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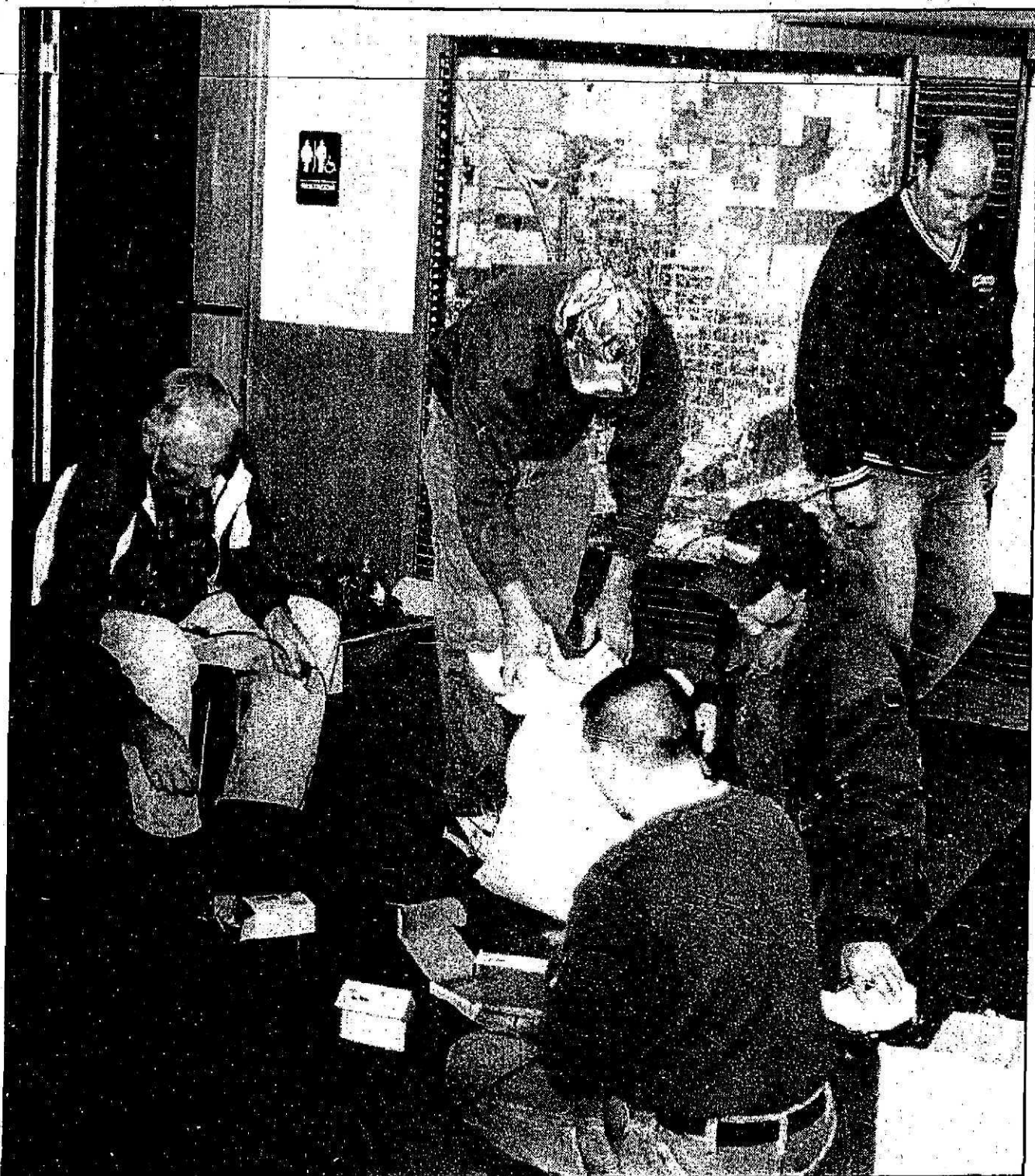
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CASS CITY LIONS Club members Don Warner, Curt Strickland, Don Doerr, Kris Repshinska and Al Dadacki prepare strings of lights before decorating the club's Christmas tree at Rotary Park Saturday. (Related photo, page 9)

Facelift

8 seeking 5 council seats in Cass City

The Cass City Village Council will undergo a political facelift in the spring, with a total of 8 candidates - most of them newcomers to local government - vying for 5 council seats.

Four incumbents whose terms are expiring did not file nominating petitions by the Tuesday, Nov. 25 deadline. They are Village President Les Karr and trustees Cathy Kropewnicki, Steve Wright and Matt Priesskorn. Another seat remains vacant following the resignation of Trustee Don Ball in September.

Voters will elect a village president to a 2-year term, as well as 3 trustees, each of them serving 4-year terms. One 2-year trustee seat will also be filled to complete Ball's term.

The spring election is scheduled for Monday, March 8.

The following is a complete list of the candidates who filed nominating petitions:

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

•L.E. Althaver is the lone candidate for village president, a position he held for 31 years before retiring 4 years ago. In all, Althaver served on the council for 37 years. He was first elected in 1963.

Aside from village government, Althaver has been active in a number of county and state organizations, including the Tuscola County Planning Commission, Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation, Tuscola Area Airport Author-

ity, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Jobs Commission and the Michigan Municipal League.

Althaver, a former longtime Walbro Corporation president and CEO, indicated the loss of so many council members and their experience prompted him to seek election again.

"Clearly there was a need for someone to step up to file

for the vacancy, and I thought I could provide some expertise," he said. "I thought there was need there."

TRUSTEE - 4 YEARS

•Jeff Gillig, 30, is a Decker native employed as a social worker at the Family Independence Agency in

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Veteran Owendale officials won't run

Like voters in Cass City, Owendale residents will see some new faces on their village council next spring.

Gagetown residents, meanwhile, will decide a race for trustee, and in Kingston, village officials say they have more seats than candidates.

The spring elections are scheduled for Monday, March 8.

Owendale Village Clerk Randy Howard reported all 3 incumbent trustees, Martin Blondell, Richard Glidden and Robert Ricker, opted not to see reelection after many years of service to the village. Seeking their 4-year terms are newcomers Steve Story and Bryan Baker, and Trustee Gerald

Radabaugh, who was appointed to the council following the resignation of Ed Champagne.

Radabaugh's decision to seek a 4-year term leaves open a 2-year term, and there are no candidates at this time, according to Howard.

Likewise, no one filed for the office of treasurer. Howard noted veteran Treasurer Lois Blondell decided not to seek another term after serving the village for decades.

Howard, who served as clerk since 1991, also did not file a nominating petition because he no longer lives in the village. However, a

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Crash claims life of Cass City teen

An 18-year-old Cass City girl died in a 2-vehicle collision Friday morning near Reese.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Bridgeport identified the victim as Megan Colette Cronk.

The accident was reported at 10:30 a.m. in Saginaw County's Blumfield Township. Troopers said a pickup truck driven by Michael S. Darling, 40, of Vassar, was eastbound on M-81 and crossed the road centerline, hitting Cronk's westbound car head-on.

Cronk, who was on her way to work in Saginaw at the time, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Both drivers were wearing seat belts, according to reports, which state Darling was transported by MMR personnel to St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw, for treatment of facial and leg injuries. He was listed in stable condition.

The crash remains under investigation. Troopers said charges are pending.

Bernice Cronk of Saginaw, Charles and Janet Black of Crystal Lake, Ill., and Ernest and Mary Howden of West Branch; aunts and uncles; Susan Black, Sandra (Tom) Button, Connie Alore, Sally (Tom) Allen, Tammy Avery, Ralph Cronk, Edward Cronk and Louis (Kathy) Cronk; and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Louis Cronk.

Funeral services were scheduled for 2 p.m. today (Wednesday) at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Scott Kreh officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.



Megan Cronk

In stable condition

Sanilac youngster shot

Cronk was born Aug. 12, 1985, in Normal, Ill., to Samuel J. and Sarah A. (Black) Cronk.

She graduated from Cass City High School in May 2003 and was completing her first semester at Delta College, Bay City, where she was studying law enforcement.

While in high school, Cronk was involved in volleyball and softball, and was a member of the soccer team. She also played clarinet in band, played piano and was a member of the Cass City High School Choir.

She is survived by her mother, Sara (Dave Flynn) Cronk of Cass City; father, Samuel (Tana) Cronk of Standish; brothers and sisters, Matthew Cronk and Monica Cronk, both of Cass City; Ryan Jammer of Bay City, Keith Jammer of Auburn, and Stephanie Jammer of Standish; grandparents,

A 3-year-old Sanilac County boy was listed in stable condition at a Flint hospital after suffering a gunshot wound to his leg Sunday afternoon.

Sgt. James Wagester of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department said police were called to a residence in the 1800 block of Hoadley Road in Lamotte Township after receiving a 911 call at 2:09 p.m.

"Sanilac Central Dispatch re-contacted the residence and spoke to a 16-year-old male who stated that his mother had just left the residence in a private vehicle headed for Marlette Community Hospital with his 3-year-old male cousin who had sustained a gunshot wound to the upper left leg," Wagester said.

Sanilac County Sheriff's Deputy Kevin Nowiski responded to Marlette Community Hospital to make contact with family mem-

bers. Wagester said a preliminary investigation revealed that family members were out practicing with firearms and had placed the weapons in the back of a pickup truck. "The 3-year-old climbed into the back of the pickup, and an uncle went to remove a rifle from the truck when the weapon discharged,

striking the (boy) in the left hip area."

The boy was transported by FlightCare Helicopter from Marlette to Hurley Hospital in Flint. He was last reported in stable condition.

The names of the boy and family members were not released. Deputies are continuing their investigation into the accident.

Santa to arrive in village Saturday

Cass City's annual Christmas in the Village celebration will shift into high gear Saturday with the annual Holiday Extravaganza, which promises something for the entire family.

The day's activities will include an annual craft show slated for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cass City High School. Lunch, catered by Northwood Meadows, will be available at the show from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and there will be 50/50 drawings during the day.

Also on tap is the Friends of the Library annual home tour, set for 1 to 5 p.m., with free shuttle service again provided by Curtis Chrysler.

This year's show will feature the Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd.; a Northwood Modular home, 4915 Seeger St.; the Leo and Marge Feebush home, 6277 Beechwood Dr.; the Lee and Nancy Simms residence, 4798 Hunt St.; the Charles and Cindy Carr home, 4580 Seeger St.; and the Robert and Lona Piaskowski residence, 6645 Third St.

A tea reception will follow the tour from 2 to 6:30 p.m. at Rawson Memorial Library. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the library. All proceeds will go to library programs.

Also planned Saturday is a free matinee at the Cass Theatre. Kids are invited to bring a toy to donate to the Cass City Rotary Club's Christmas for Kids program.

New this year is the Christmas in the Village Chili Cook-Off featuring the culinary talents of business owners and employees at 25 different participating busi-

nesses.

Residents can purchase their "official taster" buttons at Radio Shack (one block west of the light) for \$2. Maps will be provided and participants can vote for their favorite chili at Knight Insurance, located next to the Cass Theatre, until 2:30 p.m.

The fun will continue at 5 p.m. with a big community gathering. This year's event has been moved from the corner of Seeger and Main streets to Rotary Park, located next to the former NAPA building on Main Street.

Free bean soup will be served along with hot chocolate and cookies. The popular horse drawn carriage/sleigh rides are also returning, and Santa Claus will make his grand arrival.

Other special events planned for December include:

•Rotary Christmas for Kids toy collection - look for drop boxes around town.

•Home and Business Decorating Challenge. Prizes include Detroit Edison certificates and "Cass City Cash".

•Gift display at Thumb National Bank. Stop by and check out some great gift ideas, all available from local merchants.

•Free professional pictures with Santa Monday, Dec. 8, at the Book Mart Photo Studio.

•Visit with Santa Dec. 6, 13 and 20.

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

•Cass City Girl Scouts' "Mitten Tree" collection

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CASS CITY'S Louise Ponder works to match adoptive families with children in need of homes. Pictured above is one of those families - Tim and Jessie Williams of Caro with their adopted children, Craig, 17, (back row) and (front row, from left) brothers Brian, 11, and Travis, 10. Also pictured is Tuscola County Probate and Family Court Judge Wallace Kent Jr., who confirmed the adoption during Michigan's first Adoption Day, Nov. 25.

(See story, page 5)

Library planning special Christmas events this month

Special Christmas activities are slated in December at Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City.

The first is the Christmas Home Tour set for Dec. 6 from 1-5 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the library.

Young adults grade 5 and up are invited to come make a Record Album Cover Clock or a Record Album Dish Saturday, Dec. 13, from 10-11 a.m. We have many old albums or you may bring your own from home if you have a special one you would like to use. (Limited to 15 people, so sign up early.)

