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Former IGA store sold

A "Sold!" sign was posted Thursday afternoon at the former IGA store building in Cass City, but little is known about the future of the property at this time.

There has been a lot of activity on the property since Thursday, including the arrival of a painting crew from Birch Run that was hired to paint lines in the parking lot. Art Randall of Kelly & Co. Realty, which sold the property, said the new owner, Ross Pope, resides in western Michigan. Phone calls to Pope's office were not returned by press time.

Village Manager Frank Sheridan said he received some inquiries regarding the building, but hasn't been given many details.

"On Thursday morning I spoke with a gentleman by telephone about water, sewer and the permits needed for demolition (of the interior)," he said. "His response to my questions about the building's use was 'expand the available retail opportunities' in Cass City."

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JEFF NALEWYKO OF Smith Line Striping and Seal Coating, Birch Run, paints stripes on the parking lot at the former IGA building at the west end of Cass City Saturday afternoon. The building was marked "sold" Thursday, although no information is available yet on the new owner's plans for the former grocery store.

Faith-in-Action volunteers

Neighbors helping their neighbors

A volunteer program that began at Hills and Dales General Hospital a few years ago has been revived and expanded in an effort to continue offering a helping hand to area residents in need.

Whether that need is a ride to a doctor's appointment, assistance with household chores, or a simple phone call of reassurance, the Tuscola County Faith-in-Action Volunteers are there to help out. And, unlike many other programs, age and income have no bearing on who receives assistance.

The volunteer organization was established at Hills and

Dales General Hospital about 6 years ago after the group was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, according to Sandi Fader, director.

"At that time it was an 18-month program to assist the elderly and the frail and the disabled so they could remain independent and in their homes," she explained, adding additional funding extended the program by another 6 months.

Even after the money ran out, the program continued to provide assistance. "For about 2 1/2 years, I've

kept it going, and the way I kept it going was just doing fundraisers," she said.

Fader applied for another grant, again through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, in January. "We were notified at the end of April that we were going to receive \$35,000 and that the program would run for 30 months."

The grant funding pays for Fader's salary as well as advertising, office supplies and related expenses.

She said the volunteer organization officially began providing services May 1, although the first step was to

begin recruiting and training residents who were willing to donate their time to provide services.

"We work strictly with volunteers. Our volunteers don't get paid in any way, and they don't get reimbursed for anything," she said.

"We started with nothing, basically. I had no one," Fader added. "Right now I have 29 volunteers, and I'm fortunate to have as many as I do at this point in time. Unfortunately, I don't have enough volunteers" in some areas of the county.

Currently, Fader has one

volunteer in the Cass City area. Ann Roche, who began volunteering this past fall, was matched with a woman who is unable to drive.

"For this particular individual, mostly it's getting her to doctors appointments, helping her with her laundry, grocery shopping," said Roche, who learned about the program through a newspaper article.

Roche's decision to volunteer once a week was based, in part, on personal experience.

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O-G will survive state funding cuts

Gov. Jennifer Granholm's announcement of state funding cuts in K-12 education couldn't have come at a worse time for the Owen-Gage School District, but circumstances will enable the district to dodge this financial bullet.

Interim Supt. Don Gleeson told board of education members Monday night that he had received official notification from the state in a letter the same day, stating the district will lose \$196 per student this year.

The loss adds up to more than \$45,000. However, Owen-Gage is still able to tabulate its enrollment based on a 3-year blended count, including the past 2 years when student numbers were higher.

"That's the only thing that's saving our cookies at this point," Gleeson said of the 3-year count, which was allowed by the state for a small percentage of Michigan school districts — Akron-Fairgrove Schools also qualified in the Thumb area — based on student losses stemming from the Schools of Choice law.

The bottom line, Gleeson noted, is Owen-Gage will be able to claim 15 or 16 students more than the current K-12 enrollment of 230 students, with each student now bringing in about \$6,700.

Another bit of good news, Gleeson said, is that school officials expect to close on the sale of a district-owned home in Owendale this week. The sale is expected to net about \$65,000.

Aside from selling the house, the board's Administrative Salary Committee is continuing to weigh several options related to permanently filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Supt. Dan McKenzie.

The proposals include utilizing a retired superintendent on a part-time basis, sharing a superintendent with another small school district such as Caseville or Port Hope, and adopting a

one-person administration. The latter proposal would save the district \$50,000 to \$60,000 a year, according to Gleeson, who said an early estimate of more than \$90,000 in savings was inaccurate given the need to pay support staff that would assist the administrator in the elementary and junior-senior high buildings.

"Nothing is off of the table yet," committee member and board President Randy Howard said. "We're hoping to have something in place to bring to the board in December."

And, school officials will continue to explore other cost-cutting measures to offset a trend of dwindling enrollment and shrinking revenues. The school's 2002-03 audit report revealed a deficit of some \$200,000, reducing the district's fund balance to about \$430,000.

In other business during the monthly meeting Monday, the board:

*Met in executive session for about 20 minutes to discuss on-going teacher con-

tract negotiations. The district's 18 teachers have been without a contract since June, when a one-year pact expired.

No action was taken following the session.

*Accepted the resignation of varsity volleyball coach Sheila Pawlak, who indicated she wants to devote more time to her family.

*Reviewed a student insurance policy that may be offered to parents at the beginning of the next school year. The policy will be offered at no cost to the school at premium ranging from \$10 a year (for school time coverage only - no athletics), to \$59 (full-time coverage) to \$118 annually (covers football-related injuries for students in grades 9-12).

*Accepted the nomination of Amanda Wise as the November "Senior Student of the Month."

*Recognized a student in each grade, all nominated for best exemplifying the district's November "adult role focus" of being respectful. Please turn to back page.

Cass City man charged in crash

A Cass City man faces a preliminary examination Thursday afternoon in Huron County District Court in connection with a fatal traffic accident that claimed the life of a Bad Axe man last August.

Gilbert Varela Sr., 48, is charged with negligent homicide, according to Huron County Prosecutor Mark Gaertner, who said the charge carries a maximum penalty of up to 2 years in prison and/or a \$2,000 fine.

Varela stood mute to the charge during his arraignment. Bond in the case was set at \$3,000.

According to Huron County Sheriff's deputies, the accident occurred Aug. 9 at the intersection of Sand Beach Road (M-142) and Uby Road (M-19) in Verona Township.

Reports indicated Varela was driving north at about 4:42 a.m. when he failed to stop at the intersection and struck a vehicle driven by Ronald Chew Jr., 23, Bad Axe.

Chew was pinned inside his vehicle. Bad Axe fire fighters used their Jaws of Life to extricate his body, according to reports.

Investigators said there was patchy fog present at the time of the accident, but visibility was good at the intersection and the road was dry.

Former exchange student Paul Prangley recalls fond memories of Cass City area

Editor's note: The following story was submitted by Paul Prangley, who was the first Rotary Exchange student to stay in Cass City during Tom Proctor's lengthy tenure as a Rotary Youth Exchange correspondent and district chairman.

After reading a story on Proctor's retirement, published in the Chronicle last August, Prangley, now a registered psychologist in New Zealand, offered to submit a story focusing on how his year as an exchange student affected his life, as well as what he's been up to in the years since.

Hello to all current Cass City residents and many, many ex-residents spread around the US and the world. Recently I noted a copy of a Chronicle article about Tom Proctor retiring from his position as Rotary correspondent after 31 years, and wanted to share with Chronicle readers my appreciation and admiration for Tom's tireless work over the years.

I had the greatest of good fortune to be the first in a long series of Rotary Youth Exchange students brought to Cass City by Tom and the Cass City Rotary Club in 1972. From a first-hand perspective, I can attest to the wonderful boost the program gives to one's life and agree with the last sentence in the article where students return home and say, "This was the best year of my life."

I flew from my home in Auckland, New Zealand, through Fiji, Hawaii, Los Angeles and Chicago, to arrive at Tri-City airport in January of 1972. There to meet me were Tom and Elaine and family, and I was whisked into the "Thumb" to Cass City and the home of my first host family, the Erlas on Huron. Dick, Chris, Rick and Yvonne made me very welcome and set the tone for an exciting, wonderful year in Cass City.

Each 3 months I reluctantly moved on to another host family, but was immediately set at ease by the welcome and new perspectives of the

new family. After the Erlas, I stayed with Byron, Jerry, Jim and Julie Landholdt on Hospital Drive, and then Gerald and Geraldine Prieskorn with Cara, Suzie, Jeff, Matt and Becca on Kennebec Drive, before moving to my final placement with Tom and Elaine, Kurt and Kris in North Seeger, for the months before Christmas 1972.

What a great bunch of people! I'm pleased to say that "hometown America" was different in a very positive way to the TV programmes we were getting in New Zealand at the time. I was able to take that understanding and appreciation home and share with the many people I talked to about my exchange over the following years.

FANTASTIC SUMMER

Because of the Southern Hemisphere school year running from January to December, I spent 6 months as part of the class of '72, and enjoyed the senior trip that year to Florida, staying at

Daytona Beach and visiting the then quite new "Disney World".

For the second six months, after a fantastic summer vacation with Tom and family to Texas, Louisiana and the southern states (for a Rotary Conference!), I joined the first half year of the class of '73. I have in front of me now some of my old punch-card reports from Cass City High, and remember fondly such teachers as Mr. Ackerman (History), Miss Hughes (Math), Miss Isbister (English), Mr. Logan (Government), Miss Kolb (physics) and Mr. Clabuesch (Sociology). I wonder what has happened to them across these years?

Paul Clabuesch was notable to an impressionable young petrol-head, such as I was in those days, for driving a new, orange Corvette, with a 454 and 4-on-the-floor!

My time in Cass City, and associated travels through 13 states and some of the most awesome sights on the



PAUL PRANGLEY, a former exchange student from New Zealand, is pictured above with his family, (from left) daughter Samantha, 11, wife Clare, and daughter Charlotte, 14, all standing overlooking the entrance to Nelson Harbour. "We are situated at the top of the South Island of New Zealand and the water behind us is Tasman Bay, which opens out into the Tasman Sea between Australia and New Zealand," Prangley writes.

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Mr. and Mrs. Eric Hoelzle

Hoelzle, McKie exchange vows

Eric Hoelzle and Gabrielle McKie were married during an outdoor ceremony at 3 p.m. Sept. 13, 2003 at Side-Cut Metro Park in Toledo, Ohio.

Parents of the groom are Larry and Judy Hoelzle of Cass City and parents of the bride are Jeff and Marilyn McKie of Point Place, Ohio.

Attending the bride were matron of honor, Amy Kinsey of Monroe, sister of the bride; Erica McKie of Florida, sister of the bride; Rose and Johanna Hoelzle of Cass City, sisters of the groom; and Liz Owens of Toledo, Ohio, friend of the bride.

The groomsmen included

the best man; Brandon Boltz of Toledo, Ohio, friend of the groom; Paul Hoelzle of Cass City, brother of the groom; Garrett O'Berski of Cass City, friend of the groom; Ryan Kostecki of Toledo, Ohio, friend of the bride; and Tim Lewandowski of Toledo, Ohio, friend of the groom.

The flower girl was Courtney Kinsey, niece of the bride, and the ring bearer was Nate Martin, cousin of the groom.

A reception was held for family and friends at The Comfort Inn-South, Toledo.

After a honeymoon in the mountains of West Virginia, the newlyweds are making their home in Toledo.



Meg's Peg
The deer hunt
by Melva E. Guinther

We can only hope that the hunters among us will have a more rewarding first day than the poor fellow who kept this journal:

1:00 a.m. - Alarm clock rings.
2:00 a.m. - Hunting partners arrive, drag you out of bed.
2:30 a.m. - Throw everything except the kitchen sink in the pickup.
3:00 a.m. - Leave for the deep woods.
3:15 a.m. - Drive back home and pick up gun.
3:30 a.m. - Drive like crazy to get to the woods before daylight.
4:00 a.m. - Set up camp — forgot the tent.
4:30 a.m. - Head into the woods.
6:05 a.m. - See 8 deer.
6:06 a.m. - Take aim and squeeze trigger.
6:07 a.m. - "Click"
6:08 a.m. - Load gun while watching deer go over hill.
8:00 a.m. - Head back to camp.
9:00 a.m. - Still looking for camp.
10:00 a.m. - Realize you don't know where camp is.
Noon - Fire gun for help. Eat wild berries.
12:15 p.m. - Run out of bullets. Eight deer come back.
12:20 p.m. - Strange feeling in stomach.
12:30 p.m. - Realize you ate poison berries.
12:45 p.m. - Rescued!
12:55 p.m. - Rushed to hospital to have stomach pumped.
3:00 p.m. - Arrive back in camp.

3:30 p.m. - Leave camp to kill deer.
4:00 p.m. - Return to camp for bullets.
4:01 p.m. - Load gun. Leave camp again.
5:00 p.m. - Empty gun on squirrel that's bugging you.
6:00 p.m. - Arrive at camp, see deer grazing there.
6:01 p.m. - Load gun.
6:02 p.m. - Fire gun, hit pickup.
6:05 p.m. - Partner returns to camp dragging deer.
6:06 p.m. - Suppress strong urge to shoot hunting partner.
6:07 p.m. - Fall into fire.
6:10 p.m. - Change clothes, throw burned ones into fire.
6:15 p.m. - Take pickup, leave partner & deer in woods.
6:25 p.m. - Pickup boils over - hole shot in block.
6:26 p.m. - Start walking.
6:30 p.m. - Stumble and fall, drop gun in mud.
6:35 p.m. - Meet deer.
6:36 p.m. - Take aim.
6:37 p.m. - Fire gun, blow up barrel plugged with mud.
6:38 p.m. - Climb tree.
9:00 p.m. - Deer departs, wrap gun around tree.
Midnight - Home at last.
Sunday - Watch football on TV, slowly tearing hunting license into little pieces, place in envelope and mail to hunting partner with precise instructions as to what he can do with it.

