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Althaver among village candidates

With just 24 hours to go before Tuesday's 4 p.m. deadline, 5 Cass City residents, including a longtime former village council member and president, had filed for 5 open council seats.

As of Monday afternoon, residents who had filed nominating petitions are:

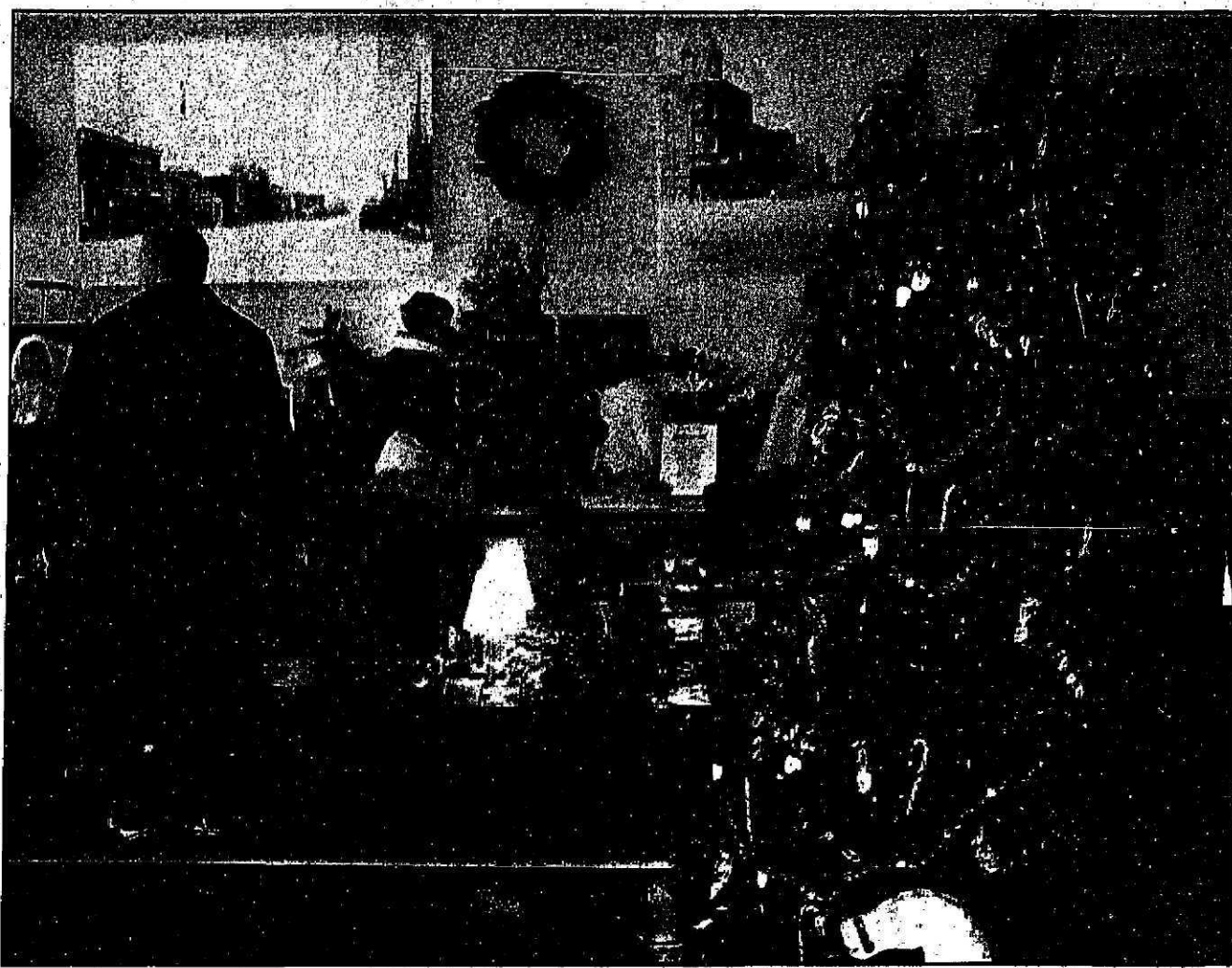
•L.E. Althaver, seeking a 2-year term as village president. Althaver retired from the council 4 years ago after serving on the council for 37 years, including 31 years as village president.

•Elizabeth K. Reehl, Donald B. Richards and Jon K. Zdrojewski all filed for one of 3 available 4-year trustee seats.

•Jenny Zawilinski filed for a lone, 2-year term on the council.

The spring election is scheduled for Monday, March 8. A primary, if

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SHOPPERS took advantage of the opportunity to stop in at the municipal building and view the Cass City Historical Society's toy display during Sunday's Christmas in the Village Open House. (see story, page 15)

Proposed budget reviewed

Herron, manager clash over ditch

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Local developer Tom Herron and Cass City Village Manager Frank Sheridan clashed Monday night over responsibility of cleaning out a ditch that, Herron says, will eventually leave the village with "an awful mess."

The discussion took place during the public comment portion of a monthly village council meeting.

Herron told the council that a drain at the north end of the village that runs west towards Northwood Lake Condominiums and the Knights of Columbus Hall needs to be cleaned out. The drain collects sediment from farmland as well as leaves in a small wooded section just east of the condominiums, he noted.

"It's got to be dealt with. A thousand feet of storm sewer is filling up now," he said.

Sheridan indicated the solution isn't as simple as just going in and fixing the problem. Portions of the drain are on private property, he said, and the DNR considers the drain a "naturally occurring stream bed", which means the village would have to secure Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

permits before any work is done.

Sheridan, who noted he has discussed the matter with DEQ officials and the county drain commissioner, also said property owners should pay for the work.

Herron disagreed, saying he put in areas of the ditch and has never needed a DEQ permit. He said the village, not property owners, should pay for the project. "I'll fight for the property owners on that one," he said.

Herron suggested that Sheridan "must like controversy", because it would only take a few hours and perhaps \$300 to \$500 to clean out the ditch.

In the end, it's the village that will end up with a bigger problem, such as when heavy rains flooded streets and a lift station in the area of the condominiums, Herron continued.

Trustee Dawn Hollis agreed. "Who's going to pay for it when it all backs up?" she said.

A major area of concern is a cement retaining wall on the east side of the small woods along Beachwood Drive. The wall is leaning and likely to collapse.

Council members agreed something must be done.

They directed Sheridan to investigate the cost of a survey and required permits to clean out the ditch, however, no decision was made regarding who will pay for the work.

Village President Les Karr said the council would again discuss the matter during the council's next meeting, which is slated for Monday, Dec. 22.

BUDGET

In other business during the monthly meeting, the council reviewed Sheridan's proposed 2004 spending plan.

The proposed General Fund budget is slightly less - just over \$1,000 - than the actual estimated 2003 expenditures of \$1,245,762. Revenues are set at \$1,245,698.

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Coalition needs cash for homeless

Tuscola County may not have an abundance of folks sleeping on street corners or in alleys, but the county has a very real population of homeless adults and families.

Just ask Marianne Karpovich, whose 10 years as a Salvation Army volunteer in Caro, and now as a volunteer with the Tuscola County Homeless Coalition, has exposed her to one heart-breaking story after another.

She recalled one family with 4 children sleeping in a pickup truck, others forced to bunk down in the cow barns at the county fairgrounds, and one man who was discovered sleeping in some brush behind a county business.

"This is very serious," Karpovich said. "They're hidden, but it's very, very real."

Sylvia Buetow, secretary of the Tuscola Homeless Coalition, agreed.

"Tuscola County has a serious homeless problem, largely invisible because they sleep in friends' homes, in cars, and even in barns at the fairgrounds," she said. "Another larger group are on the verge of being evicted; can't afford heat or electricity, or face foreclosure. Lay-offs, illness, and the high cost of fuel all contribute to the problem."

Buetow, Karpovich and other members of the Tuscola Homeless Coalition have worked for the past 3 years to help as many people as they can, but there never seems to be enough money.

The volunteers have launched a campaign asking all county residents to pledge a little cash each month to help adults and families in need.

A "Point in Time" survey conducted last summer by the Thumb Area Continuum of Care revealed that, on Aug. 8, Tuscola County had 12 homeless single adults and 15 homeless families with children, plus another

6 single adults and 9 families with children that were at-risk of becoming homeless.

However, Karpovich pointed out, the survey was designed to offer only a "snapshot" of homelessness. The fact is, she said, it's difficult to really know how many homeless individuals and families exist in the county because the problem is so sporadic.

"Some days we have 7 or 8 or 9 calls (for assistance)," she added. "Sometimes I'll come home and find 18 messages on my phone."

According to Buetow, more than \$70,000 in government aid was set aside in 2002 to assist the homeless or near homeless in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties. However, 2 criteria had to be met: the recipient had to have suffered a sudden drop in income (being out of work 6 months was not considered "sudden"), and the recipient had to prove sufficient income to cover a second month's rent or the next utility bill (hoping for a job, waiting for unemployment compensation or an insurance settlement didn't count).

"The Tuscola Homeless Coalition was founded in 2000... with the mission to help prevent homelessness," Buetow said. "Our funding was based on fundraisers and the United Way. A few individuals concerned about the problem began making regular monthly donations."

"We knew we were cost effective," Buetow continued. "To help 204 individuals, the average assistance was \$65 per person."

The Tuscola Homeless Coalition works with other agencies and organizations.

"Most of our referrals come from the Family Independence Agency or the Human Development Commission," Buetow explained. "Our work complements the Good Samaritan Fund of the Caro area churches. Both the

Tuscola Homeless Coalition and the Good Samaritan Fund... are completely voluntary organizations.

"Last December the Neil Sister's Foundation gave us \$5,000. For one month we

were able to help most of the families in crisis that could not be helped by the government agencies."

However, funding continues to be a concern, and the sense of urgency is even

greater now that cold weather has arrived.

Although members of the homeless coalition are grateful for the large donations

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Bulldogs claim district crown



THE OWEN-GAGE BULLDOGS collected the Class D district title at Caseville Friday with an exciting 60-55 victory over favored North Huron. See page 6 for complete details.

Board reviewing options

Initial steps in creating a use for the now closed Deford school building were taken at the regular meeting of the Cass City School Board Monday night at the high school.

Supt. Ken Micklash said that he has been contacted by 3 persons regarding the use of the building. Two have requested that they remain anonymous and the third was a request to use the building as a community outreach center.

That request was by Rev. Dan Strength of the 6-week-old Deford Country Church that is operating out of the former Deford Methodist Church building.

Strength emphasized in a letter and when he appeared before the board that it would not be a church-operated facility. He visualizes all types of activities including sports, games, school study programs and plays.

The building would be open to everyone regardless of church affiliations, if any. Strength would like to lease the building for the pro-

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Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 658-2347

DELAYED NEWS

Five members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill Thursday morning. They will meet at McDonald's Food and Family Store Deli next week.

Ann Fay of Goodrich and Marcia Schultz of Lapeer spent Saturday with their Aunt Charlotte LaPeer.

Eleven 4-H leaders of the Holbrook Helpers 4-H met at the home of Nancy Braun Tuesday to make plans for 2003 and 2004 projects.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the Over 50 Club meeting at Oswald Hall in Bad Axe on Tuesday.

Mrs. Jim Doerr, Mrs. Curtis Cleland and Savana Doerr were Monday lunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hurford, Grant and Janalee and Clara Bond visited Thelma Jackson on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Zurek and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the K of C dinner at Ruth on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Saturday guests of Mr.

and Mrs. Dean Carpenter, where they celebrated Jessica Carpenter's 13th birthday.

Roger Bouck, Mrs. Martin Sweeney and Brian Sweeney and Mrs. Ray Depcinski visited Thelma Jackson on Tuesday.

Allen Farrelly visited Eleanor Kofkie at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw.

Bruce Sweeney got a 7-point deer near Uby.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and Thelma Jackson had dinner at the Peppermill on Friday for Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson's 40th wedding anniversary and Thelma Jackson's 89th birthday.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mrs. Allen Depcinski visited Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Holdwick at Ruth before going to Al's Restaurant at Harbor Beach for lunch and later visited Rosaline Messing at Harbor Beach.

Mary Ritter and son, Alex, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim A. Sweeney visited the Shrine Hospital in Chicago on Monday.

Allen Farrelly visited Ed Schember at the Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe on Sunday.

Tuesday and Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker and Mr. and Mrs. Jim A. Sweeney visited Thelma Jackson on Sunday.

Ron Wolschlagier, Jack Kennedy, Bernard Morley, Claude Mestack, Jim Lewis and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Friday morning.

George Barber of Royal is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard. Other Monday supper and evening guests were Lloyd and Stephanie Barber of Deckerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hanby and Mrs. Ed Hillaker visited Thelma Jackson on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Doerr and Courtney of Cass City, Amy Doerr, Wendy Rickett and Caitlyn, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr were among those who attended the catered dinner for Leone Doerr at the Catholic Church Hall Sunday at Argyle.

Katha Chockley and Amy and Mrs. Curtis Cleland enjoyed a dinner at The Charmont in Cass City on Sunday.

Eric Sedaburg of Caribou Lake and Bill Cleland of Walled Lake spent a few days with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Don Rackhoff, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western and Allen Farrelly, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Adams were among a large crowd at the K of C Fish Fry in Bad Axe Friday evening.

Rita Depcinski visited Lois Wolschlagier and Florence Labeski at the Huron County Medical Care Facility on Tuesday.

Bernard Morley, Claude Mestack, Jim Lewis and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Monday morning.

Eric Sedaburg of Caribou Lake, Bob Cleland Sr. and Bob Cleland Jr. and Bill Cleland each got a deer near Cass City.

Don Rackhoff and Allen Farrelly had supper at the Cass City Stockyards Tuesday.

