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Scollon: no answers yet

County crunching the numbers following vote

Tuscola County officials say they are still crunching numbers and haven't come up with a specific plan of action to cut hundreds of thousands of dollars in red ink projected for 2004.

But cuts appear inevitable following last week's special election that saw county voters soundly reject a proposed 1.6-mill county tax increase.

The measure was shot down by a margin of more than 2-to-one. The vote was 5,502 to 2,470, with about 19 percent of the county's registered voters going to the polls.

County Controller Michael

Hoagland said a host of variables will play into next year's budget.

"Right now we're just putting all of these variables together," he said, adding a new factor is additional cuts in state revenue sharing, the second largest revenue source for the county. Hoagland said county officials have been told the next round of cuts could be as high as 10 percent, which translates into \$80,000 to \$100,000. "So, we have to take that into consideration."

Already, the county has sustained revenue sharing cuts of 3 percent, 3 percent and

3.5 percent over the past 2 years, adding up to a loss of \$150,000.

"And there's a new hole emerging," Hoagland said, referring to a growing projected deficit next year. "That's what the board's going to have to grapple with."

"The thing is, you can't look just at next year. You have to look at 2005, 2006," Hoagland added. "The picture is bleak, let's just say that. It's very bleak."

"We really haven't come up with anything yet," county Commissioner Ed Scollon, Cass City, said following last week's election.

Scollon said the board will spend the coming weeks reviewing budget figures and then decide what must be done to balance the budget. The only certainty, he added, is that programs that were cut last fall won't be reinstated.

The Oct. 28 countywide vote totals were a far cry from last November, when voters defeated a proposed .9 of a mill tax increase of 8 years, 9,604 to 8,903.

"I was surprised it went down that badly," Scollon said. "We were hoping it would be at least close."

County Clerk Margie White-Cormier said she was also surprised to some extent. "But when I look at what's happening in our office - the divorce rate is up, foreclosures are up, we're seeing more insufficient fund checks - it's a sign of the times. People are not feeling as secure financially."

Among the county's townships, Indianfields Township's precinct number 3, which includes Caro, was the only area to approve Proposal U, 295 to 150. A chart accompanying this story outlines the vote totals in townships surrounding the Cass City area.

Proposal U would have generated some \$1.6 million in additional funding to restore lost county programs and offset another growing budget deficit.

After voters rejected the proposed tax increase last November, commissioners slashed nearly a half-million dollars from the county budget.

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 were Michigan State University Extension/4-H programs, economic/job development, the local airport authority, soil conservation and county planning programs.

Tuscola County's current allocated millage of 4.2 mills has been rolled back to 3.94 mills by the Headlee Amendment.



FIRE FIGHTERS from Caro and Fairgrove (above) approach the scene of a mock disaster Saturday morning involving a terrorist who crashes at the Tuscola Area Airport while fleeing with a barrel of toxic chemicals. At right, a sheriff's deputy talks to one of the "victims", Courtney Smith, 13, of Caro.



Proposed school policy would allow cell phones

Cass City students will be able to bring cell phones to school, but not beepers and pagers if new and amended policies at the school are approved by the Cass City School Board at its next regular meeting.

The use of communication devices was one of several issues that were reviewed at the last meeting of the school board.

While the phones can be brought to school, they must be kept out of sight and turned off during school hours. The first violation with the electronic devices

will result in the school taking them from the student. They will be returned by request of the parent. Second offense will result in disciplinary action.

A second policy change will give the student more latitude in class instruction. Now the student can take 2 seasons of physical education or 2 seasons of band. The new policy will allow one season of band and one of physical education.

A policy already followed to allow students to test out of preliminary courses to take more advanced courses

will become part of the official policy if, as expected, it gets board approval.

As an example, if a student knows all about algebra 1, he/she can take a test and skip the course if he/she passes and advance to algebra 2. There will be no credit toward graduation for testing out. Students cannot test out of physical education or government.

The board is expected to adopt a suggested dual enrollment policy that reflects what is happening already.

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Just a test

Saturday drill tests emergency crews, hospitals with a mock terrorist attack

Tuscola County may not seem a likely target of bio terrorists, but county officials want to make sure area emergency response teams are prepared and trained for just about any disaster they could face.

A host of county fire fighters, EMS crews, and other emergency personnel were put to the test Saturday morning at the Tuscola Area Airport in Caro, where officials staged a mock terrorist attack involving the release of a potentially fatal pesticide.

The drill included dozens of firemen, MMR ambulance personnel, law enforcement, and youths who portrayed the "victims". Both Caro Community Hospital and Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City participated, as did representatives of several county agencies and a team of evaluators.

"I think things went well," said Caro Fire Chief Dave Mattlin, who served as facilitator of the drill. In that role, Mattlin's job was to give the incident commander various scenarios to deal with during the drill and to keep things moving along.

"It bogged down a couple of times, so we had to do a little tweaking, but that's how these things go," Mattlin added. "Sure, there were glitches. There's bound to be. I think the main thing is, it was an excellent learning experience."

Mattlin noted the goal of the exercise was to gauge how well prepared county emergency personnel are to deal with a disaster. In this case, he said, there were adequate firemen and ambulance crews, but not enough police officers available.

"I think we're a little bit shy of training as far as hazardous materials response," he added.

"I thought, from our perspective, it went quite well," said Pat Finn, Tuscola County Emergency Management Director, who followed the exercise from the county's Emergency Operations Center at the sheriff's department.

"Overall, I think it went fantastic," Finn said. "People knew what the possibilities were and what they were supposed to do. Everybody learned something."

The drill was part of the county's homeland security program. "It's a 3-step process," Finn said of the exercise, adding the process begins with an orientation session, followed by a "tabletop" exercise in which representatives of emergency response teams and county agencies sit down and discuss a specific scenario and how they would handle the situation. A full-scale drill is the final step.

The tabletop exercise, conducted in August, focused on a scenario in which a terrorist driving an SUV rams into an anhydrous ammonia tanker truck en route to the Michigan Ethanol Plant in Caro.

The same mock terrorist played into Saturday's exercise, according to Finn, who said the terrorist tampers with a crop dusting plane and is spotted tampering with mixing tanks at the airport. At the same time, several youths are participating in a model airplane show at the airport.

rel of volatile pesticide spray that, in concentrated form, can kill in minutes. The terrorist hits several youth be-

fore crashing in a ditch. Finn said the scenario also has the driver planting bombs near

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House explosion injures dad, kids

An Ellington Township man escaped with his life but suffered serious injuries early last week in a gas explosion that destroyed his Hurds Corner Road residence. Two children were also injured in the blast.

Caro fire fighters were called to the scene at 2357 Hurds Corner Rd., between Shabbona and Little roads, shortly after 7 p.m. Monday. "The southeast corner of the house was completely blown away and the whole building was on fire," Fire Chief Dave Mattlin said of the small, one-story residence owned by Troy McConnell, 36.

Mattlin said EMS personnel were already on the scene, treating McConnell and his 2 children, T.J., 14, and Renee, 9, when firemen arrived. He noted T.J. helped his father out of the residence after the explosion, and neighbors assisted in getting Renee out of the home.

McConnell's wife, a custodian for the Caro Community Schools, was working at the time of the accident. "Troy was the most seriously injured," Mattlin said. "He had (third degree) burns - according to the hospital - over 30 percent of his body. He's in pretty rough shape."

Mattlin said McConnell

was flown to Hurley Medical Center in Flint. T.J. McConnell and Renee McConnell were both transported by ambulance to Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City.

"The kids have been released as far as I know, and he (Troy McConnell) underwent surgery (Wednesday)," Mattlin said. McConnell's condition was not available.

A state fire marshal conducted an investigation at the scene last Wednesday, according to Mattlin.

"From what we've been able to put together, what happened is he had just replaced a gas stove in the residence and there was a leak," he said. "Liquid propane gas leaked into the crawl space, and when the water pump kicked on, it ignited the gas accumulated in the crawl space."

The house was destroyed, and preliminary estimates on the loss are \$35,000 for the structure and \$20,000 for the contents.

The family is insured and is receiving assistance from the Red Cross and area churches, Mattlin said.

Caro fire fighters remained at the scene for about 2 1/2 hours. They were assisted by the Elkland Township, Elmwood-Gagetown and Kingston fire departments.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Katherine Armstead, a resident of Tendercare, Cass City, was honored Saturday during a party marking her 100th birthday, with family and friends traveling from as far away as Wisconsin to wish her well. Armstead was born Oct. 19, 1903, in Deckerville. She and her husband, George, who died in a work-related accident in 1961, raised 4 children. Today, she also has 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, November 6

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

Friday, November 7

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

Saturday, November 8

Bazaar-Lunch, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Cass City United Methodist Church. Cookbook corner, gifts, decorations, baked goods, etc.

Monday, November 10

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
CPR class, Marlette Community Hospital. For more information or to pre-register, please call Resource Coordinator Jeanette Yaroch at (989) 635-4103.

Tuesday, November 11

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.
Tuscola County Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Family Support/Education Group meeting, 1:30 p.m., Adult Day Services building, 435 Green St., Caro. For additional information, call (989) 672-2273.

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It's a girl!



McKenna Lounsbury

Big sister, Madison, of Saginaw, announces the birth of McKenna Rose Lounsbury.

McKenna was born at Covenant Harrison Hospital, Saginaw, on Sept. 25, 2003. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Her parents are Jacob and Stacey Lounsbury. She is the granddaughter of Thomas and Virginia Lounsbury of Cass City, and James and Marilee Ceranski of Essexville.

It's a boy!



Lance Swiderski

Jeff and Liz Swiderski of Grand Blanc announce the birth of their son, Lance Milton.

Lance was born at Genesys Regional in Grand Blanc on Sept. 10, 2003 at 9:16 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long.

He was welcomed home by his big brother, Lucas.

Grandparents are Al and Marybeth Swiderski and Milt and Brenda Phillips, all of Cass City. He is the great-grandson of Natalie Swiderski of Traverse City and Noreen Kavalor of Pigeon.

Tuckeys celebrate anniversary

John and Bernice Tuckey of Davison will celebrate their 70th anniversary Tuesday, Nov. 11.

They were married in 1933 at Riverside Church in Cass City. They have lived in the Davison area for 25 years.

John, originally from Cass City, is a retired minister of the Missionary Church. Bernice, also originally from Cass City, is a retired homemaker.

The couple have three children: Eva (Denise) Pannabecker of Davison, Phyllis (Ron) Phipps of Fort Wayne, Ind. and David (Denise) Tuckey of Quincy. In addition, they have seven grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

In honor of the anniversary, a reception is planned at Thanksgiving for their family.

It's a girl!



Erin McCarty

Jason and Carol McCarty announce the arrival of their daughter, Erin Ann.

Erin was born Sept. 6, 2003. She weighed 7 pounds and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Erin was baptized Oct. 19 at St. Joseph Church, Argyle. Her Godparents are Janet Raleigh and Fred McCarty.

Grandparents are Anthony and Mary Ann Kubacki of Cass City, and Michael and Glorie McCarty of Uby. She is the great-granddaughter of Patrick McCarty of Uby.

Potluck meal set

Deford Country Church will celebrate Thanksgiving with a potluck fellowship at 4 p.m. and a Gospel Concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23.

Deford Country Church is located at 5903 Main St. in Deford. The featured singing group is the Riddels from Ohio.



Meg's Peg

Dances on chips

by Melva E. Guinther

Fred MacKay, my e-mail buddy, sent this account by an anonymous writer that struck a chord with me. Perhaps it will with you, too.

Not too long ago I had "one of those days." I was feeling pressure from a writing deadline. I had company arriving in a couple of days, and the toilet was clogged. I went to the bank and the trainee teller processing my deposit had to start over 3 times. I swung by the supermarket to pick up a few things and the lines were serpentine. By the time I got home I was frazzled and sweaty and in a hurry to get something on the table for dinner.

Deciding on cream of mushroom soup, I grabbed a can, opened it, then remembered I had forgotten to buy milk. Nix the soup idea. Setting the can aside, I went to plan B, which was leftover baked beans. I grabbed the bowl from the fridge, popped the seal, took a look and groaned. My husband isn't a picky eater, but even HE won't eat baked beans that look like caterpillars.

Really frustrated now, I decided on a new menu: hot dogs and potato chips. Retrieving a brand new bag of chips from the cupboard, I grabbed the cellophane and gave a pull. The bag didn't open. I tried again. Nothing happened. I took a breath, doubled my muscle and gave the bag a hearty wrestle. With a loud pop, the cellophane suddenly gave way, ripping from top to bottom. Chips flew sky high. I was left holding the bag, and it was empty.

It was the final straw. I let out a blood curdling scream, "I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!!!"

My husband heard my unorthodox cry for help. Within minutes he was stand-

ing at the doorway, where he surveyed the damage: An opened can of soup, melting groceries, moldy baked beans, and one quivering wife standing ankle deep in potato chips.

My husband did the most helpful thing he could think of at the moment. He took a flying leap, landing flat-footed in the pile of chips. And then he began to stomp and dance and twirl, grinding those chips into my linoleum in the process!

I stared. I fumed. Pretty soon I was working to stifle a smile. Eventually I had to laugh. And finally I decided to join him. I, too, took a leap onto the chips. And then I danced.

Now I'll be the first to admit that my husband's response wasn't the one I was looking for. But the truth is, it was exactly what I needed. I didn't need a cleanup crew as much as I needed an attitude adjustment, and the laughter from that rather funky moment provided just that.