O-G Honor Roll

Owen-Gage Elementary School announces the first marking period honor roll.

Grade 3:
Courtney McCreedy, Justin Miller*, Megan Lester, Miranda Radabaugh, Jeremy Jamieson*, Tiffany Jamieson*, Daniel Jeffery and Michael Mandich.

Grade 4:
Nick Adkins, Hunter Champagne, Jacob Fuller, Erika Mroz*, Amanda Muntz, Lacie Prich and Carl Warack.

Grade 5:
Holly Error*, Lauren Mandich, Megan McLaren and Dylan Powell.

* Denotes all "A"s.

It's a girl!



Libby Ondrajka

Libby Irene Ondrajka was born Sept. 12, 2003 at 8:02 a.m. at Bay Regional Center, Bay City.

She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Her parents are Fred and Sarah (Edzik) Ondrajka of Gagetown. She was welcomed home by her sister, Morgan.

She is the granddaughter of Clarence and Deb Baker of Caro, Garry and Yvonne Edzik of Cass City, and Fred and Donna Ondrajka of Moncks Corner, South Carolina.

Library celebrating book week

Rawson Memorial Library is celebrating Children's Book Week Nov. 17-23. This year's theme "Free To Read," encourages children and the adults that care for them to exercise their right to read by spending time each day reading.

Reading logs are available at the circulation desk for children that want to participate in "Free To Read." Children are encouraged to read (or be read to) at least 15 minutes a day. At the end of the week, all children that complete the program and turn in their reading logs will be awarded a certificate, a book mark and a free book.

This year the library is also sponsoring two special craft sessions to celebrate Children's Book Week Thursday, Nov. 20, from 10 to 11 a.m. Preschoolers age 3-5 are invited to a special hour of stories, fun activities and a patriotic craft. Also, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., school age children may attend an after school craft session where we will make a patriotic craft.

These programs are free, but please register by calling the library at 872-2856 by Nov. 14.

Holbrook Area News

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Phone 658-2347

DELAYED NEWS

Mrs. Ken Osentoski was a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon guest of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Moore and family of Snover, Mr. and Mrs. Marty Wagoner, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Taylor and Brian, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Tiehl and Dan Gibbard were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard, where they celebrated the birthdays of Greg and Heather Moore.

Five members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at the Peppermill again next week.

Mrs. John O'Henley and Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Lois Wolschlagier and Mrs. Polega at the Huron County

Health Center in Bad Axe on Sunday.

Dale Hind is a patient of U of M Hospital in Ann Arbor, where he underwent surgery.

Those who visited Thelma Jackson last week were Lynn Hurford, Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Mrs. John O'Henley, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, Mildred Pachett and Gloria Filar, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker, Alice Depcinski, Mrs. Curtis Cleland, Mrs. Evans Gibbard, and Mrs. Jim Doerr. Seven members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe for breakfast Thursday morning. They will meet at the Peppermill again next week.

RECENT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Rich Meyers of Indian River, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hendrick, Clara Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson Tuesday.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the bazaar and bake sale at St. Johns Catholic Church Hall at Uby Saturday.

Mrs. Midge Clemmon and Mrs. Curtis Cleland visited Mrs. Hiram Keyser Friday.

Allen Farrelly spent the weekend in Minerva, Ohio.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mrs. Frank Sageman and Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Thelma Jackson Tuesday.

June Cutz of Sterling Heights and Mrs. Dan Franzel met Sharon Franzel at Atlanta, Florida before they all went on an 8 day trip to Jamaica.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Pat Heleski, Sally McEachin and Mrs. Crech attended the Eastern Region of Catholic Women meeting at St. Pancratius Church at Cass City Wednesday.

Wendy Rickett and Caitlynn spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Depcinski.

Allen Farrelly was an afternoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland and Mrs. Jim Doerr were Sunday evening guests of Leone Doerr of Argyle.

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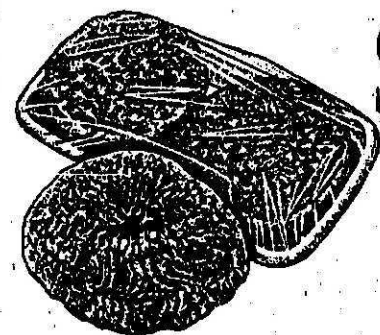
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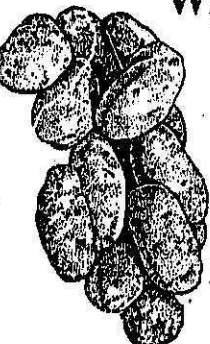
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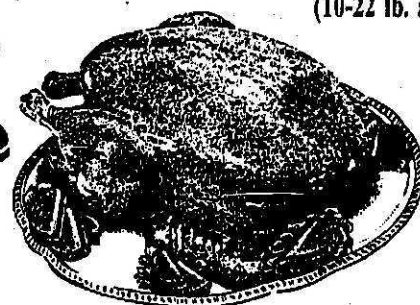
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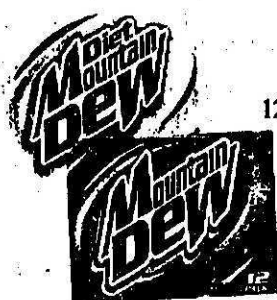
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Pumpkin pie sale on tap

Don't spend all your holiday time in the kitchen this year. Northwood Meadows - A Senior Living Community will be busy baking homemade pumpkin pies for Thanksgiving dinners all over Cass City.

As part of a fundraising effort to purchase a transport vehicle - orders are now being taken from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays at (989) 872-8131. Pies cost \$6 each or 2 for \$11, and can be picked up either Tuesday, Nov. 25 or Wednesday, Nov. 26.

No orders will be taken after Monday, Nov. 24.

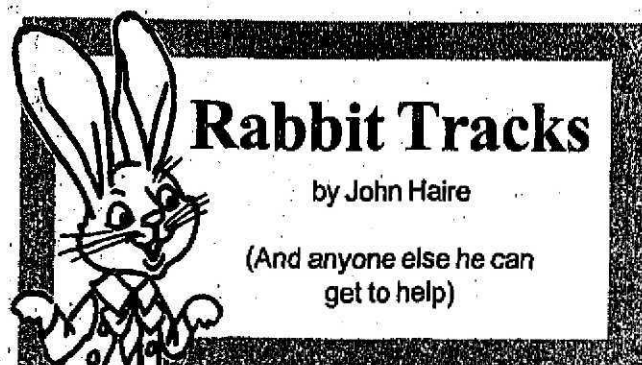
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NOV. 14-17-18-19

Friday - Country fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, Key West blend, fruit.
Monday - Boneless BBQ pork rib sandwich with bun, Riviera blend, Coleslaw, pudding.
Tuesday - Polluck primavera, zucchini & tomatoes, tossed salad, rice pilaf, cookie.
Wednesday - Mystery meal.



The Today Show on channel 25 will be of special interest to area residents. At the 8:30 a.m. birthday segment Thursday, Earl Grigg of Novesta Township is scheduled to be feted on his 100th birthday.

The gun-season-for deer opens Saturday and, as always, the Chronicle wants to hear from successful hunters. The first to report and others with deer with outstanding racks will be pictured.

Mentioned earlier in this trivia was the Great Wolf Water Park in Traverse City, but only as a spectator cruising through the lobby.

Now I have entered the water park itself, although I did not stay at the hotel. A birthday celebration brought daughter, B. J. Haire, 2 children and a friend, and Clarke and Karen Haire and 2 children to the resort. The kids ranged in age from 3 to 8 years old. The park is ideal for pre-teen kids. There are numerous slides, a "river", a 4-foot deep pool equipped with several basketball hoops, a hot tub and a "waterfall" created when a huge bucket of water cascades down every 5 minutes.

Not in the water park proper are a large game room and a very well equipped exercise room.

If you don't stay at the hotel you can buy admittance to the park for \$15. Issued is a dated wristband that must be cut to be removed. Prices for drinks and food are definitely upscale.

The 2 families stayed in one suite with 3 beds and a couch that pulls out to form another bed. Included is admittance to the water park for 8 persons. The cost for one day and night was \$400, not including food.

Despite the prices the place was jumping, while all over Traverse City vacancy signs popped up like mushrooms after a spring rain.

That's probably why Boyne Mountain officials have announced plans to spend millions for a water park in Boyne Falls.

Cass City Cash returns Friday. The Downtown Development Association/Economic Development Corporation and the Cass City Chamber of Commerce are releasing \$10,000 that residents can buy at a 10 percent discount. The cash vouchers can be spent at any Cass City store.

The money can be purchased at the chamber office in the municipal building.

Check Out These Web Sites:

The Association of Independent Consumer Credit Counseling at www.aiccca.org.
American Bible Society at www.americanbible.org.
Xtreme 3 triple-blade razors from Schick at www.xtreme3.com.
eSylvan at www.esylvan.com.
TurboTax® Deluxe Retirement Planning software at www.turbotax.com.

Tuscola man sentenced to prison in teen's death

A Tuscola man was sentenced to 7 years and 2 months to 15 years in prison last week following his conviction on charges stemming from the death of a Millington teen last spring.

A Tuscola County Circuit

Theft, damage reports pour in

Cass City police were kept busy last week with a host of theft and vandalism complaints in the village.

Donald L. Smith reported the theft of several items from his father's pick-up sometime between Thursday and Saturday. The vehicle was parked in an M Street driveway at the time, according to reports.

The missing property, valued at a combined \$760, includes hunting overalls, a military compass, survival knife with a sheath and binoculars.

Also filing a complaint Saturday was David S. Hayes, Cass City, who told officers \$241 in cash was taken from his wallet.

Hayes stated he dropped the wallet at the McDonald's restaurant drive-through. He said he was paying for \$8.40 worth of food when the window clerk dropped a \$20 bill he had handed her, and he stepped out of his vehicle to retrieve the money.

Hayes said he later discovered the wallet missing when he stopped at a nearby gas station. He also said the wallet originally contained \$250. Police reported that 2 teens later turned the wallet in, and the wallet contained only 6 \$1 bills. The teens stated they did not take the money.

In other reports last week:

• Cheryl S. Spencer, Cass City, Friday reported her daughter's 1995 Ford Thunderbird stolen from the driveway of the family's Spruce Street residence. Later the same day, Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies located the vehicle, which sustained no apparent damage, in a cornfield near the intersection of Hurds Corner and Bay City-Forestville roads.

• Jason L. Bazan, Cass City, reported a checkbook stolen from his vehicle Thursday. The vehicle was parked TotalCom, where he is employed, according to reports.

• Kristyn M. Struve, Deford, reported someone smashed out the driver's door window while the vehicle was parked in a village lot at the corner of Ale and Church streets Nov. 4.

• Barbara K. Rosentangel, Caro, reported a CD player and several CDs, valued at a combined \$180, were stolen Nov. 3 from her vehicle, which was parked behind Parkway.

Court jury previously convicted Robert M. Bank on charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - causing death, and failure to stop at the scene of an accident - when at fault - resulting in death.

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

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

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

The Haire Net



Cass City village council trustee Dawn Hollis said recently that she was puzzled why the VFW mural/sign controversy wasn't settled weeks ago rather than let the controversy get out of hand.

She is not alone. Everywhere I travel, folks get that Cheshire cat grin and ask me if the great sign war in Cass City has ended. It's apparent that they are seeing the whole affair as a tempest in the teapot.

They are right, too. This whole affair is not about keeping that sign, it's about keeping it and operating within the law.

There is absolutely no doubt that if the VFW asks for a variance it would be approved.

I've yet to find anyone who doesn't approve of the mural and applaud the VFW for creating it. That must be the reason that the VFW feels that it is above the law.

Let's be clear. The fight isn't over keeping the sign for the enjoyment it creates and the statement it makes that everyone approves. You could, perhaps, understand the squabble if at the end it would mean mural or no mural. But the mural will remain regardless.

Now the matter is in the hands of the lawyers and both the VFW and the village taxpayers will be paying while they discuss the situation. If it actually goes to court the fee for asking for a variance will seem like chicken feed. But money is not the issue here.

Longtime residents may remember the famous (infamous) Zigenhart case where a pair of farmers in the Lapeer area refused to pay a tax and armed themselves to defend their land. The case went to the Supreme Court and the farmers were ousted and the farm sold for back taxes.

In a minor way this sign/

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The back forty

by Roger Pond

Wiring prison cells for cable television has created some controversy around the country. Many prisons have had cable for years, but others are just warming up to the idea.

There seem to be two schools of thought. While critics call cable TV "criminal coddling," I think of it as cruel and unusual punishment.

Anyone who has spent an evening switching through 94 channels and finding garbage on each one, should understand what this might do to prisoners. I expect a dramatic increase in riots and attempted escapes when the cable goes on.