Children age 3 through 4th grade are invited to a time of fun with holiday stories, fun activities and a craft from 10-11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 20.

These activities are free, but pre-registration is required so that enough supplies are

It's a girl!



Jacquelyn Good

Jon and Kim Good of Cass City announce the birth of their daughter, Jacquelyn Anne.

Jacquelyn was born Monday, November 10, 2003 at Covenant Healthcare in Saginaw. She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches long.

She is the granddaughter of Nelson and Eunice Good of Pinconning and Harold and Everly Post of Holstein, Iowa.

Sing on tap

Deford Country Church will sponsor a Gospel Sing Saturday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. at the Good News Assembly of God in Marlette. Featured will be the Strength Quartet and the Calvarymen.

There will be no admission charge, but a free will offering will be taken.

19 attend auxiliary meeting

The monthly meeting of Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary was held Nov. 24, with 18 members and one guest present.

Lynn Ferris, social worker at Hills and Dales General Hospital, was the guest speaker. She presented information on Advanced Directives and answered many questions on the topic.

It was reported that 78 units of blood were received at the blood drive held Nov. 18. The next one is scheduled for Jan. 20, at the Cass City VFW Hall.

Members were asked to total volunteer hours that were worked for the year so the information can be sent to MAHA for the annual membership report.

Information was presented on the SCRIPT Program, which is being sponsored by the Cass City Band Boosters. Members were encouraged to participate.

The auxiliary will sponsor a bake sale Dec. 5 in the hospital lobby, from 9 a.m. until items are sold. The annual raffle drawing will be held at noon. Tickets are available from auxiliary members or from the hospital gift shop, where the prizes are on display.

The next meeting will be held Jan. 26, at Charmont.



Meg's Peg
Travel light
by Melva E. Guinther

This is the time of year when it seems everybody is on the move. With so many people trying to get from here to there, traveling space is at a premium. Try to get a convenient airline reservation around Thanksgiving or Christmas and you'll find that it's difficult if not impossible.

Dave Egner, who writes for the "Our Daily Bread" devotional publication, commented that "Many vacation travelers take along too much stuff."

Tell me about it. Those of us who like to plan in advance, who make long lists and pride ourselves on being always prepared, are especially vulnerable to the overpacking syndrome.

We make sure everything on our list is in the bag a week before departure. Then we keep coming across items we "might need" or that "could come in handy."

The day we leave, a few more necessities get tossed in the carry-on bag, until we can barely budge the thing, let alone lift it into an overhead bin.

We really need a moving van rather than a tiny compartment on a crowded air-

plane.

The point of Egner's article, though, was that "We're inclined to accumulate far too many possessions on our journey through life."

That struck home.

A while back I came across a coat in a catalog that was exactly what I'd been looking for but unable to find in the stores. And it was on sale!

After deciding it could be worked into the budget, I immediately called to order the coat, only to be told it was back-ordered and wouldn't be available for a month. An online order got the same results.

It was very disappointing. I wanted that coat and I wanted it now!

A little later in the day when I put something in the closet, I noticed the coats already hanging there - 3 long winter coats and more shorter versions and jackets than I care to report. None of them is new, but all of them perfectly capable of serving their purpose.

Looking at that collection of coats, I felt terribly convicted when I recalled the report of some missionaries and the abject poverty of the people they minister to. Those people have nothing!

Could a person really justify spending money for another coat when so many people don't have even one?

To assuage a stinging conscience, I decided to give the money I would have spent on the coat to those who could put it to far better use.

Egner's closing comment was "Life is more than the things we store."

It would be nice to report piously that I've mastered the lesson and will henceforth spend no money frivolously on things not really needed.

But what can I say? Our grandchildren are coming for Christmas.



Mr. and Mrs. James Tomlin

Goretski and Tomlin wed

Cathy Marie Goretski of Deford and James Kevin Tomlin of Redford were married Aug. 16, 2003 at St. Pancratius Catholic Church in Cass City. Father Steven Fillion officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of the late Leonard and Bernice Goretski of Port Austin, and the groom is the son of Joseph R. and Delphine Tomlin of Deford.

The cantor was Dara Iwankovitch of Cass City. The organist was Connie Iwankovitch of Cass City.

Given in marriage by Ernest and Grace Goretski, uncle and aunt of the bride, the bride wore an ivory, V-neck gown with pearls and sequins around the bodice, trim and cathedral length train. Her headpiece was a matching hat, accented with pearls and sequins. She carried a Colonial bouquet of 3-dozen ivory and peach sweetheart roses, tied off with ivory, chiffon ribbon.

Matron of honor was Shirley Sobczak of Bad Axe, sister of the bride. The bridesmaids were Nancy Mason of

Deford, sister of the groom; Cindy Hoagg of Sebewaing, friend of the bride; and Amy Bugenski of Mayville, Godchild and niece of the bride. The junior bride was Emily Mason of Deford, Godchild and niece of the groom.

The best man was Joseph R. Tomlin of Deford, father of the groom. The groomsmen were Wade Kappen of Cass City, Thomas Lis of Deford, and Greg Landry of Roseville, all friends of the groom. The junior groomsmen were Cody Pringle of Deford, son of the bride, and Colin Mason, Godchild and nephew of the groom.

The ushers were Dale Goretski of Port Austin, brother of the bride; and Gerald Petrykowski of Warren, Godfather and uncle of the groom.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Caro for 150 guests attending from the Metro-Detroit area and the Thumb area.

After a weeklong honeymoon cruise along the Alaskan shoreline, the couple reside in Deford.

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Tuesday - Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, European blend vegetables, variety bread, fruit.

"Singing Tree" to return

Dec. 13 and 14 will be the dates for the 2003 performances of "The Singing Christmas Tree" at Juniata Baptist Church.

This annual holiday event combines seasonal music and Christian drama for a program that draws hundreds each night. This year the drama will be "From Christmas to Calvary," which will be interesting to people of all ages and religious backgrounds. Both the Saturday and Sunday night performances will begin at 7 p.m.

For more than 20 years, the rural Juniata Baptist Church has presented "The Singing Christmas Tree" to the community. A huge tree shaped choir loft is assembled on the stage of the church auditorium, and then decorated with live evergreen boughs, colored lights, ornaments, and garland, so that it looks like an enormous Christmas tree. Then the members of the church choir climb into the structure all the way to the ceiling, and sing a program of beautiful music. The play will be performed at the "foot" of the great tree.

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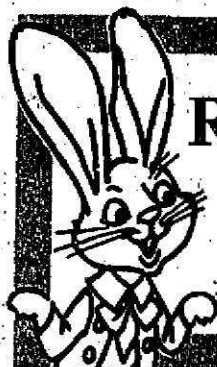
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

It's that time again. Time to write a letter to Santa. The Chronicle will publish Santa letters in an edition between now and Christmas. All letters must be received no later than Dec. 19. There is no charge and wallet size pictures are acceptable. Most color photos can be used, but black and white produces the best results. Letters should include the name, address and phone number of the sender. Only the name will be published.

Most Americans really value the great outdoors and there are many, many organizations active in Michigan devoted to caring for it. A good example is the Little Traverse Conservancy.

It was formed in 1972 and has already protected over 20,000 acres of land in Northern Michigan valued at over \$75 million. It owns 145 nature preserves that are open to the public.

The Conservancy now has over 4,200 members and receives no government support for its operation.

In his previous 31-year tenure as village president, Lambert Althaver was always available to the press and the public. It's apparent, now that he is running unopposed to help fill a tremendous void in the Cass City Village Council, nothing has changed.

Editor Tom Montgomery called Althaver and he promptly called him back. Nothing unusual about that, except Althaver was on vacation and called back while driving through the hills of Pennsylvania.

Check Out These Web Sites:

Shriners International Headquarters at www.shriners.org.
For information on foot pain, visit www.apma.org.
Coinstar Inc. at www.findcoinstar.com.
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Equifax at www.equifax.com.
Equal Justice Works at www.equaljusticeworks.org.

Village officials will spend less on capital projects

Cass City officials will put the final touches on a proposed 2004 spending plan later this month, and like the budget itself, spending on capital improvement projects will be down from the year before.

The Village Council will meet in special session Monday, Dec. 15, for a public hearing and final review of the proposed budget. The session will begin at 7 p.m. at the municipal building.

Cass City's 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.

In all, capital improvement spending is expected to total some \$416,000 in 2004, down from about \$425,000

this year.

"That's very slim. Very slim," village Manager Frank Sheridan said of the total. "What we're doing is operating instead of saving."

With revenues down, thanks largely to State Revenue Sharing cuts, the emphasis on capital improvement spending will be on maintenance of the village's existing facilities, and the purchase of replacement equipment.

Gas and weight tax revenues - the one area where state funding has remained stable - will enable the village to complete some road work as well, Sheridan said.

The village's capital improvement plan for 2004 calls for \$110,000 worth of projects at the wastewater treatment plant. Purchase of replacement heavy equipment, including a \$75,000 dump truck, will cost a combined \$128,500.

Street expenditures, meanwhile, will total an estimated \$82,010. The projects include:

- Reconstruction of Virginia Street, Hunt to west terminus (\$18,230).

- Repaving Hillcrest Street, Hunt to 198 feet east (\$2,600).

- Reconstruction of South Alley, Seeger to Leach (\$8,180).

- Reconstruction of the municipal lot off South Alley (\$30,000).

- Reconstruction of South Alley, Maple to Sherman (\$5,500).

- Reconstruction of North Alley, Seeger to Oak (\$8,500).

- Repaving Pine Street, West to Leach (\$5,000).

- Re-gravel and re-grade Ale and Bulen (\$4,000).

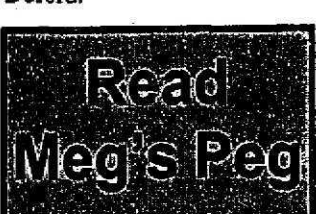
In other departments, the village will spend \$27,500 for police patrol car leases and communications equipment; \$5,000 for improvements to the village hall, DPW building and parks/pool; \$9,000 for water main valve replacements; \$12,000 for hydrant replacements; and a \$42,000 water system loan payment.

Lighting ceremony on tap

Deford Country Church will host a Community Christmas Tree Lighting Saturday at 8 p.m.

The event will be preceded by a spaghetti dinner from 4 to 8 p.m. The dinner is a fundraiser to support the opening of a community outreach center in the old Deford Elementary School building.

Everyone is welcome. Deford Country Church is located at 5903 Main St. in Deford.



I have yet to watch any of the reality shows that are where it's at in TV, judging by the ratings that they receive.

I do watch many of the World Series of Poker games that have proved to be so popular that extra events have been carded because of the very surprising television ratings they generate.

There was one that I coerced the family into watching after the Lions game and it was easy to see why they have become popular with the masses.

It was necessary for me to explain the game to all but one of the 7 persons watching. They knew nothing, nada, zilch about poker. How a pair, 2-pair, 3-of-a-kind, straights, flushes, etc, rated. But after about 15 minutes they became riveted to the action. There is a sense of awe created when \$2.5 million in cash is stacked on the table for the last man (or woman) standing.

The key is that the audience gets to see what each player's down cards are via special cameras, and commentators in an adjoining room who talk about the action.

The final pair left from the over 800 players that coughed up \$10,000 each to play was a professional and an amateur. The amateur won.

It goes without saying that luck plays a big part. No matter how good the player is, luck is always a determining factor.

What added to the drama is that the amateur bluffed the pro on a hand by betting all of his chips and the pro would have been champion if he had called the bet, but he didn't.

While conceding that any player that reaches the final table is a good one, I can't help but think that the format dulls the edge that the professional usually has.

While the eventual winner

gambled all of his remaining chips on a bluff, it's different than playing where the chips represent real money. All of the last 7 players in the game couldn't lose. Their investment stayed constant at \$10,000, the only question remaining was how big their prizes were going to be.

When the eventual winner bet all his chips, he knew that win or lose he was due to get major money for finishing second.

That's a huge difference compared to a regular poker game. There are no consolation prizes for the losers. You bet all your chips and lose, and you go home broke.

It would be interesting to see how the game would change if there were a chance to really be a loser. I'd bet on the pro.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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I got a kick out of a news report describing the "Get Motivated" seminars being held around the country. These little pow-wows feature some really big celebrities and several people I've never heard of.

That's understandable, I guess. I recently saw a story about a man who sells Christmas trees to some of the biggest names in Hollywood. I didn't recognize any of those people, either.

The "Get Motivated" seminar features speakers like Joe Montana, Goldie Hawn and Rudy Giuliani. Most of these folks showed up in person, but Goldie recorded her presentation in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Then, she was shown on the big screens in the coliseum.