So now I have a question for you: Has God ever stomped on your chips? I know that in my life, there have been plenty of times when I've found myself in a frustrating situation and I've cried out for help, all the while hoping God would show up with a celestial broom and clean up the mess I've made.

What often happens instead is that God dances on my chips, answering my prayer in a completely different manner than I expected, but in the manner that is best for me after all.

Do I trust Him, even when he's dancing and stomping instead of sweeping and mopping?

To be honest, sometimes I sulk. Sometimes I dance. I'm working on it and the older I get, the more I realize that He really does know what He's doing. He loves me and I can trust Him...even when the chips are down.

McConkey marks 100th birthday

Robert McConkey grew up on the McConkey farm west of Cass City and graduated from Cass City High School in 1921. He started his business career as a clerk at the grain elevator in Cass City. Most of his career was spent in Durand, where he owned and operated the grain elevator.

While living in Durand, he served on the City Council, Chamber of Commerce; was active in the Rotary Club, Masons and the First United Methodist Church.

Since 1979, he has made his home in Stuart, Fla.

A party is planned, which will include his daughter, Janice; his son, Dean (Becky); his five grandsons; and seven great-grandchildren.

The grandchildren of longtime Cass City area residents, Robert W. and Clara McConkey, held a "McConkey Cousins Reunion" at Elaine and Bill Beach's residence in Gaylord Oct. 22. Attending were Robert B. McConkey's son, Dean (Becky) McConkey of Durand; Mildred

(McConkey) Smith's children: Elaine (Bill) Beach and Bob (Janet) Smith of Geneva, Ill.; Keith McConkey's children: Fred (Karen) McConkey of Holland and Marilyn (Joe) Dressel of Traverse City; Maynard McConkey's children: Ed (Karen) McConkey of Burke, Vir., Janet (Clarke) Cummins of Mt. Pleasant and Linda (McConkey) Riley of Ann Arbor; and Maynard McConkey's wife, Joyce of Midland.

The highlight of the day was the creation of a scrapbook for their Uncle Bob, who celebrated his 100th birthday Oct. 30. Each family created 3 to 4 pages of pictures of their families and old McConkey family photos. One picture, taken about 1915, was of the four McConkey siblings on their farm west of Cass City with the Dillman School in the background. The scrapbook, along with the Cass City Area Historical Society's "The Country Schools of the Cass City Area" have been mailed to their Uncle Bob as a birthday present.

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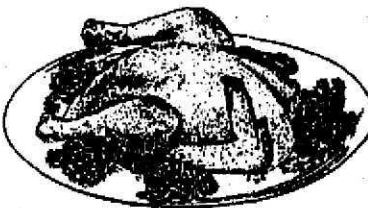
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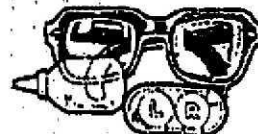
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Red Hawk Talks

by Kristi Fluegge

Can you think of one person who has passed from your life but has made an impression on you that will never be forgotten? Like many others, I have experienced this situation. It is times like this that cause people to give memorials in remembrance of that special person who made a difference in their life.

I knew our school had a few memorials given over the years, however, I was shocked when I talked with Mr. Micklash and he named over 20 specific memorials just from his memory.

The most recent memorial was the Alison Emmert Memorial Scholarship and tree planting. Students from the high school who knew and loved her purchased a tree and plaque in honor of her.

Another more recent memorial was a scholarship and tree in honor of Nancy Weippert. These two memorials are definitely more personal to me than any others. I had the privilege to know both of these people. One was my dear friend and one was my teacher. A tree is a normal memorial idea, but for Mrs. Weippert it was very fitting. She loved biology and especially trees with a passion.

If I had known these people who have been honored, I'm sure I would feel the same way about every one of them. Obviously they were special people who left an impact on our community. I had the opportunity to find out a little about them through the conversation with Mr. Micklash.

Anna Marjorie MacRae, Fred, Iris and Robert McEachern, Leona Lee Shaw, Ethel Collar, Wallace Zinnecker, Ben Hobart and Kally Maharg are some who are remembered annually

through a scholarship to help a college bound student. Former students, such as Darin Monroe and Jeff Nauka's families, made donations to benefit our school with scoreboards and our Life Skills program.

The middle school flagpole was donated in the memory of Ken Maharg. The baseball diamond located at Ale and Rose Streets was developed with memorial funds of Chester Dorland. There were memorial funds used to improve the wrestling program with uniforms and equipment because, I am told, Dr. H.T. Donahue loved wrestling!

Along with Walt Goodall, who loved baseball, memorial funds were used to develop the baseball complex behind Cass City High School. Funds were donated for the student reading building at Campbell Elementary in memory of Mr. Kozan, who was a crossing guard for the school.

Have you noticed the butterfly garden located in front of Campbell Elementary? Kay Rutkoski's family donated memorial funds for this garden, in memory of this dedicated teacher assistant.

As you can see, many memorials have been given over the years, and some will continue for years to come. So, the next time you are walking into a ball game or schoolyard, take a moment and remember these special people.

These are the memorials that Mr. Micklash could recall on short notice. So if anyone was not mentioned, you could email me at kristi.fluegge10@hotmail.com. I will share the names with Mr. Micklash to make an updated list.

See ya next week in the Red Hawk Talks.

Several appear in circuit court

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

• Jason M. Brooks, 26, Vassar, pleaded guilty to attempted carrying a concealed weapon Jan. 12 in Fremont Township.

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

• Larry Kirkey, 18, Millington, pleaded no contest to attempted larceny in a building May 21 in Vassar Township.

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

• Terrence Rundell, 41, Silverwood, pleaded no contest to preparing to burn property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 March 2, 2001, in Dayton Township.

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

• Jeffrey A. Kessler, 36, Oxford, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, April 27 in Fremont Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

• Owen D. Roberts II, 24, Millington, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana Aug. 3 in Vassar.

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

• Justin A. Guilds, 25, Caro, pleaded no contest to first degree home invasion, malicious destruction of a building - causing \$200 to \$1,000 in damage, and malicious destruction of property valued at \$200 to \$1,000 April 5 in Caro.

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

• Darryl R. Zavitz Jr., 39, Marlette, stood mute to charges of fleeing and eluding a police officer, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, driving while his license was suspended or revoked, and driving without insurance Oct. 5 in Vassar, Fremont and Dayton townships.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$50,000.

• Jeremiah E. Matthews, 22, Postoria, was sentenced to 15 months to 15 years in prison for his pleas of no contest to attempted unlawfully driving away a motor vehicle March 8, second degree home invasion March 7, and attempted malicious destruction of property June 27. All of the incidents took place in Watertown Township, according to court records.

Matthews was also ordered to pay \$360 in court costs and fines. Restitution is to be determined.

• William D. Bilicki, 29, Mayville, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail

(100 days deferred) for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, June 21 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,120 in costs and fines and undergo substance abuse therapy/counseling.

• Charles DeLong Jr., 21, Mayville, pleaded guilty to second degree home invasion and assaulting a police officer Oct. 2 in Dayton Township.

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

• Gareth M. Harris, 21, Millington, was sentenced to 365 days in jail for his pleas of guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny and larceny of a firearm Sept. 23, 2001, in Vassar Township.

Marlette hospital honored

Marlette Community Hospital received the Community Partnership Award 2002-2003 at the American Red Cross East Shoreline Chapter's 87th annual meeting and luncheon.

The award recognizes Marlette Community Hospital for its on-going community service to the youth in the community. The hospital partners with the American Red Cross by providing certified Red Cross babysitting training to youth at no charge.

"In the past year, Marlette Community Hospital has provided babysitting and children's first aid training to over 300 youth," said Sarah Delahanty, director of Health and Safety at the East Shoreline Chapter. "The hospital's community education program is an outstanding example of how community partnerships create a win-win situation benefiting the community as a whole."

American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course is targeted for youth ages 11-15 years old. The fun and interactive course delivers training for real life, including: professionalism, leadership and care giving skills; safety skills to prevent emergencies; how to manage real life problems, including emergencies; as well as tips on finding babysitting jobs.

"Marlette Community Hospital is an essential component of our community partnership program," stated Debra Monroe, executive director of American Red Cross East Shoreline Chapter. "Red Cross partnerships with businesses and organizations strengthen the infrastructure of the community, which results in healthier, safer and more prepared communities."

The East Shoreline Chapter serves Arenac, Bay, Huron and Tuscola counties. If you are interested in American Red Cross babysitting classes, call Resource Coordinator, Judy Mahaffy, RN at Marlette Community Hospital at (989) 635-4349 or East Shoreline at 1-800-860-0333.

Letters to the editor

Family caregiver month is here

Dear Editor,

It is November and time to celebrate National Family Caregivers Month 2003, a time designated each year to honor, thank and assist family caregivers.

It has been said that there are only 4 kinds of people in

the world - those who have been caregivers, those who currently are caregivers, those who will be caregivers and those who will need caregivers.

Unfortunately, this is not an exaggeration.

According to the National Family Caregivers Association (NFCA), over 50 million people are family caregivers in any given year. A family caregiver is defined as someone who cares for a chronically ill, disabled or elderly loved one. In fact, there is not going to be a family in America that isn't impacted by caregiving at one time or another. Currently, more than 25 million family caregivers support our healthcare system by providing care that is the equivalent of a half-time job. Those services are valued at over \$257 billion.

Family caregivers continue to play a vital role following loved ones admission to a nursing home or assisted living center. The family caregiver now finds their role focusing on continuing a sense of family life and family connectedness for their loved one. We recognize and appreciate the rich emotional offering of family's in our nursing center.

The theme of National Family Caregiving Month is "Share the Caring." Please do this by actively helping a caregiving family you know. We want to do more than just raise public awareness about the issues surrounding family caregiving. It is important that we take action and do something to help.

Think of a family caregiver you know, whether a neighbor, relative, co-worker or friend and offer them a helping hand. Be specific - offer a ride to church, a nourishing meal, or a free afternoon. I invite the community to contact me for other ideas on how to "Share the Care." Just a little bit of help makes a big difference for family caregivers.

Sincerely,
Diane Ewald, administrator
Tendercare, Cass City

Owen-Gage conferences scheduled

Owendale-Gagetown Schools will be having parent/teacher conferences Thursday, from 1 to 7 p.m. Elementary conferences will be held in the Gagetown gymnasium, and the junior/senior high school conferences will be held in the Owendale cafeteria. Information and school calendars will also be available. All parents/guardians are invited and encouraged to attend.

Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

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

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

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

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

HDC raffle raises \$23,000

The Human Development Commission (HDC) officials recently announced their raffle, held Sept. 20, was a huge success!

Once again, HDC sold all 200 available tickets, thanks to the help of many HDC staff, sponsors, and community supporters. The event raised over \$23,000 in gross revenue and will be used to support HDC programs.

Over 200 guests attended the event and a great time was had by all participants. In addition to selection of the winners, highlights of the evening included a delicious meal prepared by the Knights of Columbus, a comedian, and socializing with community members.

First prize winner, Moore Motors, received a \$10,000 savings bond; second prize winner, Francis Pomaville, received a \$5,000 savings bond; and third prize winner, Carl Holmes, received a \$1,000 savings bond. Thirty

other participants were the lucky winners of \$50 savings bonds. Many guests enjoyed the Pull-Tab Lotto tickets and playing a game of chance on the Number Board.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support HDC programs through the HDC Endowment Fund. The Human Development Commission is one of nearly 1,000 Community Action Agencies nationwide serving the needs of low-income persons and communities, and the general public. The HDC mission is "Helping People...Changing Lives."

HDC currently operates more than 70 service programs, all designed to help promote self-sufficiency among citizens of Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola counties. Anyone who needs assistance may call toll-free at 1-800-843-6394.

Bulldog Beat

by Laura Enderle

Guess what song has lasted over 185 years, is recognized world wide, and is played before each sporting event in the United States. You guessed it, the "Star Spangled Banner," written by lawyer Francis Scott Key in 1814. While waiting for the results of the war, he heard the troops battle for freedom. He waited through the night, then at dawn's first light he saw the flag being raised over Fort M'Henry that assured him the war was over and it inspired him to write. Do you think he knew what he wrote that morning would have such a lasting impression on the USA?

Whether it is sung by a choir, a single man or woman, played by a marching band, an orchestra, or an electric guitar, it always represents the same importance. What does it really mean to the Americans listening to it though? Does it have a special significance, or has it simply become part of the pre-game routine?

After warm-ups, during the "Star Spangled Banner," I stand in line with my teammates and am surrounded by fans. My whole body is filled with energy anticipating the game. When I stare at the flag and listen to the words of that familiar tune, I reflect on how we gained freedom and the people who are defending our freedom like my aunt and my sister. I also use this moment as one last time to meditate on everything I need to do to win. At the end of the game, whether we win or lose, I will be satisfied in knowing I played my hardest. I wondered what goes through everyone else's mind during this time; and that is how I came up with this week's Bulldog Beat.

What I found out actually surprised me. For most people, the song still holds great significance. "I think about the game, then I think if it wasn't for the men and women who fought for us, I wouldn't be able to stand here with the freedom that I have. I can also envision the scenes from the war or fighting that's going on right now that we see on TV," said Wendy Erer.

Amanda Faist had the same idea. She said it reminds her of how proud she is to be an American, and she also says a little prayer for all the people who have fought, are fighting, and will fight for our freedom.

Trace Lopez said he thinks about when Key wrote the song and how Americans were in battle at that time.

Key was surrounded with bombs and Lopez said he relates it to playing ball and how he needs to conquer the opponent.