Sharon Sturgil of Bad Axe visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland visited Mrs. Hiram Keyser and Olive Derpinhaus.

It's a girl!



Emma Widger

Robert and Patricia Widger of Fenton announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Nicole.

Emma was born Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2003 at Hurley Medical Center, Flint. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. She is the granddaughter of Fred and Juanita Widger of Kingston, and Roger and Vera Bouck of Cass City. Maternal great-grandparents are Mary Sabo and the late Louis Sabo Jr. of Deford, and Olin Bouck and the late Mae Bouck of Cass City.

Baker students honored

Officials at Baker College, Cass City, recently named students to the schools' president's and dean's lists following the summer 2003 quarter.

Students who earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average and completed 12 credit hours qualify for the president's list, while full-time dean's list students have earned a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.99 while completing 12 credit hours, and part-time dean's list students have earned a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0 while completing 4 to 11 credit hours.

Area students on the president's list are: Jeannie Beckrow of Cass City and Teressa Deering of Unionville.

Named to the full-time dean's list are: Wendy Romain of Cass City, Amanda Mar of Decker, and Mary Klimek and Melissa Price, both of Deford.

Named to the part-time dean's list are: Rick Champaign, Amber Gast, Ann King, Brenda Lounsbury and Wendy Timko, all of Cass City; Monica Rushlo, Decker; Deborah Babich and Jared Thane, both of Deford; William Engleman, Kingston; Angel Kula and Andrea Wiederhold, both of Owendale; and Jennifer Marston, Snover.



Meg's Peg
Carving the turk
by Melva E. Guinther

Bob McArthur found this humorous account among the effects of his mother, the late Pauline McArthur:

Ma always did the carving in the old days on the farm. When roasted bird at meals occurred, she'd slice it to a charm. But last Thanksgiving Father said, when Ma was carving ducks, Her cooking, though was passable, she couldn't carve for shucks. Dad said again he noticed when a chicken came on deck, Though all the rest got legs and breast, he always got the neck.

Henceforth he'd wield the knife himself. And now I'll go to work, Events I'll trace, tell what took place when Father carved the turk. Thanksgiving night soon rolled around, and Dick and me and Sue Had fixed a little game on Pop, and Ma was in it too. We had a turkey on the farm, I'd heard Dad oft remark, He'd pledge his word that very bird came out of Noah's ark.

We chloroformed the gobbler, and though for hours we tried, No axe or gun (we tried a ton) would penetrate his hide. When in the oven birdie went, Mom whispered in a smirk, "There'll be some fun for everyone when Father carves the turk."

'Twas Thanksgiving Day, the table gay with fixings for the feast, And every guest dressed in his best, a score of them at least. A hungry horde sat 'round the board as Dad took up his knife, All sharpened like a razor for the battle of his life.

Hushed 'twas the din as Ma brought in the gobbler, brown and slick. Ma winked at me, I winked at Sue and Sue she winked at Dick. All bowed their head as grace was said by Rev. Joseph Burke. Then still as death, we held our breath while Father carved the turk. Dad shed his coat and cleared his throat and then he butted in, The gobbler's hide to cut he tried, but couldn't pierce the skin.

Its breast he jabbed, its neck he stabbed, and gave it such a slap, It went right swish clean off the dish and flopped in Sal Smith's lap. 'Twas soon put back, again Dad hacked. Oh, things were going some, When Dad's knife slipped and off it whipped the top of Father's thumb. Dad stomped the floor and strange oaths said, while Rev. Mr. Burke Begged heaven in prayer our lives to spare while Father carved the turk. We fixed the old man's damaged thumb, then Dad, said to relate, Upon the table knelt and chased the turkey round the plate. One knee was on the

gobbler's breast, the other in the pie, While gravy flew on me and Sue and hit the ceiling high. We ducked beneath the table, 'twas the safest place to go. While Pop was wrestling on the deck, we breathed a prayer below. Then came a crash, an awful smash. In my brain it long will lurk. That deafening roar, when on the floor went Father and the turk. We scrambled out and picked Dad up. You should have seen him prance, The carving knife lodged in his shoe, the fork stuck in his pants. His face was smeared with grease, his beard and whiskers full of pie. Ere he could see, Ma dug out three potatoes from his eye. Then old Doc Jupp patched Father up and said 'twas very plain He'd turkeyitis of the pants and gravy on the brain. Another gobbler soon was cooked, and each one went to work And ate, you bet, but don't forget, 'twas Mother carved the turk.

Wise recognized

Amanda Wise has been named Owendale-Gagetown Schools' "Senior Student of the Month" for November. Wise has been active in various activities while attending Owen-Gage. She has participated in sports as a member of the volleyball and basketball teams. She was also a cheerleader for 3 years.

During her high school years, Wise has served as treasurer for the French Club and for her sophomore class. As a junior, she was selected to

represent her class for Snowball and was a member of the prom committee. Currently, Wise is vice president of the senior class, editor of the school newspaper, and a member of the yearbook staff. She is also a teacher's aide.

Wise, the daughter of James and Donna Wise of Gagetown, plans to attend Savannah College of Art and Design to major in fashion design and minor in photography.

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CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK
By Dr. Robert Gabriel

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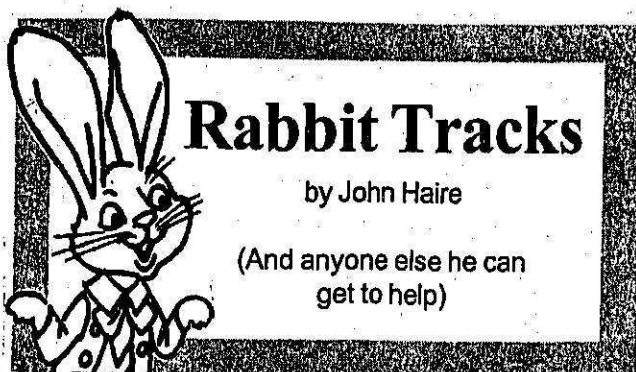
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A faulty card wasn't the reason for a call intended for the motel that we received last week. It was from Clare Comment, motel owner.

It was a definite plus as it gave me a chance to talk with a good friend for the first time in several months.

It's remarkable, I said to myself. Three members of the Harbor Beach basketball team listed in the district tournament program are Laura Messing, 5'9", Janel Hessing, 5'11" and Kayla Kramer, 5'9".

I'd swear that each of these young ladies have grown about 2 inches between the time the program was printed and the game was played.

A trip to visit a grandson recovering from an operation at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor was combined with a family birthday dinner at the Gandy Dancer, a well-known restaurant located in a former railroad depot at 1099 Joseph Street.

There was a 3-piece band playing, popular music but definitely not soft dinner music. The brunch had a wide variety, including lox, shrimp in the shell, 2 kinds of fish, ham and prime rib. The usual desserts, veggies, salads, scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage. There were workers creating waffles and omelets. The trouble with the waffles is that they were made in advance and stuffed in a dish instead of dished piping hot to the customers on order. The omelets made to order were very good.

The Gandy Dancer has been there for years and years, so obviously must be doing something right. I've been there when it wasn't brunch time and had a good experience.

They could have dispensed with the music and reduced the price, which is on the high side for brunches. Adults pay \$18.90, children a dollar for each year. Our 3-year-old cost \$3 and the 6-year-old \$6, etc.

As a brunch for the amount charged, give it 5 on the 1-10 scale.

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Car taken in Uby

Troopers nab suspects

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Bad Axe arrested 2 suspects stemming from a reported missing vehicle Friday in Huron County's Bingham Township.

According to reports, troopers were dispatched to a residence in Uby to investigate a reported unlawfully driving away of a motor vehicle.

Vehicle and suspect information was relayed to the State Police Regional Dispatch, and Huron County Central Dispatch posted a BOL (be on the lookout). About 30 minutes later, Harbor Beach police stopped the suspect vehicle after the driver attempted to elude officers by pulling into a driveway.

Troopers interviewed and arrested both suspects, who were lodged in the Huron County Jail and are awaiting arraignment on unlawfully driving away a motor vehicle and other charges. Their names have not yet been released.

Huron County Sheriff's deputies assisted in the investigation.

HDC seeks volunteers

Officials with the Human Development Commission (HDC) and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) are urging community members ages 55 and older to sign up this week to

make a difference in their community.

Residents can make a difference through the Share Your Volunteer Spirit Pledge Drive, a campaign hosted by the Senior Corps, which is encouraging anyone who is interested to call RSVP at 1-800-843-6394.

"The holiday season is traditionally the time that we say 'thank-you' and give back to our communities," said RSVP Manager Julie DeGuise. "We're providing an easy way for people to find local volunteer opportunities and say 'yes' to volunteering."

"Get involved with a friend, a family member or by yourself to enjoy the rewards of

volunteering in our community," she added.

DeGuise stressed that there are several volunteer opportunities available to people, so there is something for everyone. Recently, RSVP volunteers have participated in projects such as literacy programs, Brown Bag prescription programs, and special projects throughout the area.

The Share Your Volunteer Spirit Pledge Drive is part of the Senior Corps' Ask a Friend campaign, which encourages older adults to serve in projects that strengthen their communities.

More information is available by calling DeGuise or Teresa Whitaker at (989) 673-4121.

The
Haire
Net



Scarcely a week goes by that there isn't a report about how fat we are all getting and the myriad troubles that eating too much, or eating the wrong foods creates.

A good many of young and middle aged persons are taking the warning very seriously and are getting more exercise and paying closer attention to diets than ever before.

You can notice the emphasis in communities large and small. A visit to Chicago about a year ago was an eye opener. In the heart of the city early in the morning there were exercisers everywhere, on bikes, on roller blades, walking and running.

There is a growing cadre that walks and runs in Cass City and uses the exercise facility at Hills and Dales Hospital.

I was nudged into thinking about all this when the last couple of issues of the paper reported 2 residents observed their 100th birthday. Folks living into the nineties may not be common, but certainly they are not uncommon anymore.

One of the few advantages of becoming a graybeard is that you can remember how it was. Or perhaps remember how you think it was. No matter.

There were certainly fewer persons that equated exercise with health 35 years ago. One of them that did was Horace Bulen. He owned a car dealership in Cass City and exercised regularly by riding a bike. Staying in condition to play tennis, in which he excelled. He never smoked.

On one bike trip out in the countryside he hit a hole in the side of the road. He fell and was not discovered un-

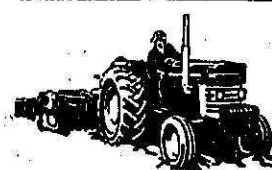
til the next morning and never walked again. He sued the county and won, but that was small comfort.

But I digress. The topic under discussion is longer life spans. Certainly we are living longer on average. Advanced medical care and medicines have to figure prominently in the equation.

With new medical discoveries raining out one after another, it's almost a positive that the life span will increase rapidly.

Then the major concern will not be longer life spans, but what to do with the burgeoning population.

And 100-year birthdays will be commonplace.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

Dr. Howard Dean's comment about wanting votes from "guys with confederate flags in their pickup trucks" has put the political world in a tizzy. The other Democrats made him apologize to everyone they thought he might have offended.

Who did he offend? Nearly everyone, according to his opponents. A Democratic Senator from Georgia reportedly said, "Howard Dean knows as much about the South as a hog knows about Sunday."

What a cruel thing to say! A hog knows quite a bit about Sunday, it seems to me.

The hog knows he'll get fed like any other day, and he probably won't be slaughtered before Monday. That means a lot to a hog.

Howard Dean, on the other hand, knows very little about the South - or about rednecks for that matter. That's the major group he supposedly offended, the rednecks.

Everybody knows that's not possible. If you can be offended, you're not a redneck. It's the nature of the beast.

A guy doesn't need a confederate flag in his pickup to be a redneck, either. We use Bass Pro stickers where I live.

Dean's going to have to learn a few things before his campaign heads south - like the difference between a violin and a fiddle. He needs to learn a violin has strings, while a fiddle has straws.

He should know the difference between a fairy tale and a redneck story. A fairy tale begins, "Once upon a time..." A redneck story begins, "You ain't gonna believe this..."

Everybody was a redneck where I grew up. Only our necks were red because hats covered our heads, and shirt collars were snugged up to exclude the dust and chaff.

When we went swimming, you could see that everyone had a farmer's tan, too. If you see a guy at the pool who seems to be wearing a white T-shirt and pink waders, that's a farmer's tan.

We got our tans honestly in those days. We drove tractors, stacked hay bales, or moved irrigation pipe. You didn't see people sneaking in and out of tanning parlors like you do now.

Even the girls got tan driv-

ing tractors. Some of the girls would stand up and drive backwards to make their tan as even as possible. We lost a lot of fences when the girls drove tractors.

Tanning was easier for boys. We'd just yank off our shirts in the spring, and in a few days we'd be tan.

The best suntan I ever got came from driving my brother's old John Deere B. Folks who owned the old Bs will remember they were two-cylinder jobs, fondly called "Johnny Poppers." You could hear those tractors for miles around, "Ker-

Pow, Ker-Pow, ker-pow-pow-pow!"

My brother's old tractor had a leak around the cylinder rings and spewed small drops of gasoline and oil with each ker-pow. The exhaust was above the engine and directly in front of the driver. A kid driving that tractor was pretty well oiled by the end of the day.

The old John Deere gave me the deepest, smoothest suntan you would ever want to see. Dr. Dean probably wouldn't understand, but I think any redneck would have been proud of that one.

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Red Hawk Talks

by Kristi Fluegge

Letters to the editor

CMP does not fill pupil needs

On Thursday, November 13th, one could tell something was about to happen. Something great, something exciting was heard in the halls and classrooms. But on Friday, November 14th the classrooms seemed a little empty. This enthusiasm didn't stop; it continued onto this past Monday when everybody told his or her "hunting stories." How Saturday morning went, when they saw that "Big Buck" walk in, or how much fun they had, were some of the hot topics. However, not everyone's hunting story fits the perfect tale.