What kind of a deal is that? Anybody can see Goldie Hawn on the screen. If she isn't going to be there in the flesh, she might as well mail it in, as far as I'm concerned. I guess I'll never be a motivated person. I can listen to Joe Montana talk about football, life and the road to riches; but I still come away thinking, "You know, that's the same thing Lucky Eddie said down at the pool hall."

I know some people get a boost out of these things. An account manager for a local radio station claims he makes about \$20,000 more than usual in the years when he attends these seminars. I would think he'd have so much money by now, he could pay someone to attend for him and report back.

A group of medical workers said they planned to take one of Giuliani's points back to their bosses: The one about leaders standing by their employees when times are tough. (I hope someone stops them before it's too late.)

My biggest problem with seminars is I always remember some funny incident that happened years ago. Then I spend the rest of the day chuckling so much I can't concentrate on the speakers.

This "Get Motivated" thing was no exception. The news report says Joe Montana came out onto the stage "throwing footballs in perfect spirals" into the audience.

You know what that means.

It means somebody is going to get drilled right up side of the head with a football!

These people have never seen a tip drill! They're bankers, secretaries, senior citizens. "BOINK!" "THUNK!" "BONK!"

I remember the day our extension home economist left the office for a presentation at the senior center - and returned later with a tale of woe. Our home economist was a very enthusiastic and motivated young woman, much like Joe Montana in many respects. She did everything she could to make the best presentation possible.

This particular day her talk was about healthy eating and the need for more fruits and vegetables in our diets. About halfway through the presentation she decided to spice things up by tossing some fruit into the audience.

I know we shouldn't question the play-calling here, but I'm sure she would keep the ball on the ground if she had it to do over again. Reaction times aren't that good for an audience that averages 80 years old.

She probably wouldn't have reached for the grapefruits, either. Our home economist reported she beamed one and knocked the wind out of two more before taking her presentation in a different direction.

That's why I couldn't go to the "Get Motivated" seminar. Once Joe Montana started throwing those footballs, I would have been a basket case for the rest of the day.

The Weather

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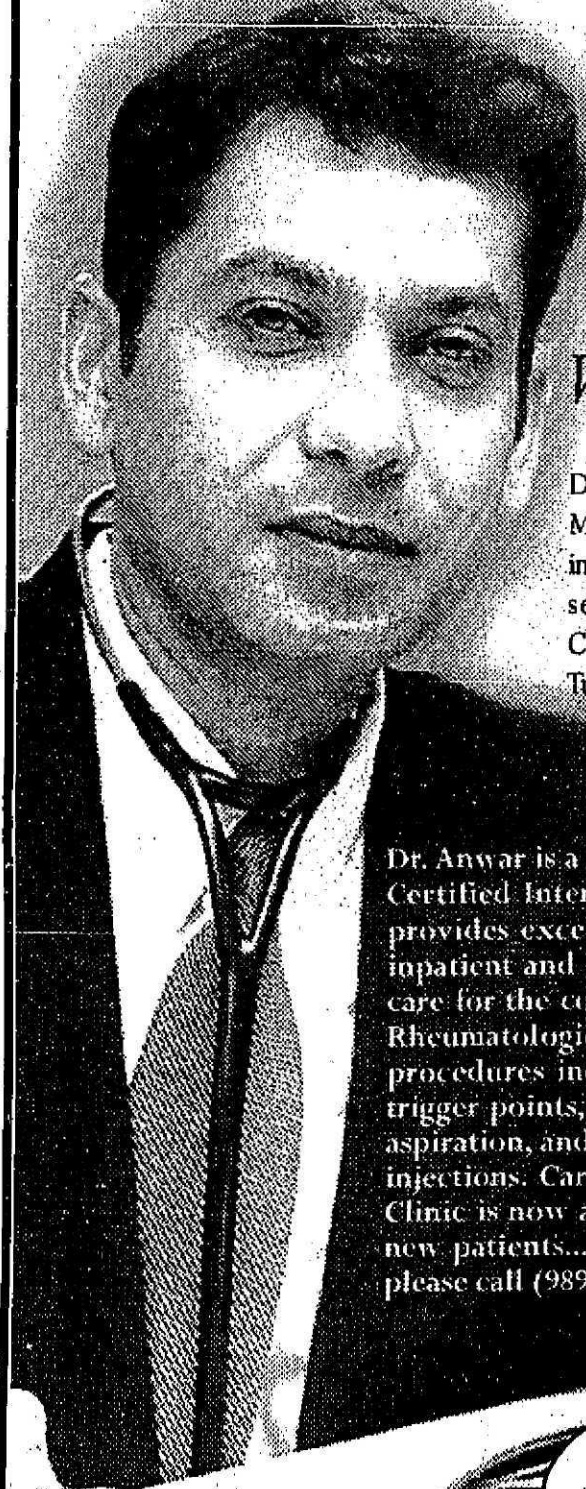
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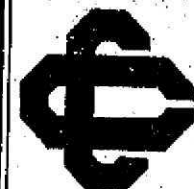
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Cass City Public Schools PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY STUDENTS INDUCTED

One very special activity that occurs annually in our school district is the induction of new members into the National Honor Society. In order to be selected as an honor society member a student must maintain a high level of standard in the areas of: Character, Scholarship, Leadership and Service. We are very proud of the following students who represent our school and community in a commendable manner. A special congratulation is offered to:

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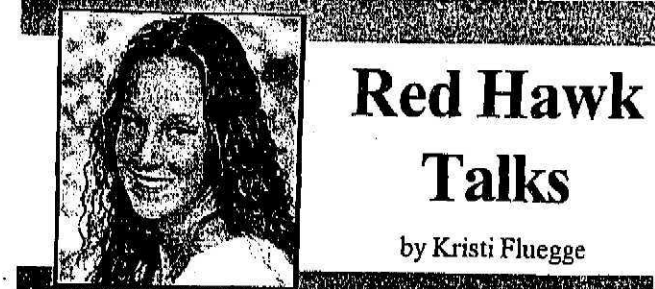
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Kristi Fluegge	Mallory Powell
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Katie Hall	Jennifer Sweeney

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Ashley Timon	Jessup Hoyt
	Sean McFarland
Juniors	Patrick Reed
Holly Angle	Stephanie Richards
Ashley Barrigar	Leah Sherman
Tasha Bryant	Kristina Spaulding
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Red Hawk Talks

by Kristi Fluegge

Every year a day comes around when everyone looks forward to a lot of turkey and feeling really full! Some families even take a nap after watching the big football games. But I think it is important to remember what you see when you read the word "Thanksgiving."

This last Thursday hopefully you didn't just enjoy your meal. You should have also given thanks for the many blessings and the ability to enjoy that huge feast. Here at Cass City High School we tried to remember what Thanksgiving is all about.

This past week the student council held a food drive. In order to make it more successful we traditionally make it a competition. Every year each grade level at our high school competes to see who has the most holiday spirit, or sometimes what grade needs the most extra credit. Teachers really help with the success of this drive by encouraging their students to participate through giving out extra credit. But this year the competition got a little heated up.

To understand why this happened it is important to know a few details. First, Mrs. Reif is an eleventh grade college prep English teacher that has a pretty tough course. Students in her class are always jumping at extra credit opportunities. Mrs. Reif also chooses to participate in the food drive and many students are willing to bring in cans. Of course there is a catch! Their class must WIN the drive for the students to receive their credit. So, needless to say, the juniors usually win the food drive competition every year.

However, the tension rose when Mr. Daniels, a tenth grade teacher, raised the stakes. Sophomores who brought in cans would now be receiving extra credit from him and their 10th grade English teacher, Mrs. Folk. Mr. Daniels decided to chal-

lenge the other classes and hopefully get more involvement when he saw Lakers had brought in 2,000 cans and we were barely breaking 1,000.

It seemed the juniors were a little upset with the new found spirit of the sophomores. On Wednesday morning from 8:00 to 8:15 the sophomores had already brought in 500 cans in fifteen minutes! Mr. Daniel's room was a sight. Although the competition made it fun and brought in more cans, it was important to remember what it was all about.

The way Mr. Daniels put it really told the truth. "It is a win-win situation." No matter which class brings in the most cans, we are giving families a dinner. It definitely was a win-win situation on Wednesday afternoon when the results showed all the students had together brought in 2,690 cans of food. The juniors may have been a little upset coming in behind the sophomores with 1,100 cans. The freshmen were in third place and the seniors were definitely in last place. "I think we might have brought in around two hundred," said one of the seniors. But sophomores, as for your class next year, you better watch out! It doesn't seem juniors will be handed the title so easily.

On Wednesday afternoon the Executive Board of Student Council delivered a few van and truck loads to the Family Independence Agency in Caro. Hopefully all the canned goods helped make someone's Thanksgiving all that it should be.

Thank you to all the students and teachers who made this year's Harvest Food Drive at our high school such a success. The sophomores will be receiving cookies and juice as their reward, along with a special trophy made by Mr. Daniels. This trophy will be passed on to the winner next year.

See ya next week in the Red Hawk Talks.

Several appear in circuit court

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

•Daryl L. Periso, 39, Deford, stood mute to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence, third offense, and driving while his license was suspended or revoked, subsequent offense, Oct. 25 in Kingston Township, and to being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case and bond was continued at \$6,000.

•Holt A. Holtman, 38, Vassar, pleaded guilty to making a false report of a felony (unlawfully driving away an automobile) Sept. 14 in Tuscola Township.

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

•David H. Ross Jr., 46, Akron, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and fleeing a police officer, fourth degree.

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

•Lisa L. Robinson, 45, Vassar, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail and 12 months probation for jury convictions of guilty to possession of burglar's tools, larceny of trees and shrubs valued at \$200 to \$1,000, and possession of an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle June 2 in Denmark Township.

Robinson was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,140. Restitution is to be determined.

•Jesus Torrez, 32, Caro, was sentenced to 240 months probation and 300 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of no contest to assaulting a police officer, malicious de-

struction of a building, resulting in \$200 to \$1,000 in damage, and assault and battery April 27 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,560 plus \$200 in attorneys fees. Restitution is to be determined.

•Jeremy A. Sprague, 17, Caro, was sentenced to 18 months probation and 90 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to delivery of a controlled substance (Vicodin) May 29-30 in Caro.

He was also ordered to complete his high school education and pay costs and fines of \$630.

•William A. LeBlanc, 60, Clio, was sentenced to 18 months probation and 90 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to 5 counts of possession of a firearm by a felon Jan. 5 in Arbela Township, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

He was also ordered to pay \$2,100 in costs and fines.

•Aaron C. Haynes, 29, Davisburg, pleaded guilty to carrying a concealed weapon and possession of marijuana Sept. 20 in Caro.

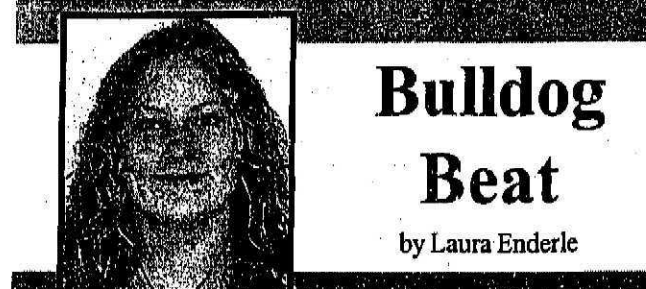
A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Eric L. Fellows, 26, Cass City, stood mute to a charge of third degree child abuse last August in Ellington Township.

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

•Franklin B. Holcomb, 20, Deford, pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer Sept. 14 in Novesta Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$4,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.



Bulldog Beat

by Laura Enderle

As I hurried in out of the cold last Tuesday night, I was warmly greeted by 2 lovely young fourth grade girls, Amanda Muntz and Erica Mroz. It was only six o'clock and the Owen-Gage Elementary gym was almost already full. All 102 elementary students were noticeably excited, waiting to show everyone their Thanksgiving pageant, "The Adventures of Lewis and Clark."

The talent-filled night started out with Mrs. Garske's pre-school class singing, "Ten Little Explorers" and "I'm a Little Turkey." They gobbled off stage to make room for the introduction by Mathew Harp, Joe Louks, Jordan Kain, and Josiah Nuncio. The whole school then faced the audience to sing the theme song, "The Ballad of Lewis and Clark." Finally the acting got underway.

The main characters of the night were Amanda Muntz and Chris Harris as Casie, a modern day student presenting a report about Lewis and Clark. Erica Mroz played Julie, a good friend of Casie's, and she was also the song leader. Clyde Rhodes was Captain Meriwether Lewis and Bryan Buschlen was Captain William Clark. Nick Adkins played the part of Charbonneau a French trapper with a strong accent. Holly Error and Alexis Morrish shared the part of Sacajawea, a guide and interpreter for the expedition and Charbonner's wife. York, Clark's slave, was played by both Russel Stalter and Chris Mahler. Dylan Powell did a great job acting as the Newfoundland dog, Scannon. Hunter Champagne was the well-known president, Thomas Jefferson. Jessica Brown was James Madison and Brandon Fosket was Robert Livingston, both were the president's representatives to Napoleon.