To one special girl who just moved here from Pennsylvania, this song brings back one very clear memory. Amanda Eavy stated, "I remember standing in a line, listening to the 'National Anthem' while we saw the smoke from the Twin Towers, and heard the people crying. Since I was close, a lot of the people in my school had family members in them (Twin Towers); I didn't see many of my friends after the attack. Probably the worst image for me was watching every TV in school turn on and seeing people I knew who had parents or brothers/sisters in them (Twin Towers) drop to their knees in the hallway. So, every time I hear the National Anthem, that is what comes into my mind because our school was playing it as we were being evacuated." That is a pretty sad memory, and it is too bad anyone has to be reminded of a moment like that from such a glorious song.

Some people have other thoughts when they hear the song. Some think, "Man, how long is this song?" or "Is it over yet, is it over yet?" Another girl made it sound like her mind wanders a little. She said, "If it is a bad singer I am usually telling myself, 'Don't laugh, don't laugh.' But if we are at home, I usually focus and hope that we go out and play like we know how to play."

For the most part, the song almost always carries the same meaning for everyone. It is refreshing to know people still respect the flag and song after so many years and while our country is in the middle of such turmoil. Let's hope this country will always be, "the land of the free, and the home of the brave." Have a fantastic week!

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For information on the LadarVision Lasik system, visit www.ladarvision.com. National Youth Service Day at www.SERVE.net. ZOOM at pbskids.org/zoom/action. Yahoo!igans! at www.yahooigans.com. Orkin Pest Control at www.orkin.com. The Bill Cosby Cube Checkers' Challenge at www.makeyourmoveinc.com.

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Red Hawk Excellence award

3 Cass City students honored

Four times each school year a student from each of the 3 Cass City school buildings is selected to receive the Red Hawk Award of Excellence. The awards are presented in October, December, February and April.

The students are selected for contributions to the school or to the community. Good grades are important, but are only one of several factors in the selection process.

The October awards were made Monday, Oct. 27, by Supt. Ken Micklash and the students received personal congratulations by school

board members.

Selected from the Campbell Elementary building was Nicole Kelley, daughter of Randy and Sandy Kelley of Cass City.

She is a willing student and offers to help others on a regular basis. She is respected and well liked by all. Her teacher says she is viewed as having impeccable integrity, respect and compassion for others, is responsible and never gives up. She is a quiet leader who leads by example.

Selected from the middle school building was Brittany Karavas, daughter of Wayne and Terri Karavas. She is an all-A student and has been recognized at student council breakfasts. She has served on the student council and participated in basketball, track and cross-country. She has represented the school in academic track and plays an active role in her church.

Krystee Dorland, daughter of Tom and Kathy Dorland, was selected from the high school. She has been active in student council for 4 years and is a member of the National Honor Society. She is the current homecoming queen.

She is captain of the varsity basketball and volleyball team and a member of the varsity softball team. She assists the forensics team.

Micklash said that Dorland is an all-around great person and we will hate to see her leave.



DISPLAYING THE RIBBONS and certificates won for their selection for Cass City Award of Excellence honors are representatives from the 3 Cass City school buildings. From left: Brittany Karavas, middle school; Krystee Dorland, high school, and Nicole Kelley, elementary school.

Legislation targets jobs

State Rep. Tom Meyer Monday joined House Speaker Rick Johnson and Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema in unveiling a comprehensive package of legislation to protect and create manufacturing jobs in the state.

The legislation is also designed to spur business investment and provide incentives to expand and grow the state's slow-moving economy.

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Lutron Electronics at www.lutron.com. For tips on keeping kids drug free, visit www.theantidrug.com. NASA at <http://newsmedia.gsfc.nasa.gov/>. For information on heartburn and GERD, visit www.aciphex.com. Nemo, by Toshiba America Medical Systems at www.medical.toshiba.com. Tri Luma Cream at www.triluma.com. Partnership for Prevention at www.prevent.org. Chlorine Chemistry Council Web site at www.c3.org.

"Fighting for every Michigan job is my top priority," said Meyer, R-Bad Axe. "Encouraging job creation and spurring economic growth is vitally important, especially in the Thumb Area. These proposals will directly benefit our local communities."

The package, which tops the House and Senate's fall agenda, includes bills to:

*Revitalize the state's floundering tool and die industry by creating "Tool and Die Recovery Zones" that would provide the tax relief of a Renaissance Zone.

*Provide a tax incentive for new start-up businesses that would exempt them from most taxes in their first 2 years of operation, and then have their tax liability phased in over the following 4 years.

*Reauthorize the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA), which expires Dec. 31. MEGA is the state's main tax-incentive granting authority used to spur economic development.

*Create a venture capital investment incentive by offering income and Single Business Tax breaks to venture capital investors that lose money investing in Michigan start-up businesses.

*Establish a Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) revolving loan program to clean up abandoned Brownfield sites. This program would transfer the remaining CMI funding into a grant and loan program.

*Expedite the 2002 voter-approved Sewer Bond Initiative to allow communities to start construction projects sooner.

*Call on the MEDC to create small business and manufacturing czars to provide focus on small business start-ups and to spearhead efforts to retain and create manufacturing jobs in Michigan.

*Start a Healthy Forest Initiative that would adopt forest management changes to protect the environment and create new job opportunities by strengthening Michigan's timber industry.

Meyer said many of the proposals in the stimulus package came from the House and Senate Joint Selection Committee on Business Competitiveness, which conducted hearings around the state. The lawmakers solicited public opinion on how to make the state more competitive for jobs and business investment in the 21st century.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

When the Cass City Ben Franklin Store closes at the end of the year, it will be the end of over 40 years on Main Street for Gerald and Geraldine Prieskorn and over 70 years that the family has been involved in the Cass City business community. Looking back on the years, the Prieskorns said that the biggest satisfaction was being a part of the community and dealing with the people, making them pleased and satisfied with products and services offered.

Elkland Township Fire Department officials say a Halloween night fire at the Nestles Building in Cass City was no accident. Village police, meanwhile, believe the same individual(s) who set the blaze are also responsible for incidents of vandalism Saturday, including broken windows at the new Michigan Athletic Rehabilitation Center (MARC) building under construction on Hospital Drive.

Fourteen seniors on the Cass City Red Hawk football team ended a disappointing season on a positive note with a 41-0 victory at Marlette Friday. The loss marked the third year in a row that the Red Raiders have failed to win a game. The game was decided by half time after the Hawks struck for 4 touchdowns in the first 2 periods.

10 YEARS AGO

Routine traffic stops over the past month in Cass City have turned up a number of weapons ranging from homemade clubs to nunchakus. A majority of the items have been confiscated from local teens riding around town with friends, according to Cass City police, whose concern has prompted a plea that parents be aware of what their children are doing. "We urge parents to be aware of what their kids have in their cars; what they're doing," Police Chief Gene Wilson said.

Cass City officials last week finalized a land swap/sale with the Knights of Columbus involving about 2 acres at the south end of the village. The Village Council unanimously approved the agreement following a brief public hearing. Under the arrangement the village is trading a 2.89-acre parcel bordering the north side of Division Street for 2 acres located just northeast of that parcel.

Walbro Corp. employees in Cass City and Caro collected

3,333 pounds of canned food last week during their annual drive to benefit the Michigan Harvest Gathering project. The Cass City workers, whose drive included a Halloween costume contest, collected 2,322 pounds, compared to nearly 2,000 pounds last year. Winners of the contest were Terri Graichen, first; Carol Symonds, second; and Janel Guilds and Luis Salas, tied for third.

25 YEARS AGO

Members of United Steelworker Union Local 6368, employed at the Evans Products plant in Gagetown, have had their picket line up since last Thursday after their previous contract with the company expired.

Construction started Thursday on a new building for Albee True Value Hardware at the west village limits of Cass City. The store will be nearly 2 1/2 times bigger than the present store and will have 15,000 square feet of floor space, according to Dick and Lynn Albee, owners. The present store is a little over 6,000 square feet.

Tuscola County Prosecutor Patrick Joslyn was elected the new circuit judge Tuesday for Tuscola and Lapeer counties. He drew a total of

14,524 votes to 13,575 for his opponent, Lapeer County District Judge John P. Spiers.

35 YEARS AGO

Elkland Township's drive for a new fire hall was boosted Tuesday when voters okayed a one-mill levy for three years by a vote of 686 to 545. While there is no assurance that a new hall will be built in the immediate future, authorities feel that action may be taken long before the three-mill levy expires. Supervisor Ed Golding Sr. says that it will be up to the town board to decide on a building and proceed as it feels is best.

Richard Nixon failed to carry Michigan in the race for president, but the GOP standard bearer did well at the polls although his percentage was slightly under the 69 percent he won eight years ago.

First prize in the Cass City Chamber of Commerce sponsored window contest went to the scene created by Wendy Whittaker. Second place was awarded to Jan Koepfgen for her "Legend of Sleepy Hollow". Jim Maharg's flying witch was third and Snoopy by Sue Tuckey, Linda Gingrich and Leslie Merchant was fourth.



CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK

By Dr. Robert Gabriel

PREPARE YOUR BODY FOR EXERCISE

Before a strenuous activity, stretching will make the body more limber and relaxed. Stretching, however, will not cure maladjustments or subluxations in the spinal chord. Chiropractors often see people who complain that, even though they religiously exercise, they still experience pain in their backs, necks, legs and shoulders. They do not realize that they also need regular chiropractic adjustments to keep fit.

Subluxations in the spine can begin at birth and worsen over the years. This can lead to underlying degenerative changes in the joints. The joints may start to dry out, break down and become difficult to move. Before long, an individual has problems with walking, let alone participating in a sport or heavy workout.

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Cass City Church of the Nazarene

6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726

872-2604 or 872-5201

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Prayer & Bible Study

& Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Darold Ward

Cass City Missionary Church

4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726

872-2729

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

Pastor: David Edwards

Cass City United Methodist Church

5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,

P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726

872-3422

Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.)

Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.

Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)

Pastor: Rev. George F. Ward

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989-872-4055 (church)

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Cass City pair earn elite honors

Cass City placed 2 players on the Greater Thumb West all conference defensive first team. The 2 are junior Nick Stoutenburg, punter, and senior Brice Stine, defensive back.

The Hawks also placed 2 on the second team, defensive linemen, senior Randy Tenbusch and sophomore Scott Meeker. Nathan Laming received honorable mention as linebacker. Named to the offensive, second team, were senior Greg Dillon, guard, and sophomore Brad Langenburg, end.



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OFFENSE FIRST TEAM
Tackles-Charlie Pike, 11th, BCAS, and Frank Felice, 12th, Reese.
Guards-Tyler Scharf, 12th, USA, and Pat Meyer, 12th, Lakers.
Center-Save Hahn, 12th, USA.
Quarterbacks-Dane Farver, 12th, Reese, Ben Alegria, 12th, USA, and Brandon Wolf, 12th, VL.
Ends-Robert Cherry, 12th, BCAS, Sean Squires, 12th, USA.
Backs-Nathan Fritz, 12th, BCAS, Lance Travis, 11th, USA, Juan Howell, 11th, Lakers.
Kicker-Brandon Wolf, 12, VL.

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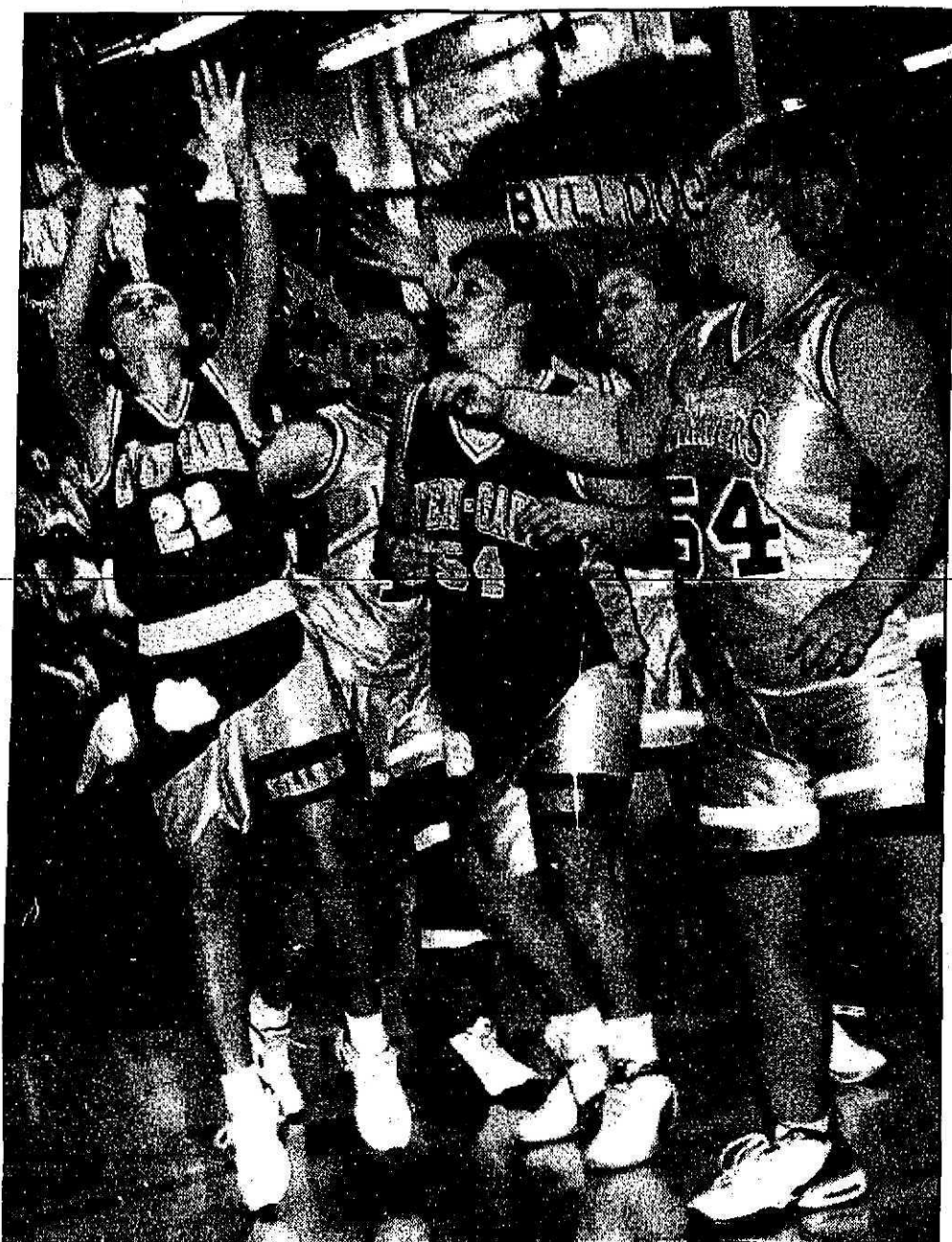
Tackles-Jacob Bauer, 11th, Reese, Ryan Thede, 12th, Lakers, John Miharsi, 11th, USA, Kelly Durr, 11th, BA.
Guards-Greg Dillon, 12th, CC, Kevin Bierlein, 11th, Reese.
Center-Nick Reynolds, 12th, Lakers.
Quarterback-Andy Spychalski, 12th, BCAS.
Ends-Lance Oldenburg, 12th, Reese, Brad Langenburg, 10th, CC.
Backs-Justin Schumacher, 12th, Reese, Joel Fischer, 12th, USA, Dave Wieland, 12th, VL.
Kickers-Josh Wheeler, 11th, Reese, Chris Harder, 11th, Lakers, Drew Gokey, 12th, USA.
HONORABLE MENTION
Jake Schulz, Matt Charobak, Matt Papkey and Jason Lawrence.

