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Blaze damages building in Caro

Some 60 fire fighters from 7 Tuscola County departments fought a blaze that ripped through a 2-story building in downtown Caro Sunday morning, causing extensive damage to the structure.

The building at 156 N. State St. houses the Caro Masonic Lodge and Thumb Office Supply.

Caro fire fighters were called to the building, located between Howard's Beauty Academy and Innovations Salon and Day Spa, at 7:30 a.m.

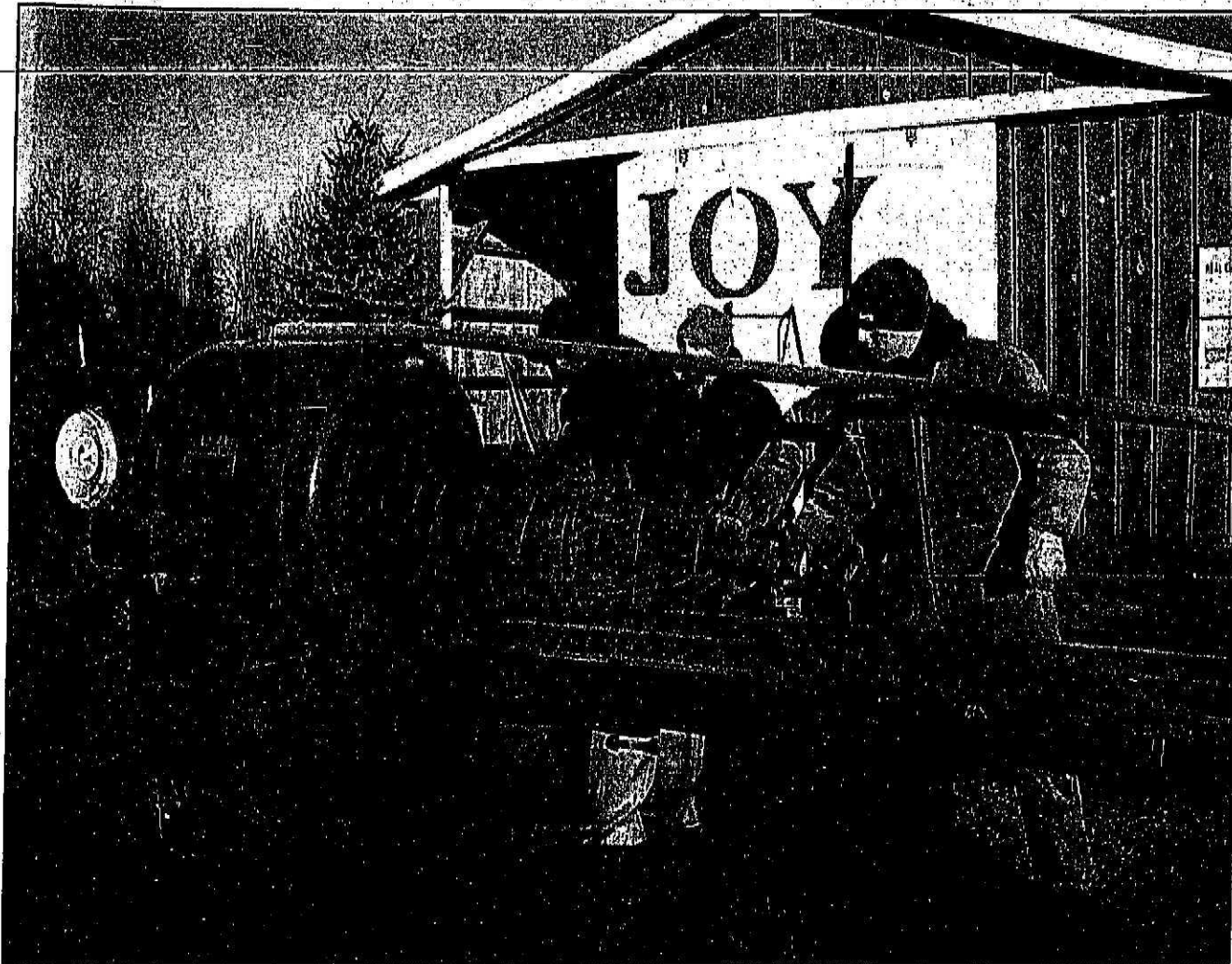
"When I got there the fire was blowing out of the southeast corner of the building," said Caro Fire Chief Dave Mattlin. "We had a heavy fire load within the building. It was cooking."

No one was inside the structure at the time of the fire, and no firemen were injured.

"The fire originated in the kitchen of the upstairs occupancy," Mattlin said, referring to the Masonic lodge. "They had had an installation of officers the previous evening and they were having some electrical problems," he noted, adding those problems are the suspected cause, although a final determination will not be made until a state fire marshal can be called in to investigate.

Mattlin said the Masonic lodge sustained heavy fire damage. "We were able to save the lodge's records and a lot of their artifacts and furnishings in the lodge room itself," he said. Thumb Office Supply sustained a great deal of water damage, but fire fighters were able to salvage "quite a bit" of property inside the business, Mattlin said.

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Oh, Christmas tree...

A CREW AT THE Silvernail Tree Farm near Kingston is ready to assist customers looking for that special Christmas tree. The workers have been busy this year, transporting, shaking and bundling trees for hundreds of residents.

At Silvernail Tree Farm

Christmas trees going fast

When it came time to retire, Carl Silvernail considered sitting back and taking it easy after a teaching career spanning 25 years, but it wasn't long before the Kingston area man realized that wasn't the life for him.

So, Silvernail put his background in agriculture to use again by planting some trees. Today, Silvernail and his partners, Ted and Jim Brzezinski, also of Kingston, have a thriving landscape nursery and Christmas tree

farm. This is the trio's busy time of the year as customers come from all over to select that perfect Christmas tree. Many are repeat customers who know exactly what they're looking for, and most take the time to search for and then cut down their own tree, according to Silvernail, 72. "From Thanksgiving on, it's very busy," he said, adding hundreds of people visit the farm, located about 2 miles east of Kingston, during the weekends in December. "Yesterday (Friday), there were 2 of us working, and we were non-stop."

Customers find a wide selection of trees to choose from, although many have a personal preference for one variety or another.

"The scotch pine is the old standby," Silvernail said. "The Colorado blue spruce has been a big seller, but now the firs are becoming an increasing portion of the mar-

ket. I think probably the firs hold their needles the longest and hold their color the best."

Silvernail grows Douglas, Fraser and concolor fir trees. He said Fraser firs are native only to certain mountainous regions and prefer cool, damp summers, which makes them difficult to grow.

"They're one of the exotic trees, but we're learning to raise them in Michigan," he said, noting he's found that the soil on a good portion of his land is very suitable for growing the variety.

"Because they're so hard to raise, we charge more for these," he added. "This year we're getting about \$10 a foot. The other trees average half that."

Silvernail, who also grows white spruce trees, said the Douglas fir and other varieties are becoming increasingly popular.

"The scotch pine used to be 90 percent of the business.

Now it's 60 percent," he continued. "With the firs, increasingly we're getting (customers) from the city, the suburbs. People seem to be willing to pay a little more."

Also gaining popularity are potted trees, which customers can use for the Christmas season and later plant in their yards, Silvernail said. "We sell hundreds of those each Christmas."

Silvernail pointed out that raising the trees involves much more than planting and harvesting.

"A lot of people think, 'we're going to plant and sell Christmas trees', but there's a lot of work. We have to shape the tree every year, and we spray for weed control and also for disease and insect control."

How quickly the trees grow, he explained, depends on age and variety. "It'll vary," he said. "We buy trees that are already 3 to 5 years old.

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Church to use Deford School

School approves lease of building

The Cass City School Board approved leasing the former Deford School Building to the Deford Country Church for \$500 per month at its regular meeting Monday at the high school.

It is expected that the church, under the direction of Pastor Dan Strength, will approve the terms. The lease requires a security deposit of \$500 with a guarantee of a minimum of 6 months use. After that the lease may be terminated by either party with 30 days notice.

The board also reviewed a request by Jeff Doerr of TotalCom in Cass City to use the school tower at Deford in exchange for service. The board refused the request, but indicated that it would consider renting the tower for a payment of about \$100 per month.

TotalCom would use the tower to expand its wireless coverage in the Deford area.

The board is expected to apply to the state for participation in the Freedom to Learn program that includes a laptop computer for each of the 130 students in the sixth grade.

However, Supt. Ken Micklash said it's doubtful if Cass City would be one of the schools approved. Participation will be based on need and since Cass City now has a computer for each 2 students we should not be high on the priority list.

Even if the school does become one of the select few it's not at all certain that it will enter the program. Lyle Severance, tech coordinator, and Jeff Hartel, middle school principal, explained the program.

There would be an initial cost of \$25 a student to qualify and another \$62.50 per student for training in the program. Other questions that would need to be answered are the cost of insurance and the cost of maintaining the 130 units. If the program proceeds as outlined, the computers would stay with the students and the number of machines requiring maintenance double

each year.

If the state abandons the program after a year or so, it could cause a serious problem for the school, Micklash pointed out.

Applications to enter the program must be submitted by Jan. 16.

OTHER BUSINESS

Forms for evaluation of the

board and the superintendent were distributed and are due to be returned for the January meeting.

Cass City High School received a B rating in the statewide school evaluation by the Michigan Department of Education. Although the rating is satisfactory, the school is appealing part of the rating because of inaccurate statistics in the survey.

Council okays lean budget

Cass City officials Monday approved a lean 2004 spending plan totaling \$2.75 million, slightly less than actual estimated expenditures this year. Revenues for the year are projected at \$2.83 million.

The Village Council unanimously approved the budget following a 15-minute public hearing during the special meeting.

Council President Les Karr noted the new spending plan is based, in part, on a slight increase - 1.2 percent - in the village's taxable value. The estimated millage is 18.2746 mills, an increase of .11 of a mill. For the owner of a home valued at \$80,000, the increase translates into an additional \$4.40 in taxes in 2004.

Karr said the millage rate is only an estimate and won't be set until March, when the exact taxable value will be known.

Also factored into the budget is a wage increase of 1.56 percent for full- and part-time village employees. The exception is seasonal part-time workers, whose pay will remain the same. A chart outlining the increase accompanies this story.

On the revenue side, Karr pointed out the village, like many others, is being forced to get by on less money. Among the hardest hit areas is state shared revenues. Village officials expect to receive 12 percent (about \$38,000) less from that revenue source next year.

Karr noted a few revisions in the proposed spending plan since the council last met in November.

They include a fee cut of \$5 in the seasonal charge for the arts and crafts program, from \$25 to \$20 for village

residents and \$30 to \$25 for non-residents. In addition, the police department will now charge \$5 for fingerprinting and out-of-jurisdiction accident reports.

The 2004 General Fund budget is slightly less - just over \$8,000 - than the actual estimated 2003 expenditures of \$1,245,762. Revenues are set at \$1,237,964.

Village Manager Frank Sheridan said last month that he hopes to balance the budget without dipping into the fund balance, which is expected to be near the \$326,000 the village is expected to have at the end of the current fiscal year. The figure equals enough cash to run the village for about 3 months.

Among the village's other funds, revenues remain steady in the street fund thanks to stable gas and weight tax levels, which enable the village to tackle a number of planned paving projects.

The wastewater and water funds, on the other hand, continue to struggle to keep pace with rising equipment maintenance costs, which prompted officials to implement slight rate increases.

The hikes are \$1.27 per month, or about 3 percent, for wastewater. The figure is based on the average household, which uses about 7,000 gallons. Water rates were increased by \$1 per month for the basic charge, again based on the average usage of 7,000 gallons.

Sheridan recommended the increases due to rising costs, including those related to the aging wastewater plant, where officials will invest \$110,000 in 2004.

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Northwood honors Lambert Althaver



Lambert (Bert) E. Althaver of Cass City was the guest speaker at Northwood University's winter commencement, held Saturday in the Bennett Sports Center in Midland.

Althaver, retired chairman and CEO of Walbro Corporation and a 1997 Northwood University Outstanding Business Leader and trustee, charged the graduates with "making a difference." He was vested as Doctor of Laws, h.c., at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Althaver began his career at Walbro Corporation in 1954 as an accountant and quickly rose to the top, retiring in 1998 as a chairman and chief executive officer. He served on the board of directors of the company from 1968 until his retirement.

Althaver was born in Kansas City, Mo., and received a BBA Degree from Principia College in Elmhurst, Ill. He spent 2 years in the military before joining Walbro Corporation.