Napoleon Bonaparte, the French dictator, was played by Michael Harp.

Although these students told the main story, every child had an opportunity to take part in this grand production. Together these young stars told a fun, interesting, and musical history of the famous journey exploring the Louisiana Purchase in 1804. To enhance the songs there were four solos, 2 dances, and one amazing sign language interpretation. Everything came together exceptionally. Anyone could tell there was a lot of time and dedication put into this one-of-a-kind entertainment.

It was obvious how hard the actors and actresses worked on the piece, but only the teachers know how much work was truly put into the successful production. The teachers and students started to bring it together right after Halloween. Bedside practicing everyday, Mrs. Ross stated all teachers spent at least 20 extra hours work-

ing on the backdrops and choreography (choreography all done by Mrs. Ross). The dancers learned the routine in only about 3 weeks, which is pretty impressive since it was so well done.

Special recognition goes to Shelley Boehmer and the Harbor Beach Ramsey-Robertson Elementary for providing the costumes and music. A big thanks to the janitors Moe, Rocky, and Dawn who helped any way they could. Debb Edler had the gym nicely decorated in a patriotic theme. Also thanks to the National Honor Society who volunteered to baby sit younger brothers and sisters in the audience. Great job everyone!

After the curtains were closed and the gym emptied, the show was still not over because for all the friends, family, and neighbors who watched, it will be talked about and shared for years to come as this was truly a Kodak moment.

If you have any comments about my article please feel free to contact me at my e-mail address lauralouise85@hotmail.com. Good luck to everyone shopping and decorating in the weeks to come during this hectic holiday season.

Letters to the editor

Poachers cheat other hunters

On a dark Nov. 18 at approximately 8 p.m. a buck deer stood in a fallow field 4 miles north of Sebawaing. In this state not an uncommon thing. At approximately 8:05 p.m. that buck was spotted by a person or persons that shot and killed it. I heard the shot since I live next to the field. I immediately thought that someone was trying to poach a deer close to my house. When I looked out a window, I did not see any vehicle lights.

My neighbor knocked on my door about a half hour later telling me that he had found a dead buck in the field a short distance from the road.

I don't know who the person or people are that shot the deer. If I did I would contact the authorities. You know who you are. Whoever you are, you should be ashamed for cheating other legal hunters out of the opportunity of bagging that deer.

I know what happened that night is illegal. I only hope that somehow, someday you are caught, tried, found guilty, and punished. Because you stole from every hunter in this state by violating the law. Law abiding hunters in the area, includ-

ing about a dozen families, friends and neighbors were denied the chance of harvesting that same deer legally.

Maybe it would have survived through this season and would have been around for next season. If not for your selfish unlawful act.

A legal hunter was denied all the emotions that are stirred when the thrill of the hunt is completed by the taking of the animal. Not just for the trophy of the antlers, but for the meat to eat. The excitement that could have been shared with family and friends because of a successful hunt was denied. The one good thing about this situation is that you were denied the very thing you tried to get. The Buck. This time the cheaters lost.

The universal response from people when I tell them how this deer was taken is surprise and disgust. "How could somebody do that?" That's the usual reaction. And it comes from people that are deer hunters. People who have hunted for years with little or no success let alone have a chance to take a deer like this one. Real deer hunters. Not violators like you.

I see it happen every year. Especially during firearm season. Not only do the deer lose their heads because of the fire inside when they are in the rut, but people lose theirs as well, to buck fever. The animals don't have an excuse. Nature makes them that way. But the people make a conscience choice of either controlling themselves or not. There always seems to be a never-ending supply of idiots who screw things up for hunters who follow the rules.

Roger Kuhl,
Sebawaing

Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

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

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

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

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Crosby named a "hall of famer"

Eddie Crosby's great dedication and love for Special Olympics earned him the honor of being named 2003 Hall of Fame Award winner.

The Hall of Fame Award is Special Olympics Michigan's highest honor. It acknowledges individuals who have demonstrated strong support and dedication to athletes and programs.

Crosby's involvement in Special Olympics Michigan began 25 years ago. He has been a coach, chaplain and fundraiser and recently took on the leadership role of area director.

Crosby is recognized for his fantastic leadership skills and enthusiastic personality. He is also patient, "If we don't understand, he steps in the middle of the game to help us," said one athlete.

His teams have won many state championships and awards, but the greatest accomplishment is the way he

touches the lives of thousands of students, said Doug Blasius, a local Special Olympics volunteer. Crosby finds Special Olympics fun and he makes sports fun for others. He teaches athletes to win and lose with dignity.

Crosby is not only involved in Special Olympics, he is also involved in the community of Caro, where he teaches Karate, and organizes a "Giving Tree" for families that wouldn't have Christmas without help. Crosby is currently the athletic director for Highland Pines School. Crosby lives in Caro with his wife and son who also volunteer for Special Olympics.

Crosby is considered a valuable member of Special Olympics Michigan and is highly respected for his unwavering love and dedication to the program.



CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK

By Dr. Robert Gabriel

THE RIGHT & WRONG WAY TO WALK

"Pronation" refers to the action of the foot as you apply weight and walk forward. The foot strikes the ground, starting from the heel and rolling forward through the arch and onto the toes. The heel and ankle rotate inward after the heel strikes the ground, and the arch flattens out as weight is transferred to the middle of the foot.

With over-pronation, the arch remains flat and the ankle rolls too far inward as the toes begin to push off. This leads to fatigue as well as to strains, collapsed arches, heel pain and flat feet. With under-pronation, the foot is so rigid it does not allow for proper shock absorption or adaptation to uneven ground. This places extra stress on the foot and can cause many ailments.

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Cass City Village Council

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The Cass City Village Council will be holding a Special Meeting at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan, as follows:

Monday - December 15, 2003 at 7:00 PM

The purpose of this meeting is for the council to review the 2004 Budget and 5 year Capital Outlay and any other business that may come before the Council.

The regular December meeting has been changed to December 22, 2003 at 7:00 PM.

Joyce A. Bemus
Clerk/Treasurer

Ponder: adoptions 'cream of the crop' in social work

Louis Ponder admits it's a real challenge to find adoptive parents for every child — especially older children — in need of the security and love a family can provide.

Still, the Cass City woman enjoys her job as director of foster care and adoptions at Teen Ranch, Marlette, just the same. And, she says, days like Tuesday, Nov. 25, make all of the work more than worthwhile.

Ponder worked with Tim and Jessie Williams of Caro in adopting 3 children — Craig, 17, and brothers Brian, 11, and Travis, 10. The adoption was one of several confirmed by Tuscola Probate and Family Court Judge Wallace Kent Jr., last week in conjunction with Michigan's first Adoption Day.

The event was established as a joint project of the Family Independence Agency (FIA) and the courts in Michigan to make the public more aware of the estimated 1,800 children in the state who have come from homes where they were neglected or abused, and who don't yet have an adoptive home.

The Williams' new children all fall into that category. Each was placed in foster care due to neglect, according to Ponder, who said the couple has served as foster parents to all 3 children for some time.

"They've got a long history of fostering because they had fostered in another county. They've been with us for about 6 years. We've done a total of 7 adoptions for them,

and they're going to be adopting an eighth," Ponder noted.

"They would be your ideal foster parents," she added. "They're always willing to take in a challenged child. They'll take in kids that no one else will, and they just work miracles. They really do."

Convincing families to adopt older children can be a big challenge.

"These are special needs kids," Ponder said. "They're children that you wouldn't find an adoptive home for because of their age. They're children who are probably older than 2 — most are 7 to 15 years of age — who may or may not have (special) medical, cognitive or emotional needs."

"However, a number of older children, like those adopted by the Williams, end up being adopted by their foster parents because of the bonds that develop over time, said Ponder, who has worked at Teen Ranch for the past 4 years.

"I currently supervise both the Marlette and Port Huron offices, and I do adoptions on the side. I wear many hats there," she said.

"I think we've averaged about 50 adoptions this year, and that would include international, domestic and special needs adoptions," added Ponder, who earned her Bachelor of Social Work Degree from Saginaw Valley State University in 1998.

The Cass City resident also has years of personal experience on her resume. She and husband Tom have adopted 2 special needs children — Shaylee, 4, and Sherry Snear, who is now 19 and married. The couple also served as foster parents, taking in 36 children, ranging in age from 7 months to 17 years, over a 7-year period.

"Having been a foster parent and an adoptive parent, I can identify with a lot of their struggles," she said of prospective adoptive parents.

As director of foster care and adoptions, Ponder's duties focus on ensuring a smooth transition for both the adoptive family and the child.

"I study the homes and I do what's called a child assessment on each child. It's like a history from birth to current of where they've been

and where they are now," she explained. "And then we take the family and the child and we match them up and facilitate the adoption."

Ponder acknowledged there's a lot of satisfaction when everything falls together.

"It's fun," she said. "Adoptions are the cream of the crop in the social work field."

Judge Kent shared that sentiment last week. "Presiding over adoptions is the best part of my job as a family court judge. Usually, when people come to court, somebody leaves unhappy."

In an adoption, everyone involved has a big smile on their face," he said. "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."

Kent added, "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."

MFB annual meet underway in Acme

Fresh off a record-setting membership campaign, Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) will spend its 84th Annual Meeting doing what it does best — "growing on tradition."

In traditional fashion, MFB members from across the state will gather to develop organizational policy, recognize exceptional accomplishments and take part in a host of other educational and social activities. The action takes place Dec. 2-5 at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme. More than 1,000 Farm Bureau members are expected.

The event kicks off Dec. 2 with voting delegates from Michigan's 67 county Farm Bureaus beginning the thrust of the meeting, the 4-day policy development process. State resolutions adopted at the meeting become MFB's 2004 guiding policies, while approved national resolutions will be among policies considered by delegates at the American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting, Jan. 11-14 in Honolulu.

The 20-member MFB Policy Development Committee narrowed 985 resolutions submitted by county Farm Bureaus to 136 resolutions for state delegates to consider.

Among the issues to be voted on are: the regulation of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations

(CAFOs), strategies for effective wildlife management, creation of a state energy policy, and strategies to solve the state's budget deficit.

MFB President Wayne H. Wood will deliver his annual president's address at the President's Luncheon Dec. 3. Members will vote to fill expiring seats on the 17-member MFB Board of Directors at the meeting's conclusion Dec. 5.

County Farm Bureaus across the state have been busy collecting non-perishable food items to stock the pantries of Ronald McDonald Houses. The Harvest Gathering will culminate at the annual meeting Dec. 2, when all county donations will be gathered for shipment to the homes. MFB will celebrate the effort with a special ceremony Dec. 4 at the annual banquet. Last year's inaugural Harvest Gathering collected 12,892 pounds of food.

MFB will host the second annual Taste of Michigan reception Dec. 4 for MFB members and invited guests. Here, more than 40 exhibitors will showcase Michigan-grown and -processed food and beverage products. New this year, representatives of the Michigan Grocers Association have been invited to network with exhibitors.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

If the recent increase in cigarette prices that has sky-rocketed the cost to about \$3.50 a pack will greatly deter smoking in the area, it isn't apparent at the sales counters of 3 Cass City stores. The sharp increase of about 50 cents a pack was tacked on to help pay the \$206 billion that cigarette companies must pay various states over 25 years starting in the year 2000. Michigan's share is expected to be \$8.1 billion.

An organizational meeting scheduled Monday at 7 p.m. at Rawson Memorial Library may decide if there is enough interest in the community to build a \$100,000 children's play area. Paula LeValley, who is spearheading the drive, says that there have been 45 or so persons who have indicated they support the project.

Santa's first visitor upon his arrival Friday night in Cass City was 3-year-old Kelby Rowell, son of Cass City residents Kim and Wilson Rowell.

10 YEARS AGO

The Cass City Chamber of Commerce wants to see the community glowing with the Christmas season and to spur homeowners within the village limits to action is offering up to \$1,000 in shopping dollars in a special "Decorating for Dollars" contest. Two impartial judges will determine the top 10 winners and award prizes ranging from \$50 to \$150.

Randy Rabideau of Cass City rolled his first 300-game recently at Charmont Lanes. Rabideau's perfect game was only the 17th recorded at the Cass City alley, where he carries a 204 average.

