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DEFORD'S CHARLIE Carpenter was one of dozens of visitors to the more than 24 Cass City businesses that participated in Saturday's Chili Cook-Off. Above, Carpenter tastes the fare offered in the former NAPA building by United Producers Livestock Exchange, Thumb National Bank, Better Than Air Inc., and DeLong Haul Trucking.

Klco's chili voted best

Area cooks looking for great chili recipe might want to compare notes with Alan Klco at Knight Insurance Agency in Cass City.

A majority of 123 visitors to the business and 2 dozen others voted Klco's chili the best during Saturday's Chili Cook-Off, held in conjunction with the village's annual Holiday Extravaganza celebration Saturday.

Knight Insurance was the top vote getter with 21, fol-

lowed by TotalCom-Radio Shack, which garnered 14 votes.

The first-ever chili event was very popular, according to organizers, who noted visitor paid \$2 for their official "taster-buttons." All proceeds will go back into the holiday promotion.

Kay Warner, Cass City Chamber of Commerce director, said most of Saturday's special activities were very well attended.

"I thought the numbers were good," she said of Saturday night's annual community gathering, held in Rotary Park. "They (people) were spread out. Some were in the (former NAPA) building, and the streets were packed."

"This year we added a third carriage, and it took the whole time to get everybody through," Warner said of the 2-hour contract the chamber had for 3 horse-drawn carriages to provide rides. Santa

was kept busy throughout that 2-hour period, as well, she noted.

The annual craft show was also busy, although Warner said it's difficult to estimate the number of people who attended.

"We though it went well. Sometimes it seems slow, but it (traffic) was steady."

"I had one person working up there and she tells me the

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Teachers' pay frozen in new contract

Part-time school chief likely in O-G

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Owen-Gage School Board could approve a plan to restructure the district's administration by utilizing a part-time superintendent when the board meets in special session next week.

The board reviewed the proposal along with 2 others during a regular meeting Monday night, but tabled action to give trustees more time to consider all 3 options.

Board President Randy Howard said the board's Administrative Reorganization Committee is recommending the first option, which would involve hiring a part-time superintendent at a cost of about \$44,000 annually, and a new position — "dean of students" — at a pay rate of nearly \$15,000 a year.

The plan would save the district an estimated \$50,000 annually based on the previous full-time superintendent's salary and fringe benefit package of nearly \$108,000.

The other options include a shared-time superintendency, in which the district would propose sharing a superintendent with another smaller school district. The plan would also involve hiring support staff in the form of a "dean of students", and

would save the district about \$37,600 annually.

The third proposal would promote the district's K-12 principal to the post of superintendent at a pay rate of \$88,747. Again, a "dean of students" would be hired as well as a "head teacher" at the elementary campus in Gagetown. That plan would save the district an estimated \$65,800.

The board will further review the options and possibly take final action at a special meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m. in the Owen-Gage Junior-Senior High School Library.

Howard, who indicated the board may also schedule a special meeting in January, said school officials would like to have the new administrative structure in place by the start of the second semester, Jan. 19.

Interim school Supt. Don Gleeson explained the pact is a one-year extension of the teachers' 2002-03 contract. The district's 18 instructors will continue to receive step increases, he said, but there are no other pay hikes included.

Teachers and students will, however, enjoy an early Christmas vacation because the contract extension calls for a reduction in teaching days while still maintaining the minimum required number of instructional hours for the year.

The district's Christmas vacation will now start 2 days earlier, on Friday, Dec. 19, rather than Tuesday, Dec. 23.

GOOD NEWS

The board also reviewed a revised 2003-04 budget that offered board members plenty to smile about.

The revised figures revealed total expenses for the year are now estimated at \$2,060,092, down by \$71,000, while revenues will be up by nearly \$93,000 to \$2,054,170.

The figures are based, in part, on the board's approval of a part-time superintendent. However, Gleeson

noted, they also reflect a number of cost-cutting measures approved earlier this year. They include approval of retirement incentive packages for 3 full-time instructors and the recent sale of a district-owned home in Owendale that netted about \$64,000.

"The good news is this budget is within \$6,000 of being balanced," Gleeson said.

School officials projected a deficit of nearly \$170,000 when the budget was first adopted. Now, the deficit is expected to total about just under \$6,000. The year-end fund balance projection has also improved, from \$261,016 to \$424,944.

Gleeson cautioned that the revised figures do not take into account any major, unexpected expenses. And, he pointed out, dwindling student enrollment continues to be a serious concern.

Gleeson presented a brief enrollment history report to the board, saying the Owen-Gage District has lost about 68 students over the past 6 years, from nearly 300 students in 1999-2000 to 225 students this year. Even with state reductions in student

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NEW CONTRACT

In addition to reviewing ways to cut administrative costs, the board Monday approved a new teachers' contract that freezes pay rates at current levels.

Unanimous approval came after a brief executive session.

Attorney Amanda Roggenbuck

New law office opening

Amanda Roggenbuck trained as an attorney in the Lansing area, but when it came time to open up her first law practice, she chose Cass City as her new home.

"It reminds me very much of my home town. It still has that small town feel, and that's so important," said the Port Hope native.

"I wanted to look at a place that would be financially feasible, and Cass City is pretty much centrally located in the tri-county area," she added. "Cass City has some great things to offer. I just kind of fell in love with the town."

Roggenbuck, 27, is a 1994 graduate of Harbor Beach High School. She earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in political science in 1999 at Michigan State University, and her Juris Doctorate in law at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School, also in Lansing. She took the bar exam last May.

"I'm going to be a general practitioner, but I'll concentrate on estate planning, which includes wills, guardianships, power of attorney, medical directives — all the important affairs you should have in place," Roggenbuck said Friday as furniture was being moved into what will be her office — the former McVey Insurance Agency building next to Osentoski Realty on Main Street.

Roggenbuck said her training included an externship, similar to an internship, through an in-house elder law clinic that provides legal services to senior citizens.

But her practice will focus on area residents of all ages. "Your estate planning should start right away," she said. "If something happens to you, what about your spouse — is your spouse pro-

tection? What about your home? Is your children's best interest protected?"

"The nice thing about estate planning at a young age is you don't have to back track and try to fix things along the way," Roggenbuck added. "If you plan ahead of time, you have a much better chance of maintaining a high quality of life."

Roggenbuck recalled it was a teacher at Harbor Beach High School, John Mooney, who helped her decide on a career choice.

"Actually it was my freshman year in high school," she said, noting Mooney taught freshman civics. "The first day we talked about government and the Constitution and the founding principles of the law. I was hooked, completely hooked, and I've never wanted to do anything else."

Roggenbuck said law appealed to her for 2 reasons.

"It's constantly changing. There are no 2 days that are the same," she explained. "The other thing I really like is, the opportunity to affect people in such a positive way."

"It's not about how much money you're going to make. It's about you being able to affect people in a positive way."

Roggenbuck is also looking forward to the variety involved in being an attorney. "Every single day is different, and that makes it challenging and rewarding all at the same time," she said. "I think it will be challenging on a daily basis, and probably on an hourly basis on some days."

"I'm just really excited," she said. "A little nervous, but excited, and I'm looking forward to it."



THUMB NATIVE Amanda Roggenbuck is busy furnishing the former McVey Insurance building on Main Street in Cass City, where she plans to open her first law practice.

Tom Kolar, 86, still enjoying his woodworking

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

"Somebody said it could not be done, and he with a chuckle replied that maybe it could not."

But he was one that wouldn't say until he tried. He started right out with a bit of a grin, and the first thing you know he begun it. He started to sing as he tackled this thing that could not be done, and he did it."

Author unknown

Even at 86, Tom Kolar has no difficulty repeating the old poem with the speed and precision of an 18-year-old.

He learned it from a grade school teacher whom he still recalls fondly, because in the words of that saying, she taught him a lesson that has served him well ever since.

A good example is Kolar's skills in woodworking. Many years ago the Cass City man taught himself to make beautiful crafts and figures — many for the holidays — ranging from wooden snowman to life-size reindeer and nativity scenes, complete with lighting. There were times, he recalls, when he wasn't quite sure how to do something, but he refused to give up.

When it came to tools, he says, "I wasn't set up for making this stuff. What I didn't have I made."

Area residents can see some examples of Kolar's work on display at Thumb National

Bank, Tendercare and Hills and Dales General Hospital, all in Cass City, and at Whitey's Place in Ubyly.

Kolar offered the displays free of charge.

"I've been making these for years and I've never sold one. I've always given them all away," he said.

Kolar recalled he began dabbling in woodworking after sending to California for a set of patterns.

"When I started out I made 8 reindeer and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Clause. I made the choir and I made the whole nativity set," he said. The display at the Greenleaf Township farm where he and his family lived for 50 years was lit up and there was music playing.

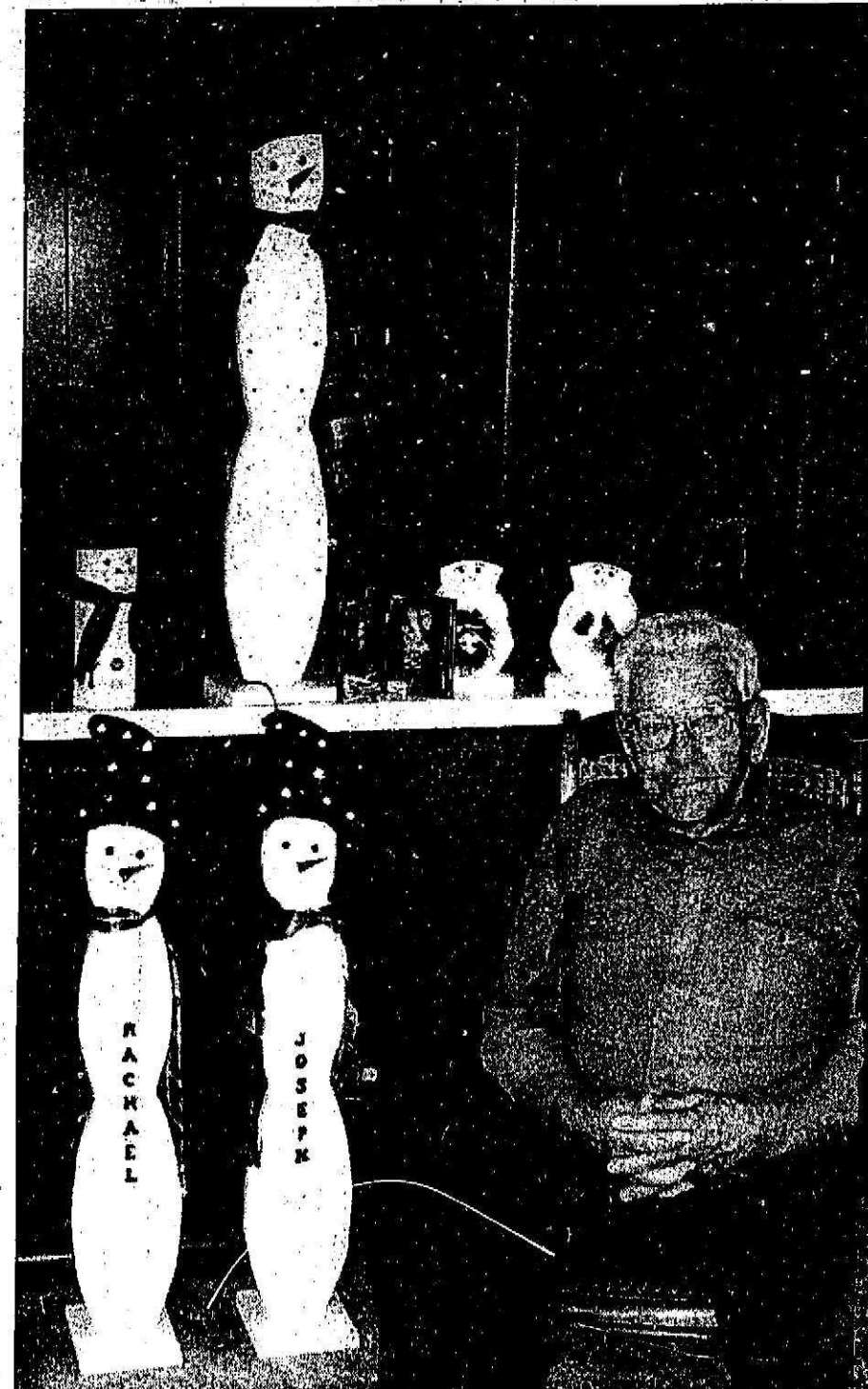
One of Kolar's displays was later set up at the Seeger Street home where his daughter, Betty Robinson, lived at the time. The figurines, which included several large reindeer as well as Santa and his sleigh flying up to the rooftop of the home, shared first place in the village's decorating contest back in 1978.

