Coach John Maharg was pleased with the fine defensive play of his charges, keyed by Howard who Maharg said, "played a whale of a game". Howard contributed a team-high 9 rebounds, with 4 assists, 5 steals and 5 blocked shots.

Dorland was credited with 7 rebounds, 4 assists and 5 steals and Courtney Rabideau 3 steals. As a team, the Hawks piled up 20 steals.

Much of the offensive scoring load was carried by Ashley Hendrick with 18 points.

CASS CITY - C. Rabideau 3-0 (1-1) 7; Hobbs 2-1 (2-4) 8; Homakie 1-0 (0-0) 2; Pratt 0-0 (1-2) 1; D. Rabideau 0-0 (1-2) 1; Dorland 2-0 (3-4) 7; Hendrick 8-0 (2-2) 18; Howard 3-0 (4-6) 10.
TOTALS - 19-1 (13-23) 54.

USA - Rayl 5-0 (4-7) 14; K. Sutherland 0-0 (1-3) 1; B. Sutherland 1-0 (0-3) 2; Hoffman 0-0 (3-4) 3; Winiecki 2-0 (3-3) 7; Gremel 0-0 (1-2) 1; Gainforth 2-0 (5-6) 9; Sting 1-0 (0-0) 2.
TOTALS - 11-0 (17-28) 39.

JV score: USA 46, Cass City, 41.
Freshmen score: USA 28, Cass City 26.

Cass City remains perfect in conference play with 55-36 win

Cass City stayed undefeated in the Greater Thumb West last week with a win Tuesday, 55-36, over visiting Bad Axe Hatchets.

The game was decided in the last 2 minutes of the first quarter and the first 2 minutes of the second.

The Hawks outscored the Hatchets in those 4 minutes 15-3 to lead 25-10. In the spurt, Ashley Hendrick netted 5 points and Krystee Dorland added a pair of hoops.

The Hatchets didn't throw in the towel despite the Cass City lead and bounced back with a 9-0 run of their own led by Dana Peterson with 2 baskets and 2 free throws. At the intermission Bad Axe was still within striking distance, 30-24.

The Hawks moved back to a comfortable lead starting the second half with 10 unanswered points to go in front 40-24 and was never threatened again. And in the final quarter both coaches were giving their bench playing time.

The game was off to an unusually slow start and midway through the first quarter the score was 2-1. Sarah Hobbs found the range later in the period and hit a pair of hoops and a trey for 7 of her 10 points.

Ashley Hendrick was the only Hawk other than Hobbs in double figures, netting 13 points. The Hawks spread the scoring around with 9 girls scoring 2 or more points. Howard led the rebounders with 9 followed by Dorland with 7. Dorland and Hendrick each made 5 steals.

CASS CITY - Whittaker 1-0 (0-0) 2; C. Rabideau 1-0 (1-2) 3; Hobbs 2-2 (0-0) 10; Pratt 1-0 (0-0) 2; D. Rabideau 2-0 (0-2) 4; Dorland 1-1 (4-7) 9; Howard 3-0 (0-0) 6; Hendrick 4-0 (5-8) 13; Brinkman 3-0 (0-0) 6.
TOTALS - 18-3 (10-20) 55.

BAD AXE - McDonald 0-0 (2-5) 2; Geiger 1-1 (6-9) 11; L. Peterson 0-0 (1-2) 1; D. Peterson 2-2 (2-3) 12; Ney 1-0 (1-2) 3; Byrne 2-0 (1-4) 5; Dionck 0-0 (2-2) 2.
TOTALS - 6-3 (15-29) 36.

JUNIOR VARSITY - Cass City 62, Bad Axe 21.

BULLDOG STEPHANIE Dorsch high steps a Dryden player during Thursday's NCTL meeting in Owendale.

Bulldog cagers split tilts with Dryden and Akron-Fairgrove

Kayla Zaleski's season-high 22 points weren't enough to turn back visiting Dryden Thursday as the Bulldogs bowed, 52-48, in North Central Thumb League crossover play.

Trailing 26-21 at the half, Zaleski and Katie Swiastyn combined for 14 third quarter points to draw the hosts even with the Cardinals entering the final stanza at 35. Swiastyn, unusually cold from the perimeter in the opening half, tossed in 9 markers in the frame.

However, the Cardinals used a balanced attack over the game's final 8 minutes, that saw 5 different players record field goals, to escape with the win.

Conversely, Owen-Gage's only production in the final half, aside from Zaleski and Swiastyn, was limited to a pair of Stephanie Dorsch free throws.

Owen-Gage will need to come up with a better team effort if it has any hopes of defending its North Central Thumb League North crown. Heading into the 2nd half of the campaign Thursday at Caseville, the Bulldogs are 2 games back of leader Port Hope.

A pair of hoops from Zaleski and Dorsch gave the Bulldogs an early 8-4 advantage, but Dryden was able to close out the initial frame with a 6-3 run that gave the visitors a 12-11 advantage entering the next period.

Using full court pressure, which rattled the Bulldogs and caused several backcourt turnovers, Dryden broke open a 19-19 ballgame with a 7-2 spurt to end the half.

Both teams shot poorly from the foul stripe. Owen-Gage converted 12 of 25 attempts and Dryden connected on just 8 of 19 tries.

Besides Zaleski, Owen-Gage had Swiastyn in double figures with 14 tallies. Dryden was led by Becky Steffler's 14 points, while Tari Peifer added 10.

AKRON-FAIRGROVE

Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, the Bulldogs prevented Akron-Fairgrove from recording its first NCTL-N victory with a 39-30 win.

Owen-Gage held their hosts scoreless throughout the opening stanza and grabbed a 12-0 advantage entering the 2nd period.

The Bulldog defense continued to deny the Vikings good looks at the basket throughout the half and took a 19-2 margin into the locker room.

OWEN-GAGE - Zaleski 7-0 (2-7) 16; Swiastyn 2-0 (3-6) 7; Rhodes 1-0 (0-1) 2; Glaza 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kady 1-0 (0-0) 2; Dorsch 5-0 (0-3) 10.
TOTALS - 17-0 (5-19) 39.

AKRON-FAIRGROVE - Ruppal 1-0 (0-3) 2; Latimer 7-0 (0-0) 14; Spencer 4-0 (0-2) 8; Ruiz-Freeman 1-0 (0-0) 2; Gehrls 2-0 (0-0) 4.
TOTALS - 15-0 (0-6) 30.

OWEN-GAGE - Zaleski 7-0 (8-12) 22; Swiastyn 3-2 (2-3) 14; Enderle 2-0 (0-1) 4; Dorsch 3-0 (2-5) 8.
TOTALS - 15-2 (12-25) 48.

DRYDEN - Krieger 1-0 (0-0) 2; Pyzik 4-0 (0-0) 8; Ludin 2-0 (2-2) 6; Malone 2-0 (0-0) 4; Steffler 6-0 (2-6) 14; Peifer 3-0 (4-7) 10; Kopas 4-0 (0-4) 8.
TOTALS - 22-0 (8-19) 52.

Cass City Bowling

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United Building Centers	13
Riversbend	11
Mycogen Seeds	11
JEBCo	11
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Individual High Games & Series: D. Doerr 224-214-213 (651); D. Dickinson 243 (642); O. Beecher 223-216 (623); J. Enos 225 (619); M. Spencer 233 (591); R. Root 212 (580); J. Hacker 242.

Team High Game: CSS Contracting Co., Inc., 688.

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Charmont	29
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Curtis Chrysler	11

Individual High Games & Series: R. Wright 221-225-232 (678); T. Pattengill 212 (615); M. Zawilinski 216 (613); C. Anthes (607); A. Reed 229 (600); R. Witherspoon (597); K. Zawilinski 211 (590); T. Kuck 232 (589); R. Byrnes 225 (585); E. Bombrowski 213 (576)

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Langenburg Plumb/Heat	27
FBI Gals	20
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Injuries take toll on Hawk soccer team

The Hawks played 2 home matches this past week, suffering a 10-0 mercy loss against Lakers Tuesday, followed by an 11-0 loss to Valley Lutheran on Thursday (game ended at the half).

This was a bad week for the Hawks as the competition was tough, and injuries and ineligible players started to catch up. Norm Pierce started in net both games and played well in spurts, but his lack of experience was too much for the team to overcome.

Offensively, the Hawks did some good things, with Leon Sullins almost scoring in the first minute against Lakers, and Sean McFarland playing a very strong half against Valley, but lack of healthy starters and experienced reserves made any type of sustained play difficult.

Brent Cooper and Brandon Miller have been doing an excellent job on defense, Gavin Mills has been coming along well at midfield and Sam Howard is using his speed at forward to put pressure on opposing defenses, but the intensity needed in an 80-minute game is hard to maintain without breaks, and the current reserves are not capable of playing at the level required at this point.

