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## Probe into accident continues

The Huron County Sheriff's Department is continuing its investigation into the death of an Owendale grain elevator worker last week.

Huron County Sheriff Kent D. Tibbitts identified the victim as Robert J. McPhail, 60, of Owendale.

Tibbitts said his department received a 911 call from KBC Trading and Processing, 3580 Fourth St., Tuesday at about 9:57 a.m. The caller reported an employee was trapped underneath a 2,000-pound bag of black beans.

Tibbitts said McPhail died when the bag shifted and fell, pinning him against a retaining wall. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Huron County Medical Examiner Dr. Richard Lockard.

There were no eyewitnesses, according to investi-

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**CASS CITY DPW crew members were up early Thursday morning, cleaning up in the midst of a violent wind storm that packed gusts of up to 60 miles per hour, downing trees and power lines. More than 1,000 utility customers in the Thumb lost power during the storm.**

## Christmas in the Village

### Annual holiday celebration gets underway Sunday

Cass City's biggest promotion of the holiday season is right around the corner, and this year's "Christmas in the Village" celebration promises to be bigger and better than ever.

The Cass City Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and other organizations are again joining forces to sponsor the month-long event, which offers bargains galore for area shoppers as well as an old-fashioned celebration with activities for the whole family.

The event gets underway Sunday with a town-wide open house planned for noon to 4 p.m.

There will be great values and personal service throughout the downtown district, according to chamber Director Kay Warner, who noted shoppers are welcome to stop at the municipal building for refreshments and to view the Cass City Historical Society's toy display.

New this year will be a free movie for the kids, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Cass Theatre.

Shoppers can enjoy a 10 percent discount on their purchases with "Cass City Cash", which can be purchased at the chamber office, located in the municipal building. The "cash" spends just like legal tender at participating businesses.

This year there will be \$10,000 worth of Cass City Cash - twice the amount available for purchase last year.

"It went so fast last year," Warner said, adding organizers have also made it easier for local businesses to participate in the promotion. "All 3 banks are taking it, so it's no hardship on the businesses. It's dollar for dollar, so it's really good for them."

This year's Christmas in the Village Holiday Extravaganza has been scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 6, with a host

of activities, including a craft show at Cass City High School from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch, catered by Northwood Meadows, will be available at the show from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and there will be 50/50 drawings during the day.

Also on tap is the Friends of the Library annual home tour, slated for 1 to 5 p.m., with free shuttle service again provided by Curtis Chrysler. The kids are invited to bring a toy and enjoy a free matinee at the Cass Theatre at 2 p.m. The toys will be distributed to needy children through the Cass City Rotary's Christmas for Kids program.

New this year is a Chili Cook-off featuring the culinary talents at 25 different participating businesses.

The fun will continue at 5 p.m. with a big community gathering. This year's event has been moved from the corner of Seeger and Main

streets to Rotary Park. Free bean soup will be served along with hot chocolate and cookies. The popular car-

riage/sleigh rides are also returning, and Santa Claus will make his grand arrival.

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## Huron West Nile victim recovering

In spite of the arrival of cold weather, county health officials urge residents to remain vigilant when it comes to the risk of West Nile Virus, particularly those planning trips south.

A Huron County woman is recovering from a mild case of West Nile Virus, the first confirmed case in Huron and Tuscola counties and the sixth case in Michigan this year.

"We did not have any birds test positive (for West Nile) in Huron County, so we can not say she was bitten by a mosquito in Huron County,"

said Gretchen Tenbusch, health officer for Huron and Tuscola counties.

Tenbusch said the victim, a 42-year-old woman who was never hospitalized, could have contracted the virus anywhere.

Which is why health officials continue to recommend ways residents can reduce their risk. Those suggestions include reducing the number of mosquitoes by draining sources of standing water where the insects can lay their eggs and breed.

"We should be past the mosquito season now (in the Thumb)," Tenbusch said, "but we're telling people to take care of these things."

Those planning a trip to a warmer state are also encouraged to protect themselves by applying insect repellent containing DEET, wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors, and installing or repairing window and door screens.

Residents are asked to report any dead birds (crows or blue jays) they see to a local health department or through the web-based report system at [www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus](http://www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus).

West Nile Virus is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. The virus can infect people, horses and many types of birds.

Most people who become infected with West Nile Virus will have no symptoms, but some may become ill 3 to 15 days after being bitten. Based on preliminary evidence, about one in 4 infected persons will have mild symptoms such as fever, headache and body aches, occasionally with a rash and swollen lymph glands.

In 2002, Michigan had the second highest number of West Nile Virus human cases in the nation, with 644 cases, including 51 deaths.

## Petitions due Nov. 25

### Village election deadline nearing

Area residents interested in running for a village council seat have less than a week to file the required paperwork.

Candidates must file nominating petitions by 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25.

According to Cass City Village Clerk-Treasurer Joyce Bemus, candidates must obtain a minimum of 6 signatures.

Candidate must be village residents and registered voters in the village. Petitions are available at the municipal building during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Bemus said anyone planning to seek election as a write-in candidate must also file some paperwork.

"If we need a primary, a write-in candidate must file a 'declaration of intent'" by Feb. 13 at 4 p.m., she explained, adding if no primary election is needed, the declaration must be filed with the village by March 5 at 4 p.m. "If that's not filed, the votes are not counted," Bemus said.

The spring elections are scheduled for Monday, March 8. A primary election, if needed, will be held Monday, Feb. 16.

It should be an interesting election year in Cass City, where voters will elect 4, possibly 5, new council members. The council consists of 7 members in all.

Trustee Don Ball resigned his position in September, and 3 council members - Village President Les Karr and trustees Cathy Kropewnicki and Steve Wright - all confirmed last month that they won't be seeking reelection in the spring. A fourth trustee, Matt Priesskorn, said he had not made a decision yet.

The candidate elected to Ball's seat will serve a 2-year term. The president's seat is also a 2-year term, and the remaining trustees will be elected to terms of 4 years each.

Trustees whose seats are not expiring are Dale McIntosh and Dawn Hollis.

The council has been under fire for the past several weeks over a dispute with local VFW members over the

patriotic mural/sign painted on the post's annex building in Cass City. Village officials say the painting violates local zoning laws. VFW members disagree and refuse to seek a zoning variance. Both sides have referred the issue to their attorneys.

Bemus said 3 individuals had picked up nominating petitions as of Monday morning, and one of those petitions has been returned and filed so far.

In other area villages:

•**Kingston** - Three, 4-year terms and one, 3-year term are expiring. The 4-year seats are currently held by trustees Laura Davidson, Robin LaFond and Donald "Randy" Lyons. The available 3-year term is available as a result of James Brandibur's resignation.

Voters will also fill the 2-year seats of president, clerk and treasurer. Arlo Ruggles is currently president and Beverly J. Heron serves as both treasurer and clerk.

•**Ubley** - Voters will elect 3 trustees as well as village

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**ORGANIZERS OF Cass City's annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner expect 300 to 350 people to attend this year's dinner, slated for Thursday, Nov. 27, starting at noon at the Cass City VFW Hall.**

## Organizers expect 300 to attend community meal

A small group of faithful and hard-working volunteers is gearing for what they figure will be another busy Community Thanksgiving Dinner in Cass City.

"With the nature of the economy, I think we're looking at what has been our standard the last few years - 300 to 350 people," said Scott Mills, who heads the committee. "We've been having right around that number for the past 4 or 5 years."

This year's dinner will be held Thursday, Nov. 27, beginning at noon at the Cass City VFW Hall.

Although tough economic times might spell a larger attendance, the annual community dinner is not a charity event.

The tradition was started about 16 years ago by a group of residents who wanted to offer members of the community, particularly those who might otherwise spend the holiday alone, an opportunity to celebrate the holiday together.

"The idea grew out of

people having to sit home alone, people who don't have family in the area," Mills explained. "The purpose was to sit as a family and community."

The idea proved popular. About 80 dinners were served the first year and the number has grown steadily since.

The dinner is truly a community affair. All of the food and labor is donated. The Knights of Columbus, for example, purchases the turkeys. Kathy and Douglas Kruse, the owners of Sutter's Bakery, quickly offered to take over the task of cooking the birds last year following the death of longtime Sutter's Bakery owner Tom Sutter.

Local high school students, meanwhile, prepare the dressing, which is cooked by employees at Hills and Dales General Hospital. Some area businesses also donate to the cause, and most of the local service clubs are involved in one way or another, as are area churches.

And, Mills pointed out, members of VFW Post 3644, Cass City, continue to be faithful in offering the use of the post hall.

A key ingredient to the success of the dinner each year is volunteer labor.

"The core group - there's probably 8 people who are involved every year behind the scenes," said Mills, who noted Cass City High School students help out each year along with college students who volunteered when they were in high school and now continue that tradition when they return home during their holiday break.

"Of course, we can always use more volunteers to help with serving and clean-up," Mills added.

The dinner is a big operation. Aside from about 16 turkeys and 30 dozen dinner rolls, volunteers expect to prepare and serve some 180 pounds of potatoes, 2 roasters full of squash, 3 large roasters of dressing, 8 pounds of corn and dozens of pies.



**AIR FORCE MASTER Sgt. Jason K. Jezewski works as an aircrew egress systems section chief at Aviano Air Base in northeastern Italy. The combined NATO and American base provides combat support in its cover zone of southern Europe, the Balkans, the Middle East and northern Africa. (See story, page 16)**



# Book fair Nov. 18-21

Cass City Middle School will host a Scholastic Book Fair Tuesday, Nov. 18, through Friday, Nov. 21, in the media center.

The book fair hours are: Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 18 and 19, from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 20, from 8:15 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Friday, Nov. 21, from 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Building classroom libraries is one goal of the book fair. Visitors can purchase and donate requested books for any classroom's library. A bookplate is then placed in the book to acknowledge the donor.

The book fair features traditional children's favorites and new works by popular authors and illustrators. A special family event, Thursday, from 3:15 to 7 p.m., will feature door prizes for adults in attendance. Everyone is welcome.

## Engaged



Laura O'Dell and Jordan Kellicut

Duane and Kathy O'Dell of Deford announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Ann, to Jordan Allen Kellicut, son of Steve and Tracie Kellicut of Vestaburg. Laura is the granddaughter of Irene Tracy of Cass City. Laura and Jordan are currently attending Great Lakes Christian College in Lansing and will be graduating in 2005.

The wedding ceremony will take place May 22, 2004 in St. Johns.

## It's a girl!



Magdalena Guinther

Randy Guinther and Jennifer Fruehndt announce the birth of their daughter, Magdalena Anne Guinther. Magdalena arrived Oct. 17, 2003. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long.

They reside near St. Louis, Mo.

Maternal grandparents are Ann and Allen Fruehndt of St. Louis and paternal grandparents are Jim and Joann Guinther of Cass City.

## Soybean facts

More than 2,000 new soyfoods were created and made available from 1985 to 1995. Overall soyfood sales grew by 13 percent in 2002 to reach \$3.65 billion in the United States.



Meg's Peg  
The cricket  
by Melva E. Guinther

We received considerable feedback after our column about de-cluttering. Apparently we're not alone in the struggle to free ourselves of stuff.

A couple readers confessed that they'd actually added on to their houses in order to accommodate the clutter. I know better than to attempt that solution. We'd have that addition full to overflowing before the last board was nailed. Stuff automatically expands to fill the space available.

We erected a good-sized 2-car garage a few years back, but it didn't help eliminate the problem. Within no time we could barely get the vehicles in.

We also have a shed, back storeroom and basement full. Cluttered houses are hard to clean, even if you're into cleaning. I may have stumbled upon a partial solution. Get someone to release a cricket in an unknown location.

One day we began hearing an intermittent chirping sound somewhere in the dining room. Of course, we tried to track it down, running around with ears to the walls, checking the basement, etc. We finally narrowed it down to the corner where the desk sits.

The space behind that desk hadn't known a vacuum or duster for some time. Chasing the chirp, we moved the desk out, only to discover that the sound was now in a different corner of the room. Clever little rascal!

While the desk was away from the wall, it was only sensible to clean there before putting it back.

Next came the corner where we have an old cupboard — full of stuff. In the process of cleaning that area, we concluded that the pesky cricket either had company or the ability to throw his voice, because the sound seemed to be echoing from behind the piano.

He continued to elude us even after we invested in some electronic gadgets designed to discourage annoying insects. That blasted cricket was smarter than the both of us.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maurer

## Maurers mark 65th anniversary

Fred and Grace Maurer of Ubyly were honored on their 65th wedding anniversary with a special anniversary blessing at St. John's Catholic Church, Ubyly, and a family dinner at the Franklin Inn, Bad Axe.