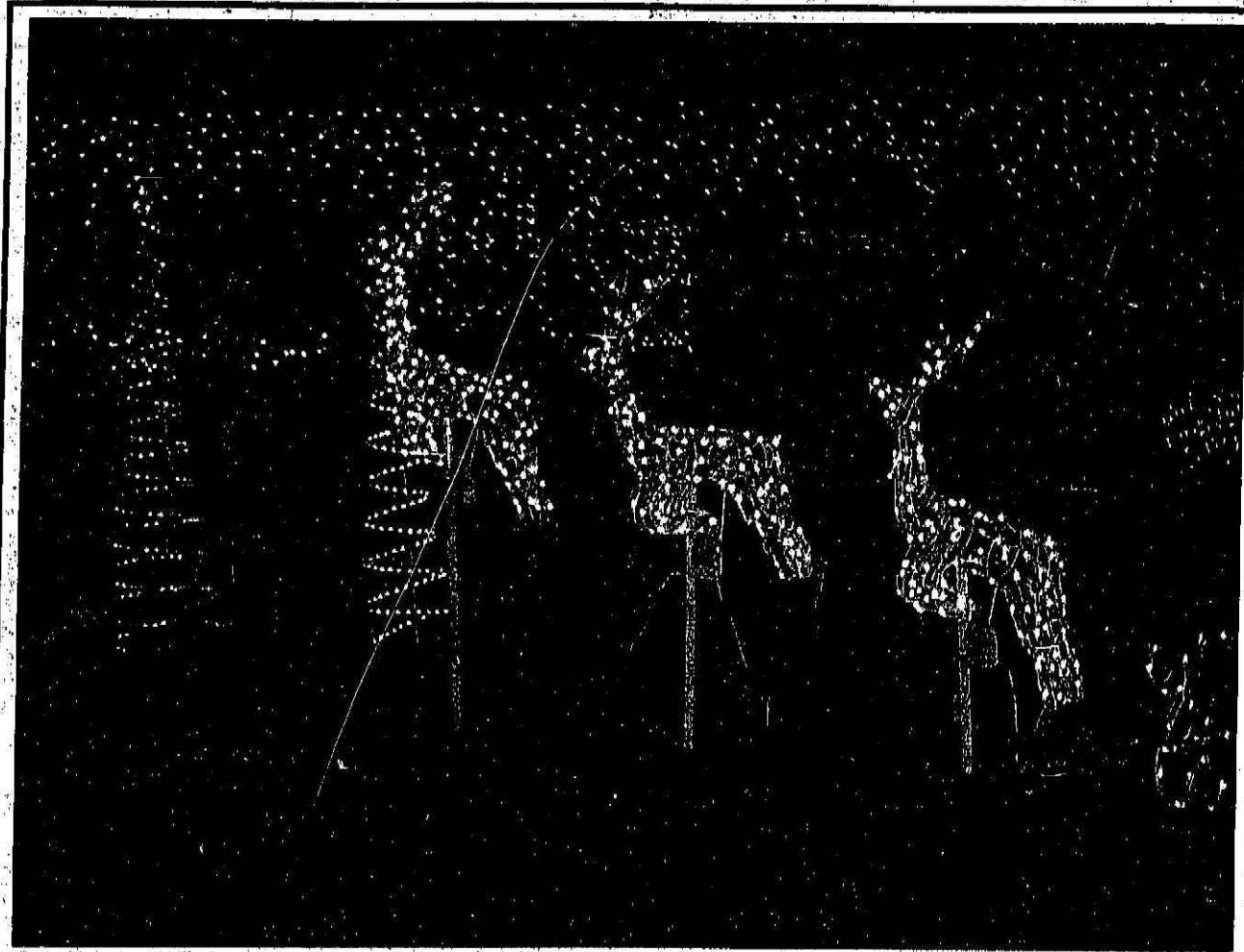
In Cass City, he served as village president for 32 years and is currently chairman of the Tuscola Area Airport Authority and director of the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation. He was also a member of the Tuscola County Planning Commission.

Active in Boy Scouts of America, Althaver received the Distinguished Eagle Scout and Silver Beaver awards.

He has served as director of the Cass City Arts Council and as a director and business manager of the Village Bach Festival, which was held in Cass City for many years. He was a director of Artrain USA for more than 25 years and served as chairman of the board for several years.

The Cass City Chamber of Commerce named Althaver Citizen of the Year in 1978. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International and has served as president of the local Rotary Club.

In 1998, he was elected to the board of the American Business Conference, a coalition of mid-size growth companies, headquartered in Washington, D.C. Althaver was also appointed to the board of Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City, was on the board of directors of the Michigan Municipal League Foundation and has been a member of the board of directors of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.



DECK THE HALLS...There's no shortage of brightly lit holiday decorations in the Cass City area. This display was set up by Shelly Cook at her family's Koepfgen Road residence.

VILLAGE OF CASS CITY 2004 WAGE CHART (PER HOUR) FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

ADMINISTRATION:	2003	2004	% Incr.
Village Manager	30.21	30.60	1.30 %
Village Clerk/Treasurer	20.68	21.09	1.98 %
Executive Assistant	15.63	16.12	3.12 %
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & PARKS:			
DPW Superintendent	25.17	25.58	1.64 %
Asst. DPW Superintendent	22.30	22.67	1.66 %
DPW Crew	20.21	20.58	1.85 %
Parks & Recreation Supervisor	15.98	16.35	2.30 %
WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT:			
WWTP Superintendent	25.17	25.58	1.64 %
WWTP Operators	20.21	20.58	1.85 %
Crew Out-of-Class Pay	22.20	22.57	
POLICE:			
Chief of Police	25.17	25.58	1.64 %
Deputy Chief of Police	22.32	22.69	1.67 %
Sergeant	20.71	21.09	1.85 %
Patrol Officer	20.21	20.58	1.85 %
Patrol Officer (current)	17.60	18.53	5.30 %

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 658-2347



Eight members of the Greenleaf Extended Homemakers met at Northwood Meadows for dinner on Thursday where they collected items for the Sanilac County Baby Pantry.

Eight members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at Big Boy in Bad Axe for breakfast Thursday morning. They will meet at the Peppermill in Bad Axe next week.

Mrs. Hiram Keyser, Mrs. Melvin Particka, Lana Puterbaugh and Mrs. Jim Doerr visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland on Thursday afternoon.

Sally and Pat Bell, Lauren and Katelynn of Cheboygan, Eric and Heidi Sweeney, Brandon, Nicole, and Brett and Wayne Sweeney were Saturday guests of Jim and Kay Sweeney where they celebrated Lauren and Katelynn's birthdays.

Reva Silver was a Wednesday afternoon guest of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly were Tuesday evening guests of Margaret Cook in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the senior dinner,

drawing and dance at the Fox Hunters in Uby on Thursday. Mrs. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen attended the Uby Elementary School Christmas Party Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Deachin of Detroit, Mrs. Martin Sweeney and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wallace were Tuesday afternoon guests of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and Mrs. Curtis Cleland visited Leone Doerr at Argyle Sunday evening.

Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly attended the Bad Axe Lions Club dinner Monday evening and later went to the health center where the Lions Club put on a Christmas program.

Phil and Cheryl Sweeney of Brown City were Friday afternoon guests of Jim and Kay Sweeney.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the Over 50 Club Christmas potluck dinner at Oswald Hall on Tuesday where they played card bingo. The next meeting will be January 13.

Mrs. Melvin Particka and Mrs. Evans Giffard visited Mrs. Arnold Lapeer at Northwood Meadows in Cass City.

Julie Koroleski of Bad Axe and Allen Farrelly visited Eleanor Koskie at Covenant Hospital on Tuesday morning.

Bob Cleland Sr. spent a week in Walled Lake where he visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cleland and family and other friends.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz and Mrs. Jerry Grika attended the golden wedding party at The Bad Axe

Inn for Tony and Jackie Koroleski Saturday evening. Allen Farrelly visited Don Rackoff, Harley Salisbury and Florence Labetski at the Huron County Medical Health Center Tuesday.

Janet Hagen and Diann visited Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen Saturday morning.

Seven couples of the Young Ideas Farm Bureau met at Cousins for a fish fry supper and later at the Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Heleski where cards were played. Dewey Holz won the traveling prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans Giffard were Tuesday guests of George Barber in Royal Oak.

Bernard Morley, Claude Mestack, Jack Kennedy and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Saturday morning.

Mrs. Evans Giffard and Charlotte Particka visited Mrs. Lloyd Grika at Northwood Meadows in Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Henley were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Iseler, Gina and Ali for ice cream and cake for Ali's 12th birthday.

Allen Farrelly visited Don Rackoff at the Huron County Health Center and attended the 3rd floor Christmas party there.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Filar of Clinton Township, Mr. and Mrs. John Haire of Cass City, Joyce Pechett of San Diego, Susie Cook of Lansing and Mrs. Melvin Particka visited Thelma Jackson.

Mrs. Eugene Cleland of Bad Axe, Mrs. Jim Doerr and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Tuesday lunch guests of Bessie Sanbaugh of Sterling Heights.

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

Glaza named student of the month

Randi L. Glaza has been named Owendale-Gagetown's Senior Student of the Month for December.



Randi Glaza

While at Owen-Gage, Glaza has been active in sports as a member of the softball, volleyball and golf teams for 2 years along with being a member of the basketball team for 4 years. She is also a member of this year's dance team.

Glaza served as class secretary as a junior and president as a sophomore. Currently, she is secretary of the Student Council and president of the senior class. She has been a member of the Quiz Bowl Team and a cast member in 2 school plays.

Glaza was selected as a homecoming representative as a freshman and senior. For the last 2 years, she has attended the Huron Area Skill Center to study cosmetology. She also has taken dance lessons for 3 years.

Glaza is the daughter of Denise and Randy Radabaugh of Owendale, and Dave Glaza of Harbor Beach. Her future plans are to complete her cosmetology education over the summer and then attend Eastern Michigan University, where she plans to major in secondary education.



Meg's Peg
Grinchitis
by Melva E. Guinther

'Tis the season for "Fa la la la" on the radio and holiday classics on TV — "White Christmas", "Holiday Inn", "It's a Wonderful Life", "Frosty The Snowman", etc.

We passed when "A Christmas Story" aired for the first time this year. In case you don't remember, it's the account of Ralphie, who desperately wants a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas and has to deal with the "You'll shoot your eye out" mind set of adults. It's pretty funny, but after watching it year after year, you get so you almost know it by heart.

I haven't seen Scrooge or The Grinch yet this season, but I'm convinced that one of their relatives has been out and about.

Much like Dr. Seuss' Grinch who attempted to steal Christmas, this character seems determined to rob people of the true Christmas spirit.

Sometimes he's subtle, but make no mistake, he's out to remove the joy from "Joy To The World." He likes to spread the extremely contagious affliction we'll call Grinchitis.

You often catch sight of him among shoppers who shove, cuss, snap at and occasionally trample one another in true Grinch-like fashion. They're bent on getting a bargain on something that will express tender feelings toward someone on their gift list.

The devious fellow invades households of normally loving, happy families when their resistance has been lowered by the pressure of too many holiday activities and the stress level is near the breaking point.

He likes to infect children with the Greed virus, causing them to make l-o-n-g wish lists and fully expect to

find it all under the tree Christmas morning.

When passed on to adults, it often erupts in swellings of guilt, inadequacy or frustration when they're unable to find or can't afford the requested items. In some cases the illness drives folks to lose all control, causing them to fulfill the requests, even if it means pushing the credit cards to the limit, or even beyond.

This guy's sneaky, but sometimes you catch a glimpse of him in the mirror, replacing smiles with worry lines and frowns and "ho, ho, ho" with "oh no, no's."

When friends drop by unexpectedly, he'll push you to the edge of your seat and set your foot tapping, wishing they'd leave so you could get to the pressing task of wrapping, decorating and baking those essential Christmas cookies.

Busyness may be his most powerful weapon. He likes to keep people too preoccupied with the hustle and bustle to exercise fundamental kindness and consideration for those around them.

He also thrives in an atmosphere of self pity. If he can persuade folks to think about how lonely, miserable and unappreciated they are instead of counting their blessings, his mission is half accomplished.

The true Christmas Spirit can't survive in the midst of self-centeredness.

My advice if you fear you've been infected is to sit down, close your eyes, take a deep breath and remind yourself that it will all be over Dec. 26.

It might also help to remember what Christmas is really all about.

