

A CASS CITY area teen escaped serious injury Sunday night when she lost control of her car on Greenland Road, just south of M-81. Christie Montgomery, 17, was driving northbound at about 7:50 p.m. when her vehicle began to fishtail on the gravel road. The car flipped over and landed in a deep ditch. Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro responded to the scene. Montgomery was taken by private vehicle to Hills and Dales General Hospital, where she was treated and then released.

Home-grown success

Apple Layne Orchard cranking out custom cider

A green thumb has led to sweet success for Cass City's Jalaine and Steve Schneeberger, whose Apple Layne Orchard is yielding bushels of fruit and, new this year, the couple's own brand of apple cider.

"We made the last 3 years (for ourselves), but this year we're licensed," Steve said, referring to the cider business, which earned state certification in September.

"We're learning as we go. It's been interesting, learning how to use the press and everything," said Jalaine, who along with the Schneebergers' children, Marisa, 9, Kayla, 8, and Kyle, 3, all help with the business.

"They're good helpers. They fill the jugs and carry them into the cooler," she said.

Steve said the cider-making

process begins with placing apples on a mechanical elevator, which feeds the fruit into a grinder. The resulting mash is then placed in a pressing cloth. After going through the press, he explained, the juice enters a 150-gallon stainless steel tank, which is cooled and has an agitator to keep the cider mixed.

The cider is chilled to about 35 degrees, then it's pumped into a stainless steel filling tank. Steve noted the couple doesn't pasteurize their cider. "You lose your flavor (with pasteurization)," he explained. "It doesn't taste near as good."

Once chilled properly, the family fills half-gallon and gallon jugs that sell for \$1.79 and \$3, respectively.

According to the couple,

one bushel of apples will make between 4 and 5 gallons of cider. "We could do 200 gallons working from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.," Steve said.

Jalaine said the key is using different apple varieties to achieve the right taste. "It's a mix of the tart and the sweet apples," she added.

The recipe has proven popular, with the couple selling about 100 gallons during the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival. Steve said the couple made nearly 200 gallons over the weekend and promptly sold 20 gallons Sunday.

The Schneebergers have converted a large pole barn on their Crawford Road property into a combination cider operation and indoor produce market, complete with a 12-foot by 20-foot walk-in cooler.

Although selling cider is

new to the Schneebergers, they have years of experience growing quality fruit and produce.

"My grandpa had a small orchard, and my uncle has one, of course," said Steve, who works full-time as a manager at Schneeberger's Furniture and Appliances in Cass City. "We've sold raspberries for 5 years, really, and some apples for 3 years."

"We just started small. We were going to grow a few fruit trees and some raspberries," he added. "Our orchard isn't that big, about 10 acres."

"We planted 2, 150-foot rows of raspberries and 30 fruit trees 8 years ago in 1995," Jalaine said. "In 1997, we planted another 20 rows of raspberries and 330 more fruit trees. They include 20 types of apples, 4 different plums, 3 peaches, 2 apricot (varieties), 2 different types

of cherries and 2 types of red raspberries."

She noted the couple has sold close to 1,000 quarts of raspberries along with 337 gallons of cider this year.

"We are still making cider and picking apples to sell. Also, with the help of Marisa, Kayla and Kyle, we enjoy selling tomatoes, squash, caramel apples and more."

Aside from their at-home market, the Schneebergers take their fruit show on the road, selling various products at the Elkton Autumn Festival, Octagon Barn Festival and farmers markets.

The couple indicated they enjoy working together in what has become a nice, small family business.

"That's really it - that's what we're going for," Steve said. "We've been really happy with it. This has been a good year."

Special election Oct. 28

County finances in the hands of voters

Members of the "Tuscola Pride" citizens' group have done their work, hosting meetings throughout Tuscola County over the past few weeks in an effort to encourage residents to support Proposal U.

Now, it's up to the voters. Residents will decide the fate of the funding request in next week's special election, Tuesday, Oct. 28.

If approved, Proposal U would provide a total allocated tax levy of 8.4417 mills, which represents an increase of 2.7 mills for the county. However, the net increase for the county would actually be 1.6163 mills because the plan calls for 2 existing special-use millages — .8867 of a mill for the sheriff's road patrol and .1970 of a mill for senior citizens services — to be "rolled into" the total allocation.

The county's townships and the Tuscola Intermediate School District would receive slight funding increases under the proposal, which would bring their allocated millages back up to the levels set some 40 years ago — 1.65 for the townships and .15 of a mill for the ISD.

If approved, all of the allocations would remain in place indefinitely unless voters revise them.

For the owner of a home valued at \$80,000, Proposal U would cost an additional \$64 a year in taxes.

Members of Tuscola Pride along with county officials say a number of factors have contributed to serious financial woes at the county level.

Among those are allocated millage levels that have not been increased since 1964. At the time, the county's allocated millage was set at 4.2 mills, while the township rate was set at 1.65 and the ISD, .15 of a mill.

County Controller Mike Hoagland said an increase for the county is long overdue.

"That 4.2 mills for the county government, at the time it was frozen, was the second lowest in the state of Michigan," Hoagland said.

And, he added, that allocation began to erode with the arrival of the Headlee Amendment, which established millage "rollbacks" to control how much property tax growth governmental units are allowed to capture. The bottom line, Hoagland

pointed out, is the county today is forced to get by on even less funding because the allocation that is supposed to fund a myriad of services has been rolled back to 3.94 mills.

Hoagland said the county's current millage, figured in with taxable value and population, translates into \$75 per resident annually to fund county services — dead last among Michigan's 83 counties.

Another critical factor, county officials say, is increased costs in several areas. Youth care expenses, for example, are up \$175,900, drain costs are up by nearly \$400,000, and retirement system expenses have increased by more than \$213,000.

Add to that reductions in revenue in various county departments.

"I have been the county treasurer for 15 years and worked in the county treasurer's office for 31 years. I have never experienced investment income as low as currently exists," Treasurer Pat Donovan said, citing a reduction in investment income of some \$431,000 — a whopping 65 percent — from 2000 to 2002.

Sheriff Tom Kern offered another example, saying a number of factors have cut total prisoner revenue from \$458,984 in 2000 to \$237,331 last year, a 2-year decline of nearly 50 percent.

County officials' previous attempts to secure additional

funding have failed at the polls.

Voters last November rejected a proposed tax increase of .9 of a mill for 8 years. Three months earlier, voters soundly rejected a pair of millage requests designed to offset a half-million dollar deficit.

Those defeats forced commissioners to trim about \$500,000 from the budget last fall.

Funding for animal control and one county park was eliminated altogether along with 3 full-time and 2 part-time jobs. Other non-mandated services hit hard by the cuts were Michigan State University Extension/4-H programs, economic job development, the local airport authority, soil conservation and county planning programs.

County board Chairman Gerald Peterson said Proposal U would enable the county to restore funding to programs that have been cut as well as curb the tide of red ink, now projected at up to \$1 million for 2004 and \$1.6 million for 2005.

Another goal, he added, is to provide some modest funding to meet the on-going facility and capital needs of the county. Examples are an aging jail facility and cramped quarters throughout the courthouse.

"This is a larger problem than just (restoring) animal control," Tuscola Pride

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Students eye building

Plans for a community center in Cass City recently took a step forward, with the student committee spearheading the project receiving an attractive offer to buy a building to house the center.

However, members of the committee, known as "Citizens of the Future," say they are still a long ways from finalizing a purchase at this

time.

According to Alan Klico, one of a handful of adults who have volunteered to guide the students, officials at Millennium Industries have indicated they are willing to sell the company's Main Street building, located next to McDonald's.

"They made an offer we couldn't refuse. It's a nice building. It won't need a lot of renovation," said Klico, who emphasized the com-

mittee will have to resolve several issues before proceeding.

"First, we need to formally get organized as a non-profit organization," Klico said. "There's a strong possibility that we can get a low interest loan for something like this."

An even bigger question, Klico acknowledged, is how the committee will generate the income to support a community center. "That's the

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FB questions CWD proposal

A report released last week by a state task force study on Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has some encouraging recommendations on how to keep the disease out of Michigan.

But Michigan Farm Bureau officials say they are concerned that other recommendations are unnecessary and could do more harm than good to the state's privately-owned deer and elk industry.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm formed the Chronic Wasting Disease Task Force last February. The task force was charged with reviewing existing state efforts to prevent CWD from entering Michigan, and to make recommendations on prevention strategies, enforcement authority and more.

CWD is a fatal brain disease that affects deer and elk but is not spread to humans.

One of the top concerns of Michigan Farm Bureau is a task force recommendation that would transfer enforcement authority over privately-owned deer and elk herds from the Michigan

Department of Agriculture (MDA) back to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Farm Bureau officials say privately-owned deer and elk should remain under MDA's jurisdiction because these animals are defined as "live-stock" in the state's Animal Industry Act.

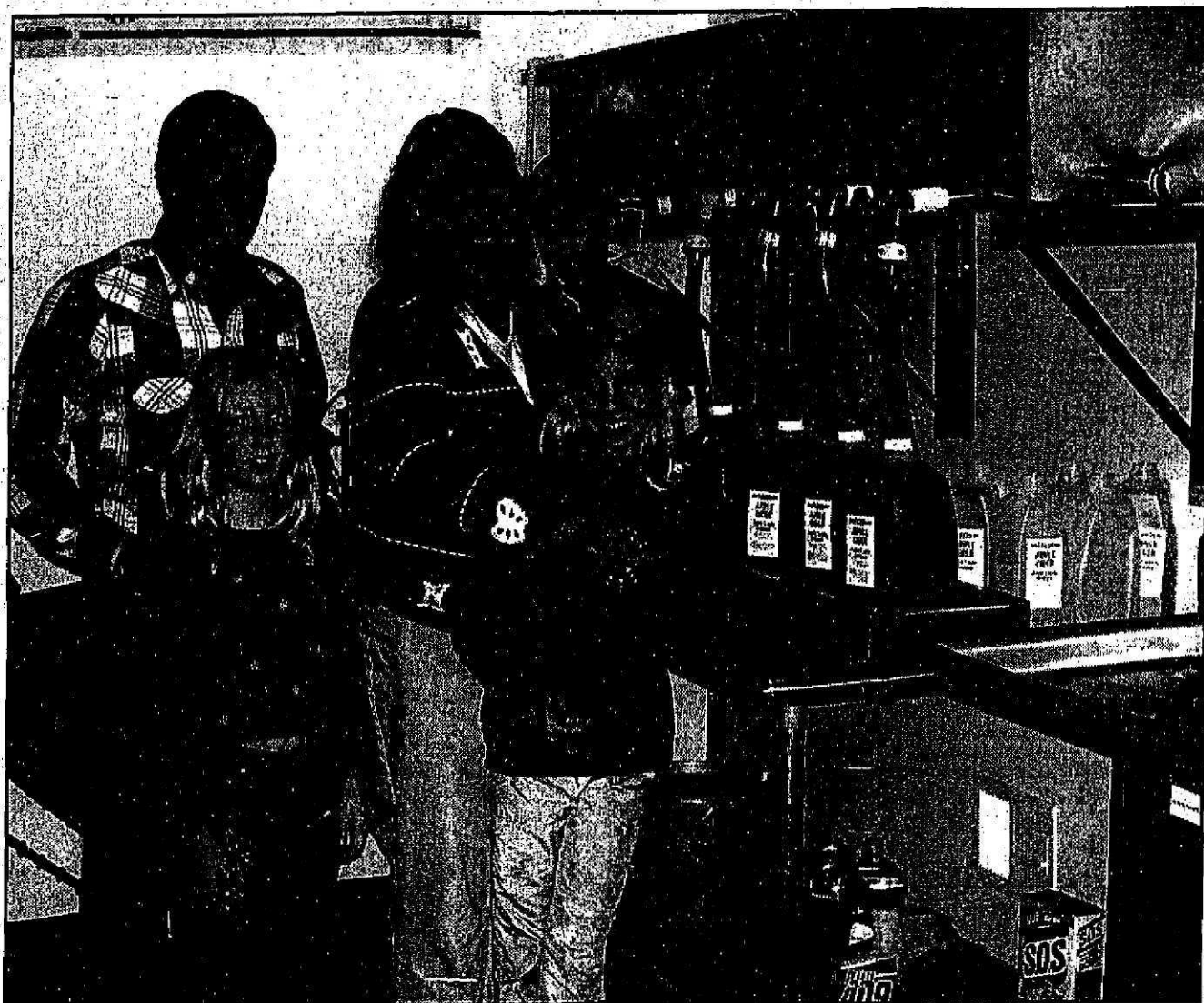
"The DNR is not an expert when it comes to livestock management; MDA is," said Tonia Koppenaal, MFB associate legislative counsel.

"While the DNR has knowledge about wild, free-ranging deer, it is not the resident expert about privately-owned deer and elk herd health and management."

If the task force is concerned about certain enforcement activities, it should provide MDA with the same resources as being proposed for the DNR, Koppenaal added.

In its report, the task force recommends "that the license application, registration and fence inspection for the captive cervid herds

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JALAINE AND Steve Schneeberger and their children, Marisa, 9, Kayla, 8, and Kyle, 3, share the workload at the Cass City area family's Apple Layne Orchard, which now features fresh apple cider along with fruit and vegetables.

Anesthetist gets 7-15 year term

A certified registered nurse anesthetist was sentenced to prison last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court for the sexual assault of one of his patients.

Howard L. Stickney, 51, of Flushing, was ordered to serve 7 to 15 years for his plea of guilty to third degree criminal sexual assault.

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 announced a total of 4 counts of criminal sexual conduct against Stickney last February.

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

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Becker

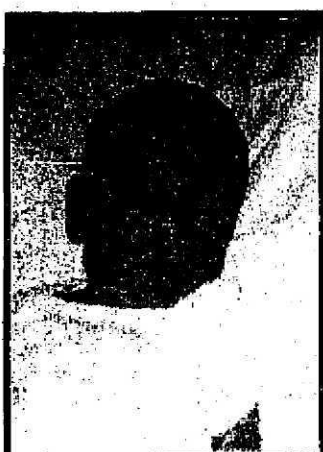
Beckers mark 25th anniversary

Paul and Yvonne Becker were married October 21, 1978. They currently reside in Deford, but are building a home in Manistique.

Paul and Yvonne have three children: Brent, a freshman at Cass City High School,

Wesley, a wrestler in his junior year in Cass City, and Nichol and her boyfriend, Brett, of Grand Rapids, where she is a social worker studying for her master's degree and Brett is a sports editor for J-Ad Graphics.

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



Anthony Boscaglia



Alexis Anthes

Joe and Sharie (DeLong) Boscaglia announce the birth of their son, Anthony Roberto Boscaglia.

Anthony was born Aug. 25, 2003, at 8:10 a.m., at North Naples Hospital, Naples, Fla. He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

He was welcomed home by his brother, Robby, and sister, Katie.

His grandparents are Francis and Sharon DeLong of Cass City, and Gilda Boscaglia of Naples, Fla.

Jay and Kathi Anthes of Shelby Township announce the birth of their daughter, Alexis Angelina Anthes.

Alexis was born at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak Aug. 22, 2003 at 12:48 a.m. She weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Alexis was welcomed home by her sister, Danielle.

She is the granddaughter of Tim Anthes of Caseville and Sharon Voelker of Phoenix, Ariz., and the great-granddaughter of Nellie Anthes of Cass City.



Rev. and Mrs. M. Lee Taylor

Taylors honored for ministry

Rev. and Mrs. M. Lee Taylor were honored Sept. 28 for 25 years of ministry, with a surprise celebration by their congregation at Fellowship Baptist Church, Whitmore Lake.

Both are former Cass City residents. Lee is the son of Dorothy Taylor and the late Maurice Taylor, and Kathy is the daughter of Russ and Elaine Hillaker of Cass City.