Fred and Grace (Leppek) were married in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Parisville, Oct. 24, 1938. Their bridal party consisted of Irene (Leppek) Hoskins, John Maurer and Esther (Glaza) Polega, Neil Maurer and Clara (Maurer) Polk, and Herman Kociba and Helen (Maurer) O'Berski.

The couple has four children: Doris (Carl) Kolar of Sterling Heights, Marilyn (Jim) Mastie of Cass City, Fred (Raddie) Maurer of Perry, and Gene (Barb) Maurer of Grand Blanc. They also have seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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Talking on the phone while driving has become a matter of controversy, along with applying makeup, reading and eating behind the wheel.

However you feel about it, just be thankful you didn't encounter the truck driver who crashed his semitrailer while trying to change his clothes, driving 60 miles an hour on US-6 in LaPorte County, Indiana, last week.

He wasn't seriously hurt, according to reports. Still, you have to think his pride suffered when he was found naked at the crash scene by a female who went to help after he rolled off the road and through 2 fences, not to mention trying to explain it to the police.



GERALD & GERALDINE Prieskorn celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, Oct. 17, 2003. This past July their family gathered for a week's vacation on Drummond Island in recognition. Their family consists of Cara of Polk, Nebraska; Susan of Denver, Colo.; Jeff (Martha) of Texarkana, TX; Matt (Dawn) of Cass City; and Rebecca (John) Keables of Tucson, Ariz.; and seven grandchildren. Gerald and Geraldine met in kindergarten in the former middle school.

### Community Thanksgiving Dinner

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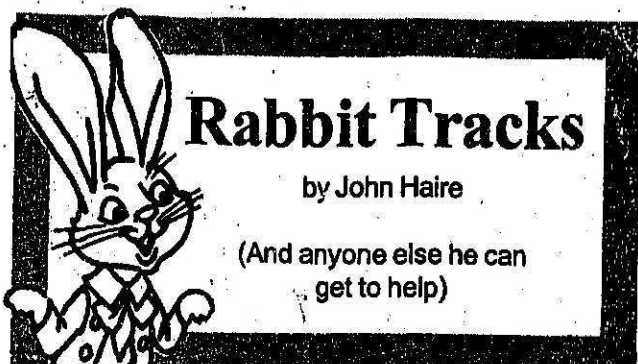
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It would be great if the athletic directors at area schools made a Monday game a must for girls' basketball. Not any Monday, just one like last week's. The teams played in isolation. There were no football, soccer, golf games, no other basketball games, no competition for the attention of the fans or of the media.

The result was that the schools received a big play with pictures in the Bad Axe Tribune, Bay City Times and Saginaw News.

Of course, Reese and Cass City were playing for the Greater Thumb West lead and that helped.

So does the caliber of play that the girls exhibit. The improvement made in the last dozen years is almost unbelievable.

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In the November 6 game against Unionville-Sebewaing, Cass City pep band made its first appearance at a basketball game. It probably was able to attend because the football season was over.

Regardless, it added a lot to the excitement of the game and revved up the fans and the players.

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A few weeks ago our aim was to visit a recommended restaurant in downtown Milford. That day Milford was in the throes of a community-wide celebration and the main stem through town was blocked off.

That's why we ended up at Hector & Jimmy's on Milford Road, a mile or so north from downtown.

It's new, less than a year old, and a pleasant place to eat. It features a wide variety of ales, perhaps 10 different kinds. I selected Bass Ale that was good, but for \$4.48 for a glass not an order I would repeat.

My meal was chicken gumbo soup, 14-ounce New York strip steak, red skin potatoes, bread and salad. Esther's was a 10-ounce tenderloin steak, rice pilaf, bread and tea. The meals were good, but not outstanding. Total cost including tip was \$45.36.

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## Nov. 20 at middle school

# Cake bake auction set

Members of Cass City Cub Scout Pack 3594 invite area residents to its annual Cub and Pal Cake Bake Auction Thursday, Nov. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at Cass City Middle School.

Each Cub Scout, along with an adult, makes a cake to be judged in the following categories: Best in Scout Theme, Most Original, Funniest, Largest, Longest, Grand Prize Winner, Patriotic Theme, Yummiest Looking, Tallest, Smallest, Most Original Creation, Christmas Theme, and Judges' Choice.

The boys and their pals work hard and put all their creative energy to work to create a wonderful variety of culinary delights.

Dave, Marty and Tavis Osentoski of Osentoski Auctioneers again are donating their time and talents to auction the cakes to the highest bidder.

All proceeds go to "Cass City Christmas for Kids," a project sponsored by the Cass City Rotary Club.

## Lighting ceremony at hospital

Add to the brilliance of the season by attending the tree lighting ceremony of "The Caring Tree" Thursday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

This will be the second annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, and the public is invited to donate, in advance, \$5 or more to illuminate the tree in honor or memory of a loved one. The names will be posted on a Donor Tree in the hospital lobby and read the night of the ceremony.

The tree will be located inside the gazebo and later be planted as part of the hospital landscape.

For more information, contact Susan Lautner at 989-872-5476 (ext. 334). All checks should be made payable to "The Caring Tree HDGH".



JACOB Kittle, 9, Cass City, won "Yummiest Looking" honors for his cake at last year's Cub and Pal Cake Bake Auction.



There are many ways to spend money when it is flowing freely, but when the stream slows to a trickle the schools that were cautious in the good times are better prepared to weather the bad times.

I can recall Cass City Schools Superintendent Ken Micklash saying that spending caution should be the watchword because the money from the state might change due to economic conditions.

When state funding took over in place of property taxes it provided a gusher of money to Cass City Schools that was operating at one of the lower expenditures per pupil in the state.

There were some increases in programs, but most of the extra money was spent on building and grounds and increasing the amount in the contingency fund. It now stands at about \$1.6 million.

The Michigan Education Association is beating the drums for shifting funds from schools that have been preparing for a downturn with large reserves to those that are already operating in a deficit situation. It's true that some districts with steadily declining enrollment are in tough shape, but solving their problem with funds from schools that manage well and spend frugally is not an equitable solution.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm's ordered cut of \$196 per pupil would cost the Cass City District \$300,000, but Micklash doesn't believe the cut will be that large when the whole mess is sorted out.

The computer for every student in one grade hasn't been officially cancelled and that with other cuts would reduce the proposed reduction in state aid.

Long term, Micklash points out that the reduction in state aid as it stands would have about 70 percent of the schools closing early.

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## The back forty

by Roger Pond

It happens every year. Someone sees a deer and decides this is his last chance to bag one before the season closes. Never mind that the deer is standing next to a road, 50 yards from a house, and within 200 yards of two dozen more houses.

This happened near Beaverton, Oregon this fall, upsetting neighbors to the point they called a community-meeting-to-lobby-for-laws against hunting where homes are plentiful. These folks have every right to be upset, and the shooter (who might be guilty of reckless endangerment) will be going to court.

My question is, "How do we legislate against poor judgment? Do we need more laws, or a little bit of common sense?"

One of the more interesting (and funny) presentations at sportsmen's shows is a state patrol video of hunters illegally shooting at deer and elk decoys. These videos show that some folks have an overwhelming tendency to break the law.

One incident involves a patrol car staked out near an elk decoy. A car comes down the road, and the driver is so distracted by the elk decoy he runs off the road! The car rolls into the ditch and onto the driver's side door.

Just as the patrolman was beginning to worry that his decoy might have caused a wreck for an innocent motorist, the passenger side door opens very slowly on top of the crashed car. The driver pops out and takes a shot at the decoy!

I can recall another incident that occurred 20 years ago - not far from my house. A hunter walked out of the woods, through a couple of back yards, and down the road where his truck was parked.

It so happens one of the yards this fellow walked through belonged to the publisher of the local newspaper. This resulted in an editorial suggesting a "No Hunting Zone" within three miles of town: "It's just too dangerous to have folks hunting close to that many houses."

Several people wrote the newspaper saying, "Welcome to the club! We live nowhere near town, and

hunters park in our driveways, walk through our yards, and shoot without regard for our families, livestock, or anything else."

"Why should we have to tolerate suburban residents who want to come out and play? Maybe we should make the buffer zone 50 miles from town."

They have a point, I think. I've heard a number of landowners say, "Someday I'm going to take my tent to the city and pitch it in one of those guys' front yards."

Coincidentally, the only firearms accident I ever saw involved the newspaper publisher mentioned earlier. Steve and I were good

friends and hunted together often.

One day we were skinning a deer behind a rancher's bunkhouse (less than 30 yards from the house), when a guy without a lick of sense jumped a bunch of quail nearby and began shooting. A couple of shotgun pellets hit Steve.

The pellets didn't penetrate the skin, but they made him awfully mad. This was 20 miles from town and several miles from the nearest house (not counting the one we were very close to).

This tells me that hunting safety and common sense are just as important out in the country as they are near town.

## The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday .....	51	33	.01"
Wednesday .....	55	33	.05"
Thursday .....	37	26	0
Friday .....	47	26	0
Saturday .....	47	31	.12"
Sunday .....	44	39	.02"
Monday .....	48	39	.29"

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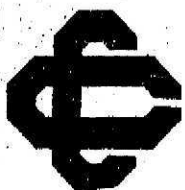
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# God Bless Cass City!

Ray & Marlene Donaldson



## Cass City Public Schools PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

### HIGH SCHOOL SUCCESS ENCOURAGED

The following information was taken from, Partnership for Learning, a Lansing based nonprofit education resource center which provides information to schools and parents about how to help students succeed.

"While your child was in elementary and middle school, he/she needed you so much. Now that your family has a teenager, does that mean you can sit back and relax? Anyone with a teen knows that is a laugh. Your high school child needs your involvement more, not less. With more homework, after school activities, driving lessons and a growing number of friends, your teen needs you to be on the ball all the time.

The key to success in the teen years?

• Be involved. Know your child's friends. Who he/she hangs out with. Who he/she looks up to. Where the friends live and who their parents are. It's okay to be nosy about these things - this is your child.

• Know the adults in your student's life - his/her teachers, principals and counselors. Check out the resources available in the counseling office. Pretty soon your child will be looking for a college or post high school job and the counseling office has plenty to offer.

• Don't wait until a crisis occurs to learn about your child's homework load. Encourage him/her in his schoolwork. Ask about upcoming quizzes and tests. Set a firm schedule for studying before other activities, including TV and computer time.

• Go to open houses and parent/teacher conferences. Go to games and activities and offer to chaperone at dances, parties and other activities.

• Listen to your teen. Sometimes the best time to talk might be the worst time for you, but the payoff is priceless if your child feels supported and loved by his/her parents.

• Talk to your child about responsible behavior, from dating to drugs and alcohol, to interacting with other people. Talk about respect and kind attitudes toward adults and other students, especially those who might be lonely or different.

Enjoy your children, because they grow up fast. Questions can be sent to me at 4868 N. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726. Thank you.

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## Red Hawk Talks

by Kristi Fluegge

You have just finished your meal at the cafeteria and you throw away your uneaten food, food wrappers, milk carton, utensils, and napkins into the trash can. You don't think about that waste ever again. That day, it's trash pickup day so when you get home you push your similar cans out to the curb so that big truck can slowly haul it away. Have you ever wondered about where that truck was heading? Near the end of the previous school year our hearing impaired classroom asked that such question.

A field trip to a landfill and recycling plant was where their inspiration began. Mrs. Matlock, our hearing impaired teacher, who lives in Bay City, simply thought everyone recycled. This may be part of the reason she was shocked to learn our school was not recycling. The visitation to the landfill made a huge impression on the students.

When visiting the Recycling Plant in Caro they were told our school was the only one in the area not recycling. That is when they decided to help change things. The first thing they did was ask the school board for a trailer that was necessary to haul the trash from our school to the plant. After the board approved the trailer, it was a breeze. Don't worry Mrs. Matlock, I am just joking! Actually this couldn't be farther from the truth. Recycling this year has been really hard work for seven students and their teachers.

Mark Taylor was very knowledgeable when it came to answering my questions. Every day Mark and his fellow classmates have a job to do. Collecting lunch trays is a daily task (during their own lunch time). Thursday they collect the high school's trash, Wednesday the middle school's and on Fridays they collect from the elementary.

Nearly every day they have hours of work put in on this project. At lunchtime these helpers are still directing our high school students where to put their trays, but the middle school and elementary have already caught on.

Our high school students have a small problem learn-

ing how to throw away their trash in the correct containers. Hopefully this will catch on and the program should run by itself eventually.

I would like to personally applaud Jared Ferris, Anthony Kurtz, Justin Presley, Adam Czekai, Joseph Ellithorpe, Daniel Storee, Mark Taylor and their teachers for working so hard to start something really good for our school and community.

Did you know Americans generate trash at an astonishing rate of four pounds per day per person, which is 210 million tons per year! Some of this trash gets recycled and burned, but the majority is buried in landfills. After hearing a few surprising and amazing statistics I was really glad to learn our school is choosing to recycle.