The total lunar eclipse Sunday night was picture perfect, although heavy cloud cover obstructed the view for a time shortly after midnight. A lunar eclipse occurs when the orbits of the earth and moon align so that the earth is between the sun and the moon. The light from the sun causes the earth to cast a shadow in space.

25 YEARS AGO

Groundbreaking ceremonies for both the Tuscola Intermediate School District special education and vocational skill centers took place last Wednesday with various dignitaries present. Advertising for construction bids probably won't be until March. Bonds to pay for the taxpayer approved project have already been sold. The hope is to get access roads and drainage work done yet this year. Completion of both buildings on Cleaver Rd., Caro, is scheduled by September, 1980.

The Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac Intermediate School Districts have jointly purchased the Professional Building at 4415 S. Seeger Street for use by the Regional Educational Media Center (REMC) and Special Education Learning Materials Services (SELMs). The building is being purchased from the P.M. Development Co. for \$145,000, to be paid over a three-year period.

Jack Laurie of Cass City, was re-elected vice-president of the Michigan Farm Bureau Friday. His election marks the start of his third year in the position. Laurie, a dairy and cash crop farmer, represents District 6 on the board — Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac, Lapeer, St. Clair and Macomb counties.

35 YEARS AGO

A grave marker plowed up from a field about three miles west of Cass City is almost untouched by the ravages of time. The marker reads: Frank E. Woolman, died June 27, 1907, 34 years old. The Woolman family were owners of the farm over 50 years ago. Dale Brown says that his father, Bruce, worked the land where the marker was turned up for at least 30 years. Dave Loomis theorized that the grave came to the surface during recent tilling.

Although the game was marked with opening night jitters and sloppy ball handling, Coach Jim Wynes was pleased with the overall progress of his team as the Hawks registered a 51-46 decision at Vassar Tuesday night. We had 26 turnovers and the Vulcans had about the same, Wynes said. The coach was pleased with the aggressiveness and hustle shown on defense and said that it was responsible for the victory.

It took nearly a half a day for volunteers John Maurer, Ralph Maurer, Village President Elery Sontag and Jim Sontag to secure a giant 25-foot Christmas tree for the Village of Gagetown last week. The large tree in the center of town is a tradition for the village.

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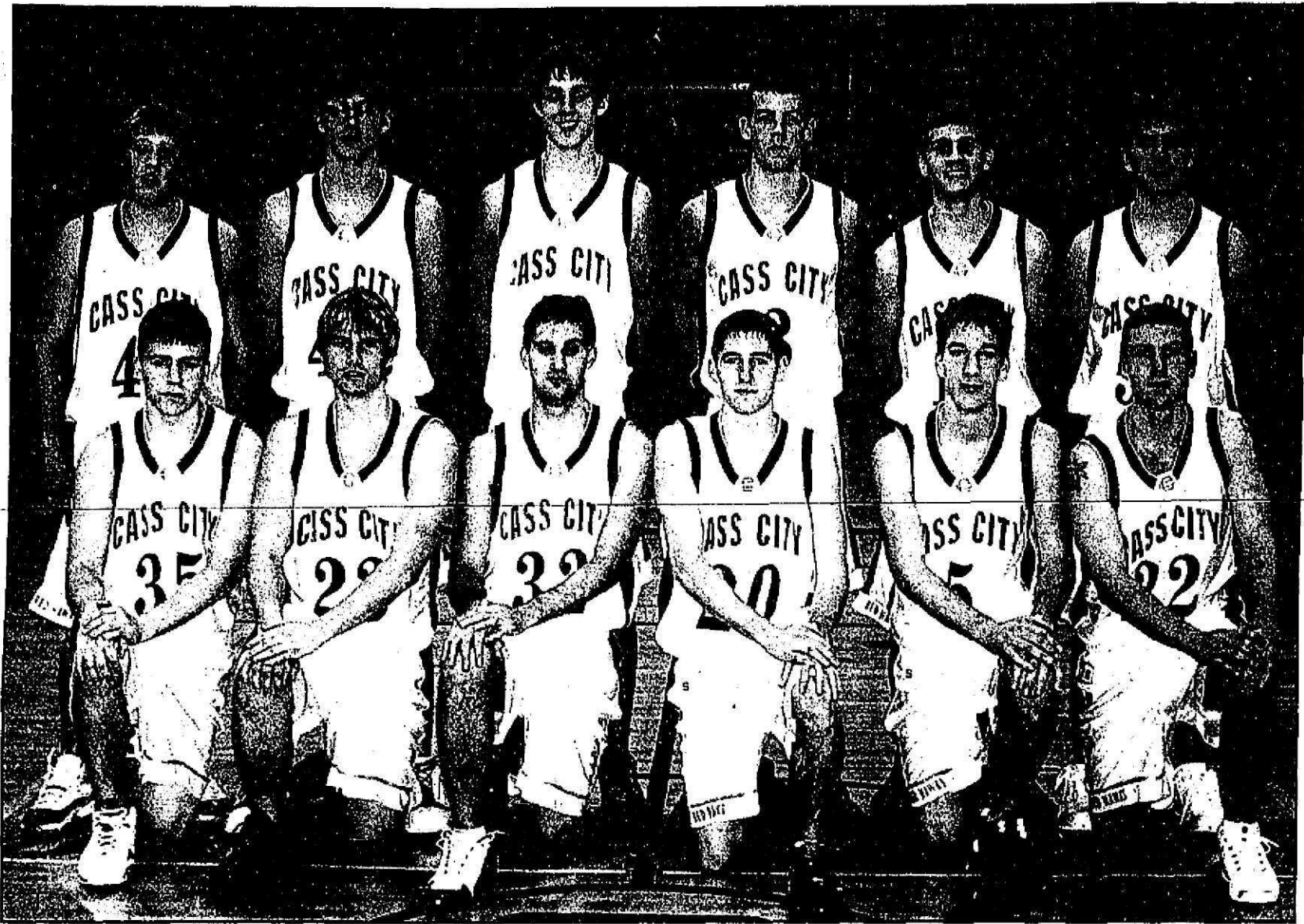
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CASS CITY VARSITY basketball squad. Front row, from left: Brad Langenburg, Chris Dillon, Nick Stoutenburg, Zac Toner, Justin Glaza, Jake Brinkman. Second row: Tyler Erla, Jessup Hoyt, Andrew Martin, Craig Holmgren, Nick Swanson, Andrew Whittaker. Missing is Andrew Schinnerer.

Fernald faces familiar problem as curtain rises on Hawk cage season

Coach Aaron Fernald, in his second year at the helm of the Cass City Red Hawk basketball team, faces the same problem that he faced last season—a lack of height.

There are only 2 players taller than 6-feet returning from last year's squad.

The tallest player is a freshman, Andrew Martin, 6-3. It's a quantum leap from a middle school squad to the varsity and there's little

doubt that it will take awhile to adjust to the competition. Rebounding figures to be a problem, just as it was last season when Cass City posted a 5-7 Greater Thumb West and an 11-9 mark overall. In addition, the team will need to cope with the loss of Chris Maharg who at 6-3 was the tallest player on the squad and its scoring leader. Also missed will be Matt Stoutenburg who was the

point guard and a proficient scorer. Anchors on this year's team will be Jake Brinkman who averaged 11 points per game and Tyler Erla who was effective around the basket and averaged 9 points per game. Besides these 2, the remainder of the positions appear to be wide open. Senior Craig Holmgren, 6-2, and Nick Stoutenburg, 6-0, a jun-

ior, will receive plenty of playing time. Others returning are Nick Swanson, Zac Toner and Chris Dillon. Brad Langenburg and Andrew Schinnerer up from the junior varsity will receive long looks.

Fernald said he hopes that Cass City will be in the mix of a wide-open GTW league race. USA is the defending champion, but will not be the odds-on favorite to win

this year because of the graduation of stellar guards, Stephen Cramer and Matt Kitchen.

Nevertheless, the Patriots will be one of the teams that will be in contention. Others that Fernald cites as strong contenders will be Saginaw Valley Lutheran, Reese and the Lakers.

The Hawks open the season on the road against Harbor Beach Tuesday, Dec. 9.

Kingston ends Bulldog's Cinderella run in semis

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs' Cinderella run in the Michigan High School Athletic Association's basketball tourney came to an end last week Monday before a potent Kingston squad that went on to capture the regional tournament at Saginaw Heritage High School.

The Cardinals used a big second half scoring spurge to ice a 59-28 decision.

In the first 2 periods, Owen-Gage fans could hope that the late season spurge that saw the team roll to the district crown would continue.

At the end of the first quarter, Owen-Gage trailed by a point, 12-11, as Katie Swiastyn and Stephanie Dorsch carried the scoring load, each with a pair of hoops. Kingston stayed with

the Bulldogs, helped by a pair of treys by Brittini Hill.

The lead changed hands a couple of times in the first half and at the intermission the Cardinals were in the lead, 23-18. In the opening minutes of the third quarter the Bulldogs stayed within reach, but after Kayla Zaleski knocked down a three to close to within 7 points the Cardinals went on a scoring spree to decide the game.

A 12-2 roll to the end of the third period put Kingston in front, 42-25, and the onslaught continued in the final 8 minutes.

In the third quarter the rally was paced by Sarah Rayl, who hit 3 hoops including a trey and Hill, who added a pair of threes and a regular hoop.

In the final quarter, after an

opening basket by Dorsch, the Bulldogs went stone cold and added only a free throw the rest of the way. Using balanced scoring the Cardinals outscored Owen-Gage, 17-3.

OWEN-GAGE - Zaleski 2-1 (1-1) 8; Swiastyn 2-0 (0-0) 9; Rhodes 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kady 0-0 (1-2) 1; Dorsch 4-0 (0-0) 8.

TOTALS - 9-1 (7-9) 28.

KINGSTON - Wilmont 5-1 (2-3) 15; Harnack 2-0 (0-0) 4; Fourman 0-0 (1-2) 1; Walkiewicz 2-0 (0-0) 4; Borek 1-0 (0-0) 2; Rayl 3-2 (4-6) 16; Hill 1-4 (0-0) 14; Faver 1-0 (0-0) 2; Herron 0-0 (1-2) 1.

TOTALS - 15-7 (8-13) 59.



CODY GRIGG, (right) Cadillac 15-year-old, shot his first buck, a nice 8-pointer, hunting on his great-grandfather Earl Grigg's (left) farm near Cass City. Cody's father, Kevin, is in the pickup bed.



JASON KARR of Owendale took this trophy buck on opening day while hunting in the Elk-ton area.



JOE TOMLIN, 76 years young, shot his first buck on the last day of the firearm season. The Deford resident is pictured with his grandchildren, Colin and Emily Mason.

Hawks earn GTW honors

The Greater Thumb West All Conference team as selected by league coaches features 3 seniors, 3 juniors and a sophomore.

The sophomore is Ashley Hendrick of Cass City, one of 2 Hawks that were named to the 7-member first team. Also named was Sarah Hobbs, a senior, who moved from the bench as a junior to earn membership in the elite all-conference team this year. Hendrick was a player capable of playing any of the 5 positions on the court. She brought the ball up the floor against the press.



SENIOR SARAH HOBBS



SOPHOMORE ASHLEY HENDRICK

Reflecting the team's achievement as GTW co-champions, two other Hawks were honored. Amy Howard was placed on the second team and Krystee Dorland received honorable mention.

Other members of the first team included seniors Kristy Sting, USA, and Deidre Reinert, Reese. The 3 juniors on the squad are Amanda Chiotti, Lakers; Katie Middleton, BCAS; and Kim Sheltraw, Valley Lutheran.

Others named to the second team were: Jena Wroblewski, Lakers; Dana Peterson, Bad Axe; Kala Winicki, USA; Marisa Hecht and Michelle Burgess, both of Reese.

Receiving honorable mention were: Meghan Wardin, Stephanie Minda and Chelsi Gnatkowski, all of Valley Lutheran; Megan Gainforth, USA; Wendy Geiger and Stephanie Byrne, both of Bad Axe; Kelly Jammer and Cara Burnison, both of Reese; Kim Weiderhold, Lakers; and Megan Bergeron, BCAS.