Prison officials don't see it that way. They say giving prisoners access to cable in their cells will prevent much of the fighting and bickering that occurs when prisoners watch TV as a group.

A reporter for the Oregonian in Portland, Oregon describes a scene at the Oregon State Correctional Institution this summer. About 80 prisoners were seated in a group to watch a movie called "The 13th Warrior" on a 35-inch screen.

Inmates badgered each other and complained about the volume. Those seated in the rear strained to see the action on the screen.

"Antonio Banderas fell from what looked like a horse," the reporter says. "Or maybe it was Omar Sharif."

How ridiculous is that? Nobody should be able to tell Omar Sharif from a horse!

Come to think of it, I wouldn't know Antonio Banderas from Adam's off ox. Who knows what they were watching?

This brings me to another point about TV in prisons. At least a guy can turn down the volume in his own cell.

Anyone who has attended a movie lately knows what I'm talking about. Somehow movie theaters have decided everyone who walks through the door is totally deaf, so they set the volume in such a way that everyone will be even more deaf when they leave.

Now, where was I? Talking about TV in prisons.

I think the key to watching TV in prison, or anywhere else, is to separate the vio-

lent viewers from non-violent viewers. Some folks can sit through almost anything and say nothing.

Others have a tendency to jump up and down and yell at the television. This is hereditary, I think.

My grandmother, for example, was in her late 70s when she and Grandpa got their first TV. Her generation wasn't used to watching things happen that weren't really happening.

Saturday night wrestling drove Grandma crazy (in a non-literal sense). Every wrestling match had a villain and Grandma would get so upset at the bad guys, she

would spend most of the hour shouting at television. I find myself doing the same thing, generally when the news is on. I hear Dan Rather or Tom Brokaw make some outrageous statement and begin shouting at the TV. My wife leaves the room when the news is on.

One day, years ago, I called my son at college. As we talked, I could hear all of this noise in the background. I knew the TV was on, but what was all the shouting about?

"Oh, that's Mark and Dan and the guys," Russ said. "They're making fun of me for yelling at the television."

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CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK

By Dr. Robert Gabriel

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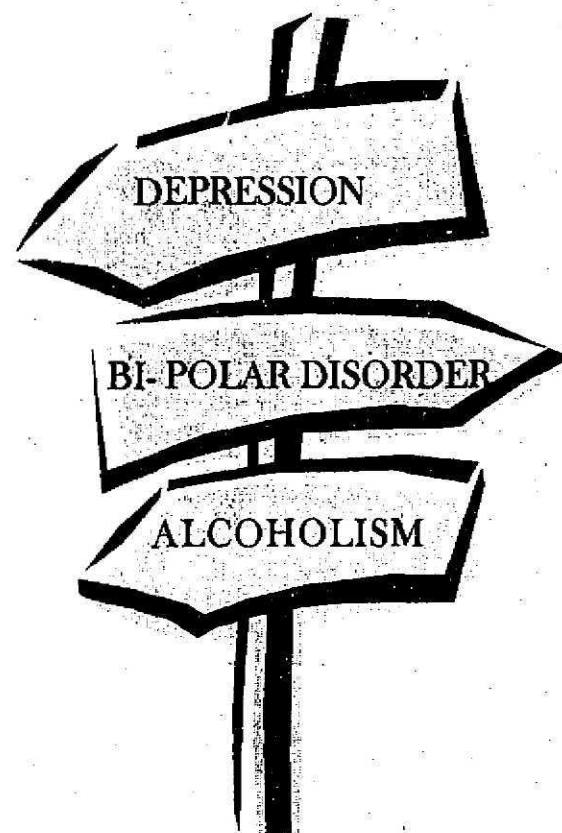
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from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

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The way this fundraiser works is like this: Someone wants a \$100.00 certificate from a Cass City business or out of town business on the list. \$100 is given to the Boosters, who in turn buy the certificate from the business selected. The purchaser buys items for \$100.00 from that store. If that store's discount is 10%, \$10.00 is then forwarded to the Band Boosters. Money generated from this project will be used to help purchase band uniforms, musical equipment and to help defray costs of band festival and camps.

Debra Kranz is the chairperson of this project and would be glad to answer any questions anyone may have by calling 872-4215. Each purchaser will receive a list of all retailers involved, including the local list. If there are other local businesses that would like to participate, please call Debra at 872-4215. If you have any major purchases or remodeling projects in your future, please contact a band or choir member, and remember every little bit helps. The project will continue for at least one year. Please remember the Band Boosters and this program before you complete your Christmas shopping. Questions regarding this program should go to Debra Kranz at 872-4215. Thank you.



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Red Hawk Talks

by Kristi Fluegge

Did you know one-third of Michigan school children are overweight? In fact, they are among the heaviest in the nation. Statistics show a typical 17-year-old student is 7 pounds heavier than the national average. The impact of physical inactivity on youth in Michigan is enormous. I hate to say it, but these statistics pretty much say we need to get our "butts" in gear.

At our Cass City High School, coaches and a few other individuals must also think this is true. Beginning last Thursday Mr. Markel took his Physical Education class to our new weight room building. Although it is not completely finished, many people are already impressed. Steve Papp, a senior football and hockey player said, "it is awesome, it even has bathrooms!" I guess certain things impress people...

I talked to Mr. Markel and Mr. Fernald, our athletic director, to get the inside scoop. Any Cass City student or community member is allowed to use the facility and there will be a staff member present to supervise. Many athletes seem pretty excited to use the extremely improved weight room, however so do many non-athletes. Mr. Fernald said many students who are not involved in athletics have already approached him about it. Everybody is pretty excited about all the new weight equipment planned for the near future, but it has not yet been determined what days it will be open for use. I will keep you posted on any news in The Red Hawk Talks.

I also was wondering with all the educational cuts this year why we decided to start such an investment on building a new weight room. Mr. Fernald and many coaches from our school felt our weight room just wasn't sufficient. Being an athlete myself who has used our weightlifting facilities and been to other gyms, I can totally agree with their statement. We have some pretty nice machines, but a very crowded space to use them in.

Even our wrestlers had to practice in our cafeteria because the space left beside the weight room on the balcony was always crowded or being used. I don't know about you, but something about the way wrestlers smell after practice and them practicing in the place where we eat our food doesn't seem right. Needless to say many wrestlers will enjoy the new space from moving our weight room to the new location directly behind the high school next to the bus garage.

Another main purpose of building a better weight room was to improve our P.E. class and have more all-around physical fitness. Hopefully more students will see the weight room and get excited about exercising. As I was doing some research I found physical education programs have actually been shown to enhance learning readiness, improve academic performance, enrich self-esteem, restrain alcohol and drug abuse, and reduce antisocial behavior. Even if you don't believe our new weight room could help improve so many things there is one solid fact. Our school and service clubs from the community have made a place and given students another choice of where to go after school.

Some people don't like to acknowledge it, but Cass City does have its fair share of alcohol and drug abuse. I think many times these habits form when there is nothing for students to do. It is great that they are giving students a choice to do something that is healthy. As I mentioned earlier, Michigan school children are overweight, the heaviest in the nation! This isn't just unhealthy - it is dangerous.

I think it is great that our school is trying to do something about it, so let's take advantage of our new facility and make Cass City not part of the statistical average! I want to thank those of you who added names in regard to the article last week. See ya next week in the "Red Hawk Talks."

kristi_fluegge10@hotmail.com

Letters to the editor

'Disappointed' that village trustees are disenchanted

I find it very disappointing that some of the trustees on the village council are "disenchanted with public service" because they've gotten some criticism about their choices.

Last time I checked the "council" was elected to represent "us" the people of this village. They don't represent Frank Sheridan or any other person connected with the village. So therefore, it is the council's duty to know how the people of this village feel.

It is time to drop the VFW mural issue! It is not a sign, it does not advertise anything. Let it go! Make the VFW tow the line on other

infractions, but it's time to let the mural issue die! At a time in our country when patriotism is higher than I can ever remember, this should not even be an issue! If someone else wants to paint a mural, you take it on a case-by-case basis or you adopt a mural ordinance. I, for one, think that we have enough ordinances on the books.

As far as Ms. Kropewnicki saying that we "don't have all the facts and are jumping to conclusions," it is incorrect. It is the council's duty to give us the facts.

As far as coming to a council meeting, why don't you let us know when? Where?

Time? It is hard to attend a meeting if you don't know this information.

On a final note, if the councilmen can't take the pressure and criticism, maybe it is time for them to step down. The council represents the people not the village!

Tina Wright-Wisner

Editor's note: The council's meeting dates are posted at the municipal building and have remained the same for many years. The council meets on the last Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the municipal building. The public is always welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings.

Take control of diabetes

We need to take control of diabetes today before diabetes takes control of tomorrow. An alarming "epidemic" is striking Americans. And it's costing our nation billions of dollars every year. More important, it's devastating the lives of many of our young people and robbing them of their health and well-being.

The culprit: type 2 diabetes. Formerly considered a disease of older people, type 2 is now being diagnosed in the young in unprecedented numbers.

As with adults, the most important way to prevent type 2 diabetes in young people is to exchange an unhealthy lifestyle for a healthy one.

It's no coincidence that the epidemic of type 2 diabetes

in children and youth mirrors the sharp rise in weight in these age groups. Today, as many as 15 to 20 percent of America's teens are at risk for being overweight. One in 3 Americans born in 2000 will be affected by diabetes. This is a startling and significant number.

To prevent this, we must feed our children healthy foods in appropriate amounts and get them to be more active.

Lead by example. If we want our children to be healthier then we need to make lifestyle changes as well. Show your children that you are eating right, exercising and taking as good care of yourself as possible.

Clearly, there is not much we can do about the genetic factors that may put a child at increased risk for diabetes, but we can control some of the environmental factors.

It's well known that adults who eat too much and are not physically active are courting type 2 diabetes. Unfortunately, the same applies to children.

Being a couch potato is not healthy for anyone. Most people take in more calories than they use. That's partly because kids and adults eat too much saturated fat, the kind found in French fries and other deep-fried foods, as well as in hamburgers and other red meats. They also consume too much simple sugar, the kind found in candy, cakes, donuts and soda. In fact, they eat too many high-calorie, low-nutrient foods in general, such as potato and corn chips or other high-fat snacks. And they consume unhealthy

food portions. Just look at the super-sized sandwiches served at fast food chains.

Yet children don't use up all those extra calories by being physically active. With the sharp rise in computer and Internet games, as well as the hours spent in front of the TV, too many of today's kids have abandoned the playground and the athletic field.

Also, we should not allow foods loaded with calories and fat to be available in the school setting, no matter what the school's financial gain may be. We must also not allow sugar-sweetened sodas to be sold in our schools. Every food item sold in school should meet minimum nutritional requirements in order to ensure that it is good for our children.

Schools should also reinstate vigorous physical education programs for all children.

It's important for all of us to promote the principles of good health-exercise and good nutrition. We must work together to put an end to the rise of this devastating disease in our country. What our children's health will be like tomorrow depends on what we do for them today. It's so much better to prevent diabetes in the first place by encouraging and enabling kids to adopt healthy habits as early and as quickly as possible.

What more precious gift could you give to a child you love?

Kristen Blausey
Registered dietitian
Hills and Dales General Hospital



Bulldog Beat

by Laura Enderle

The stream of parents kept teachers busy last Thursday as the 2003-2004 parent/teacher conferences got underway. It was a familiar routine for all the teachers who have been there, done that, but the numerous new parents made these conferences even more worthwhile.

It's no secret, there was a great attendance this year. One teacher stated she had 73 percent of her students' parents attend, an overall 10 percent increase of parental participation. Kathy Sutton noticed how the increase may be a result of the sixth grade now being taught in the junior high/high school building. The teachers agreed there was a greater attendance of the junior high parents than the high school, but all in all a great mix of parents.

Most teachers said it doesn't take much preparation for the meetings. Some collect textbooks, past worksheets, test scores, and one teacher hands out a course syllabus for each class taught. Others said they simply think about what needs to be said to the parents.

Teachers expressed how they feel it is very important to have contact with the parents of their students. Most agreed they like to have the students attend the meetings along with the parents. They feel it is important to have the students hear directly how well they are doing and what areas they can improve on. "After all, it is the student's education," stated Connie Sutter, social studies/history teacher. Parents who attend are genuinely concerned with their child's progress; teachers say they take no blame for students who may be having difficulties. Almost all the teachers say it is common to see a change in the student's behavior or grades following the conference, but unfortunately after a few weeks, students fall back into their normal routine. When the teacher, student, and parent can have contact it creates a

3-way bridge of open communication.

All teachers expressed how the conferences are all-around beneficial. "When the parent is involved and interested in the child, it shows both academically and socially," said Carol Sattler, English teacher. Terri Falkenberg said, as a mother, she looks forward to parent/teacher conferences because the papers that come home do not tell all. Nancy Ault said it helps parents see their child from another adult's viewpoint, and how the child responds to a teacher as opposed to a parent. Sharada Seurnick said a parent who cares will show up regardless of what report they may receive. It is important to have parents attend because it sets a good example and it shows students that their education is important to their parents.

Regardless of the great turnout this year, the teachers suggested some minor changes. They think all parents should attend, especially the ones with struggling students. It would be nice to have the meetings take place in the classrooms opposed to the cafeteria. It is more personal and the parents would get to see the environment the students work in. Some suggested a sign-up time sheet for parents. Finally most would like to have more than one parent/teacher conference per year, even though the second or third may not have as much participation.