Trash put in a landfill does not break down rapidly. In fact, when old landfills have been sampled, 40-year-old newspapers have been found with easily readable print. Landfills are not designed to break down trash but merely to bury it. When a landfill closes, the site must be monitored and maintained for up to 30 years.

I thought I would share with you a few of the shocking statistics I found interesting: recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for 3 hours. Enough aluminum is thrown away to rebuild our commercial air fleet four times every year. Just recycling aluminum or paper reduces pollution by 95%, each ton saves 60 lbs. of air pollution. We use enough plastic wrap to wrap all of Texas every year! Last, but not least - if we recycled every plastic bottle we used we would keep 2 billion tons of plastic out of landfills. These statistics not only affect you, but also our children's future! I am really glad our school is now doing their part to ensure a healthier future for their students.

Thanks to the hard work of the hearing impaired students, teachers, and support from the school board and staff.

See ya next week in the Red Hawk Talks.

## Several face felony charges

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

•Jennifer M. Mester, 29, Caro, was sentenced to 360 days in the county jail, with work release, and 36 months probation for her jury trial conviction on 8 counts of embezzlement by an agent or trustee.

She was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$2,880, restitution of \$1,585.60 plus another \$1,389.20 to cover prosecution costs in the case.

Court records state the crimes took place between May 4 and Oct. 5, 2000, while Mester was an employee of Caro Dental Health. Four of the charges involved amounts of less than \$200 and the remaining 4 counts involved amounts of \$200 to \$1,000.

•Michael A. Helm, 18, Caro, pleaded guilty to fleeing a police officer, fourth degree, and driving while his license was suspended or revoked Aug. 7 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation is to be scheduled.

•Jennifer N. Slone, 21, Millington, was sentenced to 24 months probation for her plea of no contest to attempted third degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years between February and March in Vassar Township.

She was also ordered to undergo mental therapy/counseling.

selling, complete her high school education and pay \$1,280 in costs and fines.

•Michael F. Wissinger, 27, Montrose, was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with work release, and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, May 2 in Arbel Township. The jail time was deferred pending Wissinger's satisfactory completion of a substance abuse program.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$4,770.

•Ronald W. Russell, 61, Reese, pleaded guilty to possession of a weapon by a felon July 6-7 in Reese, and to being a habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

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

•Craig O. Clark, 29, Millington, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Aug. 24 in Millington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$1,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Gary L. Sharp, 26, Vassar, pleaded guilty to attempted assaulting a police officer Aug. 2 in Vassar.

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

## Thumb Ag Day Dec. 11 in Ubly

Thumb Ag Day is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 11, at Ubly Heights Country Club in Ubly.

The program this year will feature educational opportunities, along with a chance to visit with more than 75 agribusinesses that will have exhibits at this year's program.

Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. to view exhibits and educational programs will start at 9:30 a.m.

This year's educational programs will include: "A Market Update" by Dr. Jim Hilker, MSU Agricultural Economics Department; "Worker Exposure to Pesticides During Seed Corn Production" by Larry Olsen, MSU IMP & Pesticide Education Department; and "Shop, Equipment & Pesticide Safety" by Craig Anderson, Manager, Farm Bureau Regulator Compliance Assistance Program; and Jeff Rogers, Farm Bureau Risk Management Service. Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP) credits available pending notification from the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Lunch is \$6 per person. For more information, please call your local MSU Extension Office in Huron County at (989) 269-9949, in Sanilac County at (810) 648-2515, or Tuscola County at (989) 672-3870. Thumb Ag Day is sponsored by Michigan State University Extension and supported by local agricultural businesses.

## Distribution of food set in December

The Human Development Commission (HDC) will hold its Tuscola County Temporary Emergency Food Distribution (TEFAP - yellow card registration) Dec. 5, at the HDC Warehouse, 165 Butler St., Caro, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Persons who wish to participate in this distribution are invited to appear in person at the designated site and time mentioned above, and bring a bag or box with them.

For further information, please contact HDC in Caro at (989) 673-4121, or call toll-free at 1-800-843-6394.



## Bulldog Beat

by Laura Enderle

Who makes the school go 'round? Everyone can state the obvious: students, teachers, principals, superintendents and secretaries. What about the ones who wash the floors and fix the desks? These people are what some may consider workers behind the scenes. I think we all agree it would be hard to come to school without all the hard work they put into their jobs.

Owen-Gage schools employs 5 different custodians. Each one has their separate duties, but they all work together to keep our school clean and safe.

When I interviewed Maurice Winchester, "Moe", and Todd Rockeffeller, "Rocky", both of them quickly corrected me about their job title. They are not custodians, they are maintenance supervisors. I soon found out their duties go far beyond emptying the garbage.

Moe has worked at the school for a total of 10 years. He started out at the elementary part-time and is now full-time, year round at the high school. Moe had been through extensive training to gain proper knowledge of not only maintenance, but he also serves as the school's transportation supervisor. He has been through numerous courses such as boiler operation training, asbestos training, life-saving skills, drug and alcohol awareness and much more.

Moe does not have a tight everyday schedule, but normally starts his day at 6 in the morning with a 116-point check for all the buses, and ends the day at 4 in the afternoon with his bus route. Between that time he does anything from checking the boiler, doing lawn work or cleaning out the gutters. Moe said the job he hates most is cleaning up accidents from students who get sick, but he'll do any job regardless of what it is.

Rocky has worked side by side with Moe for 3 years now and is also a full-time, year round employee. Rocky's education includes Owen-Gage High School, boiler control training, and simply being a good old farm boy all his life. Rocky has his daily checks which include all the rooms, offices, boilers, trash, and temperatures. Aside from that he works on all the maintenance, which varies from fixing desks, shoveling snow, to waiting patiently for a half an hour to have the girls get out of the bathroom to fix a leaky toilet. When I asked Rocky what some of his worst jobs are, he grinned and said, "Any job is what you make of it. I try to have a good time doing everything." Which he proves true, I have never seen him doing a job without a smile on his face.

Tammy Timmons and Karen Gaeth also share duties at the high school.

Tammy works after school hours usually from 2:30-8:30 p.m. She cleans all the floors and classrooms. On game nights she stays late to clean the gym and the bathrooms. She also helps where she can with the maintenance of the school and is a trained bus driver.

Karen is in charge of cleaning the boys' and girls' locker rooms and the kitchen. Her dedication to the school goes beyond cleaning though; she is a morning and afternoon crossing guard, kitchen staff, bus driver, and was recently hired as the J.V. girls' volleyball coach. Both Tammy and Karen have subbed cleaning at the elementary on special occasions. They say the elementary is a bigger job because the little students don't pick up as well as high schoolers.

Dawn Dorsch is the brave lady who tackles the elementary by herself. She is going on her fourth year at Owen-Gage and is very enthusiastic about her job. She says despite cleaning up after so many little kids in the bathroom, she adores her job. She helps out in any way she can in the elementary and feels especially important when the students call her "Miss Dawn".

When I asked each employee what they like most about their job, each one smiled sincerely and said it was the students.

Rocky told me he likes them so much because he gets to be around people his own age all day. Despite their admiration for the students it still irks them every time they have to clean up gum or fix a broken desk. In general, they feel a great deal of respect from all the students and staff at Owen-Gage. "What other job could you have and have the personal satisfaction of taking care of a family this size?" Rocky expressed. Moe stated, "Whatever comes up, we tackle."

So keep up the good work, you're a great team!

## Weather slows down harvest

Wet, cold weather slowed corn harvest during October, according to the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service. Some highlights of the November Crop Production report were:

\* The corn yield, 129 bushels per acre, remained the same as the Oct. 1 forecast, but up 14 bushels from 2002. About 51 percent of the crop was harvested by Nov. 1, which was behind schedule.

\* The soybean yield, 27 bushels per acre, was down 5 bushels from last month's forecast and 11.5 bushels below last year. About 97 percent of the crop was harvested by the beginning of November.

\* The sugarbeet yield of 18.5 tons per acre was up .5 tons from last month's estimate. The harvest was 94 percent completed by the beginning of November, slightly ahead of schedule.

## Letter to the editor

## Policy promotes theft in school

Our school system, at least in the lower grades, has set up a policy that promotes temptations for theft and petty stealing. Those in charge don't take enough effort to follow through when these items are reported missing. There even seems to be a lack of concern when the problem is presented to the office.

Our children are put into the care of the teachers and staff, in our absence, and need to be protected as they would their own children. Students are losing items from their school bags and some clothing, because of the school's policy not to allow those coming by bus to bring their things to their locker before going in to eat. Their belongings are simply dumped in a pile to be picked up later. I'm not talking about just simple things like clothing and school supplies but more personal items.

The students who ride buses, in most cases for well over an hour, bring personal items along to keep themselves occupied for the long ride. I'm sure the bus driver is happy over such arrangements.

My son got a hundred dollar CD player and earphones for his birthday Saturday. He brought it to show his friends on the bus Monday. When he discovered it missing af-

ter eating, he called home crying. A return phone call to the office got the reply to wait until it was turned in. The item was not lost or misplaced, it was stolen. Only after threats to bring in the police was it agreed to look further into the matter.

I would like to ask the principal and staff, if a record was made of the theft also including its value and the date it was taken. The school's unconcern about not pursuing these thefts to the limit is paramount to neglect. What lesson does the child who steals learn when he is not caught? It is obvious he is not learning it at home so who is responsible for teaching what is right and what is wrong, especially when their minds are so open at such an early age? I wonder?

I urge other parents whose children have lost items in school not to acquiesce, to let it go, but pursue the matter to a proper conclusion. Maybe we can turn unconcern to concern, even teaching about what the future holds for those who steal.

Leaving it entirely to the parents is a cop out, the easy way. Society will only pay for it in the long run. Schools are paying a stiff price right now, across the nation, because of unruly students.

David M. Parsons,  
Cass City

## Time will be spent on budgets, not rally

Many municipalities across the state were scheduled to rally on Monday, Nov. 17, to show their concerns about the governor's proposed cuts in revenue sharing for our local municipalities.

We the undersigned have been told by our state senator and representatives they intend to do everything they can do to mitigate any proposed cuts to revenue sharing. We conclude from this feedback that reductions are inevitable and rather than rally at the Tuscola County Courthouse we should use our time and resources to revise our budgets and prepare for the pending reduction.

Like all taxpayers, we want tax dollars spent on the vital

governmental services such as police, fire protection and recreation.

Your community funding comes from the sales and income tax. The money Lansing collects from us should be returned to support the local budget. Further reductions will affect vital services.

We urge you to show your support for your community by calling State Senator Jim Barcia at (517) 373-1777 and Representative Tom Meyer at (517) 373-0476.

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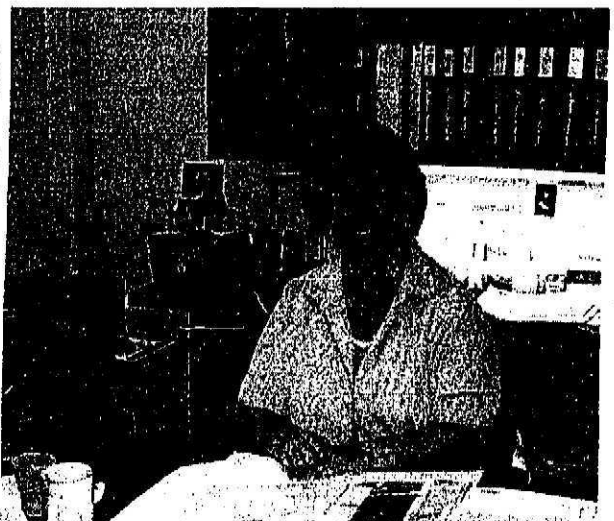
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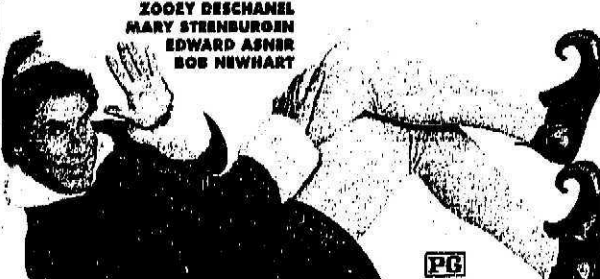
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## Kaake, Veneziano and Clark winners

Amanda Kaake, Ariel Veneziano and Zak Clark, students in grades 6 through 8, respectively, at Cass City Middle School, won the school-level competition of the Reader's Digest National Word Power Challenge, sponsored by The Campbell Soup Company, Nov. 10.

The school-level challenge, at which students answered oral and written questions on vocabulary, was the first round in the second annual Reader's Digest National Word Power Challenge.