Ray Ellis and Cory Brooks have played well at times, as have Ryan King and Bobby Windsor, but they are not ready to assume full-time rolls and physically are not up to the level of the opposition. Several starters are nursing nagging injuries that limit field time and performance and only time will solve this problem.

The Hawks have 2 weeks left before district play. Hopefully, Hanby, Reed, Forrest and Kuebli will be healthy by then, as the Hawks have been playing well when they have a set lineup and a good bench. Even with the current problems though, the overall level of play is better than in previous years and with a healthy lineup, the Hawks can still surprise some people, Coach Chuck Reed said.

CASS CITY GOALIE Norm Pierce lines up a kick Thursday against visiting Valley Lutheran. Injuries forced the Hawks to forfeit at the half, where they trailed 11-0.

Ubly, Croswell-Lexington earn titles at Cass City Invitational

The Ubly girls and Croswell-Lexington boys' team ran away with their division titles Saturday at the 13-school Cass City Cross Country Invitational.

The lady Bearcats easily won with a team total of 38 points, while Bad Axe (88) and Yale (108) rounded out the top 3 team places. Also recording team scores on the day were Croswell-Lexington (110), Reese (161), Harbor Beach (175) and Carsonville-Port Sanilac (203).

Croswell-Lexington's Chelsea McVey recorded the day's fastest time among the lady competitors with a mark of 19:45.

For hosts Cass City, Carrie Hillaker recorded a 10th place finish with a time of 22:26. Teammate Ashley Rabideau finished 17th with a time of 22:44, and Sarah Zawilinski placed 36th with a time of 24:44.

In the boys' field, following winner Croswell-Lexington (42) were Reese and Yale schools with 83 and 89 points, respectively.

The Red Hawks finished 4th with 139 points, while Vassar (144), Bad Axe (157), Ubly (178) and Carsonville-Port Sanilac (205) all recorded team scores.

Freshman Cameron Lautner's time of 18:16 was best among the Cass City boys. Also turning in solid performances for the hosts, and their times, were Kyle Reif, 19:07, Adam Wentworth, 19:56, Dustin Arp, 19:59, and Jessup Hoyt at 20:15.

Croswell-Lexington's Dale Staudaker registered the day's best time at 17:13.

RED HAWK CROSS country runners Carrie Hillaker (right) and Ashley Rabideau close in on the finish line at Saturday's Cass City Cross Country Invitational. Hillaker's time of 22:26 earned her a 10th place individual honor, while Rabideau's time of 22:44 was good for 17th place.

USA hammers Red Hawks

If the Cass City Red Hawks had a choice it's likely that they wouldn't have selected play-off bound Reese for their Homecoming game Friday. The Rockets will be the third in a row of the Greater Thumb West league powerhouses that the Hawks have faced.

The Hawks lost the games against the Lakers and last week to USA, 34-16, and will be underdogs in the Reese game.

Despite the losses there have been glimmers of hope for Hawk fans. In both of the losses against the better league teams Cass City bounded from behind to take a lead. The lead didn't last long, sure, but for the Hawks it indicates substantial progress. Both leads came in the first half and pushed Cass City from behind into the lead.

It looked as if USA would win easily after the Patriots took the ball the length of the field after the opening Hawk kick-off. Andrew Gokey capped the 68-yard drive running over from the 5-yard line. The extra points try missed.

The Patriots missed a chance for an easy score on the next series of downs, recovering a Hawk fumble on the Cass City 20. The Hawks held for downs and took over on their own 10-yard line.

The Hawks mounted a drive keyed by a 40-yard run by Jake Brinkman. At the end of the drive he fumbled, but Scott Meeker recovered and the Hawks had a first on the USA 24. A fumble stopped that drive. The Hawks missed a golden opportunity to score with a third and a half yard to go for a first down and a yard to go for a touchdown when a delay of game penalty set them back and stopped the drive.

Brad Langenburg's timely pass interception set the stage for a Cass City touchdown with 5:08 left in the half. Brinkman scored from the 3-yard line and then ran for the extra points to put the Hawks in front, 8-6.

It took the Patriots just one play after the Hawk kickoff to get that lead back. It came on an 82-yard pass and run. Zachery Retzler got behind the Hawk secondary to catch the TD heave.

It was anybody's game in the first half as Cass City trailed 12-8. Coach Scott Cuthrell said, "again we played a great first half and our players have not given up as they are so close in putting a win on the board."

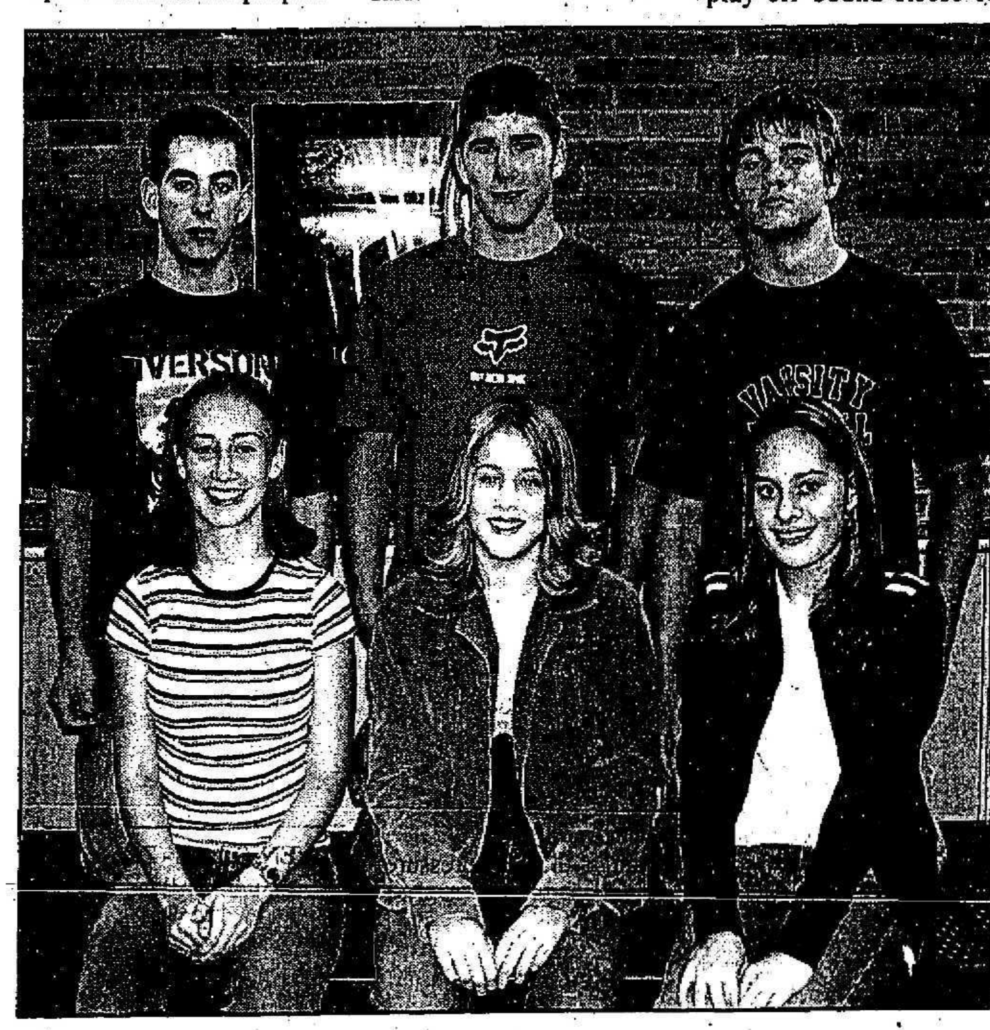
But 2 touchdowns in the third quarter killed any chances for a Cass City comeback. Lance Travis scored at the 5:31 mark from 5 yards out. Big play in the drive was a 77-yard run by Joel Fischer.

Leading 18-8, the Patriots removed all doubt about the outcome when Ben Alegria scored on a quarterback keep to move USA in front 26-8 going into the final quarter.

The teams traded touchdowns in the fourth quarter. Chris Landrith scored from 2 yards out and the marker was matched by USA's Joel Fischer who rammed over from the one.

Leading tacklers for the Hawks were Nathan Laming, 11, and Eric Hollis, 9. Jake Brinkman ran for 168 yards in 20 carries and Landrith completed 5 of 10 passes for 73 yards. Brice Stine caught 3 passes for 39 yards. Fischer gained 153 yards in 15 attempts for USA.

JUNIOR VARSITY: Cass City 40, USA 26.



CASS CITY'S HOMECOMING court underclassmen representatives for 2003 included: (front l-r) Carrie Hillaker, Andrea Erla, Courtney Rabideau (back l-r) James McKnight, Chris Johnson and Micah Randall.

Biddinger paces Cass City

Paced by Ryan Biddinger, who took medallist honors in a Greater Thumb West league match Sept. 30 at Bad Axe, Hawk golfers rolled to an easy 171-207 win. Biddinger shot 39.