I am sure you heard about all the students that went hunting and got a huge buck opening morning. But not all hunters had such great luck. Actually, when I asked the students about their hunting stories I was surprised what they could come up with. Dustin Mallory had a "Citizens of the Future" music Festival on Friday night, so he got to bed pretty late. His alarm went off at about 5:30 a.m. and I am sure most of you are guessing what happened next. As Dustin put it, he said, "Not Happening!" and shut off his alarm. However, he did go hunting. He got up around 11:00, ate some breakfast and got out in the woods by early afternoon.

If you know Norman Pierce, his hunting story might not surprise you. The reason Norman's story is unique is because it took place in mid-July. Yes, this is the only story he had to give. Taken directly from Norman's story he said, "We were in my van on Hurds Corner Rd. We were telling stories about various adventures. As we chatted I saw this massive beast with antlers storm out from the bushes. I was scared, so I plunged my foot into the break system hoping it would engage and believe me, it did. The beast made it by, so I let off the breaking device. Then an even bigger beast stormed out of the

woods about 6 points worth and it was even growing season. There was nothing I could do so I struck the beast. The deer's eyes and mine met as it lay upon my windshield and knew it was over." Maybe Norman didn't have a remarkable story about opening morning, but I found his pretty interesting, descriptive and different from all others. I think I will keep Norman in mind if I should ever get stuck writing an article for the Red Hawk Talks!

We had another similar story given by Jodi Stevens, "It was Tuesday, four days before opening. I had just bought my hunting license and on my way home I hit a twelve point buck!" Believe it or not, Jodi was pretty proud regardless of the damage it did to her vehicle.

Gavin Frederick didn't have a fairy tale ending after Saturday either, "I am definitely a better bow hunter than my father, but he's the one that got an awesome, massive, 9 point buck."

Thanks to all the students who were willing to take the time and tell me their stories. I know I enjoy the hunting season myself. We have a few hunters share the fun at our home, and had a few successful stories along with a few exaggerated ones! Right dad?

I recently attended a parent information meeting at Cass City Middle School that introduced parents to the Connected Math Project (CMP), which was recently implemented for 7th and 8th grade students. According to its developers, the Connected Math Project is "a complete mathematics curriculum that helps students develop understanding of important concepts, skills, procedures, and ways of thinking and reasoning in number, geometry, measurement, algebra, probability, and statistics."

What the school officials neglected to tell the parents is that CMP is a highly controversial, radical change in the math curriculum that virtually supplants traditional math values. CMP has been implemented in many communities and has met with parental opposition throughout the country.

At least one community is embattled in a lawsuit with its school system to have CMP removed from its curriculum. The flaws in the CMP program are obvious and numerous.

One major flaw in the program is that students work in groups to solve problems. Another flaw in the program is that students no longer perform the necessary computations. They are taught to rely on a Texas Instruments graphing calculator (which, in my opinion, is more difficult to use than solving any algebraic equation). Students no longer need to know formulas or math for solving problems; the calculator does it for them.

These are just 2 of the flaws; there are so many more that I do not have the space here to discuss.

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For the parents who did not attend the meeting, I urge you to find out more by asking your child and his teachers about CMP, and also using Internet resources. You may be surprised at what you find.

For those of you who don't think this concerns you, realize that your tax dollars are supporting this program. Find out how your money is being spent and hold the school system accountable.

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The teacher no longer teaches math concepts; he merely "facilitates". When a group is stymied, he may give the group a hint to help them, but does not give them any math formula for solving the problem. Independent problem-solving skills are not developed or encouraged. This is evident by the fact that many students are unable to complete their homework assignments adequately. Some students spend as much as two hours in an evening, with the help of a parent, and are still unable to adequately solve the homework problems. A valid approach for problem-solving and guessing rather than learning valuable math principles.

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Bulldog Beat

by Laura Enderle

American schooling started out a lot different back in 1640 where the main objective was to teach basic reading, writing, and arithmetic skills with maybe some history. Most of a child's education was still heavily relied on by the church and family. Back then, the curriculum altered slightly with maybe some science and geography until the 1900s.

Since then, the government has rapidly increased the responsibility of American public schools. Between 1900 and 1930 there was much focus put on nutrition and health education. Physical education was now required along with organized athletics. They established home economics and agricultural education. School transportation was also introduced during this era.

In the 40s, the government added various classes such as: business education, art, music, speech, drama, and half day kindergarten. One of the biggest changes was when school lunches started to appear in some schools.

In the 50s decade, safety education, sex education, and driver's education was to be offered, as well as foreign language requirements.

The 60s brought along Head Start and adult education. Also added to the curriculum was consumer education, career education and of course peace, leisure and recreation education.

When the American family started to break up in the 70s, government recognized the need for drug and alcohol education, parent education, behavior adjustment classes, and character education. They offered woman's studies and African-American heritage education. This decade also introduced breakfast programs. Public schools were now responsible for two thirds of a child's daily meals.

In the 80s, the schools focused on multi-cultural education and after school programs. They expanded early childhood education, health and psychological services. Teachers were now required

to monitor child abuse. Also teen pregnancy and anti-smoking courses were available.

In the past 13 years, public schools have focused on conflict resolution and peer mediation. HIV/AIDS and death education courses appeared. Computer and Internet education had expanded. Also required is bus, bicycle, gun, and water safety and CPR training.

Teachers in Michigan are required to attend 5 professional development days per school year. Many of these days are where teachers are taught to apply new curriculum to the already established classes since very few minutes have been added to the school calendar in the past 50 years.

Three weeks ago Owen-Gage teachers had an in-service (professional development day). This day teachers Kathy Sutton, Terri Falkenburg and Don Starks showed a "Positive Behavioral Support System" presentation. They demonstrated ideas to other teachers on how to drop discipline and increase positive behavior, which in turn results in higher test scores. They feel it is important to enforce school policy to all students, not just minorities. Expectations of students will be posted in all areas of the school.

They went over a reward system for good behavior as a whole school or for separate classes, groups, and individuals. Their goal is to have 5 positive for every one negative behavior. Teachers expect about one year to set up this system because it needs the support of every staff member. Schools have come a long way since reading, writing, and arithmetic. Education has changed with the times to keep students educated and prepared for the constantly expanding world. Still, today after teachers earn their degrees, they need to update their education each year to keep on top of things. Who knows what we will be taught next?

Judge Kent joins first Adoption Day celebration in state

Probate and Family Court Judge Wallace Kent, Jr. and the Tuscola County Family Court participated in Michigan's first Adoption Day Tuesday.

Michigan's Adoption Day is a joint project of the Family Independence Agency (FIA) and the courts of Michigan to make the public more aware of the approximately 1,800 children in the state who have come from homes where they were neglected or abused, and who do not yet have an adoptive home. These children need stable, loving homes. Most of them are in foster homes, which provide love and shelter until the children are adopted. However, foster homes are not intended to be permanent placements, and children in foster care understandably feel that they are not complete members of the family.

Last year 11 children from neglectful or abusive homes, who had been wards of the state, supervised by FIA, were adopted in Tuscola County. Tuscola County also approved 15 adoptions supervised by private agencies and 20 adoptions by step-parents or other family members.

Kent confirmed adoptions Tuesday for 2 families, one

involving a 4-year old youngster and the other one involving a child who is one and a half years old.

"I am thrilled to be a part of the Adoption Day celebration," Kent said. "Presiding over adoptions is the best part of my job as a Family Court Judge. Usually, when people come to court, somebody leaves being unhappy. In an adoption, everyone involved has a big smile on their face. Parents are glad to have a child to love, and children who are old enough to understand are relieved to have parents who will love them unconditionally and will treat them with kindness."

There are children of all ages available for adoption, however families for teens are of particular need. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the adoption process for state wards is invited to call Denise Bristol at the Tuscola County Family Independence Agency office (989) 673-9191.

"Hopefully, this first annual Adoption Day will encourage more people to explore adoption for needy children as an option so that in the future no child goes without a permanent, loving home," Kent said.

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Cub Scout "cake bake" nets \$1,051

Members of Cass City Cub Scout Pack 3594 reaped the sweet success of their culinary efforts during their annual Cub and Pal Cake Bake Auction Thursday night at Cass City Middle School.

The event generated \$1,051.50, which will be donated to the "Cass City Christmas for Kids" project sponsored by Cass City Rotary.

"They raised more money this year - well over a hundred dollars more than last year," said Beth Kittle, co-chairman of the cake bake. "There were, I would say, about 20 different people who bought cakes, and there were probably 36 cakes auc-

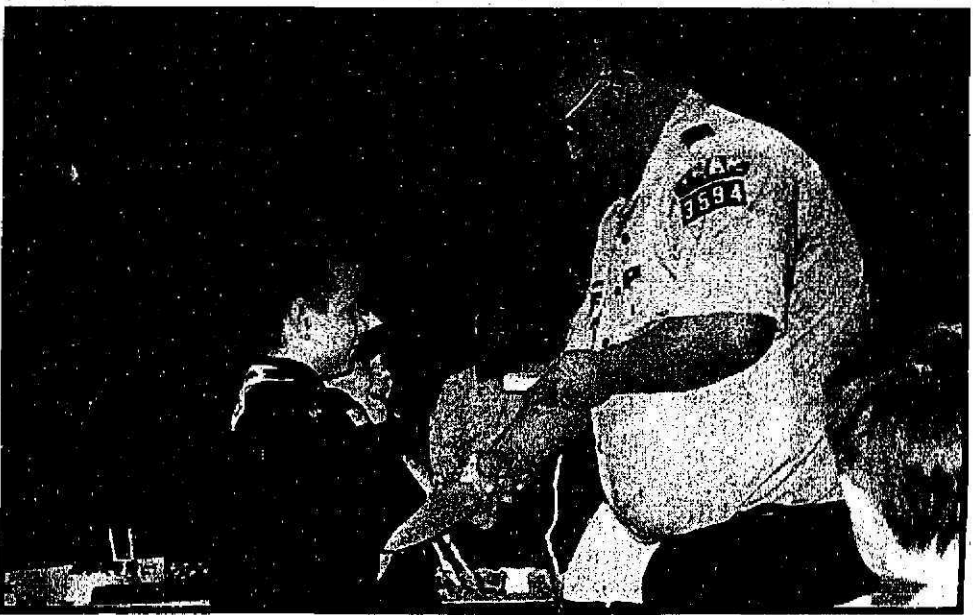
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Dave, Marty and Tavis Osentoski again donated their time and talents by auctioning each of the cakes to the highest bidder.

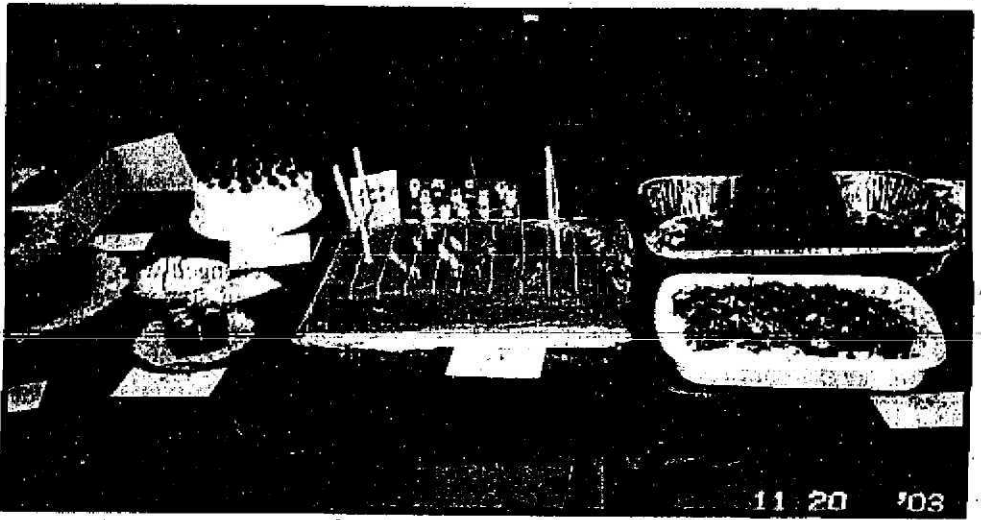
This year's Judges Choice - Grand Prize winner was Thomas LeValley. Other awards presented during the evening were: Yummiest Looking cake - Alex Varney; Longest - Chandler Pawloski; Most Original Creation - Austin and Luke Baker; Tallest - Jacob Kittle; Smallest - Kyle Hanby; Best in Scout Theme - Joey Doerr; Christmas Theme - Colin Mason; and Patriotic Theme - Tommy Lang.



CASS CITY Cub Scouts (from left) Kyle Hanby, Ryan Larson and Alex Varney present a check for \$1,051.50 to Dave Osentoski. The money, raised during the annual Cub and Pal Cake Bake Auction Thursday, will go to the Cass City Rotary Club's "Christmas for Kids" project.



CUB SCOUT Pack 3594 Leader Jim Baker congratulates Scouts Austin and Luke Baker, who shared honors for the Most Original Creation.



THE CAKE bake auction once again resulted in a wide variety of tasty and creative cakes being auctioned off to benefit needy children.

Production of milk increases

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 502 million pounds of milk during October, up 1.4 percent from a year ago, according to the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service.

The daily rate per cow was 54.5 pounds, up 1.3 pounds from 2002. The dairy herd was estimated at 297,000 head for October, down 3,000 from a year earlier.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5YEARSAGO

At a meeting of the Cass City Planning Commission Tuesday evening, the commission bowed to most of the demands of the merchants. The use of banners on the exterior of buildings in the business district was eased to allow them to be placed on any of the 4 walls of the building instead of just the front and back. The sign size was originally to be restricted to 100 square feet but the commission now will suggest that signs of any size be allowed, providing that they do not occupy more than 10 percent of the total square feet of the building.