The kickoff for this year's challenge was the early part of November, with thousands of schools across the United States participating. The school winners, including Kaake, Veneziano and Clark, will now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers in each state will be eligible to compete in their state level challenge Feb. 27.

Reader's Digest National Word Power Challenge provides an all-expenses paid trip to Colonial Williamsburg, Williamsburg, Va., for state champions and their teacher/escorts to participate in the Reader's Digest National Word Power Challenge national championship in March. A total of \$50,000 in college scholarships and other prizes will be awarded by The Campbell Soup Company to the top 3 competitors. The first place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship. The second and third place winners will receive \$15,000 and \$10,000 college scholarships, respectively.



**EIGHTEEN ALUMNI** of the Sand Valley School met for their fifth annual reunion Oct. 19 at the Charmont for dinner and reminiscing. They are: (front row, left) Connie (Bartle) Schwaderer, Dorothy (Klinkman) Taylor, Lance Robinson, Joe Windy, (second row, left) Bill Spaid, Ralph Robinson, Henry Nolan, Helen (Churchill) Mellendorf, Glenda (Churchill) Babcock, Kathleen (Bartle) Tuckey, (third row, left) Ken Klinkman, Robert Connell, Bill Hacker, Ben Gruber, Richard Easton, Glen Churchill Jr., Margaret (Churchill) Springstead and Bev (Wagner) Auten. The group plans to meet again in 2 years in October.

## Triana serving country at station in Bahrain

by Natividad Davis  
Navy Public Affairs Center

Although the war with Iraq is over, U.S. and allied troops remain in the war-torn country and neighboring regions to rebuild and provide humanitarian relief.

Among those aiding these efforts are men and women like Chief Warrant Officer 3rd

Class Rico Triana of the U.S. Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station in Bahrain.

The command provides shore, fleet and joint strategic and tactical services to many commands and pre-described Department of Defense customers throughout the Southwest Asia area of responsibility, and others as directed.

Triana, son-in-law of William and Marlene Merchant of Cass City, is the assistant supply officer. His job requires him to perform duties as a security officer for the reserve unit in Bahrain.

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The 2000 graduate of Alameda College in Oakland, Calif., commented on the contributions he has made toward his unit's mission and the challenges they've overcome during the war on terrorism.

"My biggest personal contribution was being assigned as the base assistant supply officer," he said. "The job entails many daily challenges, new projects and important tasks that must be met on a timely basis. The biggest challenge was keeping up with supply and demand, sustaining proper manning levels for the supply department and working long hours."

During the war on terrorism and with Iraq, Triana said his experiences were more personal and demanding. "There were many supply issues, more military traffic and increased shipping of goods to other countries within the area."

His Middle East assignment serves as a temporary home

away from home, which gives Triana a chance to reflect on what he misses and looks forward to when he returns. "I still miss authentic Mexican cooking and my family," he noted. "The first thing I want to do when I get home is give a huge hug and kiss to my wife, children and mother."

Triana and his fellow shipmates have endured many sacrifices and have found good in their unfamiliar surroundings.

"I enjoy the unique traditions, food and culture in Bahrain," said Triana. "I've been to more than 50 countries throughout my entire military career and have learned to adapt and meet all challenges with an open and positive mind."

Support provided by sailors like Triana make it possible for the United States and coalition forces to successfully complete their mission, and help set the foundation for the newly liberated country of Iraq.

## Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



### 5 YEARS AGO

The Cass City Red Hawks hoop squad is celebrating winning a share of the Greater Thumb West championship after disposing of the Lakers Thursday, 58-45. The win was keyed by some outstanding defense by Nicolette Zawilinski and domination in the paint by Shelly Ufig and Kara Mellendorf.

The Owen-Gage golf team recently finished another successful season. For the second year in a row, the Bulldogs took second in the North Central Thumb League. They were victorious in the league tournament held at Huron Shores in Carsonville, shooting a 356.

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs ended their regular season on a positive note Friday, defeating visiting Armada, 42-35. With the win, Coach Dave Fritz's Bulldogs will take a 5-15 mark into Wednesday's Class D district at North Huron. Owen-Gage is scheduled to face host North Huron at 6 p.m.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Cass City will lose a longstanding real estate business this year with the retirement of B.A. "Curly" Calka after more than 41 years of serving the Thumb. "I've got about 3 more deals to close and then I'm done," Calka said Friday, adding he expects to wrap things up in about a month. Calka said his decision to close up shop was based, in part, on a desire to take some time to enjoy life with his wife, Pauline, who has also put a lot of work into the business.

Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern, along with Sgt. Patrick Woidan and state police Sgt. Bill Frazek, outlined plans for the county's \$50,000 traffic enforcement grant during a press conference Thursday in Caro.

Awards were announced last week for members of the Cass City Red Hawk football team. The 1993 player of the year is John Phillips. Jason Morgan was named team captain for 1994 and also the offensive back of the year. Defensive back of the year was Davis Osentoski.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Elkland, Novesta, Greenleaf and Evergreen townships will have an ambulance service. After considerable debate Monday evening - the session running about four hours - representatives of four townships voted to contract with Elkland Township residents Jack McDaniel and Wallace (Tim) Grassman to provide ambulance service. Michigan's new returnable container law for beer, ale and carbonated soft drinks will mean higher prices, some area grocers say, but in the long run, it could save consumers money. The law, approved by voters two years ago, requires a deposit of 10 cents per container if usable by only one bottle; 5 cents if usable by more than one. Buyers get their deposits back when they return the containers.

The Christmas season sort of sneaked up this year. The extended Indian Summer fall weather makes Christmas seem a long ways away. That all changed Monday. It snowed and the village crew was busy erecting Yule decorations. Suddenly, you know it's later than you think. (From Rabbit Tracks)

### 35 YEARS AGO

Nothing's sacred

anymore...not even the deer hunting camp. Mrs. Millie Miracle showed up the men, including her husband, with an 8-point buck shot Saturday morning in the Upper Peninsula. It was Mrs. Miracle's first trophy in six years of hunting...but well worth waiting for, she said.

While a penny doesn't buy much these days, it's still possible to get plenty of enjoyment for a red cent...provided you like red hot toothpicks. For cinnamon-treated toothpicks are the latest rage at Cass City Schools these days and for a penny you can buy a day's supply. And buying a supply is the in thing for most of the grade and intermediate school children in Cass City. Today, there is more demand for a toothpick than a whole package of gum.

Jim Knoblet of Cass City, a bulwark on defense all year for Albion College, was honored last week when he was named by the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association football coaches to the All-Conference team. An offensive and defensive all-MIAA honor squad was selected. Knoblet and Rick Bensinger of Birmingham were the two Albion representatives on the defensive team.

## Holidays will close offices

Secretary of State branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed in observance of state holidays during November and December.

The offices will be closed for:

- \* Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 27, and Friday, Nov. 28;
- \* Christmas, Wednesday, Dec. 24, Thursday, Dec. 25, and Friday, Dec. 26; and
- \* New Year's, Wednesday, Dec. 31, Thursday, Jan. 1, and Friday, Jan. 2.

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## Cass City Area Church Directory

**Cass City Church of Christ**  
6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726  
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136  
Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

**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: [dcdca@band.net](mailto:dcdca@band.net)  
website: [defordcommunitychurch.org](http://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  
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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  
Biblical Counseling  
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould

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

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

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872-4637  
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Senior Pastors: Michael & Carla Arp

**Novesta Church of Christ**  
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Bible School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
Youth Group & Sunday Evening Services 6:00 p.m.  
Minister: Chuck Emmert  
Youth Minister: Brad Speirs  
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**Christian Fellowship Church**  
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872-5186  
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Pastor: F. Robert Tucker

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

**Shabbona United Methodist Church**  
4455 North Decker Rd., Decker, MI 48426  
810-672-9929 (parsonage)  
989-872-8094 (church)  
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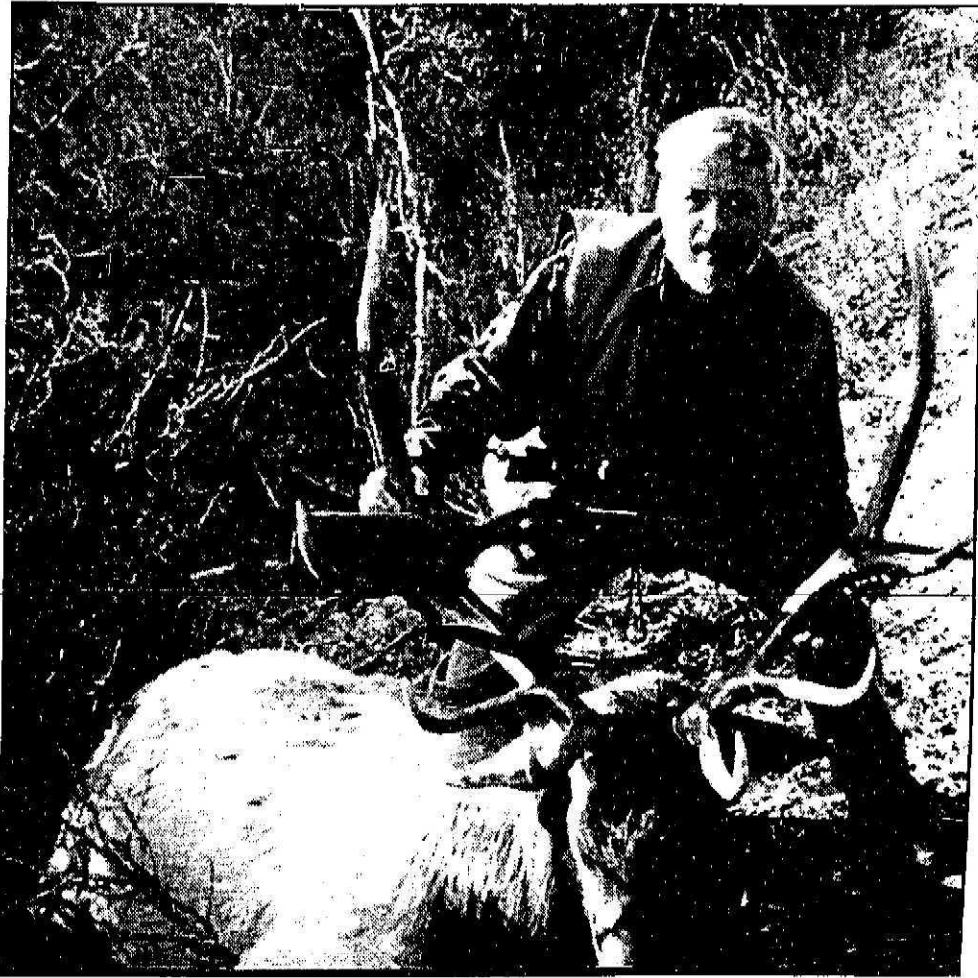
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## North Central Thumb League announces gridiron all stars

The complete All-North Central Thumb Football League all star members are:

**Offense first team:** Quarterback - Markus Steeb, CPS; Backs - Andy Ruth, North Huron, Josh Kortas, Memphis, Tim Brabant, CPS and Josh Wichert, A-F; Ends - Derek Curry, Peck, Lon Schell, Peck and Shane Landreith, CPS; Center - Josh Diaz, Memphis; Tackles - Louis Lofton, Peck and Jon Bezemek, CPS; Guards - Brandon Favell, Peck and Robert Clark, Memphis; Kicker - Josh Thomson, Memphis and Aaron Kolacz, Kingston.

**Offense second team:** Quarterback - Brandon Fairman, Peck and Aaron Kolacz, Kingston; Backs - Matt Hall, Peck, Brant Cottingham, Memphis, Chad Jobson, Kingston and Claudio Villegas, CPS; Ends - Justin Wilton, Memphis and Anthony Graham, Kingston;

Center - Dan Magiera, Kingston; Tackles - Eric Putkela, Dryden and Dan VanSickle, CPS; Guards - Shawn O'Connor, Peck, Clint Keillitz, Kingston and Paul Guthrie, A-F.

**Offense honorable mention:** Quarterback - Adam Christopher, A-F; Ends - Sam Rogers, Owen-Gage and Tommy Ruppall, A-F; Center - David Bloomfield, Peck and Jeff Buiting, CPS; Tackles - Brian Hyllton, Peck, Ken Pierce, Kingston and Kevin Heppner, A-F; Guard - Shawn McClorey, Owen-Gage.

**Defense first team:** Linemen - Mark Polega, North Huron, Chris Lodge, Peck, Robert Clark, Memphis, Josh Diaz, Memphis, Shane Landreith, CPS and Jon Bezemek, CPS; Linebackers - Andy Ruth, North Huron, Lon Schell, Peck, Brandon Favell, Peck, Brant Cottingham, Memphis, Josh Kortas, Memphis and Tim Brabant, CPS; Backs - Matt Hall, Peck and Markus Steeb, CPS; Punter - Justin Hagle, North Huron.