He was closely followed by the rest of the team. Zach Bliss shot 40, Nick Swanson, 43, and Evan Laurie, 49. Other scores were Kurt Hanby, 54, and Zac Toner, 55.

Best for Bad Axe was Alex Smith with 42. Other Hatchet qualifying scores were Ryan Polega, 60, Casey Krohn, 53, and S. Swartzendruber, 52. Non-qualified scores were Caitlyn Rhodes, 65, and Ryan Koglin, 69.

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Cardinals blank O-G Friday, 52-0

Quarterback Aaron Kolacz and his Kingston Cardinal teammates had little trouble winning Friday in Owendale and spoiling the Bulldog Homecoming 52-0.

Kolacz recorded the game's first 3 scores on short runs in the red zone and the rout was on. He led the winners' ground attack with 74 yards on 11 carries. Kolacz was also perfect in 3 pass attempts for an additional 46 yards.

Kingston also had Andy Filipek with 69 yards on 5 totes and one score, while Chad Jobson recorded 53 yards on 9 carries.

Kingston led, 16-0, after one period and increased its advantage to 31-0 at the half. The winner then added 21 points in the final half.

With the win, the Cardinals improve to 3-2 on the season heading into Friday's homecoming match-up with Akron-Fairgrove. The Bulldogs will travel to face Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

The Cardinal defense held Owen-Gage to a total of 58 yards on the night and just 2 first downs. Eric Zaleski led the hosts with 41 rushing yards.

Defensively, Owen-Gage had Sam Rogers with 9 tackles, while Josh McLaren and Jacob Wald added 9 and 6 stops respectively.

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

FOOTBALL STANDINGS & RESULTS

GREATER THUMB WEST

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

GREATER THUMB EAST

Team	W	L	W	L
*H. Beach	4	0	6	0
Ubly	3	1	5	1
Sandusky	3	1	4	2
Deckerville	3	2	4	2
Brown City	1	3	1	5
Marlette	1	4	2	4
Mayville	0	4	0	6

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB

Team	W	L	W	L
*Peck	5	0	6	0
Memphis	5	0	5	1
A-Fairgrove	3	2	4	2
CPS	3	2	4	2
Kingston	3	2	3	3
N. Huron	1	4	1	5
O-Gage	0	5	1	5
Dryden	0	5	0	6

* Clinched playoff spot

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
GTW
EPBP 30, Valley Lutheran 13
USA 34, Cass City 16
Reese 30, BCAS 22 (OT)

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

This week's match ups	John Haire	Clarke Haire	Tom Montgomery	Doug Hyatt
October 10				
Bridgeport at Birch Run	Birch Run	Birch Run	Birch Run	Bridgeport
Caro at North Branch	Caro	Caro	Caro	Caro
Millington at Garber	Millington	Millington	Millington	Millington
Vassar at Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth
Bad Axe at Laker	Laker	Laker	Laker	Laker
Reese at Cass City	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Valley Lutheran at USA	USA	USA	USA	USA
BCAS at Marlette	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS
Brown City at Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Deckerville at Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Deckerville
Dryden at North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron
Ubly at Mayville	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly
Akron-Fairgrove at Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Akron-Fairgrove	Kingston
Owen-Gage at CPS	CPS	CPS	CPS	CPS
Peck at Memphis	Memphis	Peck	Peck	Peck
Last week's results	15-0	13-2	13-2	14-1
Season's results	63-23 (73%)	67-19 (78%)	62-24 (72%)	66-20 (77%)

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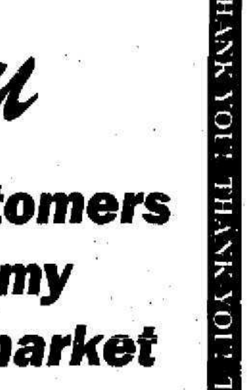

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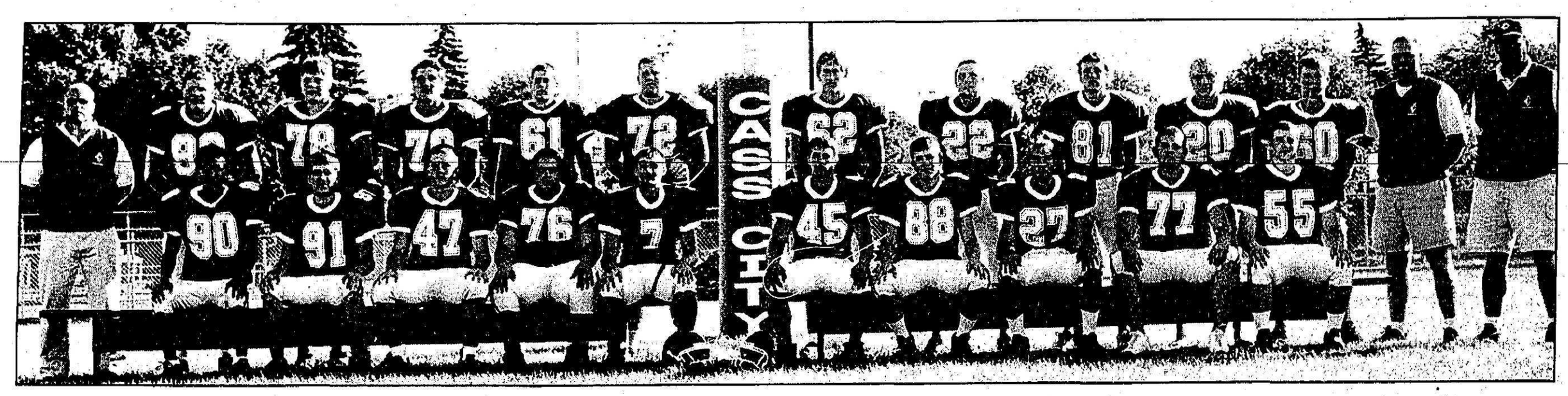
CASS CITY HOMECOMING 2003

Friday, October 10th against Reese



MEMBERS OF THE Red Hawk Varsity Football Team are: (front row, left) Coach Scott Cuthrell, Andrew Schinnerer, Andrew Whittaker, Jeff Tenbusch, Jake Wilder, Nick Stoutenburg, Cody Halasz, Brad Langenburg, Danny Mittlestat, Andy Haas, Nick Nanney, (back row, left) Steve Papp, Scott Meeker, Eric Hollis, Greg Dillon, Randy Tenbusch, Paul Hoelzle, Jake Brinkman, Nate Laming, Brice Stine, Nick Walther, Assistant Coach Josh Stern and Assistant Coach Kevin Green.

VYING FOR CASS CITY'S Homecoming king and queen honors are seniors: (left, bottom to top) Elizabeth Sobczak, Krystee Dorland, Maegan Laurie, Leslie Hacker and Kristi Fluegge, (right, bottom to top) Jon Bennett, Nate Laming, Tyler Erla, Jake Brinkman and Brice Stine.

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Chronicle receives award

The Cass City Chronicle has won an award in the 2003 Michigan Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest.

Editor Tom Montgomery won second place in the feature story category for a story entitled "Greatest Show on Turf", which focused on the experiences of 2 brothers from the Elkton area who marched with the Madison Scouts, a world champion caliber drum and bugle corps based in Madison, Wis. The judges cited the story's "good use of source's voice."

The Chronicle competed with newspapers in the same class, based on circulation, throughout Michigan.

Members of the Minnesota Newspaper Association judged this year's contest, which featured a total of 4,229 entries submitted by 164 Michigan newspapers.

STUDENTS IN Jim Hobbs' class were busy last week creating their own special pumpkin designs for the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival. The Cass City Rotary Club donated some 500 pumpkins to Campbell Elementary students, including (front row, left) Shannon Stec, Tayler Nye, Maria Collins, (back row, left) Gerremy Fearson and Tim Finkbeiner.

Obituaries

Donald Corrigan

Donald Lexas Corrigan, R.Ph., 70, of Vassar, died Thursday, Oct. 2, 2003 at his residence.

He was born March 31, 1933, in Dearborn, the son of Lexas G. and Jane Ann (Black) Corrigan.

He married Mary Elizabeth Kloc on Dec. 20, 1969 in Saginaw.

Corrigan graduated in 1952 from Henry Ford Trade School in Dearborn. He served as a U.S. Army soldier stationed at Fort Hood in Kileen, Texas, where he earned a good conduct medal, later becoming an Army reservist and a veteran. In 1963, he graduated from Ferris University with a bachelor of science in pharmacy. He was a member of the Michigan Pharmaceutical Association.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; a son, Michael (Nancy) Corrigan of Hamburg; three daughters: Kathleen (J.R.) Mathewson of Roscommon, Carrie Lynn Corrigan of Vassar and Kelly Marie (Clark) Haley of Reese; and two brothers: Robert (Ann) Corrigan of Farmington Hills and Gordon (Pat) Corrigan of McCormick, S.C.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 6, at the Collon Funeral Home, Caro, with Father Dennis Kucharczyk officiating.