The winners of a 48" plush reindeer from Coach Light Pharmacy are Whitney, age 9, and Angela, age 4, Braun of Uby. The Braun sisters are the children of Joe and Nancy Braun.

The 3rd time proved to be the charm for the Cass City cage team Wednesday night in Uby as the Hawks ousted Unionville-Sebewaing from the Class C district with a 60-50 win. To open the contest, senior Tara McNeil scored consecutive treys to give the Hawks a 6-0 lead that the Hawks would not surrender.

10YEARSAGO

The numbers aren't all in yet, but local United Way officials already have plenty to smile about. According to Dale McIntosh, president of the Cass City United Way Executive Board, donations have easily topped the 1993 goal of \$18,000, with several contributions yet to be received.

Cass City placed 2 players on the Blue Bay League all-conference team as selected by coaches last week. Leading the selection list was Jodi Schember, who is the team captain after being voted number one selection by all voting coaches. Also named was Jodi LaRoche. Both girls are seniors.

Cass City Toys for Tots organizers are busy preparing for the 1993 campaign to provide toys for needy children in the area. Last year, 390 children from 154 families in the Cass City, Deford and Gagetown areas were served, and as many or more

are expected to apply this year, according to Sue Werschky, coordinator of the local program.

25YEARSAGO

Bar owners get slightly dizzy on Dec. 3. It's on Dec. 22 that they suffer the real hangover. Sunday, Dec. 3, is when, by act of the state legislature, the legal drinking age of Michigan is raised from 18 to 19, but a clause in the law allows those already 18 to continue drinking.

The first negotiating session since workers at the Evans Products Co. in Gagetown went on strike Nov. 2 has been scheduled Thursday morning. Called by federal mediator Ward Wilson, the session will be held in the federal building in Saginaw.

Owendale-Gagetown senior Mark McDonald, 17, has been named to the Associated Press and Detroit News all-state class D football teams. The 6-5, 215-pound tackle and defensive linebacker made 88 solo tackles during the past season, recovered four fumbles and intercepted three passes.

The new ambulance for the Cass City area should be here by Christmas. The Cass City Area Ambulance Board gave

official approval to purchase the \$26,546 unit Monday evening.

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Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City, has been named winner of the community-achievement award for Tuscola County and the 14th region of Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac, Lapeer and St. Clair counties. Chairman Richard Erla announced this week. Erla is awards chairman and representative for the Greater Michigan Foundation. Regional award winners will compete in the State contest in Lansing.

A recirculator arrived early this week at Wesley Milk Co. in Cass City and the device is expected to cut the company's sewer costs over \$600 monthly. The unit was purchased after Wesley's received a huge cost boost from the village for the use of its sewer system.

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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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CHAMPS

Bulldogs earn district title with nail-biting victory over Warriors

Owen-Gage avenged a pair of regular season setbacks to North Huron Friday, claiming the Class D district title in Caseville along the way.

As usual, juniors Kayla Zaleski and Katie Swiastyn paced the Bulldogs during the come-from-behind, 60-55, decision. The pair combined for 36 tallies, including 18 in the final period where Owen-Gage outscored the Warriors, 25-14.

The game was a seesaw affair. The Bulldogs, who

ended North Huron's 2-year run as district champions, grabbed an early advantage, but were outscored 18-11 in the 2nd frame and trailed at the break, 23-19.

North Huron extended its lead heading into the final period as sophomore center Andrea Clancy went to work under the basket. Clancy, who finished with a team-best 16 points, recorded several baskets in the lane and gave her Warriors a 41-35 margin entering the contest's

final 8 minutes.

While Clancy was busy under the basket, North Huron's Mandy Osantoski provided the Warriors with points from the perimeter and staked the Warriors to a 44-37 margin when she opened the scoring for the leaders in the final period, nailing her 3rd shot from behind the 3-point arc.

However, after exchanging a pair of scoring spurts, Owen-Gage regained the lead at 54-51 with a timely

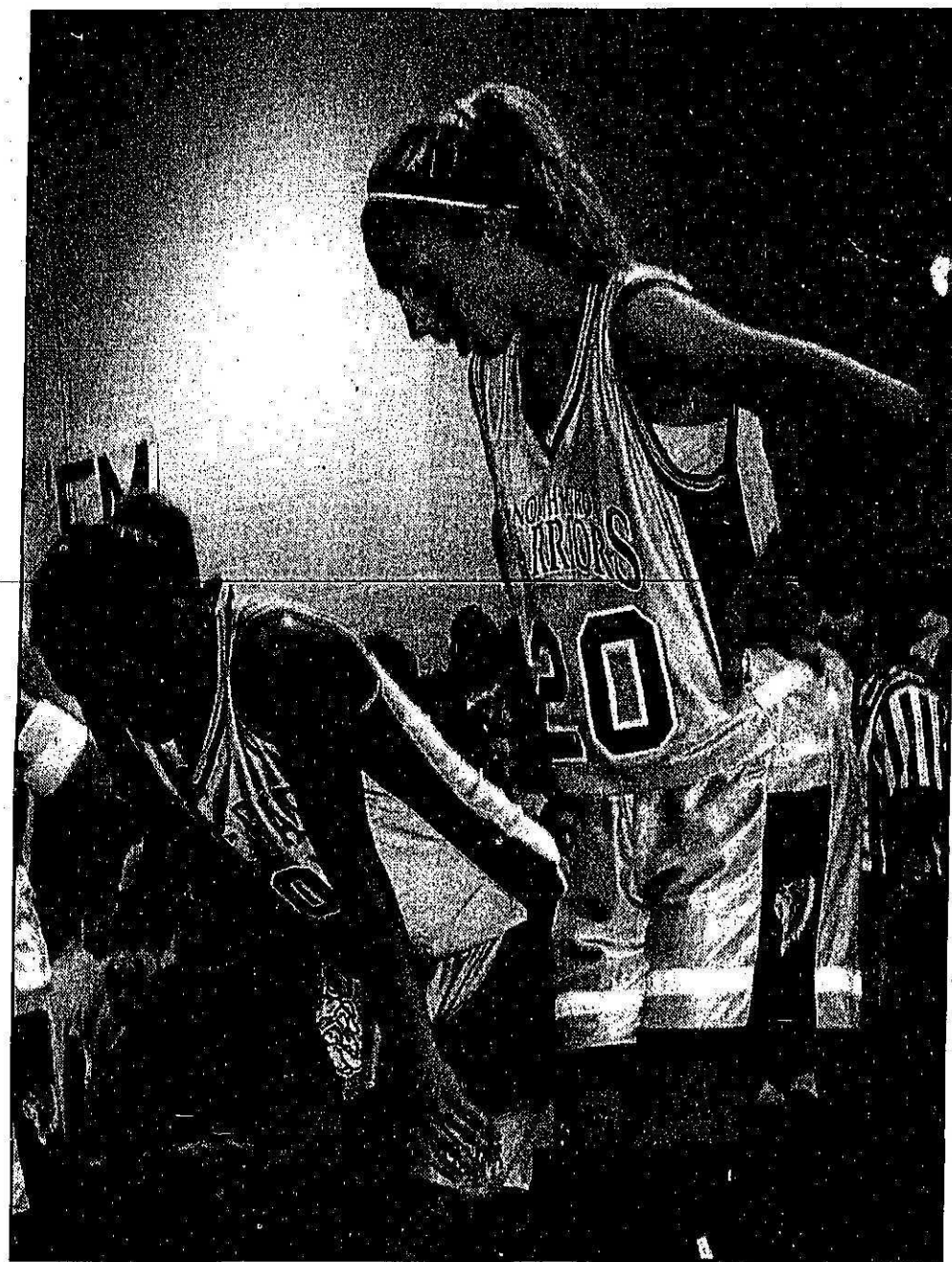
basket and free throw from senior Laura Enderle. The Bulldogs would never surrender the lead.

Zaleski and Swiastyn prevented North Huron from rallying with some clutch free throw shooting down the wire. Zaleski connected on 7 of 8 tries at the charity stripe in the final period and 12 of 15 attempts on the evening. Swiastyn made good on 5 of 7 tosses, including 2 critical makes in the closing seconds. On the night, Owen-Gage enjoyed a 23-8 scoring margin at the line.

Zaleski led all scorers with 20 points, while Swiastyn finished with 16 markers. Sophomore Michelle Brown had 9 points for the Bulldogs.

OWEN-GAGE - Zaleski 4-0 (12-15) 20; Swiastyn 4-1 (5-7) 16; Brown 4-0 (1-2) 9; Enderle 2-0 (1-4) 5; Glaza 0-0 (2-2) 2; Dorsch 3-0 (2-4) 8. **TOTALS** - 17-1 (23-34) 60.

NORTH HURON - Gisel 1-0 (0-0) 2; Rutkowski 2-0 (0-0) 4; Clancy 7-0 (2-5) 16; DePrekel 0-2 (2-3) 8; Baranski 2-0 (0-0) 4; Empkie 0-0 (2-2) 2; Rice 3-0 (1-5) 7; Osantoski 1-3 (1-2) 12. **TOTALS** - 16-5 (8-17) 55.



SEARCHING FOR AIR. Owen-Gage's Kayla Zaleski and North Huron's Andrea Clancy attempt to catch their breath during Friday night's district final in Caseville. The pair led their teams with 20 and 16 points, respectively, as the Bulldogs claimed the Class D district championship with a 60-55 decision.

Owen-Gage ousts Port Hope, 41-36 en route to district finals at Caseville

Evidently, winning the North Central Thumb League-North championship means little come tournament time.

For the 2nd straight year,

the conference's champ was ousted from district play when Owen-Gage defended Port Hope, 41-36, Wednesday night during a semifinal match up in Caseville.

The Bluestars, who earned the NCTL-N title with a 14-4 mark, opened the contest with a 12-3 run as they handled the Bulldogs' full-court pressure with little difficulties.

Trailing 14-7, Bulldog Katie Swiastyn recorded 7 consecutive points and drew the Bulldogs even with the Bluestars at 16 when her 15' jumper hit nothing but net with just over 5 minutes remaining until the intermission.

Trailing 21-19 to open the final half, Owen-Gage tightened its defense and outscored the Bluestars 12-4 to take a 6-point bulge into the final stanza. Owen-Gage, who received 10 points from Swiastyn and Kayla Zaleski in the period, held Port Hope to one field goal and 2 free throws by Kelsey Mausolf in the frame.

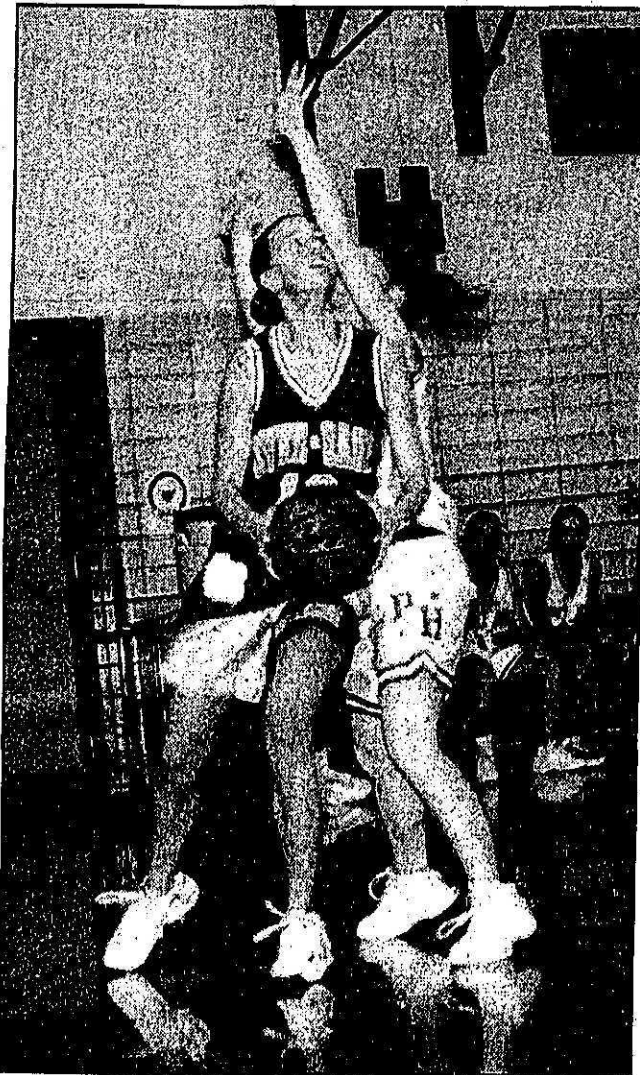
Mausolf continued her attack on the Bulldogs in the

final period where she tallied 7 of her game-high 19 points, but couldn't overcome the balanced scoring from Owen-Gage in the final period, as 5 different Lady Dawgs entered the record books to help preserve the win.

Swiastyn recorded 15 points for Owen-Gage, which included a pair of treys and perfection from the foul stripe in 5 tries. Zaleski added 10 points for the winners.

OWEN-GAGE - Zaleski 3-0 (4-5) 10; Swiastyn 2-2 (5-5) 15; Rhodes 1-0 (2-4) 4; Brown 3-0 (0-0) 6; Enderle 0-0 (2-4) 2; Dorsch 1-0 (2-4) 4. **TOTALS** - 10-2 (15-22) 41.

PORT HOPE - Woodke 0-0 (2-3) 2; Schave 3-0 (1-5) 7; Mausolf 7-0 (5-6) 19; Iseler 1-1 (0-2) 5; Koglin 1-0 (1-2) 3. **TOTALS** - 12-1 (9-18) 36.