Hawk Boys' Basketball Schedule

Dec. 9	Harbor Beach	6:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 12	Sandusky	5:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 16	Brown City	5:00 p.m.	H
Dec. 19	Valley Lutheran	5:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 6	Ubyly	5:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 9	Lakers	5:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 13	Marlette	5:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 16	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 23	USA	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 27	Mayville	5:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 30	Reese	5:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 3	Deckerville	5:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 6	BCAS	5:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 13	Valley Lutheran	5:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 17	Lakers	6:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 20	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 24	Caro	5:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 27	USA	5:00 p.m.	H
Mar. 2	Reese	6:00 p.m.	A
Mar. 5	BCAS	5:00 p.m.	A
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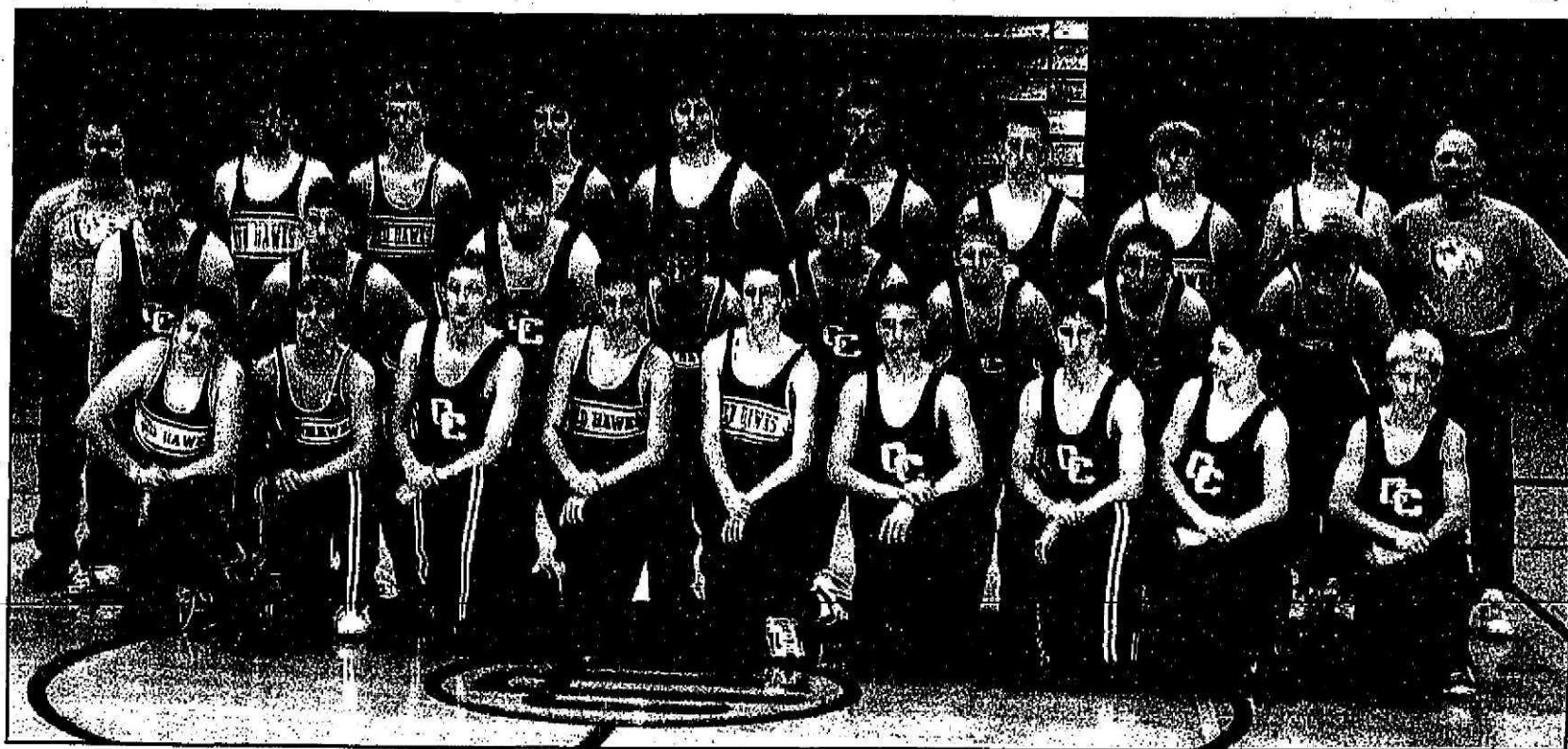


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CASS CITY WRESTLING squad. Front row, from left: Ryan King, Micah Randall, Gordon Hatcher, John Kester, Dustin Arp, Kyle Reif, Marcel Helland, Jeremy Farr, Andrew Peruski. Middle row: Chad Francis, Trevor Copeland, Lee Hutchinson, Justin Grice, Wes Becker, Dereck Halasz, Jason James, Dennis Bowen. Back row: Coach Don Markel, Shelby Russell, Chris Wheeler, Kyle Sieradzki, Steve Meeker, Eric Hollis, Jeff Tenbusch, Andrew Klco, Joe Ellithorpe, Coach Sterling Herrmann. Missing is Dave Erla.

Hawk wrestlers set

The Cass City Red Hawk wrestling squad is long on wrestlers and short on experience.

We have 28 wrestlers, coach Don Markel said, one of the largest squads in history at Cass City. Markel, in his 18th year at the helm with the Hawks, is very pleased with the numbers, especially when compared to last year when a shortage of wrestlers required his team to forfeit 4 or 5 weight classes at every meet.

Markel said, "we will take our lumps early because we are so young, 19 wrestlers are underclassmen. We will surprise some teams later in the season as the underclassmen gain experience and improve."

There will be a couple of holes to fill on the squad. Lost via graduation were Travis Jensen, 189 pounds, and a 4-year letter winner. Last year his record was 46-7 and his overall mark was 131-37. Josh Smith, 152 pounds, was a 3-year letter winner that anchored the

middleweight classes. There is just one senior on this year's squad. It's Eric Hollis who wrestled at 171 pounds and compiled a 40-10 record. Look for him to provide points and good leadership as the team captain.

Several juniors are expected to fill key positions.

Marcel Helland, 112 pounds, was 26-24 last season. Lee Hutchinson, 275 pounds, was 19-19. Jeff Tenbusch, 160 pounds, and Wes Becker, 189 pounds, are returning.

Two freshmen that had a great deal of success in the middle school will see lots of action this year.

Cass City Wrestling Schedule

Dec. 4	Capac / Caro	6:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 6	Cros-Lex Invite	9:00 a.m.	A
Dec. 11	Millington / Bridgeport	6:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 13	Marlette	8:00 a.m.	A
Dec. 18	Pinconning / Gaylord	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 3	North Branch Invite	9:00 a.m.	A
Jan. 8	Frankenmuth / Millington	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 10	Cass City Invite	9:00 a.m.	H
Jan. 14	USA / Brown City	6:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 17	Mayville Invite	8:30 a.m.	A
Jan. 21	Lakers / Valley Lutheran	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 24	Imley City	8:30 a.m.	A
Jan. 28	Marlette / Nouvel	6:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 4	Sandusky / Mayville	6:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 7	Standish Sterling Invite	TBA	
Feb. 14	League Invite (Sandusky)	TBA	
Feb. 19	Districts	TBA	

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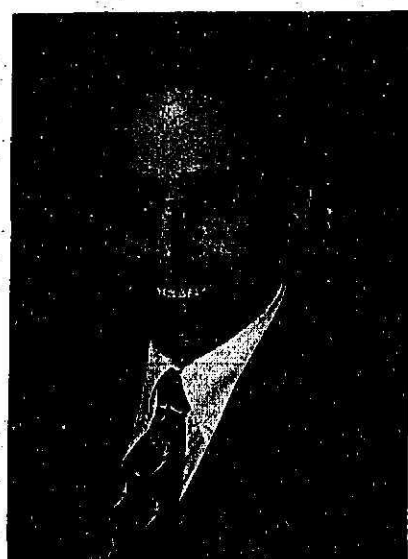
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OWENDALE AREA residents Arnie Fritz and his fiancée, Brandea Sieradzki, owners of Fritz Taxidermy, bagged this nice 8-point buck in the Elk-ton area on opening day.

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

Thursday, December 4

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

Friday, December 5

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

Saturday, December 6

Rawson Memorial Library Christmas Home Tour, 1-5 p.m.
Cass City's Christmas in the Village Extravaganza. Craft show at the high school, a business chili cook-off (downtown), and a free movie at the Cass Theatre. The community gathering starts at 5 p.m. in the Rotary Park on Main St. Free bean soup, cookies, hot chocolate and carriage rides. There will be carol singing and Santa's grand arrival. More information is available by calling the Chamber of Commerce at 1-866-266-3822.

Sunday, December 7

Sanilac Community Symphonic Band's annual Holiday Concert, 3 p.m., Sanilac Career Center, located on M-19, 4 miles north of Peck and 7 miles south of Sandusky. Admission is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted. For information/directions, call Vicki at (810) 648-4700 (ext. 205).

Monday, December 8

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9

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

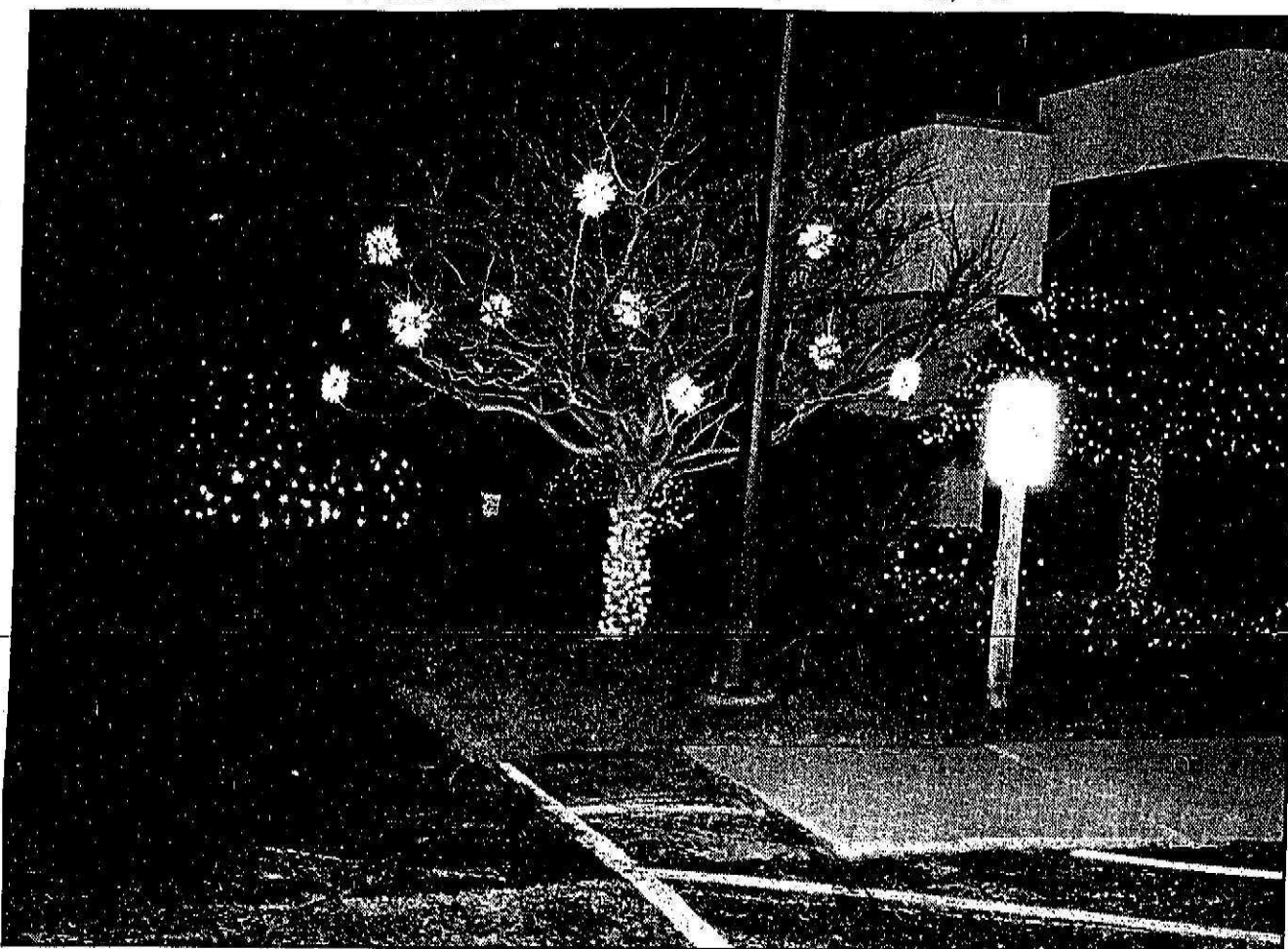
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Defeat stress this season

The holidays can overwhelm the calmest person, and feelings of stress and depression are often common.

"We can remember how wonderful the holidays seemed as a child. However, this most likely was due to the fact that as children we had no responsibility for

Novesta to host hymn sing

The Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, will host this year's annual Cass City Community Christmas Hymn Sing Sunday, Dec. 7, at 6:30 p.m.

Churches from the area will gather for specials and congregational singing of Christmas carols.