Campbell students on the honor roll

Campbell Elementary School announces the fourth grade second marking period honor roll.

Angela Braun, Richard Brooks, Samantha Clapper, Maria Collins, Kelsey Dillon, Joshua Farkas, Alexis Fetterhoff, Rebecca Hacker, Kyle Hanby, Jordan Hendrian, Corey Hool, Joshua Jensen, Alexa Kamrad, Troy Kausch, Kristen Kawecky, Nicole Kelley, Drew King, Tessa Kus, April Langley, Alyssa Lawrence, Trenton Loomis, Lindsay McMahan, Megan

Metzger, Josie Moore, Ethan Nicol, Taylor Nye, Zachary Osentoski, Megan Parrish, Alexandra Pena, Zachary Potykus, Morgan Potter, Justin Powell, Jessa Prieskorn, Jordyn Rasmussen, Logan Rowell, Travis Schmitt, Alexander Smith, Zachary Speirs, Shannon Stec, Heather Sweeney, David TerBush, Courtney Thompson, Hayley Thorpe, Cassandra Tomlinson, Jared Weidman, Michael Wills, Jessica Yax, Ashley Zakrzewski, Alex Zaleski and Sarah Zmierski.

Novesta cantata on tap

The Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, will present the Christmas cantata, "Festival of Lights", Sunday during the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

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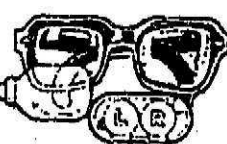
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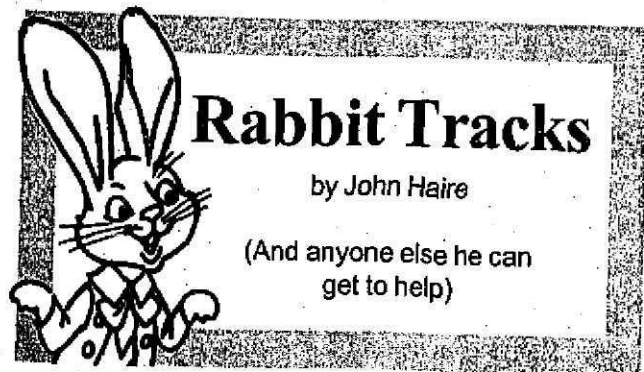
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A collection of pay stubs that Bob McArthur found as he was sorting out documents that belonged to his late father, Stanley, provides a glimpse of how it was in the early 1940s.

He saved the pay stubs from his time as an employee of Nestles Milk Co. Nestles was Cass City's principal employer and the pay was good.

McArthur's pay stub revealed that he received 66 cents an hour, straight time, which was 48 hours (8 hours a day for 6 days). Overtime paid a princely 99 cents an hour. One week he earned several hours of overtime.

Must have been rolling in dough.

Saturday was the first time that I attended a performance at Cass City's United Methodist Church.

The Tom Thumb Singers presented their 21st concert Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. I was pleasantly surprised by how good the speaker system and the acoustics were in the church.

It was a fun night and both the choir and the audience were obviously having a good time. Perhaps that's why the 48-member choir still has 6 charter members. The charter members are Janet Francis, President Geneva Richards, Tom Proctor, Mary Ann Opanasenko, Doty Scollon and Treasurer Norma Wallace.

Incidentally, Doug Burtch, Cass City High School Band Director, is probably the most recent addition to the organization. He was drafted to play the drums in the choir's impressive closing number, "Battle Hymn of the Republic".

Christmas will be here before you know it. The last visit of Santa Claus in the village will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Cass City Municipal Building.

Time is also growing short for kids to write letters to Santa to be published in next week's Chronicle. Deadline for the letters is Friday, Dec. 19. Wallet sized pictures are welcome. There is no charge.

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CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK
By Dr. Robert Gabriel

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STUDENTS AT THE Cass City Early Childhood Education Center have combined efforts to provide some Christmas treats for their 4-legged friends at the Tuscola County Humane Society. Representing each class above are (from left) Shaede Perzanowski, Hoyt Merchant, Parker Haire and Austyn Liebeskind.

\$47,167 grant to assist needy in Tuscola County

Congressman Dale E. Kildee recently announced that the 5th Congressional District of Michigan, including Tuscola County, will share in \$559,359 in emergency food and shelter grants.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded the grants to provide shelter, food and supportive services for the hungry and homeless.

"I think this news will come as a pleasant surprise to all those individuals without a home or a warm meal during this holiday season," Kildee said in making the announcement. "These funds will enable local government agencies and non-profit organizations to provide critical assistance to homeless and hungry individuals."

"In order to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty, we must provide every homeless and hungry individual with immediate access to food, housing and support services to help them avoid a life on the streets," Kildee added.

Tuscola County will receive \$47,167 in the grant funding, while Bay County will receive, \$70,075, Saginaw County, \$144,461 and Genesee County, \$297,656.

The Emergency Food and Shelter (EFS) Program is administered by a national board of volunteer agencies chaired by FEMA.

The national board provides supplemental funding to shelters, soup kitchens, food banks, and rent, mortgage and utility assistance programs. In each county, a

local board advertises the availability of funds, establishes local priorities, selects local non-profit and govern-

mental agencies to receive supplemental funding, and monitors program compliance.



A little of this and that as seen from the corner of Oak and Main streets, thoughts about items caught in the passing parade.

In a controversial decision, President George Bush has decreed that only countries that have sent troops to Iraq will be allowed to share in the \$18.6 billion reconstruction projects needed to rebuild the country.

You can make a case for or against the proposal. Here's one vote that says no matter the decision, it comes too late. The day to get troop help in Iraq and support from our traditional allies was before we jumped into war.

Sometimes a straight line is not the quickest way to reach your destination. Making a delivery to Al's Bump Shop on Schwegler Road, that's a couple short blocks south of M-81, I found that out.

It's only about 1.5 miles from my house so I decided to walk, carrying 2 packages. The original intent was to walk the highway all the way. But the packages gained a little weight as I traveled, so I decided to cut through Elkland Township Cemetery.

Now the part of the cemetery that faces M-81 is level and easy to get across. But it's a different story where the cemetery faces Schwegler Road. There's a good-sized drainage ditch there and no easy way across.

It was either cross that ditch or walk back to M-81 and fool that I am, I decided to cross the ditch. I won't go into the horrible details of my ditch safari, except to say that one hand was bleeding

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The back forty

by Roger Pond

A recent conversation reminded me that newcomers don't always feel accepted in rural communities. We are accepted, of course. We just don't realize it.

I've known folks who moved into rural communities and spent several years worrying about whether they were accepted or not. That's silly.

They have to accept us. Whether they like us or not is up to us, but they have to accept us.

As one who grew up in a farm community and has lived in 3 others, I've never had the slightest concern about the old-timers accepting me. Besides, I've finally reached the age where I'm nearly as old as the old-timers.

I think rural people actually like newcomers. Everybody knows what the established residents are going to do. Newcomers add a touch of suspense.

That's the big difference between farm communities and urban areas. Everyone seems a stranger in the city, but folks will spot you a mile away out in the country.

I used to stop at a little farm country café for coffee. I knew nearly everyone there, so I wasn't exactly a stranger, but being from out of the area made me a "foreigner" of sorts.

The tradition at the café was to roll the dice to see who bought the coffee. A touch of joy rolled through the place when I showed up.

I always bought the coffee, partly because I was unlucky, and partly because I didn't know the rules. That's the first rule of the game: if you don't know the rules, you lose.

"O.K.," I'd tell them. "I'm going to buy the coffee, but I'll roll the dice if I have to." "Oh, boy! Foreign money," they'd say. "It's about time we got some outside money in this place."

I think the best way to understand rural communities is to remember that anyone who has lived here less than 10 years is still pretty much a transient. Who knows how long they are going to be around?

Those who've lived here more than 30 years might be considered residents, but it's

way too late to become a pioneer family.

Readers may recall the story of a young school teacher who moved to a rural area of Maine - and wanted very badly to become an established member of the community. After several years of residence the young man was talking to a neighboring farmer about some new residents down the road.

"You know, I can understand that people like me will always be considered outsiders in Maine," the young fel-

low said. "And I know it takes awhile to become established in an old community like this."

"But my kids were born here. Will they be accepted as natives of Maine?"

The old farmer kicked around in the dirt, and finally said, "You have a cat don't you, Jim?"

"Well, yes we have a cat," Jim said.

"Let's look at it this way," the farmer said. "If your cat had kittens in the oven, you wouldn't call them biscuits, would you?"

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Red Hawk Talks

by Kristi Fluegge

A great thing about holidays is that there are so many activities you can be a part of. But it seems like there are some people that get stressed out for this very same reason. It is important to remember how Christmas should be. Every holiday is meant for enjoyment and fun.

At our schools; Campbell, middle school, and the high school, we welcome the holiday with spirit and energy!

I was truly inspired on December 11 to write this article. The gym was packed; even the doorways and balcony were crowded last Thursday at our high school gymnasium. Family, friends, and students enjoyed an amazing performance by all our bands and choir. The "Holiday Collage Concert" was incomparable to any other! Around 350 students were entertaining an expected 1,200 people with their outstanding singing and playing.

Mr. Burch kicked off the concert and asked the audience to please withhold applause until the end of the night. However, he did mention if anyone could not withhold his or her applause because they were so moved that this would be okay. Well, after approximately three pieces every completion was followed by applause. The entire audience "was so moved!"

Personally, my favorite was the Russian Christmas Music performed by the high school concert band. It nearly received a standing ovation and clapping lasted several minutes. Within an hour and fifteen minutes the Beginning Band, the 6th, 7th and 8th grade bands, the High School Concert & Jazz bands, and even the high school choir and the Middle School Jazz Band ended a continuous and exciting performance.

If you were one of the few who did not attend this Christmas performance you still have another chance to hear the band play. Including today, Tuesday, and this Friday, the band has four more events in February and March.

There are many other events in addition to the concerts that take place before Christmas. At our high school a few Christmas activities are carried out. National Honor Society holds an annual toy drive around this time every year. It started last week and will end this week. Students bring in toys hoping they will make a difference to children who wake up Christmas morning and find more than they were expecting.

The staff also joins in on the holiday fun by having "Secret Santa." After the staff returned from Thanksgiving they received another staff member's name. They were then that person's Secret Santa, getting little gifts for them up until Christmas, or just one big present for Christmas.

The high school does a few things to celebrate the holiday, but they don't get into it quite as much as the elementary and middle school. At both Campbell and the middle school, every class holds their own classroom Christmas party in addition to other individual events.

A big event for the middle school is the Performing Arts Class's play. The eighth graders are holding a Santa's Secret Workshop as a fundraiser for their trip to Washington, D.C. The 5th grade class raised over \$125 for the F.I.A. that purchased 5 Wal-Mart gift cards for 5 high school students. On Friday at the middle school all the elementary students go down to the gym to have a sing along with Mr. Hobbs.

Last, but not least, I found something out about the Early Childhood Center that surprised me. I was pleased to learn that they decided to collect money for the animal shelter instead of exchanging gifts.

I was very impressed by all of the holiday spirit I found at our Cass City schools. Thanks to the students, parents and staff that have remembered what the holiday is all about and even gone out of their way to make it more enjoyable for everyone this holiday. See you next week in Red Hawk Talks!

Bodrie faces years in prison

A Unionville man convicted on 9 counts of criminal sexual conduct was sentenced to 10 to 30 years in prison last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

A jury previously handed down guilty verdicts against George L. Bodrie, 44, on one count of first degree criminal sexual conduct and 8 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct.

According to court records, the crimes involved a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years and took place between March and August 2002 in Columbia Township.

In other recent circuit court proceedings;

•Michael G. Parker, 39, Vassar, pleaded guilty to possession of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 25 grams) May 1 in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond in the case was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Michael J. Hagle, 46, Millington, pleaded guilty to attempted possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, and possession of marijuana May 16 in Millington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$15,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Levi Owens, 51, Saginaw, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail (180 days deferred) and 12 months probation for his plea of guilty to carrying a concealed weapon May 30 in Vassar.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,620.

•Earl A. Northrop Jr., 28, Decker, was sentenced to 2

to 5 years in prison for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 14 in Novesta Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$660 in costs and fines.

•Kenneth E. Williams, 30, Flint, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail, with worksite privileges, for his pleas of guilty to possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, second offense, July 27, 1998, in Caro, and to absconding or forfeiting bond Sept. 19, 1998, in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$380.