Now everyone knows how most teachers look forward to the conferences to meet the parents and together they can make a difference in the student's performance. I challenge all parents to get involved with their child's education and let them know how important it is. Because, now more than ever, "knowledge is power".

If there are any comments about my article feel free to contact me at lauralouise85@hotmail.com. See you next week!

Police: Click it or ticket, motorists

Seat belt use has risen to a record high in Michigan, and law enforcement officers throughout the state intend to keep it that way.

The last 2 weeks of November are targeted for seat belt enforcement mobilization efforts aimed at continuing to increase seat belt use.

Following the Labor Day holiday, a record high 85 percent of Michigan's drivers were buckling up, according to a direct observation study conducted by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI).

"Our emphasis on safety belt enforcement will continue," said Michael L. Prince, division director of the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP). "When we are successful with efforts to increase belt use, that will ultimately mean fewer traffic deaths and fewer injuries."

The 2-week safety belt mobilization, which is part of a national effort, will run Nov. 17 through Nov. 30, coinciding with Michigan's firearm deer hunting season and the Thanksgiving travel holiday. Nearly 500 Michigan law enforcement agencies at the local, county and state level will join thousands of agencies across the country who are making seat belt enforcement a priority.

In May of this year, similar enforcement mobilization efforts included a pilot program of safety belt enforcement zones. The November mobilization will again include the enforcement zone program.

OHSP officials are coordinating the mobilization, providing federal traffic safety funds to boost patrols in selected areas, and funding advertising to ensure widespread awareness of the program. In the current fiscal year, OHSP will provide nearly \$2 million in federal money to law enforcement agencies for overtime patrols and another \$1.5 million in paid advertising during mobilization periods.

Michigan's mandatory seat belt law requires the driver and front seat passengers to be buckled up. Children under the age of 4 must be in an approved child safety seat, and passengers up to and including age 15 must be buckled up in front and rear seating positions.

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VFW Auxiliary potluck, auction set

The Cass City VFW Post 3644 Auxiliary will host a potluck and "Blind Auction" Thursday at 6 p.m. at the post hall, 4533 Veterans Dr., Cass City.

All VFW members and families and all VFW auxiliary

members and families are invited. Please bring a dish to pass and if you wish, an item to be auctioned.

This is a fundraiser for the auxiliary's Political Action Committee.

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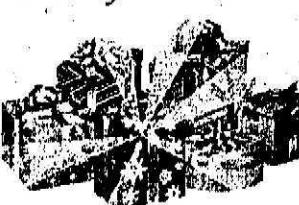
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Busy bees

Zdrojewski, Guza teach youngsters how to quilt

Michelle Zdrojewski spends her days among dozens of youngsters as secretary at Campbell Elementary School in Cass City, so no one would blame her if she simply wanted to get away from it all after school.

For the past several weeks, however, Zdrojewski has entertained a group of 5 girls, ages 8 to 11, at her home each Thursday afternoon.

It was a labor of love for Zdrojewski, who was joined by Linda Guza, a special education teacher at the school. Together, the pair passed on their love and the

basic skills involved in quilt making.

Zdrojewski, Guza and all 5 girls gathered in the library at Campbell Elementary Thursday to show off their finished or nearly-finished quilts. The girls talked and giggled as each took a turn signing the others' quilts. "They just had so much fun together," Zdrojewski said. "It was just amazing to watch them. They took right to it. They had no fear."

Zdrojewski said she had been thinking about teaching a quilting class for some time. "Those of us who quilt

love to quilt and we like to pass that on," she added. "Linda and I just wanted to pass on something we really love to do."

Zdrojewski expressed her interest to some mothers and grandmothers, and ended up with a class of 5 - Elisabeth Milligan, Audrey VanAuken and Erin Schuette, all second graders, and fifth grade student Lauren Zdrojewski, and Brittany Nicol, a sixth grader.

The group began meeting on Thursdays in September. The session usually lasted for about 2 hours. "The time got longer every week.

Sometimes they didn't want to stop," Zdrojewski said. "I had made a sample (pattern)," she noted, "and I told them even though they had the same pattern, they were all going to look different."

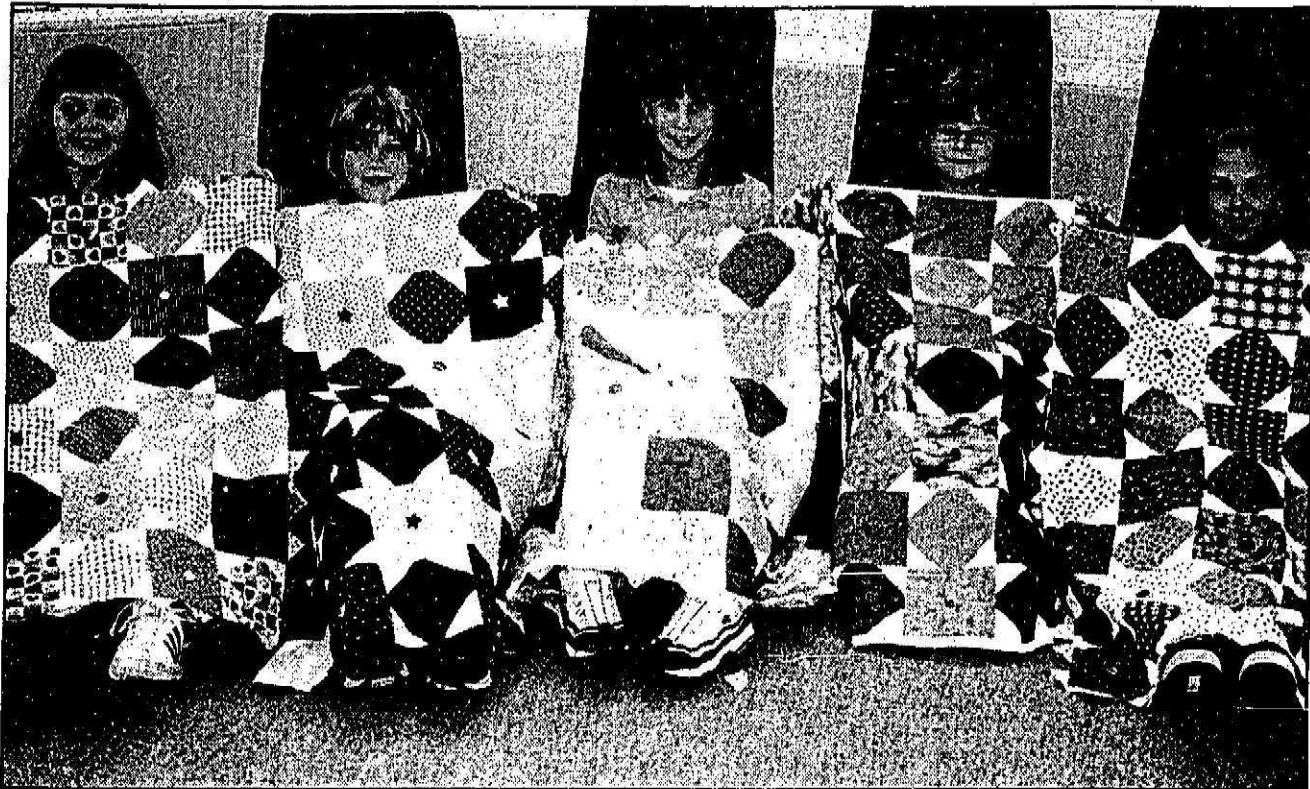
"They learned about templates, how to make their pattern, cutting it, sewing on a machine, and putting it together. They learned so many things," Zdrojewski continued. "They picked out their own colors. The put their mothers through - 'when are we going shopping', when are we going shopping'?"

Zdrojewski said the girls all worked very hard, but had a great time in the process. "They just work and work and talked, and they shared - they would get so excited when one would finish a row or a block. All the girls would just spontaneously clap."

Zdrojewski and Guza agreed they also enjoyed the class.

"If they never (make a quilt) again, that's okay," Zdrojewski said of her young students. "We just hope they have a love for fabric and a love for doing this."

"If they never do another one for 20 years, they'll never forget this one."



ELISABETH MILLIGAN, 8 (from left), Audrey VanAuken, 8, Brittany Nicol, 11, Erin Schuette, 8, and Lauren Zdrojewski, 11, show off the quilts they made during a class hosted and taught by long-time Campbell Elementary School secretary and avid quilter Michelle Zdrojewski. Linda Guza, a special education teacher at the school, assisted Zdrojewski during the 7-week class.



ERIN SCHUETTE takes her turn signing one of the quilts completed by herself and 4 other girls.

"Wigilia" scheduled for Dec. 14

The White Eagle Lodge No. 3046, an affiliate of the Polish National Alliance, a fraternal benefit society, will have their annual "Wigilia" Sunday, Dec. 14, at the American Legion Hall, 110 W. Frank St., Caro.

This traditional Polish family Christmas Eve dinner will be at a new location this year. Doors will open at 1 p.m., and dinner will be served at 2 p.m. Ticket reservations should be made.

This dinner is for the benefit of the promotion of the arts and humanities programs in the Thumb area.

The 9-course dinner will open with the invocation by the Rev. Dennis Kucharczyk, Lt. Cmdr., USNR, and a veteran of the Iraqi war where he served as chaplain with the marines. The topic of Fr. Kucharczyk's talk will be "Understanding Islam as Christians." Sharing of the

"Oplatek" (wafer) will precede the dinner.

The donation for the dinner is \$10 per adult, \$6 for children 7-14, and free for children under 7. The event is open to the public, and everyone is welcome. Door prizes and favors will also be provided.

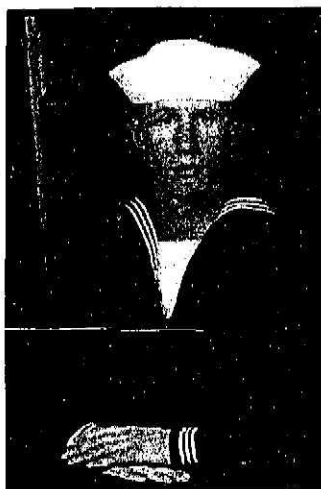
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Holiday Bazaar slated

Deford Country Church, 5903 Main St., Deford, will have a Holiday Bazaar Saturday, Nov. 29, at 10 a.m.

Church members will be displaying their crafts. The youth will have a bake sale along with refreshments available.

Hendrick completes training



Michael E. Hendrick

Airman Apprentice Michael E. Hendrick has graduated from Great Lakes Recruit Training Command in Illinois.

Hendrick graduated as honor recruit for his division and has reported to Washington D.C. for a 2-year special duty assignment with the Navy Ceremonial Honor Guard.

He is a 2003 graduate of Navarre High School and the son of Don and Sharolyn Hendrick of Navarre, Florida, and the grandson of Barbara and Donald Hendrick of Cass City.

5 YEARS AGO

Sgt. Brent Woodward has invested the better part of his 34-year law enforcement career encouraging young people to make the right decisions in life. Woodward, perhaps best known as the creator of "Safetyville", will end his career with the Huron County Sheriff's Department early next year. "That's (Safetyville) been one of the best received programs that Brent ever put together," commented Huron County Sheriff Mike Gage. "I think that program has impacted a lot of kids."

We regretfully said goodbye to Tom Montgomery after he edited this issue of the Chronicle. Over 48 years, we have had numerous editors and 3 of them stand out. First there was Dave Kraft, whose column provided many chuckles. Then there was Mike Eliasohn, whose attention to detail and accurate stories were above and beyond the call of duty. This week Tom joins this trio who over the years have kept the Chronicle strong and viable when many small town papers have withered away. To say that he will be missed is a gross understatement. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Don't argue with Rose Hoelzle, she'll probably win. Hoelzle, a Cass City High School senior and standout on the school's varsity debate team, has been offered a scholarship to debate at Wayne State University.

10 YEARS AGO

Construction of the new Tuscola County Veterans Memorial, located on the courthouse lawn in Caro, was recently completed and will be ready for a dedication ceremony on Veterans Day, Thursday. Work on the memorial, made possible largely through donations of cash, materials and labor, was wrapped up Monday.

Board Chrysler, Cass City, the Thumb's only auto dealership selected to receive a Dodge Viper RT-10, accepted delivery of the elite sports car Friday morning. But it's not for sale. In fact, the 1994

model was sold more than a year and a half ago to a prominent Detroit trial attorney who is an avid car collector. Still, delivery of the Viper, which carried a price tag of about \$63,000, caused a bit of a stir at the local dealership.

More than 1,600 food items will be distributed to needy area families thanks to the efforts of local scouts. Cub Scout Pack 3594, Cass City, and Boy Scout Troop 594, Cass City, recently completed the annual "Scouting for Food" project. Project organizers Milly Brown and Connie Iwankovitch reported the effort netted 1,650 non-perishable food items.

25 YEARS AGO

Rebuilding of Milligan Road between Cemetery and Koepfgen Roads, now underway, is being done by contractor Howard Rexin for slightly under \$12,000. The work is being paid for by Elkland Township, but without increased revenues, says the Tuscola County Road Commission engineer. Projects such as this may have to be dropped in order to pay for maintenance of roads as presently constructed.