But Kolar didn't stop at making crafts. "On Sunday afternoons I'd pick up old furniture and re-do it."

Kolar's job kept him on the road and traveling across Michigan and to a number of other states. He worked as a road construction supervisor for Denton Construction.

"We were big. We were great

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TOM KOLAR, a retired road construction supervisor, has long enjoyed a wood crafting hobby that began with a set of patterns he ordered from California many years ago. His work has included restoring old furniture, including the chair he's sitting in, as well as holiday figures ranging from snowmen to full-size reindeer, Santas and nativity scenes.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
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R. King completes training

Carson Dunlop Weldon and Associates LTD, Consulting Engineers, Building Inspections, of Toronto, Canada, announced that Robin L. King of Thumb Area Home Inspections has successfully completed the comprehensive training program for Commercial/Industrial Building Inspections for the Real Estate Transaction.

King has been trained in inspections of all sizes of commercial and industrial properties. He has been trained to report all findings following the ASTM International: Standards of Practice for Commercial Property Condition Assessments: Baseline Property Condition Assessment Process.

King comes from a long background in both residential and commercial buildings as a Michigan licensed builder and as a home inspector. He is the elected vice-president of the Michigan Chapter of NAHI (National Association of Home Inspectors) for the 2003-2004 term.

King is the president of Thumb Area Home Inspections, which is located in Kingston.



These "Daily Affirmations for the Unstable" came via e-mail. They're kind of cute. If you're not unstable already, living by these principles could push you over that brink in a hurry.

> I no longer need to punish, deceive or compromise myself. Unless, of course, I want to stay employed.

> A good scapegoat is nearly as welcome as a solution to the problem.

> As I let go of my feelings of guilt, I can get in touch with my Inner Sociopath.

> I have the power to channel my imagination into ever-soaring levels of suspicion and paranoia.

> Today, I will gladly share my imagination and advice, for there are no sweeter words than "I told you so."

> I need not suffer in silence while I can still moan, whimper and complain.

> As I learn the innermost secrets of the people around me, they reward me in many ways to keep me quiet.

> I assume full responsibility for my actions, except the ones that are someone else's fault.

> I honor my personality flaws, for without them, I would have no personality at all.

> Joan of Arc heard voices too.

> When someone hurts me, forgiveness is cheaper than a lawsuit. But not nearly as gratifying.

> The first step is to say nice things about myself. The second, to do nice things for myself. The third, to find someone to buy me nice things.

> As I learn to trust the universe, I no longer need to carry a gun.

> Just for today, I will not sit in my living room all day watching TV. Instead I will move my TV into the bedroom.

> Whom can I blame for my own problems? Give me a minute... I'll find someone.

> Why should I waste my time reliving the past when I can spend it worrying about the future?

> I will find humor in my everyday life by looking for people I can laugh at.

> I am willing to make the mistakes if someone else is willing to learn from them.

And these are reportedly the latest winners in the Washington Post's Style Invitational. Readers are challenged to take a word from the dictionary, add, subtract or substitute one letter and create a new definition.

> Reintarnation - Coming back as a hillbilly

> Intaxication - Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with

> Bozone - The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. Unfortunately, the bozone layer shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.

> Decafalon - The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.

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Tuscola volunteers planning to host holiday celebration

The Tuscola County Faith-In-Action Volunteers are planning a holiday celebration for Thursday, Dec. 18, at the Caro United Methodist Church, 670 Gilford Rd. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3.50 for youths and \$2 for children 3 and under. The menu will include ham, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, corn, holiday salads, baked beans, cranberries,

rolls, dessert and beverage. The event will also feature entertainment and holiday singing. Proceeds will be used to help fund the volunteers' programs, including services such as transportation, telephone reassurance, respite care, friendly visiting, assistance with shopping and more for the elderly, frail and disabled in Tuscola County.

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Dillon recently inducted

Joshua Dillon, Cass City, has been inducted into Tau Beta Pi, the National Engineering Honor Society, at Michigan Technological University, Houghton.

Tau Beta Pi is the second oldest honor society in the nation and represents the highest honor to be obtained by an engineering student. Members are elected on the basis of high scholarship and exemplary character.

Dillon, a junior majoring in both Computer engineering and electrical engineering, is the son of Vincent and Elizabeth Dillon of Cass City. He is a graduate of Cass City High School.

and Brian of Uby, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Moore and family of Snover, Mr. and Mrs. Marty Wagoner and sons of Caro, Mr. Dan Gibbard, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Thiel, Cheryl Laming and Theresa Gibbard were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard.

Jamie Doerr and Courtney, Jeff Doerr and Savannah, Wendy Rickett, Cory and Caitlyn and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Thanksgiving supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Mr. Martin Sweeney was a Friday afternoon visitor, Carlyle McLaughlin and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hurford were Saturday visitors of Thelma Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Ericson of Florida, Francis Hund of Uby and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kohty and family of Wayland, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hurford, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Rubey and Paul, and Mrs. Clara Bond of Cass City, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker of Freeland, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jackson and Mrs. Thelma Jackson of Uby, and Mrs. Debbie Siebel and family of Mayville were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Damm of Pigeon.

Dr. and Mrs. Tom Collins of Allegan and Kevin Sweeney of South Lyon were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mrs. Martin Sweeney.

Joe and Betty Myers of Gladwin, Dean and Nancy Carpenter, Dean Jr., Michael, Jessica and Timothy of Caro, Kimberley Depcinski and Dave Roland of Mt. Pleasant were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Osantoski. Other afternoon guests were Greg and Susan Krozek, Ryan and Samantha of Filion.

Dale Hind, who was a patient at U. of M. Hospital in Ann Arbor for 3 weeks, came home Tuesday.

Mrs. Ken Osantoski visited Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming Tuesday.

Richard Bukowski, Dan Bukowski and Jeff Bukowski spent a couple days with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rumpitz deer hunting. Other Friday afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chockley of Croswell, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Chockley, Christopher and Amy of Algonac, Anna McCartney of Bad Axe and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland.

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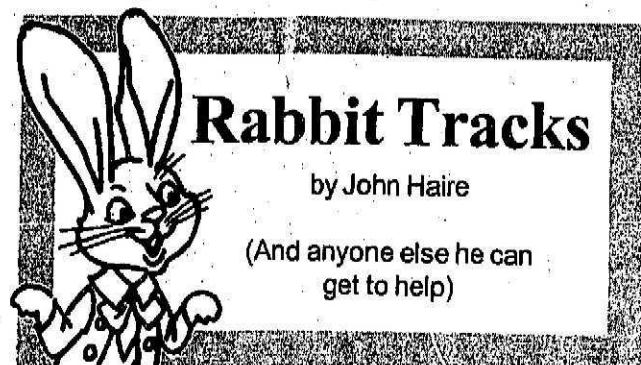
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One of the highlights of the annual wedding section published in January is the then and now pictures of residents married 25 years or more.

Last year we had 7 couples in the section. We hope to have at least that many in the 2004 edition.

If you don't have a current picture, come to the Chronicle and we will take one for you. Sorry, can't help you with that wedding picture that marked the start of it all.

There is no charge.

When you think of Olive Gardens you think pasta. And rightly so. Previously during all the visits to the restaurant at 3630 Bay Street, Saginaw, the entrée was a pasta dish. Last week I changed.

As usual the meal started with the good Italian salad and the great, warm breadsticks, available in unlimited quantities.

I broke tradition by ordering Pork Filetino. It included roasted potatoes with bell peppers. The sauces on the pork tenderloin moved it into the very good territory.

The cost was \$14.50. If you want to try the restaurant, keep an eye out for the specials. My wife had one good for \$3.00 off for 2 meals. Give it a 7 on the 1-10 scale.

The Cass City High School basketball team scrimmaged last week in Manistee. It was arranged by Manistee Coach Ron Nurnberger. Nurnberger was a long time coach in Cass City. One of his players was Ken Martin, Jr. He's now an assistant basketball coach in Cass City.

I asked him about Nurnberger and he said, same old Nurnberger, but he may have mellowed a bit.

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Cass City bands gearing up for holiday concerts

The Cass City Public Schools Department of Music has a busy holiday performance schedule on tap beginning Thursday with a

Tom Thumb Singers to perform

"We Sing Good Tidings", a concert with a wide variety of Christmas and seasonal selections, will be presented by the Tom Thumb Singers as the choir marks its 21st year with 2 performances at the Cass City United Methodist Church Saturday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 14, at 3 p.m.

Included will be 10 selections from the 45-member choir and 8 special solos and duets including "Keep the Spirit Alive" by Joe Merchant who wrote both the melody and lyrics.

The choir includes members from 10 different communities and the singers are in the final stages of rehearsals under the direction of Steven Fobear.

There is no admission charge and a free-will offering will be taken.

In addition to the concert, the choir has accepted an invitation to sing at the Cass City High School Band and Choir concert. It will sing a medley of Christmas songs and "Count Your Blessings".

The concert is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11 at the high school.

Carol at the county courthouse

Area residents are invited to a "Caroling at the Courthouse" gathering this weekend at the Tuscola County Courthouse in Caro.

"All of Him for All of Us" is the theme of the event, which is slated for Saturday at 7 p.m. in the tent on Sherman Street.

Cherry flavored hot chocolate and assorted cookies and other goodies will be served.

Holiday Collage Concert in the high school gymnasium.

The concert, featuring 7 bands and the high school choir and vocal sextet, will begin at 7:30 p.m. and feature a variety of holiday favorites.

"Of particular interest will be the high school concert band performance of Alfred Reed's 'Russian Christmas Music,'" said Doug Burch, director of bands.

"Taken from the liturgical music of the Eastern Orthodox Church, 'Russian Christmas' has long been a standard in the band repertoire and is cast in the form of one single piece derived from 4 different ancient Russian carols. All of the resources of the modern symphonic band are drawn upon to create an almost overwhelming sound picture of ancient Russia at this festive time of year."

In their debut performance, the Cass City Middle School Jazz Band, under the direc-

tion of Christine Foerster, will present a jazz arrangement of the classic "Angels We Have Heard on High".

There is no admission charge to this annual concert. The doors will open at 7 p.m.. Refreshments will be served following the concert, sponsored by the Cass City Band Boosters.

Also this month, the high school concert and jazz band will perform at Campbell Elementary School, and 2 concerts are planned at Cass City Middle School, Tuesday, Dec. 16.

Owen-Gage bands in concert

The Owen-Gage Bands will be presenting an "All Band Holiday Festival" Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Owendale gymnasium. The cost is a \$3 donation.

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Certainly I hope that I'm wrong, but I can't help but believe that Charles Ford is living in a dream world. His story and his family tragedy was the subject of a column by Keith Gave who writes for the Bay City Times.

Ford lives in Roscommon and a year ago opened the Patriot Dollar Store. His wife was always available to help out at the school when asked. Selected parts of Gave's column tell the story. "His wife caught the flu. And the otherwise healthy woman, who hadn't had a serious sick day in her life, died suddenly, at 39, leaving behind a family of 3 young children."

"The teachers rallied in Jane Ford's absence, caring for Dennis, 11, Michael, 10, and Shelby, 8, with extra time and kindness, including a special support group at the school."

"And a grateful father (Charles Ford) with his hands full running the store...helped to repay the kindness by opening his store to every teacher in the school. He allowed every teacher in the school to load up on free supplies to help decorate their classrooms for the holidays. It's just something I wanted to do to help the teachers."

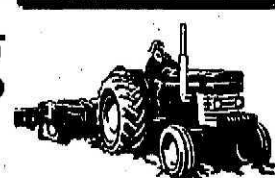
It's a touching story and most small town folks can relate to it. I can think of many incidents of folks lending a helping hand over the years right here in Cass City and the Thumb.

Gave goes on to tell about a nationally franchised dollar store that is erecting a place with several times the floor space of the Patriot store just west of town.

Here's where I feel that Charles Ford is in a dream world. Gave writes "I (Ford) don't think it'll make any difference at all. We'll see, I guess. But people in this community are supportive. They don't forget who their hometown people are."

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The back forty

by Roger Pond

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While I strongly doubt this column will ever be printed, I felt I had to write it anyway. (Just kidding. I always wanted to say that.)

I knew they were going to print it. Otherwise I wouldn't bother to write it.

A letter to a New York farm paper reminded me of that famous phrase, "I know you aren't going to print this, but..." Of course they are going to print it.

That's what newspapers do: print stuff.