**Defense second team:** Linemen - Russ Dhyse, North Huron, Paul Myrarski, Peck, Louis Lofton, Peck, Tony Filipek, Kingston, Ken Pierce, Kingston and Dan VanSickle, CPS; Linebackers - Adam Dickson, Memphis, Clint Keillitz, Kingston, Derrick Wood, A-F and Josh Wichert, A-F; Backs - Jeff Phillips, Memphis and Aaron Kolacz, Kingston; Punter - Derek Curry, Peck.

**Defense honorable mention:** Linemen - Max Mercer, Memphis and Dale Quintano, CPS; Linebackers - Shawn O'Connor, Peck, Dan Goodwin, Memphis, Andy Filipek, Kingston, Nick Pfropfer, Dryden, Jeff Buiting, CPS and Brad Falls, CPS; Backs - Derek Curry, Peck, George Pettit, North Huron, Cody Howard, Owen-Gage, A.J. Dickson, Memphis, Brian Morris, Dryden and Claudio Villegas, CPS.



**HIGH TINES.** Gagetown's Steve Zaleski bagged this trophy 8-pointer Saturday afternoon in Tuscola County.

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Merchanettes League  
As of Nov. 13

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Charlie's Angels 5  
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All Season Video 2  
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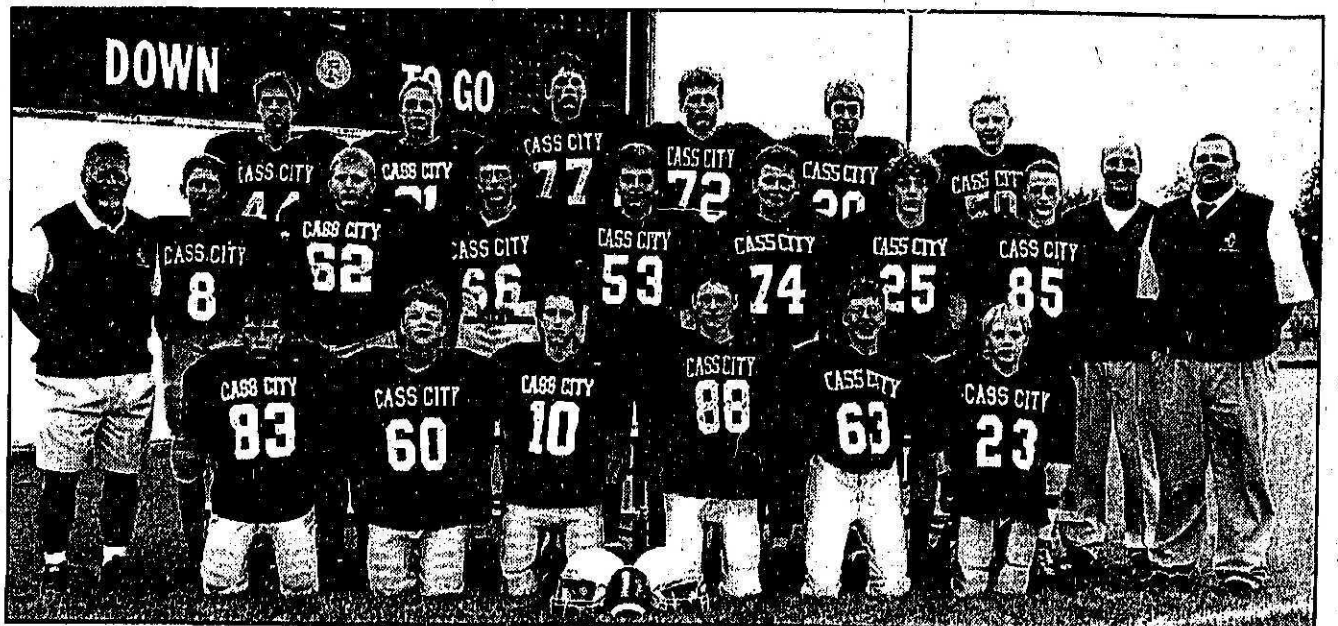
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**FAMILY AFFAIR.** Vicki McKee (left) and her 13-year-old son R. J. each bagged their first buck recently hunting on private land in Tuscola County. Mom's buck is a nice 5-point, the other is a 4-pointer.



**THE CASS CITY 7th grade football team** finished with a record of 6-0. The members include: (first row, l-r) J.C. Knight, Andy Martin, Clark Walsh, Brandon Putnam, Andrew Hagaman, Alex Varney; (second row, l-r) Ryan Monroe, Blake Palmer, Adam Osentoski, Alex Magiera, Cole Miller, Alex Hoyt, Luke Newton; (third row, l-r) Coach Ben Varney, Tyler Tomlinson, Cody Chappel, Lukas Varney, Brent Doerr, Cody Nye, Seth Ricketts, Coach Al Dadacki; (fourth row, l-r) Dean Wilson, Austin Babich, Chris Summersett, Carl Nicol, Blake Messing, Tyler Johnson, Greg Leslie, Coach Bill Hartzell; (fifth row, l-r) Seth Brown, Josh Woodruff, Tony Middaugh, Josh Inbody, Kevin Merchant, Andrew Teller. Missing: Darrin Lewis, Keenan Stomber, Dylan Johnson and Emery Rogers.



**THE CASS CITY 8th grade football team** finished with a record of 4-2. The team members are: (first row, l-r) Chris Wingett, Travis Huffman, Mike Green, Justin Clemens, Trent Vatter, Chris Binder; (second row, l-r) Coach Ben Varney, Chris Childs, Rick Bolton, Jake Leslie, Ben Farkas, Sam Patnaude, Mark Koepf, Dave Potrykus, Coach Bill Hartzell; (third row, l-r) Tommy Parrish, Justin Louks, Zack Russell, Jerry Sweeney, Chris Zawilinski, Shane Bloomfield, Coach Al Dadacki. Missing: Chad Giddings, Zak Clark, Javier Garcia and Chad Bolton.



# Hawks win GTW title, district opener

**Hot start paces Cass City over host Bad Axe in district tournament action**

Cass City functioned like a well-oiled engine in the first quarter in the opening district tournament game Monday with the Bad Axe Hatchets. But the engine went dry the rest of the way and the Hawks struggled to make the early lead stand up for a 49-37 decision.

In the opening quarter the team passed well, defended well and scored well. Time after time the Hawks got the ball inside for easy shots by Krystee Dorland, Amy Howard, Ashley Hendrick and Sarah Hobbs.

That enabled the Hawks to open the game with a 14-3

roll paced by Howard, who connected for 3 hoops from the low post. The Hatchet points came on a trey by Dana Peterson.

The Cass City defense was dominant, as the Hawks controlled the boards and were in front, 18-6, at the end of the period.

That all changed for the rest of the game. The fine passing displayed in the first quarter disappeared and Cass City was guilty of several unforced errors. Shots that were catching nothing but net suddenly were bouncing off the rim.

The Hatchets failed to capitalize on the scoring opportunities and the Hawks remained in front at the intermission, 26-15.

In the opening moments of the third quarter Bad Axe converted 4 of 4 free throws and moved to within 7 points, the closest they were to get during the game.

Cass City quickly answered that threat with 6 unanswered points as Hendrick cashed a pair of charity tosses and a hoop and Hobbs stuck a 3-pointer from the side.

After that, Bad Axe never got closer than 11 points behind and Cass City wrapped up the win.

Coach John Maharg was far from pleased with the way his team played. He noted that the Hawks failed to get to the free throw line in the first half and played with little emotion after running up the early lead.

When the Hawks did get to the free throw line they made the most of the opportunities, cashing 10 of 11 shots.

The Hawks had 3 players in double figures led by Hendrick with 14 on 4 hoops and 6 of 6 from the charity circle. Hobbs netted 13 and Dorland scored 10. Dana Peterson scored 14 for Bad Axe.

The Hawks will now face Ubly Wednesday night starting at 6 p.m.

Cass City totals: 18-1-(10-11) 49.  
Bad Axe totals: 5-4-(15-23) 39.

Score by quarters:  
Cass City 18-26-33-49  
Bad Axe 6-15-22-37

**Cass City earns 3rd straight Greater Thumb West crown with victory over All Saints**

Chalk up a share of another Greater Thumb West league title for the Cass City Red Hawks.

Cass City and Reese share the title, each with an 11-1 league record. The Hawks were 16-4 for the season and Reese 15-5. The Hawks and Reese shared the title in 2002 and Cass City won the title outright in 2001.

The clinching game Thursday went about as expected. Cass City jumped off to a 9-0 lead in the first minutes of the game and was never seriously threatened while posting a 51-38 decision.

The Cougars broke into the scoring column on a pretty drive by Lynsay Weaver that turned into an unusual 3-point play. Weaver was fouled and shaken up on her drive to the basket. The foul shot was then converted by Jenny Roth. Weaver later returned to the game.

Helped by some outstanding foul shooting, Cass City stretched the lead to 25-9 with 2:57 left in the half. The Hawks outscored the Cougars 12-3 in the spurt and

**CASS CITY** - C. Rabideau 3-0 (2-2) 8; Hobbs 1-1 (1-2) 6; Sherman 2-0 (2-2) 6; Dorland 2-0 (0-2) 4; Howard 3-0 (4-6) 10; Hendrick 4-0 (5-6) 13; Brinkman 2-0 (0-0) 4.

**TOTALS** - 17-1 (14-21) 51.

**ALL SAINTS** - Sobczak 0-0 (1-2) 1; Megan Bergeron 0-2 (1-2) 7; Roth 0-1 (1-1) 4; Mallory Bergeron 0-0 (2-2) 2; Middleton 5-0 (1-2) 11; Kyllor 1-0 (1-2) 3; Roczkowski 0-0 (1-2) 1; Mikolajczak 1-0 (0-0) 2; Weaver 1-1 (0-3) 5; Magryta 0-0 (2-2) 2.

**TOTALS** - 8-4 (10-18) 38.

**JUNIOR VARSITY:** Cass City 42, BCAS 28.  
**FRESHMEN:** BCAS 64, Cass City 20.

converted 6 of 6 from the charity line. Ashley Hendrick, Amy Howard and Courtney Rabideau each scored the charity shots and the bonus shots.

Starting the third quarter, Weaver stuck a 3-pointer and Katie Middleton added a hoop and the Cougars closed the gap to 29-21. The Hawks

used balanced scoring the rest of the quarter to extend the lead to 41-27 going into the final 8 minutes.

All Saints made a mini run in the first half of the final period to trail 43-33 before the Hawks went on an 8-0 run to put the game away.

Cass City controlled the boards as Krystee Dorland

and Hendrick snagged 8 and Howard 7 rebounds. Cass City committed 25 turnovers, but also was credited with 9 steals. Howard blocked 2 shots.

In double figures for the Hawks were Hendrick, 13 points, and Howard, 10. Middleton netted 11 for All Saints.



**CASS CITY'S Ashley Hendrick battles for the ball during Monday's opening night district play in Bad Axe. The Hawks advanced into the semifinals with a 49-37 win.**



**A LOOSE BALL sends players to the floor. Gail Hartwick scrambles with a Bay City All Saints player as the Hawks rolled to the co-championship of the Greater Thumb West.**

## O-G ends regular season with victory over Dryden

Owen-Gage ended its regular season on a positive note Thursday, winning at Dryden where they cruised to a 47-34 North Central Thumb League crossover decision.

The Bulldogs, winners of 4 straight, improve to 9-11 on the season and are finally beginning to resemble the team that captured the undisputed NCTL-North crown in 2002.

If the Bulldogs are to salvage the 2003 campaign, a district title at Caseville this week is a must. For that to happen Bulldogs Kayla Zaleski and Katie Swiastyn

will need to be in top form. And that was the case at Dryden where the 2 juniors combined for 29 points.

With Swiastyn providing points from the outside and Zaleski working the lane, Owen-Gage jumped out to a 23-18 advantage at the end of the opening half. Swiastyn and Zaleski accounted for 16 markers before the break.

Owen-Gage put the game on ice when they started the final half with a 17-5 run. While Swiastyn and Zaleski continued to have their way against the Cardinal defense, senior co-captain Stephanie Dorsch provided an extra dimension for the winners on offense as she netted 5 points in the period.

Owen-Gage was victorious despite an awful night at the foul line where they made just 9 throws in 24 attempts, including 5 of 13 tries in the final stanza.

Swiastyn led Owen-Gage with a game-high 16 points that included a pair of treys to open each half. Zaleski added 13 points, while Dorsch finished with 8.

Amanda Kopas paced Dryden with 13 points.