BULLDOG KATIE Swiastyn faces heavy pressure from a Port Hope defender in Wednesday's district semifinal. Nevertheless, the Owen-Gage junior recorded a team-high 15 points during the 41-36 upset victory.

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Merchants As of Nov. 19

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Lee Morgan Painting	54
Stafono's	45
Charmont Motel	44
Patrick's Flooring	40
Curtis Chrysler	20

Individual High Games & Series: R. Witherspoon 242-245 (690); C. Mauer 258 (611); C. Anthes 231 (609); A. Reed (609); E. Bombrowski 236 (590); S. Nauka 236; K. Repshinska 235; J. Krol 234; T. Davis 223; T. Pattengill 216; T. Lis 216; M. Zawilinski 212. **Team High Game:** Stafono's, 1014 actual. **Team High Series:** Charmont Motel (2892).

Merchanettes League As of Nov. 20

Crowley Chiropractic	12
Gagetown Cutting Corners	10
Langenburg Plumb/Heat	10
FBI Gals	9
Empty Pockets	8
Cablettes	6
Osentoski Realty/Auct.	6
Charlie's Angels	5
All Season Video	2
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Individual High Games: P. Bauer 202-195-178; J. Bemus 193-176; J. Krol 189-182-168; P. Hellwig 186; S. Buschlen 182-162; M. Gettel 180-170-168; J. Montgomery 177-155; L. Pabst 177-155; J. Morell 176-157; K. Maurer 175-174; C. Wallace 171; A. Conely 171-153; D. Sweeney 171-160-160; D. Williams 169-169; R. Diaz 169; D. Zdrojewski 167; B. Doran 153-155; L. Campbell 162-161-150; L. Hanson 164; P. Till 152.

Individual High Series: P. Bauer 575; J. Krol 539; M. Gettel 518; J. Bemus 512; D. Sweeney 491; K. Maurer 489; S. Buschlen 484; J. Morell 480; D. Williams 478; L. Campbell 473; J. Montgomery 457; B. Doran 450. **Split Conversions:** J. Morell 5-6-7; J. Bemus 3-10; S. Robinson 3-10; M. Barber 5-7. **Team High Game & Series:** FBI Gals, 724 (2047).

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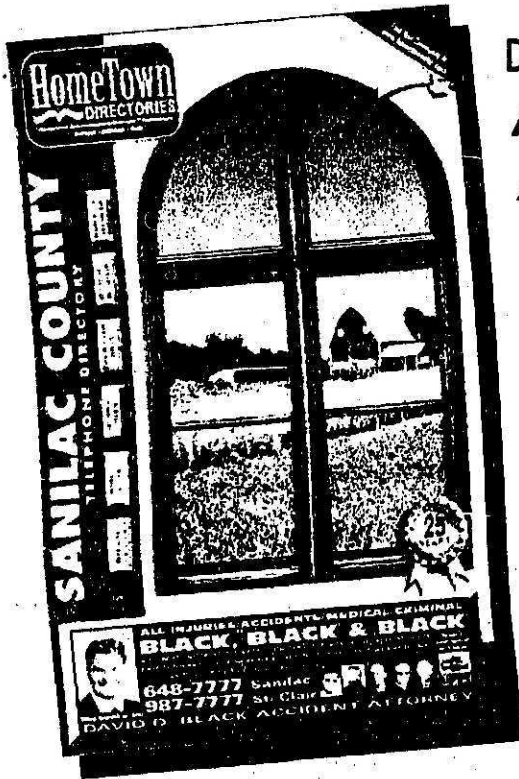
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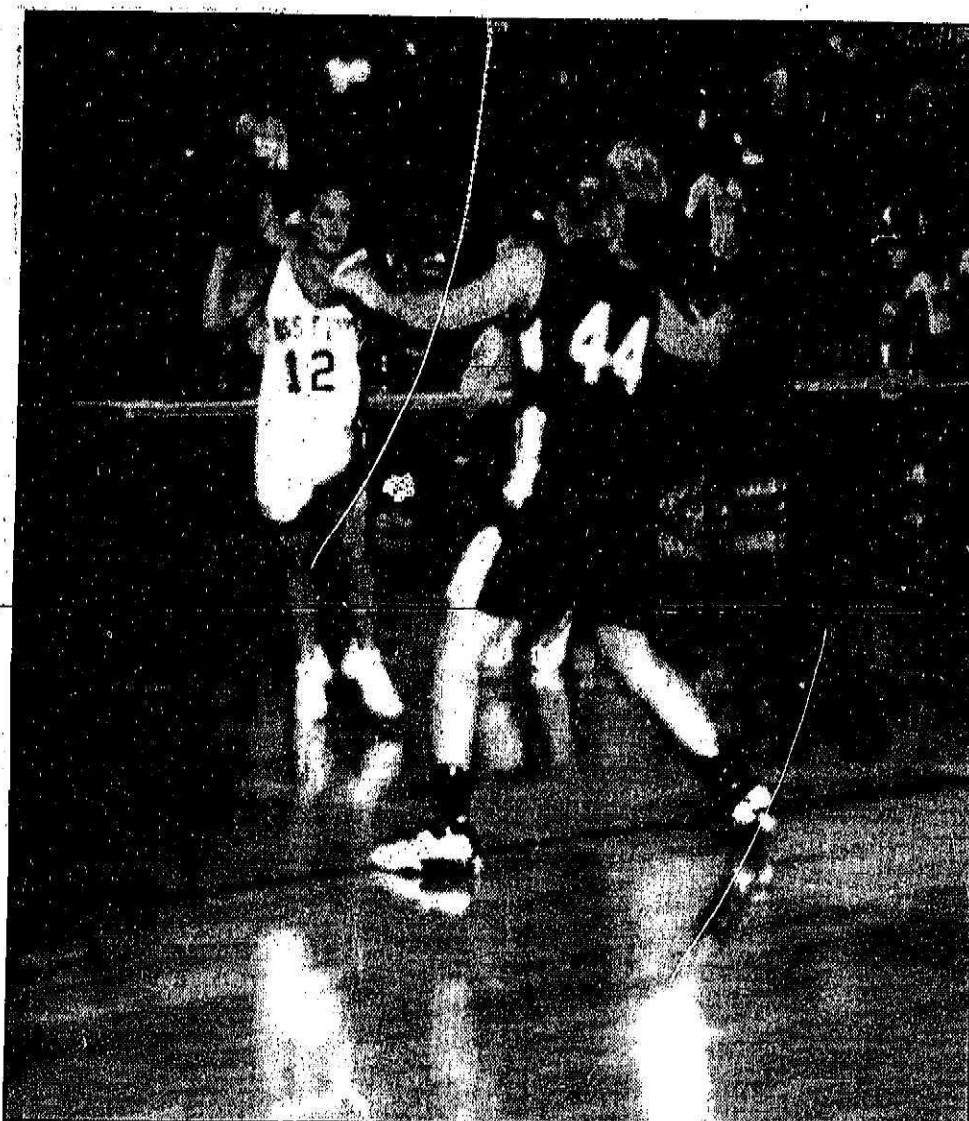
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Lackowski 1-2 (0-0) 8;
Klawon 1-1 (0-0) 5; Philp 4-
0 (6-7) 14.
TOTALS - 9-3 (6-8) 33.

HARBOR BEACH -
Lemanski 1-0 (1-2) 3;
Wchmer 0-2 (2-2) 8;
Roberts 1-1 (0-0) 5; Messing
3-0 (0-0) 6; S. Wruble 1-0 (2-
6) 4. Kramer 8-0 (1-2) 17.
TOTALS - 14-3 (6-12) 43.



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Sarah Hobbs, senior. The best shooter on the team and possibly the most improved. She was a first off the bench player last year and became one of the players visiting teams concentrate on when trying to figure out how to stop the Cass City offense.



Krista Homakie, junior. Watching her on the bench it appears that she is as excited about a good play and a victory for the team as she would be if she were the girl that made the plays that caused the victory. Girls like Krista are a coach's dream.



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The statistics on **Krystee Dorland**, a senior, don't tell the tale about her value to the team. She has a nose for the ball and all year long came up with critical rebounds and many clutch shots.



Sammy Glaspie, a junior, played little but was another team member that produced on the practice floor. If there were an unsung hero trophy she would be one of the girls to receive it.



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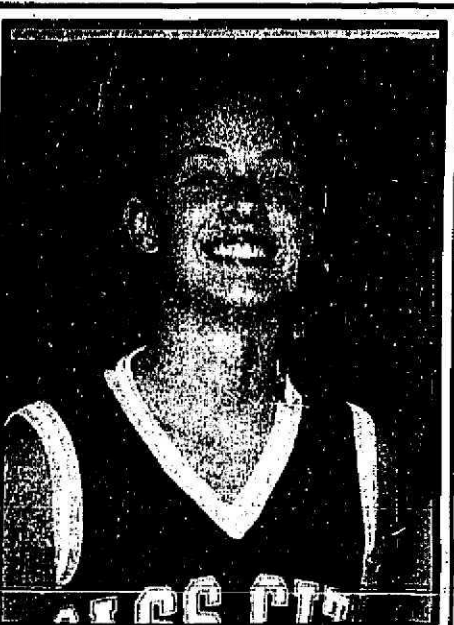
**Jamie Pratt**, junior. Another member of the team who made significant contributions to the overall success of the team on the practice floor. It takes a special kind of player to work hard all year without seeing a great deal of playing time.



**Courtney Rabideau**, freshman. She improved rapidly with playing time and handled the point for the Hawks. She was a key contributor this year and should remain one for the next 3 seasons.



**Delores Rabideau**, a junior, was able to come in and help in spot situations. She was good enough to be a starter on teams with less talented personnel.



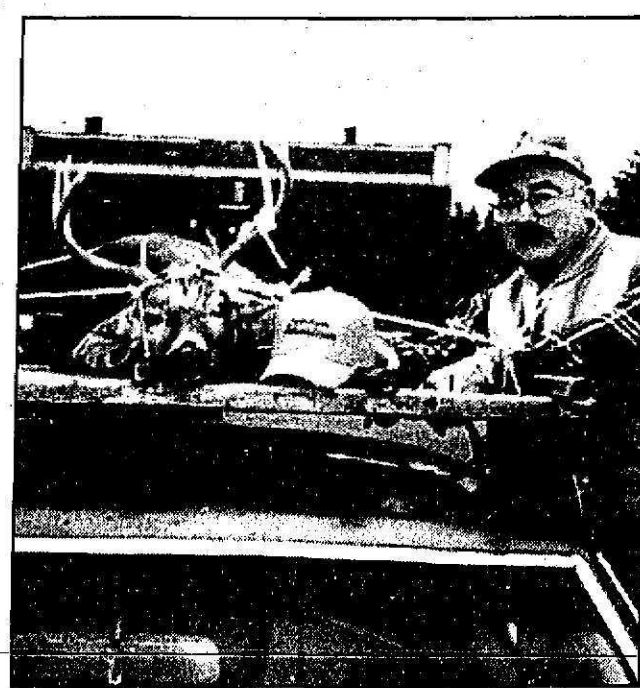
**Tara Sherman**, a junior, saw plenty of action at the guard-forward position. Rebounds well for her size and is a shooting threat that captures the attention of opposing teams.



**Tara Whittaker**, a junior, is a ball handling point guard. In limited action she played well behind Courtney Rabideau and was a challenge to the regulars in daily practices.



**Holly Angle**, a junior, is one of the Hawks who isn't seen much in games, but challenges the team every day in practice and can honestly say that she played an important role in the team's success.



**BAGGING A BUCK** is no big deal for Eugene Kaake of Gagetown, as he has been successful every year for the last 18 to 20 years. But not all of them had 8 points with a 17-inch spread and weighed 185 pounds. He was watching birds fighting over a corn pile when he heard a rustling sound. He turned and found the buck looking at him about 15 yards away. He was hunting opening morning at 7:10 a.m. around the Octagon Barn near Gagetown.



**DECKER RESIDENT** Chris Summersett took this trophy 9-point brute with a 17 1/2" spread hunting in the Mio area on the opening morning of the firearm season. Through the weekend, it was the largest deer reported to the northern DNR checkpoint station.



**DEB MASTERS** took her first buck hunting in the Decker area Thursday afternoon. Masters used a 16-gauge shotgun and buckshot to down the dandy 8-point.

## RED HAWK BOOSTERS ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

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THE FAMILY OF Beatrice (Garety) Sweeney recently donated a scooter to Northwood Meadows Assisted Living Community in her honor. A lifelong Cass City resident, Sweeney died Oct. 15 at the age of 83. "She's like a lot of people - she wanted to keep her independence," said Sweeney's son, Harold. "She was happy here. This facility is certainly a bonus to the community, and people should come and look before they need it. The staff is excellent." Pictured above are Harold Sweeney, Northwood Meadows Director Cindy Joseph and Northwood resident Harold Green (seated).

## Ditch focus of debate

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Sheridan said he hopes to balance the budget without dipping into the fund balance, which is expected to be near the \$326,000 the village is expected to have at the end of the current fiscal year. The figure translates into enough cash to run the village for about 3 months. The village, like many others, is facing reduced revenue and climbing expenses, many related to aging equipment and facilities, according to Sheridan, who projects property tax revenue will increase by just \$17,543, which is divided by the General Fund, Major Street, Local Street and DDA budgets.

Cuts in state shared revenue are another concern.

"The General Fund will receive at least 12 percent less than we budgeted for last year. If, during the first half of 2004, the state sees a continuing decline in what they collect in sales and income taxes, we can expect our state revenue to be further reduced," Sheridan said. "I budgeted \$277,000 for state shared revenue for the General Fund. This is 12 percent (\$38,000) below what we expected in 2003."