Newspapers love letters to the editor, and they'll print almost anything. (Within limits, of course.)

I should know. I've been writing this column for more than 20 years and papers are still printing it. Some folks have been writing letters to the editor longer than that, and nobody has stopped them, either.

Still it's not unusual to see a letter begin with the thought, "I know this will never be printed, but..." or the challenge, "I dare you to print this!"

Even more frightening was the conclusion to a letter in a Canadian farm paper. The writer said, "I will not utter a challenge for you to print this letter. If you do, thank you, and please withhold my name and address because I fear a police raid on my premises."

Hey, lighten up! If the police or the mental health officials were getting names out of newspapers, I would have been out of business a long time ago.

A person writing to the newspaper has every right to express his or her views, and we as readers have every right to agree or disagree. The letter writer in New York wanted to explain that the New York Department of Environmental Conservation was "spending taxpayers' money to breed ringneck pheasants for less than 4% of New York state residents who hunt."

This is being done through the 4-H Pheasant Program.

The writer says these pheasants are a non-native species, originally from China, and accustomed to being fed by humans. "When they are released in the fall, what chance will they have?" she asks. (A better chance than

they had in China, would be my guess.)

The writer goes on, "In some areas, upon release, the birds are actually picked up and spun around so that they become disoriented in an effort to make the killing easier for the 'sportsmen'."

I get a kick out of letters like these. They always give me the feeling the writer has been picked up and spun around so that they become disoriented. This country has kids running around killing each other, and some folks

would rather worry about dizzy pheasants.

The writer states she raises chickens for their eggs and is not against eating meat. The idea of killing something for sport is what bothers her.

I have never raised pheasants, but I have killed them for sport. I have extensive background with raising chickens, however.

My experience would suggest pheasants are killed for sport, but chickens are almost always killed for revenge.

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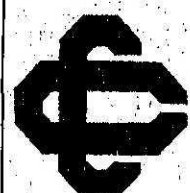
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14 COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Earlier this year, the East Central Michigan Planning & Development Regional Commission released a comparison of state test scores from 74 high schools in a 14 county region, which included Cass City. The report was comprised of 2001 and 2002 information to identify trends. The following are the results showing how Cass City High School ranked in both Tuscola County and among the 74 high schools reviewed.

| CASS CITY HIGH SCHOOL TUSCOLA COUNTY RANK | CASS CITY HIGH SCHOOL 74 SCHOOL RANKING |
|--|--|
| READING 1 ST | 17 TH |
| WRITING 1 ST | 3 RD |
| MATH 1 ST | 16 TH |
| SCIENCE 1 ST | 19 TH |
| SOCIAL STUDIES 2 ND | 14 TH |

Cass City High School ranked first within Tuscola County in the areas of: Reading, writing, math and science and second in social studies. Among the 74 high schools, Cass City High was in the top quadrant in four of the five testing areas and in the top third in the fifth.

We continue to be proud of the efforts and dedication of our entire staff and student body. Questions can be sent to me at 4868 N. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726. Thank you.

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First winner...

EMILY WRIGHT, 8, of Cass City was the lucky winner of an American Girl Doll, one of 3 prize give-aways in conjunction with Cass City's Christmas in the Village celebration. Two more winners will be announced this month. Still to be given away are a train set and a new bicycle.

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Pet FriendZ: consider giving a pet this year

In the past, animal organizations have often discouraged giving pets as gifts, but members of the Cass River Pet FriendZ say they have rethought that position and would like to encourage people to adopt a pet during this holiday season.

"We feel that if a parent chooses to get a child a pet for Christmas, that this has been thought through ahead of time and is not a decision that has been reached suddenly," said Patricia Trisch, head of public relations for the area pet organization.

"It's human nature for a child to want a puppy or kitten from Santa, so the parents sit down and agree the family is ready for a pet," Trisch added. "To the parents, it's a great gift. To them it's a gift of life the whole family can enjoy."

"If a family has made a decision to get a pet, they are going to get one. And if they don't come to our organization, then they will go to a pet store, breeder or puppy mill for their new companion," Trisch continued.

She said the Cass River Pet FriendZ wants area residents to know that the organization has homeless pets of all ages available for adoption.

"There has been a controversy over bringing a new pet into the home during the busy holiday season," Trisch said, "(but) we believe that no pet has ever died from too much excitement or having too much attention lavished on it. Nor has any family ever waited to bring a new baby home from the hospital during the holiday season because there is too much going on."

"If someone considers giving a pet as a gift to a friend or relative, that's a little different," she added.

"The decision to add a 4-legged family member is a lifelong commitment, and choosing the right pet for your home takes time. Make sure the pet suits your lifestyle and don't overlook the possibility of adopting an older pet. Older pets are just as loving as puppies and kittens, and are often overlooked."

While older cats and dogs

are seldom the ideal new companion for a young child, they do quite well presiding over a full-time working household or sharing retirement with a senior citizen, Trisch pointed out.

"Imagine a pet that loves sharing quiet moments, a pet that is already trained and doesn't chew or scratch everything in sight. Dogs can easily live to be 15 years old and up to 20 years for cats."

The Cass River Pet FriendZ is offering special holiday promotions such as a free stuffed animal or catnip bag with the adoption of a cat or kitten, and a free box of biscuits with the adoption of a dog or puppy through the month of December. There will also be discounted adoption donations for seniors and senior pets, as well as special needs pets.

Several available pets are posted on the organization's website at: www.petfriendz.org. Residents can also call (989) 673-6375 for information on available dogs and (989) 673-7141 or 673-7453 for information on available cats and kittens.

Bake sale scheduled

The Humane Society of Tuscola County will host a holiday bake sale Saturday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Tractor Supply Co. in Caro.

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More information is available by calling (989) 672-7383.

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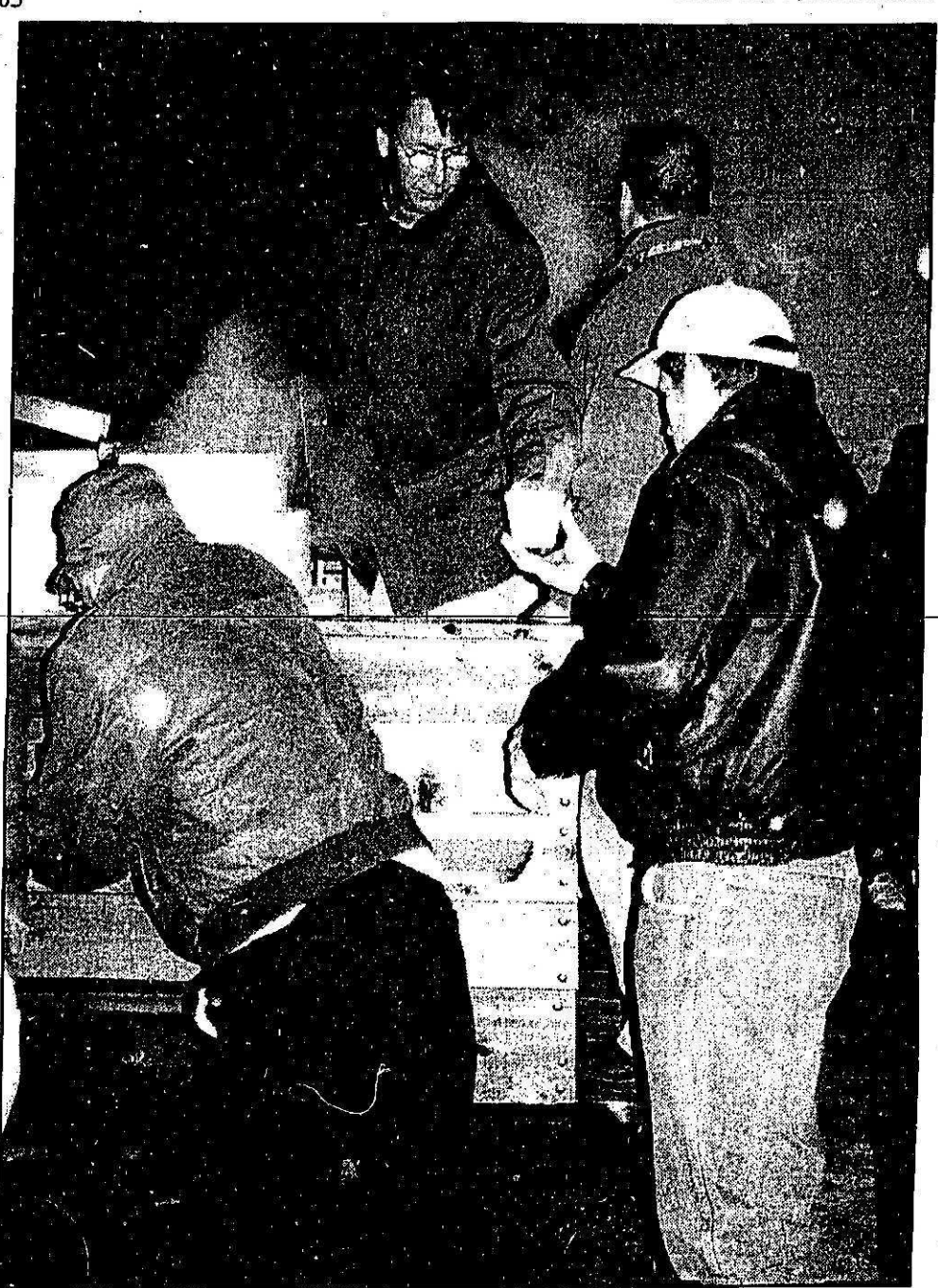
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Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Deford Country Church
Assemblies of God
5903 Main St., Box 224, Deford, MI 48729
989-872-5158
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Dan Strength Sr. Pastor
Tim Wells, Associate
Nathan Hazzard, Youth
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Evangelical Free Church of Cass City
6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726
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Midweek Bible Studies
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First Baptist Church
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Shopping for the holidays, whether to top off your meal or stuff that stocking, is easy in the Thumb as students interested in trips and events with Bluewater Thumb Youth for Christ hit the streets with their annual apple pie and SMART Card sale.

Students from all area schools are taking orders for the "We Make/You Bake Apple Pies" that have become a favorite with families around the area.

This year Youth for Christ along with the Pigeon Rotary will assemble 3,600 pies. The pies are made with crusts from the Shabbona United Methodist Church, apples from Liepprandt Orchards and donations of sugar and flour from Michigan Sugar Company and Star of the West.

Pies sell for \$7 each and can

be ordered from area teens or at the Youth for Christ office at (989) 453-3239.

"This is one of many ways we help teens come up with the money to attend the many trips and events Campus Life provides throughout the year," said Steve Fletcher, executive director of BTYPC. "Trips like Florida Breakaway and DC/LA 2003 are fun and exciting, but are also a great opportunity for us to share positive values and teach teens what it means to live a truly good life."

In addition to the sweet sounding apple pies this Christmas, teens will be hitting the streets with SMART Cards. In addition to making great stocking stuffers or office gifts, SMART Cards are a benefit to anyone who shops in Huron, Tuscola, Saginaw, Bay or Midland counties.

"These cards are great," said Leann Blair, Campus Life director in Bad Axe and North Huron area. "I used 3 cards last year and it saved me hundreds of dollars."

The card includes 2 for one meal offers from around the Thumb and Tri-Cities valued at \$5,800, entertainment options in the same areas, \$70 in Meijer coupons, \$1,500 in golf values and a special fine dining card for the Tri-Cities. All these cards are included in a \$20 packet and can be used from the date of purchase until Dec. 15, 2004.

In addition to being available from students, you can purchase cards at area banks with the profit still going to benefit teens and Youth for Christ. For more information on the cards or to order or make a donation to Youth for Christ please contact the office in Pigeon.

Terry Bivens

Terry Lee Bivens, 54, of Lapeer, formerly of Oxford, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003. Bivens worked for Clawson Tank Co. in shipping and receiving.

He is survived by his wife, Roberta "Bobbi" Bivens of Lapeer; children, Harmony (Jeff) Doerr of Cass City, Terry (Michelle) Bivens Jr. of Mt. Clemens, and Brandon (Misty) Yanowski of Davison; 2 grandchildren; his mother, Veronica Grappin Bivens of Lake Orion; siblings, Eita (Jim) Butler of Texas, Joe (Brenda) Bivens of Gladwin, Emil (Della) Bivens of Lake Orion, and Everett (Fran) Bivens of Oxford; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joe Bivens.

Funeral services are scheduled for today (Wednesday) at 11 a.m. at Muir Brothers Funeral Home, Lapeer.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Louis Franks Jr.

Louis Franks Jr., 92, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2003, at Lapeer General Hospital.