Their son, Rev. Nathaniel Taylor of Berlin, TN, spoke at the morning church service. Another son, Joshua,

and his wife Bethany sent a video greeting and congratulations from Guam, where they are missionaries. The service was followed by a tailgate lunch.

The church family presented the Taylors with airline tickets to Guam.

The day concluded with an afternoon service, with their son, Jeremy, bringing the message.

Among those attending were the Taylors' former pastor and mentor, Rev. Lloyd L. Streeter, and his wife Karen of LaSalle, IL, and many family members.

It's a girl!



Kailey Becker

It's a boy!



Rees Romain

Gary and Chris Becker of Unionville announce the birth of their daughter, Kailey Lynn.

Kailey was born Aug. 31, 2003 at 8:57 p.m. at Covenant-Harrison, Saginaw. She weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Her maternal grandparents are Alan and Terry Proowski of Cass City and great-grandmother is Anita Proowski of Caro. Her paternal grandparents are Wayne and Marjorie Becker of Unionville; and great-grandmother is Arlene Becker of Unionville.

Rod and Shawna Romain announce the birth of their son, Rees Derek Romain.

Rees was born Sept. 16, 2003, at 9:01 a.m., at McKenzie Memorial Hospital in Sandusky. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

He was welcomed home by his sisters: Michaela, Sophia and Gabrielle.

Rees is the grandson of Derek and Elaine Romain and Chuck and Ruth Peasley.



Winter is coming and it's a great time to think about improving your mind. After all, you can't get outside to work in the yard, and too much TV will cause mental deterioration.

We're happy to report that there are some extremely helpful night school classes available for men, according to an e-mail we received recently.

Look over the course listings, guys, and sign up for those you need the most. Your wife will be glad to help.

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Until recently we'd never heard of synesthesia, the overlapping of senses in some individuals. Because the letters of the alphabet are colored in my mind's eye, I am apparently synesthetic.

Since I devoted a column to it, Linda Helwig passed along a magazine clipping in which a reader expressed concern about her 4-year-old, who defines circles as "sweet" and squares as "salty."

Patricia Lynn Duffy, author of "Blue Cats and Chartreuse Kittens: How Synesthetics Color Their Worlds," answered that the boy is likely experiencing synesthesia. How about that? There are a few others around.

Couple celebrates their golden anniversary

Bill and Millie Patch celebrated their 50th Anniversary with a surprise party October 4th at the First Baptist Church in Harrison. They renewed their vows with Pastor Tanner officiating the ceremony. Every member of their original wedding party from fifty years ago participated, some traveling from as far away as Alabama.

Millie wore her original wedding dress, which had been designed and sewn by her mother. She carried a white Bible topped with an orchid and white carnation, just as she had 50 years ago.

The maid of honor and bridesmaid carried a cascade of white pompons centered with a red rose and a yellow rose, respectively.

The celebration was summed up by one of the groomsmen to the ring bearer, "you only got bigger, we got older."

There were over 200 guests that enjoyed a buffet style dinner prepared by family and friends. The wedding cake was decorated by Evelyn LaDeer with the original bride and groom ornament from 50 years ago.

The couple grew up in Cass City. They have five children: John Patch of Grand Blanc, Don (Sandra) Patch of Harrison, Connie (Larry) Wozniak of Crystal, Cindy (John) Cook of Harrison and Cheryl (Brooke) Patch of Harrison; 10 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

A nostalgic quilt was made and displayed in their honor by Jackie Blake, a friend of John Patch.

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Mr. and Mrs. Duane Wolschlager

Couple wed in Niagara Falls

Duane and Mary Wolschlager were married Aug. 16, 2003 in Niagara Falls, New York. They were married by the falls.

Mary wore a long white dress and was given away by her son, Derrick Lawson. Bridesmaids wore Victorian lilac dresses.

Duane wore a gray tux. Groomsmen wore black tuxes.

Maid of honor was Sandy Hunt, sister-in-law of the

bride. Bridesmaids were Angie Lampela and Melissa McDonald, sisters of the groom.

Best man was Doug Lampela, brother-in-law of the groom. Groomsmen were Don Hunt, brother of the bride, and Paul McDonald, brother-in-law of the groom.

Friends and family attended the wedding. A small reception was held at Rapson Sportsman Club Aug. 23.

LONNIE KESTER

Farmer, Developer, Community Service

"I know what my business cost around 10 years ago. And the revenue just hasn't kept up in the County. It's (County Government) like a business, if you don't put back into it, you're not going to get (anything) out of it."

I think we as a county have to examine where we want to go... do we want to just coast and be nowhere in 10 years? There are towns in the county and surrounding areas that once were thriving and now just dried up and blown away."

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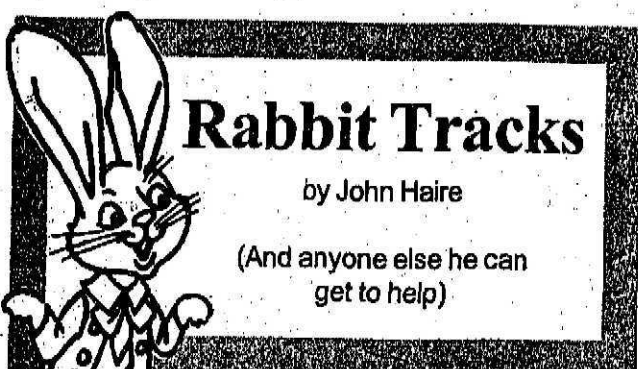
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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Her name has not been released, but a 69-year-old Cass City woman won \$13,683 in the Oct. 2 Michigan Rolldown drawing.

The ticket was bought at the Quaker Maid Dairy Store. The lady was the lone top prize winner. She matched all 5 numbers.

There were 14,195 winners who shared \$46,148 for matching 2 to 4 numbers.

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There will be a new lawyer in Cass City. Amanda L. Roggenbuck plans to open an office, probably in November. She already has a phone that is easy to remember. It's 989-674-0000.

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The American Association of University Women is in the midst of a fund raiser selling Krispy Kreme donuts. To make money a host of the donuts must be sold because 2 dozen go for \$10.

When Geraldine Prieskorn canvassed the Chronicle she came away with orders for about 10 dozen.

What's more, she says that the demand has been great and don't be surprised if sales reach the 500-dozen mark. That's a lot of dough.

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I was wrong when I predicted a less than great year for viewing fall color. Last weekend the color was very good starting north of Grayling to Mackinaw. Viewing was enhanced because both Saturday and Sunday the sun made the tree leaves just sparkle.

Will they last through this week? Perhaps, but chances are they will be past their peak because already there are a few trees without leaves.

Many contributions were given to make this year's Senior Ball a success. The Senior Fair Committee would like to thank the following people, businesses and clubs for their continued support:

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## BERT ALTHAVER

Retired CEO Walbro Corporation

"What concerns me is... we're looking at much deeper cuts from the state. We've already suffered more than 6% cuts in revenue sharing and we're threatened with more... we're looking at cuts in what the DNR pays in taxes, in what the State pays for prisoners...and, it seems to me, that we're looking at a much more serious 2003 than we did in 2002."

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## New legislation introduced

# Barcia, Meyer move to protect sugar industry

State Senator Jim Barcia (D-Bay City) and Rep. Tom Meyer (R-Bad Axe) introduced legislation Thursday to encourage U.S. trade negotiators to protect the nation's sugar industry and not support the elimination of the tariff rate quota.

"The sugar beet industry is a vital contributor to our state's economy," Barcia said.

"Michigan accounted for nearly 11 percent of the total domestic sugar production in 2002. The Monitor Sugar Company and the Michigan Sugar Company, a grower-owned cooperative, contributed \$300 million in base economic impact to the local and state economy.

"Eliminating the tariff rate quota would cause irreparable harm to Michigan's economy and put many

people out of work."

"The Senate and House negotiators not to agree to any provisions in any bilateral or regional negotiations that are detrimental to the U.S. sugar policy or that threaten the sugar industry.

Sugar beets are grown on 190,000 acres in 18 counties in Michigan. Last year, the

state produced 900 million pounds of sugar for the domestic market.

"Michigan's sugar beet industry has a century-long history of contributing to our local, state and national economy," Meyer said. "Protecting its future and the future of over 2,000 sugar industry employees' jobs is among my top priorities."

## Michigan Sugar announces payment

The Michigan Sugar Company Board of Directors last week announced that the final cash payment to its members is \$2.09 per ton for the 2002 crop.

In total, the grower-owners of the company earned nearly \$39 per ton for sugar beets delivered from the 2002 crop. Of that total, \$36.59 was paid in cash, with the balance of the funds being reserved to strengthen the long-term viability of the cooperative.

The cooperative's grower-owners previously received payments in December 2002, April 2003 and August 2003. The 4 payments provide

cash flow for growers throughout the year and are a significant boost to local economies, company officials said.

In its first full year of grower ownership, Michigan Sugar Company produced a record 632,175,800 pounds of sugar from 2,371,479 tons of sugar beets.

"This was a great first year for our co-op," said board Chairman Thomas Zimmer. "We were able to make a very good beet payment to our grower-owners and at the same time improve the financial strength of our company."

## The Haire Net



Zachary Sutter

Zachary Sutter has been named Owendale-Gagetown Schools' "Senior Student of the Month" for October.

While at Cass City, Sutter was active in sports as member of the football and baseball teams for 2 years. As a member of the band for 3 years, he participated in solo and ensemble competition. During his sophomore year, he served as a tutor.

Since attending Owen-Gage, Sutter has participated in many activities. He is a student aide and tutor. Also, he is a member of the band and will be attending solo and ensemble competition soon.

Sutter is the son of David Sutter Sr. of Caro and Connie Sutter of Deford. His future plans are to attend Eastern Michigan University to become an elementary school teacher.

A recent edition of the Communicator, Michigan State University Colleges of Communication Arts and Sciences alumni publication, wants to hear from alumni about personal or professional accomplishments. It must be 75 words or less.

I thought I could do it in 2: I survived. Normally, I don't look back, except perhaps at a recent class reunion marking 63 years since high school graduation. It's nice to see old, old friends.

However in the same edition of the Communicator some of the more noteworthy grads were feted. Deservedly so.

Receiving awards were Don Gonyea, White House correspondent for National Public Radio; Carole Leigh Hutton, executive editor of the Detroit Free Press, David Williams, president and CEO of Tribune Media Services, and several others.

The names didn't mean much to me and I suspect they don't strike a cord with most of the readers.

But right away I began speculating about the number of just ordinary people that we'll never know about that have performed heroic tasks.

Excuse the prejudice, but looking back I place my mother in that category, although it never occurred to me while it was happening.

In 1933 the country was in the midst of the great depression and my father drowned, leaving my mother with 3 kids, 11, 12 and 14 years old. Social benefits did not exist. Without an ounce of experience my mother took over the Pinconning Journal, ran it until 1940 and saw to it that

each of us were able to graduate from colleges.

That's personal with me, but far from unique. Think a moment and I'm sure that there's someone in your circle of friends or acquaintances that refused to fold when hit with life's tough moments.

Fighting the battle every day and winning it without any notoriety. The kind of folks that, chances are, will never be glorified in a lengthy feature story. It's probable that you'll never read about them at all.

Unless your son is a column writer in the paper.



# The back forty

by Roger Pond

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The National Do Not Call Registry has created a lot of conversation recently. Everyone seems to like the Registry except the telemarketers. They've filed lawsuits claiming they have a constitutional right to call people who don't want to be called.

Some folks say, "We don't need a registry. Just hang up on them." But you still have to go to the phone to answer it, check the caller ID, or listen to the answering machine.

I wouldn't mind the telemarketers so much if I had a snappy set of comments for them. I'm always embarrassed by the answers I give them.

Last week Jennifer called to say, "I'm calling to tell you about our new voice messaging service you can receive free for the next 30 days. Do you understand how our voice messaging service will help you with your calls?"

"I think so, but we don't want to do it," I said.

"How do you handle your calls when you are away from the phone?" she asked quickly.

"We have several ways," I told her. "Thanks for calling. Bye."

"I think so, but we don't want to do it?" "We have several ways." What a dumb set of answers.

You would think a person who has been through high school, college, numerous county fairs, and a couple of goat ropings could come up with something better than that!

Every time I get one of those calls I hang up thinking, "Why did I say that?" My goal is to get rid of them quickly, but "We have several ways" is a darned poor response.

There are a million things a person could say when someone asks if we understand their new phone service. We might say, "Duh? I dunno. Maybe you should send me a letter or something!"

Better yet, I could state, "Thank you for calling Roger Pond. This is his bleeping message machine. Please leave your name and number after the bleep. Blee-e-e-p!"

"If you would like to speak to a real person, you could

hang on the line until one happens by. Or you may wish to call another number and see who you get. Blee-e-e-p!"

When Jennifer asks how I handle calls when I'm away from the phone, I could say, "What? You mean people call me when I'm not here?" I should have told her, "I let the dog get the phone when I'm away." Or, "Our cat loves messages. Want to talk to her?"

How about, "If it weren't for folks like you, we wouldn't have to answer the phone so often."

Instead I say something like, "We have several

ways." I'll be ready for them next time, though. I'm making a list.

When they mention their "friends and family" program I'll tell them, "I don't have any friends, and my family won't talk to me."

If they offer me \$100 to change long distance providers, I'll say, "Sorry, I can't take money from strangers." When they ask how many phones we have, I'll say, "I don't know. I only use one at a time."

Uh-Oh, the phone's ringing! It's them! I know it's them. Maybe I'll just let the dog get it.

## The Weather

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## Red Hawk Talks

by Kristi Fluegge

As a high school student who has never played an instrument or taken a band class there aren't too many things I know about band and I definitely had no concept of what it is like to be in the band director's shoes. I began to understand after talking to those involved with music and I am amazed how much time and effort is needed. While interviewing Mr. Burtch, our new band director, I found a whole new respect for the work and hours they put in.

"Mr. Burtch is an awesome teacher, however he showed his authority as soon as he walked in. When he started teaching he put everyone in line and told us there wasn't going to be any goofing around," said Jessica Chappel. Jessica is a first year music theory student and band member. It was ironic that she mentioned this because while talking to Mr. Burtch he also explained to me his theory on discipline. "Most teachers worry about class room management with 25 - 30 students to control. A band director usually has over 100 students spread out over an open field with noisemakers. That is what takes discipline."

Not only does it take discipline from the teacher, but it also takes patience, responsibility and dedication from each band member. I thought band was a class you could take for one hour during school. Boy! Was I completely wrong! If you live in Cass City, on Monday nights you may have noticed the football lights on and thought there was a game. Nope! It's the band practicing from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. Not only does each band member have band as a class during the day, but they are also required to participate at all home football games, parades, concerts, festivals and graduation.

I would have to say band would not be just described as a class, sport, or hobby but as a passion of all three. I was a little overwhelmed trying to write down all of Mr.

Burtch's responsibilities and goals and still keep my article within the Chronicle's limits of length. So in a shortened version here is how Mr. Burtch starts his week: 7-8:15 Jazz Band, 8:15-9:30 Choir, 9:30-10:20 conference period spent on the phone with music company ordering parts; talking to students or their parents, 10:20-11:30 band class which is either in the class room or outside practicing, in the afternoon is a music theory class, then over to the middle school with the beginners, around 5:30 a band council meeting may be held, 7:00 until 9:00 band rehearsal, then finally get to go home and sit and rewrite the drill that didn't work at practice that day!

Before coming to Cass City Mr. Burtch had the position of Music Director for the Tawas Community Concert Band and during his time as conductor the membership increased by almost 65%. I believe with his dedication and enthusiasm our band at Cass City is something everyone is going to want to come see! So watch out Cass City - "here comes the band!"

## Volunteers planning fundraisers

The Tuscola County Faith-in-Action Volunteers will host a couple of fundraising dinners this month.