GREATER THUMB WEST				
Team	W	L	W	L
*Cass City	11	1	16	4
*Reese	11	1	15	5
EPBP	8	8	12	8
USA	6	6	12	8
BCAS	3	9	7	13
V. Lutheran	3	9	8	14
Bad Axe	2	10	4	18

\* Clinched share of league title

GREATER THUMB EAST				
Team	W	L	W	L
*Sandusky	11	1	19	1
H. Beach	9	3	15	5
Brown City	7	5	13	7
Uby	7	5	10	10
Mayville	5	7	7	13
Marlette	2	10	4	16
Deckerline	1	11	2	17

\* Clinched league title

NCTL NORTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
*Port Hope	14	4	15	4
North Huron	12	6	12	7
Owen-Gage	9	9	9	11
Caseville	8	10	8	10
A-Fairgrove	0	18	1	19

\* Clinched league title

NCTL SOUTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
*Kingson	18	0	19	1
Memphis	14	4	16	4
Dryden	8	12	7	12
Peck	5	13	5	13
CPS	4	14	4	16

\* Clinched league title

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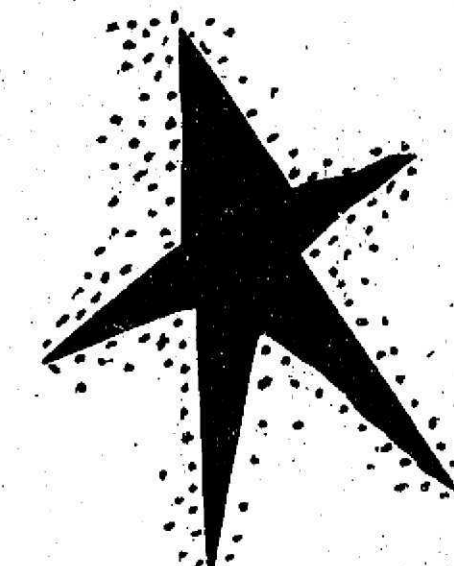


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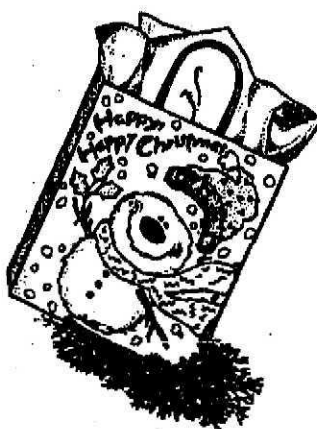
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## Calendar of Events

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

### Wednesday, November 19

United Sportsmen's Alliance meeting, 7 p.m., Cass City Gun Club, 2676 Englehart Rd. All are invited to attend. For further information, call (989) 872-5606.

Scholastic Book Fair, Cass City Middle School (Nov. 18-21). For questions, call Judy Brown at (989) 872-4397.

Representatives of Democratic Presidential candidates will speak to their candidates' positions and answer questions. Sponsored by the Sanilac County Democratic Club, Liberty Lanes, 100 Kristian St., Sandusky at 7 p.m. For details call (810) 622-9526.

### Thursday, November 20

Genealogy Group meets, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

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

After School Craft for school age children, 3:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

All-U-Can-Eat Thanksgiving dinner, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Caro United Methodist Church, Gilford Rd. Adults, \$5; Youth, \$3; 3 and under, \$2. Proceeds go to the Faith-In-Action Volunteer program.

American Red Cross Blood Drive, noon-5:45 p.m., St. Elizabeth Catholic Church Parish Hall, 6785 W. Marlette St. Walk-ins welcome!

Free Senior Citizen Bingo Party, 1-4 p.m., VFW Hall, 4533 Veterans Dr., Cass City. Sponsored by Post 3644 Ladies Auxiliary.

Interfaith Family Caregiving Service, 2 p.m., Tendercare Cass City, 4782 Hospital Dr. For more information, contact Donna Lenhard at (989) 872-2174.

Cub Scout Cake Bake Auction, 6:30 p.m., Cass City Middle School.

### Friday, November 21

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

Senior Citizens Movies, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Free Diabetes Health Screenings, noon-5:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call Doty Korth, RN, at (989) 635-4348.

### Sunday, November 23

Cass City Christmas in the Village "Open House", noon to 4 p.m.

### Monday, November 24

Cass City School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., Deford Hills & Dales Hospital Auxiliary meeting, noon, Charmont. Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.



**CASS CITY DAISY TROOP #865 is setting Mitten Tree Boxes at businesses around Cass City. They need mittens, scarves and hats for kids that don't have any. They are located at all 3 banks, Family Dollar, Fairway, the Post Office and Heartland Home Care. They will be collected in December and turned over to Campbell Elementary School. Pictured above are (front, l-r) Kelly DeLong, Shannon Kawecki, Carley Stone; (back, l-r) Leader Misty DeLong, De'Jza Robles and Co-leader Maureen Kawecki.**

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Matthew Perez, Lucas Priemer, Cynthia Rumpitz, Steven Rutkowski\*, Ryan Simmerlein, Paul Smaglinski, Nathan Smalley and Cassandra Stephan.

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\* Denotes all "A"s.

## Obituaries

### John Hrabec

John "Jack" Earl Hrabec, 86, of Cass City, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2003 at Marlette and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.



He was born June 1, 1917 in Fort Dodge, Iowa, the son of Steve and Katherine (Rabush) Hrabec.

He married Frances Marie Zawilinski Sept. 13, 1941 in Cass City.

Hrabec was a dairy farmer and also worked construction. He retired from the Cass City School District as a custodian. He was a member of the St. Pancratius Catholic Church.

Hrabec is survived by his wife, Frances; three children: Robert (Kay) Hrabec of Fuquay-Varina, N.C., Beverly (Efthios) Siradakis of Bay City, and James (Diane) Hrabec of Davison; six grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; a sister, Marian Kociel of Detroit; a brother, Frank Hrabec of Cass City; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by four siblings: Steven Hrabec, Margaret Laux, Joe Hrabec, and Katherine Peggy Moser.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Nov. 13, at the St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Steve Fillion officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the St. Pancratius Catholic Church.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

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### Helen Sherman

Helen G. Sherman, 85, of Kingston, died Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003 at Marlette Community Hospital - Hospice House.

She was born Oct. 14, 1918 in Alger, daughter of the late Joseph and Rosalia (Shultz) Rutkowski.

She married Nelson Sherman on July 17, 1947 in Cass City. He preceded her in death on July 24, 1981.

Sherman lived in the Kingston area since 1950 and was previously from Cass City. She was a member of the St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Clifford.

She is survived by two sons: David Sherman of Marlette and Joseph (Brochelle) Sherman of Warrenton, Mo.; two daughters: Donna Sherman of Kingston and Mary (Dan) Degenhardt of Great Bend, Kan.; a sister, Veronika Delikta of Mt. Clemens; and 13 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Michael; six brothers: Walter, Leo, Adam, Alfred, Stanley, Casmer; and a sister, Frances.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 20, at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Clifford, with the Rev. Richard Trembl officiating.

Burial will be in the St. Michael's Cemetery, Wilmet.

Memorials may be given to the family.

Arrangements were made by the Marsh Funeral Chapel.

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### Maryann Wolfgang

Maryann (Goodell) Wolfgang, 45, of Longmont, Colo., formerly of Cass City and Gagetown, died Oct. 24, 2003.

She was active in church activities, teaching religious instruction, setting up children's churches and contributing to church community services.

Wolfgang is survived by her husband; two daughters and a son of Longmont; her mother, Jacqueline of Gagetown; her sister and sons, Joann Beauchamp, Joshua, Garrett and Tyler of Bay City; her brothers-in-law, wives and families, William and Lea Wolfgang of Blackstone, Mass., and John and Debra Wolfgang of Clarkston; and her sisters-in-law and husband, Joanne and Mike Gemborsky of Clarkston and Patricia Spavold of Franklin, Mass.

She was preceded in death by father, William Goodell; father-in-law, Donald Wolfgang; and mother-in-law, Mary Eileen Wolfgang.

Funeral mass was held Oct. 28, in Longmont, Colo.

In celebration of the life of Maryann Goodell Wolfgang, the family is hosting a memorial mass at St. Agatha's Catholic Church, Gagetown, Friday, Nov. 28, at 11 a.m.

A lunch reception will be held at the church immediately following.

Memorials may be made to any breast cancer organization.

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## Tendercare celebrating November is Family Caregivers Month

November is National Family Caregivers Month, a time to honor the 27 million American's providing full or part-time family caregiving to the chronically ill, elderly, or disabled.

"Today, family caregivers are supporting our healthcare system by providing more than 80 percent of all homecare services," said Suzanne Mintz, National Family Caregiving Association president and co-

founder. "Today, 46 percent provide some level of nursing support, including wound and medication management, and 52 percent of family caregivers help chronically ill or disabled loved ones with activities of daily living, such as dressing and toileting."

National Family Caregivers Month's ongoing theme is "Share The Caring." Sharing The Caring, says Mintz, is meant to be taken literally. "Our goal for NFC month is to move from awareness to action," said Mintz. "This year we are encouraging people to literally reach out and help family caregivers to improve their quality of life."

"Caring for an elderly relative can put a tremendous physical, emotional and psychological strain on the family caregiver, their family, and the one being cared for," agrees Jan Mellon, vice president of clinical services for Tendercare (Michigan) Inc. "There is a 63 percent higher mortality rate for elderly caregivers with a history of chronic illness who are currently caregiving than their non-caregiving peers."

Most people don't view nursing home services as a way to provide family caregivers a much needed break. However, nursing home services can be provided on a short-term basis. The service is referred to as respite care. Respite care is temporary, short-term care designed to provide families with a helpful break from the responsibilities of caregiving.

America's fastest growing

population is people over 85 years of age. In 1990, there were 11 potential caregivers for each person needing care. In 2050, that number will be reduced to 4 potential caregivers for each person needing care, according to some studies. This growth in our elderly population and the decrease in potential caregivers result in respite care and other "share the care" services becoming central to the emotional and physical health of family caregivers nationwide.

"Respite care is a wonderful 'share the care' service," says Diane Ewald, administrator, Tendercare Cass City. "Our family caregivers express their appreciation for Tendercare's respite care service. Respite care can be a real lifesaver for family caregivers who may benefit from a weekend away or a long-awaited vacation; or who may need to engage in business travel." Tendercare Cass City, 4782 Hospital Dr., provides diversified adult health care services such as skilled nursing care, hospice and rehabilitation.

Respite care has an added benefit for care recipients. "What most family caregivers do not realize is that their loved one may also need a break in their routine - a new stimulus, the chance to meet new people, to share new and different experiences," states Mellon.

For more information on respite care or Tendercare Cass City contact Donna Lenhard at (989) 872-2174, or visit Tendercare's website at [www.tendercare.net](http://www.tendercare.net).