He was born Nov. 26, 1911, in Dayton, Ohio, to Louis Sr. and Mary (Nagy) Franks.

He married Irene Urban April 23, 1938, at St. Agatha Catholic Church in Gagetown.

Franks was a farmer and carpenter in Cass City. He was a member of St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City.

He is survived by his children, Kathryn (Kenneth) Hegeman of West Branch, John Franks of Rochester, and Peter (JoAnn) Franks of Lake Orion; 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; a brother, Steve Franks; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Helen and Mary, and brothers, Nick, Joe and Mike.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 6 at St.

Pancratius Catholic Church, with the Rev. Steve Fillion officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to St. Pancratius Catholic Church.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Shirley Nauka

Shirley Ann Nauka, 39, of Decker, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003, at Marlette Community Hospital, Marlette.

A lifelong Decker resident, she was born May 26, 1964, in Marlette to Edward Nauka and Edith Smith.

Nauka is survived by her father, Edward Nauka of Decker; mother, Edith (David) Erickson of Canyonville, Ore.; siblings Jackie (Kent) Shaw of Cho, Thomas Nauka of Argyle, Jim (Bonnie) Nauka of Flint, and Pam (Scott) Murlick of Birch Run; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Jacklette, and a nephew, Jeff Nauka.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 6 at Marsh Funeral Chapel in Marlette, with Pastor George Harmon officiating.

Burial will be in the Moshier Cemetery, Hemans.

Memorials may be made to Special Olympics.

Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette.

Richard Grifka

Richard C. "Bear" Grifka, 58, of Warren, died Sunday, Nov. 30, 2003 at his residence after an extended illness.

He was born April 19, 1945 in Cass City, the son of Olive (Stepka) Grifka and the late Alex J. Grifka.

Grifka was a 1963 graduate of Ubyly High School. He was a resident of Warren for 31 years. He drove gas tankers for 12 years. Grifka was a member of the Teamsters Union, the Carpenters Union, the Polish League of American Veterans #165 in Warren, the Moose Lodge and the Eagles Club for 30 years, serving as secretary for 7 years.

He is survived by a daughter, Tammy Grifka of Casco; four sons: Jack Grifka, Carl (April) Grifka, Rick Grifka, all of Warren, and Bear (Amanda) Grifka of Marquette; his significant other, Kathy Logan of Warren; 14 grandchildren; his mother, Olive Grifka of Snover; six brothers: Anthony "Tony" (Jean) Grifka of Ubyly, Bill (Mary) Grifka of Chelsea, Ron Grifka of Ubyly, Jim (Elaine) Grifka of Caro, Lee (Sandy) Grifka of Deckerville, and Tom Grifka of Sandusky; three sisters: Kay Mumá, Ann (Walt)

Shatto, and Mae Grifka, all of Snover; and many nieces and nephews.

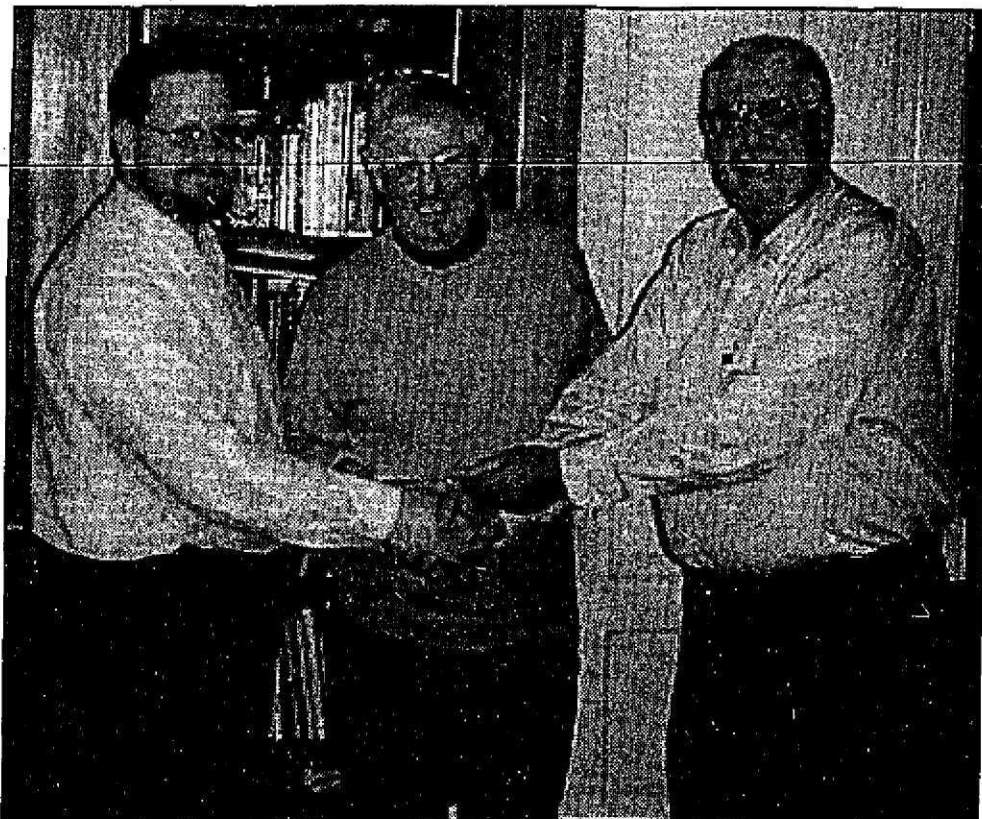
He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Jamie Lee Grifka; his father, Alex

Grifka; and a brother, Alan Grifka.

Funeral mass was held Wednesday, Dec. 3, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Freiburg, with the Rev. T.J.

Fleming, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Arrangements were made by the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubyly.



GAYLE TRAVIS (right), vice president of the Sanilac County Historical Society, does his part in support of the county museum's capital campaign by giving his personal check to society President Art Schlichting (left) and campaign Chairman Bill Coyne.

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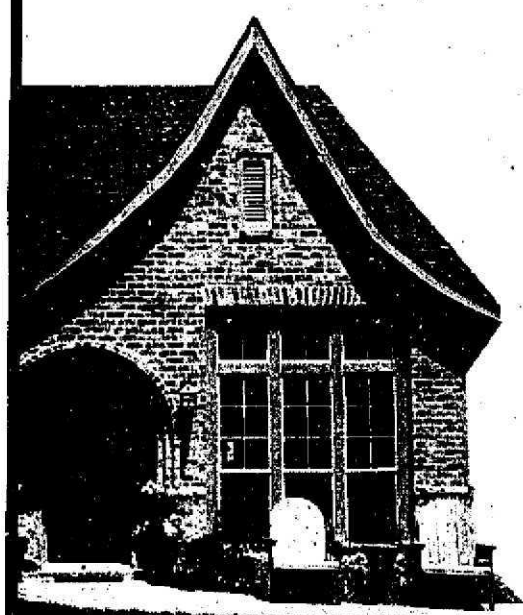
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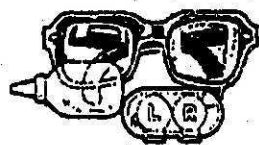
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Reduce the risk of osteoporosis

Marty Gibbs, registered radiology technician at Caro Community Hospital (CCH), reminds area residents that winter in Michigan means the arrival of snow and ice, and that can make walking treacherous.

As people get older, the risk of major injury from a fall increases significantly, according to Gibbs, who is the supervisor of the CCH Imaging Department.

"This is largely because of the onset of osteoporosis, a skeletal disease that leads to the weakening of bone and greater likelihood of fracture," she explained.

Women currently account for 80 percent of the 10 million people suffering from osteoporosis. According to National Osteoporosis Foundation estimates, half of the women over 50 in the United States will experience an osteoporosis-related fracture in their lifetimes.

Risk factors include menopause, being female, being Caucasian or Asian, having previous fractures not associated with major trauma, poor nutrition, use of certain medications, and having a chronic condition such as rheumatoid arthritis," Gibbs said.

Fractures sometime require surgery to repair or replace the affected bones, she continued.

"Spine and hip fractures are the most serious and can result in permanent disability, chronic pain, height loss,

deformity or even death. Twenty-five percent of hip fracture patients nationwide end up in nursing homes due to lack of mobility or mental decline.

"The best treatment, of course, is prevention," Gibbs said. "This includes eating a balanced diet, complete with calcium and vitamin D; exercising muscles, quitting smoking, reducing alcohol consumption, and consulting with a doctor regarding the need for drug therapy or a bone density test. This is a non-invasive test that measures the density of bones in the spine, hips, or total body, which helps the doctor choose appropriate treatment options."

Gibbs said it's much better to have a bone density test now and take any necessary bone-strengthening actions, rather than undergo the trauma of a broken hip, arm or leg.

"We would especially want to avoid a situation where a person's bones are so weak that they actually cause that person to fall."

Gibbs encourages CCH patients to talk with their doctors before there is an injury, rather like "one's mechanic checking the fan belt for wear and tear before being stranded on the side of the road somewhere."

More information about osteoporosis, bone density tests or any other healthcare topic is available by calling CCH at (989) 673-3141.

Democrats to host gathering

The Sanilac County Democratic Club will host its Christmas get-together in the meeting room at Liberty Lanes, 1100 Liberty St., Sandusky, Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m.

The public is invited and asked to bring cookies or a

dessert. Sen. Jim Barcia will speak in behalf of presidential candidate Richard Gephardt. Council Commissioner John Espinoza will also speak. More information is available by calling (810) 622-9526.

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Notes from Northwood Meadows

By Becky Barr, Activities Coordinator/Receptionist

With an unbelievable chill, November rolled in. This is the time of year to be thankful for many things in life, including a warm and wonderful place like Northwood Meadows.

There are many afternoons and evenings when our residents cozy up in front of the Great Room fireplace. Sometimes it's just to watch the fire, sip coffee or hot chocolate and visit with friends, and other times it's to take a little snooze. No matter the reason - we're thankful.

We're glad for those who celebrated birthdays: Frances Lapeer, Margaret Law and Gordon Hartwick. And we're happy to have Alice McComb and Mary Strump join us. We thank Pastor Garold Steele, who presented a timely and meaningful church service for our residents. We're grateful to the Hallelujah Quartet and Friends who shared their beautiful music and singing talents with us. We truly appreciate Dr. Baughman and Dr. Raythatha for coming to see patients here in their home. Our hearts are overjoyed at the participation of the community of Cass City who bought our homemade pumpkin pies for our most recent fundraiser.

Finally, we are thankful to our residents and their families. It was our pleasure to cook for and serve 175 family members during our 2003 Thanksgiving Dinner. The menu was traditional and all from scratch. We offered turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, stuffing, squash, corn, dinner rolls, fruit-filled Jell-O, minced meat pie, and (of course) pumpkin pie. Thank-you Judy, Karla, Cathy, Don, Theresa, Rob, Bill, Sandy and Cindy - for every moment of care you gave!