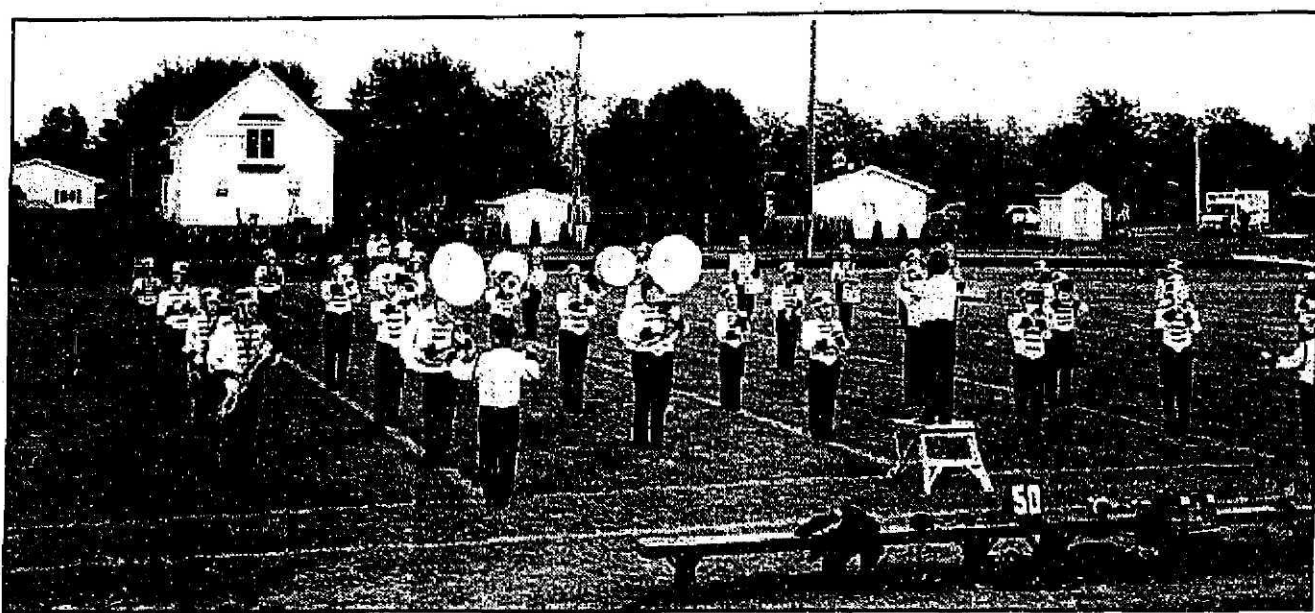
The first is an all-you-can-eat soup and sandwich supper slated for Tuesday, Oct. 28, at the Akron Village Hall from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

A free-will offering will be taken. The event is open to the public and take-outs will be available.

Also planned is a "Wickedly Delicious Halloween Supper" set for Thursday, Oct. 30, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Caro United Methodist Church. The menu will include chicken, au gratin potatoes, green beans, squash, rolls, dessert and beverage.

The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. The event is open to the public and take-outs will be available.

Proceeds from both events will go to the volunteer program, which provides services such as transportation, telephone reassurance, respite care, visits, shopping assistance and more to the elderly, frail and disabled in Tuscola County.



## Top rating for band

THE UBLY HIGH School Marching Band recently took home Division I honors (the highest mark possible) at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Marching Festival. The 39-member band, which performed a show entitled, "Remembering the 50s", was the only Class D band to receive a Division I rating. The band is under the direction of Jennifer Nicol, senior drum major Lisa Romzek and junior drum major Breanna Jaskowski.

## Lab department accredited

Clinical laboratory testing plays a crucial role in the detection, diagnosis and treatment of disease.

Hills and Dales General Hospital's clinical laboratory personnel examine and analyze body fluids, tissues and cells looking for bacteria, parasites and other microorganisms. Other duties include analyzing the chemical content of fluids and matching blood factors for blood transfusions.

Another element of a laboratory technologist is testing the drug levels in the blood to show how a patient is responding to treatment.

Dale Weidman, laboratory manager, discussed how technologists prepare specimens for examination, count cells and look for any abnormalities.

"The automated equipment and instruments are capable of performing a number of tests simultaneously. After completion of the analysis, we relay the results to the physicians using an auto-fax," he explained.

"With an increase in automation and the use of computer technology, I have seen the work of the laboratory technologists and technicians become less hands-on and the results to be investigated more logically."

A pathologist (M.D.) director leads a team of 13 professional employees who deliver the highest level attainable in laboratory quality, patient care and service. Hills and Dales laboratory department is accredited by CAP (College of American Pathology) and has enjoyed being accredited with distinction on CAP inspections.

The Hills and Dales Laboratory provides a complete menu of laboratory services to patients and physicians. In addition to the hospital inpatient and outpatient laboratory work, the laboratory currently goes to 4 dif-

ferent facilities to draw blood and has 2 physician offices that draw blood and send the specimens to the hospital

laboratory for analysis. The laboratory provides over 297,000 diagnostic results annually and is staffed

24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For more information, call Hills and Dales at (989) 872-2121 (ext. 239).



DALE WEIDMAN is the laboratory manager at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City.

## Toler national finalist

Rene Toler, employed by Marlette Community Hospital since 1996, was one of 3 national award finalists from Horizon Health Corporation, Specialty Rehab Division of Lewisville, Texas.

Judy Pfaff, program director of the Marlette Community Hospital Center for Rehabilitation, nominated Toler for the award. According to Pfaff, the nominees are judged on evidence of pa-

tient relation skills, client relation skills, demonstrating excellent communication and relationship skills throughout the hospital and within the rehab unit, quality and thoroughness of patient assessments and treatment/discharge planning and evidence of superior clinical skills within their discipline.

"Rene is a very patient-focused clinician. All the patients love her friendly and

caring attitude. It's obvious she loves people," Pfaff said. "Rene will go out of her way to do something special for a patient, whether it's to sit with someone who is lonely or play a game with someone who is bored. She puts patients and families at ease with her warm and friendly attitude."

"Rene is an exceptional team member and is always striving to improve her skills. She is an avid animal lover and often incorporates her own pets into therapeutic activities at the rehab center."

Molly Distelrath, Marlette Community Hospital senior director of clinical services, added, "She certainly goes out of her way to address the needs of the patients."

## Dispose of pesticides

Fall is a busy time for farmers. With everything else that's going on — harvesting, transporting and marketing crops, maintaining equipment and managing livestock — leftover pesticide storage is often forgotten.


Pesticides left exposed to freezing temperatures present risks to people, animals and the environment. Producers can easily eliminate these risks by moving leftover pesticides to secure storage facilities.

To learn more about pesticide storage practices, pick up a copy of Michigan State University (MSU) Extension bulletin E-2335, "On-farm Agricultural Storage and Handling," and Midwest

Plan Service Handbook 37, "Designing Facilities for Pesticide and Fertilizer Containment". They're available at county MSU Extension offices and the MSU Bulletin Office, 117 Central Services, East Lansing, MI 48824-1039. Call (517) 353-6740 for ordering information.

Unwanted or unusable pesticides can also be disposed of through the Michigan Clean Sweep Program. For information about disposal sites and dates, contact your local conservation district office or any county MSU Extension office.

For more information about pesticide storage, contact any MGSP groundwater technician or call your county MSU Extension office.



## Bulldog Beat

by Laura Enderle

Can you imagine walking into a classroom full of loud energetic students who have a million questions and won't settle down? The smart one makes fun of your name, another needs to go to the bathroom, 2 others forgot their pens, while the rest of the class begs to watch a movie or go to the Internet lab. And all you can think is, "I shouldn't have answered the phone this morning!"

Welcome to a day behind the desk of a substitute teacher. Well, at least that is what I thought it might be like. The substitute, on the other hand, claims most of the time it is not like that at all. I have always wondered what a substitute teacher's job would be like. Last week I found out by asking different subs numerous questions, and here are the results.

I found out each substitute wants to make a good first impression and have a productive day. They try to come off as friendly and approachable, but still keep the class's attention while earning their respect. I think sometimes that may be difficult, because I know when a sub comes in, most students want to get out of work, but the substitute has to go by the lesson plans. One substitute told me, "It is important for students to like you, for if they respect you they will more than likely work harder to get their assignment done. Also they will have less of discipline problem."

Although all subs wish to have a fruitful day of learning, sometimes they feel like they are just babysitting. For example, "When there are constant interruptions due to the class being out of control. Basic classroom behavior should be necessary in grades 7-12." Another teacher felt he is babysitting when the teacher just leaves a video for the students to watch that has nothing to do with the class subject. The substitutes would rather have a lesson plan to go by than to give the class a free day. Then the class is easier to control and it makes the substitute teachers feel more like teachers.

Most of the substitute teachers agreed they like to work at just one or two schools. They learn to know faces and school schedules better. Subs feel more comfortable when the students and faculty members better know them. One teacher however, said he likes to go to different schools, because he gets to know a lot of students and what is new at their schools. Those are 2 good viewpoints, so I guess it is just a personal preference.

All the substitutes agreed that the perfect class would be one that is attentive, respectful and hardworking.

Everyone is prepared for class and exhibits appropriate classroom behavior. All the students would be interested in learning and there is a free exchange of ideas and knowledge. One teacher added, "Is there such a thing?"

To ensure that the students get their work done and show proper respect, some subs have special incentives. The most common was none other than candy. One teacher calls it, "The Substitute Teacher's Survival Kit," to add a little humor. Another teacher hands out Life-savers candy more as a way to encourage students to do the best they can. When he feels they deserve praise. Most subs always give students free time at the end of the class period if everyone's schoolwork is done. Trust me, all students enjoy free time.

As we all know, subs are not regular teachers and so they may not be qualified enough to answer certain questions. All the subs agree that they have no problem admitting to the students when they are not sure of an answer. They tell the truth, but instead of simply leaving the students hanging, the subs like to direct them where the answer could be found. Other subs have another student try and answer the question. If all else fails, the subs feel it is just best to wait until the regular teacher returns.

I feel substitute teachers deserve a lot of credit. Even though they don't technically teach, they do allow the regular teachers to get a well-deserved break. (I personally think if the teachers don't come to class neither should the students, like in Brazil. Just kidding!)

A final comment of one substitute teacher went like this, "My father long ago told me if I wanted to stay young, work with young people, and I have found this to be true in my life." So thanks to all the teachers and substitute teachers who want to stay young. I hope we as students keep you young, other than all the gray hairs we may have given you.

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## Several appear in circuit court

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

•Timothy P. Martin, 17, Cass City, was sentenced to 6 months probation and 30 days in the county jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to attempted possession of marijuana with intent to deliver April 30 in Cass City.

Martin was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$780.

•Andrew B. Clinger, 31, Mayville, stood mute to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, driving while his license was suspended or revoked, and failure to report an accident Sept. 13 in Mayville.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case, bond was continued at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Dale E. Hampton, 19, Cass City, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 365 days in jail for his plea of guilty to 2 counts of second degree home invasion April 9 in Elkland Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,370. Restitution is to be determined.

•Edward E. Lagness, 39, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, June 5 in Caro. He was also ordered to pay

\$2,560 in costs and fines.

•Kenneth E. Williams, 30, Flint, pleaded guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond Sept. 19, 1998, in Caro.

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.

•Aaron C. Haynes, 29, Davisburg, stood mute to charges of carrying a concealed weapon, possession of marijuana, driving while his license was suspended or revoked, and driving without insurance Sept. 20 in Caro.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled, bond was continued at \$3,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Billy J. Henderson, 18, Detroit, was sentenced to 90 days in jail for his plea of guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon June 6 in Koylton Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$870.

•Jimmie R. Rogers Jr., 46, North Branch, was sentenced to 365 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, Feb. 1 in Dayton Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$4,120 in costs and fines.

•Joshua W. Rosebrugh, 19, Caro, was sentenced to 36 months to 5 years in prison for his plea of no contest to attempted second degree home invasion Aug. 15 in Caro.



## Up on the roof...

A LITTLE DRIZZLE over the weekend didn't stop Cass City area resident Dave Martin and 2 helpers from getting some work done on a pole barn at Martin's Koepfgen Road residence.

## Hospital collecting food

Caro Community Hospital (CCH) will once again join with the Michigan Health & Hospital Association in participating in the annual Michigan Harvest Gathering, a statewide effort to help alleviate hunger in Michigan.

CCH is conducting a 2-week drive to collect non-perishable food items among its employees, patients, medical staff, auxiliary, volunteers, and area residents, beginning Oct. 20 and running through Nov. 3.

Welcomed items include canned goods, boxed or bagged foods, juices, and any other food items that are considered non-perishable. Residents are invited to bring a donation to: Caro Community Hospital (or the CCH Auxiliary Gift Shop); CCH Health Services, CCH Fairgrove Clinic, Hill Medical Center in Caro, Caro Family Physicians, Caro Medical Clinic, Community Bank, Chemical Bank or Independent Bank.

Now in its sixth year of involvement in this effort, Caro Community Hospital has collected nearly 10,000 pounds of food to help the hungry in the area. Organizers of the drive are particularly enthusiastic about this effort, since all food donated will be distributed in Tuscola County through local food pantries. Those same organizers also remind local citizens that "...as we reach out to help our nation during these uncertain times, it's important to remember the needy in our own communities as well."

Anyone who has further questions about the annual CCH Michigan Harvest Gathering Food Drive may contact Carolyn Neumann,

Trudy Avery or Tim Jaster at Caro Community Hospital at (989) 673-3141.

## Birth classes

Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe will be offering a 6-week series of childbirth classes.

The classes will be held on Wednesday evenings, at the medical center, from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning Oct. 29. These classes are for any expectant mother who is due before February 2004 and wants to learn more about nutrition, exercise, the labor process, relaxation techniques, pain management and more.

A registered nurse will teach the classes. For more information or to register, call Huron Medical Center at (989) 269-9521.

## Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



### 5 YEARS AGO

Donna Fraczek and Mary Ann Osentoski were among about 3-dozen residents who attended Monday night's candlelight vigil in memory of domestic violence victims. Fraczek is a Tuscola County District Court probation officer and Osentoski, a Cass City resident, works with Families First, a program designed to keep kids out of foster care by working with families.

Bill Kritzman is wrapping up a retail career spanning 45 years. Sadly, the Kritzman's Clothing Inc. stores in Cass City, Bad Axe and Sandusky will be closing following a failed effort to find a buyer for the Thumb business.

**LIGHTING THE WAY** - Sandy Parks' second grade class at Gagetown Elementary School recently created their own lighthouses as part of a study unit on lighthouses in Michigan and Maine. The designs include a few that light up and have their own pool of water, complete with fish.

### 10 YEARS AGO

It promises to be a better Christmas for many children in the Thumb area, thanks to 110 members of Region 17 of American Bikers Aiming Towards Education (ABATE) who participated in this year's toy run. The members collected \$185 in cash and over 240 toys to bring the total value to over \$1,500. The toys will be turned over to the social service offices in Huron and Sanilac counties.

The proposed purchase of 4 stores on Main Street to make way for the erection of a Rite Aide Drug Store on the north side of Main Street extending west from Seeger Street has evidently been abandoned. Village Manager Lou LaPonsie said that the developer who had been examining the zoning code in Cass City returned the book and said that he had abandoned plans for developing the property. The 4 stores that would have been removed to make room for the new busi-

ness are: McMahan Auto Supply, Gazebo Gourmet Coffee Shop, Phil's Barber-shop and The Eat Shop.

A sign taped to the wall inside the new Head Start center in Cass City reads: "Childhood should be a journey...not a race." Making that journey as smooth as possible for both children and their families is what Head Start is all about, according to Michelle Tiseo, Head Start education coordinator. "We have services for the family as well as for the children," she said.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Francis McDonald displayed two Mastodon tusks he discovered on his farm in 1927. They reportedly weigh 180 pounds each. Accounts differ as to how long they were, possibly depending on whether they are measured from straight from the ground or along the curve.