In contrast, Sheridan said the village's street funds are healthy "and we are building a fund balance for anticipated street and drain work." Sheridan is proposing small fee increases to bolster the Wastewater and Water funds, both of which have struggled to keep pace with rising equipment costs and a lack of fee hikes for a number of years.

The wastewater treatment plant continues to show its age in the frequency of repair and maintenance, which will cost an estimated \$110,000 in 2004.

As for the Water Fund, the fund continues to pay on a \$250,000 loan for a new well and painting of the village's water tank. And, Sheridan pointed out, "the federal government's mandate to reduce the arsenic level in our water means that we may spend up to \$1.5 million for a water treatment system. The proposed rate increases are \$1.27 per month, or about 3 percent, for wastewater. The figure is based on the average household, which uses about 7,000 gallons. Water rates would be increased by \$1 per month for the basic charge, again based on the average usage of 7,000 gallons.

Also Monday, the council: •Authorized Sheridan to contract with South Central Michigan Code Construction Inspection Inc., Caro, to handle the village's zoning administration services.

The company charges \$55 for a zoning permit, compared to the village's current sliding fee scale of \$10 for the first \$1,000 of value, \$25 for projects valued at \$1,001 to \$50,000, and \$50 for projects valued at \$50,001 to \$250,000.

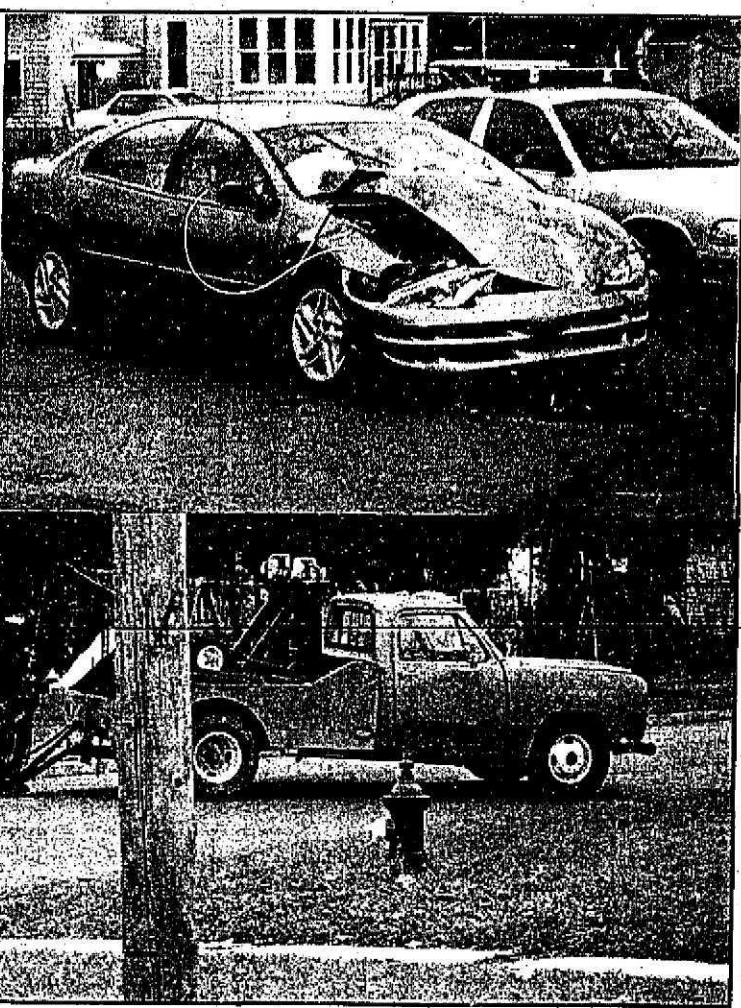
Hollis and Trustee Matt Prieskorn expressed concern about residents paying more for small projects, such as fences, as well as having to make a trip to Caro.

Sheridan recommended that the village contract with the firm for all services or none. As for having to drive to Caro, he indicated residents in need of a permit can simply fax their information to the company and then pay for the permit when the project is inspected.

•Authorized Sheridan to apply for an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant for demolition of the Nestles building.

If approved, the village's share of the project, estimated at up to \$200,000, would be \$40,000. In addition, he said, the village would have to own the building, and at this time ownership is uncertain because the state is in the process of attempting to auction the property to satisfy back taxes.

TWO DRIVERS suffered minor injuries in a collision at the intersection of Huron and Oak streets in Cass City Monday afternoon. Police reported a westbound vehicle driven by Christina I. Schulz, 36, Elkton, failed to yield at the corner and struck a northbound vehicle driven by Grace H. Janowski, 61, Cass City. Both drivers were wearing seatbelts, reports state.



## Althaver a candidate

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needed, will be held Monday, Feb. 16.

Cass City residents will elect 4, possibly 5, new council members following one resignation and decisions by 3 sitting council members to not seek reelection. The council consists of 7 mem-

bers in all.

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

## Turkey dinner will cost more

A traditional Thanksgiving dinner - including turkey, stuffing, cranberries, pumpkin pie and all trimmings - remains affordable, but will cost more this year than last.

In the American Farm Bureau Federation's (AFBF) annual informal survey of the price of basic items found on the Thanksgiving Day dinner table, the average cost of this year's feast for 10 is \$36.28, a \$1.72 price increase from last year's survey average of \$34.56.

The AFBF survey shopping list includes turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, rolls with

butter, peas, cranberries, a relish tray including carrots and celery, pumpkin pie with whipped cream and beverages of coffee and milk, all in quantities sufficient to serve a family of 10.

The cost of a 16-pound turkey, at \$15.47, or roughly 97 cents per pound, reflects an increase of 4 cents per pound, or a 63-cent increase in the total average, compared to 2002. This is the largest contributor to the overall increase in the cost of the 2003 Thanksgiving dinner.

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## Utilities offer energy bill help

As another cold Michigan winter approaches, residents can find help managing their energy bills and avoiding service shut-offs through payment assistance programs available from DTE Energy utilities, Detroit Edison and MichCon.

"If you think you may have a problem paying your utility bill this winter, it's best to contact us as soon as possible," said Joyce Hayes-Giles, senior vice president-customer service for DTE Energy. "There are a number of programs and agencies available to assist customers, and we are always willing to work with customers who are having trouble making payments."

DTE Energy has a team of specialists available to help low-income customers reduce their unpaid balances by providing a personal payment plan, agency referrals and follow up. Customers who anticipate having trouble paying their energy bills this winter are encouraged to contact the company at 1-800-477-4747.

The following programs are available to qualified low-income and senior customers:

### Winter Protection Plan

The Winter Protection Plan protects qualified seniors and low-income customers from service shut off due to non-payment between Dec. 1, 2003 and March 31, 2004. While enrolled in this program, customers must pay a portion of their estimated annual bill, plus regular payments on any past due bills. Customers wishing to enroll must call 1-800-477-4747 between Nov. 15 and March 31, and must meet eligibility requirements.

### Double Notice Protection

An additional safeguard provided by the utilities is the Double Notice Protection plan. Customers may iden-

tify a friend or relative to receive a copy of any overdue or shut-off notice. The backup helps protect against service shut-off in the event that a customer is ill, out of town, or otherwise unable to receive utility shut off notices.

### Medical Emergencies

If a medical emergency exists, the utilities will not shut off service for up to 21 days if customers obtain verification from their doctor or a public health agency.

### Home Heating Credit

Eligible customers may receive funds from the State of Michigan Treasury to apply toward their heating bill. To qualify, a customer must meet the Home Heating Credit income guidelines. Customers who received the credit in 2003 will receive their personal identification number (PIN) in January 2004. The PIN will allow customers to file for the credit over the phone. DTE Energy will help customers file for the credit between Feb. 1 and Aug. 30, 2004.

### State Emergency Relief Program

Eligible low-income households may receive help paying energy bills year-round. Contact the Family Independence Agency (FIA) at 1-800-292-5650 for assistance.

### Low-Income Weatherization

Assistance with home weatherization may be available to those who meet eligibility guidelines. Contact the Community Action Agency to apply.

### Earned Income Credit

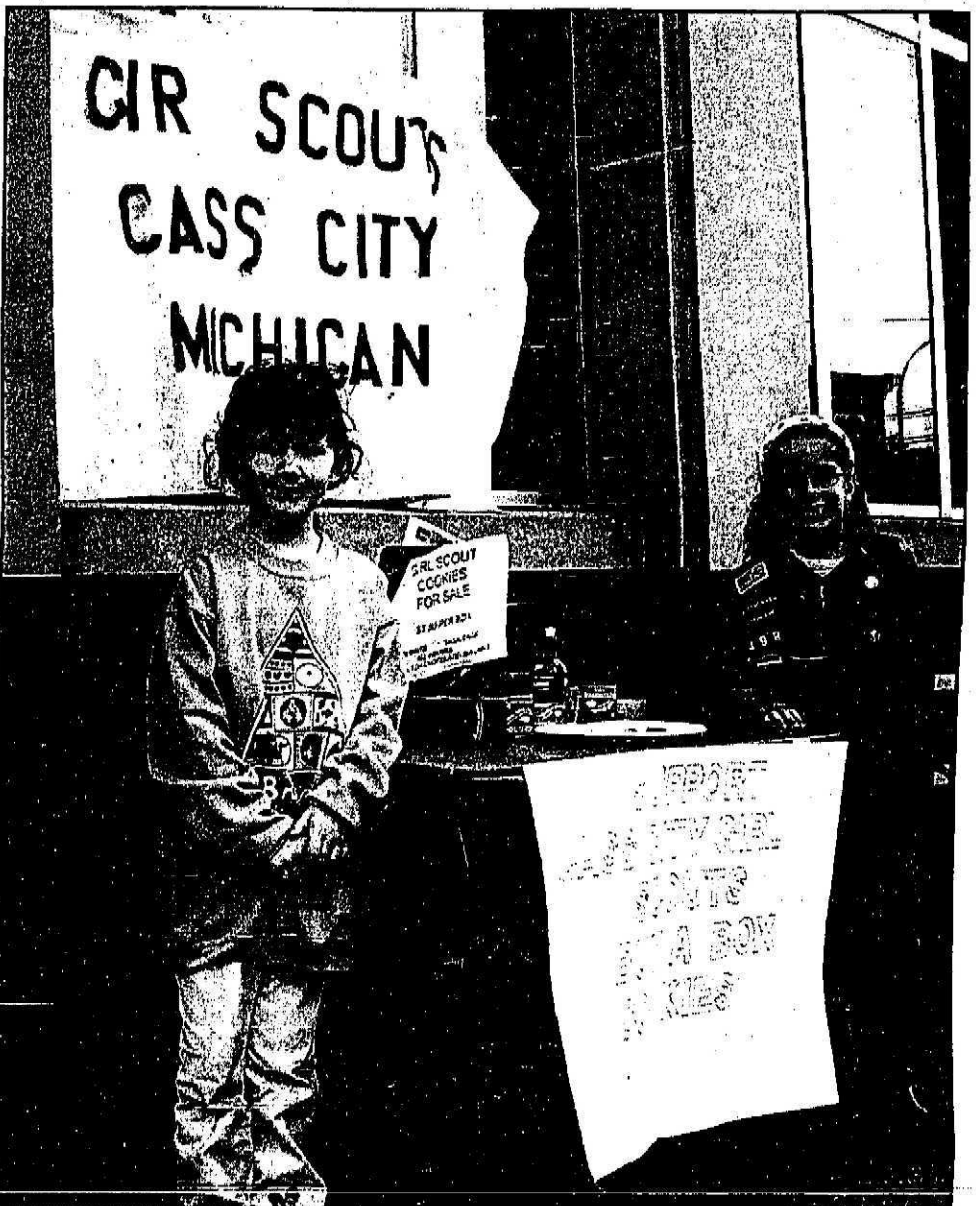
This credit is available based on the income level and number of qualifying child dependents. To apply for this credit, customers must file a federal income tax return with Schedule EIC. Contact the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to apply.

### The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW)

When qualified low-income customers have exhausted other public and private community resources, The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW), a non-profit organization offering energy payment assistance, may provide last-resort energy assistance. For assistance, call (800) 866-THAW.



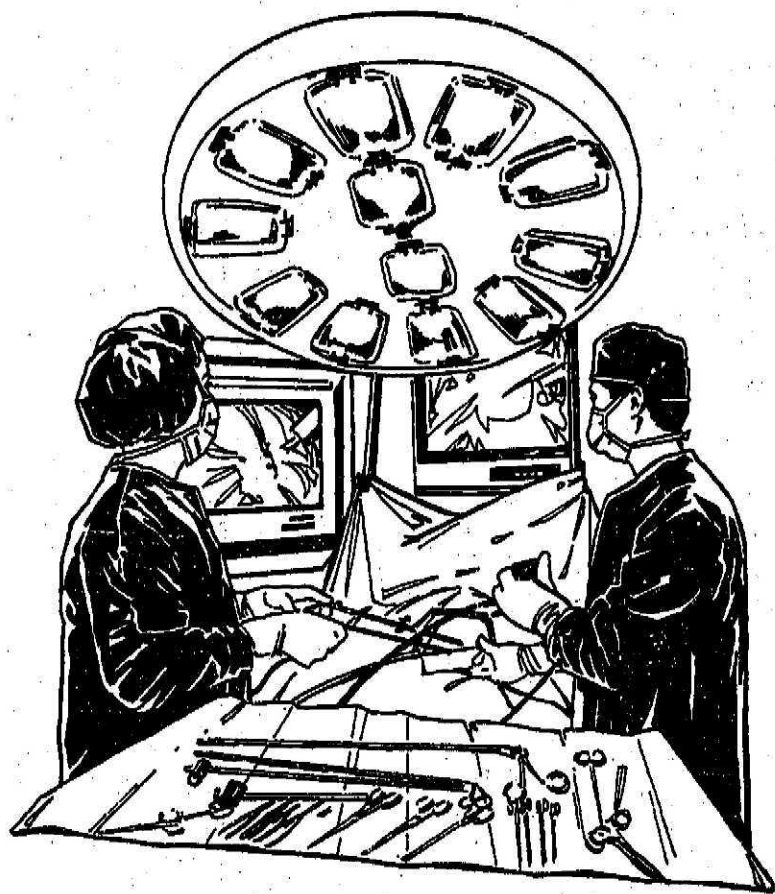
**SHOPPERS LINED** up to purchase "Cass City Cash" Sunday inside the municipal building, where chamber Director Kay Warner was ready to help them out.