DEFENSE FIRST TEAM

Linemen-Courtney Nguyen, 12th, USA, Adam Chaffee, 12th, VL, John Jewel, 12th, Reese, William Rieffel, 11th, BCAS.
Punter-Nick Stoutenburg, 11th, CC.
Linebackers-Dave Wieland, 12th, VL, Matt Papkey, 12th, Lakers, Robert Cherry, 12th, BCAS, Lance Travis, 11th, USA.
Defensive backs-Sean Squires, 12th, USA, Justin Schumacher, 12th, Reese, Brice Stine, 12th, CC, Nathan Fritz, 12th, BCAS.

SECOND TEAM

Linemen-Randy Tenbusch, 12th, CC, Scott Meeker, 10th, CC, Drew Saylor, 10th, Reese, Zach Retzler, 11th, USA, Justin Laney, 12th, Lakers.
Punter- Kyle Rappley, 12th, Reese.
Linebackers-Jay Szekely, 12th, Reese, Mike Decker, 12th, BA, Paul Holt, 12th, USA, Joel Fischer, 12th, USA.
Defensive backs-Jordan Bitzer, 10th, USA, Ben Alegria, 12th, USA, Brandon Wolf, 12th, VL.
HONORABLE MENTION
Jason Iskrow, Chris Harder, Brandon Wolf, Jason Bierlein, Thomas Hine, Harry Elliott, Nathan Laming and Kenton Morley.



BULLDOG CANDI RHODES (22) uses a screen from Stephanie Dorsch to put up a shot during Tuesday's North Central Thumb League battle with visiting North Huron.

Save money on heating costs

Cooler temperatures and the changing color of leaves signal the start of the heating season. Preparing your home for winter and using energy wisely can keep you safe and warm this winter, as well as save you money on your energy bills.

Detroit Edison and MichCon offer the following tips on staying warm this winter and managing winter energy costs:

- * Schedule a heating system check-up. A qualified heating contractor will make sure the heating system is operating efficiently and delivering the maximum energy savings.
- * Clean or replace your furnace's air filters as needed during the winter season. Dirty filters block the warm

airflow in the home, causing the furnace to work harder and less economically. Also, check the thermostat to be sure it is working properly. Installing a programmable thermostat may also allow for energy savings.

- * Clean and vacuum ducts, vents and heat registers. Make sure there are no leaks in your ductwork and insulate all ducts located in attics and unheated crawlspaces.
- * Check your fireplace chimney for debris build-up, leaves and animals. Consider installing screens over your chimney, as well as furnace and dryer vents.
- * Install a fireplace door to prevent heat from escaping. Customers with gas fireplaces should make sure the

flue is partially open to allow fumes from the pilot light to escape.

- * Place an insulation blanket around older water heaters. Customers with electric water heaters should place the water heater on an insulated surface, such as foam. Adjust the water heater temperature to the warm setting (120 F).

- * Install attic and basement insulation to keep out drafts and make your home more energy efficient and warm. Adding blown cellulose on top of your rolled fiberglass insulation will increase the insulation value of your attic.

For more energy savings tips, go www.utilities.dteenergy.com.

Owen-Gage topples Peck, bows to North Huron in NCTL play

Owen-Gage returned to the win column Thursday with an easy 53-35 decision over host Peck. Coach Dave Fritz' Jekyll and Hyde cage team turned up its defense pressure heading into the intermission, causing several Pirate turnovers, and was able to get out in front, 24-9.

With the win, the Bulldogs improved to 6-9 in the North Central Thumb League standings with 3 games remaining before district play. Fritz would like nothing better than to close out the regular season by evening Owen-Gage's conference mark and taking a 4-game winning

streak into the Caseville district. The schedule favors some momentum building for the Bulldogs as they end their home campaign this week against a pair of NCTL basement dwellers.

Following Tuesday's meeting against Akron-Fairgrove, Owen-Gage will entertain Carsonville-Port Sanilac on Thursday for Parent's Night.

Against the Pirates, Katie Swiastyn helped the visitors to an early 13-9 lead as she tossed in 7 of her game-high 22 points in the opening 8 minutes. The Bulldogs then went on an 11-0 run to close the initial half as the Pirates were held scoreless in the 2nd frame.

Swiastyn helped prevent any Pirate comeback in the final half as she recorded 15 points that included a pair of treys.

Peck had Stephanie Roles and Jessica Hall, each with 10 points.

NORTH HURON

Owen-Gage went stone cold over the final half against visiting North Huron, resulting in a 55-32 North Central Thumb League setback.

Both schools traded baskets in the early going until a Swiastyn steal seemed to ignite the Bulldogs.

After North Huron's Rhonda Rice gave the visitors a 13-12 margin with an offensive rebound, Swiastyn single handedly led a 6-1 run for the Bulldogs.

It was Swiastyn's defense that sparked Owen-Gage to an 18-14 edge; it's biggest on the night.

Pressuring the Warrior ball handlers, Swiastyn recorded 3 straight pickpocket routines near half court that were converted into easy lay-ins. However, the Warriors were able to solve the Bulldog pressure and at the half enjoyed a 28-22 lead thanks to a 14-4 run to close out the half.

North Huron continued where it left off after the break and outscored the hosts 16-6 to enter the final period leading by 16 points.

Jill Baranski paced North Huron with 3 quick baskets to open the final half, but the visitors used baskets from 6 different players to extend its margin.

Meanwhile, the Bulldogs' only offense leading into the final period was supplied by Swiastyn from behind the 3-point arc. Her 2 triples, and a Stephanie Dorsch field goal in the final period, would be Owen-Gage's only points from the field after the break.

North Huron quickly turned the game into a rout with a 12-4 scoring margin to the buzzer.

Swiastyn led all scorers with 20 points, including 4 triples.

North Huron received 15 points from Andrea Clancy, while Baranski and Rice finished with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

OWEN-GAGE- Zaleski 3-0 (2-2) 8; Swiastyn 5-3 (3-5) 22; Rhodes 4-0 (1-2) 9; Errer 1-0 (0-0) 2; Brown 1-0 (0-2) 2; Enderle 1-0 (0-0) 2; Dorsch 4-0 (0-0) 8.
TOTALS- 19-3 (6-12) 53.

PECK - Hall 5-0 (0-5) 10; Steinhoff 3-1 (0-0) 9; Fletcher 2-0 (2-5) 6; Roles 4-0 (2-5) 10.
TOTALS- 14-1 (4-17) 35.

OWEN-GAGE- Zaleski 2-0 (3-5) 7; Swiastyn 3-4 (2-3) 20; Rhodes 1-0 (0-0) 2; Glaza 0-0 (1-2) 1; Dorsch 1-0 (0-2) 2.
TOTALS- 7-4 (6-16) 32.

NORTH HURON- Elliott 2-0 (0-0) 4; Gisel 1-0 (0-0) 2; Rutkowski 1-0 (2-2) 4; Clancy 6-0 (3-4) 15; DePrekel 2-1 (0-0) 7; Baranski 6-0 (0-2) 12; Emkie 0-0 (1-2) 1; R. Rice 5-0 (0-1) 10.
TOTALS- 23-1 (6-17) 55.

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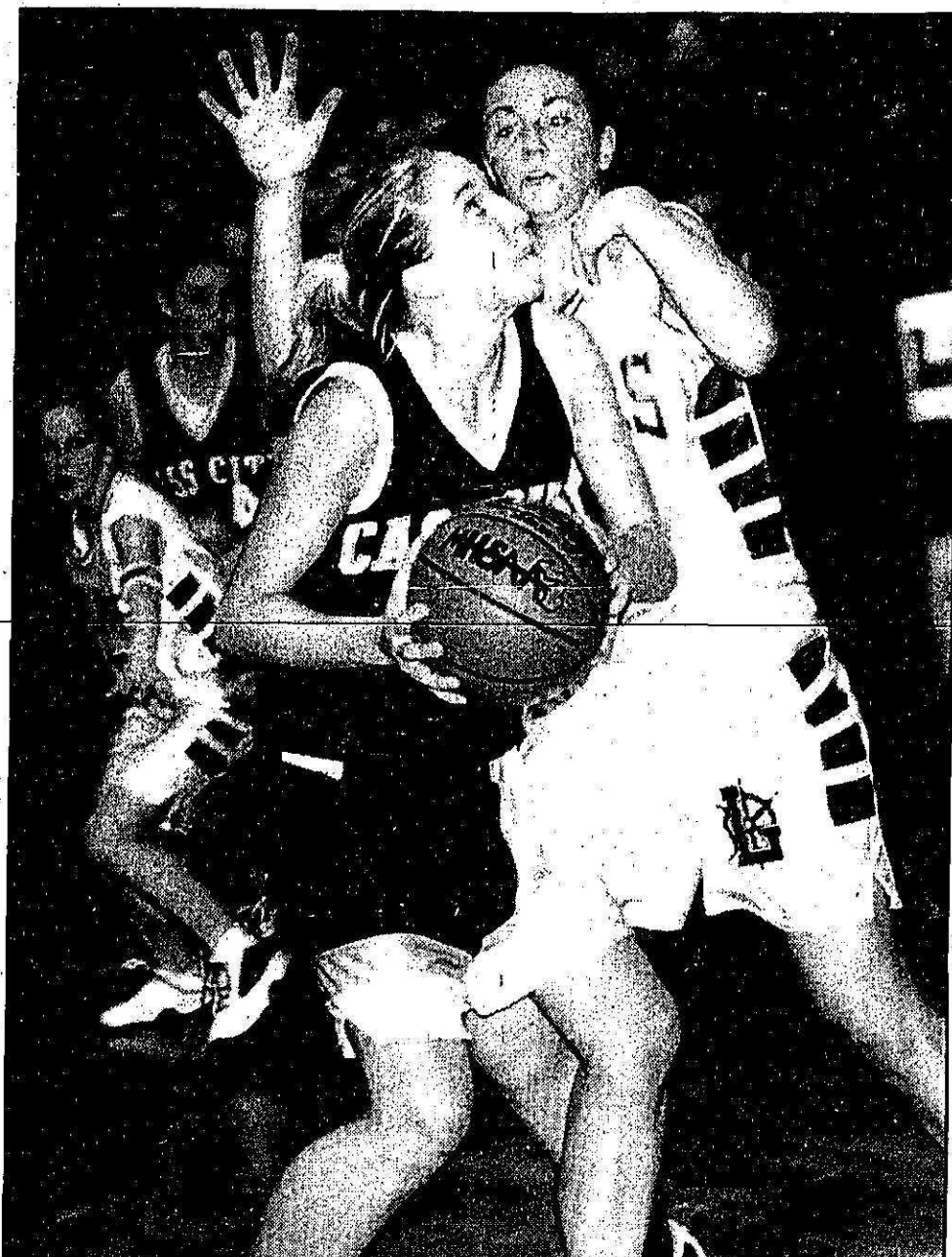


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IT WAS A battle under the boards as the Hawks topped the Lakers for the second time this season. Amy Howard scores for Cass City from close-in.

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F.B.I. Gals 27
Cablettes 26
Gagetown Cutting Corners 24

Ewald 572; M. Gettel 522;
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Individual High Games &
Series: K. Repshinska 245-
250 (691); T. Lis 248-278
(690); M. Zawilinski 227-
236 (668); T. Kuck 223-224
(631); D. Ashton (584); J.
Krol (580); T. Furness (576);
R. Witherspoon 247; C.
Anthes 227; K. Zawilinski
223; C. Gruswalski 215; T.
Halas 214; M. Hawrylo 211.