Thirty-Five Years - Honored last Wednesday for service as employees of Hills and Dales General Hospital were Helen Copeland, Cass City, 10 years; Evelyn Smith, Cass City, 15 years; and Mary Ann Abbe, Gagetown, 10 years. Two other 10-year employees, Elsie Kelley and Florence Sweeney, were absent from the awards program.

**HALLOWEEN SCARE-CROWS** - Members of Mary Sue Booms' second grade class at Campbell Elementary School each made a scarecrow for Halloween to go on the classroom bulletin board. Admiring their own and their classmates' handi-

work are Susan Polega and Sally Brooks.

### 35 YEARS AGO

Inability of several school districts to agree to the proposed Tri-county Community College has placed a serious stumbling block before supporters of the facility for the Thumb. In a meeting Monday at Cass City High School the boards of Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Intermediate Districts reaffirmed a position taken Mar. 7 when the State Board of Education was petitioned for another vote for a community college district here to include all of the school districts in the three counties with the exception of Millington and Crosswell-Lexington.

Four years ago Elkland Township was all in favor of a new building for the Elkland Township Fire Department. In the November election, the township board was "advised" to proceed with plans for a new building in a special vote. Now the board is going to determine if the voters really meant it. For a proposal in this year's general election Nov. 5 will ask not only if they still want the new building, but if they are willing to pay for it.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland accepted a lamp won in a contest offered to celebrate the grand opening at Schneberger's last week. She was presented the lamp by Mrs. Russell Schneberger. Mrs. Cleland guessed 735 beans were in a pot, while the actual count was 729.

## Sanilac 4-H leaders honored

The Sanilac County 4-H Council recently held the annual 4-H Leaders Banquet in the 4-H Eatstand at the Sanilac County Fairgrounds.

Leaders with one through 50 years of service were recognized as a vital asset to the Sanilac County 4-H program. Often volunteer leaders are overlooked and this event provides an opportunity for the Sanilac County 4-H program to not only recognize these leaders as valuable assets, but to also say thank you for a job well done.

The following is a list of the leaders from 25 to 50 years that received awards:

25 years - James Alexander, Bonnie Bright, Doreen

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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:30 p.m.  
Pastor: David Edwards

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P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3422  
Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.)  
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989-872-4055 (church)  
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Worship 10:45 a.m.  
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Worship 11:00 a.m.  
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Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
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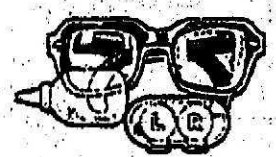
4618 South St., Gagetown, MI 48735  
665-9966  
Sunday Liturgy 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor: Father Steve Fillion

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## Freeland next

# Hawks hammer Hatchets in GTW gridiron finale

Inspired by dedicating the game to Randy Tenbusch, seriously injured in an auto accident, and helped by the inept play of winless Bad Axe Hatchets, Cass City rolled to an easy, 42-0, win Friday in the final Greater Thumb West game of the season.

The Hawks will entertain Freeland that bowed last

week 35-12 to Michigan Lutheran Seminary.

Bad Axe made it easy for the Hawks with a series of turnovers that led to Cass City scores. It started with the second play from scrimmage when Steve Papp recovered a fumble in Hatchet territory. A pair of first downs moved the ball to the 8-yard line from where Nick Stoutenburg ran it in for the score with 10:17 left in the period.

A pass interception by Brad Langenburg on the Cass City 40-yard line started the next drive. Jake Brinkman dashed 33 yards for a first down on the Bad Axe 19 and Nick Stoutenburg scored on a 20-yard jaunt 2 plays later at the 7:42 mark.

The Hatchets' best chance to score was wasted after the Hawks fumbled a punt on their own 36-yard line. Eight plays netted a pair of first downs and a first and goal on the Hawk 9.

But a 5-yard penalty and a determined Cass City defense ended the drive and 4 plays later Cass City took over on their own 10-yard line.

It took just 6 plays for Cass City to move 90 yards for the next touchdown. Cody Halasz started it with a 35-yard run and Nick Stoutenburg added a 24-yard jaunt in the drive. Brinkman scored from the 4 and then ran for the extra points with 9:56 left in the half.

Before the intermission, Cass City used 2 more Hatchet turnovers to score 2 touchdowns.

Brinkman recovered a fumble at midfield. Three plays later the Hawks scored again as Brinkman broke a tackle and scored. Nick Stoutenburg ran for the extra points.

A bad center snap enabled the Hawks to take over on the Hatchet 32 and Halasz covered the distance to score and when Nick Stoutenburg notched the extra points, the Hawks were in front, 36-0, at the half.

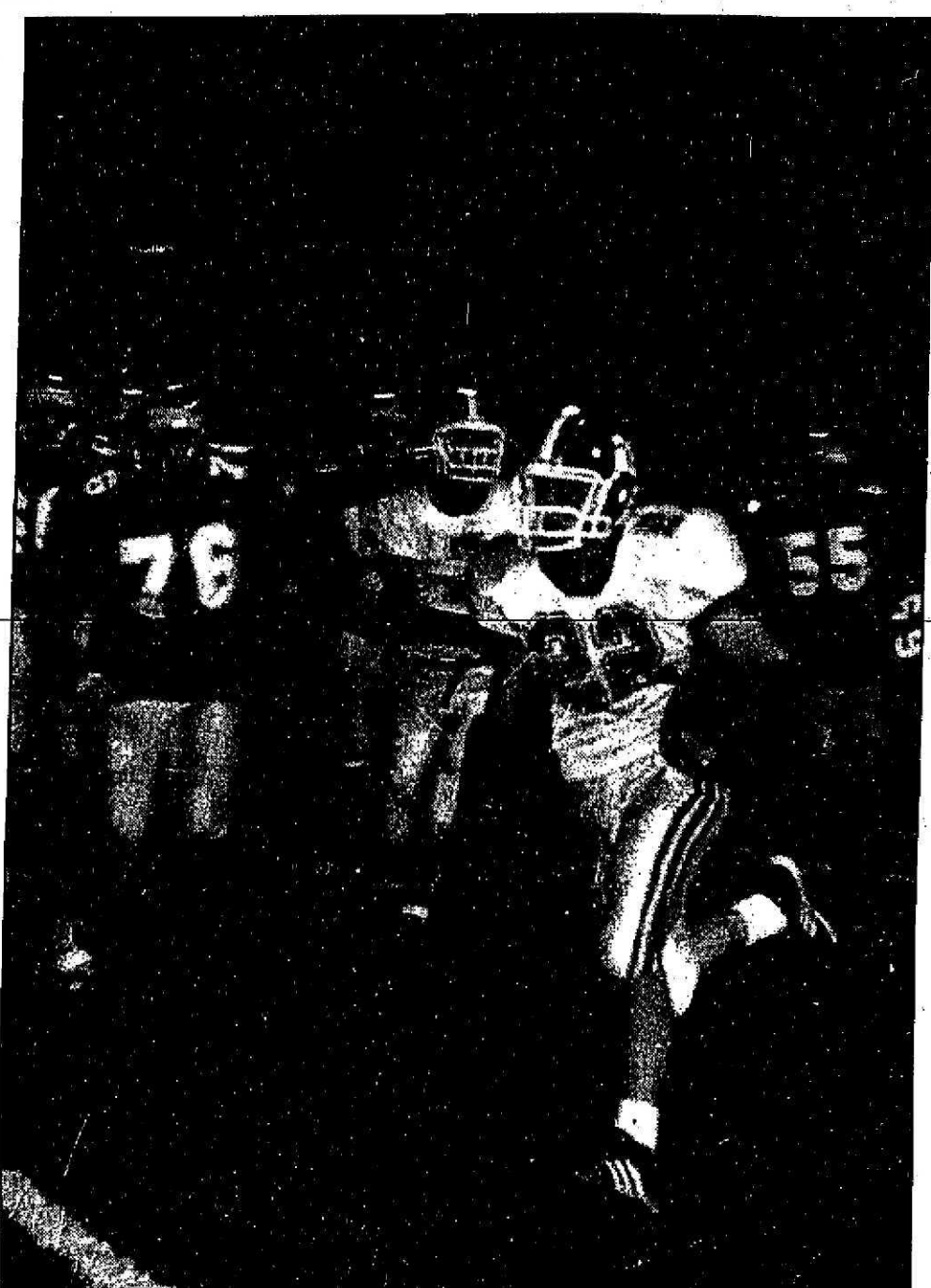
Cass City scored one more touchdown in the last half on the way to its most one-sided win in recent years.

Coach Scott Cuthrell said, "A very emotional day on Friday when Randy Tenbusch was involved in a bad car accident. I wasn't sure how our players would respond. Everything worked out; Randy is going to be fine and our players played a great game for him."

Leading the offense was Nick Stoutenburg with 11 carries for 106 yards and Halasz with 106 yards in 8 runs.

On defense, Greg Dillon and Jeff Stoutenburg each posted 8 tackles and Brad Langenburg was close behind with 7.

Cass City also won the junior varsity game, 34-6.



**JAKE BRINKMAN** picked up substantial yardage Friday on this run. Cass City had little trouble disposing of the Bad Axe Hatchets 42-0. Pursuing (number 56) is Kelly Durr.

## Cass City Bowling

### Merhanettes League

As of Oct. 16

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Langenburg Plumb/Heat    | 36 |
| Osentoski Realty/Auct.   | 26 |
| Crowley Chiropractic     | 25 |
| Thumb Octagon Barn       | 25 |
| All Season Video         | 24 |
| Cablettes                | 23 |
| Charlie's Angels         | 23 |
| FBI Gals                 | 22 |
| Empty Pockets            | 21 |
| Gagetown Cutting Corners | 20 |

Individual High Games: L. Hanson 200-170; D. Williams 195-156; S. Buschlen 192-190; L. Pabst 189-174; L. Campbell 181-168-155; J. Bemus 178; M. Gettel 171; J. Krol 169-160; J. Morell 168-159-155; C. Wallace 167-161-156; E. Romain 167-162; K. Ewald 166-162-159; T. Abbe 162; K. Maurer 160; C. Brown 159; P. Tyll 159; P. Hellwig 158-151; D. Sweeney 158; D. Zdrojewski 158-157; S. Hutchinson 157; C. Wright 157; M. Sieradzki 155-150; C. LaJoie 154; B. Doran 154-153; K. Langenburg 150.

Individual High Series: S. Buschlen 509; L. Campbell 504; L. Hanson 498; L. Pabst 491; K. Ewald 487; C.

Wallace 484; J. Morell 482; D. Williams 480; E. Romain 478; S. Hutchinson 468; J. Krol 464; P. Tyll 455. Split Conversions: D. Bang 5-7; T. Abbe 5-6; C. Wallace 2-7-8; B. Doran 3-5-10; J. Morell 3-10 (2). Team High Game & Series: FBI Gals, 637 (1813).

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| GREATER THUMB WEST |   |   |      |
|--------------------|---|---|------|
| Team               | W | L | W L  |
| Reese              | 6 | 0 | 9 4  |
| Cass City          | 5 | 1 | 10 3 |
| USA                | 4 | 2 | 10 3 |
| EPBP               | 3 | 3 | 7 5  |
| V. Lutheran        | 2 | 4 | 5 7  |
| Bad Axe            | 1 | 5 | 2 11 |
| BCAS               | 0 | 6 | 3 10 |

| GREATER THUMB EAST |   |   |      |
|--------------------|---|---|------|
| Team               | W | L | W L  |
| Sandusky           | 5 | 1 | 12 1 |
| H. Beach           | 5 | 1 | 11 3 |
| Brown City         | 4 | 2 | 10 3 |
| Ubyly              | 3 | 3 | 6 7  |
| Mayville           | 3 | 3 | 5 8  |
| Deckerville        | 1 | 5 | 2 10 |
| Marlette           | 0 | 6 | 2 11 |

| NCTL NORTH  |    |    |      |
|-------------|----|----|------|
| Team        | W  | L  | W L  |
| Port Hope   | 10 | 2  | 11 2 |
| North Huron | 7  | 5  | 7 6  |
| Caseville   | 6  | 6  | 6 6  |
| Owen-Gage   | 4  | 7  | 4 9  |
| A-Fairgrove | 0  | 11 | 1 11 |

| NCTL SOUTH |    |   |      |
|------------|----|---|------|
| Team       | W  | L | W L  |
| Kingston   | 12 | 0 | 12 1 |
| Memphis    | 9  | 3 | 9 3  |
| Dryden     | 4  | 8 | 5 9  |
| Peck       | 3  | 8 | 3 8  |
| CPS        | 3  | 8 | 3 9  |

**THURSDAY'S GAMES**  
BCAS at Bad Axe  
Reese at USA  
Valley Lutheran at Cass City  
EPBP at Deckerville  
Ubyly at Harbor Beach  
Mayville at Marlette  
Brown City at Sandusky  
CPS at Dryden  
A-Fairgrove at North Huron  
Owen-Gage at Port Hope  
Peck at Kingston

## Rogers, Howard lead Bulldogs in victory over hosts Dryden

Owen-Gage ended its North Central Thumb League gridiron schedule on a positive note Friday with a 26-6 victory over host Dryden.

Bulldogs Sam Rogers and Cody Howard, playing in their final NCTL contest, made certain the game's outcome. With the win, Owen-Gage improves to 2-6 heading into its season finale this Friday at AuGres.

Rogers hauled in a pair of Howard touchdown strikes in the opening half that ended with the visitors enjoying a 12-0 advantage.

After the break, Owen-Gage didn't take long to extend its margin to 20-0 as Howard opened the scoring in the third quarter on a short run with 11:47 remaining on the clock. Howard then hit Aaron Gaeth with a pass that accounted for the 2-point conversion.

Rogers and Howard both enjoyed career nights at Dryden. Besides Rogers' 2 scores, the Caseville senior led the Bulldog defense with 14 tackles and a blocked punt.

Howard completed 6 of 8 passes for 61 yards. His favorite target was Rogers who accounted for 57 yards on 4 receptions. Howard also added 120 yards on 4 kick returns and contributed 4 tackles.

Andy Kretzschmer gave Owen-Gage a 26-0 cushion entering the final period when he recorded the Bulldogs' final marker with just over a minute remaining in the 3rd period.

Kretzschmer was the Bulldog workhorse on the night recording 75 yards on 12 totes, while Josh McLaren rushed for 87 yards on 7 carries.

Nick Pflopper prevented a shutout when he scored

Dryden's only points with 12 seconds remaining in the contest.

Defensively, Aaron Faist had 10 tackles for Owen-Gage, while Kretzschmer and Powell split 18 stops.

| GREATER THUMB WEST |   |   |     |
|--------------------|---|---|-----|
| Team               | W | L | W L |
| #USA               | 5 | 1 | 7 1 |
| #BCAS              | 5 | 1 | 7 1 |
| #Reese             | 5 | 1 | 7 1 |
| EPBP               | 3 | 3 | 4 4 |
| Cass City          | 2 | 4 | 2 6 |
| V. Lutheran        | 1 | 5 | 3 5 |
| Bad Axe            | 0 | 7 | 0 8 |

| GREATER THUMB EAST |   |   |     |
|--------------------|---|---|-----|
| Team               | W | L | W L |
| #H. Beach          | 6 | 0 | 8 0 |
| *Ubyly             | 4 | 2 | 6 2 |
| Deckerville        | 4 | 2 | 5 3 |
| Sandusky           | 4 | 2 | 5 3 |
| Brown City         | 2 | 4 | 2 6 |
| Marlette           | 1 | 5 | 2 6 |
| Mayville           | 0 | 6 | 0 8 |

| NORTH CENTRAL THUMB |   |   |     |
|---------------------|---|---|-----|
| Team                | W | L | W L |
| #Memphis            | 7 | 0 | 7 1 |
| Peck                | 6 | 1 | 7 1 |
| *CPS                | 5 | 2 | 6 2 |
| Kingston            | 4 | 3 | 4 4 |
| A-Fairgrove         | 3 | 4 | 4 4 |
| N. Huron            | 2 | 5 | 2 6 |
| O-Gage              | 1 | 6 | 2 6 |
| Dryden              | 0 | 7 | 0 8 |

\* Clinched playoff spot  
# Clinched league title

**FRIDAY'S GAMES**  
GTW  
Cass City 42, Bad Axe 0  
BCAS 32, EPBP 14  
Reese 51, Valley Lutheran 25

GTE  
Harbor Beach 13, Ubyly 8  
Sandusky 37, Marlette 27  
Brown City 52, Mayville 24

NCTL  
Memphis 48, North Huron 0  
Owen-Gage 26, Dryden 6  
Peck 40, A-Fairgrove 14  
CPS 35, Kingston 20

NON-LEAGUE  
USA 44, Deckerville 28

**CASS CITY 13-year-old Marissa Summersett displays the medal she earned recently for her second place finish during the Punt, Pass and Kick regional held in Mt. Pleasant. Summersett earned the right to compete after winning the Cass City qualifier.**

## Punt, pass and kick results announced

Several Cass City area athletes placed well in the regional punt, pass and kick competition held in Mt. Pleasant.