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BASKETBALL - GYMNASTICS - VOLLEYBALL - WRESTLING

Cass City Red Hawks 2003-2004 Boys' Varsity Basketball

| | | | |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------|---|
| 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 | Ublly | 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 |
| Mar. 8-12 | Districts | TBA | |

Cass City Red Hawks 2003-2004 Wrestling

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|---------|--------------------------|-----------|---|
| 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 | Imlay 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 | |

CATCH THE HAWKS AT HOME

BASKETBALL
December 16,
Cass City vs. Brown City

GYMNASTICS
January 13
Cass City vs. Midland/
Hartland

VOLLEYBALL
January 12
Cass City vs. Sandusky

WRESTLING
January 10
Cass City Invitational

Cass City Red Hawks 2003-2004 Volleyball

| | | | |
|---------|-----------------------|------------|---|
| Dec. 13 | Laker Invite (F/JV) | 9:00 a.m. | A |
| Dec. 15 | Caro | 6:00 p.m. | A |
| Dec. 19 | Caro Invite (JV) | 4:15 p.m. | A |
| Dec. 20 | Caro Invite (V) | 8:30 a.m. | A |
| Dec. 27 | Alma Invite | 8:30 a.m. | A |
| Jan. 9 | Bad Axe Invite (F/JV) | 3:30 p.m. | A |
| Jan. 10 | Bad Axe Invite (V) | 8:30 a.m. | A |
| Jan. 12 | Sandusky | 6:00 p.m. | H |
| Jan. 15 | BCAS | 6:00 p.m. | A |
| Jan. 17 | Cass City Invite | 10:00 a.m. | H |
| Jan. 17 | Lakers Invite (JV) | 9:00 a.m. | A |
| Jan. 22 | Valley Lutheran | 6:00 p.m. | H |
| Jan. 23 | Millington (F) | 6:00 p.m. | A |
| Jan. 24 | Birch Run Invite (JV) | 8:00 a.m. | A |
| Jan. 29 | Lakers | 5:30 p.m. | A |
| Jan. 31 | Northwood Invite (V) | 8:30 a.m. | A |
| Feb. 5 | USA | 6:00 p.m. | H |
| Feb. 7 | USA Invite (V) | 8:30 a.m. | A |
| Feb. 12 | Reese | 6:00 p.m. | H |
| Feb. 14 | Laker Invite (V) | 9:00 a.m. | A |
| Feb. 14 | Northwood Invite (JV) | 8:30 a.m. | A |
| Feb. 14 | USA Invite (F) | 9:00 a.m. | A |
| Feb. 19 | Bad Axe | 6:00 p.m. | A |
| Feb. 21 | League Invite (F) | TBA | |
| Feb. 21 | League Invite (JV) | TBA | |
| Feb. 26 | Ublly | 6:00 p.m. | A |
| Feb. 28 | League Tourney | TBA | |
| Mar. 1 | Yale | 6:00 p.m. | A |

Cass City Red Hawks 2003-2004 Gymnastics

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|---------|--------------------|------------|---|
| Dec. 16 | Vassar | 6:00 p.m. | A |
| Jan. 3 | Traverse City | 11:00 a.m. | A |
| Jan. 13 | Midland / Hartland | 6:00 p.m. | H |
| Jan. 24 | Vassar Invite | 12:00 p.m. | A |
| Jan. 31 | Troy Athens Invite | 11:00 a.m. | A |
| Feb. 11 | Midland / Freeland | 6:00 p.m. | A |
| Feb. 17 | Vassar / Cadillac | 6:00 p.m. | H |

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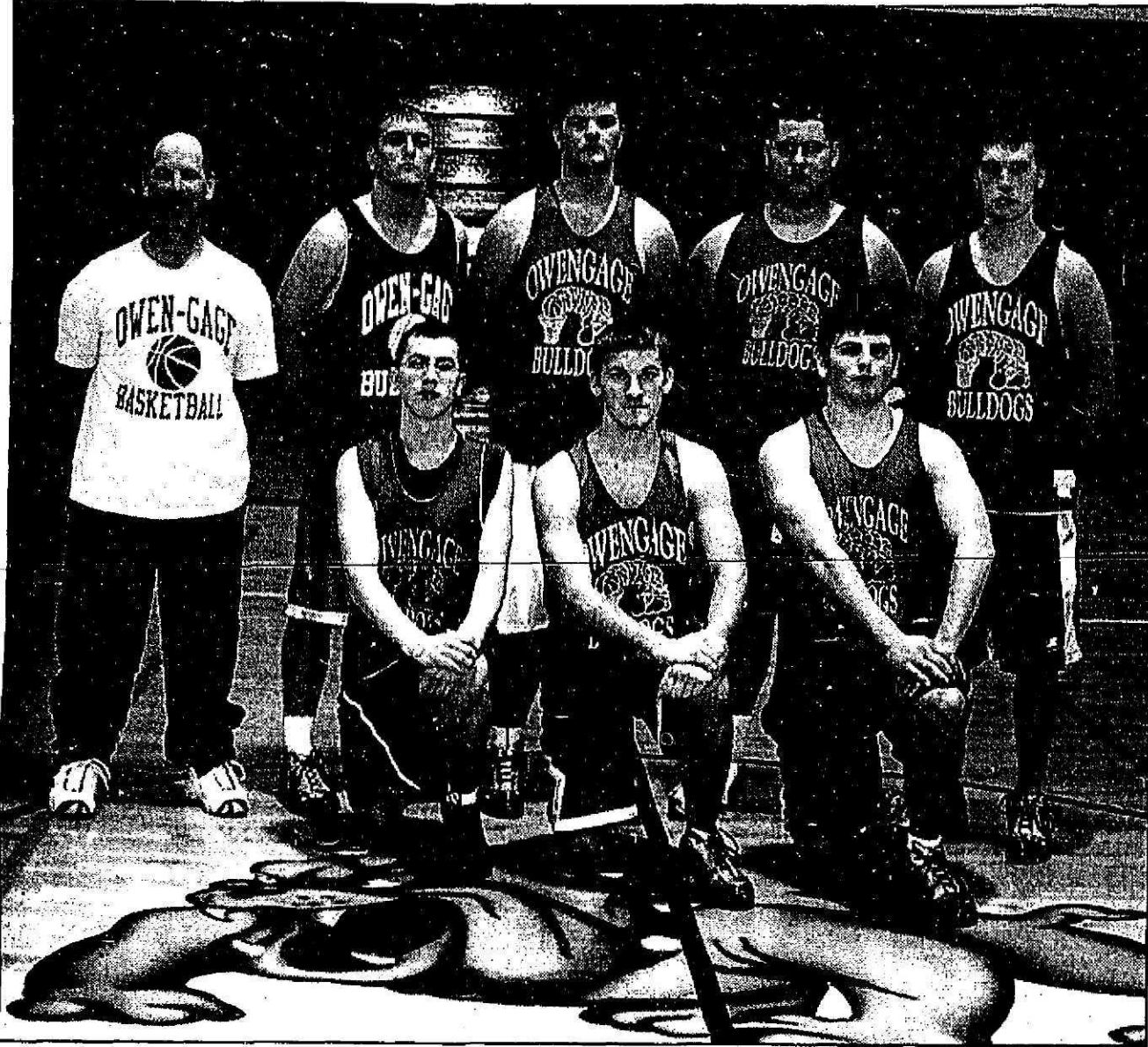
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THE OWEN-GAGE varsity basketball squad will battle with a short bench as the Bulldogs prepare to compete in the North Central Thumb North League. From left, front row: Justin Rogers, Cody Howard, Aaron Faist. Second row: Coach Arnie Howard, Levi Adams, Tim Kain, Mike Pawlak, Zak Sutter.

Finish 5th at Invite

Hawks lose pair at double dual

The Cass City Red Hawks wrestling team lost to Capac, 45-33, and Mt. Clemens Lutheran North, 43-36, in a double dual meet held at Capac Thursday.

Cass City this year is very young, with 8 underclassmen in the varsity lineup.

Double winners for the Hawks were Marcel Helland, 119 pounds, Kyle Sieradzki, 160 pounds, Steve Meeker, 215 pounds, and Lee Hutchinson, 275 pounds.

Cass City finished 5th in the 6-team Cros-Lex tournament Saturday with a 1-4 record.

Port Huron High won the tournament with a 5-0 mark. Cass City losses were to Marysville, 48-30; Port Huron High, 60-21; North Branch, 65-18, and Cros-Lex, 51-30.

The Red Hawk win was a 42-33 decision over Mt. Clemens Lutheran North, a team that defeated Cass City in Thursday's meet.

Hawk wrestlers with winning records for the day were: Helland, 4-1; Wes Becker, 4-1, 171 pounds; Eric Hollis, 3-2, 189 pounds; Meeker, 5-0.

Coaches - Don't forget to call in your results.

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O-G cage team short on numbers

Seniors Kain, Howard and Rogers to lead team

Coaches at Owen-Gage High School have their work cut out for them this season. The Bulldog basketball team is short on experience and short on numbers.

It promises to be a lonely bench this season. There are just 8 players on the varsity roster and right now 2 of them weren't expected to play when the season opened Tuesday.

Zak Sutter, a transfer student, won't be eligible until after Christmas and Nathan Rogers is recovering from an ailment.

The Bulldogs will build around seniors Tim Kain, Cody Howard and Justin Rogers.

The varsity lost 5 players via graduation including Adam Kain, an all North Central Thumb League North player, and Jeremy Kady who played an important role. Also gone are Scott Kunding, Jim Wise and Justin McLaren.

Coach Arnie Howard and assistant coach Dave Fritz were to have faced a tough team in the opener at Bay City All Saints.

The Bulldogs were 5-11 in league play and 6-14 overall and may be hard-pressed to match those figures this season.

In the NCTLN, Fritz sees CPS and Peck as teams to beat this year.

Owen-Gage Bulldogs 2003-2004 Boys' Basketball

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|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|---|
| Dec. 9 | BCAS | 6:00 p.m. | A |
| Dec. 16 | North Huron | 6:00 p.m. | H |
| Dec. 19 | Memphis | 6:00 p.m. | A |
| Jan. 6 | BCAS | 6:00 p.m. | H |
| Jan. 9 | Akron-Fairgrove | 6:00 p.m. | A |
| Jan. 13 | Caseville | 6:00 p.m. | H |
| Jan. 16 | Port Hope | 6:00 p.m. | A |
| Jan. 20 | Peck | 6:00 p.m. | H |
| Jan. 23 | CPS | 6:00 p.m. | A |
| Jan. 27 | Kingston | 6:00 p.m. | H |
| Jan. 30 | Dryden (Snowball) | 6:00 p.m. | H |
| Feb. 3 | North Huron | 6:00 p.m. | A |
| Feb. 6 | Memphis | 6:00 p.m. | H |
| Feb. 10 | Akron-Fairgrove | 6:00 p.m. | H |
| Feb. 13 | Caseville | 6:00 p.m. | A |
| Feb. 17 | Port Hope | 6:00 p.m. | H |
| Feb. 20 | Peck | 6:00 p.m. | A |
| Feb. 24 | CPS (Parents' Night) | 6:00 p.m. | H |
| Feb. 27 | Kingston | 6:00 p.m. | A |
| Mar. 5 | Dryden | 6:00 p.m. | A |
| Mar. 8-13 | Districts at North Huron | TBA | |

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

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| This week's match ups | | | | |
| | John Haire | Clarke Haire | Tom Montgomery | Doug Hyatt |
| December 9 | Sandusky at Bad Axe | Sandusky at Reese | Sandusky at Reese | Bad Axe at Reese |
| | Frankenmuth at Reese | Freeland at USA | USA at Valley Lutheran | Freeland at Valley Lutheran |
| | Valley Lutheran at Mayville | Valley Lutheran at Lakers | Valley Lutheran at Lakers | Valley Lutheran at Lakers |
| | Brown City at Lakers | Ubyly at CPS | Ubyly at CPS | Ubyly at CPS |
| | Ubyly at North Huron | All Saints at Harbor Beach | All Saints at Harbor Beach | All Saints at Harbor Beach |
| | CPS at Deckerville | Harbor Beach at A-Fairgrove | Harbor Beach at A-Fairgrove | Harbor Beach at A-Fairgrove |
| December 12 | Owen-Gage at All Saints | Reese at USA | Reese at USA | Reese at USA |
| | Cass City at Harbor Beach | Cass City at Valley Lutheran | Cass City at Valley Lutheran | Cass City at Valley Lutheran |
| | A-Fairgrove at Arenac | Garber at Millington | Frankenmuth at Caro | Frankenmuth at Caro |
| | Bad Axe at Reese | Millington at Bridgeport | Caro at Bridgeport | Millington at Bridgeport |
| | USA at All Saints | Bridgeport at Vassar | Bridgeport at Vassar | Bridgeport at Vassar |
| | Cass City at Sandusky | Birch Run at Peck | Vassar at Deckerville | Vassar at Deckerville |
| | Lakers at Valley Lutheran | Peck at Ubyly | Deckerville at Ubyly | Ubyly at Ubyly |
| | Frankenmuth at Garber | | | |
| | Caro at Millington | | | |
| | North Branch at Bridgeport | | | |
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Former Cass City grad Lindsey Mills is NCAA South Region champion

The 2003 cross country season was a brilliant campaign for the University of West Georgia's Lindsey Mills, according to a story published Nov. 23 on the school's website.

The sophomore from Gagetown in October earned All-Gulf South Conference honors at the league championship meet in Memphis, Tenn. Mills, 22, a 2000 Cass City High School graduate, turned her performance up a notch Nov. 8, when she captured the NCAA South Region Women's Championship with an impressive time of 21:10 over the course at Georgia Regional Hospital near Atlanta.

"Lindsey ran a great race," said her coach, Don Medeiros. "She hung just off

the leaders to get a feel for what was going on. She just took control of the race on the backside of the course, beating some very talented and highly ranked runners.

"She has had a tough year and had to overcome a lot of obstacles to get this far, so I am very happy for her," Medeiros added. "Her time was the second fastest ever run at a south regional since the NCAA switched to the 6K distance. She gets a new school record to go along with her championship."

Beyond his happiness for Mills, Medeiros said he's pleased to know that she'll be back for her junior season in 2004.