Hawks remain in title contention

Cass City stayed in contention for at least a share of the Greater Thumb West league crown with an impressive win Thursday at Laker High, 45-28, a team that forced the Hawks into overtime before bowing in the first game between the 2 pre-season title contenders.

Cass City will have little time to enjoy the win as the crucial, decisive games of the regular season will be played and the GTW champion or champions determined in the next 5 days. The Hawks were to play at Bad Axe Tuesday. Friday Unionville-Sebewaing will be at Cass City and the key game of the year will be Monday at Reese.

We played one of our better games of the year against Lakers, shooting 55 percent from the field and 71 percent from the free throw line, said assistant coach Ken Martin Jr.

The Hawks took control early and were never seriously threatened. Paced by Amy Howard with 3 hoops

and Sarah Hobbs who also hit 3, including a trey, Cass City jumped off to a 15-5 lead in the first quarter.

The Lakers came to life in the second quarter and played Cass City on nearly even terms. The Lakers were led by Heather Kunisch with 2 hoops and a free throw in the period. Amanda Chiotti contributed a trey, one of 3 she registered in the game. Ashley Hendrick carried the scoring load in the quarter with 3 hoops.

Cass City eliminated any chance that the Lakers had of winning in the third quarter, outscoring the Green Machine, 10-3, to lead 34-16 going into the final 8 minutes.

Howard, Hendrick and Hobbs each picked off 7 rebounds. Hobbs had 5 assists and scored 14 points. Hendrick blocked 4 shots and scored 13 points. Howard blocked 2 shots and Krystee Dorland made 3 steals.

CASS CITY - Hobbs 3-2 (2-2) 14; Pratt 1-0 (0-0) 2; Howard 4-0 (1-2) 9;

Hendrick 6-0 (1-2) 13; Brinkman 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hartwick 2-0 (1-1) 5.
TOTALS - 17-2 (5-7) 45.

LAKERS - Wiederhold 1-0 (0-0) 2; Chiotti 0-3 (1-2) 10; Mitchell 1-0 (0-0) 2; Ziel 1-0 (0-1) 2; Ireland 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kunisch 2-0 (3-4) 7; Wroblewski 1-0 (1-2) 3.
TOTALS - 7-3 (5-9) 28.

SAGINAW NOUVEL

Saginaw Nouvel entertained the Hawks Tuesday, last week, and left no doubt that its rank as number 2 in class B in Michigan was well earned. They dominated the Hawks and defeated the out-matched Hawks, 51-19.

Nouvel has 2 exceptionally quick athletes at guard and 3 girls on the forward wall that are about 5 feet, 10 inches. Their full court press bothered us, coach Martin said, but we did stay within shouting distance in the first half and trailed only by 10 at the intermission.

But the third quarter was a disaster and a combination of poor Cass City shot mak-

ing and the rugged Nouvel defense held the Hawks scoreless. Going into the fourth quarter Nouvel was coasting, 37-14.

Howard with 4 rebounds and Hendrick with 3 were the top Hawk rebounders. Dorland was credited with 2 steals.

CASS CITY - Hobbs 2-0 (0-0) 4; Dorland 1-0 (0-0) 2; Sherman 0-0 (1-3) 1; Howard 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hendrick 2-0 (2-4) 6; Brinkman 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hartwick 1-0 (0-0) 2.
TOTALS - 8-0 (3-7) 19.

Kazmierski 1-0 (2-2) 4; Richards 6-1 (1-3) 16; Gagnon 2-0 (1-1) 5; LeRoy 1-0 (2-5) 4; Hurd 1-0 (0-0) 2.
TOTALS - 16-4 (7-13) 51.

JUNIOR VARSITY - Nouvel 56, Cass City 30.
FRESHMEN - Nouvel 53, Cass City 15.

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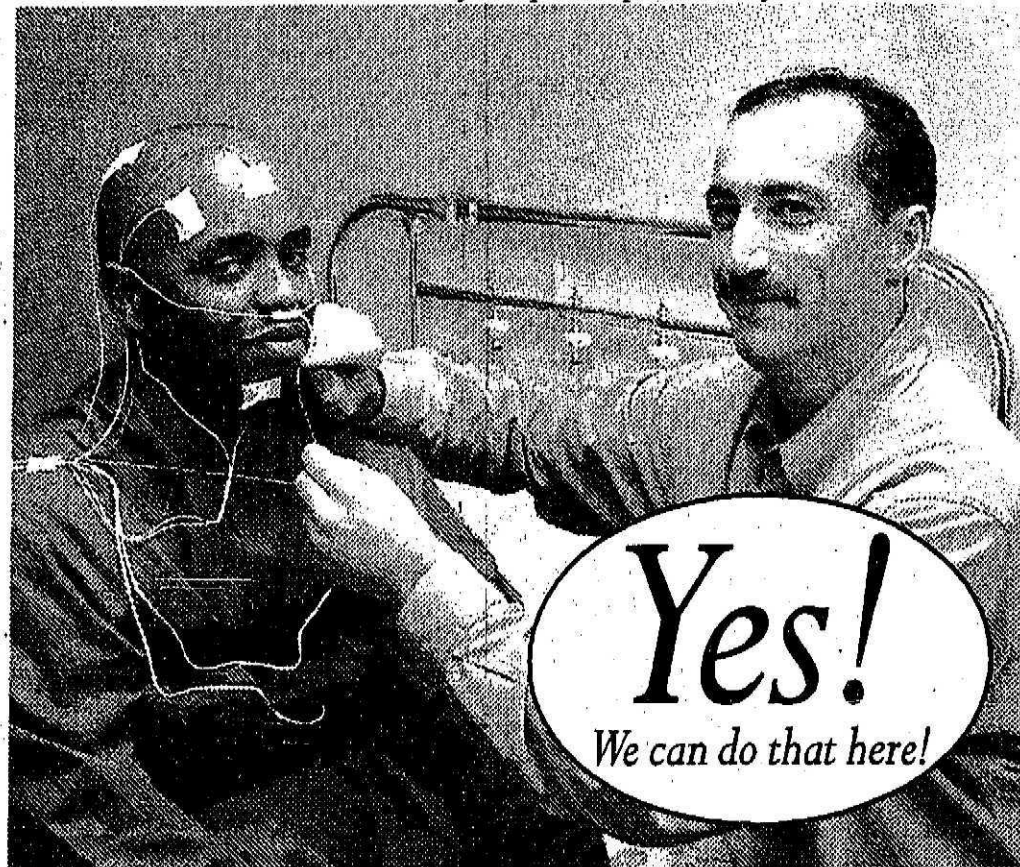
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Obituaries

Albert Gibas

Albert (Butch) Gibas, 51, of Simi-Valley, Calif., formerly of Cass City, died suddenly Monday, Oct. 27, 2003. Gibas is survived by a daughter, Jamie; parents, John and Helen Blocher of Caro and Albert and Barbara Gibas of Fountain Hills, Ariz.; two brothers, Nick (Kim) Gibas of Oxnard, Calif., and Marc of Belleville; two sisters, Virginia (Paul) Regnerus of Cass City and Valerie of Warren; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Charles Malcolm

Charles Bruce Malcolm, 93, formerly of Ferndale, died Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2003 in Grand Rapids. He was born July 6, 1910 in Deford, the son of Howard Duncan and Edna (Bruce) Malcolm. He married Edna Lois Warren June 23, 1936 in his parents' home in Deford. In 1937 they moved to Highland Park, in 1949 they moved to Ferndale and in 1998 they moved to Grand Rapids. Malcolm graduated from Cass City High School in 1930, and Saginaw Business College. He worked for ExCelIO Corp. for 40 years as an inventory control supervisor. He was a member of the Ferndale United Methodist Church for 50 years. He is survived by his children: Sharon (Robert) McKillop of Central Point, Ore., Kathy (Dennis) Daniels of Sterling Heights, Debra (Daryl) Metzner of Grand Rapids and Howard (Colleen) Malcolm of Golden, Colo.; 10 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Edna, on Aug. 15, 2003; and a sister, Althea Kritzman of Cass City. Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 31, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Terry Butters of the Kingston United Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in the Novesta Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Bay City.

Arrangements were made by the Marsh Funeral Chapel, Inc., Marlette.

Mildred Thompson

Mildred "Midge" Irene Thompson, 92, of Cass City, died Friday, Oct. 31, 2003 in the Huron County Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe. She was born June 4, 1911 in Bingham to Oscar and Ethel (Hammon) Boone. She married Frank Spoor in 1928. He died Feb. 27, 1973. She married Bruce A. Thompson on June 22, 1977 in Bad Axe. He preceded her in death on April 9, 2001. Thompson was a lifelong member of the Cass City United Methodist Church. She worked as a volunteer at Hills and Dales General Hospital and Meals on Wheels. Thompson is survived by her four children: Nada (Ed) Doerr of Caseville, Winona (Al) Farrington of Bitely, Kay (Glen) Cohoon of Romulus and Sharon (Jim) Frantz of Kewadin; a daughter-in-law, Sylvia Spoor of Lake Ann; two step-children: Judy (Jim) Pryor of Adrian and Gregory Thompson of Cass City; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Onalee Goff of Farmington Hills. She was preceded in death by a son, Duane Spoor; five brothers: Clayton Boone, Quentin Boone, Orville Boone, Harold Boone and Howard Boone; and a sister, Ethel Crumb. Memorial services were held Tuesday, Nov. 4, at the Cass City United Methodist Church, with the Rev. George Ward officiating. Interment will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, Nov. 7 in the Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens, Traverse City. Memorials may be made to the Cass City United Methodist Church. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

"Night to Indulge" slated

Barbara Priess

Barbara Jean Priess, 67, of Kingston, died Thursday, Oct. 30, 2003 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Clinton Township. She was born Jan. 27, 1936 in Detroit, the daughter of the late John and Josephine (Lewansowski) Kaminski. She married John Priess June 25, 1954 in Detroit. Priess was a member of the St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City. She is survived by her husband, John; two daughters: Susan Priess of Inlay City and Gerrie (John) Rosenberg of Leonard; two sisters: Dorothy Wierzbicki of Oxford and Diane (Tom) Zamberlan of Sterling Heights; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 4, at the St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, with Fr. Steve Fillion officiating. Following the service, cremation will take place at the Sunset Valley Crematory.

An evening of fun, socialization, and chocolate, with several good causes standing to benefit, awaits guests Thursday, Nov. 13 in Caro. HDC's Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center and Thumb Area Big Brothers Big Sisters will join together to present "A Night to Indulge 3." This deliciously different kind of event, to be held at the Polish American Club in Caro from 5 to 9 p.m., will feature chocolate confections and other choices offered by tuxedoed servers, home-party type vendors, massages, door prizes and much more. Ticket price for the event has been set at \$10 per person in advance, or \$12 at the door, which includes admission as well as a 5-minute massage by Body Awareness or Time Out. Tickets and more information may be obtained by calling Thumb Area Big Brothers Big Sisters at (989) 673-6996 or HDC at (989) 673-4121, or by dialing (989) 672-5515 after regular business hours.

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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 6, CC 50 | 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 48, CC 60 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 28 | Saginaw Nouvel 51, CC 19 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 30 | Lakers 28, CC 45 | 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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| Cass City Red Hawks 2003 Boys' Soccer | | |
|--|--------------------------|-----------|
| Aug. 23 | USA Invite | 8:30 a.m. |
| Aug. 25 | North Branch 1, CC 4 | 4:30 p.m. |
| Aug. 26 | Caseville 3, CC 1 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Aug. 28 | Harbor Beach 5, CC-1 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 2 | Caro 6, CC 0 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 6 | Bad Axe Invite | 9:00 a.m. |
| Sept. 9 | Sandusky 0, CC 4 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 11 | Marlette 4, CC 0 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 16 | Valley Lutheran 8, CC 0 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 19 | Lakeville 7, CC 1 | 4:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 22 | Memphis | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 23 | USA 5, GG-0 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 25 | Bad Axe 8, CC 0 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 30 | Lakers 10, CC 0 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 2 | Valley Lutheran 11, CC 0 | 4:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 7 | Lakers 10, CC 0 | 4:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 14 | USA | 4:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 16 | Bad Axe | 4:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 20-25 | Districts | TBA |

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

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Workers comp meeting topic

The Employer Services Department at Hills and Dales General Hospital recently hosted a free seminar for area employers, "Workers Compensation Training, Solutions for Unable to Work Slips," at the Detroit Edison building in Cass City.

Twenty different Thumb area employers were represented at the conference, including manufacturing, public schools, municipalities,

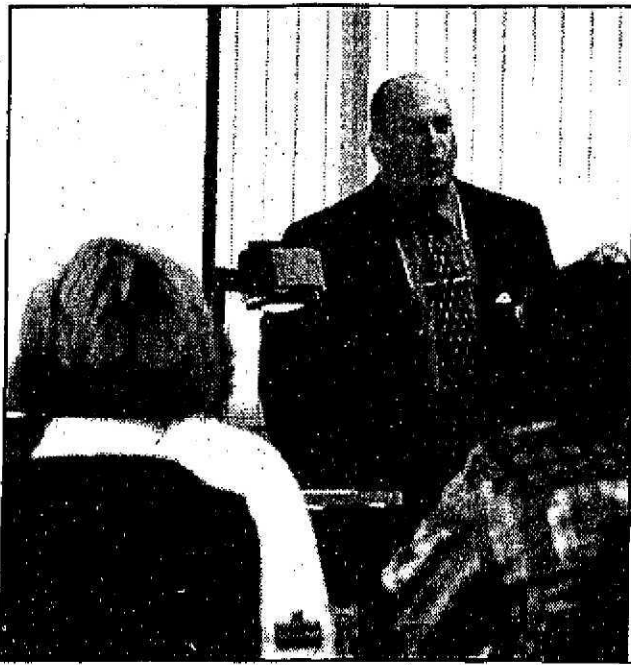
and retail sales.