Devon Villalpando finished first in the boys' 8-9 age group with a total score of 190 feet, 11 inches. His punt traveled 47 feet 5 inches. His pass covered 62 feet 3 inches and his kick, 81 feet, 3 inches.

In the 10-11 age group Kevven Dorland was 13th with a total score of 119'5".

Other Cass City boys' scores: age 12-13, Blake Messing, 6th, punt 82-7, pass 84-4, kick 27-2. Total 194-

1; age 14-15, Anthony Filapek, 3rd, punt 107-8, pass 103-10, kick 105-5. Total 316-11.

Among the girls, 2 participants finished second. In the 12-13 age bracket Marissa Summersett punted 80 feet, passed 63 feet, 4 inches and kicked 82 feet, 6 inches for a total score of 225 feet, 10 inches.

In the 14-15 age group Jennie Brinkman was second. Scoring totals were not available.

Other girls' score: age 10-11, Logan Rowell, 7th, punt 14-10, pass 37-2, kick 67-9. Total score 119-9.

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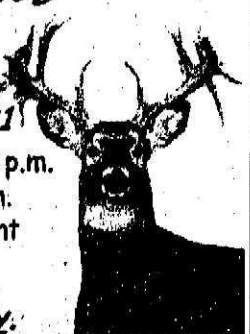
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| Richmond at Reese        | Ubyly at Bad Axe              | Ubyly at Harbor Beach         | Harbor Beach at Sandusky      | Harbor Beach at Sandusky      |
| Valley Lutheran at SMLS  | Mayville at Kingston          | Mayville at Kingston          | Kingston at Kingston          | Kingston at Kingston          |
| Ubyly at Bad Axe         | Marlette at Peck              | Marlette at Peck              | Peck at Peck                  | Peck at Peck                  |
| Harbor Beach at USA      | NB Wesleyan at Dryden         | NB Wesleyan at Dryden         | NB Wesleyan at Dryden         | NB Wesleyan at Dryden         |
| Cros-Lex at Sandusky     | Arenac Eastern at AuGres Sims | Arenac Eastern at AuGres Sims | AuGres Sims at AuGres Sims    | AuGres Sims at AuGres Sims    |
| Mayville at Kingston     | Owen-Gage at AuGres Sims      | Owen-Gage at AuGres Sims      | Owen-Gage at AuGres Sims      | Owen-Gage at AuGres Sims      |
| Marlette at Peck         |                               |                               |                               |                               |
| NB Wesleyan at Dryden    |                               |                               |                               |                               |
| A-Fairgrove at Eastern   |                               |                               |                               |                               |
| Owen-Gage at AuGres Sims |                               |                               |                               |                               |
| Last week's results      | 11-4                          | 13-2                          | 14-1                          | 11-4                          |
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## Hawks finish runner up at league invite

Reese captured the boys' Greater Thumb West Conference cross country league invite Tuesday, easily outdistancing runner-up Cass City.

Running on its own course, the Rockets took top honors with 36 points. Cass City, led by All Conference performers Cameron Lautner and Kyle Reif, was second with 63 points, while Bad Axe finished third with 72 points.

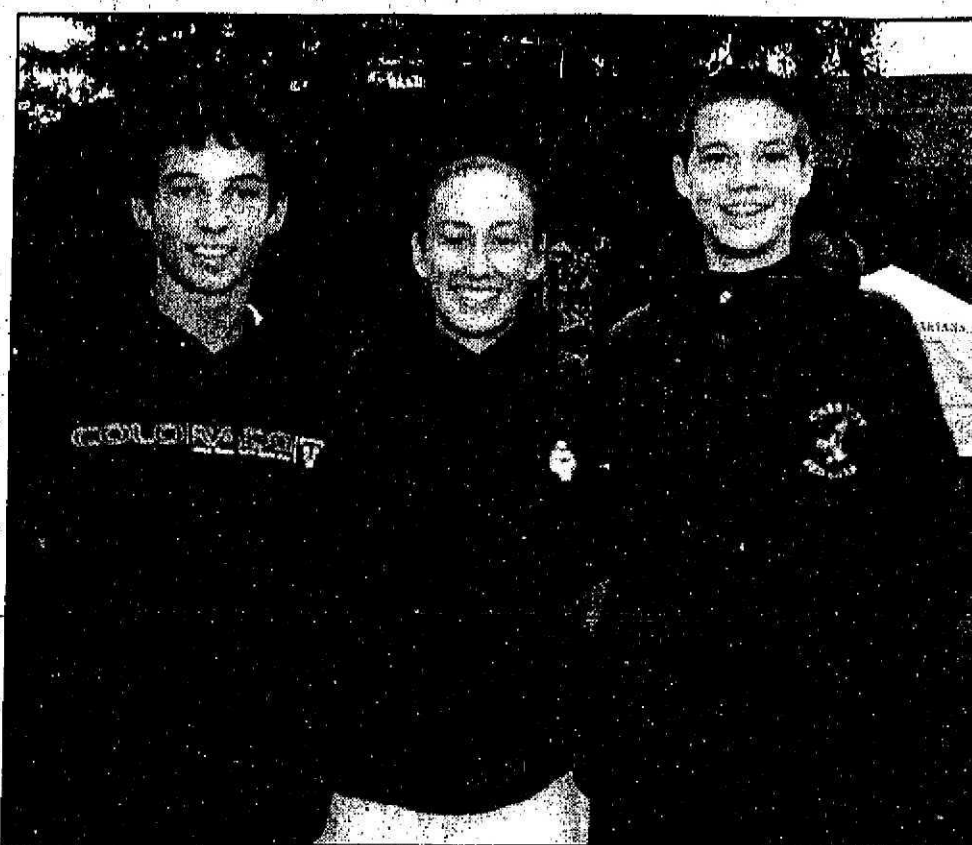
The Hawks also had Dustin Arp, Adam Wentworth, Jessup Hoyt, Joe Homrocky, and Brent Weaver finish among the top 25 runners.

Rocket Brandon Gnatkowski recorded the day's fastest time at 17:22. He joins Valley Lutheran's Mike Haiderer (18:03), USA's Cameron Wildner (18:09), Cass City's Lautner (18:09), Reese's Jordon

Seitz (18:10), Bad Axe's Kyle Kennedy (18:36) and Cass City's Reif (18:40) as members of the GTW first team all conference list.

In the girls' competition, Valley Lutheran earned first place honors with 38 points, while Bad Axe and Reese finished with 47 and 65 points, respectively.

Red Hawk Carrie Hillaker earned first team all conference honors for her 6th place finish and a time of 22:05. Joining Hillaker on the GTW first team was girls' winner Janelle Keineth (19:52) of Valley Lutheran, Reese's Rachel Trombley (20:16), Valley Lutheran's Candice Tiller (21:13), Bad Axe's Jackie Howard (21:13), Valley Lutheran's Stephanie Petzelt (21:30) and Bad Axe's Dana Smith (22:09).



**ALL CONFERENCE performers.** Cass City cross country runners (l-r) Cameron Lautner, Carrie Hillaker and Kyle Reif each earned first team Greater Thumb West honors for their efforts at Tuesday's league invite in Reese.

## Kingston cagers still perfect in NCTL play

Kingston remained perfect in North Central Thumb League cage play Tuesday night with a 54-41 victory over visiting Owen-Gage.

The Cardinals used 6 treys to help offset a game-high 25 points from Bulldog Kayla Zaleski to earn the win.

Both schools came out firing as Cardinals Ashley Harneck and Britini Hill each recorded 3 field goals in the early going, while Zaleski recorded 12 points for the visitors in the initial frame which ended with the hosts leading 19-15.

The high scoring pace continued until the break. Kingston's Crystal Barrett scored all 6 of her points in the 2nd period to help Kingston expand its advantage to 35-30 at the intermission.

The Cardinals then gave themselves some breathing room entering the final period as they held the Bulldogs to solo baskets from Zaleski, Katie Swiastyn and Stephanie Dorsch during the 3rd frame.

The Kingston defense continued to hold Owen-Gage in check in the final period, where they outscored the Bulldogs, 6-5, to preserve the win.

Hill paced Kingston with 20 points and 6 rebounds, while Rayl added 17 markers. Owen-Gage's Swiastyn was the only other player, besides Zaleski, to reach double digits and finished with 11 points.

The Bulldogs are scheduled to travel to face NCTL-N leader Port Hope Thursday, while Kingston will entertain Peck.

### BOX SCORES

**OWEN-GAGE** - Zaleski 9-0 (7-12) 25; Swiastyn 3-1 (2-2) 11; Enderle 1-0 (0-0) 2; Dorsch 1-0 (1-4) 3.

**TOTALS** - 14-1 (10-18) 41.

**KINGSTON** - Harneck 4-0 (0-0) 8; Fourman 0-1 (0-0) 3; Rayl 3-3 (2-4) 17; Hill 7-2 (0-0) 20; Barrett 2-0 (2-2) 6.

**TOTALS** - 16-6 (4-6) 54.



**RED HAWK** Jake Howard (right) battles with a Bad Axe player during Thursday's meeting in Cass City.

## Hawks sloppy in pair of wins over Saints, Eagles

The Cass City Red Hawks have a full week off before they return to the cage wars Thursday to meet Valley Lutheran in a Greater Thumb West game at home.

Judging by the way the team played in a victory over Bay City All Saints last week the Hawks could stand a little regrouping. Cass City won, 44-31.

It was a game marked by numerous turnovers and general all-around sloppy play that would spell disaster against more talented teams.

And after the Valley Lutheran game Thursday the Hawks will meet strong squads next week and will need to play at a top level to compete. Tuesday the team meets Saginaw Nouvel and Thursday has a rematch with Lakers, a team that went into overtime before Cass City edged out the win.

Sarah Hobbs opened the game against All Saints with a trey and that was the end of good things for Cass City in the quarter. The Hawks dominated the boards, but committed turnovers that negated the advantage. When Katie Middleton hit one of 2 free throws opening the second quarter, the Cougars were in front, 8-6.

After that it was a seesaw game for the rest of the first half. The game was tied twice and the lead changed 5 times. It was tied at 12 all when Cass City scored 3 unanswered hoops to take the lead at the intermission, 20-17.

The Cougars tied the score again at 20-all in the opening moments of the third quarter on a trey by Megan Bergeron but then Cass City took control of the game, outscoring All Saints 12-6 to lead, 34-28, going into the final quarter. In the spurt Ashley Hendrick connected for 3 hoops. Courtney Rabideau hit a pair of jumpers from the key and Hobbs added a pair of baskets.

Middleton kept the Cougars competitive, netting 5 of All Saints' 9 points in the

quarter. All Saints' last serious challenge came in the opening minutes of the last quarter when 2 quick hoops moved the team to within 4 points, 34-30. The Hawks answered that spurt with 5 quick points to cement the win.

Sarah Hobbs netted 16 points for the Hawks and Ashley Hendrick was in double figures with 11. Middleton scored 10 for All Saints. Amy Howard snagged 14 rebounds, 3 blocks and 2 steals for Cass City.

### DECKERVILLE BOWS

Deckerville bowed to the Hawks, 49-31, Tuesday in the first game played last week, but it wasn't an impressive Cass City victory. We seem to play down to the opposition, coach John Maharg observed after last week's games.

Certainly the offense was sleeping in the opening 8 minutes. Cass City scored just one field goal and 4 of 5 free throws. Deckerville was equally slow with just 3 baskets and the teams entered the second quarter tied at 6.

Paced by Ashley Hendrick with 4 hoops and Jenny Brinkman with 2 hoops and 2 charity tosses, Cass City rolled to a 24-14 lead at the intermission.

The teams traded baskets in the third quarter and then added to the lead with some

fine free throw shooting, converting 8 of 10 tries. Krystee Dorland carried the scoring load in the last quarter when she scored 9 of her 11 points for the night. Also in double figures was Hobbs with 12.

Howard with 9 and Hendrick with 8 led the rebounders for the Hawks. Dorland and Brinkman each posted 5 assists for Cass City.

### BOX SCORES

**CASS CITY** - Whittaker 0-0 (3-4) 3; Hobbs 3-1 (3-3) 12; D. Rabideau 0-0 (2-2) 2; Dorland 3-0 (5-6) 11; Howard 2-0 (2-2) 6; Hendrick 4-0 (1-2) 9; Brinkman 2-0 (2-3) 6.

**TOTALS** - 14-1 (18-23) 49.

**DECKERVILLE** - Lindke 2-0 (4-6) 8; Jensen 5-0 (1-5) 11; Sweat 3-0 (0-0) 6; Schule 3-0 (0-2) 6.

**TOTALS** - 13-0 (5-14) 31.

**CASS CITY** - C. Rabideau 2-0 (0-0) 4; Hobbs 5-1 (3-4) 16; Dorland 3-0 (0-0) 6; Howard 1-0 (1-4) 3; Hendrick 5-0 (1-2) 11; Brinkman 2-0 (0-0) 4.

**TOTALS** - 18-1 (18-23) 44.

**ALL SAINTS** - Bergeron 2-1 (1-2) 8; Roth 0-0 (1-2) 1; Mikolajczak 3-0 (0-0) 6; Middleton 1-0 (8-12) 10; Magryta 0-1 (3-4) 6.

**TOTALS** - 6-2 (13-20) 31.

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## Soccer round up Hawks blanked in pair of setbacks

The Hawks had 2 home games last week, an 8-0 loss to USA and a 6-0 loss to Bad Axe.

The USA game was played in cold, rainy weather and followed the pattern of the last few games. The Hawks gave up a goal early and had to scramble to try and catch up after that.

Sam and Jake Howard both had excellent scoring chances in the first half, with Jake's beating the keeper, but going just wide. Ross Forrest returned to the lineup and played a strong defensive game. Gavin Mills and Leon Sullins also had good games, as did Brent Cooper and Brandon Miller. Defensive lapses resulted in good shots for USA and inexperienced

keeper play gave them a couple of goals, but the lack of offense again hurt the Hawks. The best chance in the second half came from Eric Reed, but a good defensive play blocked the effort and preserved the shutout.

The Bad Axe game was an improvement, both in weather and in intensity, as the sun was shining and the Hawks were in the game from the start. Play was back and forth until the Hatchets scored on a header off of a rebound and came back in less than 2 minutes to get a second goal. Sam Howard had 2 good runs and kept constant pressure on the defense. Eric Reed had 2 excellent shots off set pieces that forced the keeper to make diving saves.

The Bad Axe defense was forced to scramble several times, but the Hawks couldn't manage to get a shot in the net. Hatchet breaks the other way resulted in the last few goals. Overall, play was good, and had the Hawks been able to score early, the tone of the game may have been different, Coach Chuck Reed pointed out.