Burial was in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Wilmot.

Memorials may be directed to the family, which will be disbursed to their favorite missions.

Arrangements were made by the Collon Funeral Home, Caro.

Fred Fox

Fred Garland Harry Fox, 85, of Cadillac, died Monday, Sept. 29, 2003, at Grand Traverse Pavilions.

He was born May 14, 1918 in Mt. Clemens.

He married Hilda Dowling on Feb. 12, 1949.

Fox worked as a landscaper in Grosse Pointe and was a certified mechanic for the Ford Motor Car Co. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII and did tours of duty throughout Europe, France and Germany. He was a cement truck driver at Lakeside Fuel and Supply Co. in Mt. Clemens. After retiring, he and his wife moved to Cass City and later again to Cadillac.

He is survived by his wife, Hilda; five children: Janice (Glenn) Kreger of Sterling Heights, Dan (Carolyn) Fox of Roseville, Vanessa Fox (Theodore) Gruenwald of Suttons Bay, Sally (Patrick) King of Cadillac and Judy (Roy) Card of Chesterfield; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Oct. 1, at Peterson Funeral Home, Cadillac, with Pastor Dale Ostema officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made to Wexford County Council on Aging.

Arrangements were made by Peterson Funeral Home, Cadillac.

Herlanda McPhail

Herlanda Lydia McPhail, 93, died Sunday, Sept. 28, 2003 after a lengthy illness.

She was born April 27, 1910.

McPhail is survived by three children: Roger (Jeannie) McPhail of Cass City, Roberta Clark of Elkton and Margaret Miller of Annapolis, Maryland; a sister, Naomi Shuart of Bad Axe; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, Oct. 1, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

A private burial service followed.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Veterans to award scholarships

The Elkton Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6013 recently announced the kick-off of 2 scholarship programs for local senior and junior high school students.

Both scholarship competitions are open to students from the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, Caseville and Owendale-Gagetown school districts, parochial and private area schools as well as home schooled students.

The "Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition" is open to 9th through 12th graders. Students compete by writing and then recording a 3- to 5-minute audio essay expressing their views on this year's patriotic theme, "My Commitment to America's Future".

The local winner will receive a $100 U.S. Savings Bond and will advance to the district level. Should the student reach the national level they could win the $25,000 scholarship first place award.

Seventh and 8th grade students are eligible to enter the "Patriot's Pen Competition". Students will write a 300-400-word essay on the theme of "My Dream for America". The local competition winner will receive a $75 U.S. Savings Bond and will advance to the district level. The national winner will receive a $10,000 U.S. Savings Bond.

Interested students should contact their school guidance office or VFW Post 6013 Scholarship Chairman Jack Gleason at (989) 375-4454 for more details and entry forms.

The deadline for entry is Nov. 1.

Gardeners selling spring bulbs

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• **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.

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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 November 6, 2003.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, more particularly described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 28; thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 06 seconds East, along the East-West 1/4 line of Section 28 a distance of 1784.41 feet to the point of beginning of the description; thence continuing along said East-West 1/4 line South 89 degrees 59 minutes 06 seconds East, 263.55 feet to a point on the centerline of Bridge Street; thence along the centerline of said Bridge Street the following four courses: 1) along a curve to the right having a radius of 1204.98, a delta angle of 04 degrees 07 minutes 44 seconds and a chord bearing and distance of South 02 degrees 08 minutes 06 seconds West, 86.81 feet, 2) along a curve to the right having a radius of 2594.91 feet, a delta angle of 04 degrees 03 minutes 48 seconds and a chord bearing and distance of South 06 degrees 23 minutes 05 seconds West, 183.99 feet, 3) South 08 degrees 15 minutes 49 seconds West, 130.78 feet, 4) South 07 degrees 50 minutes 09 seconds West, 51.54 feet; thence leaving said centerline of Bridge Street North 82 degrees 14 minutes 25 seconds West, 287.41 feet to a point on the centerline of Fourth Street; thence North 09 degrees 45 minutes 30 seconds East, along said centerline of Fourth Street 148.97 feet to a point on the Northerly right of way of Church Street and said Fourth Street; thence continuing North 09 degrees 46 minutes 30 seconds East, 288.42 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 8, 2003

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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 second 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 Northerly 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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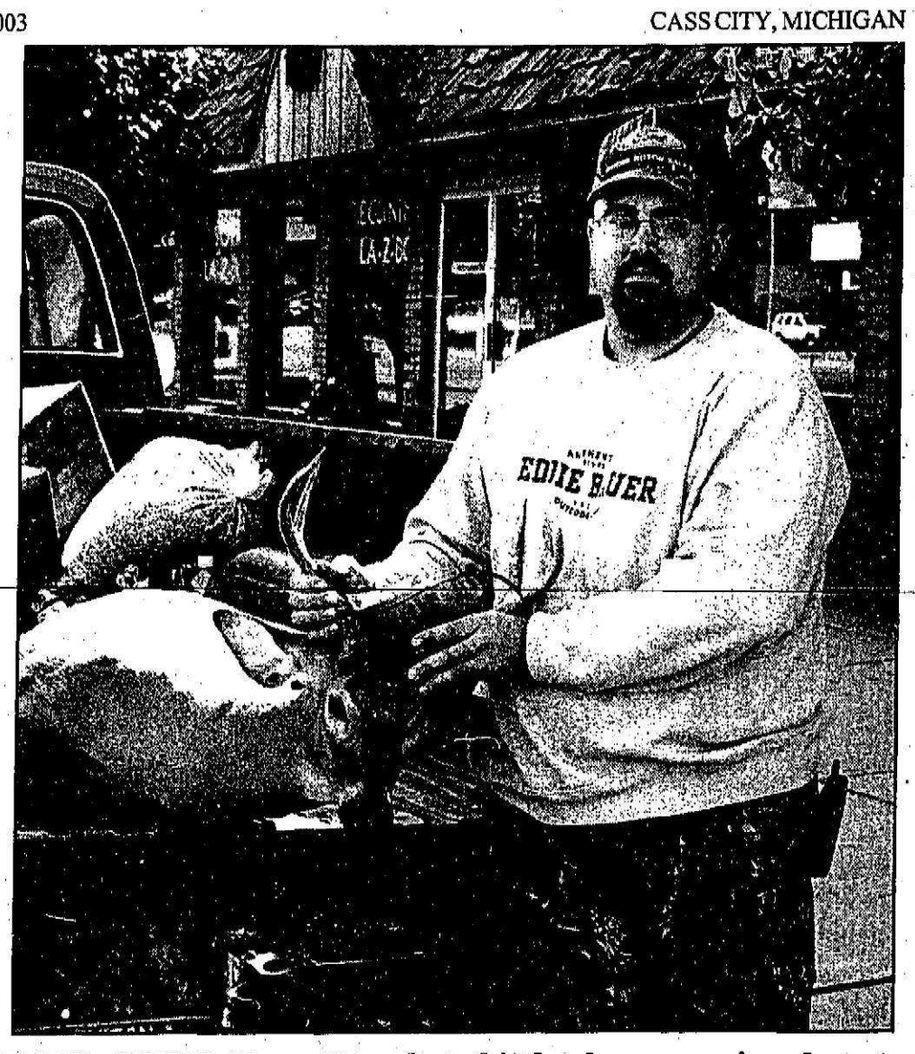

PAUL COOK, Cass City, shot this buck on opening day at about 8:45 a.m., hunting northwest of Cass City. It is a 7-pointer with a 13 1/2-inch spread. I usually get at least one each year, Cook confided, but I missed last year. The buck was shot from about 20 yards and ran only about 50 yards before falling. Lots of deer in the area, Cook says, I saw about 30 does and I got to my stand late.

DCP enrollment now underway

Michigan's State Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency, David Conklin announced that the enrollment for the 2004 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) is underway.

Producers must sign contracts annually under the DCP, which is a change from Production Flexibility Contract requirements under previous farm legislation.

Producers have until June 1, 2004, to enroll for the 2004 DCP. Late-filed applications will be accepted through Sept. 30, 2004, if accompanied by a $100 late fee. Producers can opt out of participating in the program any year if they choose. For both 2002 and 2003, more than 98 percent of the eligible base acres were enrolled.

The 2002 Farm Bill authorizes direct and counter-cyclical payments to enrolled producers. Both payments are computed using the base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices.

Counter-cyclical payment rates, on the other hand, vary depending on market prices. Counter-cyclical payments can only be issued when the effective price (which takes into account the direct payment rate, market price and loan rate) for a crop is below the target price for the commodity. For "other oilseeds," because of the existing loan rate, the maximum counter-cyclical payment rate is zero.