Small world department: Talking with a secretary of an advertising agency in Detroit, she asked how are things in Cass City. Not too bad, I said, mystified by the interest. How are things in Detroit? Oh, she said, the reason I asked is that my name used to be Krause and I came from Snover. (From Rabbit Tracks)

35 YEARS AGO

Jack Esau told Cass City Rotarians the reasons why the Cass City Hospital was unable to continue operations in the village, Tuesday at the club's luncheon meeting at the New Gordon Hotel. He said that competition from Hills and Dales General Hospital, more stringent building regulations and lack of full Blue Cross participation ended whatever chance the hospital had of succeeding.

A petition signed by four of nine property owners failed

to deter the Cass City Village Council from its avowed aim of providing lights on Kennebec Drive. The decision was reached in a special meeting held Tuesday night at the municipal building. The only question remaining today is where, when and how many lights are needed on the street that runs from North Seeger to Huron Street.

This year's most valuable player of the 1968 Hawks grid squad is Neil MacCallum, a good football player and a good student. He won the most valuable honors with the credentials that please coaches and are appreciated by teammates. He was the leading tackler and outstanding blocker on the team. He played both ways and was noted as a team player.

Check Out These Web Sites:

Bayer Home Health One Million Checkup Challenge at www.nobugs.com. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Screen for Life: The National Colorectal Cancer Action Campaign at www.cdc.gov/cancer/screenforlife. The Ashburn (Ga.) Fire Ant Festival at www.gardentech.com. Springboard Credit.org at www.credit.org. Carrera at www.carrera-toys.de. National Association of Enrolled Agents at www.naea.org. HOST dry cleaning system at www.hostcarpetcleaning.com. Pigeon Forge at www.mypigeonforge.com. Plugra butter at www.plugra.com. The Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) at WaterWorksWonders.org.

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Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Cass City Church of the Nazarene

6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2604 or 872-5201
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study
& Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.
Pastor - Rev. Darold Ward

Cass City Missionary Church

4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
899-872-5158
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:30 p.m.
Pastor: David Edwards

Cass City United Methodist Church

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

Deford Community Church

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

Deford Country Church

Assemblies of God
5903 Main St., Box 224, Deford, MI 48729
989-872-5158
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Dan Strength Sr. Pastor
Tim Wells, Associate
Nathan Hazzard, Youth
WSNL 600 AM, Saturday noon

Evangelical Free Church of Cass City

6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Midweek Bible Studies
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Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould

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

First Presbyterian Church

Barrie Free
6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-5400
Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
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872-3658 or 872-1195
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Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
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4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726
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989-872-8094 (church)
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Reese bows, 43-39

Hawks grab share of GTW lead

The Cass City Red Hawks moved into a tie for the lead in the Greater Thumb West Monday night by defeating the Reese Rockets, 43-39, on their home floor in a battle that went to the wire before it was decided.

The Hawk win placed Reese (14-5) and Cass City (14-4) knotted in the GTW race with identical 10-1 records. Each has a league game left Thursday. Cass City meets

Bay City All Saints at home and Reese meets the Lakers.

Cass City dominated the boards all night and Reese countered with a full-court press that caused turnovers for Cass City.

Both teams were off to a slow start. The Hawks hit just one of 11 shots, a close-in basket by Amy Howard. Reese hit a bucket by Cara Burnison and a trey by Britany Schumacher and the

Rockets were in front, 6-5, at the end of the first quarter.

Cass City forged in front in the second quarter and was never behind again, although the Rockets staged a rally in the last minutes of the game similar to the one that they staged in posting a 64-60 win the first time the teams met.

That win was paced by some fine outside shooting by Schumacher and the

sophomore was the key in the Reese rally.

It looked as if Cass City would win comfortably after some fine play in the middle 2 quarters. In the second period Ashley Hendrick paced the Hawks in a streak that carried the team to a 20-15 lead at the intermission. She scored 6 points and was a major presence on the boards. In the rally, Sarah Hobbs connected for a trey for her first points after an 0-4 start in the first quarter.

Hobbs' 2 regular hoops and a trey highlighted an 11-6 Cass City run and shoved the Hawks into their largest lead of the night, 31-21. The margin could have been greater, but Cass City had trouble with the Reese press and turned the ball over twice.

The Reese run in the final quarter was started by Schumacher who scored the first 6 points of the period to close the gap to 6 points. Hendrick countered that spurt with a pair of buckets and with 3:57 to go the Hawks led, 38-31. When Hendrick cashed one of 2 free throws the lead was back to 10 points, but the Rockets were far from finished as a 9-0 run made the score 42-39 with 34 seconds left.

The ball changed hands twice before Hobbs made the second of 2 free throws to push the lead to 4 points with 22 seconds left.

Coach John Maharg said that he was proud of the performance of his players. They controlled the boards and slowed the Reese transition game that was so effective in the first game between the squads.

But now we have to concentrate on Bay City All Saints if we want to grab at least a share of the GTW championship, Maharg said, already looking ahead to the final game of the regular season Thursday.

Both teams were ineffective from the foul circle with identical 9 for 19 marks. Hendrick led the Hawks with 18 points and Hobbs was also in double figures with 13. Schumacher led Reese with 12 and Burnison netted 8.



CASS CITY'S Krystee Dorland avoids pressure from Reese players Marisa Hecht and Cara Burnison during Monday's GTW showdown. The Hawks moved into a share of the conference lead with a 43-39 victory.

Cass City cagers handle Patriots, Hatchets with little difficulties

The Cass City Red Hawks tuned up for the battle for a share of the Greater Thumb West league title Thursday with an easy victory over the USA Patriots, 45-27, and Coach John Maharg was able to give his entire squad significant playing time.

The Hawks were helped by some sloppy ball handling by the Patriots and turnovers accounted for easy baskets.

Sarah Hobbs led the offense in the first quarter as she netted 7 of her 10 points in the period. When her shots failed to drop in the second quarter Krystee Dorland took over with 3 quick hoops to pace the team as it

plied up an almost insurmountable lead by half time.

We played quite well, coach John Maharg said, and committed only 11 turnovers. Leading 13-5 at the end of the first quarter, Cass City outscored USA, 8-2, to lead 23-7 with less than 2 minutes left before the intermission.

USA played better in the second half, but was unable to generate an offense. The Patriots scored a pair of hoops in the third period on baskets by Stacy Rayl and Kristy Sting. Cass City used balanced scoring for 10 points and was in front, 39-13, going into the final quarter.

Kala Winiecki came to life in the last quarter and the Patriots closed the gap. She netted 12 of her 16 points in the period and USA outscored the Hawks, 14-5.

Ashley Hendrick had a fine game for the Hawks. She led the team in rebounds with 8 and posted a block and 4 steals.

CASS CITY - Whittaker 0-0 (1-3) 1, Hobbs 3-1 (1-4) 10, Homakie 0-0 (1-2) 1, Pratt 0-0 (2-3) 2, D. Rabideau 1-0 (0-0) 2, Dorland 4-0 (0-0) 8, Howard 1-0 (4-4) 6, Hendrick 4-0 (1-2) 9, Brinkman 3-0 (0-0) 6.
TOTALS - 16-1 (10-20) 45.

USA - Rayl 1-0 (0-0) 2, Sutherland 0-0 (1-2) 1, Hoffman 1-0 (0-0) 2, Winiecki 6-1 (1-3) 16, Gainforth 1-0 (1-2) 3, Sting 1-0 (1-2) 3.
TOTALS - 10-1 (4-9) 27.

JUNIOR VARSITY - Cass City 41, USA 35.
FRESHMEN - USA 37, Cass City 33.

BAD AXE GAME

The Cass City Red Hawks jumped off to an early lead on the way to its second win of the year over the Bad Axe Hatchets, 55-43. The victory kept alive the Hawks battle to share the Greater Thumb

West crown.

Krystee Dorland showed the way in the first period with a pair of hoops and a free throw and the Hawks were in front, 15-6, at the end of the quarter. Nothing changed much in the second quarter as the teams traded baskets and the Hawks were in front, 29-21, at the intermission.

We played better defense in the second half, coach John Maharg said. The Hatchets scored 9 points in the third quarter and Ashley Hendrick scored 3 hoops and Sarah Hobbs contributed 5 points as Cass City went in front, 48-30, going into the final 8 minutes.

Hendrick led the rebounders with 8 and scored

17 points. Hobbs had 8 assists. Amy Howard scored 10. In double figures for the Hatchets were Dana Peterson, 11, and Stephanie Byrne, 10.

CASS CITY - Whittaker 1-0 (0-0) 2, C. Rabideau 1-0 (2-2) 4, Hobbs 3-1 (0-0) 9, Sherman 0-0 (2-2) 2, Dorland 3-0 (1-2) 7, Howard 4-0 (2-4) 10, Hendrick 8-0 (1-1) 17, Hartwick 2-0 (0-0) 4.
TOTALS - 22-1 (8-11) 55.

BAD AXE - McDonald 2-1 (1-2) 8, Geiger 2-0 (0-0) 4, L. Peterson 0-0 (2-4) 2, D. Peterson 3-0 (5-6) 11, Ney 0-1 (0-0) 3, Byrne 4-0 (2-4) 10, Pionk 2-0 (1-2) 5.
TOTALS - 13-2 (11-22) 43.



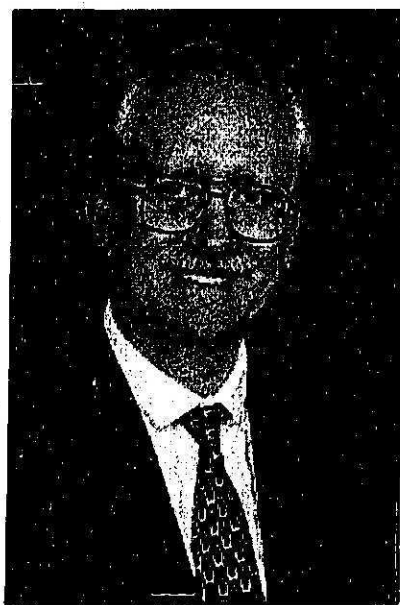
HARD TO EQUAL is the hunting success that Alex Papp, 16, has achieved. In the early gun season for youth he shot a 5-point deer. Friday, using his bow and arrow while hunting in the Shabbona area, he shot this deer. It has a rack with a 15-inch spread. He saw the head sticking out of the brush and hit it in the neck from about 20 yards away. It ran 40 yards and dropped.

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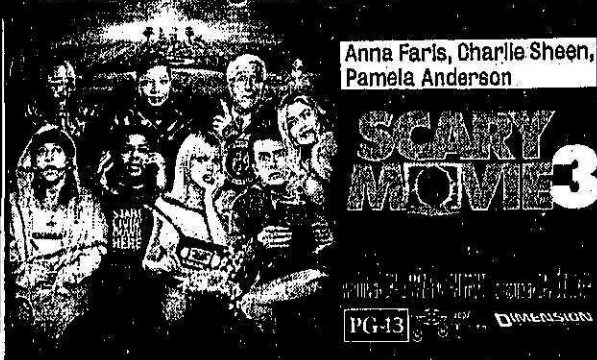
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Owen-Gage peaking as state tourney nears

Owen-Gage won its 3rd straight game Thursday turning back visiting Carsonville-Port Sanilac, 57-53, in a North Central Thumb League crossover match up.

The Bulldogs started sluggish, but exploded for 23 points in the final quarter to emerge victorious.

Owen-Gage (8-11) will look to continue its winning ways this Thursday in Dryden as the regular season closes for both schools. Riding a 4-game winning streak into Monday's district opener against host Caseville could make believers out of the Bulldogs in tournament play.

Coach Dave Fritz started an all-senior line-up against the Tigers and the offense stalled. Senior co-captain Stephanie Dorsch, working under the basket along the baseline, provided the hosts'

only points in the early going as the visitors doubled the score to their advantage, 12-6.

However, Kayla Zaleski and Katie Swiastyn joined forces to bring Owen-Gage even with CPS over a 4-minute span shortly before the break. Swiastyn scored on a pair of pretty left-handed lay-ins, while Zaleski hit shots work-

ing in the lane.

Both teams exchanged scoring spurts in the 2nd frame and when the dust cleared Owen-Gage trailed, 25-24, entering the locker room.

Swiastyn, who finished with 22-points, led Owen-Gage's attack after the break with 16 markers. Dorsch also was effective late in the game and added 13 points.

The game marked the final home contest for Dorsch, Laura Enderle, Randi Glaza and Candi Rhodes.

AKRON-FAIRGROVE

Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, Owen-Gage prevented Akron-Fairgrove from recording its first NCTL win, dishing out a 59-29 drubbing.

Zaleski scored early and often for the Bulldogs, pacing them to the intermission with 16 of her 21 tallies. She received plenty of help from Swiastyn who scored 22 points on the night, including 5 field goals in the 2nd period.

Owen-Gage decided the game's outcome with a 12-4 run to open the final half.

OWEN-GAGE - Zaleski 8-0 (5-8) 21; Swiastyn 9-0 (4-4) 22; Enderle 4-0 (0-0) 8; Glaza 1-0 (0-0) 2; McKee 1-0 (0-0) 2; Dorsch 1-0 (2-4) 4. **TOTALS** - 24-0 (11-21) 59.

AKRON-FAIRGROVE - Wark 0-0 (2-2) 2; Sanburn 1-0 (4-6) 6; Latimer 3-0 (0-0) 6; Spencer 1-0 (2-4) 4; Burnison 0-0 (1-2) 1; Freeman 1-0 (1-4) 3; Gehrls 3-0 (1-3) 7. **TOTALS** - 9-0 (11-24) 29.