The Bad Axe game marked the last home game for seniors Leon Sullins and Norma "Spongebob" Pierce. Both have had good years, with Pierce sharing time in net after Hanby's injury. Sullins had several goals early in the season and was one of the faster players on the team. Both players will be missed, as they were just starting to develop into consistent frontline players.

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- Village Trustee - One (1) April 1, 2004 - March 31, 2006

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Nominating petitions can be obtained at the Municipal building, 6506 Main Street, 872-2911, anytime during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am till 4:30 pm. The clerk will be available to assist with any questions regarding nominating petitions. The deadline for filling petitions with the clerk is Tuesday, November 25, 2003 by 4:00 pm.

Joyce A. Bemus  
Clerk/Treasurer, Village of Cass City



Obituaries

Larry Allgeyer

Larry Matthew Allgeyer, 34, of Bad Axe, died Friday, Oct. 17, 2003 at his home from complications of a heart condition.

He was born March 2, 1969 in Escanaba to Marvin Allgeyer and Beverly (Schipinski) Allgeyer.

He was a graduate of Bad Axe High School and attended Saginaw Valley State University. He was employed by the Pizza Hut Corporation for 15 years, working at both the Sandusky and Bad Axe stores. Allgeyer managed the Bad Axe store for the last 3 years. He never married.

He is survived by his mother, Beverly Allgeyer of Bad Axe; his father, Marvin Allgeyer of Carney; two sisters: Lynn Marie Allgeyer of Bad Axe and Julie Ann Allgeyer of Carney; two brothers: Jeffery Paul (Stacey) Allgeyer of Pittsburg, Calif. and Jerold James (Melissa) Allgeyer of Glendale Heights, Ill.; several nieces, nephews and cousins; a beloved aunt, Joyce (Robert) Kramer Mayes of Oscoda; and a Godchild, Tyler Schipinski.

He was preceded in death by two sisters: Lori Ann and Jenny Marie Allgeyer; and his grandparents: Frank and Florence Allgeyer and Mar- thew and Leona Schipinski.

Funeral mass was held Tues- day, Oct. 21, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rapson, with the Rev. John Killop, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Arrangements were made by the Zinger-Smigielski Fu- neral Home, Uby.

Hailey Dennis

Hailey Rose Dennis, infant daughter of James E. and Jen- nifer L. (Nye) Dennis, died Friday, Oct. 10, 2003 at Bay Regional Medical Center in Bay City.

Hailey is survived by her parents; a sister, Hannah Ray Dennis; grandparents: James and Marilyn Dennis of Caro and Donna Nye of Cass City; great-grandparents: Stanley and Ruth Morell and Mardell Ware, all of Cass City; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by a grandfather, Kenneth Nye in August of 1996.

Graveside services were held at the Novesta Town- ship Cemetery with Chuck Emmert of the Novesta Church of Christ officiating. Arrangements were made by the Ransford Funeral Home, Caro.

Karen Fischer

Karen Jean Fischer, 59, of Cass City, died Sunday, Oct. 19, 2003 in Bay Medical Center, Bay City.

She was born Feb. 22, 1944 in Cass City to Louis Nemeth and Elaine (Hartwick) Crane. She married Robert Fischer Aug. 24, 1963 at the Cass City First Presbyterian Church.

Fischer worked at Hair Benders Beauty Shop for many years. She was an active member of the First Pres- byterian Church, Cass City, serving as a youth group leader and elder.

She is survived by her hus- band, Robert; a daughter, Bobbi (Frank) Galarno of Saginaw; her mother, Elaine Crane of Cass City; her fa- ther, Louis Nemeth; a brother-in-law, Rebe (Sheri) Fischer of Detroit; a niece, Elissa Fischer; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her dad, James W. Crane Sr.; a brother, James W. Crane Jr.; a sister-in-law, Deborah Crane; and her stepmother, Grace Nemeth.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 22, at the First Presbyterian Church, Cass City, with the Rev. David Blackburn offi- ciating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cem- etery.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church Youth Group. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Louis Bockstanz

Louis F. Bockstanz, 87, of Cass City, formerly of Kalamazoo, died Wednes- day, Oct. 15, 2003 in Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

He was born Aug. 1, 1916 in Ludington to Louis F. and Winnie (Wright) Bockstanz.

He married Lois Evelyn Bosworth on Aug. 14, 1938 at her home in Scottville.

Bockstanz graduated from Ludington High School in 1933. He worked at the Ludington Daily News and became a journalist. Later, he worked at the Kalamazoo Gazette, where he retired as news editor. Bockstanz was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Portage. He and his wife moved to Cass City in 1994, where he was a member of the Cass City United Methodist Church.

Bockstanz is survived by his wife, Lois; three chil- dren: Douglas (Nance) Bockstanz of Lyons Falls, N.Y., David (Bonnie) Bockstanz of Deford and Delyne Bockstanz of Clinton Township; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a brother, Ernie Bockstanz of Kalamazoo; a sister, Leila (Chuck) Brockstead of Muskegon; and a sister-in- law, Betty Bockstanz of Kalamazoo.

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|----------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Aug. 28  | Sandusky 48, CC 22        | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 5  | Ubyly 41, CC 6            | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 12 | BCAS 22, CC 6             | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 19 | Valley Lutheran 14, CC 44 | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 26 | Lakers 44, CC 22          | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 3   | USA 334, CC 16            | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 10  | Reese 34, CC 6            | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 17  | Bad Axe 0, CC 42          | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 24  | Freeland                  | 7:30 p.m. |

Cass City Red Hawks  
2003 Girls' Basketball

|            |                           |           |
|------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Aug. 26    | Marlette 32, CC 51        | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 4    | Harbor Beach 44, CC 42    | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 9    | Sandusky 61, CC 28        | 6:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 11   | Brown City 56, CC 64      | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 16   | Valley Lutheran 45, CC 60 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 18   | Ubyly 26, CC 38           | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 23   | Lakers 45, CC 49          | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 30   | Bad Axe 36, CC 55         | 6:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 2     | USA 39, CC 54             | 6:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 7     | Mayville 39, CC 40        | 5:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 9     | Reese 64, CC 60           | 5:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 14    | Deckerville 31, CC 49     | 5:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 16    | BCAS 31, CC 44            | 5:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 23    | Valley Lutheran           | 5:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 28    | Saginaw Nouvel            | 5:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 30    | Lakers                    | 6:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 4     | Bad Axe                   | 6:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 6     | USA                       | 5:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 10    | Reese                     | 6:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 13    | BCAS                      | 5:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 17-23 | Districts @ Bad Axe       | TBA       |
| Nov. 24-26 | Regionals                 | TBA       |

Cass City Red Hawks 2003 Cross Country

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

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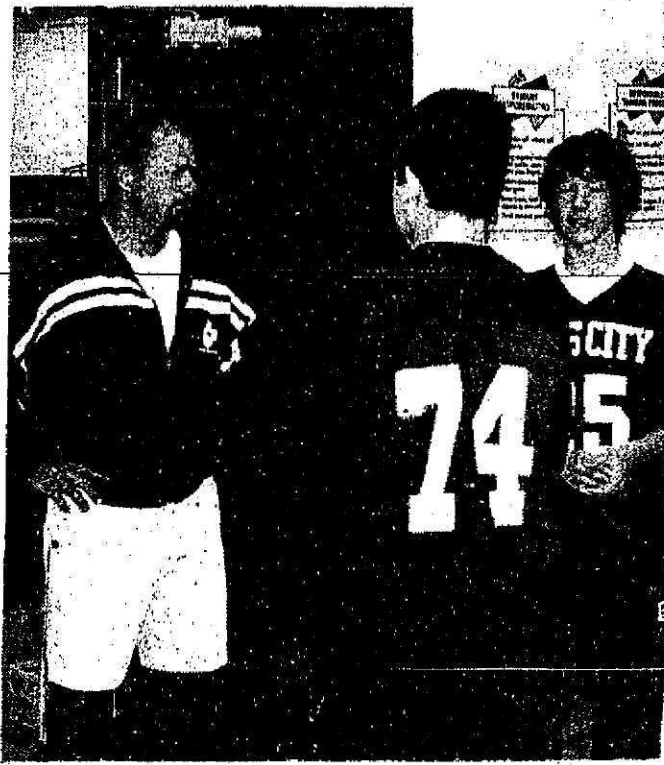
healthy physical activities. Cuthrell explained that the physical education program includes 2 days of physical conditioning, 2 days of team sports and a day for health education.

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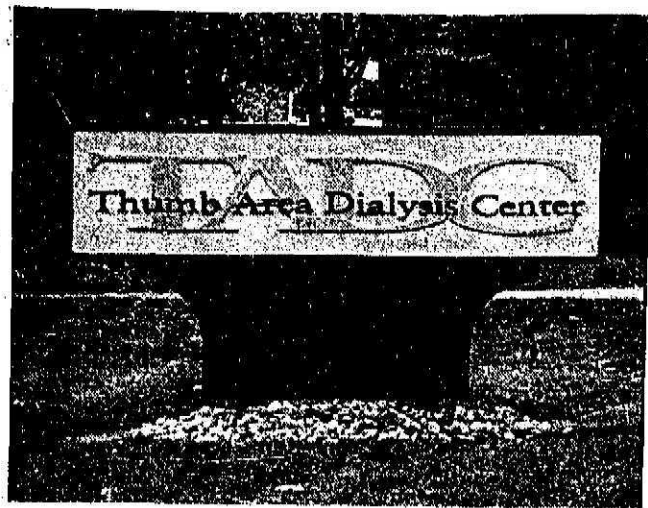


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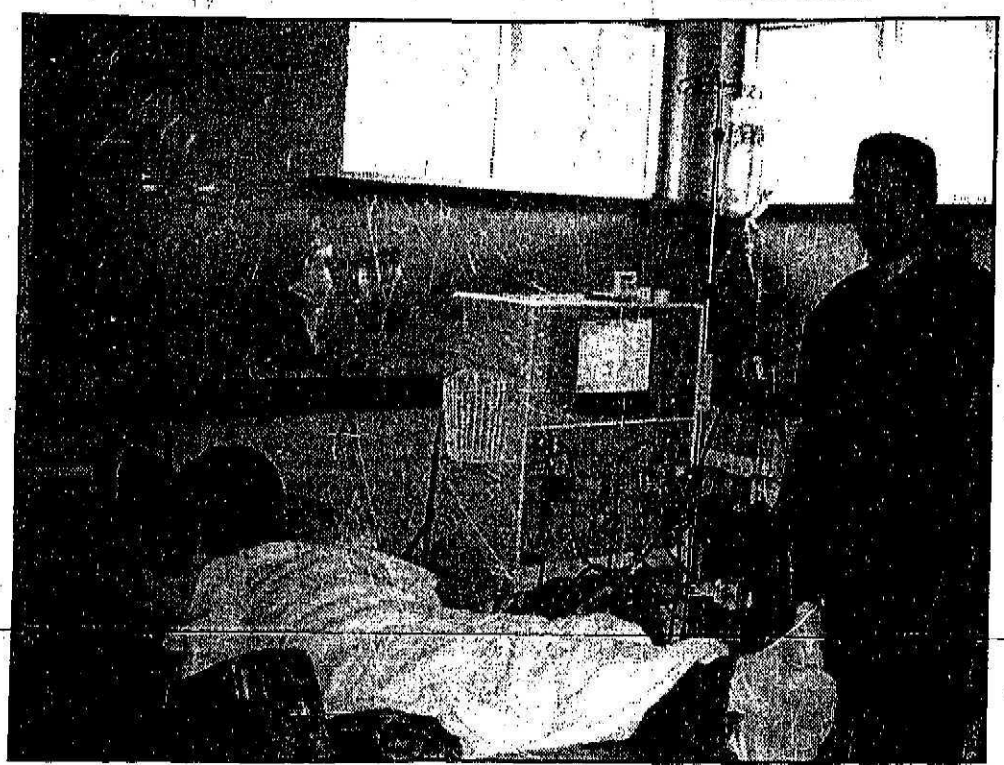
The 6 warning signs of kidney failure are burning or difficulty during urination, increase in frequency of urinating, passing bloody urine, puffiness around the eyes and swelling of feet and hands, pain in the small of the back just below the ribs and high blood pressure. Many forms of kidney disease do not produce any

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Thumb Area Dialysis Center opened its doors in May of 1999, and has served 107 renal consumers within a 60-mile radius of Cass City. This state-of-the-art center is located at 6757 Main Street in Cass City. Effective treatment requires the best equipment, technology and the expertise of health care professionals. Thumb Area Dialysis Center has 8 dialysis stations and 11 highly trained staff members delivering life saving treatments to 37 renal consumers every week. Thumb Area Dialysis Center works closely with major medical centers throughout Michigan offering the benefit of renal transplants to our patients.

Dr. Carlos Marchena, M.D. is the medical director and is currently conducting weekly clinics in an effort to offer treatment and education to residents in the early stages of renal failure. Early referrals allow the nephrologist time to plan a course of treatment that best suits the patient's medical and emotional needs. Seeking medical attention through early referrals enables the physician to make needed adjustments to medications and initiate any dietary restrictions in an effort to delay the need for dialysis.

If you or a loved one are experiencing renal failure, please contact the Thumb Area Dialysis for more education. Under the direction of Dr. Marchena, the caring and knowledgeable staff will gladly answer your questions and offer more information regarding dietary and fluid restrictions, options for future care and the different



**HOWARD MORRISON** of Bad Axe has been a patient at the Thumb Dialysis Center in Cass City since 1999. He receives treatment with the state-of-the-art hemodiafiltration machine 3 times weekly for 3 to 4 hours. The Center draws patients from most of the Thumb and is open daily from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Currently 37 patients are treated. Assisting the patient is Deb Montgomery.

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The Human Development Commission (HDC) and Caro Community Hospital will be hosting the "Sharing the Caring" Caregiver Education Series.

The following sessions are being offered:

\*Understanding Dementia, Alzheimer's and Memory Loss, Tuesday, Oct. 28.

Information will be provided to help you understand brain changes associated with normal versus abnormal memory loss, and the symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of dementia. You will also learn skills for communicating with and caring for someone with memory loss. \*All Stressed Out and Nowhere to Go, Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Caregivers experience a higher risk of health problems related to stress such as high blood pressure, diabetes, gastrointestinal ailments, and depression. Learn about the symptoms of stress and healthy stress management techniques including massage, deep breathing, and aromatherapy.

\*Caregiver Quick Tips on Medicare and Medicaid and More, Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Learn about options for care, what is and is not covered by Medicare and Medicaid, and how you can plan ahead for your loved one's care. Information about advanced directives will be available.

"Sharing the Caring" sessions will be held in the Caro Community Hospital classroom on the lower level. These sessions will begin at 6 p.m. and will last approximately one hour.

The sessions are free of charge, but reservations are requested. Please call the Human Development Commission (HDC) at 1-800-843-6394 or (989) 673-4121 for more information. Interested parties can also contact Caro Community Hospital at (989) 673-3141 for more information or to make a reservation.

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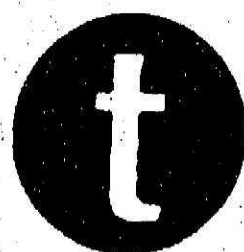
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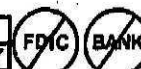
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The programs are designed to free home caretakers that need time away from home to attend special occasions such as weddings and graduations or simply to make available vacation time without worry.

Northwood has a special private, completely furnished room set aside for the occasional visitor. It's located in the assisted care division of the facility. There is also a room available in the division that cares for Alzheimer patients and others with dementia.