In general, 30 days following the end of the marketing year, the final counter-cyclical payment (100 percent of actual payment, less any advances received).

By the end of October 2003, producers will have received some $8 billion in DCP payments for the 2002 crops and the direct and the first advance counter-cyclical payments (if any) for the 2003 crops.

For all years, refunds to USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) will be due if there is a violation of eligibility requirements or, in the case of counter-cyclical payments, if the advance payments exceed the final payment rate.

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Soyfoods are widely known for their nutritional qualities. Isoflavones, a soy component, appears to reduce the risk of cancer.

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During the Civil War, soybeans were brewed as coffee substitutes. In the 1930s, Henry Ford was using a bushel of soybeans in every car that rolled off the line. The soybeans were used on more than 20 parts, including horn buttons, gearshift knobs and upholstery.

Soybeans are also used to make adhesive tape, crayons, explosives, newspaper ink and leather softeners.

HDC planning fundraiser

The Human Development Commission (HDC) officials will hold an Adult Day Services Program Ham Dinner Fundraiser Monday, Oct. 27, at the Caro Moose Lodge, 1130 E. Caro Rd.

Serving time is 5 to 7 p.m. The menu includes: peach glazed ham, au gratin or baked potato, hot fresh vegetables, home baked bread, specialty desserts, relish tray and a beverage.

Tickets are $10 per adult, $8 for seniors and children under 12 (kids under 3 eat free). For advance ticket purchase, please contact Pal Beck during the day at (989) 672-2273 or evening at (989) 673-6899. Tickets at the door are $2 extra per person. All proceeds benefit Human Development Commission Adult Day Services (ADS) Program.

Adult Day Services provides daytime care for older adults and assistance for their caregivers. It promotes dignity, independence, happiness, and contentment for people who may be experiencing the effects of Alzheimer's Disease or other dementias. Included are: opportunities for socialization; individualized care; nutritious meals; activities; professional care; health monitoring; and supervision. At the same time, the caregivers for these older adults can enjoy peace of mind and a little time for themselves, along with family support services and transportation assistance.

Payment is on a fee-for-service basis. Some insurances may be accepted, and a cost-sharing arrangement may be available for those who are income-eligible.

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Contest winner

AND THE WINNER is. . . Howard Steele, a resident of Northwood Meadows Assisted Living Community. Steel (above right) redeems his gift certificate for the real thing. Rick Doerr of Doerr Landscaping donated an apple tree as the prize for a recent 3-part contest, involving common fall leaves, held at Northwood Meadows.

Fall color show should be good

It starts as soon as Labor Day, and in some isolated tree limbs, even sooner. The first tinges of what many call the state's most beautiful season, showcasing Michigan's fall finery, will soon come to a forest near you, and early indications point to an award-winner, says AAA Michigan.

The trend of vacationers staying closer to home and taking more frequent driving vacations - along with a cool summer with good rainfall over much of the state - point to a promising season statewide between mid-September, when the show usually begins in the north, and late-October, when it ends in southern Michigan.

The Auto Club's survey of 400 state residents found that an estimated 1.4 million Michigan residents plan a fall color tour this season. The average trip will last 3 to 4 days.

Leaf-peepers will spend approximately $425 per trip this season, driving, dining and staying around the state, down slightly from nearly $500 last year.

During a good 45-day color season, travelers in Michigan generate an estimated $2 billion on food, lodging, fuel and other items.

Barring a warm fall, which put a damper on last year's show, this season should be a good one, says Michigan State University Forestry Professor Mel Koelling. Temperature is the deciding factor determining the brilliance of fall color, especially from Labor Day onward.

"We have the potential for a good season and the trees are as healthy as they have been in any of the last several years and that's a good beginning," Koelling said. "Moisture in some parts of the state has been particularly plentiful and the northern part has had a pretty good growing season," he said.

"It was not a good color season last year because it did not get cool enough in September to trigger it. Ideally, we want bright sunny days and cool nights through October.

Michigan is blessed with vibrant natural color, and plenty of ways to see it. There are more than 18.6 million acres of forested land, 2 national shorelines, nearly 100 state parks and recreation areas, hundreds of local and regional parks, three national forests and state forests in both peninsulas.

Enjoy the season on leisurely canoe floats down rivers, pedaling mountain bikes, on horseback, or enjoying local fall color cruises, or take a traditional weekend drive to see Michigan's more than 160 waterfalls. That might include a stop at one of the state's scores of cider mills or fall festivals.

When planning trips, remember that lakes like the Great Lakes tend to delay peak color compared to inland forests because of lake-effect warmth. Valleys, hilltops and roadways often turn earlier because they are more likely to see cooler temperatures.

Stay alert on your fall color drive. Watch for slower-moving traffic. Pull well off the road to see color or take photos, or to let faster moving traffic pass. Switch drivers often to avoid fatigue and so everyone onboard can see the show. Stop at scenic turnouts frequently to rest, and enjoy the view. Wear safety belts and avoid alcohol.

UCC statement certification time cut significantly

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land recently announced that farmers and farm service agencies filing Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) statements with the Department of State can expect the work to be certified in 5 days or less.

The department is building on efforts launched last year, when it implemented a more automated and accurate UCC system. Since then, the processing time for UCC filings and searches has been cut from several weeks to mere days.

"We're dealing with farmers' livelihoods and the department must be responsive," Land said. "Farmers depend on loans to meet financial obligations and ensure that they have the equipment, stock and seed necessary for the coming season. We encourage farmers to request an expedited UCC search when necessary and to submit all filings in a timely manner."

Farmers typically apply for loans through U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices at the end of the year, using their crops as collateral. The FSA office processing the loan then files a financing statement with the Department of State's UCC Unit.

The FSA will not approve loans unless it has a certified search statement through the date of application that shows FSA as the primary secured party.

Under the department's new system, information is scanned, stored and retrieved electronically, eliminating the need to handle paper documents multiple times. Acknowledgement copies confirming entry of customer filings are generated automatically by the system. Filings are immediately included in the UCC database used to generate searches for named debtors.

Expedited search requests must be submitted to the UCC Unit before 11 a.m. weekdays and are returned no later than 3 p.m. the same day. There is a $25 fee for an expedited search in addition to the standard $6 fee.

In fiscal year 2002, the UCC Unit processed 185,151 filings, 17,796 tax liens, 82,686 search requests and responded to 29,564 phone calls.

The UCC law governs commercial transactions such as sales, negotiable instruments, bank deposits and collections, and investment and securities. Article 9 of the UCC requires the Department of State to file and process UCC financing statements and search requests related to secured transactions.

For more information on the UCC process, contact the Department of State UCC Unit at (517) 322-1144. Land also reminds customers to visit the department website at www.Michigan.gov/sos to find our more about programs and services.

Employees raise cash for kids

Employees from Independent Bank recently held a "Casual Because We Care Day" to support the 'Christmas for Kids' program in Cass City.

Once a month, Independent Bank holds a "Casual Because We Care Day" to raise awareness, interest and funds for local and national organizations that operate in the communities that the bank serves.

In September, the Cass City office chose to support the 'Christmas for Kids' program sponsored by the Cass City Rotary Club. This program was established to benefit children in Cass City and its surrounding areas. All $265 that was raised during the "Casual Because We Care Day" will go to the needy children living within the area.

"I am pleased to see support for this program from employees, customers, and members of the community," said Ronald Long, president and CEO of Independent Bank East Michigan. "Programs, such as 'Christmas for Kids', greatly benefit the community by directly assisting those in need."

Independent Bank began its "Casual Because We Care Day" program more than 12 years ago and it continues to be a highly regarded employee program. Employees, who donate to the cause, dress casually as an outward showing of their support. This year alone, Independent Bank has raised over $2,600 for area organizations and charities.

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Notes from Northwood Meadows

By Becky Barr, Activities Coordinator/Receptionist

Traditionally, most Americans celebrate Labor Day with rest and relaxation. Our residents at Northwood Meadows were no exception. While some gathered in the Great Room for socializing, many others chose to "take the day off" and retired to their cozy suites. Since the weather hadn't yet turned too chilly outdoors, a couple of residents were spotted leisurely on the patio - hoping to squeak out the last remnants of the summer breeze.

We take pride in all the activities we promote, and we're pleased that "Remember When," a recorded music program, has proven to be very popular. Harkening back to the music of our resident's lives - carefully selected recorded music gives everyone an opportunity to sit down in an easy chair, listen and reflect. Two artists recently spotlighted were jazz great, Glen Miller, and pianist, Liberace. And what better time to nibble on homemade snacks!