OWEN-GAGE - Zaleski 4-0 (0-0) 8; Swiastyn 10-0 (2-2) 22; Rhodes 2-0 (0-0) 4; Brown 2-0 (0-0) 4; Enderle 3-0 (0-0) 6; Dorsch 6-0 (1-2) 13. **TOTALS** - 27-0 (3-4) 57.

CPS - Willis 5-0 (4-5) 14; Winkley 2-0 (1-2) 5; Christy 3-0 (1-2) 7; Turcott 4-0 (1-2) 9; Guzdial 2-0 (0-0) 4; Bopra 1-0 (0-0) 2; Behnke 3-2 (0-0) 12. **TOTALS** - 20-2 (7-11) 53.

Cass City Bowling Leagues

Sunday No Rollers As of Oct. 26

Minus 1	13
Par-T-Ranch	11
Damn Near Last	11
Deford Drifters	9
Pinheads	8
JebCo	8
Sometimes	7
Rolling Thunder	7
CBs	4
Crowley Chiropractic	2

Individual High Games & Series: T. Potrykus 258 (616); B. Brown 234 (618); D. Silance (519); D. Williams (513).
Team High Game & Series: Minus 1, 732 (2085).

(628); C. Anthes 243 (616); T. Lis 211 (610); T. Davis 275 (599); K. Zawilinski 266 (596); A. Reed 215 (592); T. Halas 211-228; M. Hawrylo 233; R. Hull 222; B. Joseph 222; E. Bombrowski 213; E. Raymond 211.

Team High Game & Series: Charmont, 1057 actual (2834 actual).

217 (505); J. Krol 191 (500).
Split Conversions: S. Robinson 4-7; D. Sweeney 5-6.
Team High Game & Series: FBI Gals 759 (2121).

Thursday Nite Trio As of Nov. 6

Riversbend	4
Mycogen Seeds	4
Schmaltz Construction	3
Martin Electric	3
Dairy Queen Braz-Caro	2
JEBCo	2
Doerr Landscaping	1
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Individual High Games & Series: J. Mis 246-246-224 (716); G. Robinson 234-231 (659); R. Finkbeiner 246 (627); E. Schmaltz 235 (613); D. Beecher 242 (598); D. Doerr 213-213 (593); J. Roth 230 (593); S. Osentoski (591); B. Biebel 213 (591); W. Laming (585); T. Czekai 244; O. Beecher 214.
Team High Game & Series: Riversbend 695 (1963).

Merchanettes League As of Nov. 6

Thumb Octagon Barn	42
Crowley Chiropractic	40
Langenburg Plumb/Heat	40
Osentoski Realty/Auct.	38
All Season Video	36
FBI Gals	32
Empty Pockets	32
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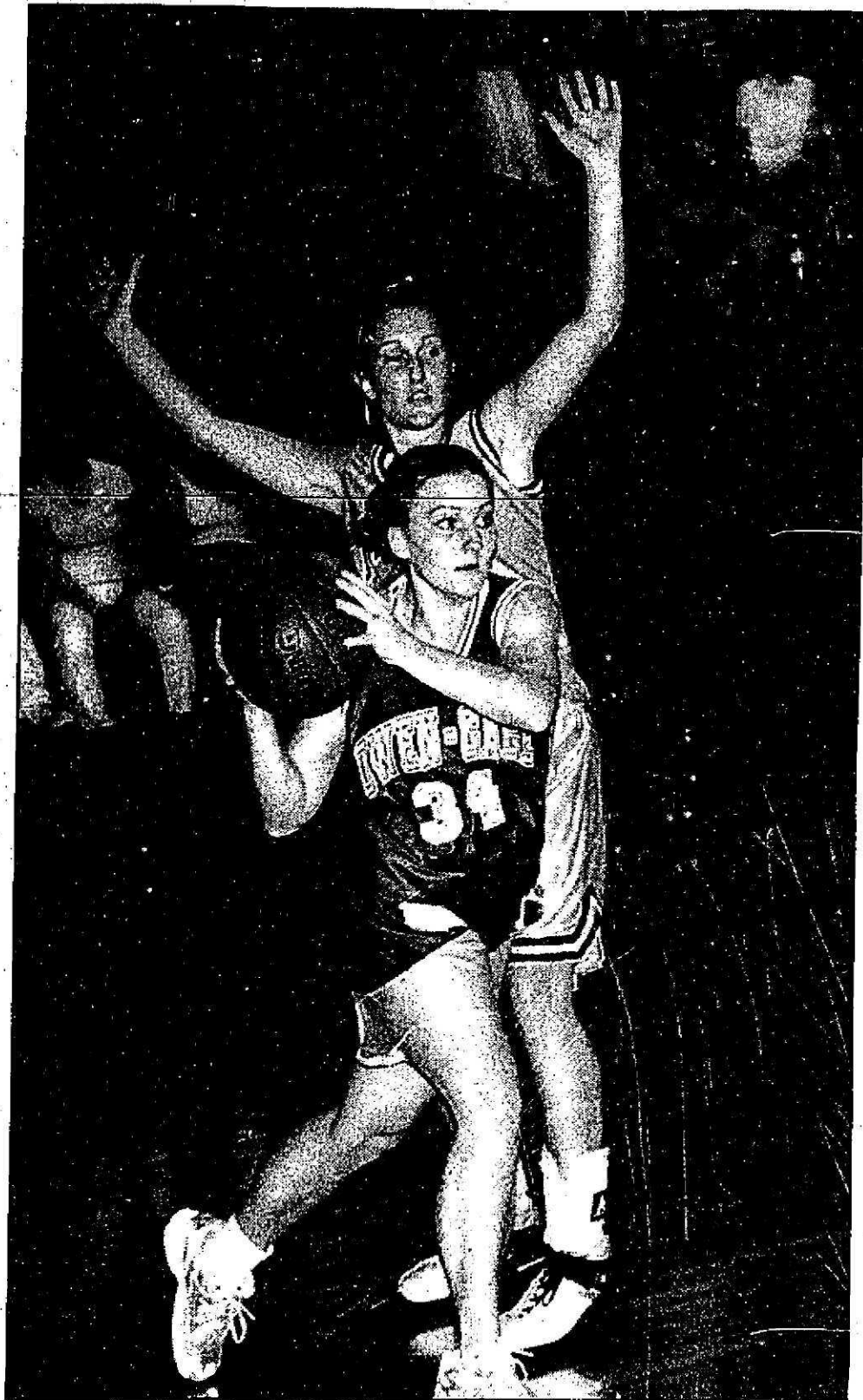
Individual High Games & Series: S. Buschlen 222-190-169 (581); P. Bauer 201-182-180 (563); N. Wallace 195-187-156 (528); L. Campbell 182-180-162 (524); S. Lutz

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Cass City	14	4	14	4	North Huron	12	5	12	8
EPBP	5	4	12	6	Owen-Gage	8	9	8	11
USA	0	6	11	7	Caseville	7	9	7	9
V. Lutheran	3	8	8	13	A-Fairgrove	0	17	1	17
BCAS	2	9	8	12	* Clinched league title				
Bad Axe	2	10	3	16					

GREATER THUMB EAST					NCTL SOUTH				
Team	W	L	W	L	Team	W	L	W	L
Sandusky	9	1	17	1	* Kingston	17	0	17	1
H. Beach	7	3	13	5	Memphis	13	4	13	4
Brown City	7	4	13	6	Dryden	8	11	7	11
Uby	6	5	9	9	Pack	4	12	4	12
Mayville	5	5	7	11	CPS	3	14	3	16
Deckerline	1	9	2	15	* Clinched league title				
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Several face charges in circuit court

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

•Joseph M. Deuman, 45, Flint, pleaded no contest to receiving and concealing stolen property valued at \$200 or more March 16, 2002, in Almer Township, and to being an habitual of-

fender (2 prior felony convictions).

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

•John Sanders II, 23, Mayville, pleaded guilty to attempted possession of marijuana with intent to de-

liver June 15 in Ellington Township.

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

•Ronald F. Horning Jr., 27, Vassar, pleaded no contest to assaulting a police officer June 7 in Vassar Township. A pre-sentence investiga-

tion was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Martin E. Borucki, 18, Bloomfield Hills, pleaded guilty to 3 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years March 7-27 in Dayton Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$75,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Jeremy R. Mook, 19, Caro, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail and 36 months probation for his plea of guilty to failure to register as a sex offender April 22 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$2,020.

•David J. Killinger, 46, Caro, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 180 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of no contest to lewd and lascivious behavior Feb. 3 in Wells Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$500 in costs and fines.

•Jerry A. Piazza, 61, Mt. Morris, was sentenced to 364 days in jail and 60 months probation for his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the in-

fluence of liquor, third offense, March 6, and to absconding or forfeiting bond March 14 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$4,740.

•Wayne S. Withers, 24, Vassar, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 90 days in jail, with work release, for his pleas of no contest to aggravated assault and reckless use of a weapon Oct. 24, 2002, in Vassar Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,120 in costs and fines.

•Franklin D. Hatfield Jr., 44, Vassar, was sentenced to 18 months probation and 180 days in jail, with work release, for his pleas of no contest to attempted assault with a dangerous weapon and domestic violence March 26 in Vassar.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,435.

•Alfred Cdjka, 48, Vassar, stood mute during his arraignment on charges of assaulting a police officer and domestic violence Oct. 15 in Vassar Township, and to being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case and bond was continued at \$30,000.

•Alex E. Enos, 20, Caro, stood mute to charges of failure to register as a sex offender and indecent exposure Sept. 26 in Caro.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was set at \$5,000.

•Harvey E. Searles Jr., 24, Harrison, stood mute to 5 counts of larceny of a firearm and one count of larceny in a building Feb. 5-8 in Gagetown.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was set at \$5,000.

•Jason W. Greenleaf, 22, Vassar, pleaded guilty to receiving and concealing stolen property valued at \$200 to \$1,000, concealing the identity of a motor vehicle and possession of a snowmobile with an altered vehicle number between Feb. 15 and March 6 in Vassar Township. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Obituaries

Carol Smith

Carol Smith, 80, of Caro, died unexpectedly at home, Saturday, Nov. 1, 2003.

She was born Dec. 22, 1922 in Cass City, the daughter of the late Earl and Lee (Curran) Heller.

She married James Smith Aug. 1, 1943 in Howell. He preceded her in death Oct. 28, 1997.

Smith graduated from Cass City Public Schools. She attended Central Michigan University, where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in education. Smith started teaching in 1953, first in one-room schools and finally in the Bay City school system. She was an active member of the Caro United Methodist Church for at least 56 years, Kedron Chapter #33 Order of Easter Star, Michigan Association of Retired School Teachers, Caro Post #4164 VFW Auxiliary and the Caro Community Hospital Auxiliary.

She is survived by two children: Christina Breault of Flushing and Ronald Smith of Waynesboro, Virginia; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 5 at the Caro United Methodist Church, with Pastor Ray Karr officiating.

Cremation followed the service and burial was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Memorials may be made to the Caro Community Hospital or the Caro United Methodist Church. Funeral arrangements were made by the Collon Funeral Home, Caro.

Florence Watson

Florence M. Watson, 85, of Ubly, died Monday, Nov. 3, 2003 at Tendercare, Cass City.

She was born June 28, 1918 in Cass City, the daughter of the late Charles "Frank" and Theresa (Patrick) Decker.

She married Joseph L. Watson Aug. 2, 1958 at the St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City. He preceded her in death Aug. 18, 1982.

Watson was born in Greenleaf Township and was a graduate of the Greenleaf Country School. She farmed with her family and husband. She was a member of the St. Ignatius Catholic Church of Freiburg since 1958, and the Altar Society.

She is survived by a sister, Sister Marie Decker O.P., of Adrian; and two brothers: Arthur (Betty) Decker of Cass City, and Francis (Patricia) Decker of Caro.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Nicholas Decker Sr. in 1988.

Funeral mass was held Thursday, Nov. 6, at the St. Ignatius Catholic Church of Freiburg, with the Rev. T.J. Fleming, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubly.

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MILLENNIUM Industries' president and several employees recently joined forces to raise money during a fifth annual bowl-a-thon. The group generated nearly \$2,000, including a company match, that will go to the Tuscola County Family Independence Agency and the Michigan Kids Wish Network.

Sleep apnea serious condition

Sleep apnea is a serious and potentially life-threatening condition that is more common than generally understood.

There are 2 types of sleep apnea, central and obstructive.

Central sleep apnea is less common and occurs when the brain fails to send the appropriate signals to the breathing muscles to initiate respiration. Obstructive sleep apnea is far more common and occurs when air cannot flow into or out of the person's nose or mouth although efforts to breathe continue.

Sleep apnea can be characterized by choking sensations and frequently interrupts deep, restorative sleep often leading to early morning headaches and excessive daytime sleepiness.

"Sleep apnea occurs in all age groups and both sexes, 4 in 100 middle aged men and 2 in 100 middle aged women have obstructive sleep apnea," said Chuck Carr, RRT, Hills and Dales General Hospital.

"Most obstructive sleep apnea sufferers remain undiagnosed and untreated, obstructive sleep apnea is as common as adult asthma." People most likely to have or develop sleep apnea include those who snore loudly and also are overweight or have high blood pressure. Some people may have physical abnormality in the nose, throat or other parts of the upper airway.