**CASS CITY Girl Scouts** (from left) Emily Mason, 7, and Kendra Kerkau, 6, offered Cass City shoppers an opportunity to buy their famous Girl Scout Cookies in front of the municipal building Sunday afternoon.

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eddie R. Clark III and Andrea J. Clark, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to The HomeState Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated July 31, 1998 and recorded on August 3, 1998 in Liber 746 on Page 1121, and assigned by said Mortgagee to First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated March 2, 1999 and recorded on June 7, 1999 in Liber 773 on Page 813. In Tuscola County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Seven and 21/100 Dollars (\$77,497.21), including interest at 7.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 8, 2004.

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

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 18, Town 10 North, Range 7 East and running North on the West Section line of Section 18, said line being the county line, 2020.6 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 150 feet; thence East perpendicular to the West Section line 200 feet; thence South 150 feet; thence West 200 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: November 26, 2003

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County 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, de-

scribed as: Beginning at a point of the North, East and West 1/8 line of said Section 36, which is South 1308.02 feet along the East line of said Section 36 to the North, East and West 1/8 line of said Section 36 and North 89 degrees 27 minutes 15 seconds West, 508.00 feet along said 1/8 line from the Northeast corner of said Section 36; thence continuing along said 1/8 line, North 89 degrees 27 minutes 15 seconds West, 802.90 feet to the occupied East, North and South 1/8 line of said Section 36; thence along said occupied 1/8 line, North 00 degrees 44 minutes 37 seconds East, 1025.53 feet to the Southerly 75'00 feet right of way line of State Highway M-46; thence along said Southerly right of way line, South 80 degrees 21 minutes 48 seconds East, 250.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 44 minutes 37 seconds West, 300.00 feet; thence South 38 degrees 21 minutes 12 seconds East, 881.49 feet to the North, East and West 1/8 line of said Section 36 and the point of beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: November 12, 2003

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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 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.  
Mortgagee

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made on August 20, 1998 with Bryan 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 venue, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said mortgage, together with interest rate of 17.95%, all allowable costs of sale and applicable attorney fees, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows:

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

A parcel of land in the SE 1/4 of S29, T10N, R7E, described as follows: Beginning N89°35'30"W, along the S line of S29 a distance of 528.47 feet from the SE corner of S29; thence continuing N89°35'30"W, along said S line, 214.86 feet; thence N01°12'40"E, 666.38 feet; thence S89°38'35"E, 215.27 feet; thence S01°14'50"W, 666.57 to the point of beginning.

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

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

Dated: October 21, 2003

Patrick Timothy Reid, II  
REID ANDREY  
Attorneys for Mortgage  
Business & Trade Center  
200 N. Washington Square, Ste. 400  
Lansing, Michigan 48203-1384  
Telephone: (313) 487-6566

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

**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Evelyn Kay Asher, a single female (original mortgagors), to Community Mortgage Services, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 18, 1999 and recorded on June 18, 1999 in Liber 774 on Page 682, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fidelity Bank, a Federally Chartered Savings Bank as assignee by an assignment dated August 2, 2000 recorded on October 19, 2000 in Liber 813 on Page 883 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is

claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Two And 29/100 Dollars (\$60,152.29), including interest at 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 Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1: Commencing on the North line of Main Street in the Village of Caro City at a point 13 rods 13 feet 6 inches East of the West line of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 14 North, Range 11 East; thence running East along the North line of Main Street 5 rods, more or less, to the Westerly line of the Pontiac, Oxford and Northern Railroad; thence in a Northwesterly 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 S (248) 593-1310  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Fidelity Bank, a Federally Chartered Savings Bank  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #001772F01

11-5-4

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

**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Shannon B. Crawford and Melissa J. Crawford, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Comerica 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 (\$13,614.52), 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 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 S (248) 593-1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Comerica Bank, a Michigan State Chartered Bank  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #003707F01

11-19-4

**THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN 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 the Tuscola County Courthouse, 440 North State Street, in the Village of Caro, and County of Tuscola, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Thursday, December 11, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said mortgage together with seven (7%) percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee 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°13'40"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  
Attorney for Mortgage  
4431 S. Seeger Street  
P.O. Box 122  
Cass City, MI 48726  
Tel: (989) 872-5601

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

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statute 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 Mortgagee 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 1204 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 100 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  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #003371F01

11-19-4

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David A. Church, a/k/a David Church, a married man, and Nina Church, a/k/a Nina R. Church, his wife, in bar of 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 statute 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 Bonick's Addition to the Village of Millington) North 00 degrees 08 minutes 49 seconds East, 909.48 feet along

the North line of said Bonick's Addition, North 89 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds West, 534.38 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 2 of Block B of Bonick'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 Bonick's Addition, North 89 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds West, 127.62 feet; thence parallel to the East line of said West half of the Southeast quarter, North 00 degrees 08 minutes 49 seconds East, 64.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds East, 127.62 feet; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 49 seconds West, 64.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: October 29, 2003

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC  
Attorneys for PCFS Financial Services, Inc., As Mortgagee  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000

File No. 210.0766

10-29-5

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Monika Siler, a single woman, to BNC Mortgage Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 7, 2000 and recorded January 18, 2000 in Liber 792, Page 1029, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Mortgage Electronic Registration System, Inc. by assignment dated June 4, 2002 and recorded on July 16, 2002 in Liber 886, Page 252, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Five and 14/100 Dollars (\$93,675.14), including interest at the rate of 10.6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statute 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 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 Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

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

Part of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 17, Town 13 North, Range 8 East, Fairgrove Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at the Northeast corner of Section 17, thence South 0 degrees 23 minutes East, 200 feet along the East Section line; thence South 89 degrees 20 minutes West, 200 feet; thence North 0 degrees 23 minutes West, 200 feet; North 89 degrees 30 minutes East, 200 feet along the North Section line 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: November 5, 2003

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC  
Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration System, Inc., As Assignee  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 221.0603

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

Beginning at a point on the West line of Birch Street 542.82 feet South 0 degrees 11 minutes West from the intersection of the West line of Birch Street, with North line of Section 18, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes West, 170.0 feet; thence South 0 degrees 11 minutes West, 70.94 feet parallel to West line of Birch Street; thence South 89 degrees 49 minutes East, 170.00 feet to West line of Birch Street; thence North 0 degrees 11 minutes East, 70.94 feet along West line of Birch Street to the point of



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## Household Sales

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**DON DOERR and Don Ball were busy last week setting up a large Christmas tree at Rotary Park, site of this year's Christmas in the Village Holiday Extravaganza, set for Dec. 6. The Cass City Lions Club is sponsoring the tree project.**

## Homeless coalition needs funding

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made by the United Way, businesses such as Chemical Bank, and a few individuals, Buetow said the organiza-

tion is in need of ongoing funding.

"Fundraising brings in erratic amounts and is very time consuming for our few

volunteers," she added.

"The government agencies often find themselves telling their clients, 'we are out of funding', and so do we. But if only 250 individuals, businesses or organizations would pledge \$20 a month to Tuscola Homeless Coalition, we would be able to continue helping throughout the year."

"If we could have money coming in every month, we could stay afloat," Karpovich said. "We could maybe stay

ahead of the game."

"Over half of the people we help are children. The average age is 8 years old," Buetow said. "No one likes to think of children living without heat or electricity or not knowing where they will sleep."

Editor's note: More information about the Tuscola Homeless Coalition is available by contacting Buetow or Karpovich at (989) 673-6929.

# Open house a success

Cass City merchants were generally pleased with this year's Christmas in the Village Open House Sunday, which kicked off the holiday shopping season as well as a host of special events planned over the next few weeks.

"I was impressed. People who live here but do not shop here (said) they had been out for several hours," Cass City Chamber of Commerce Director Kay Warner said. "What I was hearing from people was very positive."

"The weather was decent. I thought, from what I saw, we had a huge turnout. I heard some awesome reports," she added. "It's only the second year for the program, and I think it will continue to grow."

Among the new features this year was a free matinee during the 4-hour long open house. The event proved very popular, with Cass Theatre owner Dick Hendrick reporting an attendance of 228 people.

"That was really good. I was really pleased that that went well," Warner said.

"I liked the idea of the movie being open," said Steve Eyer at Coach Light Pharmacy. "There were lots of people (in town), as much as last year," he added, "but dollarwise, it was probably almost identical to last year."

Eyer noted the open house event is something the local pharmacy has been doing for a number of years, and he's pleased to see more businesses getting involved because the end result is more variety for shoppers.

"It's a good thing," he said, "and I think it will build each year if we keep promoting it."

"I thought it was real good," agreed Barb Vollmar, co-owner of Special Scents. "I don't think we had as many shoppers, but I think they spent more. I think it was much better in sales."

Vollmar said the mild

weather may have kept some shoppers away, and prompted others to change their purchasing habits for this time of year.

"With fresh wreaths, usually we sell a ton of them. This year we sold 2, but it was 60 degrees," Vollmar added. "But, the other sales were up."

Vollmar said the Christmas in the Village promotion has been good for her business.

"For us it is, because so much of our business is over the phone," she noted. "This

gets people in the store - they make that effort to come in and they realize all that we have."

Eugene Wyman, manager of Cass City Floral, was pleased with the day.

"Everyone seemed to be excited to be out, and it was nice because they didn't have to wear coats or go sloshing around," he said.

"We were well pleased. The weather was good, the crowds were good, the sales were good. Everybody

seemed to be in the holiday spirit," Wyman added. "We were full most of the day."

The report was less positive from Bunny Porter, who plans to close her business, Timeless Treasures, after more than 6 years. She plans to remain open for a going-out-of-business sale through the holidays.

Porter, who said her decision was based on the economy as well as personal reasons, said there were fewer shoppers and sales were down this year.

## Board reviewing options

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grams and his assistant pastor would supervise the activities at the center.

To consider the various options for the building use, an investigating committee was appointed. Serving will be Beverley Auten, Randy Severance and Jim Turner. They are to report to the school board at its regular session.

Several previously studied policy changes or additions that reflect what the school is already doing were passed.

One change in policy is the use of cell phones. The policy reviewed previously suggested that all students could bring them to school, but could not use or have them visible during school hours. That was changed and the policy as passed prohibits students in grades K-4 to bring the phones to school.

One proposed change brought a vigorous debate and was tabled until the next meeting. It was to allow high school physical education exemption for participating in band or sports.

It was originally reviewed so that a student could take one year of band and one year of sports if they desired to switch. Previously a stu-

dent needed 2 years of band or 2 years of sports and was not allowed to switch.

Trustee Beverley Auten said that for health reasons students should have a credit in physical education each year. Trustee Michelle Biddinger took exception, saying that students have not enough time now to take elective courses that may help them in college and requiring one credit of physical education could mean the loss of an important elective.

The issue was tabled and the plan is to bring in affected teachers to review the various programs.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Guidance Director Sue Frederiksen reviewed the program to date and ex-

plained how students were being prepared to achieve best results on various tests that qualify them for higher education.

She said that individual meetings with seniors were conducted in October and in November meetings with juniors were conducted.

She also said that she planned on becoming familiar and knowing about students in one-on-one meetings.

Cass City will remain a "school of choice" for the second semester. That means that any student that wants to attend the school and meets requirements will be accepted.

The next regular meeting of the board will be Dec. 15, a week earlier than usual, because of the Christmas holiday.