Mills, the daughter of Scott and Janeen Mills, is majoring in early education at the university.



NCAA South Region champion Lindsey Mills.

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NCTL all-conference teams include pair of Bulldogs

There will be a lot of very good players competing next year in the northern division of the North Central Thumb League, including a pair from the Owen-Gage Bulldogs.

That's because in the division the all-conference team selected by the coaches includes not one senior player. Included on the 6-person squad are 2 juniors from Owen-Gage, Kayla Zaleski and Katie Swiastyn. The pair were the backbone of the team that surprised everyone by walking off with the district Class D tournament. They should keep the Bulldogs in contention in 2004.

Two other juniors honored by the coaches were Breanne Iseler, Port Hope, and Kelly Ross, Caseville. Rounding out the dream team are a pair of outstanding sophomores, Andrea Clancy, North Huron, and Kelsey Mausolf, Port Hope.

Named to the second team, were: Allison Latimer, 10, Akron-Fairgrove; Emily Errer, 12, and Becky Quayle, 12, both of Caseville; Rhonda Rice, 12, and Amanda DePrekel, 12, both of North Huron; Stephanie Dorsch, 12, Owen-Gage; Tara Oeschger, 11, and Amanda Schave, 11, both of Port Hope.

Katie Spencer, 11, of Akron-Fairgrove received honorable mention.

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Farm bill replaces production payments with direct payments

Farm Service Agency State Executive Director David Conklin announced that the 2002 Farm Bill replaced production flexibility contracts with direct payments. The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act also instituted Counter-Cyclical Payments to act as a market sensitive "safety net".

Together, these two components form the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP), which provides financial assistance to eligible producers who enroll in the current farm program. An annual program contract (CCC-509) must be signed each year during the signup period, which extends from Oct. 1 to June 1.

The annual enrollment requirement exists for the duration of the farm bill, which runs through 2007.

DCP payments provide no incentive to increase production of any particular commodity. The payments are tied to historical acreage bases and yields, and therefore do not distort or influence production decisions. Direct payments are calculated at 85 percent of a farm's base acreage for a crop, times the farm's direct payment yield, times the direct payment rate. Counter-Cyclical payments are equal to 85 percent of a farm's base acreage, times the farm's counter-cyclical payment yield, times the counter-cyclical payment rate.

This combination of payments provides production stability without influencing the independent movement of global markets.

Direct payments can be requested by producers in 2 installments each year. Up to 50 percent of a direct payment can be requested as early as December or made available sometime after the first of the calendar year. The balance of a total direct payment is paid after the end of the fiscal year. If counter-cyclical payments are authorized due to low market prices, they may be taken in 3 installments. Up to 35 per-

cent of a counter-cyclical can be requested at the beginning of the fiscal year in October. Another partial payment of up to 70 percent of the total minus the initial payment can be made in February, with the balance to be issued after the end of the marketing year. If the actual market out performs the projections, refunds of unearned counter-cyclical payments may be necessary.

Farm bill programs are designed to respond to world markets without adversely impacting production decisions.

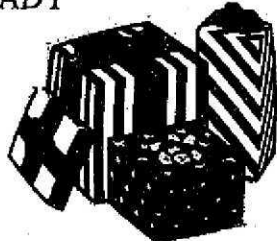
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CASS CITY'S Tom Kolar, 86, is surrounded by a small selection of the wood crafts he creates and then gives away, he says, just "to make people happy."



Babysitter classes set

Hills and Dales General Hospital will be sponsoring an American Red Cross babysitter training class Monday, Dec. 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The class is designed to provide youth ages 11-15 with the information necessary to provide safe and responsible care for children. The class will be held in the basement classroom at the hospital.

Participants must pre-register by calling (989) 872-2121 (ext. 365). Please register by Dec. 22.

Kolar enjoying his hobby

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big. We broke the world's record in laying concrete - footage - in one day," he said, referring to one job in which his crew put in over a mile of concrete some 30 years ago. "It was about 7 miles this side of the bridge on I-75, and it was a 14-mile job," he noted.

Although Kolar's education ended with the eighth grade, he earned a reputation in the company as a problem solver. "On the job, they called me 'ingenuity,'" he said. "They'd say, 'get Tom here, he'll figure something out'."

Because of his job, Kolar says his woodworking hobby was limited to the winter season. During the summer months I didn't do any of that, but in the winter, sometimes I'd start at 8 o'clock and still be working in the basement at 9."

He recalled his late wife purchased a dining room set in Marlette for \$123. The varnish on the furniture was loose and greasy, he said, so he scraped it off and refinished it. Years later, at an auction sale, the set sold for \$1,480, and he was told the value could have topped \$3,000.

On another occasion, his son-in-law brought home a double-barrel shotgun he found in a dump in the Detroit area. The gun's stock was broken.

"They wanted \$185 just to build the stock," Kolar said. "I said, 'you give me that and I'll build you one'."

He said, "you can't do that," and I said, "don't ever tell me I can't build that'."

Kolar went to work. The toughest part, he said, was drilling a hole through the center of the stock, lengthwise, for the long bolt that attaches the wood to the metal end of the gun. After an unsuccessful attempt, Kolar decided to drill a portion of the hole from each end. Then, he completed the hole by pushing a heated metal rod through the stock.

Kolar tackled a much bigger challenge years earlier after getting an estimate to have a house moved from the Elkton area to his land in Greenleaf Township. The estimate was \$500, according to Kolar, who was 25 years old at the time.

So, he decided to move the house - a trip covering just over 25 miles - himself. Kolar said he borrowed a couple of wagons and hired a man with a tractor and a 1 1/2-ton Dodge truck. He used all screw jacks and a couple of railroad jacks to get the job done, although he said he blew out 11 tires on the trip and had to resort to a couple of steel wheels from an old grainer.

In the 24 years since his retirement from Denton Construction, Kolar has spent more time working with wood, including making crafts. And he's always on the lookout for a new challenge, taking old and broken furniture and giving it new life.

His approach to the hobby has been the same as his work ethic on the job - always try, no matter how impossible a task might seem at first.

Kolar, who has 3 grown daughters and 7 grandchildren, indicated he has enjoyed success and satisfaction in many areas of life, thanks to that outlook. And he still attributes that success to one teacher many years ago.

"I didn't like to study, but I loved school, and I had a teacher that liked me and I loved her," he said, adding he despised one particular subject - spelling - and even cheated to get by. He recalled getting caught one day, and the words of wisdom she offered him.

"She said, 'Tom, you've got a gift that nobody else has got,'" he recalled. "She always told me you can do anything that you want to."

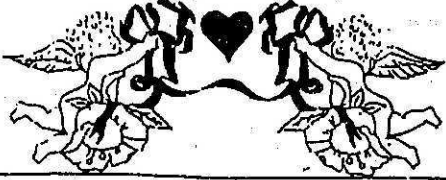
Part-time school chief

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funding, that loss translates into a revenue loss of \$425,000.

At the same time, he said, the state's decision to allow a handful of smaller, rural districts to compute their enrollments by averaging student numbers over a 3-year period has proved valuable, giving Owen-Gage an additional 18 students, or about \$118,000.

each grade level, all nominated for best exemplifying the district December "adult role focus" of being cooperative, collaborative workers. The students, in grades K-12, are: Daniel Good, Adam Reiford, Ben Good, Celeste Sprague, Erika Mroz, Jessica Brown, Kelsey Quick, Katie Rhodes, April Nowaczyk, Mindy Errer, Mike Edler, Jessica Neal and Natasha Sprague.



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In other business Monday, the board:

- Accepted the resignations of varsity baseball Coach Josh Hahn and junior varsity volleyball Coach Jill Wildman. The board also hired a new volleyball coaching staff consisting of Kaye Swiastyn, varsity; Karen Gaeth, junior varsity; and Ashley Adams, junior high.
- Accepted the nomination of Randi L. Giza as "Senior Student of the Month" for December.
- Recognized a student in

Chili

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crafters were happy," Warner added. "We had to turn crafters away - we had 8 crafters on a waiting list. There were some absolutely gorgeous crafts. Again I was really impressed with the quality."

Area residents and businesses interested in participating in this year's Home and Business Decorating Challenge can still do so.

Warner said judging by an out-of-town judging panel is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 19. No registration is required. "All you do is decorate and have the lights on on the 19th," she noted.

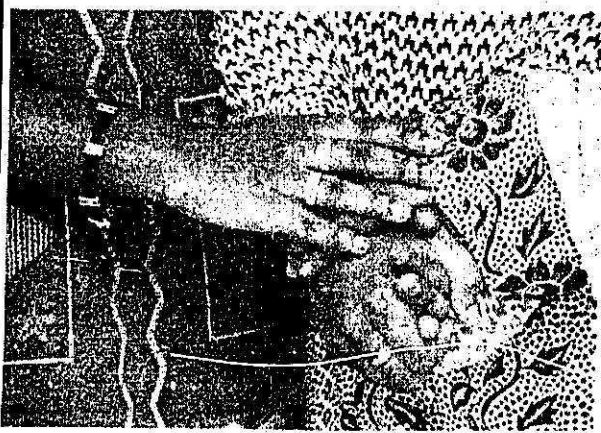
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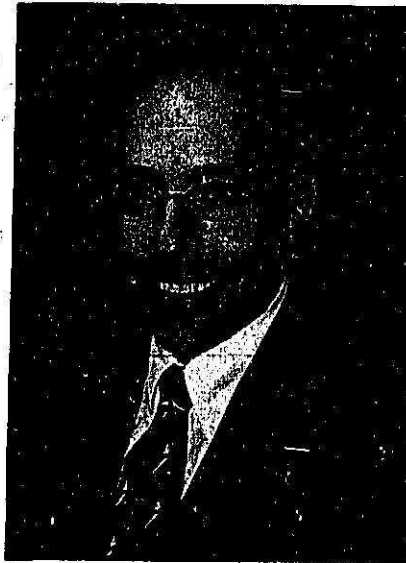
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Crashes involving older drivers down in state

The number and severity of crashes involving older drivers in Michigan is declining, according to a just-released study conducted on behalf of the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP). The study looked at crash data from 1998 to 2002 for motorists and pedestrians ages 65 and older.

OHSP commissioned the study through the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI) as part of an ongoing effort to understand and address the needs of older drivers and identify opportunities to reduce traffic deaths and injuries among this group. By 2030, one out of every 5 Americans will be over the age of 65.

Among the major findings:

- * The number of crashes involving older drivers decreased by 6 percent (however, the proportion of crashes involving older drivers remained relatively constant at about 11 percent through the time period).
- * Fatal and serious injury crashes decreased by 23 percent.
- * Crashes where an older driver had been drinking decreased by 23 percent.
- * The number of older pedestrians killed or injured in crashes decreased by 29 percent.

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"These findings are encouraging," said Michael L. Prince, OHSP division director. "We will be looking more closely to determine the factors that led to these decreases."

According to the UMTRI report, older drivers have a higher likelihood of being in a single-vehicle crash without any overt hazardous action than younger drivers. Failure to yield, and to some extent failure to obey traffic control, are more likely among older drivers than among younger drivers.

The report also found that safety belt use among crash-involved older drivers is extremely high, over 90 percent. About 70 percent of the non-user drivers were men. Among those men, the largest proportion of non-users was the 70-74 age group.

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National Onion Association at www.onions-usa.org.

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Chiquita® bananas at www.chiquita.com.

The Council of Residential Specialists at www.crs.com.

Network at www.checkpoint.com.

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, December 10

Swiss steak and mashed potato dinner with all the trimmings served family style promptly at noon at the Cass City United Methodist Church located at 5100 N. Cemetery Rd. Take outs available, call 872-4604.

Friday, December 12

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

Monday, December 15

Cass City School Board meeting at the high school instead of December 23. Prior to the 7:30 p.m. board meeting the "Award of Excellence" presentations will be held in the high school library.

Rescheduled Cass City Village Council meeting at 7 p.m. at Municipal Building.

AYSO board meeting 7:30 p.m., high school library.

Tuesday, December 16

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

Wednesday, December 17

United Sportsmen's Alliance will be held at the Sebawaing Sportsmen's Club, 265 Bay St., Sebawaing at 7:00 p.m. Please bring your favorite homemade venison item or dish for a taste for our contest. For more info call 989-872-5606.

Cass City Village Council PUBLIC NOTICE

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.