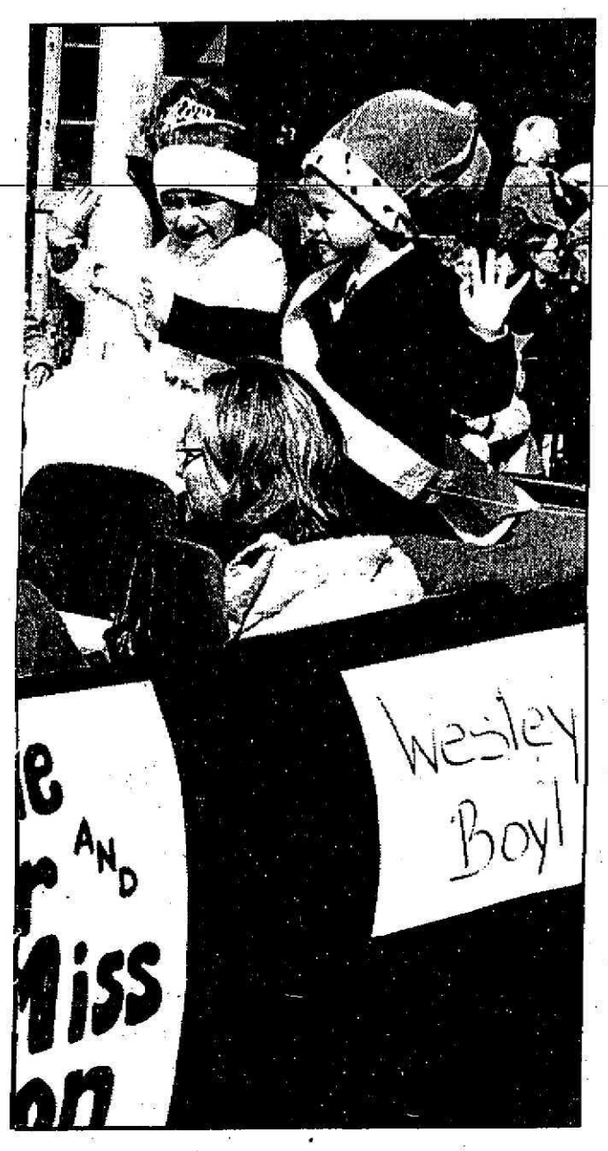
"The Days of Autumn" was the theme in September, and we challenged our residents with a three-part contest. Part one asked that they correspond 18 common fall leaves to the correct tree. Part two offered a word search. And finally part three entitled "Can You Beleaf It?" required the unscrambling of the spelling of eleven different leaves. With the promise of a tree to be planted on our grounds in the name of the winner - they were off. There is nothing like a good contest to raise spirits and get people motivated. It's our pleasure to announce this year's winner - Howard Steele. We thank Doerr Landscaping for their generous donation of a stunning apple tree. Now let's get planting!

Our doors opened to welcome three new guests to our home: Godfred (Bob) Bredemeyer, Mary Strump and Beatrice Sweeney. And sadly, we mourn the passing of Charlotte Horner and Bob Gornowicz - each will be greatly missed.

Northwood Meadows
989-872-8131

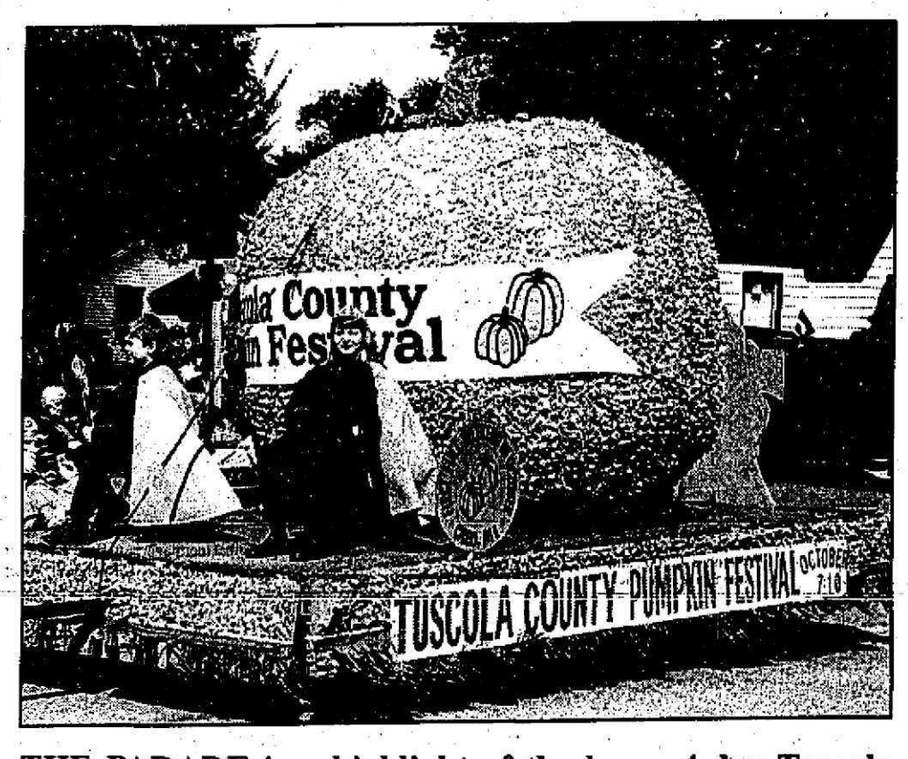
Crowds enjoy annual Pumpkin Fest parade

DAN WATSON (right) a Kingston area resident, warms up with fellow members of the Flint Scottish Pipe Band, one of dozens of entries in this year's Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival Parade, held Sunday afternoon in Caro.



LITTLE MISTER and Little Miss Kingston, Wesley Boyl and Sesa Graham, wave to the Pumpkin Parade crowds.

THE TI AUTOMOTIVE Group parade entry featured Cass City area resident and Michigan Draft Horse Queen Allyson Bell.



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Memory problems focus of program

The Human Development Commission (HDC) will host a "Working With Your Doctor When You Suspect Memory Problems" workshop, Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the HDC Adult Day Service's Center, 435 Green St., Caro.

The workshop will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will feature topics such as the advantages of building a partnership and serving as an advocate for a loved one, strengthening the partnership between patient, physician, and caregiver, and using planning forms to better prepare for doctor visits.

The workshop is presented by HDC and the Greater Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and is free of charge. Advance registration is requested, however, and reservations can be made by calling Kim or Rita at HDC at (989) 673-4121.

This workshop will provide care partners and caregivers the tools and strategies needed to improve communications with physicians.

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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, Mortgagee, 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 mesne 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 INDIANFIELDS, 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

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9-24-4

Gary G. Love, Attorney, PLC 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 between Michael Davis and Donna Davis, husband and wife (Mortgagors), and Washtenaw Mortgage Company (Mortgagee), dated October 4, 2002 and recorded on October 23, 2002 at 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 29/100ths Dollars ($186,278.29), including interest at 7.75% per annum, together with a per diem increase of $36.97 from and 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 Northwest 1/4; thence North 89°48'20" West, 335.40 feet to the centerline of a 66.00 foot wide easement "1"; 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 "1" described as:
Easement "1": Easement No. "1" is for the purpose of ingress and egress and for installation/maintenance of public utilities. Said Easement No. "1" 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 and extends South 00°16'48" East, 1270.21 feet and South 00°02'21" West, 181.23 feet to the center of a 75.00 foot radius cul-de-sac, turn-around.
Parcel B: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8, Township 11 North, Range 9 East, Fremont Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: beginning distant South 89°48'29" East, 984.68 feet along the North section line and South 00°16'48" East, 390.01 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 East line of the West 1/2 of said Northwest 1/4; thence South 00°03'08" West, 300.00 feet along said East line; thence North 89°48'20" West, 333.66 feet to the centerline of a 66.00 foot wide Easement No. "1"; thence North 00°16'48" West, 300.01 feet along said centerline to the place of beginning; subject to and together with Easement "1", as described above.
PP# 011-008-000-1100-06

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 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

Washtenaw Mortgage Company, a Michigan corporation

Gary G. Love, Attorney, PLC
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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 mortgage made by Dane L. Byrd, a married person, and Ladinia M. Byrd, his wife (original mortgagors), to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 13, 2003 and recorded on January 22, 2003 in Liber 911 on Page 1318 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT AND 17/100 dollars ($126,678.17), including interest at 6.500% 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 DAYTON, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South half of the South half of the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 1, Town 11 North, Range 10 East.

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

Dated: September 24, 2003

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Team D

9-24-4

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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 KOYLTON, 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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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. REICHLE and VIVIAN REICHLE, his wife, as mortgagor ("Mortgagor"), to BANK ONE, NA, a national banking corporation f/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, NA, a national banking association, f/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
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9-10-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John W. Elmore and Ida L. Elmore (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 mesne 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 10.000% per annum.

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

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Team W

9-17-4

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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.*

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 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.