•Jason W. Endert, 24, Cass City, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 5 in Caro.


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

•Thurmon R. Tucker, 21, Cass City, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 180 days in jail, with work/school release, for his plea of no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon May 31 in Caro.

He was also ordered to undergo substance abuse therapy (residential treatment) and to pay costs and fines totaling \$4,060 plus restitution of \$802.

•Adam S. Gainforth, 19, Unionville, pleaded guilty to carrying a concealed weapon, driving while his license was suspended or revoked, and using an artificial light while in possession of a firearm Sept. 29 in Wisner Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,500. Sentencing is to be set.



Bulldog Beat

by Laura Enderle

The Owendale gym and cafeteria was packed this past Saturday as the third annual Fun Fair got underway.

It seemed as though the whole community, young and old, came together to celebrate the joy of Christmas. Some may have called it a Bulldog Christmas Wonderland. The Owen-Gage Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) has sponsored this every year and it has proven to be more successful time after time. It is a great opportunity for the whole school to raise money for separate groups.

Let me tell you what it actually is. The PTO provides a food stand, bake sale, 2 different raffles, craft booth and a cotton candy stand. Then each class and organization from pre-school to twelfth grade gets a chance to set up a booth around the gym. This year they even opened spaces up for outside crafters.

The families come and buy tickets for their children to play games and for every game they win, they receive a different color ticket to take to the prize booth. The school is open from 10 to 2, and for those 4 hours it is wall-to-wall fun for everyone.

The games seemed to be endless this year. The sixth graders sponsored Smack the Mole, bottle fishing, and the Price is Right game PLINKO. The creative minds in seventh grade made some money with minnow racing, a ring toss, and bowling. The eighth graders had three booths including darts, a football toss and a sling shot game where they had each teacher's smiling face pasted on a can waiting to be dented! The freshmen class hosted a hot electronics raffle, sucker pull, and junior basketball shots. The sophomores wanted people to "Guess the Mess" by putting their hand inside a bowl of who knows what! The junior class sponsored the super competitive Play Station Playoff. Seniors tried to target the young and old with a wooden personal name sign raffle and the traditional face painting.

Junior high cheerleaders had a free throw challenge, a duck pond, and a puzzle game with popcorn. Junior high band was popular with the young children who enjoyed throwing pies in other student's faces. The senior high band had a rubber band target and lawn darts. The French Club sponsored a cakewalk and if players weren't satisfied there, they could go to the cookie walk

by National Honor Society. Student representatives from each class manned their booths and had fun along with the players. I personally was amazed by some of the great ideas these students came up with.

The elementary students worked hard for the past few weeks making a huge variety of crafts to sell for this special day. The pre-school class headed by Ann Garske designed gift bags, hot beverage mixes, wrapping paper, moose floor mats and various ornaments. Andrea Ross and her sweet kindergartners made applesauce cinnamon ornaments and hot cocoa mix in the shape of an ice cream cone with marshmallows on top.

Together, Sandy Parks and the first and second graders created smiling snowmen about the same size as their designers (2-4 feet high). The third grade class headed by Kay Nguyen made helping hands cardholders, door-knob hangers and angel pins as precious as the children. Amy Maurer led her fourth and fifth grade students in designing unique Christmas cards, snowman smores in a jar, and bird feeders that topped the selling list. Theresa Hurley's gifted special education class made small gift bags and rag ball ornaments.

Mrs. Hurley and Kelly Bencheck also put plenty of hard work in making a community cookbook sold at the fair. This year it seemed because there was an increase in game activities that the craft sales went down, but all in all the day was a huge success!

The 2003 Fun Fair demonstrated a great time for the whole community. Because everyone did their part in helping, it made for an outstanding day without the stress that usually comes with this hectic holiday season. The only thing missing was an ice rink wrapped around the huge tree in the center, but the joyful, care-free children racing around was the perfect substitute. Santa even came to fulfill his duties with a picture booth for the children.

It is a great feeling to live in such a safe place where children can run freely together. Many people refer to the Owen-Gage school district as one big family and Saturday sure proved that to be true.

One last thanks to everyone, local businesses, parents, teachers, staff and students who helped bring things together! Have a healthy and happy holiday!

Letters to the editor

Bands outstanding

Last week, Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, a most amazing thing happened. I would like to have called it a Christmas Miracle. An open invitation was extended to all to come to the Cass City High School to see the expanded music department perform.

When I arrived 30 minutes early, I found the bleacher section nearly filled and the 10 rows of seats the length of the gymnasium filling fast. Saving seats is always hard to understand, but it was standing room only by performance time.

Chairs and music stands were arranged for 7 bands, including two Jazz bands as well as high school choir and smaller groups. Doug Burch, the new director of bands and Christine Foerster, assistant director, along with several students were checking to see that all equipment was in its proper place. Students begin filing in by band. An amazing number of shiny instruments were held carefully. Three hundred and sixty Cass City students filled the gymnasium floor. In Cass City? Unheard of, not possible!

With only marching band

uniforms before, all students were dressed in black and white as concert bands always wear. Yes, I saw one lad with a black top hat. But Mr. Burch entered with a Tux with tails. (Nothing like setting the tone for students in dress, attitude and class.)

Were these countywide bands? No, all 360 were Cass City students. Even the beginning band, mostly 5th grade, has 60 members. They proceeded with 90 minutes of magic in the Holiday Collage Concert. With two fine directors, it was a precision performance moving from band to chorus to band with no breaks. We have reasons to be very proud of our students and happy to have Doug Burch to lead us in a music revival. I can hardly wait for the next concert.

Sincerely,
Tom Proctor

Eviction notice very sad

Speaking of moving, and starting a new business in Cass City because "we" are such a friendly village. Amanda Roggenbuck is evicting a single mother of 2 children because the mother babysits to pay her bills. In Ms. Roggenbuck's belief there is more than one adult and 2 children living in the apartment.

It's Ms. Roggenbuck's intention to remodel the apartment and utilize it personally. Giving the single mother 20 days to vacate the premises. In the month of December, with no funds, and the children can't even put up a Christmas tree.

I find it very sad. Things could have been done differently if all she wanted was to remodel and utilize the apartment herself.

Proverbs 18:24: A man/woman that hath friends must show himself/herself to be friendly.

Elizabeth King
Cass City

Editor's note: the preceding letter was written by the tenant's mother, Elizabeth King.

Hospital is not gouging

Despite appearances, Hills & Dales Hospital has not resorted to "price gouging" to take advantage of the scarcity of late season flu vaccine.

The hospital made a decision to comply with the Medicare requirement to bill flu vaccinations in two components to separately reflect the charge for the vaccine and the charge for administration of the shot. The billing format change was to be made effective on 12/01/03. Prior to that time, Hills & Dales billed for the service in one "all-inclusive" rate.

The initial reprogramming of the billing system, however, resulted in an additional and unintentional charge for the service. The problem was quickly identified and corrected. The process to refund overpayments and process credits to those individuals and insurers affected is in motion. Despite the confusion, the charge for flu vaccinations remains unchanged at \$18.50.

Needless to say, we wish to offer our sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused. Anyone with additional questions is invited to contact the Hospital billing department. Sincerely,
David Oehring
Chief Financial Officer
Hills & Dales General Hospital

Officers ticket nearly 16,000 in special campaign

Nearly 16,000 Michigan motorists received a costly reminder to fasten their safety belt during the 2-week "Buckle Up or Pay Up, Click It or Ticket" campaign.

Law enforcement agencies across the state made safety belt enforcement a priority Nov. 17-30, with agencies in 20 counties conducting highly visible safety belt enforcement zones. A total of 334 agencies reported their citation activity to the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP).

Of the citations issued, 15,499 were for unbuckled adults. Another 490 were child restraint citations. Agencies also made 1,818 drunken driving and other alcohol-related arrests, 850 felony arrests, 3,902 misdemeanor arrests, cited 11,596 drivers for speeding, and 1,652 motorists for driving with suspended licenses.

These figures include citations written in the 207 safety belt enforcement

zones, where officers issued 8,663 safety belt citations for unbuckled adults and 179 child restraint citations.

"This wasn't a secret. There was \$400,000 in advertising on the airwaves to alert motorists that we were cracking down on safety belt violators, and there were even signs up advising them of the safety belt enforcement zones," said Michael L. Prince, OHSP safety director.

"The good news is that safety belt citations are down from the 19,347 written this time last year, which means more people are getting the message that safety belts save lives and are buckling up."

The enforcement period included the Thanksgiving Day holiday weekend, when Michigan recorded 11 traffic fatalities.

Michigan's mandatory seat belt law requires the driver and front seat passengers to be buckled up and children under the age of 4 to be in an approved child safety seat. And, passengers up to and including age 15 must be buckled up in front and rear seating positions. In addition, drivers or passengers who have a shoulder harness placed under their arm or behind their back can be ticketed for failure to properly buckle up. The cost for a safety belt citation is \$65.

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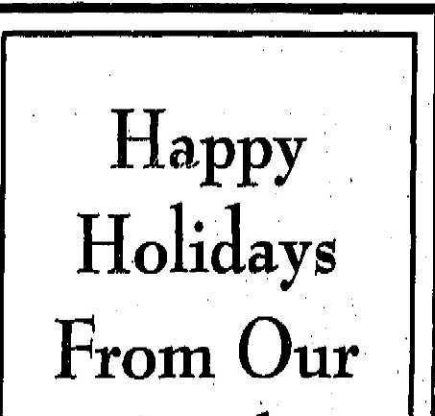
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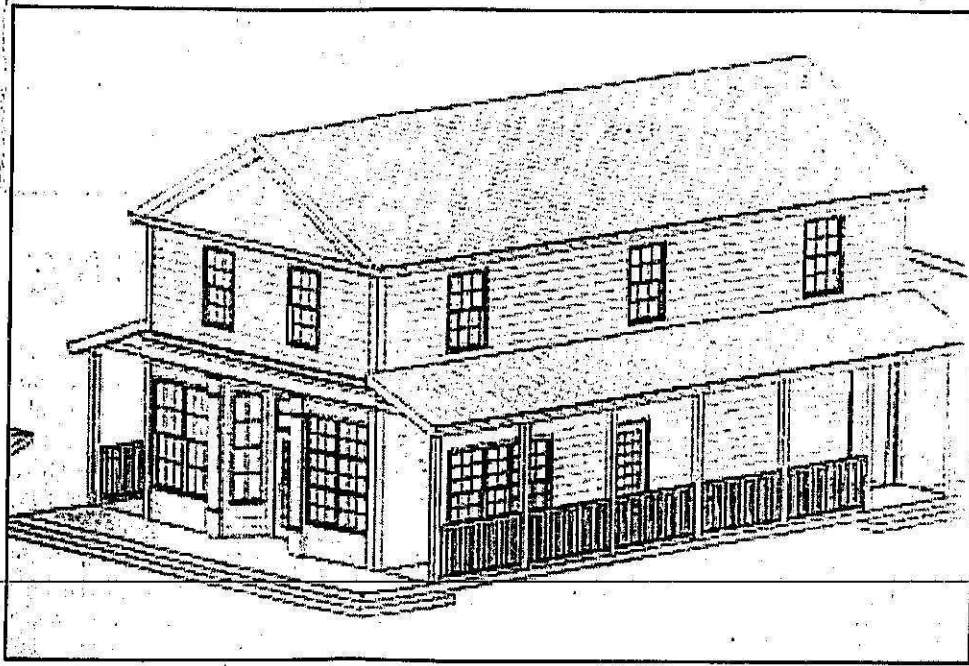


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THE THIRD phase of a plan to re-shape the Sanilac County Historical Museum and Village will involve construction of an authentic replica of the long lost Lexington News building from the 1800s.

Sanilac Museum facelift includes new construction

Through a combination of privately raised funds and grants, the Sanilac County Historical Museum and Village will receive a major facelift beginning in 2004. Several of the facility's historic buildings will receive needed renovations, including the Barn Theatre, Loop-Harrison Mansion and Hugins Schoolhouse.

In addition, plans call for construction of a new building that will provide much-needed handicap accessible restrooms, storage space and an exhibit and reception hall. The new structure will be an authentic replica of the long lost Lexington News building from the 1800s and will contain an early print shop from that era.

Phase one of the ambitious project will see a new roof, floor and ventilation system, along with foundation, drainage and parking area work done at the Barn Theatre.

The second phase calls for major renovations at the Loop-Harrison Mansion, including roof work and a central heating system. The phase will also include heating and handicapped access for the historic Hugins Schoolhouse.