People who may be experiencing these symptoms should make an appointment with their family physician for a sleep apnea diagnosis.

For more information call Chuck Carr, RRT at Hills & Dales General Hospital at 989-872-5476 (ext. 246).

Owen-Gage students on honor roll

Owen-Gage Junior/Senior High School announces the 1st marking period honor roll.

Grade 6:

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Amy Aldrich, Stacie Dorsch, Alisha Kovach, Samantha Radabaugh, Katie Rhodes, Stephen Roemer and Desirae Sprague.

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Lea Aldrich, Bethany Kovach, James Lyman, Nathan Minkler, April Nowaczyk, Brittany Parks, Joshua Starks and Matthew Volk.

Grade 9:

Heather Collon, Mindy Errer*, Rose Faupel, Kendra Guilds, Joshua McLaren*, Amber Pillsbury, Alec Powell* and Rebecca Schmidt*.

Grade 10:

Michelle Brown*, Tiffany Glaza, Trace Lopez, Nathan Rogers and Ashley Shepherd.

Grade 11:

Matthew Downing*, Wendy Errer*, Mary McKee*, Tabatha Perdue, Amanda Pillsbury, Nashia Prich, Nicole Schmidt*, Kenneth Southwell*, Katie Swiastyn* and Kayla Zaleski.

Grade 12:

Samantha Brown, Stephanie Dorsch*, Laura Enderle*, Shaun Fiebig, Robert Giddings, Randi Glaza, Cody Howard*, Hope Hunt, Tim Kain*, Meagan Mentor, Candi Rhodes, Justin Rogers*, Heidi Scott, Natasha Sprague, Zachary Sutter and Amanda Wise.

* Denotes all "A"s.

Millennium nets \$1,958 for needy during benefit

The president and employees of Millennium Industries of Cass City recently held a benefit bowl-a-thon.

The event took place at Charmont Lanes, with 10 people bowling. The participants collected pledges from family members, friends and co-workers.

Chairwomen of the event, Marie Spencer and Janie Suter, reported that a total of \$979 was collected, and Millennium Industries matched the amount, bringing the total to \$1,958.

The cash donations were split between the Tuscola County Family Independence Agency to be used for winter clothing needs and toys for Christmas for the many children who are in

need, and the Michigan Kids Wish Network, where the group chose a young man whose last wish is to go see Donald Duck at Disney World.

During the bowl-a-thon, the group won prizes for various things, including most pledges and most sponsors. Bonnie Adkins collected \$345 alone.

Blood drive Nov. 18

Area residents are urged to attend a blood drive, Tuesday, Nov. 18 from 1 to 6:45 p.m. at the Cass City VFW Hall.

The Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary and the Veterans of Foreign War sponsor this blood drive.

For more information, call Kerry Brown at (989) 872-5476 (ext. 319) or Helen Jezewski at (989) 872-2746.

Statistics show that by the time you are 75 years old, there is a 95 percent chance that you already will have had a transfusion.

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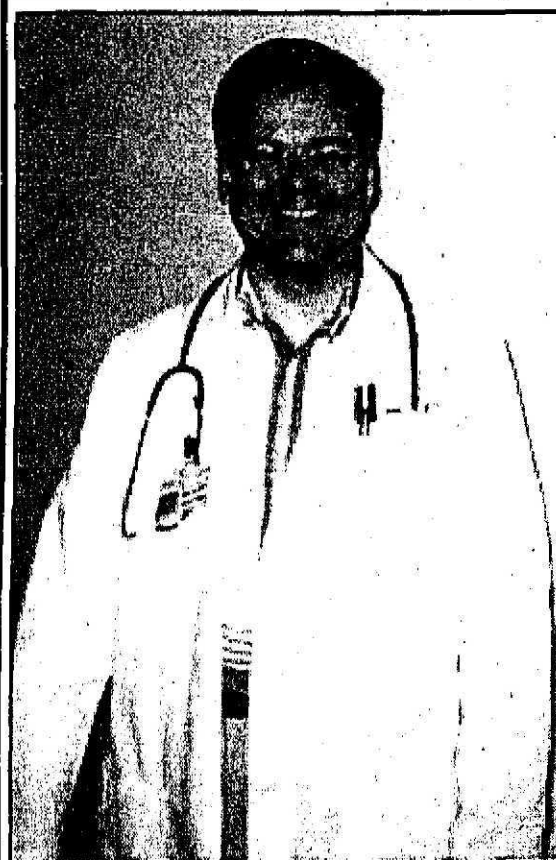
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Jim Zook, Tuscola County Extension director, and Dennis Stein, Tuscola County Extension farm management agent, are currently training with the product center to become agriculture and natural resources (ANR) innovation counselors.

In this role, they will guide clients interested in developing agriculture, or natural resources-based products from start-up through development, testing and marketing. Counselors help identify, establish and nurture market and product development opportunities.

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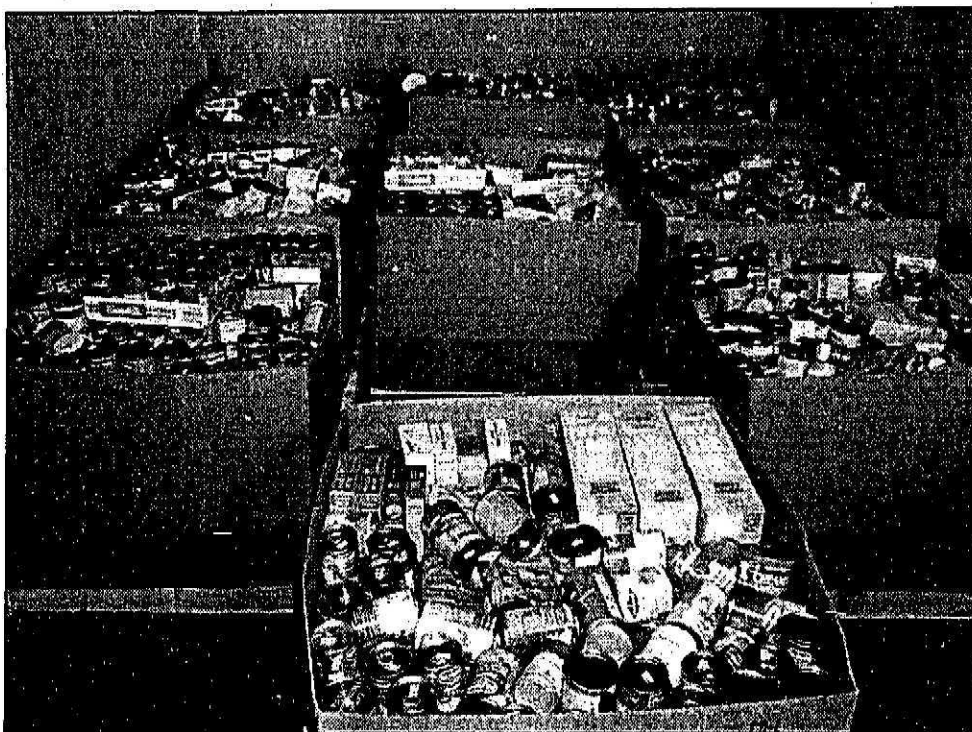
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To contact Zook or Stein, call (989) 672-3870.

For more information about the product center and its activities, call (517) 432-4608.



THE EMPLOYEES OF Walbro Engine Management in Cass City recently collected 2,790 pounds of food during their 12th annual Harvest Gathering United Way Food Drive.



Coping with loss program topic

United Hospice Service will host several programs entitled, "Coping with the Holidays After a Loss," over the next few weeks. The sessions are scheduled

for Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. at Courtney Manor, Bad Axe; Monday, Nov. 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Mayville; Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 3 to

5 p.m. in the Marlette Community Hospital Conference Room; Thursday, Nov. 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Sandusky Library; and Friday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Scheurer Hospital Learning Center in Pigeon.

More information is available by calling the United Hospice Service Office at (989) 635-4134 or 1-800-635-7490.

12th annual Harvest Gathering Walbro workers collect 2,790 pounds of food

The employees of Walbro Engine Management have once again demonstrated their generosity toward others through their 12th annual Harvest Gathering United Way Food Drive.

The event was held Oct. 29 at the Walbro plant in Cass City. Employees dressed up in their Halloween finest and were judged in 3 categories: funniest, scariest, and best group.

This year both soup and dessert cook-offs were held. Helen Salas (Tortilla Soup) and Kelly Grifka (Pumpkin Cheesecake) submitted winning entries.

Walbro officials report that a grand total of 2,790 pounds of food and \$67 in donations were collected. That is 1,000 pounds more than last year, when the food Walbro employees donated helped 44 families through the Caro Church Of Christ Food Bank.

Also, as part of the Harvest Gathering festivities prizes were raffled. The price of a ticket was a non-perishable food item. A multitude of the

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"Citizens" ready for Music Fest

The Citizens of the Future, a local youth organization working to create a community center in Cass City, will host their second annual Winter Music Fest this week.

Last year's inaugural event, held at the Lions Pavilion, was plagued by cold and rain, but organizers will avoid that problem this year. The owner of the former NAPA building on Main Street has offered the use of

his building.

The concert is scheduled to start at 8 p.m. Friday at the building and will feature 2 area bands, "Tucker" and "Custom Muskellunge".

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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 Jennilynne H.J. Moss, a single person (original mortgagors), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgage, 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 feet 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

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200315743

Team S
10-29-4

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

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

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

Dated: October 22, 2003

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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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 Gary Miles, a married man, and Helen Miles, his wife (original mortgagors), to King Financial, Mortgage, dated July 9, 1998 and recorded on July 14, 1998 in Liber 744 on Page 1174 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by me assignments to Countywide Home Loans, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated October 22, 2003, which was recorded on October 28, 2003 in Liber 961 on Page 948, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ELEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR AND 05/100 dollars (\$11,224.05), including interest at 8.500% per annum.

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

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

Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 36, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point of the North East and West 1/8 line of said Section 36, which is South 1308.02 feet along the East line of said Section 36 to the North East and West 1/8 line of said Section 36 and North 89 degrees 27 minutes 15 seconds West, 508.00 feet along said 1/8 line from the Northeast corner of said Section 36; thence continuing along said 1/8 line, North 89 degrees 27 minutes 15 seconds West, 802.90 feet to the occupied East North and South 1/8 line of said Section 36; thence along said occupied 1/8 line, North 00 degrees 44 minutes 37 seconds East, 1025.53 feet to the Southerly 75.00 feet right of way line of State Highway M-46; thence along said Southerly right of way line, South 80 degrees 21 minutes 48 seconds East, 250.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 44 minutes 37 seconds West, 300.00 feet; thence South 38 degrees 21 minutes 12 seconds East, 881.49 feet to the North East and West 1/8 line of said Section 36 and the point of beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: November 12, 2003

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Team X
11-12-4

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 THAT PURPOSE.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of certain Mortgage(s) made by Nancy L. Brown, also 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 Registrar 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 Antedating 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 (#39700)
Attorney for USDA, Rural Development

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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 23, 1998 in the Office of the Registrar 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 Registrar 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 venue, 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 Arbel, 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, 214.86 feet; thence N0°12'40"E, 666.38 feet; thence S89°38'35"E, 215.27 feet; thence S0°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
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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 Evelyn Kay Asher, a single female (original mortgagors), to Community Mortgage Services, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgage, dated June 18, 1999 and recorded on June 18, 1999 in Liber 774 on Page 682, and assigned by said Mortgage 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 8% 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 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

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Fidelity Bank, a Federally Chartered Savings Bank
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #00172701

11-5-4

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, PC, IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald Lester, a married man, and Wendy Lester, a married woman, husband and wife as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, to J. Virgil, Inc., DBA Lending Factory, Mortgage, dated April 19, 2001 and recorded on April 30, 2001 in Liber 829 on Page 11, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY AND 28/100 DOLLARS (\$51,960.28), including interest at 8.75% adjustable rate interest 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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on December 12, 2003.

Said premises are situated in VILLAGE OF GAGETOWN, TOWNSHIP OF ELMWOOD, TUSCOLA COUNTY, Michigan, and are described as:

LOT 1, BLOCK 2, TOOHEY'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF GAGETOWN, PART OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 1, TOWN 14 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, BEING TOWNSHIP OF ELMWOOD, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 54, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

A.P.N. # 037-500-162-0100-00

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 6, 2003

J. Virgil, Inc., DBA Lending Factory
Mortgage
PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, PC.
30300 Northwestern Highway, Suite 222
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334

11-12-5

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by SHANE D. KELLEY and YONNA M. KELLEY, husband and wife, to HAROLD WILLS and KAREN WILLS, husband and wife, dated February 21, 2003 and recorded in the Office of the Registrar of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on March 6, 2003 in Liber 919 of Mortgages on Pages 65-66, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of SIXTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT AND 79/100 (\$60,598.79) Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

Now, Therefore, Notice Is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at Tuscola County Courthouse, 440 North State Street, in the Village of Caro, and County of Tuscola, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Thursday, December 11, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with seven (7%) percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgage does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Section 25, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, thence N88°50'20"W along the Southeast line of said Section 25, 470.0 feet; thence N01°23'40"E, 247.50 feet; thence S88°50'20"E, 470.0 feet; thence S01°33'40"W along the East line of said Section 25, 247.50 feet to the point of beginning. Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Dated: October 22, 2003

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys and Counselors
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Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200323126

Team C
10-22-4

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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 David A. Church, a/a David Church, a married man, and Nina Church, a/a Nina R. Church, his wife, in bar of dower, to PCFS Financial Services, Inc., Mortgage, dated May 13, 1999 and recorded May 19, 1999 in Liber 771, Page 1209, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on this mortgage the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-One and 38/100 Dollars (\$83,831.38), including interest at the rate of 12.375% per annum.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 30, 2003

Michelle P. Biddinger P39162
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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., Mortgage, 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
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File No. 287.0138
10-22-5

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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 Drew Alan Hoelscher and Jeanne C. Hoelscher, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Standard Federal Bank, a Federal Savings Bank, Mortgage, 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

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David A. Church, a/a David Church, a married man, and Nina Church, a/a Nina R. Church, his wife, in bar of dower, to PCFS Financial Services, Inc., Mortgage, dated May 13, 1999 and recorded May 19, 1999 in Liber 771, Page 1209, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on this mortgage the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-One and 38/100 Dollars (\$83,831.38), including interest at the rate of 12.375% per annum.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 30, 2003

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By Becky Barr, Activities Coordinator/Receptionist

Oh October! It was such a beautiful time of year here
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gundy leaves. Even though the year is beginning to
wind-down, we're getting revved up!