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:
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Team D

10-1-4

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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 TWENTY-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, South 00 degrees 03 minutes 35 seconds West, 1319.64 feet; thence along the South line of said Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, South 89 degrees 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 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

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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File # 200319667

Team G

10-1-4

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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 mortgagee 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:
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Team G

10-1-4

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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 mortgagee 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-EIGHT 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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File # 200327905

Team C

10-1-4

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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 mesne 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 16, 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 2 Rods; thence South 8 Rods; thence East 10 Rods; thence *South 21.5 Rods; thence* West 20 Rods; thence North 36.5 Rods; thence East 8 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.

And also, Parcel B: Commencing 50.5 Rods South 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 West 10 Rods along the South line of property owned by First Freewill Baptist Church of Novesta; thence South 8 Rods; thence East 10 Rods to East Section line of said Section 36; thence North 8 Rods along said Section line 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

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Team W

9-17-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made *in the conditions of a mortgage* made by Delbert Matthew Snider and Charlene Ann Snider, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated February 16, 2001 and recorded on March 14, 2001 in Liber 824 on Page 810 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX AND 69/100 dollars ($158,946.69), including interest at 9.250% 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 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 Arbela, 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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File # 200218769

Team G

9-17-4

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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 and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Four and 12/100 Dollars ($49,654.12), including interest at the rate of 9.8% 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 30*, 2003.

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

Lot 2, Block 15, "North's Addition to the Village (now City) of Vassar" as recorded in Liber 1, Page(s) 21A of Plats, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: October 1, 2003

ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Citibank, N.A. as trustee, As Assignee

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File No. 209.2325

10-1-5

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE *USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.*

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Andrea N. Gonazales, a/k/a Andrea N. Gonzales, and Randy J. Gonzales, Husband and Wife, of Vassar, Michigan (Mortgagors), to Household Finance Corporation III, a Delaware Corporation, dated December 22, 2000, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, on January 19, 2001 in Liber 819, Page 1142, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of $98,304.07, including interest at the rate of 11.984% per annum, together with any additional sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of October 2003 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., the undersigned will: At the front entrance of the Courthouse in Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, foreclose said mortgage by selling at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amounts due on said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorneys fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

Land situated in the City of Vassar, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, is described as follows:

Lot 21, Swanson's Acres, City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, as recorded *in Liber 1, Page 101, now being 51B*, Tuscola County Records.

Tax ID #051-500-581-2100-00

The redemption period shall be six 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 thirty days from the date of such sale.

DATED: September 19, 2003

Mortgagee
Household Finance Corporation III

Richard L. McDonnell (P38788)
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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Trever M. Moyer, a married man, and Troy An 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 1211 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 Gagetown, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 57, now being Page 1B of 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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Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200321192

Team S

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by DAVID D. WILLIAMS AND CAROL A. WILLIAMS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL SERVICES CO., INC., now known as ASSOCIATES FIRST CAPITAL CORPORATION, A DELAWARE CORPORATION (SUCCESSOR BY REASON OF MERGER WITH ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANY, INC., SUCCESSOR BY REASON OF MERGER WITH ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANY OF MICHIGAN, INC.), Mortgagee, dated October 20, 1999 and recorded on January 21, 2000 in Liber 792 on Page 1381, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred sixty-five thousand two hundred seventy-four and 93/100 Dollars ($165,274.93), including interest at 13.720% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statue in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola, MI, at 11:00 AM, on October 23, 2003.

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

Part of the West 1/2 of Section 36, T10N, R9E, described as: Beginning at a point on the East and West 1/4 line, which is South 89 degrees 12'05" West, 592.94 feet from the interior 1/4 corner of said Section 36; thence continuing along said East and West 1/4 line, South 89 degrees 12'05" West, 408.90 feet to a traverse line along the Goodrich Drain; thence along said traverse line, North 51 degrees 56'23" West, 284.13 feet to the terminus *of traverse line; thence parallel with the* North and South 1/4 line, South 00 degrees 20'18" East 840.35 feet; thence North 89 degrees 11'17" East, 631.58 feet; thence parallel with the North and South 1/4 line, North 00 degrees 20'18" West, 661.94 feet to the place of beginning, *excepting any part of easement* number 2, however subject to the right of ingress and egress over easement number 2 as forth in Liber 433, Pages 10-15.

#20-0051-0279851 WILLIAMS

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

DATED: September 17, 2003

ASSOCIATES FIRST CAPITAL CORPORATION, A DELAWARE CORPORATION (SUCCESSOR BY REASON OF MERGER WITH ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANY, INC., SUCCESSOR BY REASON OF MERGER WITH ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANY OF MICHIGAN, INC.)
Mortgagee

ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jason Schall and Andrea Schall, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Homeowners Loan Corp., Mortgagee, dated the 16th day of July, 2002 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of May, 2003 in Liber 93[illegible] of Tuscola County Records, Page 649, said Mortgage having been assigned to Household Finance Corp. III, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the *date of this notice, the sum of Eighty Six* Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Five & 90/100 ($86,575.90), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of November, 2003 at 9:30 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola Cty (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 11.35000% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

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

ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN TWP. OF WATERTOWN, TUSCOLA COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 800, PAGE 914, ID #021-033-000-1400-00, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS COMMENCING 256 FEET NORTH OF THE WEST 1/4 POST OF SECTION 33, TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST; THENCE NORTH 74 FEET; THENCE EAST 264 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 74 FEET; THENCE WEST 264 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

Dated: 10/1/03

Household Finance Corp. III
Mortgagee

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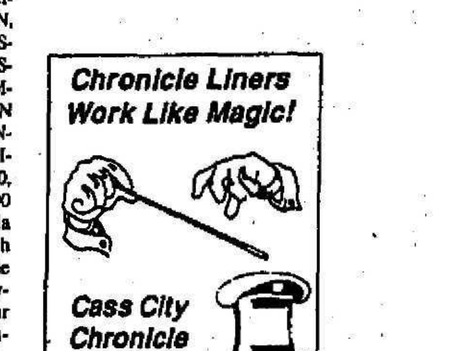

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Household Sales

GARAGE SALE - 6457 Beechwood Dr., Northwood subdivision. Friday, Oct. 10, 9-6 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 11, 9-2 p.m. 14-10-8-1

MARY'S DREAM SALE - hand and power tools, welders, torches, canoe, Farm-All M, hay rack, lawn mowers. Too much to mention. 2171 Englehart (Cemetery to Severance, 1 mile to Englehart, 3/4 south on Englehart). Oct. 9-11, 9-7 p.m. 14-10-8-1

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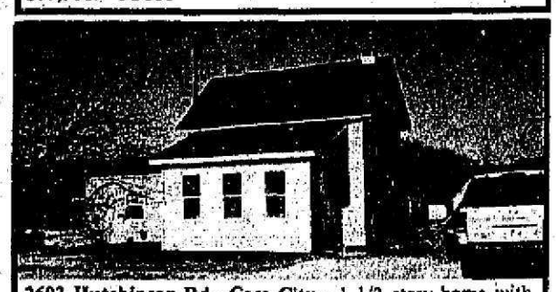

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Adoption Day slated Nov. 25

The Tuscola County Family Court will be among those participating in the first-ever Michigan Adoption Day, according to Judge Wallace Kent Jr.