Ron Anthony, Employer Services manager at Hills and Dales, led the seminar that offered training to employers on how to reduce worker compensation costs.

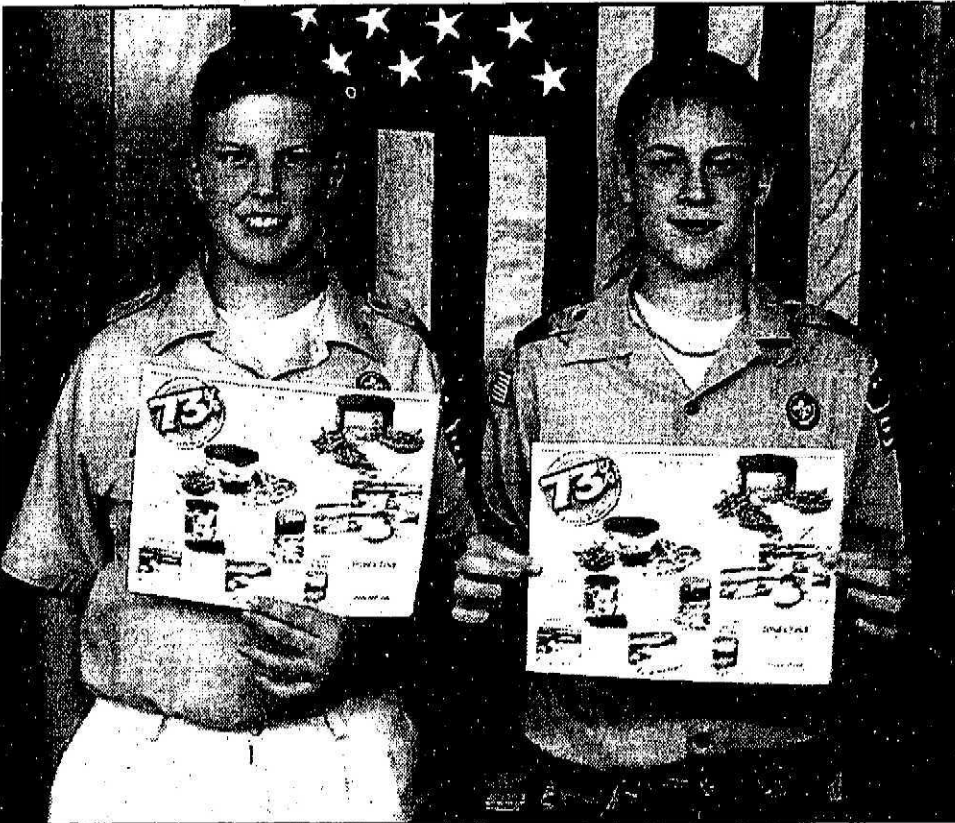
"Workers Compensation costs can be dramatically reduced by aggressively and appropriately managing claims. Even one claim can have a significant impact for small employers," said Anthony.

With 12 years of experience in the field of worker's compensation and injury management, Anthony offered employers information on the worker's compensation system in general and time-tested strategies for reducing costs.

Future seminars are currently being planned. Hills and Dales offers services to employers, large and small, who want to manage their worker injuries. Any employer who would like more information or request a consultation is asked to call Anthony at the hospital at (989) 872-2121 (ext. 342).



RON ANTHONY, Employer Services manager at Hills and Dales General Hospital (above), leads a recent free workers compensation seminar offered by the local hospital to area employers.



ONCE AGAIN it is time for the annual Boy Scout Troop 500 popcorn sale. This is the biggest fundraiser for the local troop, with an average of 33 percent of gross sales staying in Cass City and 40 percent going to the council to help run scouting programs. Pictured above are scouts Andrew Rohlfs and Brad Hanby.

High school honor roll

Cass City High School announces the first marking period honor roll.

GRADE 9

All "A"s: Dustin Arp, Ryan Biddinger, Brent Cooper, Jeremiah Fritz, Courtney Hacker, Jennifer Hacker, Lysa Knight, Andrew LaFave, Jessica Lange, Andrew Martin, Laura McComas, Courtney Rabideau, Kyle Reif, Allyn Richards, Nicholas Sattelberg, Bradley Severance, Kyle Swanson and Rebecca Sweeney.

B or better: Andrea Badgley, Rebecca Bennett, Dennis Bowen, Whitney Braun, John Brown, Alyssa Cryderman, Terra Czekai, Andrew Devine, Jill Dillon, Jennifer Hadd, Allison Hillaker, Lauren Howard,

Stephanie Jamieson, Ryan King, Galen Kuebli, Anthony Langlois, James Launa, Chelsea McCallum, Sara Mecker, Brandon Miller, Lindsey Montgomery, Megan O'Dell, Ashleigh Rabideau, Danielle Reed, Derek Ricker, Eric Romain, Ryan Ross, Emily Schinnerer, Beth Spencer, Preston Stec, Philip Strong, Eric Thick, Adam Wentworth, Leah Whittaker, Tyler Whittaker and Bobby Windsor.

GRADE 10

All "A"s: Donna Bushong, Michael deBeaubien, Libby Doerr, Ashley Hendrick, Aimee Hennessey, Matthew Koepf, Katie McIntosh, Steven Meeker, Ivan Peruski, Tara Powell, Ashley Puterbaugh, Chad Sparks, Lindsey Speirs, Jarod Stoutenburg, Jeffrey Stoutenburg and Jenna Timko.

B or better: Caitlin Barnes, Racheal Biebel, Krysta Boyce, Jennifer Brinkman, Monica Cronk, Danielle Dickson, Nicole Froede, Justin Glaza, John Guc IV, Donna Hall, Bradley Langenburg, Sarah

Langmaid, Philip Nahernak, Nicholas Nanney, Stephanie Nizzola, Alex Papp, Klyn Puterbaugh, Rebecca Putnam, Eric Reed, Lisa Santhany, Shaun Thornton, Alexandra Timon and Amber Williams.

GRADE 11

All "A"s: Ashley Barrigar, Tasha Bryant, Chad Francis, Samantha Glaspie, Marcel Helland, Carrie Hillaker, Krista Homakie, Rose Krug, Luann Laming, Bethany Langlois, Timothy Mills, Douglas Parker, Jesse Rader, Stephanie Richards, Andrew Schinnerer, Leah Sherman, Jason Speirs, Angela Stoeckle and Jessie Tuckey.

B or better: Holly Angle, Corey Brooks, Jessica Chappel, Adam Czekai, Allison Ellis, Andy Haas, Jason Haight, Caleb Hanby, Michael Havens, Karen Hess, Paul Hoeltzle, Jenna Hoffman, Lee Hutchinson, Corey Johnson, Nichole McComas, Sean McFarland, Christina Montgomery, Antonette Peters, Michael Peters, Jamie Pratt, Delores Rabideau, Tara Sherman, Kristina Spaulding, Nicholas Stoutenburg, Woodrow

Strong, Jeffery Tenbusch, Tara Whittaker and Jake Wilder.

GRADE 12

All "A"s: Jonathan Bennett, Krystee Dorland, Kristi Fluegge, Gavin Frederick, Leslie Hacker, Erik Helwig, Sarah Hobbs, Amy Howard, Alexander Kunder, Nathan Laming, Dustin Mallory, Jeffrey McMahan, Cole Mellendorf, Mallory Powell, Justin Presley, Nicholas Swanson, Megan Toner and Christina Valdez.

B or better: Allyson Bell, Jamie Benjamin, Jessica Blades, Jessica Covarrubias, Gregory Dillon, Tyler Eila, Lauren Galloway, Jenna Gould, Adam Haag, Ashley Hadd, Eric Hanby, Erika Karavas, Kayla Karr, Adam Kessler, Maegan Laurie, Mariana Lima, Kevin Lowe, DeAnna Newby, Jonathan Nizzola, Norman Pierce, Scott Regnerus, Jamie Robinson, Amanda Smith, Amanda Sparks, Brandon Stec, Jennifer Sweeney, Heather Thornton, Ashley Timon, Nicholas Walther, Steven Walther, Bryan Warju, Christine Williams, Teresa Woodward, Megan Zartman and Kaylene Ziehm.

Check Out These Web Sites:

Here are a few Web sites you may want to watch: Laurus Health at www.LaurusHealth.com. National Engineers Week at www.eweek.org. Volunteers of America at www.VolunteersofAmerica.org. The Better Vision Institute (BVI) at www.visioninstitute.org. HomeAdvisor.com is at www.homeadvisor.com. Nabisco at www.nabisco.world.com. The Tao of Tango at www.TaoOfTango.com. Rent Net at www.rent.net. The Pope John Paul II Cultural Center at www.jp2cc.org.

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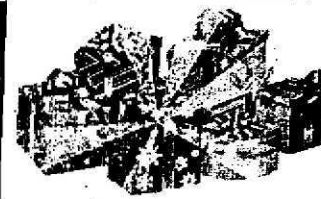
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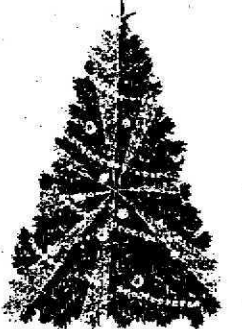
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Middle school honor roll

Cass City Middle School announces the first marking period honor roll.

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Cameron Simpson, Michael Skiles, Victoria Spencer*, Brandon Stine, Amanda Stoll, Monica Stover, Michael Swain JR, Mariah Tabar, Tyler TerBush, Robert VanAuken, Alexander Varney*, Amber Warju*, Zachary Weiss, Shawn Wentworth, Bradley Whittaker, Thomas Woodruff, Dallas Woodward, Dana Woodward, Jeremy Wright, Victoria Wright, Molly Wynn, Lauren Zdrojewski* and Matthew Zimmerman.

GRADE 6

Zachary Abell, Ashlee Arthur, Aaron Bader, Josiah Battel, Lindsey Bliss*, Richard Doerr*, Kevven Dorland, Abby Ellis, Jalen Ferris, Zachary Fisher, Keegan Hagen, Stephan Hanselman, Renae Janssen, Amanda Kaake, Logan Kausch*, Andrew Knight, Amber LaPonsie, Andrew Leslie, Paige Lester, Brittany Likens, Jennifer Manwell*, Thomas Marker, Emily Martin*, Paul Martin, Zachary McCree, Ashleigh Moore, Jacob Mozden, Dylan Murphy, Tyler Nicholas, Brittany Nicol*, Elise Nicol*, Justin Parsons, Tyler Perry, Dillon Peruski, Trevor Phillips, Kyle Pine, LaShae Radeka, Eric Reif, Paul Rubey, Kelsey Rudy*, Rochelle Rushlow, Steven Rychlewski, Jenna Sattelberg*, Nicholas Shantz, Angelena Simpson*, David Steely, Stephanie Steely, Ashleigh Stoeckle*, Samantha Swiderski*, Sara Venema*, Brandon Weaver, Kyle Weidman and Megan Zawilinski.

GRADE 7

Krystal Alexander*, Samantha Auten, Austin Babich, Aaron Bardwell, Deidre Bowen, Tyler Burk, Thomas Burns II*, Thomas Cotton, Chelsea Depner*, Leigha Drohn, Marla Eberline, Andrea Farr, Cassidy Frank, Ashley Frankowski, Sarah Green, Bradley Haag*, Andrew Hagaman, Matthew Hallwood, Bradley Hanby*,

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GRADE 8

Rodney Abasso, David Acker*, Heather Baker, Matthew Bartnik, Isaiah Battel, Lauren Bennett, Jessica Bessler, Christopher Binder, Amanda Bolton, Chelsey Bootz, Ryan Brown*, Evan Bushong, Christopher Childs, Alysha Conley, Samantha Currier, Ethan Damm*, Erica Darr*, Anna Deel, Danielle Delamarter, Rebecca Doerr, Madeline Doooley*, Benjamin Farkas, Scarlett Helland, Trey Helwig*, Darrin Howard, Ashley Hutchinson, Selina Izydorek, Devin Jamieson, David Janssen, Brittany Karavas, Kristie Karr*, Mark Koepf, Adam Kranz*, Shane McFarland, Heather Moore, Lacey Morrish, Alyssa Nicol, Alicia Osentoski, Thomas Parrish*, Stephanie Regnerus, Caitlyn Rickett, Cassandra Simpson, Nicholas Smith, Caitlin Sorenson, Jeffrey Sparks*, Ashlee Spencer, Marissa Summersett*, Clifton Warmbier, Derek Weidman* and Jennifer Zmierski.

* Denotes all "A"s



AMERICAN CANCER Society representative Carol Boom (far right) is pictured above with Hills and Dales officials (from left) Jean Anthony, Dave Oehring and Dee McKrow.



HILLS AND DALES General Hospital was recently honored with 2 awards for its work in fighting cancer through the American Cancer Society. Above, Carol Boom presents an award to Merry Gebauer, director of purchasing.

Hills and Dales receives cancer society awards

Hills and Dales General Hospital received Five Star Investor and Five Star Community awards from the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, Inc.

The awards are for the work sites active in fighting cancer on multiple fronts through the American Cancer Society.

"Hills and Dales is a leader in the fight against today's No. One health concern," said Sue Wendt, area executive director, American Cancer Society Bay Area Service Center. "By investing their time and energy into fighting cancer, we will save more lives and see less diagnosed cases."