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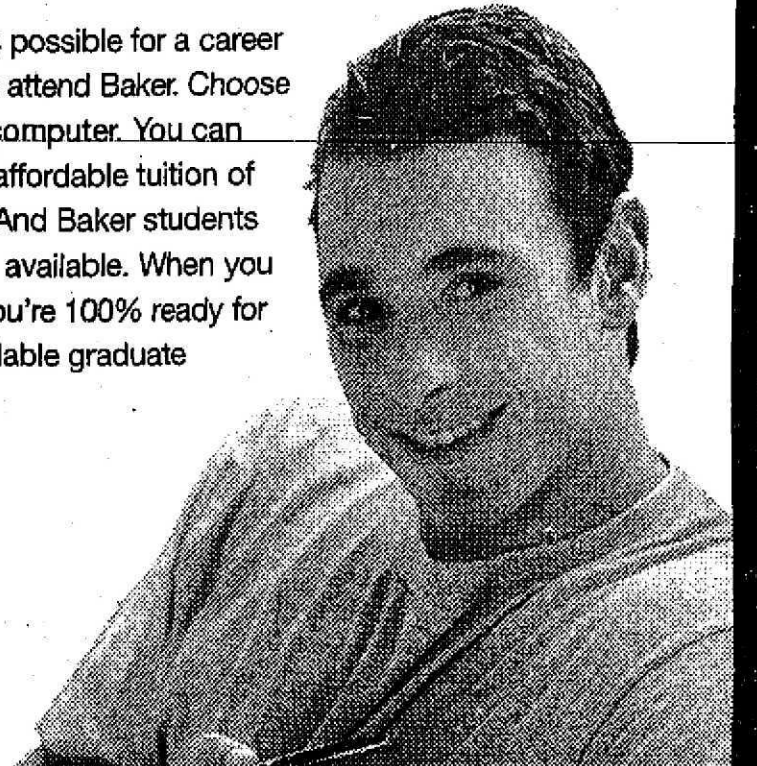
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Snowmobiling still hot, but deadly in Michigan

Following last winter's high death toll of snowmobilers in Michigan, AAA says that good times and common safety sense should share space on the state's 6,100 miles of groomed trails.

"Despite the state's economic downturn, the sport of snowmobiling remains hot," says AAA Michigan Community Safety Services Manager Richard J. Miller. "However, with the sport's popularity, the number of deaths has also spiked."

During the 2002-03 snowmobile season, 46 persons were killed in 46 fatal crashes, compared with 33 who were killed in the 2002-03 and second only to the 1995-96 season, when 48 persons lost their lives.

"Statistics show most of last season's deaths could have been prevented had drivers and riders simply followed simple rules of safety on the trail," Miller says. Speed, inexperience and recklessness were major players.

Speed was a factor in 33, or 72 percent of the fatal crashes. Today's snow machines can accelerate quickly to more than 100 mph, Miller says. Fourteen fatalities, or 30 percent of the fatal crashes, involved a snowmobile leaving a trail or road and striking a fixed object, like a tree, another

indicator that driving too fast for the trail or conditions was a factor.

Eleven fatal crashes - one in every 4 last season - occurred when machines broke through unsafe ice. Other major factors in last season's crashes include alcohol and/or drugs. It was a known factor in 48 percent, or 22 of the fatalities.

"Just like driving a motor vehicle, alcohol hinders your ability to handle a snowmobile, leading to lapses in judgment that can have horrific consequences," Miller emphasizes.

Careless or negligent driving was a factor in 8, or 17 percent of last winter's fatal crashes.

Each winter, more than a half-million Michigan snowmobilers take to the trails. Currently, there are 406,095 machines registered in the state, up 3 percent from the previous winter, the 11th straight seasonal increase. Nearly one-quarter are in Southeast Michigan.

Last winter, the number of students enrolled in snowmobile safety classes fell 22 percent, from 6,417 in the 2001-02 winter, to 4,958.

Snowmobilers can help dramatically reduce fatalities, injuries and crashes by heeding simple rules of the trail:

* Don't ride faster than your ability to maintain control and stop within a clear, safe distance. DON'T drive after drinking alcohol. Twenty-two persons killed in last winter's fatalities had consumed alcohol.

* Be alert for oncoming traffic, fences, culverts, wildlife, ditches, stumps, posts, icy or bare spots and hidden wires. Stay on marked trails, or where permitted on road rights-of-way. Respect private property and obey all traffic laws.

* Carry a first-aid kit, compass, portable GPS, trail maps, cell phone, water, waterproof matches or lighter, survival blanket, tool kit,

rope, extra key and energy foods.

* Wear an approved crash helmet. It is the law on public property and is your best defense in the event of a crash. It also protects against frostbite and injury from trees, brush and other trail hazards.

* Stop, look and listen when crossing roads. Never assume the route is clear. Snowmobilers ages 12 through 16 cannot drive across a highway or street without a valid safety certificate.

* Keep your sled in top condition. Take the keys when parked, and lock it and your trailer when unattended.

ACT assessment deadline nearing

The next national test date for the ACT Assessment is Feb. 7, 2004.

College-bound students should register by the Jan. 2 postmark deadline. Late registration postmark deadline is Jan. 16 (an additional fee is required for late registration). Students can register online at www.act.org or they can get a registration packet from their high school guid-

ance counselor and register by mail. The website also has sample test questions and a link to a free financial aid calculator.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation. The test fee is \$26. Colleges use ACT scores, along with a student's high school GPA and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course placement for new students.

The ACT Assessment is curriculum-based, designed to measure a student's academic achievement. There are four sections to the exam: English, reading, math and science.

Students who have already taken the ACT can retake and try for a higher score. Juniors often use their scores to examine academic weaknesses, take courses or tutoring to correct those weaknesses and retake as seniors. Students who test more than once can choose which scores to report to prospective colleges.

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THAW funding available

Avoid utility shut-off

Each year in Michigan, thousands of low-income people throughout the state have their heat and electricity shut off, a dangerous fate to face as the cold winter months approach.

Thanks to The Heat And Warmth Fund (THAW), individuals who are currently experiencing a complete utility shutoff can apply for early emergency assistance.

THAW, a non-profit organization that provides emergency energy assistance to low-income households in need, began accepting applications for the Early Emergency program October 1.

The program allows families or individuals that currently have their utilities shut off to receive assistance to get their heat turned on and make payment arrangements to have the heat remain through the harsh winter months. Last year, THAW provided more than \$500,000 to assist more than 1,200 families through the Early Emergency program.

"Heat is a basic necessity in Michigan. Without it, people frequently resort to dangerous alternatives such as kerosene heaters, often causing fire or injuries," said THAW Executive Director Kathleen Walgren. "Through the Early Emergency Program, we hope to give families in need the opportunity to restore their heat and work with them to keep it on."

In January 2004, the non-profit organization will begin their regular assistance program, accepting applications from low-income indi-

viduals, families and seniors who are unable to pay their energy bills and have received a utility shut-off notice. If a family received funds from the Early Emergency Program, they will not be eligible to receive additional funds during the regular season.

HOW IT WORKS

Low-income individuals, families, senior citizens, the disabled, the unemployed and the underemployed who have lost essential heat or lights may apply for assistance at one of 100 community agencies that serve as THAW screening sites across the state.

Agency caseworkers verify applicant eligibility and forward the application to the THAW administrative office. In order to be eligible for the Early Emergency Assistance Program, the applicant must currently have his or her utilities shut off or have no heating fuel.

Once the application is approved, THAW pays the utility or vendor directly and works with the applicant and the utility company to make arrangements for a payment plan that is feasible for the applicant.

Funds distributed during Early Emergency to assist families are collected through private individual, business and foundation donations. THAW works in partnership with utility companies to facilitate energy assistance. DTE Energy, Consumers Energy, Aquila

and SEMCO Energy match all THAW payments dollar for dollar. DTE Energy and Aquila also solicit donations through customer utility bills.

The average assistance necessary per family in 2001 was \$385. For a \$192, contribution one family can stay warm for the entire winter thanks to the utility companies' match.

The vast majority (90 percent) of those who received THAW's assistance to get them through a difficult time do not require additional assistance the next year, demonstrating that THAW helps maintain service through a temporary crisis. In fact, some former participants eventually become contributors.

To be eligible for Early

Emergency assistance, the applicant must:

- * Currently have their gas or electricity shut off;
- * Have an annual household income at or below 150% of the federal poverty level (e.g. \$22,890, maximum income for a family of 3);
- * Apply for other available state or private resources for energy assistance;
- * Have made minimum payments on the energy bill;
- * Agree to a budget payment plan;
- * Enroll in conservation or weatherization programs where available.

To find a location for assistance, for further information, or to charge a donation by credit card, call 1-800-866-THAW (8429), or visit the Web site at www.thawfund.org.

Check Out These Web Sites:

Pennzoil at www.pennzoil.com.
Allied Van Lines at www.alliedvan.com.
The Association of BellTel Retirees Inc. at www.belltelretirees.org.
Waverly wallpaper at www.waverly.com.
Canon Digital Creators Contest at www.canon.com/edco/.
Nafco's Best Living Collection, Better Living Collection and Good Living Collection at www.nafco.com.
National Memorial Day Concert at www.pbs.org/memoraldayconcert.
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For tips and resources on how recent grads can get their careers off to a solid start, visit www.monstertrk.com, a leading online careers site for college students and alumni.
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Zinsser's Bulls Eye 1-2-3 Primer-Sealer at www.zinsser.com.
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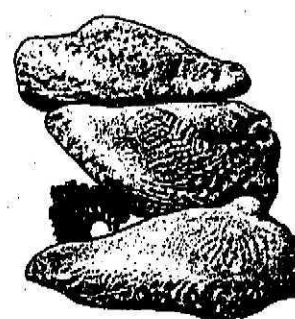
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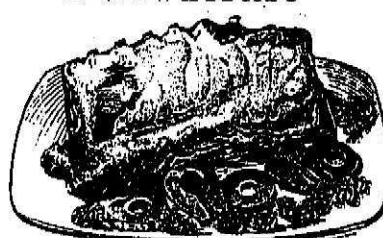
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eddie R. Clark III and Andrea J. Clark, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to The Homestead Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated July 31, 1998 and recorded on August 3, 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 Arbutus, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

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

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

Dated: November 26, 2003
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC D (248) 593-1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Citibank N.A. successor by merger to First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #003899F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rick E. Paquette and Jill L. Paquette, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Rock Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 6, 1998 and recorded on February 22, 1999 in Liber 763 on Page 1250, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated November 6, 1998 recorded on June 16, 1999 in Liber 774 on Page 478 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Twenty-Two and 48/100 Dollars (\$58,022.48), including interest at 8.675% 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 Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point in the centerline of State Highway M-15, which is South 87 degrees 01 minutes East, along the South line of said Section 33, 1446.42 feet to the intersection of said South line and the tangent line of a curve in the centerline of said highway (Curve data: 0 degrees 03 minutes, T=616.67 feet, Radius=114,591.11 feet, L=1233.33 feet) and along said tangent line North 11 degrees 49 minutes West, 170.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing along said tangent line, North 11 degrees 49 minutes West, 150.00 feet; thence South 87 degrees 01 minutes East, 250.00 feet; thence South 11 degrees 49 minutes East, 150.00 feet; thence North 87 degrees 01 minutes West, 250.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: December 10, 2003
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #00592F01

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: 11/19/03
Citibank, N.A.
Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Jonathan L. Engman (P56364)
Attorney for Citibank, N.A.
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470
Troy, MI 48064
248-362-2600

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel S. Vasko and Constance M. Vasko, his wife, to Pinnacle USA, A California Corporation, CFL#603-3977, Mortgagee, dated July 14, 1999 and recorded July 26, 1999 in Liber 777, Page 1073, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, formerly known as The Chase Manhattan Bank, successor by merger to Chase Bank of Texas, National Association, F/K/A Texas Commerce Bank, N.A., as Trustee and Custodian By: Saxon Mortgage Services Inc. f/k/a Meritech Mortgage Services Inc., by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Nineteen and 44/100 Dollars (\$124,919.44), including interest at the rate of 8.74% per annum.

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

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

Beginning 470 feet East of the Southwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 11 North, Range 10 East; thence North 838 feet; thence East 260 feet; thence South 838 feet; thence West 260 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: December 10, 2003
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for JPMorgan Chase Bank, formerly known as The Chase Manhattan Bank, successor by merger to Chase Bank of Texas, National Association, F/K/A Texas Commerce Bank, N.A., as Trustee and Custodian By: Saxon Mortgage Services Inc. f/k/a Meritech Mortgage Services Inc., As Assignee
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File No. 244.0722

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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 Wendy Garrison and Jeffery Garrison, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Impact Funding Corporation DBA Novelle Financial Services, a Delaware Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 28, 2001, and recorded on October 24, 2003 in Liber 961 on Page 318 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement, dated as of February 1, 2002, among Credit-Based Asset Servicing and Securitization LLC, Asset Backed Funding Corporation, Litton Loan Servicing LP and JP Morgan Chase Bank, C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2002-CB1, without recourse, Assignee by an assignment dated October 4, 2001, which was recorded on November 21, 2003, in Liber 965 on Page 764, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE AND 19/100 dollars (\$47,251.19), including interest at 9.7500% per annum. Said Mortgage recorded via an Affidavit of Lost Document dated October 2, 2003 and recorded October 24, 2003 in Liber 961 on Page 318.