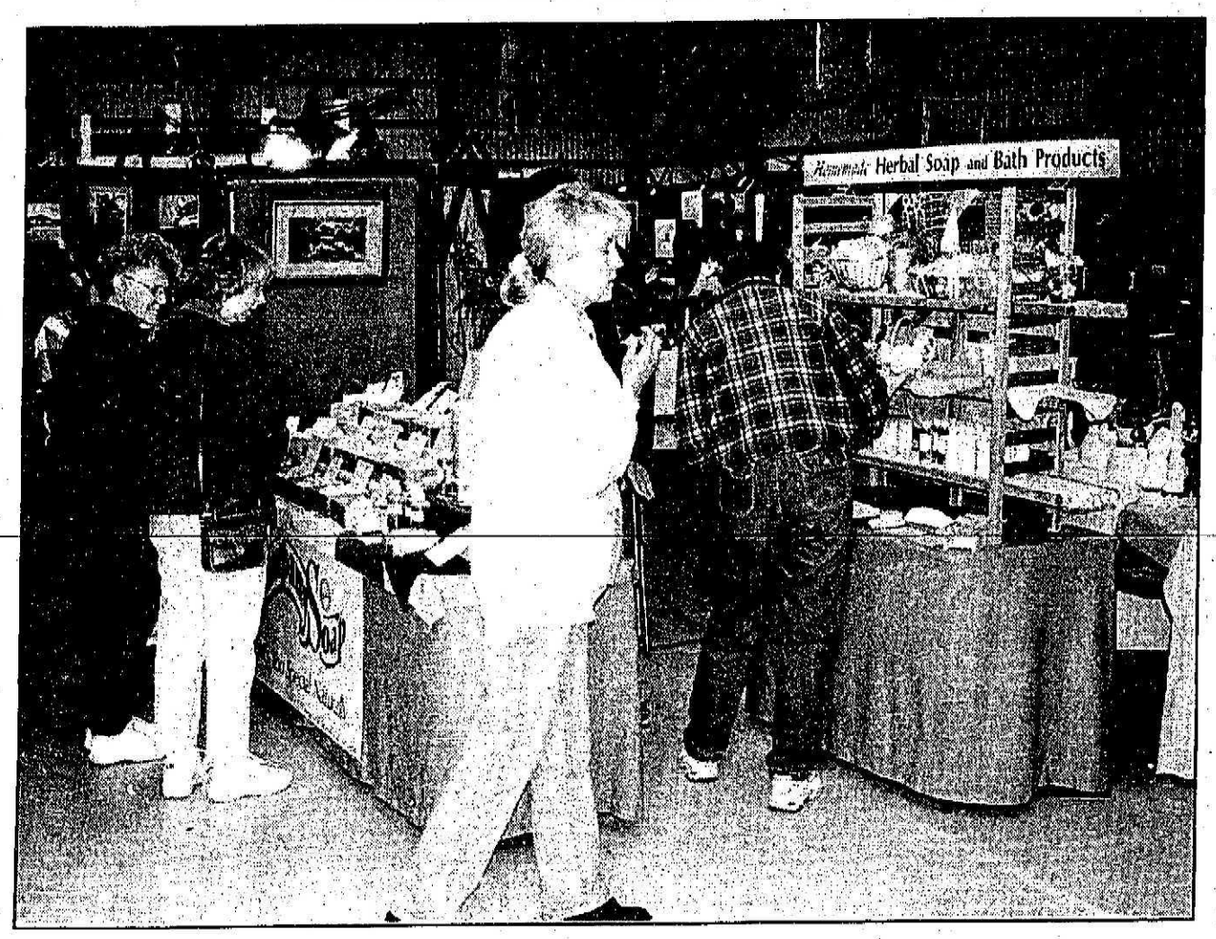
"We're very excited about this event," said Kent. "In most cases, people are not happy to come to court. Adoptions are the exception: a joyous occasion for the families and for the court, Family Independence Agency office and local agencies."

Michigan Adoption Day is set for Nov. 25, 2 days before Thanksgiving. The theme for Adoption Day is "Giving thanks for families".

A work group convened by the Michigan Supreme Court in cooperation with the Michigan Family Independence Agency recently released a report on issues in Michigan's adoption system. The group noted that in Michigan, as of July 31, 2003, 12,673 children were temporary wards of the court as a result of child protective proceedings. As of that same date, a total of 19,490 children were in foster care.

At the end of the fiscal year 2002, Michigan had 4,615 permanent state wards available for adoption; 2,833 adoptions were finalized in FY 2002.

"The fact is that many Michigan children are waiting to be adopted," said Kent. "We hope that this event will help educate the public about the adoption process and the number of children who need permanent, loving homes."



Art fest to end

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She began dabbling in art while raising her 4 children.

"I always wanted to paint, so I began with little knowledge of what I was doing," she said. "After taking 10 weeks of basic oil-painting classes, I began experimenting with palette knives. I found that this worked much better for the intermittent times that I could actually sit down and concentrate on painting.

"Since 1971, I have painted almost exclusively with palette knives. I have worked out a simple technique of putting paint on canvas with knives that is faster, cleaner, and brings more realism to the subject painted."

In the early 1980s, friends and family members encouraged Mersino to begin teaching her unique palette knife technique. In time, she also began traveling and selling her work at art shows across the country.

"The people I have met, the places I have seen and the experiences of bringing my art to the public have been truly worth the dedication I have put into it," she said.

The same goes for her own Falling Leaves Arts Festival, which has provided other artists with the chance to enjoy the same sort of satisfaction.

"We've given them a venue to get started and it's worked out really well," Mersino said over the weekend. "It's been a wonderful journey."

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Pet event on tap

Homeless pets in Tuscola County will soon be singing the praises of a benefit concert to be held in their honor.

Nancy L. Reim, the organist for this event, is an animal lover and is looking forward to calling attention to the plight of homeless animals in the community. "They are unable to speak for themselves, so we will do it for them in music, poetry, pictures and dance," Reim said.

Reim is a graduate of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., and has been a church organist for nearly 33 years. She has also taught piano and organ privately for more than 35 years.

The concert is 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 19, at the Caro United Methodist Church, 670 Gilford Rd., Caro. Children are welcome and nursery care will be available for very small children.

Reim will be joined by Pat and Cristie Rahn, Sarah Overdier, Mary Lathem, Clayton Burley, Susan Reim, Linda Stevenson, Barbara Holzworth, the Rev. Duane Miller, the United Methodist Chancel Choir, along with flutes, bagpipes and more.

The cost for this concert is a freewill offering. Ten percent of the money raised will go to the Caro United Methodist Church and the remaining amount will be divided evenly between the Humane Society of Tuscola County and The Cass River Pet FriendZ.

For more information, call 673-2246.

Art, art everywhere

HUNDREDS OF art lovers flock to the Falling Leaves Arts Festival, held near Kingston each year. The 2-day fall arts celebration is ending after a 6-year run.

Drivers face fee hikes

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up from 6 months. For a second refusal, the penalty is a 2-year suspension.

Last year, 463 people died in alcohol and/or drug-related crashes. Of that number, 358 were killed in alcohol-only crashes, 41 in drug-involved accidents, and 64 in both alcohol- and drug-related crashes.

Michigan law enforcement officers arrested 57,789 people for alcohol-related driving offenses in 2002. Of that number, 26,330 were convicted of drunken driving and 28,770 were convicted of impaired driving.

Michigan is the 44th state to adopt a .08 BAC standard for drunken driving offenses, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which estimates the country would save 400 to 600 lives each year if all states adopted the tougher standard.

Had state officials not adopted the new law, Michigan would have faced significant federal penalties and the loss of highway construction funds.

Internet use on farm about same

Internet access and computer use by Michigan farmers have not changed significantly in the last 2 years, according to the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service.

Forty-nine percent of Michigan farms now have Internet access, up one percentage point from 2001. Sixty-one percent of Michigan's farms have access to a computer, also up one percentage point from 2001.

Over half of all farms, 54 percent, own or lease a computer, up from 49 percent in 2001. Farms using computers for their farm business in 2003 remained the same as in 2001 at 27 percent.

Within the 12-State North Central region, 75 percent of farms with sales of $100,000 or more have access to a computer, 72 percent own or lease a computer, 57 percent use a computer for their farm business, and 62 percent have Internet access.

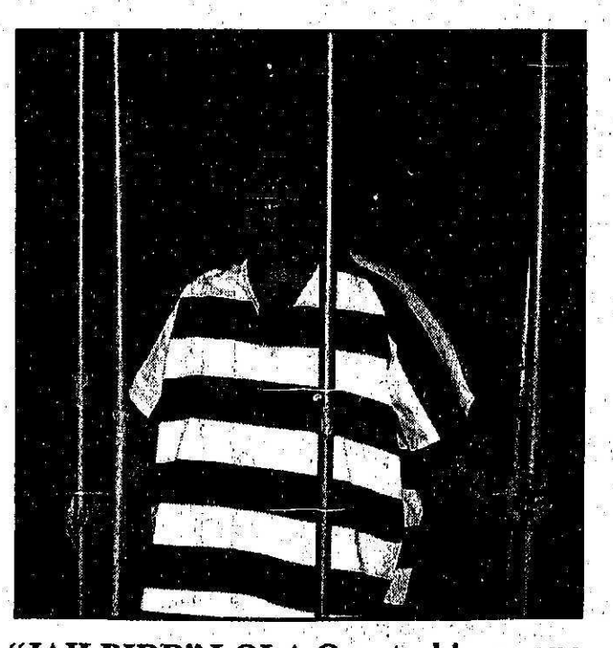
For farms with sales of $10,000 to $99,999, the figures are: 56 percent have access to a computer, 52 percent own or lease a computer, 33 percent use a computer for their farm business, and 45 percent have Internet access.

For farms with sales less than $10,000, 57 percent report having computer access, 52 percent own or lease a computer, 21 percent use a computer for their farm business, and 47 percent have Internet access.

In 1997, 1999, 2001, and 2003, questions were added to the June Agricultural Survey about access and use of computers. In 2001 and 2003, operators with access to the Internet were asked 4 additional questions about their specific uses of the Internet.

In 2003, for the Michigan farms with Internet access, 8 percent use the Internet to purchase agricultural inputs, 5 percent conduct agricultural marketing activities over the Internet, 6 percent access National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) reports, and 11 percent access other USDA reports and research information.

The June Agricultural Survey is conducted every year to provide estimates of farm numbers and land in farms, crop acres planted, grain in storage, livestock inventories, and land values. The complete report on computer usage and all other NASS reports can be found on the Internet at http://www.usda.gov/nass.



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