The programs participated in by Hills and Dales to qualify for these awards include a breast and cervical cancer control program.

In partnership with the Michigan Department of Health, breast and cervical screenings are offered at low to no cost to eligible women. Through advocacy efforts,

treatment funds are now available in the event of a cancer diagnosis. Hills and Dales provides screening programs throughout the year at low cost related to prostate cancer.

Kathy Dropski, RN, Community Education Department, was able to participate with the Tuscola Health Department in educating the community on signs and symptoms of colorectal cancer. Merry Gebauer, director of purchasing, organized a team to participate in the Relay for Life. The Hills and Dales Hospital Team raised over \$7,400 this year, taking third place in the relay.

The Hills and Dales administration staff noted they are very proud of their employees and their commitment to volunteerism. Over 100 volunteer hours were given to the American Cancer Society through the activities promoting cancer awareness in order to fight cancer in our local communities.

Cover crop focus of bulletin

A new Michigan State University (MSU) Extension bulletin will help the state's vegetable growers create effective cover cropping systems to improve soil quality.


The bulletin, "Cover Crop Choices for Michigan Vegetables," presents cover crop options for vegetable producers in Michigan and the Great Lakes region.

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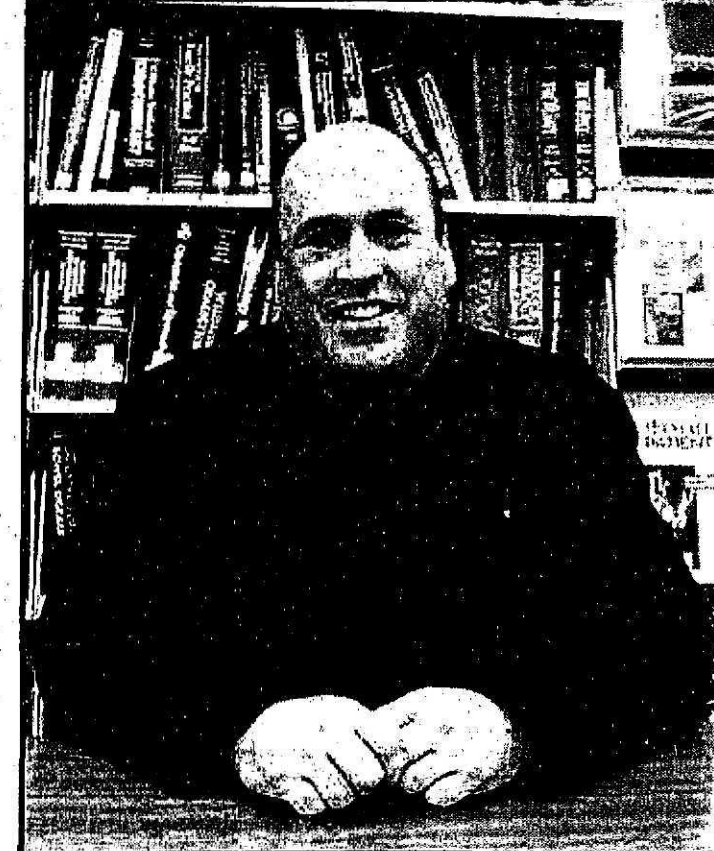
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dale J. Harmon, a single person, and Jennielyne H.J. Moss, a single person (original mortgagors), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 14, 2001 and recorded on April 1, 2001 in Liber 827 on Page 227 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND FORTY SIX AND 98/100 DOLLARS (\$104,046.98), including interest at 7.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 AM, on December 4, 2003.

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

The West 72.0 feet of Lots 2 and 3 and the West 72.0 of the North 12 of Lot 6, Block 6 of Beechwood Annex to the Village of Mayville, according to the plat recorded on Liber 1 of Plats, Page 31, now being Page 32A, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: October 29, 2003

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

Lot 3, Block 28 of Village (now City) of Vassar, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of plats, Page 93 of Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: October 22, 2003

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Flagstar Bank, FSB, As Mortgagee
P.O. Box 5041
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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 30, 1999 and recorded on October 12, 1999 in Liber 784 on Page 613 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Countrywide 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 AM, 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 Ring Road over the Westerly side thereof.

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

Dated: October 22, 2003

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Evelyn Kay Asher, a single female (original mortgagors), to Community Mortgage Services, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 18, 1999 and recorded on June 18, 1999 in Liber 774 on Page 682, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fidelity Bank, a Federally Chartered Savings Bank as assignee by an assignment dated August 2, 2000 recorded on October 19, 2000 in Liber 813 on Page 883 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Two and 29/100 Dollars (\$60,152.29), including interest at 3% 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 at 10:00 AM, on December 4, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1: Commencing on the North line of Main Street in the Village of Cass City at a point 13 rods 13 feet 6 inches East of the West line of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 14 North, Range 11 East; thence running East along the North line of Main Street 5 rods, more or less, to the Westerly line of the Pontiac, Oxford and Northern Railroad; thence in a Northwest-southerly direction along said line of said railroad to a point 11 feet East of the place of beginning; thence West 11 feet; thence South to the place of beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: November 5, 2003

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11-5-4

THIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of certain Mortgage(s) made by Nancy L. Brown, a single woman, known as Nancy Lee Brown, a single woman, of 6316 Pine Street, Cass City, Michigan 48726, MORTGAGOR, to United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, 3001 Coolidge Road, Suite 200, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, MORTGAGEE, said Mortgage(s) dated July 26, 1996 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, Michigan in Liber 694, Page 856, July 26, 1996, on which Mortgage(s) there is claimed to be due at the date of this Notice a principal balance and interest in the amount of Sixty Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars and Thirty-Five Cents (\$60,477.35).

And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have 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(s), and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that on the 4th day of December 2003, at 10:00 a.m. on said day, at the Courthouse, 440 State Street, Caro, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for said County, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, of the said premises described in said Mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due as aforesaid on said mortgage with interest thereon at the rate of One (1.00%) percent per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the undersigned necessary to protect its interest in the premises, which said premises are described as follows:

Property situated in the State of Michigan, County of Tuscola:

Situated in the Village of Cass City, Township of Elkland: Lot 4, Block A of Kelland's Addition to the Village of Cass City, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 7, now being page 8A.

Pursuant to Section 27A3240 (3), Michigan Statutes Annotated the redemption period is six months from the date of the above referenced sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MSA 27A3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, unless redeemed according to the law, in such case made and provided.

Dated: October 16, 2003

KIRK C. ELLSWORTH (P99700)
Attorney for USDA, Rural Development

PREPARED BY ELLSWORTH AND HARE FORECLOSURES
BY: KIRK C. ELLSWORTH (P99700)
Attorney at Law
2920 Blueberry Pl.
Saginaw, Michigan 48603
(989) 249-4900 or (989) 790-0994

10-22-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made on August 20, 1998 with Bryon E. Hatch and Diana L. Hatch, husband and wife, as Mortgagor, and Diversified Mortgage Finance Company, as Mortgagee, and recorded on August 25, 1998 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, in Liber 748, Page 945-952, and was assigned to First National Bank of Michigan, N.A. on August 20, 1998 and recorded August 25, 1998 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, in Liber 748, Page 953-955, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid as of the date of this notice the sum of \$11,839.00 inclusive of accrued interest, and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by said Mortgage.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Friday, December 11, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for Tuscola County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or vendue, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said mortgage, together with interest rate of 17.95%, all allowable costs of sale and applicable attorney fees, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows:

Legally described as: Land situated in the Township of Arbelia, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, described as follows:

A parcel of land in the SE 1/4 of S29, T10N, R7E, described as follows: Beginning N89°35'30"W, along the S line of S29 a distance of 528.47 feet from the SE corner of S29; thence continuing N89°35'30"W, along said S line, 214.85 feet; thence N01°12'40"E, 666.38 feet; thence S89°38'35"E, 215.27 feet; thence S01°14'50"W, 666.57 to the point of beginning.

Tax ID: 003-029-400-1000-00

The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire six months from the date of sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 21, 2003

Patrick Timothy Reid, II
REID AND REID
Attorneys for Mortgage Business & Trade Center
200 N. Washington Square, Ste. 400
Lansing, Michigan 48933-1384
Telephone: (517) 487-6566

11-5-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Marianne Prystajko, an unmarried woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 17, 2003 and recorded January 22, 2003 in Liber 911, Page 1332, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Four and 15/100 Dollars (\$61,004.15), including interest at the rate of 6.25% 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 November 20, 2003.

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

Lot 1 of Shay Lake Heights Subdivision, No.1, according to the plat recorded in Liber 2 of plats, pages 35-36

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

Dated: October 22, 2003

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Mortgagee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000

File No. 287.0138

10-22-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by ROBERT W. HAACK JR. and CORRIE B. HAACK, his wife, to North Commerce Financial, Mortgagee, dated December 29, 1998 and recorded on January 8, 1999 in Liber 759 on Page 1425, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee by me assignment to STERLING BANK & TRUST by an assignment dated January 7, 1999 and recorded on March 30, 1999 in Liber 562 on Page 464, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR and 77/100 Dollars (\$81,554.77), including interest at 10.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on December 11, 2003.

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

The West half of the West half of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 25, Town 10 North, Range 9 East; Right of Way for Goodrich Road over the Southerly side thereof.

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

Dated: October 16, 2003

STERLING BANK & TRUST
Assignee of Mortgage

DAVID J. BENNETT
THAV, GROSS, STEINWAY & BENNETT
30150 Telegraph #444
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
(248) 645-1700

10-22-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David A. Church, a/k/a David Church, a married man, and Nina Church, a/k/a Nina R. Church, his wife, in bar of donor, to PCFS Financial Services, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 13, 1999 and recorded May 19, 1999 in Liber 771, Page 1209, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-One and 38/100 Dollars (\$83,381.38), including interest at the rate of 12.375% 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 December 4, 2003.

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

Part of the West half of the Southeast quarter of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point which is North 89 degrees 26 minutes 40 seconds West, 1271.18 feet along the South line of said Section 9, and along the East line of the West half of the Southeast quarter (also the East line of Bostick's Addition to the Village of Millington) North 00 degrees 08 minutes 49 seconds East, 909.48 feet along the North line of said Bostick's Addition; North 89 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds West, 334.38 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 2 of Block B of Bostick's Addition and parallel to the East line of said West half of the Southeast quarter, North 00 degrees 08 minutes 49 seconds East, 200 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 9; thence parallel to the North line of said Bostick's Addition, North 89 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds West, 127.62 feet; thence parallel to the East line of said West half of the Southeast quarter, North 00 degrees 08 minutes 49 seconds East, 64.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds East, 127.62 feet; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 49 seconds West, 64.00 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in

which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing Mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: October 29, 2003

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for PCFS Financial Services, Inc., As Mortgagee

P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000

File No. 210.0766

10-29-5

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 Drew Alan Hoelscher and Jeanne C. Hoelscher, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Standard Federal Bank, a Federal Savings Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 7, 1998 and recorded on June 5, 1998 in Liber 741 on Page 1055 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY AND 67/100 DOLLARS (\$163,130.67), including interest at 6.750% per annum.

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

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

The Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, lying Easterly of the centerline of M-15, and part of the Southeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as: commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 33, Town 10 North, Range 8 East; thence South 11 degrees 38 minutes 23 seconds East, 1741.53 feet along an extension of the centerline of state trunkline M-15 to the point of beginning; running thence East 1382.37 feet; thence North to the North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 33; thence Westerly along the North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 and the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 to a point 560 feet Easterly of the centerline of M-15; thence South 150 feet; thence Westerly to the centerline of M-15; thence along the centerline of M-15; South 11 degrees 38 minutes 23 seconds East to the point of beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: October 22, 2003

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
Team C (248) 593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200323126

Team C

10-22-4

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Michael F. Peche and Debra J. Peche, husband and wife, to First National Bank of America, dated August 11, 1998 and recorded on 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

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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 Michael Okorowski and Autumn

Okorowski, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 9, 2001 and recorded on March 12, 2001 in Liber 823 on Page 1992 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Two And

CALL 872-2010 TO PLACE AN ACTION AD

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.