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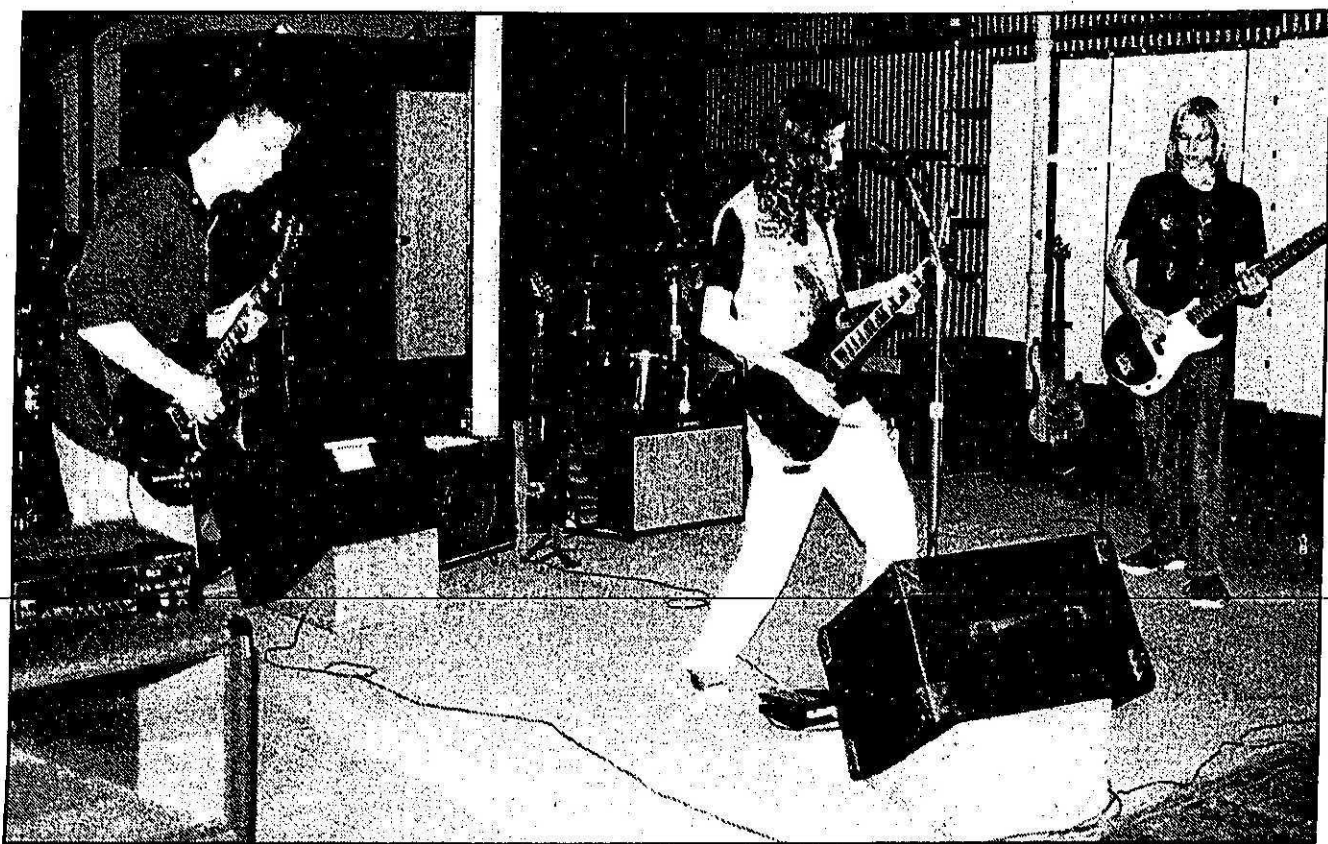
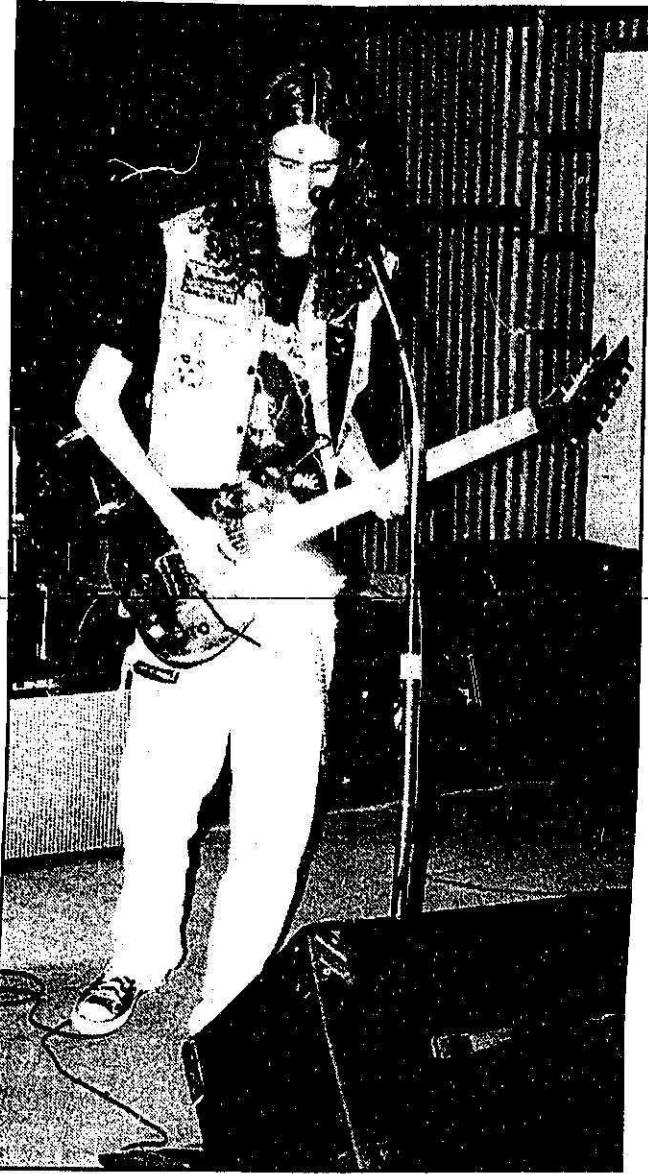
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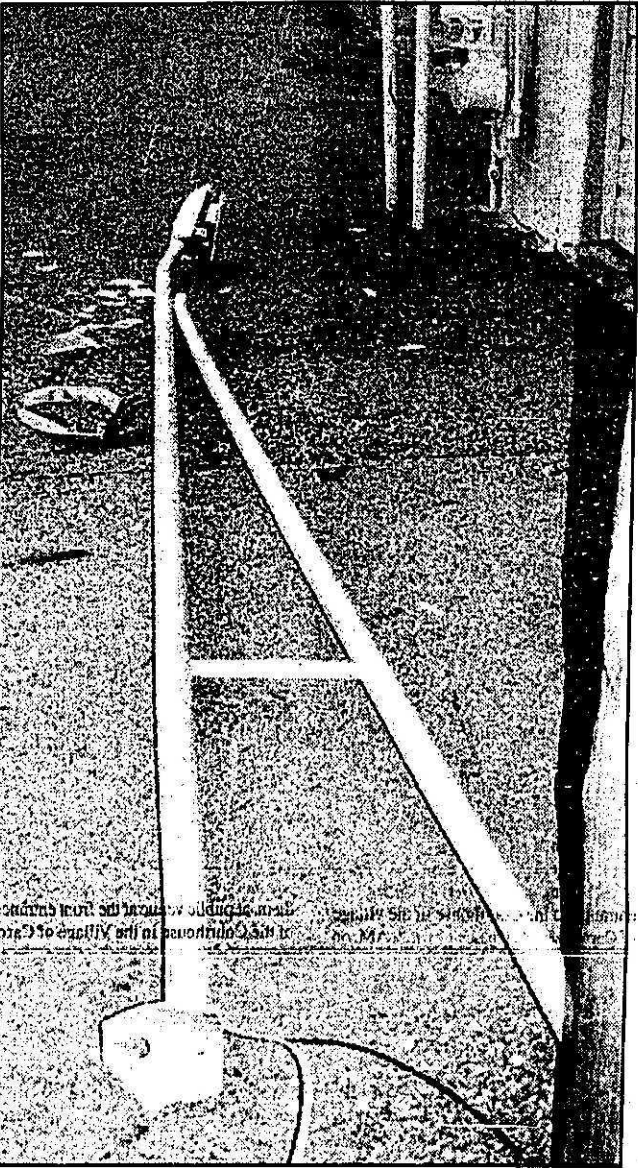
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## State clarifies new deadlines, fees for drivers

In response to many recent inaccurate reports, Department of State officials are reminding motorists to be aware of the new fees and deadlines that took effect Oct. 1.


As part of the state's budget shortfall solution, the governor signed Public Act 152 of 2003 Aug. 11 after its approval by the Legislature. It was one of several new laws impacting drivers.

Among the changes included in PA 152 is a late fee charged to individuals who renew their driver's licenses or vehicle registrations after the expiration dates. To help the public avoid any confusion, the department offers the following reminders:

\* While the new law does add late fees, it does not change the expiration dates of driver's licenses or vehicle registrations. Some motorists believe that they have until the end of the month to renew vehicle registrations. This is not true. Since 1980, the expiration date for most vehicles is a specific date, usually the driver/owner's birthday. That is still the case.

\* To avoid late fees, materials must be postmarked or dated on or before the expiration date, even if renewed by mail or through the department's online services. It is the responsibility of drivers to keep their licenses and registrations current.

\* The requirement for a valid driver's license and registration has not changed. It has always been illegal to drive with an expired license or registration. Those caught driving between their expiration date and the end of the month have always risked being ticketed for having expired plates.

**CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK**  
By Dr. Robert Gabriel

**BE CAREFUL OF BABY WALKERS**


Numerous chiropractors discourage using baby walkers since they cause needless accidents and health problems. These musculoskeletal specialists believe it is unnatural for children to be bipedal and weight-bearing before they learn to sit, crawl and stand. To develop normally the spine needs to experience each physical milestone. Altering the natural process may influence the infant's locomotor and mental development and cause such long-term spinal problems as muscular imbalance.


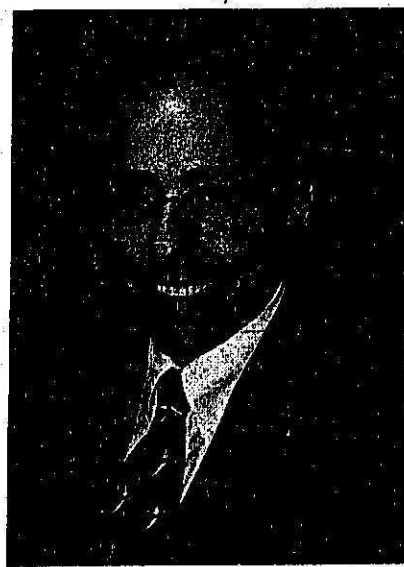
Children in baby walkers often get burned, fall down stairs, pick up sharp objects or drown because they have the ability to move to unsafe areas. Walker accidents send more than 25,000 children to the emergency room each year. Since 1973, 34 children have died because of serious injuries.

Despite warnings, a large number of parents continue to purchase baby walkers. Even if a caregiver is in a nearby room, it only takes a few seconds for a child to get hurt. By the time someone hears the baby cry, it may be too late.

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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 mortgagor), to Kings 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 Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee by an assignment dated October 22, 2003, which was recorded on October 28, 2003 in Liber 961 on Page 943, 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, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on December 4, 2003.

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

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

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

Dated: October 29, 2003

**FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
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Trot & Trot, 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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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Richard W. Smith and Laurie E. Smith, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Homeowners Loan Corp., Mortgagee, dated the 13th day of July, 2000 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 7th day of August, 2000 in Liber 807 of Tuscola County Records, Page 1178, said Mortgage having been assigned to Citibank, N.A. as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 30, 2001 Series 2001-1 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Thirty Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Six & 83/100 (\$33,366.83), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of December, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 11.75000% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

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

East half of Lots 1 and 2, in Block 24, of Village (now City) of Vassar, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan.

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

Dated: 11/19/03

Citibank, N.A.  
Mortgage

**FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.**  
Jonathan L. Engman (P56364)  
Attorney for Citibank, N.A.  
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Troy, MI 48064  
248-362-2600

11-19-5

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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 Gary Miles, a married man, and Helen Miles, his wife (original mortgagor), to Kings 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 Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee by an assignment dated October 22, 2003, which was recorded on October 28, 2003 in Liber 961 on Page 943, 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, 500.00 feet; thence South 38 degrees 21 minutes 12 seconds East, 181.49 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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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025  
File # 200212421

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. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.**

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, dated July 26, 1996 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, Michigan in Liber 694, Page 856, July 26, 1996, on which Mortgage(s) there is claimed to be due at the date of this Notice a principal balance and interest in the amount of Sixty Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars and Thirty-Five Cents (\$60,477.35).

And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage(s), and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 4th day of December 2003, at 10:00 a.m. on said day, at the Courthouse, 440 State Street, Caro, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for said County, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, of the said premises described in said Mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due as aforesaid on said mortgage with interest thereon at the rate of One (1.00%) percent per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

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

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

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

Dated: October 16, 2003

**KIRK C. ELLSWORTH (P39700)**  
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 25, 1998 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, in Liber 748, Page 945-952, and was assigned to First National Bank of Michigan, N.A. on August 20, 1998 and recorded August 25, 1998 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, in Liber 748, Page 953-955, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid as of the date of this notice the sum of \$11,839.00 inclusive of accrued interest, and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by said Mortgage.

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

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

A parcel of land in the SE 1/4 of S29, T10N, R7E, described as follows: Beginning N89°33'30"W, along the S line of S29 a distance of 528.47 feet from the SE corner of S29; thence continuing N89°33'30"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 S01°14'50"W, 666.57 to the point of beginning.

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

The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire six months from the date of sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 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 mortgagor), to Community Mortgage Services, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 18, 1999 and recorded on June 18, 1999 in Liber 774 on Page 682, and assigned by said 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, more or less, to the Western 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:**  
FC F (248) 593-1310  
Trot & Trot, P.C.  
Attorneys For Fidelity Bank, a Federally Chartered Savings Bank  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste 200  
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File #001772501

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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 Shannon B. Crawford and Melissa J. Crawford, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Comerica Bank, a Michigan State Chartered Bank, Mortgagee, dated August 31, 2001 and recorded on September 6, 2001 in Liber 841 on Page 1449, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Fourteen and 52/100 Dollars (\$113,614.52), including interest at 7.5% 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 18, 2003.