Phase 3 will involve construction of the new 3,600-square-foot Lexington News building, which will be located between the Barn Theatre and the Platts General Store.

Arthur Birdsall, former Sanilac County administrator and a spokesman for the new fundraising drive, called the museum site "a rare treasure that needs to be preserved and enhanced now while it is still possible."

Community leaders from the 4 corners of Sanilac County have joined the capital campaign and are helping to raise the estimated \$300,000 needed to complete the project. Already \$100,000 has been granted for the work from federal sources through the Sanilac County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and the Michigan EDC. Organizers are seeking a second grant through the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

"The campaign has already stimulated great interest throughout the county," Birdsall said.

"When the project is completed, the facility will be a real jewel for county residents as well as visitors. Our history will be preserved for future generations, regional access to the arts will be improved, and our families, students and visitors will enjoy a facility that is rarely equaled in other counties."

The museum and historic village is located on M-25 at the south end of Port Sanilac. When completed, the complex will feature a total of 8 historic buildings on 10 acres.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

Coach Don Markel's Cass City wrestling team improved its non-tournament record to 4-0 last Wednesday by defeating a pair of Class B schools at Vassar. The Hawks sputtered in their opening weight bout against Buena Vista, but then captured the next 6 matches, which helped the defending Greater Thumb Conference champs record a lopsided 66-18 win.

The Cass City Red Hawks earned second place honors at the annual Marlette Invitational Saturday. The tourney was won by Lapeer West with 199 1/2 points. Cass City finished with 169 1/2 points.

Research has shown that nearly 40 million Americans suffer from sleep disorders, costing them an estimated 16 billion dollars in health care costs annually. In 1997, the average American got 243 hours less sleep per year than the average American in 1969.

10 YEARS AGO

Self Serve Lumber Company officials have formally announced plans to transform the former Oury-Scott Chevrolet dealership building into a complete home center. Plans call for the business to open in March. Purchase of the building was finalized last week after 4 months of negotiations.

CellularONE's general manager Ben Varney presented Susan Woern, volunteer services manager, Department of Social Services, with a \$500 check from CellularONE sponsored food drive in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties. Fifteen representatives of the Peoples Republic of China, representing 8 different corporations, visited the Orbital Fluid Technology plant in Cass City Thursday. After touring the Orbital plant in Cass City, the group

met in the Detroit Edison community meeting room.

25 YEARS AGO

The kindergarten classes of Sheryl Dillon and Marlene Erla at Campbell Elementary School put on a Christmas program for parents and other students last week.

Winter just started, but spring is merely around the corner. It is if you believe Jim MacTavish. He found a robin eating in his front yard Sunday. As long as he's whistling in the dark, he could have pointed out that Friday the days were getting longer again. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Troy Peasley of Cass City was one of about 115 Tuscola Intermediate School District students greeted by Santa Claus Friday morning at the annual Christmas party at the Cass Theatre. Bauer Candy Co. donated the candy. After the movie, students and staff were treated to lunch by General Telephone at the Colonial Inn.

35 YEARS AGO

The flu bug, which has been terrorizing the nation in recent weeks, has not reached the Cass City area in full force yet, but local authorities are bracing the community for its inevitable arrival. "All indications from the Board of Health are that the flu is picking up at a rapid rate," said Frank Haythorn, administrator at Hills and Dales Hospital. "On Friday we had eight cases of the flu, and it is seldom that we have more than one."

The Chronicle this week received a U.S. Post Office Department public service award. A framed certificate was presented to the paper by Postmaster Grant Glaspie for the "complete and very good cooperation of newspaper coverage for the post office department."

Cass City High School's freshman basketball team finished their game with only four men, Monday night, but that was more than enough

to defeat Frankenmuth, 54-45. All but four members of the Hawk freshman team fouled out with four minutes remaining, but Cass City managed to outscore their opponents in this final period, 16-10.

O-G students perform

Twelve Owen-Gage Junior High band students participated in the District III Solo/Ensemble competition held Dec. 6 at North Branch High School.

Tim Neal, Amanda Faist and Katie Rhodes received a Division I rating (highest score possible) for their clarinet trio, while Stephen Roemer, Samantha Radabaugh and Lucas Powell received a Division I rating for their trumpet trio.

Students who participated in the solo performance category and received Division I ratings are: Josh Starks (drums), Bethany Kovach (flute), Amanda Faist (clarinet), Kelsey Schuette (flute), Jessica Burrows (flute) and Alisha Kovach (flute).

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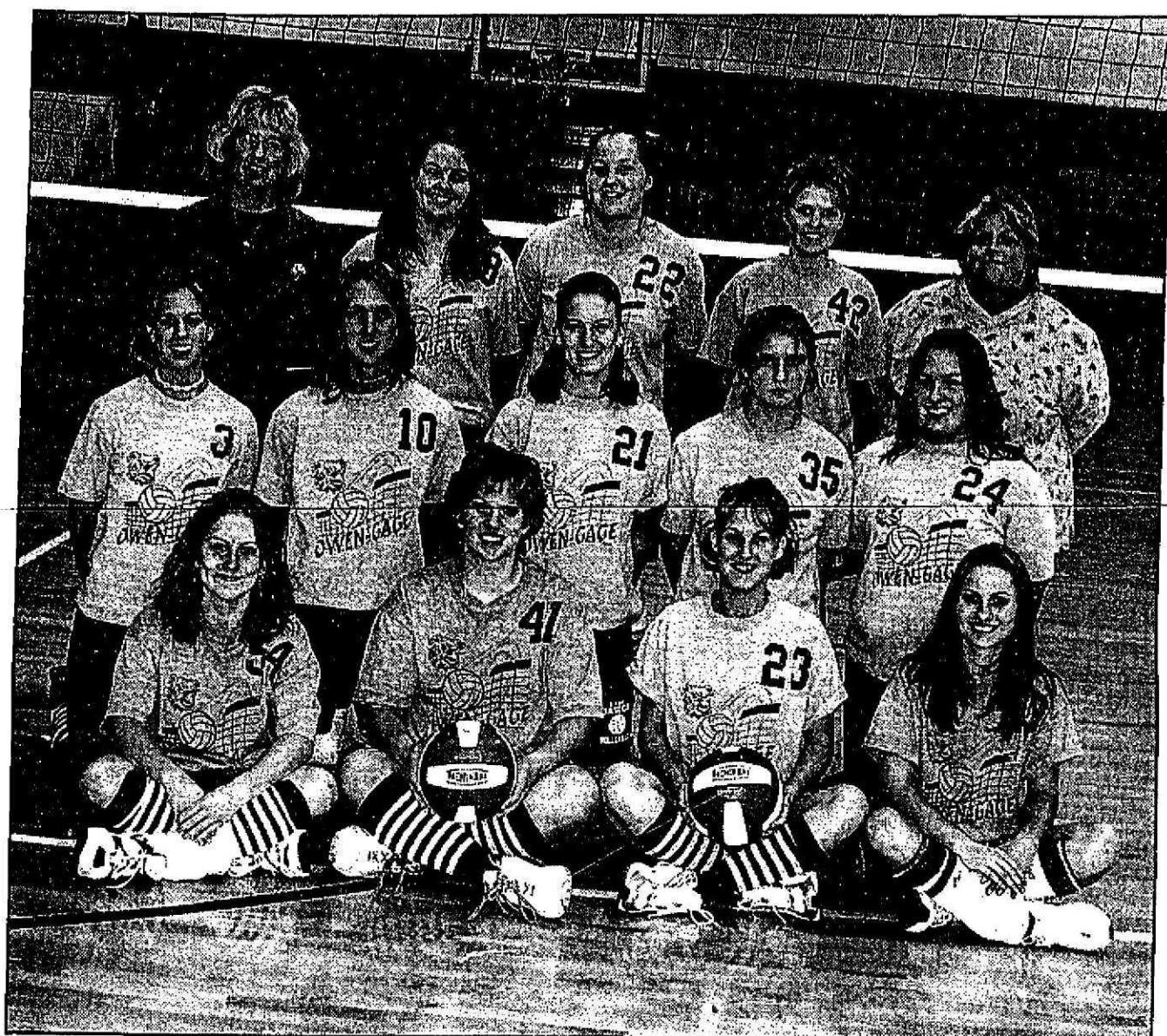
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OWEN-GAGE VARSITY VOLLEYBALL squad is ready for the season. Front row, from left: Laura Enderle, Stephanie Dorsch, Meagan Mentor, Candi Rhodes. Second row: Katie Swiastyn, Kayla Zaleski, Wendy Errer, Amandy Eavy, Mary McKee. Third row: Coach Kaye Swiastyn, Nicole Schmidt, Kayla Kady, Jenny Czewski, Coach Barb Adams. Missing are Hope Hunt and Jessica Neal.

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O-G fields veteran squad

Bulldog spikers set to defend title

Coach Kaye Swiastyn and assistant Barb Adams have big shoes to fill as they take over the reigns of the outstanding volleyball program at Owen-Gage High School.

It's a legacy handed down from Judy Campbell, who developed the great volleyball program, that was carried on by Sheila Pawlak and produced championships after championships for the Bulldogs.

Campbell's influence is still being felt on this year's squad. She coached the juniors on this year's team when they were in junior high, including Kayla Zaleski, a first team all-conference player last season, and Katie Swiastyn who earned second team all conference honors.

Zaleski is a hard hitter, plays the net well and is the team's main blocker. Last year she averaged 3.0 points per game, had a 49% kill average, with 153 total blocks and 462 total digs.

Swiastyn is a powerful hitter and a consistent server. She averaged 3.3 points per game, 40% kill average and

581 total digs.

Last year the Bulldogs were undefeated in the North Central Thumb League and 35-8-5 overall. The team won the district and went to the finals in the regional.

Adding experience and talent to the squad will be a group of seniors. Stephanie Dorsch is a consistent server. Meagan Mentor, Candi Rhodes and Laura Enderle are hustle players and will see lots of action. Enderle was a setter as a sophomore. But was a foreign exchange student as a junior.

The juniors on the squad will be depended on to fill vacancies caused by graduation. Gone are Kelly Zaleski, Ashley Pawlak and Brooke Marks.

The juniors as outlined by the coaches are: Mary McKee, good server; Kayla Kady who can be a good hitter with practice; Nicole Schmidt, main setter on the junior varsity last year; Jenny Czewski, Jessica Neal, Amandy Eavy and Wendy Errer. Errer has height, 5-10, but needs to work on

strength.

Coach Swiastyn, looking at the rest of the league, says that in the south division Kingston and Memphis should dominate.

In the north division she feels that the Bulldogs will

be tested. Caseville has lots of height. Port Hope and North Huron have good athletes and Akron-Fairgrove will be tough.

After all, said coach Swiastyn, Judy Campbell coaches there now.

Owen-Gage Bulldogs 2003-2004 Volleyball

Jan. 8	North Huron	6:00 p.m. A
Jan. 10	Bad Axe Tourny	TBA
Jan. 12	Port Hope	6:00 p.m. A
Jan. 15	Akron-Fairgrove	6:00 p.m. H
Jan. 22	Caseville	6:00 p.m. H
Jan. 24	CPS Tourny	TBA
Jan. 26	Memphis	6:00 p.m. H
Jan. 29	Kingston	6:00 p.m. A
Jan. 31	Lakers Tourny	TBA
Feb. 2	Dryden	6:00 p.m. H
Feb. 5	Peck	6:00 p.m. A
Feb. 7	USA Tourny	TBA
Feb. 9	North Huron	6:00 p.m. H
Feb. 12	Port Hope	6:00 p.m. H
Feb. 19	Akron-Fairgrove	6:00 p.m. A
Feb. 21	Caseville Tourny	TBA
Feb. 26	Caseville	6:00 p.m. A
Mar. 1	CPS (Parents' Night)	6:00 p.m. H
Mar. 6	Districts	TBA H



RETURNING VETERANS on the Owen-Gage volleyball squad are, from left, Laura Enderle, Meagan Mentor, Candi Rhodes, Kayla Zaleski, Katie Swiastyn, Stephanie Dorsch.

O-G steamrolled by Saints

Bay City All Saints had a pair of players, Andy Spychalski and Nathan Fritz, unable to play in the opening game of the season against the Owen-Gage Bulldogs. But the Cougars had 10 other players left on the squad.

Their loss pales when compared to the plight of the Bulldogs. Owen-Gage started the season with just 8 players on the varsity and by the time the opening game rolled around Tuesday, there were just 5 players eligible for the game.