Automotive

FOR SALE - 1998 Polaris Indy 440. Liquid cooled, ski skins, cover, 2,100 miles, mint. \$1,900. 872-3410
1-11-5-3nc

FOR SALE - 1998 Yamaha V-max XT 600. 2,200 miles, studs, cover, liquid cooled, ski skins, mint. \$2,100. 872-3410
1-11-5-3nc

M-N-M AUTO Repair - Complete auto repair. 872-8832.
1-1-15-1f

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FOR SALE - 1987 Dodge truck. Great wood hauler, \$450. Can be seen at 4578 Hill St., Apt. 4, Cass City, anytime. 1-10-22-3

1992 COUGAR (red) - New tires, brakes and battery. Air conditioner, cruise, power windows. Very clean! \$3,000 O.B.O. 989-665-9970
1-10-22-3

1993 GMC extended cab 4x4, fully loaded. 872-4042
1-10-29-3

General Merchandise

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

General Merchandise

FOR SALE - combination DVD player/VCR, \$50. Like new. 872-2239 2-11-5-1

FOR SALE - stove, \$50; washer, \$50; 3 1/2 HP mini bike, \$200. 872-2374
2-11-5-1

DACHSHUNDS - AKC minis red, cream, black & tan dapple. Great Danes - AKC Harlequin males. \$350 and up. 989-246-9004 2-11-5-1

7 1/2' x 10' UTILITY TRAILER, \$150. 989-665-2342
2-10-29-3

FOR SALE - 23" console color TV. Dark cabinet, excellent condition. Asking \$175. Call 872-3786 after 2 p.m. If no answer, leave message. 2-10-29-3

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

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

2 FEMALE BEAGLE pups, 6 months old. Great hunting stock. \$150 each. 989-665-2342
2-10-29-3

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

FOR SALE - 2 wheelchairs: 1 new, \$350; 1 older, \$25. Carl Reed, 872-2929.
2-11-5-3

SHEARED CHRISTMAS TREES for sale - corner of Sebewaing Rd. and Moore Rd. You can cut, or we will cut. Will have cut trees at Seventh Street, Owendale. \$10 per tree starting Nov. 18. Phone 989-678-4142.
2-11-5-3

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

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2-4-16-1f

General Merchandise

3 MALE PURE BRED Jack Russell pups, 3 weeks old, \$200. 872-3054, Chris or Peggy Johnson. 2-10-29-2

FOR SALE - Portable Kenmore dishwasher, \$50; 50 caliber muzzleloader with scope, \$160; deer rifles and shotguns; corn and wood pellet furnace - best offer. Call 872-4988. 2-10-29-3

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Paintball & Supplies

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Household Sales

GARAGE SALE - 4290 Lamont Road (4 south, 3 east, 1/2 south from Cass City). Wednesday, Nov. 5, 3-8 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 6, 3-8 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 7, 12-8 p.m. Hunting clothes, Motorola 2-way talk radios, adult clothes, love seat, antique table, small block Chevy parts, much more. 14-11-5-1

Real Estate For Sale

KALKASKA COUNTY - 5 acres of hardwoods. Short drive to state land, fishing lakes and trails. Ideal home site or recreational base. Driveway, cleared site, electric. \$26,900, \$500 down, \$330/mo. 11% land contract. www.northerlandco.com, Northern Land Company, 800-968-3118. 3-11-5-2

Real Estate For Rent

HALL FOR RENT
The Sanilac Center, Sandusky, MI as of January 1, 2004, will be owned and operated by the Thumb Memorial Disabled American Veterans Chapter 75. Rental of the hall for your special occasions will continue with:
NEW PRICES IN EFFECT...
CATERER OF YOUR CHOICE...
Hall available for immediate rental for the months of January, February, March and April. Accepting last minute rentals.
*****ALSO*****
Watch for **PROGRESSIVE BINGO** every Sunday afternoon tentatively beginning **February 20th**, 2 p.m. (Doors open at 12:30 p.m.).
Lite snacks and beverages will be available.
For Hall Rental, please call
(810) 648-9152
4-11-5-4

Real Estate For Sale

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

Real Estate For Rent

WE ARE NOW taking applications for 1 & 2 bedroom apartments at Northwest 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

VFW HALL available for rental occasions. Call 872-4933.
4-4-1-1f

FOR RENT - 3-bedroom house in Cass City. Easy walking distance to schools and downtown. \$450/month, plus utilities and security deposit. Call 872-2010 (days). 4-11-5-1f

AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY - 1- and 2-bedroom apartments. Water, sewage and garbage removal included. Also, 4-bedroom home. 989-872-4532
4-11-5-1f

RETAIL BUILDING for rent - Downtown Cass City, corner lot. 2,400 sq. ft. available with front and rear entrance. Large front window, perfect for window display. Available January 1, 2004. Call 989-872-4654 for details.
4-10-1-1f

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

Real Estate For Rent

FOR RENT in high traffic location. 750 sq. ft. building next to Erla's Food Center. Call 989-872-2191, ask for Agnes. 4-11-5-1f

FOR RENT - 2-bedroom mobile home, \$400 plus deposit. References required. 872-3959 4-11-5-1

FOR RENT - 1-bedroom apartment available immediately. Close to grocery store, doctors' offices and hospital. Rent includes water and trash. No pets! Located at Hillside North Apartments. Require first month's rent and security deposit to move in. Call after 6:30 p.m. for details, 872-4654. 4-10-8-1f

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

FOR RENT - K of C Hall, 6106 Beechwood Drive. Parties, dinners, meeting. Call Rick Kerkau, 872-4877.
4-2-3-1f

Notices

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

Notices

SPAGHETTI DINNER
Nov. 7
5:30-7 p.m.
Novesta Church of Christ
3 1/2 miles south of light on Cemetery Rd.
A freewill offering will be taken to help our Bible Bowl team with tournament expenses
5-11-5-1

Trip to Mt. Pleasant
Monday, Nov. 10
Bus leaves from St. Pancratius parking lot at 8:45 a.m.
Returns at 4:30 p.m.
For reservations call Nina at 872-2925 or Ginny at 872-4793
\$25 for trip
5-11-5-1

Registration Time is Now - Don't Delay!
Saginaw Valley State University
Registration is ongoing for SVSU Winter 2004 semester classes at the Cass City campus start Jan. 12. Earn your college degree with classes that are close to home and meet just one evening a week. Call today for registration information. (800) 968-9500

FOUND - 1 small motorcycle helmet on Dodge Rd. To claim, must identify color. 989-665-2599 5-11-5-1

WALLPAPER CLEARANCE sale - All in-stock wallpapers, \$6 double roll, excellent quality; borders, \$4. C&R Carpet, Main St., Deckerville. 5-10-22-3

CRAFT SHOW - Franklin Inn, Bad Axe, Saturday, Nov. 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. Call 989-892-7929.
5-11-5-2

LOST - BLACK & WHITE short-haired male cat near Colwood on Oct. 9. Small and friendly. Name is George. Reward if found. Please call 673-2080.
5-10-29-2

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

BAZAAR - LUNCH

Saturday, Nov. 8
8:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Cass City United Methodist Church
Cookbook corner, gifts, decorations, baked goods, etc. 5-10-29-2

Last Dance of the Season

Cass City V.F.W. Hall
Friday, Nov. 7
7-11 p.m.
Music by Denny Ewald
\$7.00 person
Lunch Included
5-10-29-2

BROASTED FISH & FRIES

All you can eat - Public Welcome
Dinner 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Masonic Lodge, Cass City
Corner of Maple and Garfield
First Friday of the month
Tickets at door
Adults \$7.00, 12 & under \$4.00
Tyler Lodge 317, Cass City
Take-outs Available 5-9-10-1f

Knights of Columbus FISH DINNERS

Baked & Fried Fish
ALL YOU CAN EAT
3rd Friday of each month
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
K of C Hall
6106 Beechwood Rd., Cass City
Adults \$7.00, Children \$3.00
5-9-10-1f

NO SMOKING BINGO - Every Sunday at new Knights of Columbus Hall, 6106 Beechwood Dr., Cass City. Doors open 5:00 p.m., games start at 5:30. Phone 872-8892. Knights of Columbus Council No. 8892.
5-9-30-1f

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5-10-23-52

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8-5-16-1f

Professional and Business DIRECTORY

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Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhard, Doran & Co., P.C.
Certified Public Accountants
Gary Anderson, CPA (Cass City)
Robert Tuckey, CPA (Cass City)
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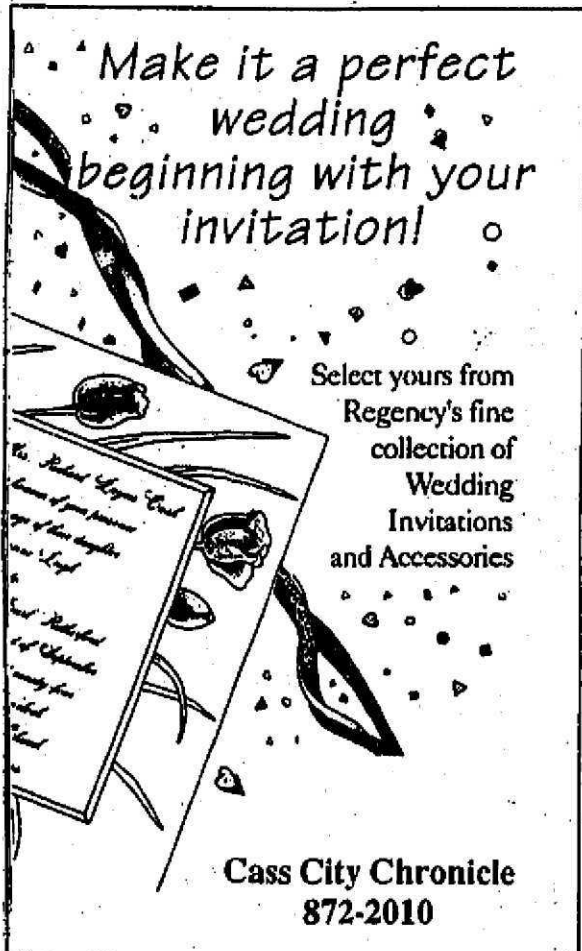
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Winter safety focus of week

To focus attention on winter safety precautions, Gov. Jennifer Granholm has declared Nov. 2-8, 2003 as Winter Hazards Awareness Week in Michigan.

Heavy snow, extreme cold, ice, and wind routinely affect Michigan during winter and, individually or together, pose dangers to life and property. However, Michigan residents must remember that it does not necessarily take record-breaking low temperatures or mountains of snow to make winter in Michigan dangerous. The abrupt changes in winter

weather are enough to turn enjoyment of the season into tragedy.

The winter season of 2002-2003 was slightly colder than average for the state, and there were many winter storms that caused hundreds of millions of dollars of damage, closed roads and schools, power outages, and even death.

While storms affected all of the state during the past winter, the storm track certainly favored southern lower Michigan. Across the Upper Peninsula and much of northern and central lower Michigan, snowfall was near average or slightly below, but for areas such as Detroit, snow piled up to the ninth snowiest winter of all time.

The snowfall started early with up to 13 inches in Marquette Oct. 21 and 22, and up to 18 inches in Port Huron Nov. 26. Other snow storms followed including a Christmas Day storm that left much of southern lower Michigan with 4 to 8 inches, and a storm that affected the Upper Peninsula from Feb. 2-4, with many locations receiving 10 to 20 inches.

However, the most significant winter storm did not hit until April. An arctic frontal boundary moved south of the state by the morning of April 3. This front dropped temperatures to the freezing mark generally along and north of a Holland to St. Clair Shores line. Then, a series of low pressure systems moved across the front. This allowed very warm and moist air to lift north overtop of the sub-freezing temperatures near the ground. The first wave of precipitation moved across

Michigan in the evening of April 3 and continued through the morning of April 4. Thunderstorms brought heavy freezing rain to the area during this time period. Spotter reports indicated up to 3 inches of freezing rain occurred in some places.

Sleet was also reported across much of the Saginaw Valley. By the afternoon of April 4, ice accumulations of one quarter to three quarters of an inch were reported across the area. The Saginaw Valley even had one to two inches of sleet accumulations in addition to the ice. After a break in the precipitation during the afternoon, a second round of thunderstorms brought freezing rain and sleet to southern lower Michigan. By the morning of April 5, the counties in the vicinity of Interstate 96 and 69 and M-59 received the heaviest ice accumulation. Up to an inch of ice was reported in many locations, with a few reports up to one and one half inches of ice.

The ice accumulations led to considerable tree damage and widespread power outages across southern lower Michigan. In some areas, the tree damage was so severe

that dozens of roads were blocked and damage occurred to hundreds of homes, businesses and automobiles as tree limbs, or in many cases large trees, were brought to the ground under the weight of the ice.

It was estimated that 500,000 homes and businesses lost power during the storm. In fact, nearly 50,000 people were without power for up to a week as persistent cold temperatures kept the heavy ice on the trees for 4 days after the storm.

Another 3 to 7 inches of snow fell on April 7 to further hamper power restoration and clean up efforts. Crews came from 4 different states to help local utility companies restore power and remove hundreds of broken tree branches away from power lines. Damage from the storm was nearly \$200 million.

Mock disaster tests county crews

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some fuel tanks and another at some propane tanks at the nearby animal shelter.

EMS crews and a sheriff's deputy were the first on the scene Saturday, and both waited for fire department crews to arrive so they could evaluate the situation, determine the risk of exposure to hazardous materials, and set

up a decontamination station. A FlightCare helicopter crew also arrived.

Ambulance personnel treated victims at the scene, then transported them to Caro Community Hospital. Other victims, who may not have immediately experienced symptoms related to pesticide spray exposure, were to seek treatment at Hills and Dales.

"Our goal is to bring out any

shortcomings, if you will, and to identify problem areas," Finn said. "Do we have enough equipment? Do we have enough manpower?"

Preparing for such disasters is the focus of the county's All Hazard Planning Team, which was formed more than a year ago.

Finn said the team is represented by emergency response officials as well as members of county government, the road commission, health department, Family Independence Agency, human services, and other organizations.

According to Finn, officials will spend the next few

weeks reviewing Saturday's drill and critiques in order to prepare for similar exercises in the future. A report on the exercise will also be filed with the state and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

"I know there are things we need to improve on. That's the purpose of doing it," Finn added. "I'm very proud of the people who participated. They did a really great job."

Saturday's drill along with a half-dozen exercises planned for next year are a must if the county is going to qualify for federal homeland security funding, Finn said.

Scollon: no answers

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ment. The levy, which funds a myriad of county services, has remained the same for the past 40 years.

Combined with the current taxable value and population, the funding translates into about \$75 per resident annually - the lowest among Michigan's 83 counties.

At the same time, county officials say costs are skyrocketing. Examples include increases in drain-at-large costs, youth care expenses, retirement system expenses and health insurance costs. Interest earnings on county investments, meanwhile, have plummeted, as has rev-

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