All are welcome and invited to share in this time of praise. There will be an afterglow of cookies and punch.

making the "magic" happen. It is important to have "grown-up" expectations to prevent disappointment, which can then lead to increased stress and depression during this busy time. Navigating the winter holidays can be easier by keeping key points in mind," said Kerry Brown, social worker at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

"First, realize that pegging the holidays as a magical time for curing all past family problems is not realistic. Seasonal get-togethers can be fertile times for old feuds, misunderstandings and anger. Work at staying polite but emotionally distant, and remember negative attitudes are destructive and contagious. Try to see the glass half full, but do not expect unpleasant relationships to get sorted out around the holiday turkey," Brown said.

"Knowing your spending limit is also a way to relieve holiday stress. Buying gifts to keep up with what others might get you or what someone else might get them creates extra pressure, and this

stress will follow you throughout the year as you try to pay off those bills. Remember it's the loving message behind a gift, not the gift itself. Baked goods or homemade coupons for back massages or chore assistance, etc. can be just as satisfying.

"Keeping physically fit can also help you during this time," Brown continued. "Exercise is one of the best ways to relieve stress. Don't skimp on sleep either, as you'll feel cranky and less able than usual to deal with stress. Remember sledding parties, snowball fights or long walks can easily be incorporated into your get-togethers. Try to maintain your normal activity, for relaxation, and remember the importance of three well-balanced meals a day. Set priorities for your time, so your physical health will not be jeopardized as a result."

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The application and all supporting documents must be received or postmarked on or before Monday, Dec. 29. The DEQ will not accept applications submitted by e-mail or fax.

To receive an application, contact the Scrap Tire Regulatory Program, Waste and Hazardous Materials Division, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909, at (517) 335-4035; or an application packet may be downloaded from the DEQ website at <http://www.michigan.gov/deq>.

Grief is magnified during the holidays for persons with underlying issues of loss such as death, divorce or a move away from friends or family. Brown said it is essential for these individuals to prevent isolation.

"Seek out kindred souls and spend time with them. Join a support group or even volunteer at a homeless shelter or soup kitchen. The best thing you can do is something for someone else. It may be helpful to contact a therapist, however, if this time seems unbearable, or if you are unable to shake what you think are 'holiday blues'."

"Finally, just enjoy your holiday traditions-whether they are, and laugh a lot," Brown said. "Laughing is good for the soul. Simply understand things will not be 'perfect'. They are not 'perfect' for any families, and never will be. For a wonderful holiday, keep these suggestions in mind; and remember the true meaning of the season."

Diabetes among most controllable diseases

With the holiday season nearly here, Caro Community Hospital (CCH) is mindful of the effect that meals and parties filled with tasty treats can have on one's waistline.

Even more importantly, says CCH Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator Greg Harrington, are the seasonal challenges facing persons with diabetes or pre-diabetes. Harrington cites American Diabetes Association statistics which indicate that some 17 million Americans are diabetic and 6 million are pre-diabetic.

While diabetes is treatable, major complications can include kidney disease, blindness, and nerve damage. Additionally, an estimated 300,000 deaths occur each year in the U.S. due to unhealthy eating habits and sedentary lifestyles. People over 45 are at increased risk of diabetes, due to declining physical activity, pancreatic stress, and weight gain that often accompanies aging. The risk often gets an extra surge in the mid 60s.

Diabetes is sometimes called a silent disease because blood sugar levels can creep into the danger zone without major problems. Subtle symptoms may be present for years, though, and should be watched for, such as: frequent urination, bottomless thirst, frequent hunger, feeling tired or fuzzy-minded, increase in colds/flu/infections, unclear vision, and tingling or burning sensations in hands or feet. If you experience any of these symptoms, you should tell your doctor immediately so that you can be tested for diabetes. The type of test you receive will depend on your risk factors, but it will be either a blood or urine test. (NOTE: you may receive a free blood sugar

test at CCH by using the coupon in the Caro Community Hospital Book, available at the CCH Gift Shop and other locations.)

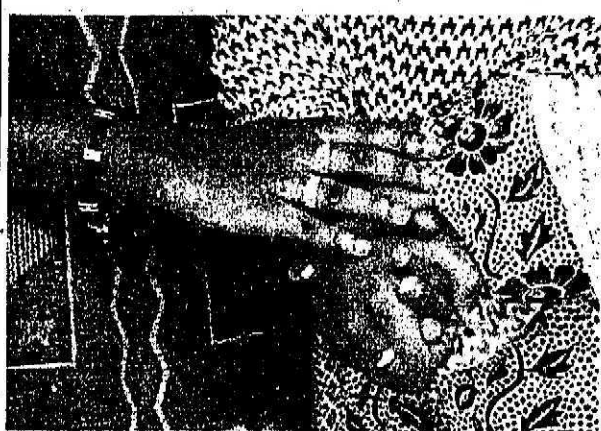
Harrington says that diabetes is one of the most controllable of the serious diseases. With diet, exercise, and medication, one can keep his or her blood glucose levels within the normal range. Harrington further offers the following strategies for diabetics-and those trying to "eat healthy" during the holidays: limit carbohydrates; choose smaller portions when enjoying food that brings back holiday memories; eat slowly; try to note the difference between hunger and eating for taste or appetite; continue normal physical activity; manage stress levels, and keep meals as close to usual times as possible. Persons who need individualized help in developing a diet to manage diabetes should consult with their doctor for a referral to a registered dietitian such as Harrington. Medicare and some insurances will cover part of the cost for medical nutritional therapy for patients with diabetes or renal disease who have received a physician's referral.

A dietitian can help patients and their caregivers determine appropriate serving sizes, select healthy combinations of foods for a balanced diet, and learn which categories foods fall into. As the wife of one of Harrington's patients said recently, "Who knew pudding was a carbohydrate? I always thought it was just a dessert!"

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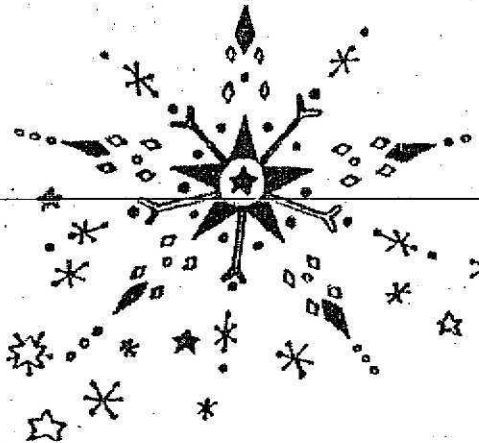
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CASS CITY LIONS Club members were out in force Saturday, trimming the tree they set up in Rotary Park, site of this year's Christmas in the Village Holiday Extravaganza community gathering, which is slated for Saturday at 5 p.m.

8 seeking 5 council seats in Cass City

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Sandusky. He has a bachelor's degree in public administration and a master's degree in criminal justice.

His previous governmental experience includes 2 years on a zoning board of appeals in Reed City.

"I have a strong interest in government and politics, and I believe I have the background and knowledge to bring about change," said the lifelong Cass City area resident, who said he wants to take an active role in local government.

"Anything that goes on here affects me in one way or the other," Gillig added. "We have a lot of good activities

here and I want to keep supporting that."

Dwaine J. Peters II, 40, is the owner of All Season Sales and Rent-All. He is a native of the Cass City area.

"I'm thinking maybe a little bit of fresh blood and a different outlook might help," he said of his decision to run for election. "They've (previous council members) carried the torch to this point, and it's time for somebody else to step up to the plate."

Elizabeth K. Reehl, 26, is originally from St. Louis, Mich., and has lived in Cass City for the past 13 years. She is employed as the financial aid/business officer at Baker College, Cass City.

A member of the American Association of University Women, Reehl said she has considered seeking a council seat in the past. "I just figured a fresh face on the council might make a difference," she added.

Donald B. Richards, 70, is a retired educator with more than 30 years in his field, including several teaching positions. He was instrumental in establishing a special education media center for the Thumb as well as the Regional Education-Media Center in Cass City.

He is currently an adjunct professor at Baker College and serves as a private consultant in the areas of education and educational technologies.

"I figured after 27 years (of living in Cass City), I owe this community. I thought, maybe this is the time to step up to the plate and do what has to be done," said Richards, who noted he comes from a politically oriented family - his father, Harold, served as chairman of the Democratic Party in Huron County and ran for seats in the state Senate and House.

Dwight D. Thabet, 46, has been involved in the funeral home business for nearly 30 years. He owned his own funeral home in Richmond and is currently in the process of opening Thabet Funeral

Home in Cass City.

Thabet, who has lived in the village for one year, is active in the Cass City Lions Club and Knights of Columbus.

"I believe this village has a few problems that need to be addressed," Thabet said, adding he would like to see local officials do more when it comes to welcoming and working with new businesses.

"Cass City has a good past. It could have a very good future, but the way things are being run, that's not going to happen," he said. "Some of it has to change if this town is to grow."

Jon K. Zdrojewski, 37, has been a middle school teacher for 15 years, including the past 10 years at Cass City Middle School. He is active in the Knights of Columbus and is a former Grand Knight.

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Officials won't be running

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new village ordinance adopted by the council last month will make the office an appointed rather than elected position, and Howard said he would welcome the appointment at the end of the year.

Anyone interested in running for the 2-year trustee seat or clerk position as a write-in candidate can do so if they file a "notice of intent" by 4 p.m. on the Friday before the election, Howard said.

In Gagetown, 4 residents are vying for 3 available 4-year trustee terms. They are incumbents Thomas A. Reehl and Mary Ann Tenczer, both Republicans, and incumbent

David J. Abbe, Democrat, and newcomer Edward C. Rievert, Republican.

Seeking reelection unopposed is village Clerk-Treasurer Maggie Root, Republican.

In Kingston, Clerk Beverly J. Heron reported incumbent Robin LaFond was the only person to file for one of 3 available 4-year trustee

terms. Incumbents Laura Davidson and Donald "Randy" Lyons did not file.

Heron, the village's clerk and treasurer, is running unopposed for a 2-year term, as is village President Arlo Ruggles.

Heron said the village council will have to appoint individuals to the vacant trustee seats if there are no write-in campaigns in the spring.

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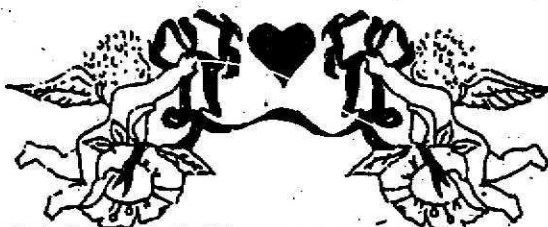
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eddie R. Clark III and Andrea J. Clark, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to The Homebased Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated July 31, 1998 and recorded on August 3, 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-Seven 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:

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Dated: November 26, 2003

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

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

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

Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 36, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, 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.

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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 B. Smith, husband and wife, Mortgagees, 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:

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Dated: 11/19/03

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

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

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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

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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 Maxine B. Reaver, an unmarried woman (original mortgagor), to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 4, 2001 and recorded on May 11, 2001 in Liber 831 on Page 734, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated May 4, 2001 and recorded on February 12, 2002 in Liber 864 on Page 146, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Sixty and 07/100 Dollars (\$124,060.07), 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 January 8, 2004.

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

A parcel of land in the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section; thence South 88 degrees 50 minutes 52 seconds West, on the East and West 1/2 line of said Section, 500 feet; thence North 01 degree 01 minute 48 seconds West, parallel to the East line of said Section, 350 feet; thence North 88 degrees 50 minutes 52 seconds East, parallel to said East and West 1/2 line, 500 feet to said East section line; thence South 01 degree 01 minute 48 seconds East, on said East line, 350 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: December 3, 2003

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC F (248) 593-1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Washington Mutual Bank, FA
Attn Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #003007F01

12-3-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Shannon B. Crawford and Melissa J. Crawford, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Comerica Bank, a Michigan State Chartered Bank, Mortgagee, dated August 31, 2001 and recorded on September 6, 2001 in Liber 841 on Page 1449, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Fourteen and 52/100 Dollars (\$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 X (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 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; 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°33'40"E, 247.50 feet; thence S88°50'20"E, 470.0 feet; thence S01°33'40"W along the East Line of said Section 25, 247.50 feet to the point of beginning, Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

The period of redemption will be six (6) months from the date of sale.