It was no surprise that the Bulldogs were steamrolled by the Saints, 70-28. The game was decided in the first quarter as All Saints rolled to a 23-4 lead, sparked by a 17-0 run. Six Cougars collected points in the initial stanza, led by Jason Brzezinski with 7 and Scott Trepkowski with 6.

Ryan Janer paced All Saints in the second quarter with 11 points, while the Bulldogs netted 10 points in the period as Levi Adams and Aaron Faist hit treys and Justin Rogers and Cody Howard, regular hoops.

Late in the third quarter Adams was forced to leave with an ankle injury and didn't return until the fourth quarter. All Saints Coach Mike Showalter then also

pulled a player and the Cougars played with 4 until the last quarter.

Arnie Howard, in his first year as Owen-Gage coach, has had to try to get past the myriad injuries his squad has suffered.

It's probably a good thing that the Bulldogs had an open date Friday. A little more time for players to heal before they played at home Tuesday against North Huron is a definite plus. Friday Owen-Gage takes to the road again to play tough Memphis.

OWEN-GAGE - Rogers 2-0 (2-2) 6; Howard 3-0 (0-0) 6; Faist 0-1 (1-2) 4; Adams 3-1 (0-0) 9; Pawlak 0-0 (3-7) 3.
TOTALS - 8-2 (6-11) 28.

ALL SAINTS - Lukowski 2-0 (0-0) 4; Velazquez 2-0 (0-1) 4; Brzezinski 4-1 (2-2) 13; Heintskill 1-1 (0-0) 5; Bauer 2-0 (0-0) 4; Trepkowski 5-0 (0-0) 10; B. Janer 3-0 (1-1) 7; R. Janer 8-1 (0-0) 19; Phillips 2-0 (0-0) 4.
TOTALS - 29-3 (3-6) 70.

Hawks split meets on mats

The record isn't good, but the Cass City Red Hawk wrestling team continues to show improvement as underclassmen gain experience, coach Don Markel said this week after the team competed in a pair of meets last week.

Tuesday the Hawks split a pair of meets, defeating Flint Northern, 54-18, before falling to Bridgeport, 50-27.

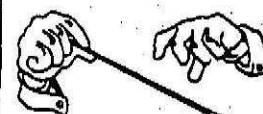
Cass City's dual meet record is 2-7 for the season.

Markel expected the underclassmen to continue to show improvement. Double winners for Cass City, including their weight class were: Andrew Peruski, 103; Kyle Reif, 125; Gordon Hatcher, 130; Eric Hollis, 189; and Lee Hutchinson, 275.

Saturday the Hawks finished 5th in the 12-team invitational at Marlette. North Branch won with 153 points. Other teams finished in the following order: Memphis, 136; Inlay City 124; Flint Beecher, 107; Cass City 99.5; Almont, 90; EPB Lakers, 67; Marlette, 67; USA, 57; Burton-Bentley, 55.5; Sandusky 31; Brown City 28.

Placing and winning medals for the Hawks were: Wes Becker, 3rd, 171; Marcell Helland, 2nd, 112; Steve Meeker, 2nd, 215; and Eric Hollis, 1st.

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Hawks deadily from foul line in victory over host Sandusky

Coach Aaron Fernald said after the opening day victory over Harbor Beach that he would like to see his team drive to the basket and get and then make more foul shots.

It was a case of ask and you will receive as the Red Hawks responded with a tremendous night from the line that resulted in a close, hard-fought victory at Sandusky, 62-50. The Hawks converted 28 of 31 free throws on the way to the win.

Cass City was to meet its third quality team from the Greater Thumb East Tuesday night when Brown City comes to town.

After that it's back on the road to meet Valley Lutheran in the opening GTW game of the year.

The win over the Redskins was closer than the final score indicates.

Things were going smoothly for the Hawks for the first 3 quarters. In the first period the Hawks jumped off to a narrow 10-6 lead as both teams netted 3 hoops, and Cass City converted 4 of 5 free throws.

The second period was a parade to the foul line for Cass City. The team converted 12 of 12 free throws,

added a trey by Justin Glaza and buckets by Tyler Erla and Brad Langenburg to outscore the Redskins 19-14 to lead at the half, 29-20.

Some fine perimeter shooting kept the Hawks in front in the third quarter. Erla cashed a pair of treys over the outstretched hands of his defender to lead the way. Chris Loding, who led all scorers, cashed in 8 of his 22 points for the night in the period to keep the Redskins on the heels of the Hawks.

In the first 4 minutes of the last quarter Sandusky overcame a 7-point Hawk lead to tie the game at 47-all. Two unforced Cass City turnovers helped the Redskins climb back into the game. The rally was led by Loding who netted 2 free throws, a trey and a regular basket in the spurt.

The Hawks were able to keep Sandusky from forging into the lead as Andrew Schinnerer cashed a bucket and 2 free throws.

After the teams traded baskets, the Hawks went in front to stay with 1:30 left in the game. Stoutenburg hit a trey and Erla converted 2 free throws to put Cass City in front, 54-49.

After that the Hawks broke the Redskin press and cashed

5 of 6 free throws to cement the win.

Craig Holmgren led the Cass City rebounders with 7, closely followed by Erla with 6. Erla led Hawk scorers with 14. Jake Brinkman was in double figures with 10.

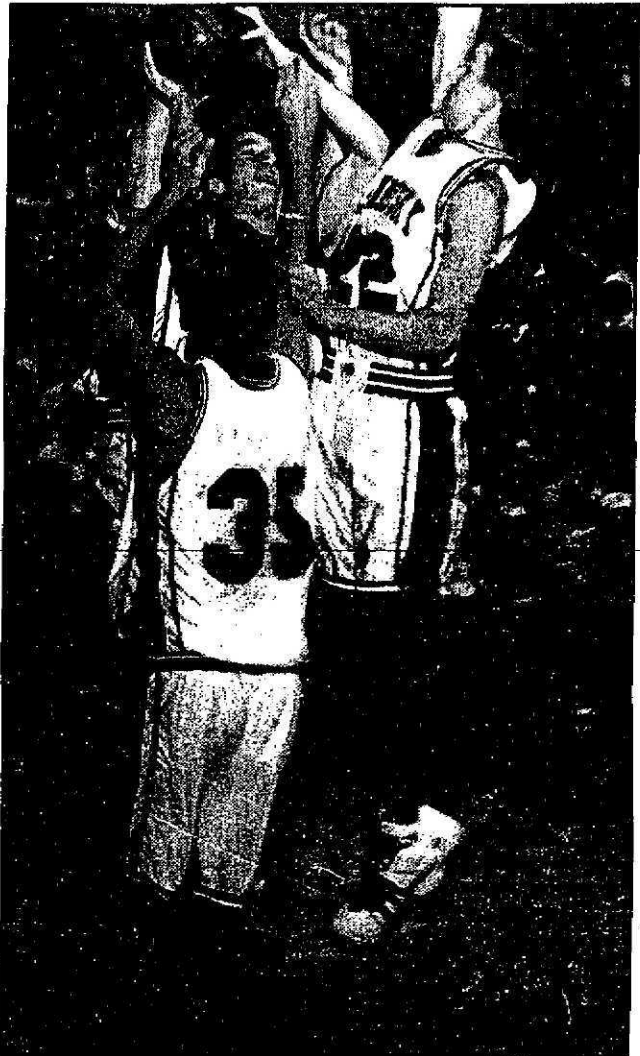
Nick Stoutenburg made 3 steals and Andrew Martin snagged 3 offensive rebounds.

CASS CITY - Glaza 0-1 (6-6) 9; Schinnerer 2-0 (3-4) 7; Toner 0-0 (2-2) 2; Brinkman 2-1 (3-4) 10; Holmgren 1-0 (4-4) 6; Stoutenburg 0-2 (3-4) 9; Langenburg 1-0 (2-2) 4; Martin 0-0 (1-1) 1; Erla 2-2 (4-4) 14.
TOTALS - 8-6 (28-31) 62.

SANDUSKY - Hassler 1-1 (0-1) 5; T. Sheldon 3-0 (3-5) 9; Page 1-0 (0-0) 2; L. Sheldon 4-0 (0-0) 8; Horst 1-0 (0-2) 2; Loding 6-2 (4-4) 22; Gutic 1-0 (0-0) 2.
TOTALS - 17-3 (7-12) 50.

Freshmen scores: (Tuesday) Harbor Beach 35, Cass City 30. (Friday) Sandusky 38, Cass City 24.

Junior varsity: (Tuesday) Harbor Beach 52, Cass City 36. (Friday) Sandusky 52, Cass City 19.



IT WAS A BATTLE under the boards as Cass City edged Sandusky Friday. Driving to the basket produced 31 foul shots for Hawk shooters who converted 28 attempts.

Cass City earns gratifying win in opener over Harbor Beach

Over the years there hasn't been much to choose from between Harbor Beach and Cass City on the basketball floor. But recently the Pirates have dominated, making life miserable for the girls (4 district losses in a row) and the boys.

Harbor Beach defeated the Hawk boys last year and sent a real good Hawk team to the sidelines in a hotly disputed district tournament game several years ago at Harbor Beach.

That's why the opening 66-57 decision against the Pirates last week, Tuesday, was especially gratifying for Hawk fans.

In the opening quarter it appeared as if the Pirates were going to add another notch to their victory belt. Led by Jay O'Neil who hit 4 hoops, including a trey, Harbor Beach jumped off to a 21-

13 lead in the opening 8 minutes.

But the next 3 quarters and the game belonged to the Hawks. Led by Craig Holmgren, who hit a pair of hoops and as many free throws in the second quarter for 6 of his 10 points for the night, Cass City bounced back to edge in front, 34-33, at the intermission.

Justin Glaza carried the scoring load in the third period. He swished 3 bombs from 3-point range for 9 points and the Hawks led, 52-46, going into the final period.

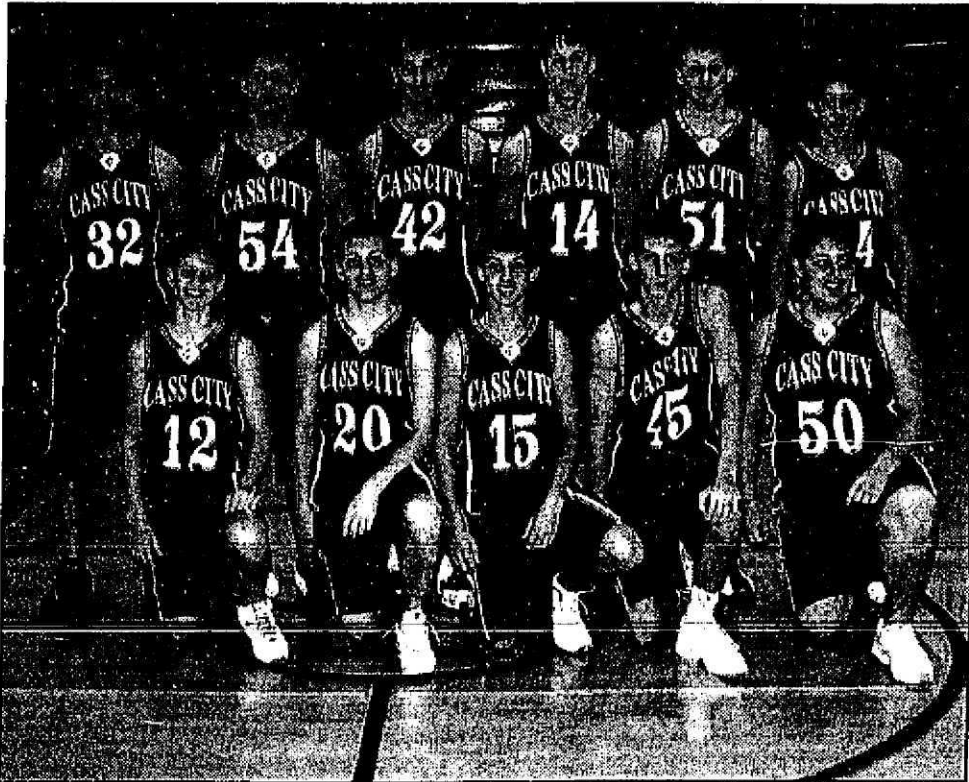
Nick Supczynski did his best to keep the Pirates in the game with 7 points in the last quarter, but the Hawks responded with balanced scoring with Tyler Erla contributing a trey and a regular hoop. For the night, Erla topped all Hawk scorers with

14 points. O'Neil led Bad Axe with 16 points.