It also serves as a temporary

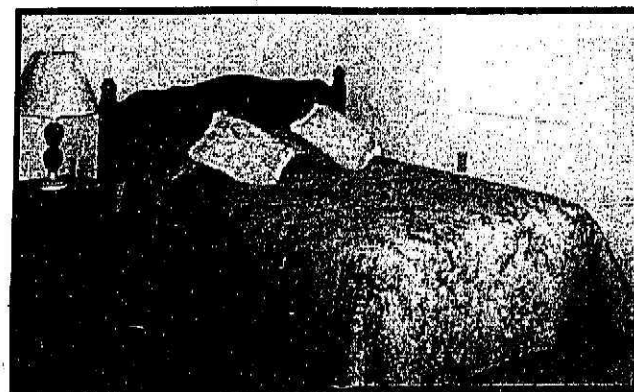
home for patients recovering from stroke or hampered by injuries suffered in accidents where home care is not available, Cindy Joseph, administrator, noted. We have had persons receiving respite care for as long as a month, she said.

The big plus for families is that using the facility eliminates any worry that the member receiving home care will not be cared for while they are gone for the weekend or longer for a winter or summer vacation.

The respite resident is served 3 meals a day and the staff administers any medicine needed.

Residents using the respite care rooms are charged just \$88 a day in the assisted care section and \$110 a day in the dementia section.

Respite patients at Marlette Hospital are lodged in regular hospital rooms at various rates per 24-hour period. The least expensive is \$68. Other rates are \$100 and \$180.



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## Northwood Meadows

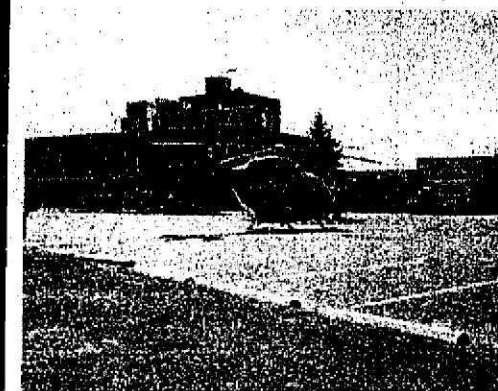
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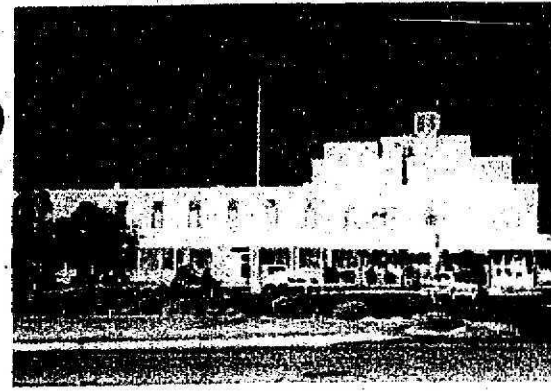


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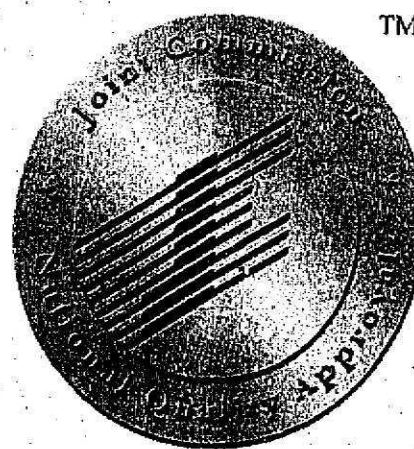
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STATE REP. Tom Meyer gets a lesson in technology from Campbell Elementary School students Hayley Thorp and Ethan Nicol.



OLIVE HUTCHINSON was fêted Oct. 7 on her 95th birthday by members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and other friends at a party held at Tendercare in Cass City. The honored guest is seated, second from the left.

JACK LAURIE

Farmer

"I think it's important that we say to public officials that you have to be thrifty... we certainly can't be wasting taxpayer dollars. But, by the same token, I don't believe that we as citizens can say to these folks we're just not going to give you anything to work with and yet we expect you to get the job done. If this millage fails we're probably not going to have the kind of government that we want. We'll have a number of services that won't be available, and when we ask... Why is that so? We just have to remember to when we voted to not fund them properly."

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**Production of milk up 1.4%**

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 489 million pounds of milk during September, up 1.4 percent from a year ago, according to the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service.

The daily rate per cow was 54.7 pounds, up 1.2 pounds from 2002. The dairy herd was estimated at 298,000 head for September, down 2,000 from a year earlier.

# Students share knowledge with state lawmakers

Four Cass City eighth grade students recently attended the third annual AT&T and Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) Technology Showcase at the Capitol in Lansing.

"This is an opportunity for students to demonstrate to teachers, parents, business leaders and legislators how technology is being integrated into the classroom," explained teacher Linda Volz, who accompanied the local students.

More than 100 schools from around the state participated in this year's event.

The session opened with a proclamation signed by the governor. Then various speakers and members of the legislature spoke on the importance of technology and preparing students for an informational work environment, according to Volz, who said those in attendance were encouraged to walk around the Capitol and view the students' work.

Students Brittany Karavas, Devin Jamieson, Tommy Parrish and Lauren Bennett represented Volz' Career Pathways/Technology classes at the showcase.

"They demonstrated how to use palm pilots, and software programs such as Incredible Machines and Inspirations," Volz said.

"The students also showcased personal essays they had written for their language arts class and technology class. This entailed using a camera, scanner (and) word art, as well as conducting research on themselves using information gathered from various websites.

"The students did an excellent job explaining their display to all those that stopped by to ask questions," Volz added. "Rep. Tom Meyer spent time asking the kids about the software they were learning to use and the palm pilots."

Volz noted that a number of individuals were curious about the "palms" and how they are being used in the classroom.

"The students were more than happy to share their experiences. These students even had the unique opportunity to be interviewed by a television crew from a local station," she said.

Senator Jim Barcia was unable to attend the event due to a prior commitment, but he sent one of his staff members with a framed certificate for each one of the participants.

"The students were also able to tour the Capitol and the campus of Michigan State University," Volz said. "It certainly was an educational and informational trip for these eighth graders."



STUDENTS TOMMY Parrish (from left), Devin Jamieson, Lauren Bennett and Brittany Karavas represented Cass City Middle School Teacher Linda Volz' classes at the technology showcase in Lansing.

**Bezemek completes training**

Army National Guard Private Edward A. Bezemek has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the 8 weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

He is the son of Val Bezemek of Argyle Rd., Snover.

RICHARD PETER

Tuscola County Citizen

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# Obituaries

**Robert Schell**

Robert E. Schell, 90, of Cass City, died Thursday, Oct. 16, 2003 at the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility.

He was born July 17, 1913 in Detroit, the son of Fred and Edna (Bardwell) Schell.

He married Florence Muz Nov. 23, 1967 in Cass City. She preceded him in death July 25, 1994.

Schell graduated from Detroit Public Schools. He farmed in the Cass City area prior to his retirement. He was a member of St. Pancratius Catholic Church in Cass City, the Polish National Alliance and the Tuscola County Farm Bureau.

He is survived by a stepson, Timothy (Joyce) Muz of Caro; a stepdaughter, DeAnna Muz of Munger; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: Donald and Malcolm Schell; two sisters: Frances Waltz and Ruth Stienner; and a stepson, Gerald Muz.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 20, at the St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, with Fr. Steve Filion officiating.

Burial was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

**Beatrice Sweeney**

Beatrice M. Sweeney, 83, of Uby, died Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2003 unexpectedly at Northwood Meadows, Cass City.

She was born Oct. 3, 1920 in Cass City to the late James and Matilda (Meyer) Garety.

She married Dolan Sweeney Aug. 31, 1940 at St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Sheridan. He preceded her in death Aug. 9, 1988.

Sweeney was a 1938 graduate of Cass City High School. She farmed with her family until 1982.

Sweeney is survived by five daughters: Delores (Ron) Smalley of Uby, Dorothy (Bruce) Peterson of Westland, Marilyn (Roderick) Walsh of Uby, Florine (Harold) Krueger of Reese and Elaine (Ernest) Newberry of Otter Lake; five sons: Harold Sweeney of Cass City, Howard (Jill Vanacker) Sweeney of Gladwin, Lynn (Pam) Sweeney of Uby, Larry (Dorothy) Sweeney of Uby and Robert (Carol) Sweeney of Uby; 26 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two sisters: Helen Sweeney of Uby and Sister Elaine Garety IHM of Monroe; a brother, William (Dorothy) Garety of Saginaw; five sisters-in-law: Bertha Sweeney, Anna McIntosh, Lucille Sweeney, Virginia Sweeney and Janet Garety; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Marjorie Sweeney in 1954; three brothers: John, Peter and Patrick Garety; six sisters: Marie Murray, Caroline Garety, Sister Martha Garety IHM, Patricia Garety, Gertrude Garety and Albina Sweeney.

Funeral mass was held Saturday, Oct. 18, at St. Columbkille Catholic Church, Sheridan, with the Rev. T.J. Fleming, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigelski Funeral Home, Uby.

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by SUSAN K. HEALY & RUSSELL J. HEALY, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to AMERICAN BUSINESS MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., Mortgagee, dated June 15, 2002 and recorded on July 17, 2002, in Liber 886 on Page 724, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy-seven thousand three hundred twelve and 05/100 Dollars (\$77,312.05), including interest at 13.99% 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 sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 AM on November 21, 2003.

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

A parcel of land located in the West half of the Northwest quarter of Section 14, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, described as: Commencing at a point on the North and South quarter line of said Section 14 at 1597 feet South of the North quarter corner of said Section; thence North 5 degrees 30 minutes East, 464 feet; thence South 0 degrees West, 252 feet; thence South 86 degrees 30 minutes West, 54 feet to the North and South quarter line; thence North 252 feet to the place of beginning.

Parcel Number: 79-007-014-000-25-00

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

Dated: October 22, 2003

AMERICAN BUSINESS MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.  
Mortgagee

ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.  
11 South Old Woodward Avenue  
Suite 300  
Irvinghills, MI 48009-6616  
For information, please call:  
(483) 540-7701

10-22-4

**NOTICE OF REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY AND REVOCATION OF AUTHORITY OF MATTHEW J. KOCH TO ACT ON BEHALF OF ELLA SCHROEDER**  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 3, 2003.

Principal:  
Ella Schroeder  
2086 Saxony Ave.  
Eastpointe, MI 48021-2543

Former Agent:  
Matthew J. Koch  
1873 Rupprecht  
Assar, MI 48768

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS/ENTITIES:

Effective October 3, 2003, the principal, Ella Schroeder, has revoked the power, agency and authority of Matthew J. Koch to act on her behalf and as her agent, Attorney-In-Fact, Patient Advocate, or otherwise pursuant to any General Power of Attorney or any other document purporting to grant to said Matthew J. Koch such powers. Any person and/or entity dealing with said Matthew J. Koch in reliance on any such document after October 3, 2003 does so at their own risk. The principal will not honor any obligations, contracts or agreements entered into after October 3, 2003 by Matthew J. Koch acting as agent for said principal in any capacity. Anyone having transacted any business at any time with Matthew J. Koch acting on behalf of Ella Schroeder is requested to contact the principal.

Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to:

Ella Schroeder  
2086 Saxony Ave.  
Eastpointe, MI 48021-2543

Attorney at Law  
Heldson B. Greenblatt  
5225 Gratiot Avenue  
Livonia, Michigan 48066  
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10-22-2

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by George L. Bodie, a married man, and Terresa M. Bodie, his wife (original mortgagors), to Icon Financial Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 31, 2002 and recorded on February 14, 2002 in Liber 864 on Page 1207, 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 NINETEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT AND 68/100 Dollars (\$19,588.68), including interest at 6.25% 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 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 1, Town 14 North, Range 9 East, de-

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

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

Dated: October 1, 2003

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
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Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 2002326646

Team X

10-1-4

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**ATTN PURCHASERS:** This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Enrique Palomares and Karen A. Palomares, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Great American Acceptance Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 10, 2001 and recorded on March 23, 2001 in Liber 825 on Page 1254 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee under the pooling and servicing agreement series 2001-B, Assignee by an assignment dated July 24, 2003, which was recorded on September 19, 2003 in Liber 955 on Page 560, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-ONE AND 62/100 Dollars (\$116,791.62), including interest at 12.99% 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 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 along 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 North-easterly 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 MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 8, 2003

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
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File # 200231798

Team M

10-8-4

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Andrea N. Gonzales, 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, 2002, 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, Tuscola County, 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 MCL 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)  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
38500 Woodward Avenue, Suite 300  
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304-5051  
(248) 540-7500

10-1-5

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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, "Vassar'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 MCL 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

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC  
Attorneys for Citibank, N.A. as trustee,  
As Assignee  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 209.2325

10-1-5

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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 9.00% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front

entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on October 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 MCL 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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File # 200215953

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 5.75% 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, 659.55 feet; thence along the East line of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, North 00 degrees 02 minutes 54 seconds East, 1320.05 feet to the North line of the Section 27 and the point of beginning. Subject to the use of the Northeast 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 mortgage to the Wells Fargo 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 NINETEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-ONE AND 32/100 Dollars (\$19,741.32), including interest at 9.60% 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, per-

pendicular 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 MCL 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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File # 200120374

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 Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 29, 2000 and recorded on January 5, 2001 in Liber 818 on Page 1213 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated December 29, 2000, which was recorded on January 5, 2001 in Liber 818 on Page 1221, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SIXTY-FOUR AND 07/100 Dollars (\$68,064.07), including interest at 8.50% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance 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 12 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 MCL 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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Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200327905

Team C

10-1-4

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Michael P. Peche and Debra J. Peche, husband and wife, to First National Bank of America, dated August 17, 1998 in Liber 748, Page 50, Tuscola County Records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$31,932.54.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Thursday, November 13, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. local time, at front steps, Tuscola County Courthouse, Caro, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 9.25 percent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in the Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

Lots 49, 50, 55 and 56 of Sunshine Park Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 71, now being Page 21B.

The redemption period will be six months from the date of sale, but if the property is abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days.

Date: October 7, 2003

Joseph B. Backus  
Attorney for Mortgage holder  
P.O. Box 794  
East Lansing, MI 48826  
(517) 337-1617

10-15-4

**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.**

**ATTN PURCHASERS:** This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Wendell I. Wildermuth, a married man, and Lisa Wildermuth (original mortgagors), to Icon Financial Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 17, 2000 and recorded on October 23, 2000 in Liber 813 on Page 1276 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated October 23, 2000, which was recorded on October 23, 2000 in Liber 813 on Page 1284, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is

claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINETEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE AND 62/100 Dollars (\$19,451.62), including interest at 8.75% per annum.



## Legal notices

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gregory D. Thompson, husband, and Cathy E. Thompson, wife (original mortgagors), to Greater Atlantic Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 12, 1999 and recorded on October 12, 1999 in Liber 784 on Page 613 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Countywide Home Loans, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated September 30, 1999, which was recorded on August 16, 2000 in Liber 808 on Page 884, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE AND 35/100 DOLLARS (\$186,423.35), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 A.M., on November 20, 2003.

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

Parcel C: Commencing at the West quarter corner of Section 34, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, Juniata Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes East, 830.95 feet along the West line of said Section to the point of beginning; Running thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes East, 166.20 feet along the West section line; thence South 89 degrees 42 minutes 24 seconds East, 2623.93 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 06 seconds East, 166.20 feet along the East-West quarter line; thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes 24 seconds West, 2623.94 feet to the point of beginning; Being part of Northwest quarter, Section 34, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, Juniata Township, Tuscola County, Michigan. Right of Way for Ringle Road over the Westerly side thereof.

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

Dated: October 22, 2003

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: Team X (248) 593-1302  
Trot & Trot, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200320818

Team X

10-22-4

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Transit (nonbusiness) rates, 10 words or less, \$3.75 each insertion; additional words 10 cents each. Three weeks for the price of 2-cash rate. Save money by enclosing cash with mail orders. Rates for display want ads on application.