We welcomed back the Senior Chair Aerobics classes
early in the month. Our thanks to Angie Holder of the
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day and Thursday. This class is tons of fun and free for
Northwood Meadows' residents. She's also started
teaching a Pilates class here too! Anyone interested in
either class can call Angie at (989) 872-8084.

All of our residents look positively radiant these days.
This is in large part due to our newest family member -
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now runs our Beauty & Style Shop. We thank her for
bringing her scissors and curlers on short notice and
especially for deciding to stay, we truly appreciate it.
Appointments are available on Tuesdays and Saturdays.
Our star volunteer Jeannie Klinkman held another of
her wonderful fireside tea parties, enticing residents with
delicious desserts. This "hot" date is a very popular
way for everyone to spend time together and share sto-
ries of their lives. Thank you very much Jeannie!

The Candy Corn Contest had a lot of participation,
but there was only one winner - Mr. Howard Steele. His
guess on how many candy corn were in the container
was the closest without going over, and he won a beau-
tiful autumn door ornament. When the contest was
over, you guessed it - there was candy corn for every-
body.

We saw two really good videos, watched a very inter-
esting presentation on the Octagon Barn (thanks to Bob
Hirn), learned about "Weight Loss and Wellness" (thank
you Dr. Cheryl Canfield), listened to the wonderful
voices of the Son Shines Choir (many thanks to Ruth
Balzer), enjoyed Judy Hammett's Fabulous Chili (su-
perb), were treated to Krispy Kreame Donuts (thanks to
Geraldine Prieskorn), and celebrated Lillian Jacoby's
birthday. Whew...what a month!

Our sympathies to the family of Beatrice Sweeney,
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Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, November 12

Ham Dinner with all the trimmings served family style, noon, Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd. Take-outs are available, call 872-4604.

Thursday, November 13

Potluck Dinner & Blind Auction, 6 p.m., VFW Hall, 4533 Veterans Dr., Cass City. Bring a dish to pass.

Friday, November 14

Fall Music Fest, 8 p.m.-11 p.m., Former NAPA Building. Everyone is welcome to attend. Sponsored by Citizens for the Future.

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

Saturday, November 15

Total Woman Workshop TW², 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 3270 Wilson St., Marlette. Health screenings, demonstrations, great food and fun gifts. No charge to attend.

Christmas Sale & Drawing, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., J.J. Jamokes Restaurant, M-24, Caro. For information, call 673-2445 or 673-3914. No admission charge. Sponsored by Galloway Porcelain Art Club.

Hunters' Brunch & Dinner at Shabbona United Methodist Church. Brunch 10-2 p.m.; Dinner 4-8 p.m.

Tuesday, November 18

Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-6:45 p.m., Cass City VFW Hall, 4533 Veterans Dr.

Thumb Area Parkinson's Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., Hills and Dales Hospital.

AYSO Board meeting, 7 p.m., Cass City High School library.



OBVIOUSLY PLEASED to be among the many who feted Earl Grigg on his 100th birthday were these members of the 5th and 6th grade Sunday school class and Sue Meyer, teacher of the class.

Prangley recalls stay

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American continent, came to an end all too soon, but the experience stays with me as if it were yesterday. The metamorphosis of myself, from a nervous 16-year-old to a confident and well traveled 17-year-old, has been a major positive force in my life, and one I appreciate daily.

I nearly didn't make it out of Los Angeles on my way to Cass City (we drive on the left in New Zealand and so I stepped off the curb looking to the right for traffic and was nearly sent to my maker by a rushing taxicab!!) and I shook so much giving my first speech to the Rotary Club that Tom wrote to my folks back in New Zealand asking if I always shook like that or were the folks in Cass City making me nervous!

By the time I returned to the Land of the Long White Cloud (Aotearoa - the native name for New Zealand) I had grown so much as a person. I now run courses as part of my work and public speaking is a regular occurrence.

PSYCHOLOGIST

Today I am a registered psychologist with my own company, and 6 staff. Future Proof Ltd., has consultancies to the Ministries of Health and Justice, and a thriving private counseling and assessment practice. A second part of the company runs an after-school tutoring service for 6-16 year-olds to boost basic skills in math, reading, spelling and language. We have just purchased an old church complex and plan to start a full day school next year for dyslexic students, along with a university-

based research program.

I came back to New Zealand deeply interested in people and all their diversities, and this is a direct result of meeting so many welcoming and encouraging folk and seeing so many different things in my Rotary year.

I went back to high school in Auckland and completed a 13th (pre-university) year before studying at the University of Auckland, for a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Education, and achieving my high school teaching diploma.

I taught in a rural high school very reminiscent of Cass City High for several years and gradually moved into special schools, running one myself in Auckland for street kids and delinquents before winning a full scholarship to Otago University, in New Zealand's far south. I gained my Master's Degree and a post-graduate diploma, in Educational Psychology, and became a government psychologist in South Auckland and from 1988 in Nelson, where we now live.

The exchange year not only fired me up to study hard and achieve a successful and fulfilling career, it also gave me the 'travel bug'. It was so interesting to see the similarities and differences between life in New Zealand and the United States, and I've gone on to take holidays in England, my birthplace, Malaysia, Singapore, Australia, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Paris and to travel to every part of my beautiful homeland.

The travel bug caused even bigger wanderings when, from 1994 to 2000, my wife Clare, my girls Charlotte (now 14) and Samantha (now 11), and myself moved to Borneo for a working holiday in Brunei. Brunei Darussalam is a Muslim Malay Monarchy in Northern Borneo whose Sultan for

years was the world's richest man.

I worked with a professor from University of British Columbia helping set up a special education service for the Sultan's government, and in the course of this work spent 6 years in the tropical rainforest jungles, visiting schools, running training courses for teachers and a host of other jobs to set up and get running a comprehensive service for the inclusion of children with special needs into the mainstream school system.

TODAY

We've now returned to New Zealand and are settled in this beautiful area, seeing the girls through high school, and planning our next sojourn.

Clare and I have had a part in Youth Exchange too, hosting short-stay students from Thailand to New Zealand to better their English, for the last few years.

There's nothing better than a personal approach to foster international understanding. Just imagine what the world could achieve if we all hosted students! I'm certain that the lessons learnt, fun had, and people met during my year as a Rotary International Youth Exchange student have shaped me and given me both the confidence and the experience to achieve the successes and blessings I've enjoyed to date. For this I'm so thankful to my family for sending me, and my host families and all the folk that looked out for me and showed me such a wonderful time.

I'm truly thankful to Tom for all his insight, work and foresight in bringing the International Exchange Program to Cass City and for fostering it for such a long and fruitful time. Happy retirement, Tom!

100 years young

Lutheran Church honors Earl Grigg

Belying his age and looking decades younger than he actually is, Earl Grigg stood at the entrance of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Sunday greeting worshippers as they arrived.

After the service he was the honored guest at an ice cream and cake reception in honor of his 100th birthday.

Grigg was born Nov. 14, 1903 in Merritt Township in rural Munger, the eldest son of William and Jennie (Francis) Grigg. His brothers, Morley and Elmer and sister Grace (Herman) Labrenz are deceased.

His grandfather, William Grigg with his brother, Robert, emigrated from Canada and cleared the trees to establish German Road. Five years later they returned to Canada and married the Irwin

sisters, Martha and Matilda, and came back to settle in Munger. The brothers furnished the wood to build the Presbyterian Church in Munger. It was closed several years ago and is now serving another denomination.

One reason for Earl's long life is his belief that hard work never hurt anyone and today he still stacks a very neat pile of firewood.

Earl married Delia Mielens Oct. 5, 1927 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bay City. They farmed near Munger and raised 4 children. They are Neal and Sharon Grigg, Munger, Betty and Darrell Fuller, Caro. His eldest son, Lyle, (Pauline) died in June 2003 and Eldon (Grace) died in February 1976.

He lost his wife in March 2002, after 74 1/2 years together. He has 9 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Oct. 9, 2003 he was surprised by his granddaughter and family with a horse-drawn wagon ride around the section in Novesta Township near his home. It was a nice fall day and the trip was enjoyed by all with cider and donuts.

It brought back many good memories of farming with horses. It hardly seems necessary to point out that Earl Grigg is the oldest member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cass City.

Judging by his appearance Sunday, it looks like he may have the honor for many years ahead.



THE GIRLS kept busy each Thursday afternoon during the quilting class under the watchful eyes of (left) Linda Guza and Michelle Zdrojewski. (See story, page 5)

Project GREEN grant proposals sought by MSU

Project GREEN (Generating Research and Extension to meet Environmental and Economic Needs), the state's plant agriculture initiative at Michigan State University, has issued its request for proposals (RFP) for fiscal year 2004 projects and continuation of fiscal year 2002 and 2003 projects that received tentative multiyear awards.

Project GREEN is seeking projects that will benefit Michigan's plant-based agriculture industry in response to critical priorities identified by the state's plant commodity groups.

Proposals will be accepted in each of the following program areas: basic research, applied research and Extension/education/demonstration. Proposals must clearly identify how projects will affect the economic and environmental aspects of Michigan agriculture and respond to Michigan plant industry priorities.

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Neighbors helping

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"My father had a stroke last spring in Minnesota and was no longer able to drive, and we put him into an assisted living (facility)," she explained. "I quickly found out how isolated he was and how much he needed someone to help out."

Losing the ability to drive is a major adjustment for anyone, and having to ask for rides all the time is difficult, Roche said. "As far as transportation, it's very costly for the elderly."

Fader, who prefers to match volunteers with residents in their own communities, said most of her volunteers live in the Caro, Akron and Fairgrove areas.

Currently, the program is serving about 20 county residents.

"The biggest request we have is for transportation," Fader said. "We also do light housekeeping and meal preparation, and we're doing some small home repairs. But we also do telephone reassurance, friendly visiting and help with laundry."

The services are all free, but donations are accepted, according to Fader, "and that money goes right back into the program."

Volunteers undergo a 2-hour training session before they are matched with a resident in need of assistance.

Fader said recruiting volunteers is among her biggest challenges. "I also have to assess the care receivers," she noted, "and I have to match this \$35,000 grant. After 30

months, they (Johnson Foundation officials) assume that the directors have raised enough money to continue the programs."

Towards that end, Fader has coordinated a number of fundraisers throughout the county. It's important to keep the program running, she said, because the program is meeting a very real need in the community.

"There are a lot of agencies out there, and they're good agencies, but they can't provide all of the services," Fader added. "We're trying to step in and help these folks."

"In our program, age makes no difference - a disabled person could be 18 or 19 years old," she said. "And income, we don't even ask."

The bottom line, according to Fader, is that the program is enabling some residents to continue living normal lives. "That's our whole goal," she said, "so they can remain independent and in their own homes."

As for the volunteers, Roche indicated her time spent helping someone else with transportation and household chores has been satisfying. "It's nice to know you're helping someone who actually needs help," she said.

Editor's note: Residents who need assistance or who want to learn more about the Tuscola County Volunteers-in-Action can contact Fader by call the organization's toll-free number, 1-877-693-6183.

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IGA building sold

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"Meanwhile, I received a call from a lady in the Grand Rapids area. She needed a copy of our sign ordinance to determine if the standard sign they use complies with our ordinance," Sheridan added. "She would not tell me exactly what was up."

Sheridan said he also believes some local contractors have been contacted for quotes related to painting and building repair or maintenance.

The former IGA store has been closed since October 2000 when then-business owner Dan Willis, who had been leasing the building from Gary Sefton, closed up shop after 4 years in Cass City. The business was previously operated by Harry Lenda for many years.

The property was annexed to the village in 1999 in order to receive village water service.

Equipment inside the store was sold at auction last January to satisfy a personal property tax debt.

The sale, ordered by Elkland Township Treasurer Art Randall, included a variety of freezers, coolers, display cases and racks, cooking appliances, cash registers and other items. There were 150 bidders in all, and Randall later reported sale proceeds would come close to covering the amount owed. The tax debt, spanning 3 years, was estimated at \$10,000 to \$12,000.

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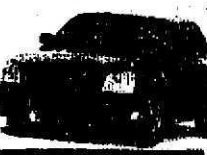
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