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

The East Half of Lots 3, 4, and 5, Block 5, plat of Centerville (now Caro) according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 59A of Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: November 19, 2003

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
FC X (248) 593-1302  
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #003707901

11-19-4

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

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE - Default** having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by SHANE D. KELLEY and TONNA 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 Register 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 current 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 South Line of said Section 25, 470.0 feet; thence N01°33'40"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 period of redemption will be six (6) months from the date of 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., Mortgagee, dated January 17, 2003 and recorded January 22, 2003 in Liber 911, Page 1352, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Four and 15/100 Dollars (\$61,004.15), including interest at the rate of 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of

them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on November 20, 2003.

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

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

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

Dated: October 22, 2003

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

File No. 287.0138

10-22-5

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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 Richard D. Chapelo, a married man (original mortgagor), to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated August 31, 2000 and recorded on September 8, 2000 in Liber 810 on Page 268, and assigned by said Mortgage to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated April 9, 2001 recorded on May 15, 2001 in Liber 831 on Page 1294 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Three and 01/100 Dollars (\$79,533.01), including interest at 9% 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 18, 2003.

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

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the South 30 acres of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4; thence South 217 feet; thence East 200 feet; thence North 217 feet; thence West 200 feet to the point of beginning, Section 15, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, Subject to the right of way for Caine Road over the Westerly side thereof.

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 19, 2003

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
FC S (248) 593-1304  
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Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #003371901

11-19-4

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

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on December 4, 2003.

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

Part of the West half of the Southeast quarter of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point which is North 89 degrees 26 minutes 40 seconds West, 1271.18 feet along the South line of said Section 9, and along the East line of the West half of the Southeast quarter (also the East line of Bostick's Addition to the Village of Millington) North 00 degrees 08 minutes 49 seconds East, 909.48 feet along

the North line of said Bostick's Addition, North 89 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds West, 334.38 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 2 of Block B of Bostick's Addition and parallel to the East line of said West half of the Southeast quarter, North 00 degrees 08 minutes 49 seconds East, 200 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 9; thence parallel to the North line of said Bostick's Addition, North 89 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds West, 127.62 feet; thence parallel to the East line of said West half of the Southeast quarter, North 00 degrees 08 minutes 49 seconds East, 64.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds East, 127.62 feet; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 49 seconds West, 64.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: October 29, 2003

**ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC**  
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**On the Outskirts of Town!** 3 bedroom ranch home. Offers hardwood floors in all the bedrooms. Full basement is high and dry and could be finished off very easily. Roof, furnace and windows are all updated. 2 car detached garage is finished and heatable. Has a double lot. Nice yard, close to the park. Call for a personal showing. CCT-308

**Time to Deal!** This is a fully updated ranch with 3 bedrooms, 1 updated bathroom. New windows, wrap, siding, garage. 94'x313' lot with shed and fenced garden. Just move in. CCT-268

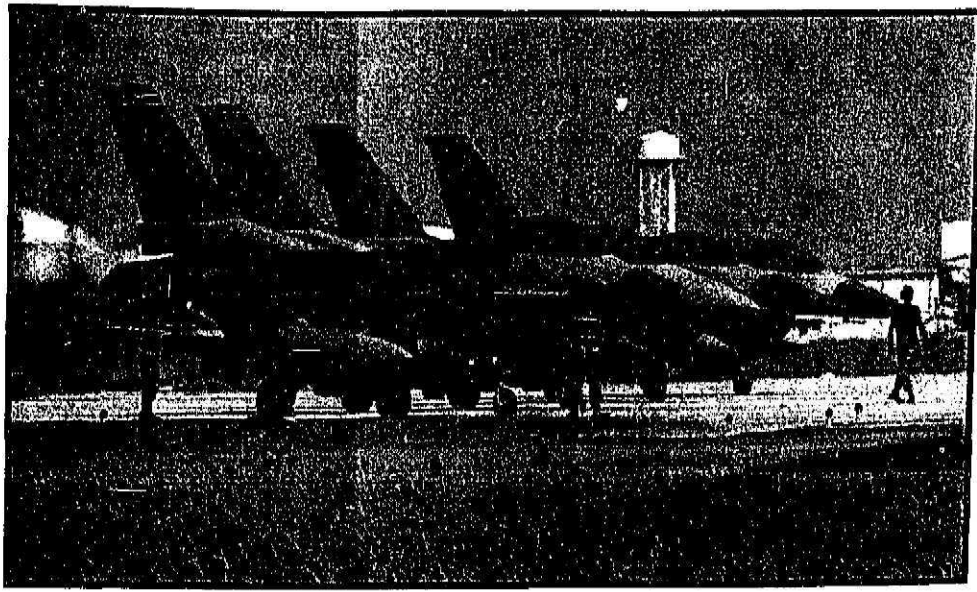
**NICE!** 4 bedroom, 1 full bath, 1st floor utility. There is a large 2+ car garage attached. Property is bank owned and ready to buy. Call Marty or Lola for a showing. EBP-137

**Do Little and Save a Lot!** This home can be moved into as is. There is little to do in this 1,000+-sq. ft. bungalow. 4 bedrooms, 1 bath, full basement, some hardwood floors, cove ceilings, built-in corner cabinet. Many nice features that need to be seen to appreciate. Call Marty O. for a personal showing. CCT-311

**Hey, Look Me Over!** Country setting on 2 acres, just minutes from town. 2 story, 5 BRs, 2.5 baths and full basement are a few words to describe this family size home. Come look this one over. All appliances included. 2 car attached garage. Manicured lawn on a corner lot, no close neighbors. Call for a personal showing today. CC-503

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AMERICAN F-16 Fighting Falcons stand ready for launch from the NATO runway at the Italian-run base.

## Jezewski on duty on base in Aviano, Italy

*Editor's note: The following story was provided by Army and Air Force, Home-town News Service writer John B. Dendy IV and photographer Jack Braden.*

For the son of an Owendale woman, the view from the back yard holds sights most people have to pay a small fortune to see - the Italian Alps, lush vineyards and the gorgeous countryside of northeastern Italy.

On top of that, it's just a day's drive or less away from dozens of beautiful and historic European locations.

But Air Force Master Sgt. Jason K. Jezewski, son of Elaine Thies, Owendale, pays rent for these choice digs in more than just dollars.

Jezewski and other members of the 31st Fighter Wing soon realize that life in Italy is far from a European vacation, as they found themselves players in Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, as well as helping to keep the peace in places such as Bosnia and Kosovo.

At any given time, Aviano airmen can find themselves drilling with troops in Israel, hunkered in the field for a NATO inspection, or involved in operations that span most of southern Europe, the Middle East and

northern Africa, according to Jezewski, an aircrew egress systems section chief.

"I am responsible for the operation of the emergency escape systems for the F-16 aircraft," said the 1990 graduate of Cass City High School. "Simply put, I ensure crew members have a means of escape from disabled aircraft. This job keeps me very busy."

The end of the Cold War should have eased tensions at NATO bases such as Aviano, but with the break-up of Yugoslavia and other Soviet satellite states, ethnic hatreds soon flared and bloodshed throughout the region brought new and even more critical missions. Construction cranes and buildings rising from once vacant pastures show that a U.S. presence in the region is far from over.

"I think all of the construction will eventually make this base a gem among the other American bases in Europe," Jezewski said. "This is a great place to live and work, and the new facilities make it even better. The landscape here is beautiful and I love the skiing."

Between plotting trips to ancient Rome, Switzerland or any other of the many culturally rich locations easily within his reach, Jezewski said he loves experiencing the different language, sights and sounds of living in a foreign locale.

"I have been all over Europe and I have worked with many NATO service members - they're all great," he added. "The Italian culture is very different from American culture, and the food here is awesome. There are too many places I've visited to list, but Prague in the Czech Republic is a beautiful city."

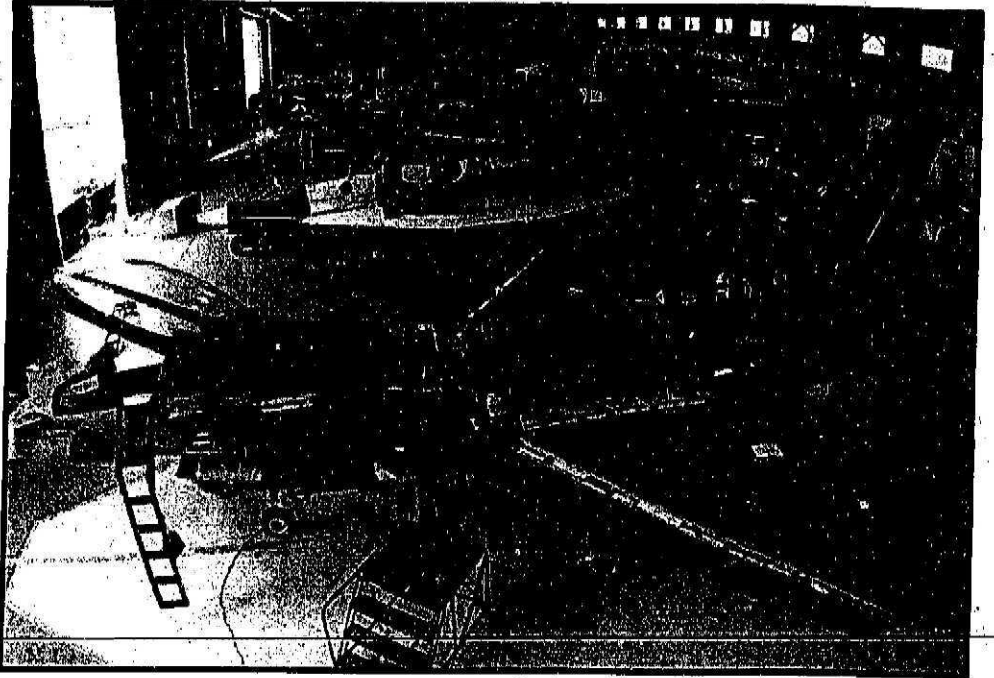
When he has time, Jezewski enjoys taking it easy, enjoying the many sights, sounds and tastes that Italy has to offer, but when the rent comes due on this European dream, he's off to make the U.S. and the world a safer place.

## Accident

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gators, who said an autopsy was scheduled.

Deputies were assisted at the scene by Scheurer Hospital Ambulance, the Owendale Fire Department, Huron County Victim Advocates and Dr. Lockard.



THE WORK environment at Aviano Air Base is so advanced that the military can take aircraft, such as these F-16 Fighting Falcons, apart for complete inspections every 300 flying hours.

## Holiday celebration to begin

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Other special events planned for December include:

\*Rotary's Christmas for Kids toy collection - look for drop boxes around town.

\*Home and Business Decorating Challenge. Prizes include Detroit Edison certificates and Cass City Cash.

\*Gift display at Thumb National Bank. Stop by and check out some great gift

ideas, all available from local merchants.

\*Free professional pictures with Santa Dec. 8 at the Book Mart Photo Studio.

\*Visit with Santa Dec. 6, 13 and 20.

\*Young Adult Craft Program Dec. 13 at Rawson Memorial Library. Also planned is a free children's story and craft hour, Dec. 20.

\*Cass City Girl Scouts "Mitten Tree" collection boxes for hats and gloves.

\*Free movie matinees Dec. 6, 13 and 20.

\*Tom Thumb Singers concerts Dec. 13 and 14.

\*Lions Club Community Christmas Tree.

\*Three prize giveaways. Register in local stores to win a train set, American Girl Doll or a bike.

For more information, including specific times or crafter applications, call the chamber office at (989) 872-4618 or 1-866-266-3822.

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Join us in a tree lighting ceremony on December 18, 2003 with the reading of the names. After the ceremony hot chocolate, holiday punch, and cookies will be served in the hospital cafeteria.

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## Election

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president, clerk and treasurer. The 4-year trustee seats are currently held by Dennis West, Mark Brown and Steve Romzek. Also expiring are the 2-year terms of President David Jaroch, Treasurer Florence Schrader and Clerk Judy Messing.

In addition, 2 seats are expiring on the Sleeper Public Library Board. Both are 4-year terms.

## Farm survey on tap

As farmers finish harvesting this year's corn crop, the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service will conduct 3 major surveys.

To get the final story on the 2003 crops, about 8,000 Michigan farmers will be contacted on the 2003 Farm Report. Some 1,400 will be asked to complete the December Agricultural Survey; about 300 more will be contacted on the December Hog Report.

These surveys will provide the data necessary for establishing final 2003 crop acreage, yield and production estimates, and 2004 winter wheat and rye seedings. They will also provide current information on grain stocks, chicken inventory, hog inventory and farrowings.

Most selected farmers will receive a questionnaire in the mail. Some will be contacted by telephone or interviewed in person. Producers receiving either the December Agricultural Survey, December Hog Report, or Farm Report in the mail are encouraged to complete and return it promptly.

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