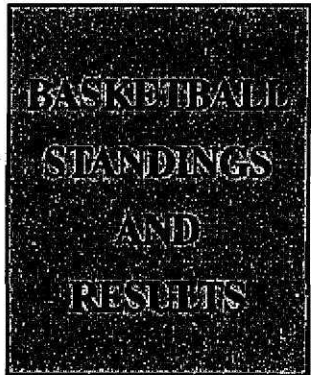
Coach Aaron Fernald used 11 of the 12 players on the squad and 10 of them scored, including 4 in double figures.

CASS CITY - Glaza 0-4 (0-0) 12; Swanson 1-0 (0-2) 2; Schinnerer 2-0 (0-0) 4; Toner 0-0 (2-2) 2; Brinkman 3-1 (2-4) 11; Dillon 1-0 (0-0) 2; Holmgren 3-0 (4-9) 10; Langenburg 2-1 (0-1) 7; Martin 1-0 (0-0) 2; Erla 4-1 (3-6) 14.
TOTALS - 17-7 (11-24) 66.

HARBOR BEACH - Connell 1-0 (1-2) 3; C. Mausolf 5-0 (0-0) 10; J. Mausolf 3-1 (0-0) 9; Tyrrell 1-0 (0-0) 2; O'Neil 6-1 (1-3) 16; Meisner 2-0 (1-1) 5; Supczynski 4-0 (4-6) 12.
TOTALS - 22-3 (6-11) 57.



CASS CITY JUNIOR VARSITY basketball squad. Front row, from left: Brad Hartel, Jeff Stoutenburg, Cameron Lautner, Chris Brown and Jarod Stoutenburg. Second row: Jordon Mozdzen, Cody Halasz, Brandon Otulakowski, Chris Landrith, Chad Newton, Brett Babich.



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Reese	1	0	1.000
USA	1	0	1.000
Valley Lutheran	1	0	1.000
Cass City	0	0	.000
BCAS	0	1	.000
EPBP	0	1	.000
Bad Axe	0	1	.000
GREATER THUMB EAST			
Team	W	L	Pct
Ubyly	1	0	1.000
Harbor Beach	1	0	1.000
Sandusky	0	0	.000
Brown City	0	0	.000
Deckerville	0	0	.000
Marlette	0	1	.000
Mayville	0	1	.000
NCTL NORTH			
Team	W	L	Pct
A-Fairgrove	0	0	.000
Port Hope	0	0	.000
Caseville	0	0	.000
North Huron	0	0	.000
Owen-Gage	0	0	.000
NCTL SOUTH			
Team	W	L	Pct
CPS	0	0	.000
Kingston	0	0	.000
Peck	0	0	.000
Memphis	0	0	.000
Dryden	0	0	.000
FRIDAY'S RESULTS			
Reese 69, Bad Axe 55			
Valley Lutheran 65, EPBP 58			
USA 77, BCAS 66			
Cass City 62, Sandusky 50			
Ubyly 58, Marlette 23			
Harbor Beach 48, Mayville 38			
Brown City 61, Almont 33			
Peck 54, Deckerville 49			
Wesleyan Christian 55, Dryden 43			
CPS 42, Cross-Lex 40			
Port Hope 32, New Life Christian 20			

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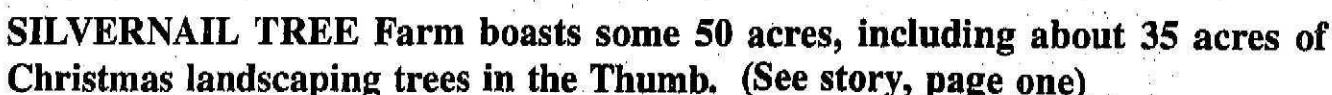
Tom Montgomery



Doug Hyatt

December 16				
Bad Axe at Mayville	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Mayville	Bad Axe
EPBP at Harbor Beach	EPBP	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Brown City at Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Brown City
Valley Lutheran at Marlette	Valley Lutheran	Valley Lutheran	Valley Lutheran	Valley Lutheran
Reese at MLS	MLS	Reese	Reese	Reese
A-Fairgrove at Caseville	Akron-Fairgrove	Caseville	Akron-Fairgrove	Caseville
North Huron at Owen-Gage	North Huron	North Huron	Owen-Gage	North Huron
Port Hope at Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck
CPS at Dryden	CPS	CPS	CPS	CPS
Memphis at Kingston	Memphis	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
December 19				
Bad Axe at BCAS	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS
USA at Reese	Reese	Reese	USA	USA
Cass City at Valley Lutheran	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Valley Lutheran
Deckerville at EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP
Harbor Beach at Ubyly	Harbor Beach	Ubyly	Ubyly	Harbor Beach
Marlette at Mayville	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	Mayville
Almont at Brown City	Brown City	Almont	Brown City	Brown City
Caseville at Port Hope	Port Hope	Caseville	Port Hope	Caseville
North Huron at Akron-Fairgrove	North Huron	Akron-Fairgrove	Akron-Fairgrove	Akron-Fairgrove
Owen-Gage at Memphis	Memphis	Memphis	Owen-Gage	Memphis
Peck at CPS	CPS	CPS	CPS	CPS
Dryden at Peck	Dryden	Peck	Peck	Peck
Last week's results	14-6	16-4	14-6	15-5
Season's results	14-6 (70%)	16-4 (80%)	14-6 (70%)	15-5 (75%)

Last year, 422 people died and 9,414 were injured in alcohol-related crashes in the state's highways. Nearly 58,000 people were arrested for alcohol-related driving offenses in 2002, and during the last national drunken driving crackdown one year ago, Michigan law enforcement officers arrested more than 2,700 motorists for alcohol-related offenses.



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	MSRP	MSRP
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04 Buick LeSabre Limited, leather	\$17,995	\$11,495
05 Buick LeSabre cloth, power seat	\$17,485	\$5,995
06 Buick LeSabre leather, custom	\$17,995	\$5,495
07 Buick LeSabre 2 to choose from, cloth custom	\$16,485	\$4,995
08 Buick LeSabre Limited 2 to choose from	starting at \$7,295	\$4,995
09 Buick LeSabre Custom, cash		\$4,495
10 Buick Regal LS, leather	\$14,485	\$12,995
11 Buick Regal LS Absolut, leather	\$13,995	\$11,995
12 Buick Regal leather, LS	\$12,995	\$10,995
13 Buick Regal LS	JUST IN	\$7,995
14 Buick Regal 2 door, cloth, 3.8 V-6	\$5,295	\$4,995
15 Buick Century 3 to choose from	\$12,995	\$10,995
16 Buick Century cloth, low miles	\$9,995	\$8,495
17 Buick Century low miles, cloth, CD	JUST IN	\$8,995
18 Pontiac Bonneville SE, cloth, per seat	\$13,485	\$10,995
19 Pontiac Grand Prix GT coupe, sunroof, cloth	\$14,995	\$13,995
20 Pontiac Grand Prix SE coupe, per seat	\$12,995	\$11,495
21 Pontiac Grand Prix GT sedan, per seat, cloth	\$12,750	\$10,995
22 Pontiac Grand Prix SE, per seat, spoiler	\$8,995	\$7,495
23 Pontiac Grand Am GT coupe	\$10,995	\$9,995

	MSRP	MSRP
01 Olds Aurora	JUST IN	\$11,995
02 Olds Intrigue V6, CD/cass, spoiler	\$11,485	\$10,295
03 Olds Alero GX coupe	\$9,995	\$8,995
04 Chevy Monte Carlo SS, moonroof, leather	JUST IN	\$13,995
05 Chevy Impala LS, Onstar, spoiler	\$13,485	\$11,995
06 Chevy Lumina cass, per, VIN	JUST IN	\$8,485
07 Chevy Malibu leather, moonroof	JUST IN	\$8,995
08 Chevy Malibu Sedan, V-6	\$7,995	\$6,485
09 Chevy Cavalier LS, CD, per seat	\$7,485	\$6,385
10 Chevy Cavalier Z24 coupe	\$4,995	\$7,485
11 Nissan Sentra GXE, 4 cyl	\$6,600	\$5,995
12 Mercury GS, Marquis LS, leather	JUST IN	\$9,995
13 Mercury Tracer GS, auto, air	\$6,485	\$5,295
14 Plymouth Neon LX, 4 cyl, per V-6	JUST IN	\$6,605
15 Dodge Avenger coupe, moonroof	JUST IN	\$7,995
16 Ford Escort ZXR, coupe	\$5,995	\$5,485
17 Ford Contour 4 cyl	\$4,995	\$3,995
18 Ford Escort LX, 4 cyl, auto	\$4,295	\$4,485
19 Lincoln Continental Executive leather, V-6	\$2,000	\$2,000

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01 GMC Jimmy 2 dr, 4x4	\$10,995	\$9,485
02 GMC Jimmy 4 dr, 4x4, SLE, leather	JUST IN	\$11,995
03 Jeep Cherokee 4x4, moon	JUST IN	\$9,995

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	MSRP	MSRP
01 Chevy Venture LS, CD/cass, per, auto	\$14,995	\$12,485
02 GMC Safari AWD	\$12,995	\$10,995
03 Chevy Astro AWD	\$10,671	\$9,995
04 Pontiac Montana per seat, per, auto	\$14,995	\$9,995
05 Pontiac Montana cut, per, auto	\$11,995	\$9,995
06 Pontiac Trans Sport cut, per, auto	\$9,995	\$7,485
07 Chevy Venture LS, CD/cass, per, auto	\$13,995	\$9,995
08 Pontiac Montana per seat, per, auto	\$7,995	\$6,995
09 Chevy Astro 3 pass, per seat, 1 door	\$7,995	\$6,995
10 GMC Safari Leather, per AC	\$14,485	\$10,995
11 GMC Safari Conquest, manual	\$11,995	\$10,485

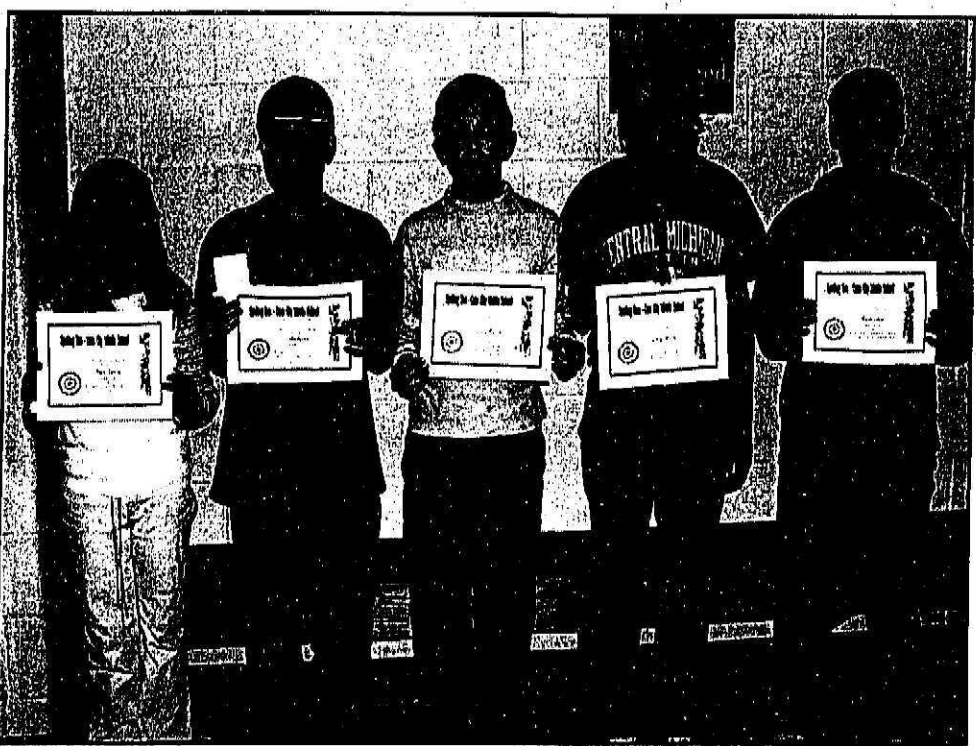
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03 GMC Sierra Ext. cab, V-8	\$17,485	\$16,485
04 Chevy Silverado Ext. LS, 2WD, 5.7 V-8	\$11,590	\$10,995
05 Chevy Silverado Ext. cab, 4x4	\$13,995	\$13,995
06 GMC		



Top spellers!