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

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF DAYTON, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 25 of Cat Lake Subdivision No. 2, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 104, now being Page 54B, 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: December 10, 2003
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: Team M (248) 593-1306

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025

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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 Mortgage 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 Arbutus, 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 line of said Section 50 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 1/4 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, F.A.
f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #00307F01

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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 (\$113,614.52), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on December 18, 2003.

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

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

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by SHANE D. KELLEY and 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, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at Tuscola County Courthouse, 440 North State Street, in the Village of Caro, and County of Tuscola, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Thursday, December 11, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with seven (7%) percent interest, legal costs and attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagees 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 23, 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
Tele: (989) 872-5601

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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 8, 1999 and recorded on September 15, 1999 in Liber 782 on Page 271, and assigned by said Mortgagee to ABN AMRO Mortgage Corp, Inc. as assignee by an assignment dated September 14,

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
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Attorneys For ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.
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File #003141F01

11-19-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by ROBERT J. MCCOLLUM & CARLA L. MCCOLLUM, HUSBAND & WIFE, to AMERICAN BUSINESS MORTGAGE SERVICES, Mortgagee, dated May 3, 2002 and recorded on June 12, 2002 in Liber 881 on Page 383, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Eight and 41/100 Dollars (\$44,948.41), including interest at 10.4900% 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, MI, at 11:00 AM on January 15, 2004.

Said premises are situated in TWP. OF COLUMBIA, TUSCOLA County, Michigan, and are described as:
LOTS 5 AND 6 AND THE SOUTH 33 FEET OF LOT 7 AND 8, BLOCK 1, PLAT OF THE VILLAGE OF COLLING, COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 64, NOW BEING PAGE 128, 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: December 10, 2003

AMERICAN BUSINESS MORTGAGE SERVICES
Mortgagee

ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee
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12-10-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Amadore S. Nugent and Janice L. Nugent, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Creve Coeur Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated the 23rd day of January, 2002 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 14th day of March, 2002 in Liber 869 of Tuscola County Records, Page 1452, said Mortgage having been assigned to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., said assignment having been recorded on the 19th day of July, 2003, in Liber 886 on Page 1467, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Ninety Three Thousand Four & 49/100 (\$93,004.49), 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 9th day of January, 2004 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 8.85000% 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.

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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

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MORTGAGE SALE

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Cass City - 6370 Third St. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath with attached garage. Partially finished basement. Natural fireplace in living room. Nice, well maintained home. Seller motivated. \$89,900. TCC1385

Harbor Beach - 415 N. Lytle Ave. 3 B/R, 1 bath, 1,200 sq. ft. home with recent updates. Has a heated attached garage & 12'x12' storage shed in backyard. Move in day of closing. \$76,900. TO653

WANTED:
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Ugly - 3 Acre building site, Sec. 11, Greenleaf Twp., Sanilac County. Just off Bay City-Forestville & Thomas Rds., excellent hunting area. A524. \$29,900. Possible L/C.

Caro - 1.4 acre lot with 100' on the Cass River. Electricity and drive already in. Located on Pine Knoll Dr. \$49,900. A522/WAF183

Bad Axe - 2.93 Acres - Zoned Commercial/Light Industrial - Located within the city limits. Has paved frontage on 3 streets (Bad Axe Rd., Liberty & Patterson Sts.) City sewer & water available. L/C terms available. COM1065 REDUCED - \$69,900



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

Ahead of the Competition! Solid brick construction with interior redone. 3 bedrooms, full bath, formal dining room, 6'x18' enclosed porch. Family room could be 4th bedroom. Newer roof, 1 car garage, septic field, furnace duct work. 1.5 acres also has 32'x30' pole barn. Call Marty for the Grand Tour. BA-144

The Joy of Moving! It'll be a pleasure when your destination is this 1,000+ sq. ft. 4 bedroom. The updates include newer roof, furnace, central air, breezeway. There is also a 2 car garage and 1 car detached garage. The price is right and the timing could not be better. Call Marty O. to move today. OW-128

Walk Right In! Features abound in this 1,700+/- sq. ft. bi-level. 2/3 bedrooms, living and family room, partial basement, 2+ car attached garage. New tear-off roof, furnace and central air. Yard is 2 acres mature trees, 14'x26' deck for family fun. Call Marty O. to walk right in. CC-500

Check Me Out! This home is not a drive-by. Too many updates to see from outside. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. New windows, 8'x60' addition, L/P fireplace, new roof in 2001. 1 acres also has a 10'x13' and a 28'x38' w/8'x38' lean-to sheds, 1 car detached garage w/8'x30' lean-to. CC-509

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Grade 12

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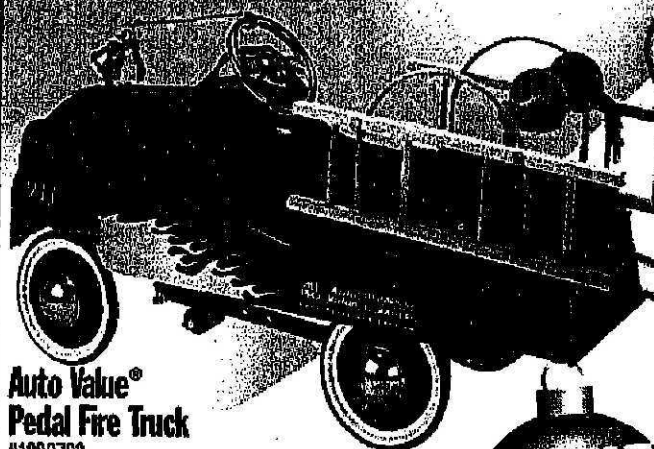
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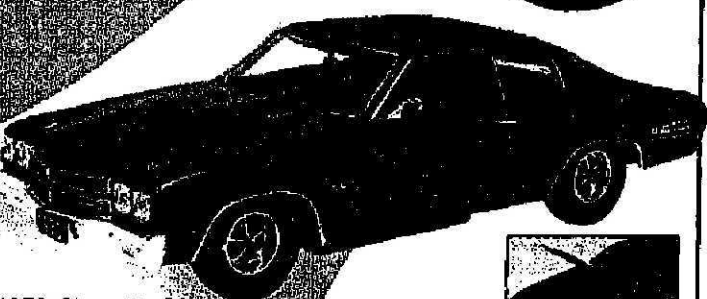
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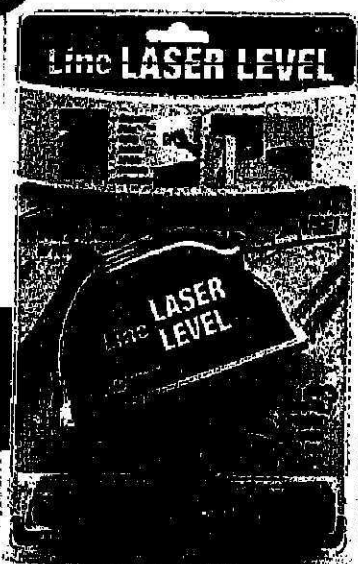
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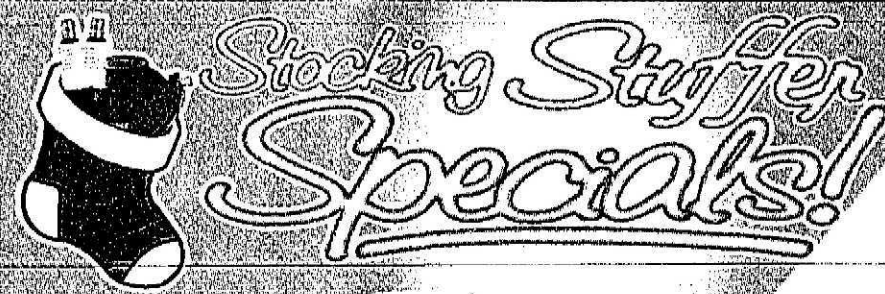
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#714: 14" Formula GT Mahogany Steering Wheel... 109⁹⁵

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PILOT™ Hitch Covers
#CRN3: Dale Earnhardt Hitch Cover
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All 18000 series numbers
• One piece, wrap around design

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2 Pc. Ventvisor
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• For most light trucks, passenger cars & SUV's

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#430402: 3" center inlet / 2" outlets

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#31101: Chevy Black
#31102: Chevy Gray
#31103: Chevy Tan
#33301: Ford Black
#33302: Ford Gray
#33303: Ford Tan
#30711: Dodge Black
#30712: Dodge Gray
#30713: Dodge Tan

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• 1pc. 60 grit sanding disc
• 1pc. 80 grit sanding disc
• 1pc. 100 grit sanding disc

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#233904
• Features peak RPM memory to recall the highest RPM
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• Maintains stored batteries at full charge
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• Maximizes battery life

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2" X 20ft. Tow Strap
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4X4 Driving Hubs
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For most 3/4 ton applications

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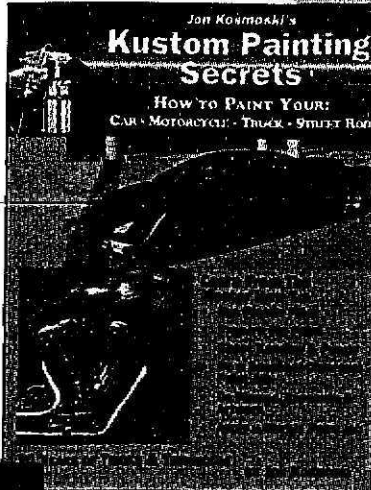
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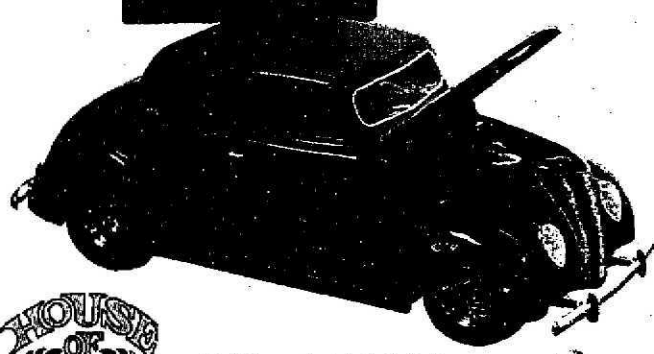
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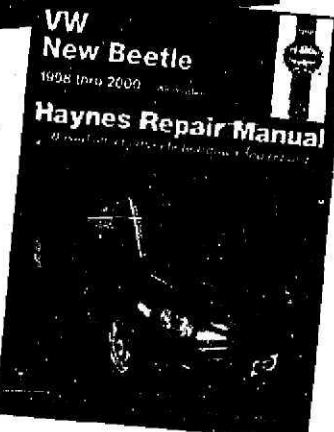
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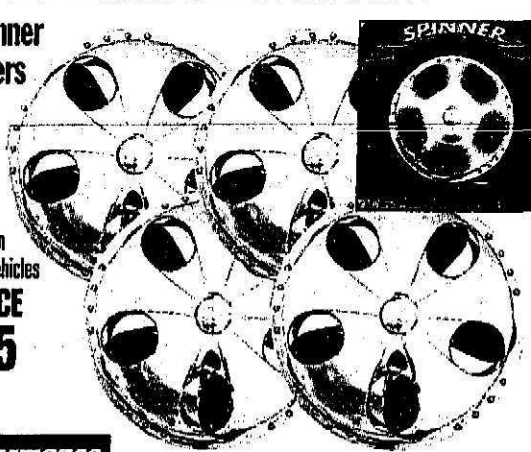


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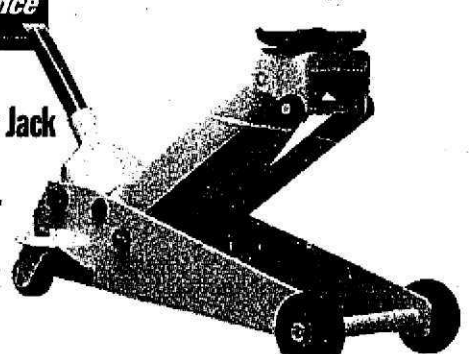
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