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### General Merchandise

**FOR SALE** - 9-piece Ludwig drum set, \$500; 10-station multi-gym, \$300. 670-0428 2-10-8-3

**UTILITY TRAILER** - about 4 x 8, complete with ramps, \$225. 989-670-3484 2-10-8-1f

**METAL STORE SHELVING** for sale - 4' sections. Will sell by section. Farmers, great shelving for your shed. 872-2191 2-10-22-4

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**FOR SALE** - Berkline blue recliner sofa and loveseat, excellent condition, \$450; queen size waterbed, \$75; 6 person hot tub, \$1,000 O.B.O. Call 872-5133 after 6 p.m., or leave message. 2-10-22-3

**AMISH LOG HEADBOARD** with queen pillow top mattress set. New in plastic. Must sell, \$275. 989-923-1278 2-10-15-6

### Real Estate For Sale

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#### 2-16-1f

#### Thanks for calling

#### 872-2010

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#### In Memory

#### It has been a year since

#### I've gone home to heaven,

#### And oh I must tell you

#### I'm so happy with delight!

#### There is perfect joy and beauty

#### In this everlasting light.

#### All the pain and grief is over

#### Every restless tossing passed,

#### I am now at peace forever

#### Safely home in Heaven at last.

#### Did you wonder I so calmly

#### Trod the valley of the shade?

#### Oh' but Jesus' love illuminated

#### Every dark and fearful glade.

#### He came Himself to meet me

#### In that way so hard to tread,

#### And with Jesus' arm to lean on

#### Could I have one doubt or dread?

#### You must not grieve so sorely

#### For I love you dearly still,

#### Try to look beyond earth's shadows

#### Pray to trust our Father's Will.

#### There is work still waiting for You

#### So you must not idly stand,

#### Do it now, while life remaineth

#### You shall rest in Jesus' land.

#### When that work is all completed

#### He will greatly call you Home,

#### Oh, the rapture of that meeting

#### Oh, the joy to see you come!

#### 15-10-22-1

### General Merchandise

**MATTRESS SET** - king size pillow top. New in plastic. Includes deluxe frame. Cost \$1,050, sacrifice \$335. 989-839-4846 2-10-15-6

**FOR SALE** - Table with leaf, 6 chairs, \$100. 665-2582, evenings. 2-10-15-3

**FIREWOOD** for sale - All hardwood. Rotochiller for sale. Can be seen at 6786 Main (45 mph speed limit sign in front yard). 2-10-15-2

**FOR SALE** - seasoned hardwood, \$45 face cord. You pick-up. 989-872-3515 or 989-872-1101. 2-9-11-1f

### Household Sales

**ESTATE SALE** - 6196 Cedar Dr., Cass City (Huntsville Trailer Park). Saturday, Oct. 25, 9-5 p.m. Washer, dryer, small freezer, 2 La-Z-Boy recliners, beds, chest of drawers, desk and other miscellaneous furniture and household items. All items must be sold! Wonder Woman's Sale. 14-10-22-1

### Real Estate For Sale

**LAND FOR SALE** - 5 acres. Good spot. Zoning will allow 14x70 mobile home. Also, ask about 3 acres of land. Call 843-5533 or 823-8981. 3-10-15-3

**FOR SALE** - Retail building with 2,400 sq. ft. space. Nice corner lot with front and rear parking. Located on Main Street in downtown Cass City. Call after 6 p.m. for details, 989-872-4654. 3-7-23-1f

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**2-BEDROOM** downstairs apartment at beautiful Hillside Apartments. Fully carpeted, refrigerator, range, water softener, air conditioner, storage units and laundry. Near grocery store, beauty shop, hospital, doctors. Call 872-3315. 4-5-23-1f

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**WE ARE NOW** taking applications for 1 & 2 bedroom apartments at Northwood Heights apartments in Cass City. Rent is based on income. For rental information, call 989-872-2369 or Crest Property Management at 989-652-9281. Some units barrier free. TTY for hearing or speech impaired. 1-800-649-3777. Equal Housing Opportunity. 4-4-11-1f

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**NICE 2-BEDROOM** apartment for rent in Cass City. Call 810-395-7532 for information. 4-10-8-3

**FOR RENT** - Cass City Mini Storage. Call 872-3917. 4-3-13-1f

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### Notices

#### Trip to Fisher Theatre, Detroit

**October 26, 2003**  
"Mamma Mia"  
Pick up behind Sutter's Bakery 9:15 a.m.  
Arrive Cass City approx. 8 p.m.  
Any questions, call 872-2925 5-10-22-1

**ATTN: CLASS OF '93**, the 10-year reunion is upon us, it's Nov. 8. If you haven't gotten an invite, then we were unable to locate you. Please contact Ron Bouck at 872-1107 anytime. 5-10-22-1

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**VENDORS WANTED** - Winter Treasure Fest coming November 15 and 16 to the Birch Run Expo Center. Antiques and collectibles, sports memorabilia, arts and crafts, flea market merchandise, etc. Information, 517-263-0520. 5-10-22-3

**BUCK POLE** at Mulligan's, Nov. 15. Chili, cards and prizes. 872-8002 5-10-22-4

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# Tuscola sheriff new president

According to Terrence L. Jungel, executive director of the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, Sheriff Thomas T. Kern of Tuscola County was elected president of the Association for the 2004 term to begin Jan. 1.

Attorney General Mike Cox swore in Kern at the Michigan Sheriffs' Association Annual Fall Training Conference and Trade Show during the opening banquet, Oct. 12. The conference was held at the Bavarian Inn Lodge and Conference Center in Frankenmuth.

"Sheriff Kern has demonstrated great leadership as a director, and as a result, was elected by his peers to be their president. I look forward to working with Sheriff Kern and his board," Jungel said.

Kern earned his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Delta College, and earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Police Administration from Saginaw Valley State University, graduating Magna Cum Laude, and has been with the Tuscola County Sheriff's Office since 1970. He was elected sheriff and took office in 1989.

Every year the Michigan Sheriffs' Association elects a new president. During the course of the president's term he will preside over board meetings, carry out all orders and resolutions of the board of directors and basically will assume the power and duties generally vested in the office of president of a corporation or association.

## PROPOSAL U

- Allocated**
- In force for an unspecified amount of time
  - Can be changed by voters

**1.6163 Mills Additional**  
Additional for county services added to the current 3.9417 mills

**Rolled Up**  
Townships and intermediate school district rolled up to original 1964 allocated

- Mills Moved**
- .8867 mills replaces current special purpose Road Patrol millage
  - .1970 mills replaces current special purpose Senior Citizens millage

### COUNTY PROPOSAL

#### PROPOSAL U

Until altered by the voters, shall separate tax limitations be established for the county of Tuscola and the townships and intermediate school district, the aggregate of which shall not exceed 8.4417 mills

|                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| County of Tuscola            | 6.6417        |
| Townships                    | 1.62          |
| Intermediate school district | .15           |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>8.4417</b> |

YES ☐ NO ☐

**NOTE:** If approved, this millage would result in an increase of 1.6163 mills for county services (\$1.61 per \$100 of taxable value)

The County's current allocated millage is 3.9417. Of the 27 mills requested, 1.6163 is the actual increase for the county services. .8867 replaces the currently levied special purpose road patrol millage and .1970 replaces the current levied special purpose senior citizen millage.

## Finances in voters' hands

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Chairman Anna Kabot, who pointed out that failure to provide adequate space in the clerk's office, for ex-

ample, could lead to a state takeover of some county services and, subsequently, loss of local control.

"We recognize the times

we're in. We want to pass something reasonable," Kabot added. "We're not asking for a huge increase. We're asking for something to help us maintain."

## FB questions CWD proposal

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should be transferred to the DNR and (the DNR) should be given resources commensurate with this new responsibility."

Koppenaal said keeping MDA's authority would not limit the enforcement abilities of DNR conservation officers over the state's wild, free-ranging deer and elk herds.

Farm Bureau officials also voiced concern over a recommendation to require permits for the intrastate movement of privately-owned deer and elk. The action would affect, for instance, deer moved to be sold for meat or to another Michigan breeding farm or hunting preserve.

A moratorium on deer and elk movement from other states has been in place since April 2002. The task force suggests maintaining the moratorium.

CWD has been found in more than a dozen states, in-

cluding neighboring Illinois and Minnesota, as well as 2 Canadian provinces.

Likewise, the organization questions a task force recommendation that calls for a complete audit of the state's privately-owned deer and elk industry.

"What's the benefit," Koppenaal said. "It's simply not necessary because we already have an extensive record keeping system that accounts for all animals on these farms, whether coming or going from sales, escapes or death."

The bottom line, Koppenaal said, is that the privately-owned deer and elk industry operates similar to any other livestock business, meaning owners go to great lengths to protect their animals from harm.

"These producers make significant investments in their animals and land," she added. "Basically the operations look a lot like a beef or

a horse farm. The owners take a huge responsibility in protecting their animals."

Farm Bureau officials say the industry could, however, benefit from some of the task force recommendations, including:

\*Appointing a standing committee, including stakeholders and experts, to continuously meet and improve the state's CWD surveillance and response plan.

\*Developing and implementing a regional plan for CWD with contiguous states to Michigan.

\*Securing additional funding to support diagnostic and testing facilities and services.

\*Implementing a risk assessment to determine the critical feature of a prevention/control strategy and the key priorities from which to direct and allocate resources.

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## Building

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next thing we have to decide," he said.

The proposed community center arose from a class project in Linda Volz' eighth grade social studies classes at Cass City Middle School last spring.

One group of students not only proposed a center where area teens could gather and socialize, but also took the next step by inviting Cass City Village Manager Frank Sheridan and other interested adults to the school to discuss their ideas.

In time, the proposal was expanded, with students deciding the community center should be a place where both teens and senior citizens could gather and socialize.

The students formed a committee and organized a pair of public information meetings. They also conducted an interest survey at the middle and high schools, presented a PowerPoint program to the local school board, and approached area service clubs in hopes of garnering support.

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### Wednesday, October 22

Ravenous Readers Book Club, 12 noon, Rawson Memorial Library.  
Antique Appraisal Fair, 6 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.  
Purchase tickets in advance.  
Thumb Retired Officers of Police Service (TROOPS) meets at Franklin Inn, Bad Axe at 11:30 a.m.

### Thursday, October 23

Toddler Story Hour, 10 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library.  
Free Senior Citizen Bingo Party, 1-4 p.m., VFW Hall, 4533 Veterans Dr., Cass City. Prizes and refreshments. Sponsored by Post 3644 Ladies Auxiliary.  
Book Sale, 9-4 p.m., Medical Office Building Lobby, 2750 Main St., Marlette. Great gift ideas and great prices!

### Friday, October 24

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.  
Book Sale, 7-3 p.m., Medical Office Building Lobby, 2750 Main St., Marlette. Great gift ideas and great prices!

### Saturday, October 25

Men's Breakfast, 9 a.m., Deford Country Church, 5903 Main St., Deford. For additional information, please call 989-872-5158.

### Monday, October 27

Cass City School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
Hills and Dales Hospital Auxiliary, 12:45 p.m., Northwood Meadows.  
Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

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# **SOME MYTH-CONCEPTIONS ABOUT PROPOSAL U**

As we have traveled throughout Tuscola County, we have heard some myths and inaccurate notions regarding Proposal U, the millage proposal that will be on the October 28 ballot. The following information is intended to dispel these Myths with the Facts.

## **MYTH**

**Even if the millage is approved service cuts that were made in 2003 will not be restored.**

## **FACT**

Service cuts (animal control, economic development, 4-H programs, MSU cooperative extension, county planning and Vanderbilt Park) made in 2003 to balance the County Budget will be restored in the most cost effective manner while maintaining a state required balanced county budget.

## **MYTH**

**Proposal U is a request for over 8 mills.**

## **FACT**

Most of the allocated millage is already being paid. The new request is to increase the allocated millage by 1.62 mills to restore and maintain essential county services. The townships and Intermediate School District would be restored to their original allocations.

## **MYTH**

**The County doesn't need the funding.**

## **FACT**

Over the past three years, the state has already made tremendous cuts in revenues to county government. Currently, the state's 2003/2004 budget is as much as a Billion Dollars out of balance which will dramatically decrease the amount of revenue the county will receive from the state. Interest earnings on investments are the lowest they have been in 30 years. Property tax revenue growth is slowing and revenue from housing prisoners is significantly reduced. Meanwhile, non-negotiable county costs (such as the care of juveniles) continue to increase. Without local financial support, the county service base will continue to erode and decline.

## **MYTH**

**The County is not operating efficiently.**

## **FACT**

Tuscola County is one of the best-managed and most efficient counties in the state. It provides as many or more services as other Michigan counties, but does so with much lower revenue per person than any other Michigan county. Tuscola County generates \$75 per person from the allocated millage (lowest of any county in the state) compared to a state average of \$134 per person. With deteriorating financial conditions, it is no longer possible to maintain current services at \$75 per person. This allocated millage has not been increased in nearly 40 years.

## **MYTH**

**The Controller/Administrator received a substantial wage increase in 2003.**

## **FACT**

The Controller/Administrator wages was frozen for 2003. In fact, all non-union, elected and appointed officials wages were frozen for 2003 saving over \$50,000 and assisting in balancing the 2003 County Budget.

## **MYTH**

**The Tuscola County Jail is not overcrowded.**

## **FACT**

Over the past several years, the nearly 50-year-old County Jail has exceeded its rated capacity several times forcing the early release of prisoners or the added cost of housing prisoners in other county jails. In the interest of public safety, judges, the Sheriff and others involved in the criminal justice system want to maintain the important county reputation of being tough on crime. Unfortunately, this tough position is compromised when the county jail is overcrowded.



**MYTH**

**All eight of the county special purpose millages will be rolled into the allocated millage.**

**FACT**

Only Road Patrol and Senior Citizen special purpose millages would be rolled into the allocated millage, thereby eliminating requests for millage renewals.

**MYTH**

**There is no guarantee the County Board will fund the Road Patrol and Senior Citizen Millages if they become part of the allocated millage.**

**FACT**

The County Board realizes the importance the public has placed on these high priority service areas. The increase of 1.62 mills in the allocated millage will, in combination with rolling in the Road Patrol and Senior Citizen Millages, enable funding of both of these service areas. Incorporation as part of the allocated millage will also enable better long-range planning for these services.

**MYTH**

**The millage increase will be used to increase employee wages.**

**FACT**

As any public or private sector employer concerned with employee welfare, the County Board will pay a competitive reasonable wage that keeps up with inflation.

**MYTH**

**The millage increase is a back door approach to building a new courthouse.**

**FACT**

The County does not plan to build a new courthouse. The county has full intentions to continue using this facility as a new million-dollar heating/cooling system was recently installed. However, the courthouse is currently overcrowded and does not meet state requirements for the storage of court and other permanent vital records. To avoid a state transfer of these records to Lansing, county officials must research the most cost effective solutions to maintain records.

**MYTH**

**The allocated millage can never be changed again.**

**FACT**

The allocated millage can be changed at any time by public vote. The public or other parties can petition to change the allocated millage.

**MYTH**

**County revenue will increase from recent fee increases set by the state.**

**FACT**

The state, not the county, is the direct beneficiary of the state fee increases.

**MYTH**

**County tax dollars were spent to build the state police post.**

**FACT**

State tax dollars, not county tax dollars, were used to build the state police post. The county issued bonds to build the building, but the state leases the building from the county for an amount that is sufficient to make the full bond payments. After 15 years, the bonds will be paid in full. At that time, the county will continue to receive lease payment from the state that can be used for important county needs.

**MYTH**

**Taxable values have increased by as much as 16%.**

**FACT**

Except for a sale or new construction, taxable values cannot increase by more than 5% or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. History shows 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 inflation increase as follows: 1.9%, 3.2%, 3.2% and 1.5% respectively.