Dated: October 30, 2003

Michelle P. Biddinger P39162
Attorney for Mortgagee
4431 S. Seeger Street
P.O. Box 122
Cass City, MI 48726
Tel: (989) 872-3601

11-5-6

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

The premises are located in the 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

11-5-5

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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 Alan M. Draper, a single man (original mortgagor), to Community Mortgage Services, Inc./DBA Home Mortgage Co., Mortgagee, dated September 15, 1999 in Liber 782 on Page 271, and assigned by said Mortgagee to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. as assignee by an assignment dated September 15, 1999 and recorded on September 15, 1999 in Liber 782 on Page 278 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Seven and 56/100 Dollars (\$100,227.56), including interest at 8.5% 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 Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

The East 200 feet of the South 18 Rods of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 10, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: November 19, 2003

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC C (248) 593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #003141F01

11-19-4

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: 12/3/03

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Jonathan L. Engman (P56364)
Attorney for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470
Troy, MI 48064
248-362-2600

12-3-5

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JOSEPH R. SCOTT & JESSE SCOTT, HUSBAND & WIFE, to HOME LOAN AND INVESTMENT BANK N.B., Mortgagee, dated March 23, 2001 and recorded on May 24, 2001 in Liber 833 on Page 188, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, and assigned by MESNE assignment to BEAL BANK, S.S.B., by an assignment dated June 19, 2003 and recorded on October 28, 2003 in Liber 961 on Page 983, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty-nine thousand one hundred ninety-seven and 56/100 Dollars (\$89,197.56), including interest at 12.730% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola, MI, at 11:00 AM on January 8, 2004.

Said premises are situated in VILLAGE OF FOSTORIA, TUSCOLA County, Michigan, and are described as:

LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 2 OF THE VILLAGE OF FOSTORIA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGES 23 AND 27, NOW BEING PAGES 45A-46A OF TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: November 19, 2003

BEAL BANK, S.S.B.
Assignee of Mortgagee

ATTORNEY FOR:
Assignee of Mortgagee

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
For Information, please call:
(248) 540-7701

11-19-4

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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 200 feet; thence North 217 feet; thence West 200 feet to the point of beginning, Section 15, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, Subject to the right of way for Caine Road over the Westerly side thereof.

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

Dated: November 19, 2003

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:</

Michigan Sugar announces payment

Michigan Sugar Company officials recently announced that the board of directors has approved a \$25 per ton base payment, for tons delivered, to its grower-owners.

The company makes several payments throughout the marketing year, which runs through the end of September 2004. The initial payment, to be mailed Dec. 15, will be approximately 70 percent of the estimated total value of the crop.

Michigan Sugar Company's grower-owners recently completed harvest-

ing the 2003 sugarbeet crop. The growers delivered a record 2.59 million tons of sugarbeets. The crop was grown on 127,678 acres and had an average sugar content of 18.6 percent.

The beets are delivered to 14 receiving stations throughout the growing region as well as to the 4 factories located in Caro, Carrollton, Crosswell and Sebawaing.

Richard Maurer, a grower from Ruth, stated, "Soybeans and dry beans in my area were hurt by the long dry

spell in August and September, but my beets came through okay. Once again, sugarbeets turned out to be the best crop for the farmer."

Herb Wilson, Michigan Sugar Company's Vice President of operations, commented, "The growers have delivered a good quality sugarbeet that is processing well and our factories are running well thanks to the skill of our employees."

In 2002, Michigan Sugar Company set a production record of over 630 million

pounds of sugar produced. This record could be broken again this year if the sugarbeets continue to process and store well.

Michigan Sugar Company is a grower-owned cooperative that provides jobs for over 350 full-time and 1,000 part-time employees.

HDC's "Walk For Warmth" set for Feb. 21

The Human Development Commission (HDC) will hold its 14th annual Walk For Warmth campaign Saturday, Feb. 21.

Simultaneous walks will occur in Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola counties, beginning with registration at 9 a.m., and the walks will commence at 9:30 a.m.

Participants are volunteers from HDC and the community; each has gathered pledges in advance and walks on a one-mile fixed route the day of the event.

Between all 4 counties, the net dollars raised in 2003 was over \$35,000. Participants in past years have experienced the enjoyment of walking the one-mile route with friends and great satisfaction in their involvement, knowing that they are helping their less fortunate neighbors heat their homes during an emergency situation.

In Tuscola County, the event will begin and end at the HDC Office located at 429 Montague Ave., Caro. A light breakfast will be provided for all participants following the walk. Pledge sheets may be turned in on the morning of the walk; all walkers are also required to register before heading out for the event.

The Tuscola County Walk For Warmth Committee is headed up by HDC Fundraising Manager Olga Long, and supported by many volunteers. Schools, churches, and businesses within the county will receive pledge sheets to help the fundraising efforts and are encouraged to get involved. Community support is critical to ensuring the event's success. The Tuscola committee will be holding a W4W luncheon at the HDC Dining Center in March (the exact date to be announced). Interested persons may become involved by donating time through volunteerism

and monetary contributions. HDC is currently seeking additional Walk For Warmth Committee members.

For further information, or to receive a pledge sheet, call Long at (989) 673-4121.

Nicol joins staff



Ken Nicol

Ken Nicol has joined the sales team at Curtis Chrysler-Dodge Jeep in Cass City. Currently a resident of Caro, Nicol was born and raised in the Deford area. The Cass City High School graduate said he previously worked in the construction field, but wanted to start a new career in his hometown area. Nicol says he's looking forward to serving the automotive needs of new and used car buyers in the area.

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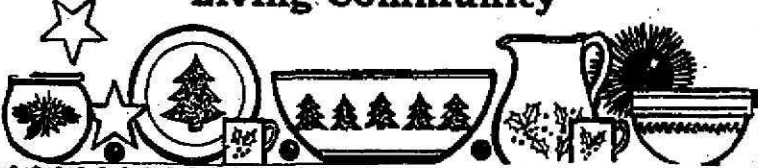
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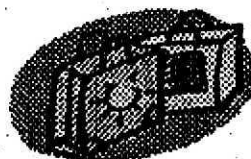
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Rawson Memorial Library,
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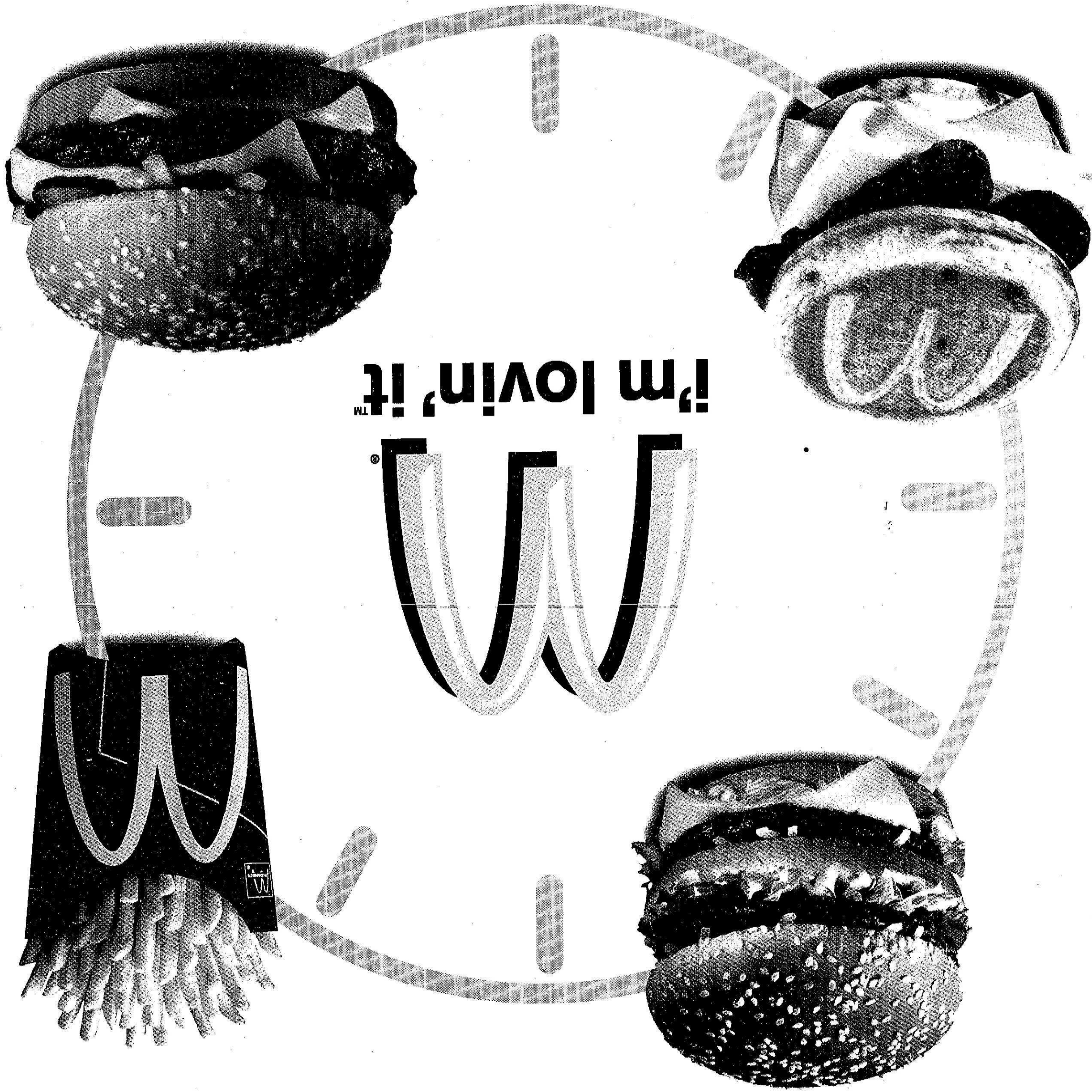
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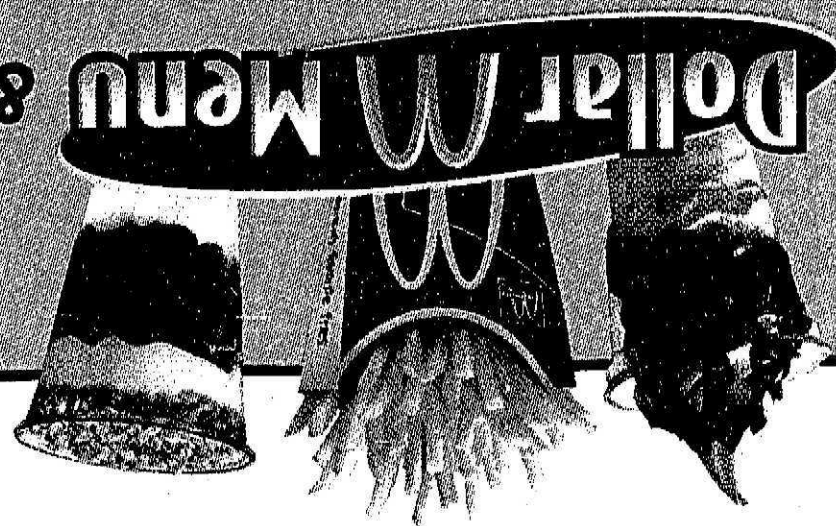
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Applied Business	4AB	X	X	X	X
Accounting Information Management	4AI		X	X	X
Public Accounting Specialty	4AIPA				X
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Executive Leadership					
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Marketing					
Marketing - Adv/Promotion	4MKAP				X
Marketing - E-Business	4MKEB				X
Marketing - Business to Business	4MKBB				X
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Medical Assisting	1MA	X	X		
Medical Assisting Phlebotomy Option	1MAPH	X	X		
Medical Billing	1MB	X	X	X	X
Medical Coding	1MC				X
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Health Services Administration	4HS		X		
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Computer Support	1CS	X	X		
Desktop Applications	1DA	X	X	X	X
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Medical Transcription	1MT	X	X		
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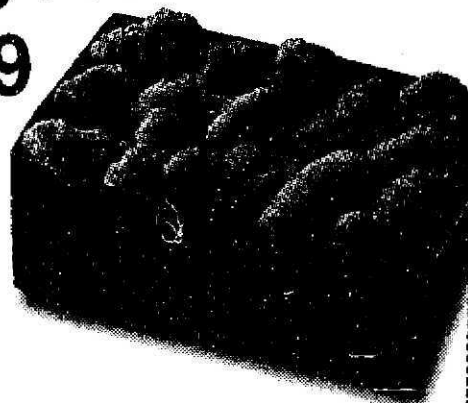
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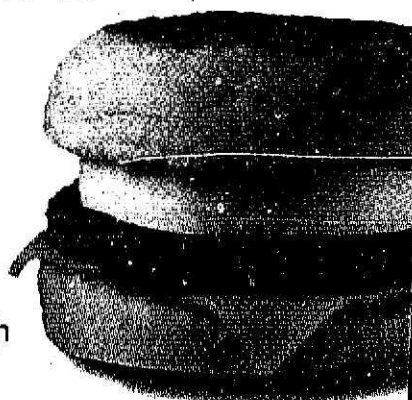
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