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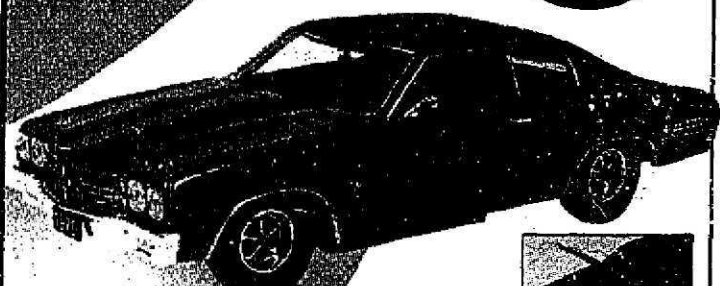
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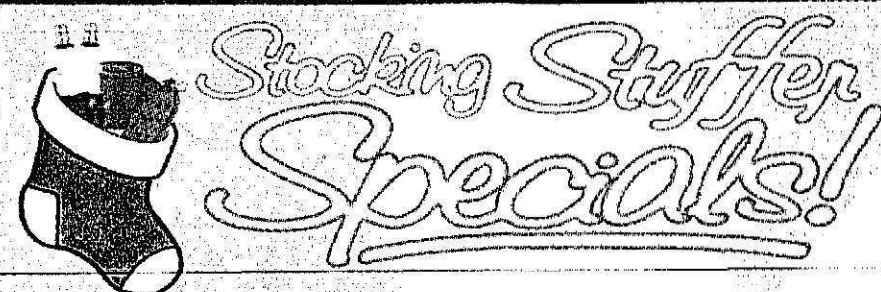
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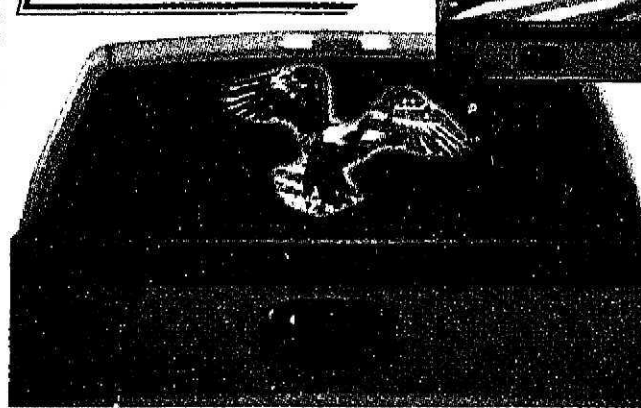
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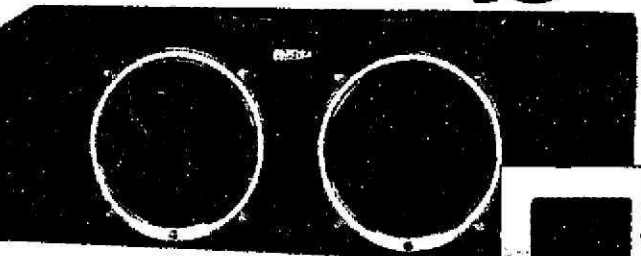
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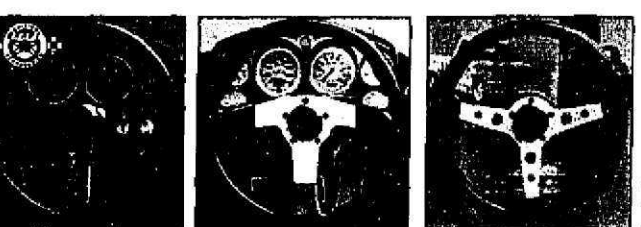
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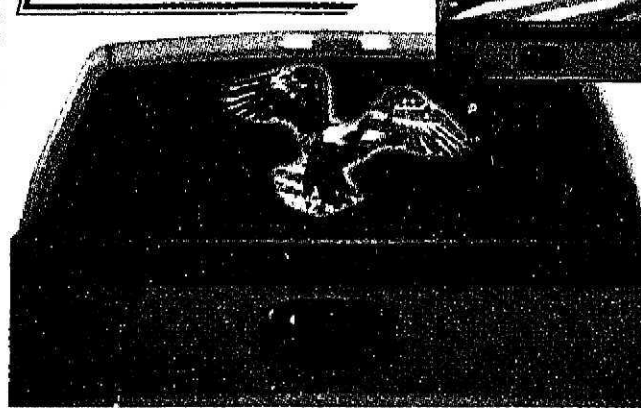
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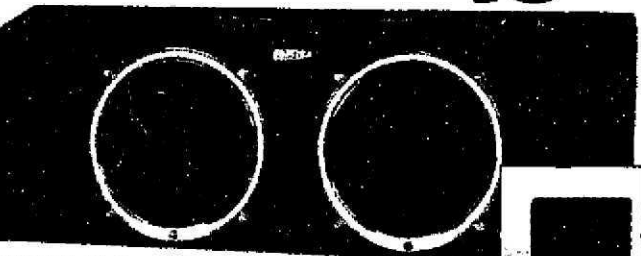
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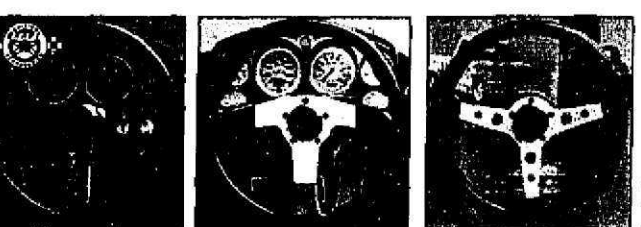
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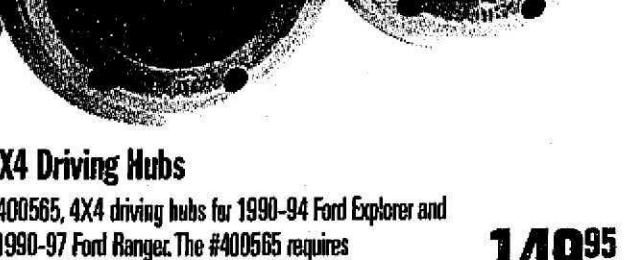
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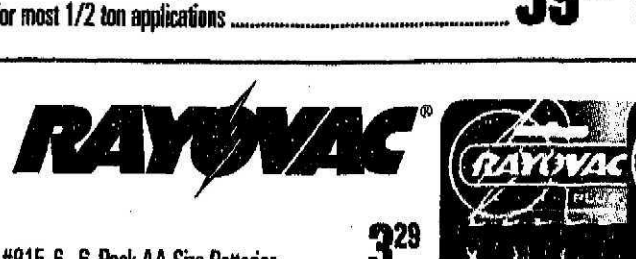
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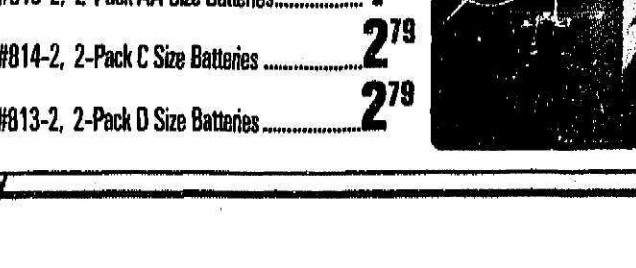
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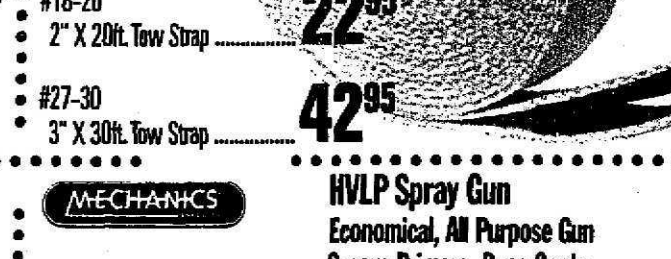
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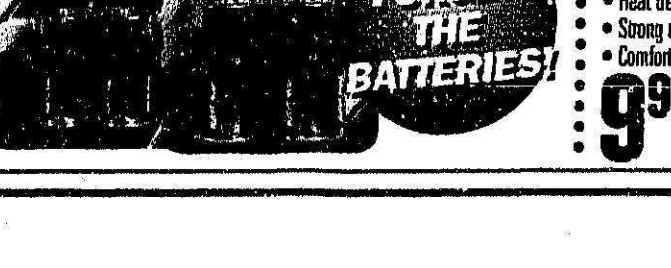
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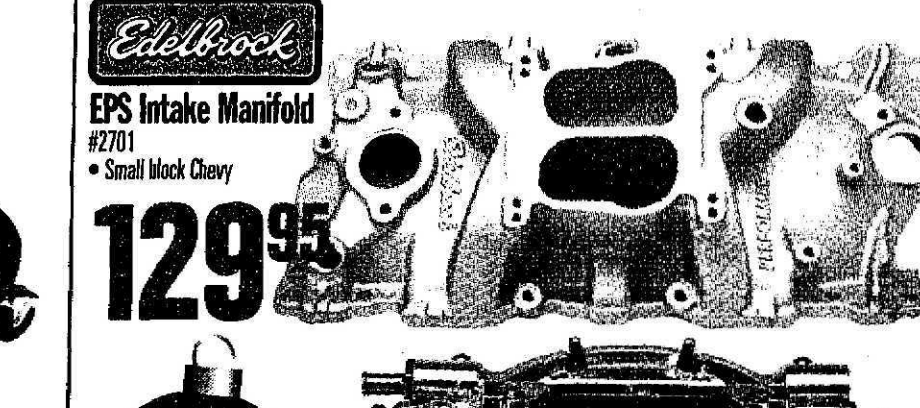
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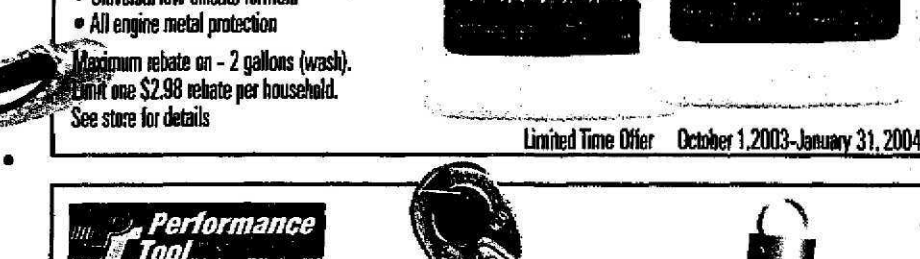
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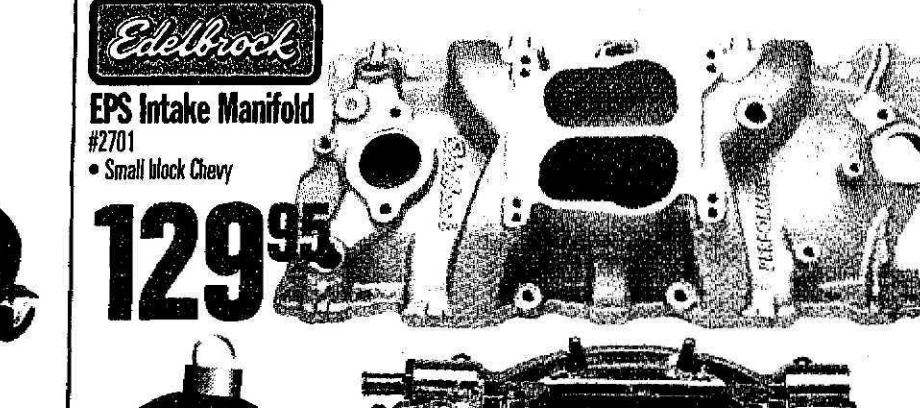
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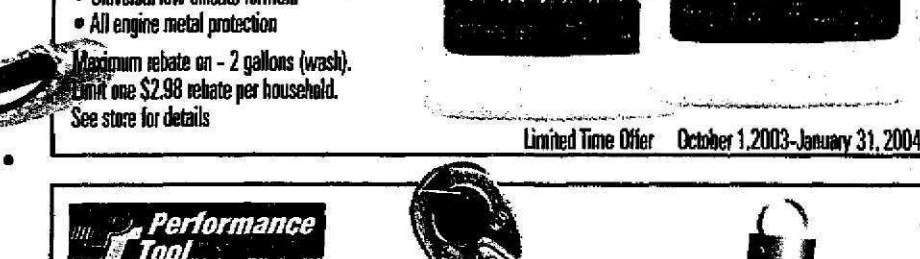
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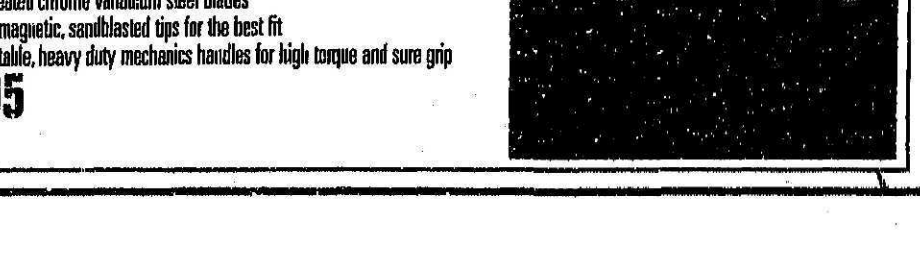
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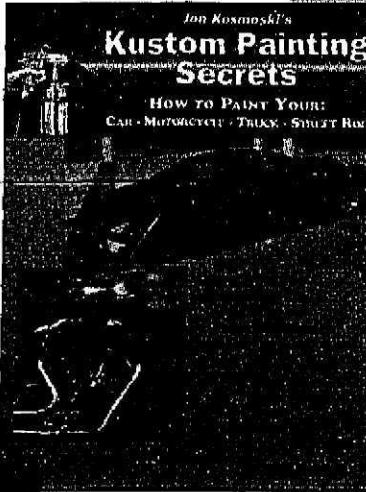
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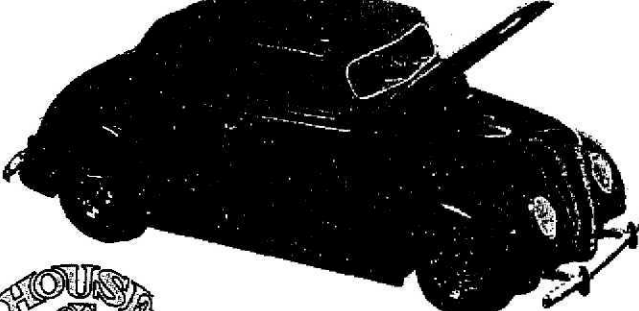
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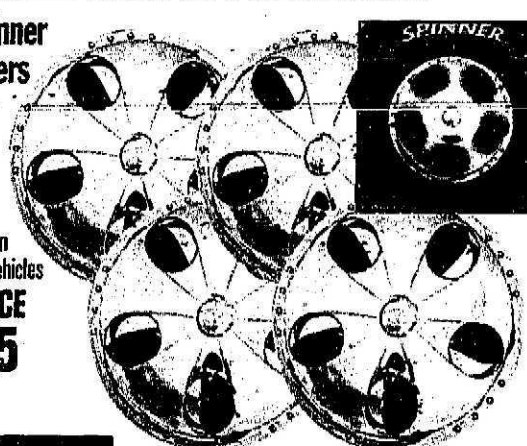
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