LOCAL WINNERS of the Knights of Columbus annual spelling bee included seventh and eighth grade students (from left) Becca Doerr (first place), Adam Kranz (second place), Trey Helwig (third place) and Scarlett Helland (fourth place). Missing is alternate Kristie Karr. The students will now move on to the diocesan level bee, slated for Jan. 24 in Auburn.



FIFTH AND sixth grade spelling bee winners are (from left): Angie Simpson (first place), Jalen Ferris (second place), Logan Kausch (third place), Emily Martin (fourth place) and Mason Doerr (alternate).

DTE video offers energy saving tips

DTE Energy has produced a 30-minute video, which offers a number of energy saving tips that can help homeowners significantly reduce their heating bills. Titled "Managing Your Home Energy Costs," the video provides helpful hints on how to increase the efficiency of your home, reduce natural gas consumption and lower heating bills.

The video features Rob Derksen, one of Michigan's

leading energy consultants, and Larry Kaufman, an energy efficiency specialist from DTE Energy. Topics covered in the video include:

- Insulating attics, basements and walls to reduce heating costs.
- How to decrease energy bills by finding and sealing air leaks that cause cold air to enter homes.
- The use of programmable thermostats as an energy saving device.

• How to make sure your home furnace and hot water heater are sized properly and operating with correct settings.

"DTE Energy is committed to providing our customers with information that will help them manage their energy costs," Kaufman said. "We appreciate the opportunity to help customers save money, and use natural gas wisely."

The video is available at no cost to community groups, neighborhood clubs and service organizations. To obtain

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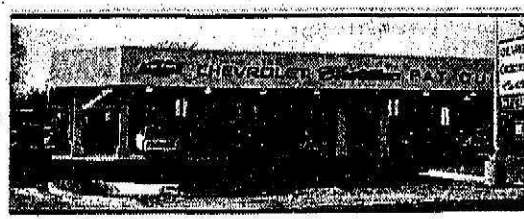
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Crowley Chiropractic 17				
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Individual High Games & Series: P. Bauer 191-184-171 (546); J. Krol 188-183-166 (537); B. Watson 191-168- 166 (525); M. Barber 194- 164-150 (508); L. Hanson 179-165-160 (504); D. Sweeney 184-160-152 (496); S. Buschlen 177-163 (489). Team High Game: Cablettes, 692. Team High Series: FBI Gals, 1908.				
Thursday Nite Trio As of Dec. 11				
Mycogen Seeds 17				

Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, December 18

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

Friday, December 19

Senior Citizen Movies, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Saturday, December 20

Kids' Christmas Activity, 10 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Please call to register.

Monday, December 22

Cass City School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. Hills and Dales Hospital Auxiliary meeting, noon, Charmont.

Band students shine at event

Several members of the 7th and 8th grade Cass City Junior High band attended this

year's District III Junior High Solo & Ensemble Festival hosted at North Branch High School. At this event, the students were judged while performing a solo or ensemble piece.

Earning a top Division I rating for a solo was Alyssa Nicol (8th grade) and Kyle Kausch (7th grade). Chelsea Depner and Rebecca Perry (7th grade) also received a Division I rating for their duet, along with a trio performance that included Ariel Veneziano, Sarah Reed and Aleigh Kappen (7th grade).

Earning a Division II rating for solo were 8th graders Ethan Damm, Danielle Delamarter, Bria Romstad and Ashley Hutchinson. Romstad and Hutchinson also performed a duet that earned them a Division II rating.

Dry bean production down in '03

Michigan's 2003 dry bean production is estimated at 2.5 million hundredweight (cwt), down from a production of 4.9 million cwt in 2002, according to the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service.

Planting of dry beans started in the beginning of June. In the middle of July, some beans were showing signs of root rot. Dry conditions before harvest lessen the effect of white mold, but had a negative effect on pod fill. Harvest of dry beans began in the early part of September and finished ahead of normal. Planted acres were a record low.



CHILDRENS' LIBRARIAN, Cheryl Levy, visited the Cass City Middle School Wednesday where she interacted with students during several story telling sessions.



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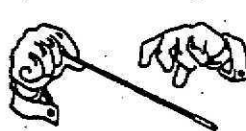
Employees from Independent Bank East Michigan held a "Casual Because We Care Day" to support the Winter Warm Up program in Kingston.

Employees who made a donation were able to dress casually for the day. Their efforts raised over \$283.

The Winter Warm Up program involves a non-profit group that purchases coats, snow pants, boots, hats and gloves for needy children in the area. Each year the group is able to purchase these items and give them to local children to keep warm in the cold weather.

"We are very pleased to support this program," stated Ronald Long, president and CEO of Independent Bank East Michigan. "A slowed economy and rising unemployment creates additional needs. It is important that local businesses lend a hand to support those needs within their communities this holiday season."

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Jessie Berriman

Jessie Helen Berriman, 69, of Troy, formerly of Ferndale and Cass City, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, in William Beaumont Hospital, Troy.

She was born March 1, 1934 in Cass City.

She married Paul Merton Berriman July 15, 1967 in Ferndale. He died Nov. 16, 1980.

Berriman was a student counselor with the Ferndale School District. She retired in 1986 after 28 years. She was a member of the Troy Garden Club, Troy Weavers Guild and the Michigan Education Association.

She is survived by three children: Jon R. (Linda) Edwards of Troy, Martha Berriman of Royal Oak and Daniel (Patty) Berriman of Clarkston; a sister, Joyce Willard of Port Austin; and 8 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the Price Funeral Home, Troy, with the Rev. Jack Kanschreck officiating.

Interment was in the White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy.

Memorials may be made to the Beaumont Hospice Fund, William Beaumont Hospital.

Arrangements were made by Price Funeral Home, Troy.

Clayton Hubel

Clayton F. Hubel, 75, of Davison, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at Genesys Hospice Care Center, Goodrich.

Hubel was born June 30, 1928, in Oxford, son of the late Carl and Mina Hubel.

He married Agnes Koshatski May 11, 1991.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Davison, where he served as an elder. He was a former member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Flint, where he taught Sunday school, served on the board of directors and was a member of the men's club. A Boy Scout leader, Hubel was a herdsman at the Post Dairy Farm. He worked at Fisher Body and finished his career at Consumer's Power, retiring in 1990 after 35 years of service.

Hubel is survived by his wife, Agnes Hubel; 3 children, Sylvia (Dale) Ricketts of Swartz Creek, Joyce (David) Kidwell of Waterford and Clayton I. (Patricia) Hubel of Flint; 10 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, 2 step-children, Glen (Mardelle) Johnson of Evert and Connie Mosier of Davisburg; a brother, Wilbur (Sue) Hubel of Ruth; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sophie J. Hubel;

a son, Jeffrey C. Hubel; his father and mother, Carl W. and Mina Carletta Hubel; and sisters, Joyce Sexton and Earlene Frapport.

Funeral services were held Dec. 15 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Davison, with the Rev. Steve Stahlhut officiating. Burial was in Crestwood Cemetery.

Joseph Lorencz Jr.

Joseph Lorencz Jr., 82, of Gageton, died Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe.

He was born March 12, 1921, in Detroit to Joseph Sr. and Mary (Hosza) Lorencz. He married Mary L. Bozarth June 8, 1946, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Following his graduation from Roosevelt High School in Wyandotte, he served with the U.S. Navy during World War II. Lorencz farmed in the area for 20 years, retiring in 1980. He also worked at Automotive Industries in Owendale, Pigeon Manufacturing, and Sebewaing Industries, retiring in 1982.

He was a charter member of the Owendale Lions Club, holding several offices through the years. He was also a third degree member of the Caro Council #3224, Knights of Columbus, and was a member of St. Agatha Catholic Church in Gag-

eton.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; 5 daughters, Mary Lorencz of Troy, Linda (James) Sattler of Unionville, Margaret (John) Shagena of Chandler, Ariz., Elizabeth (Tom) Fritz of Gageton and Katherine Slumeca of Baltimore, Md.; one brother, John Lorencz of Owendale; 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; 5 sisters, Helen Smith of Essexville, Sister Joan Lorencz of Warren, Elizabeth (Richard) Binder of Essexville, Nancy (Ronald) Prokopenko of Bay City and Dr. Kathleen Lorencz of Beverly Hills; his mother-in-law, Leona Bozarth of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 2 sisters-in-law, Evelyn (Lyle) Schoonover of Mannford, Okla., and Mildred (Clarence) Cosper of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 3 brothers-in-law, William Howell of Essexville, the Rev. Joe (Carolyn) Bozarth of Dickerson, Texas, and Bob (Debbie) Bozarth of Guthrie, Okla.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, James Sattler; 2 sisters, Mary Howell and Rose Lorencz; his father-in-law, Lawrence Bozarth; a sister-in-law, Althea Lorencz; and 2 brothers-in-law, Lawrence Bozarth and Alger Smith.

A funeral mass was scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 11 a.m. at St. Agatha Catho-

lic Church, Gageton, with Father Steve Fillion officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Owendale Lions Club or the Alzheimer's Association.

Wilda Nemeth

Wilda Ruth Nemeth, 67, of Kingston, died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003, at Bay Medical Center, Bay City.

She was born Jan. 8, 1936, in Port Huron to Henry and Leone (Palmer) Zemke.

She married Edward Nemeth Feb. 26, 1955, in Caro.

Nemeth graduated from Cass City High School in 1953. She worked as a secretary for Kingston High School for 6 years, and also as a bookkeeper at a grain elevator.

She is survived by her husband, Edward; children, James (Trish) Nemeth of Grand Rapids, Sherry (Eric) Fischer of Perry, Sue Nemeth of Kingston, Scott (Lori) Nemeth of Mt. Clemens, and Steve (Kim) Nemeth of Redford; 6 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her infant son, Thomas Allen Nemeth.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 12 at Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston, with the Rev. Terry Butters of the

Kingston United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment was in Novesta Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Kingston Fire and Rescue and the Kingston Lions Club.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

George Wright

George Albert Wright, 83, of Cass City, died Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, in Saginaw.

He was born May 5, 1920, in Paris, France, to William and Helen (Delsaert) Wright.

He married Nellie Mae Glatz June 14, 1941, in Fraser. She died Oct. 3, 1999. Wright was a member of Redemption Lutheran Church in Detroit. He worked for the city of Detroit Fire Department for 35 years, rising through the ranks until he retired as battalion chief. He was also an electri-

cian, plumber, builder and carpenter. Upon his retirement, he attended MSU classes and obtained a Master Gardener certificate.

Wright is survived by his children, David Wright of Cass City, James (Tamara) Wright of White Lake, and Richard Wright of Caro; a daughter-in-law, Karen E. Wright of Cass City; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Richard (Francis) Wright of Texas.

He was preceded in death by his wife and son, Lawrence.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 15 at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Interment was in Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

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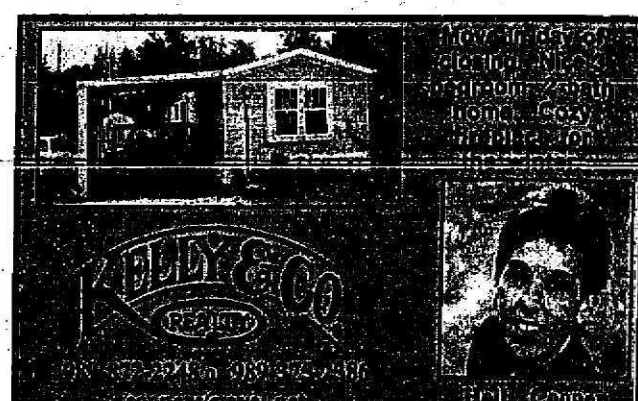
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by 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 Nationalwide 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:
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11-26-4

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: 11/19/03

Citibank, N.A.
Mortgagee

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11-19-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by 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 951 on Page 318 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and 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, Ligon 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 9.750% 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 Cal Lake Subdivision No. 2, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 104, now being Page 548, Tuscola County Records.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF DAYTON, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 25 of Cal Lake Subdivision No. 2, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 104, now being Page 548, 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

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File # 200327257
Team M

12-10-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by ROBERT J. MCCOLLUM and CARLA L. MCCOLLUM, HUSBAND and 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 10.490% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola, MI, at 11:00 AM on January 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 A 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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401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
For Information, please call:
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12-10-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Cynthia Lou McConkey Jackson, a single woman, to Franklin Mortgage Funding, A Michigan Corporation Mortgagee, dated June 26, 2001 and recorded July 5, 2001 in Liber 837, Page 734, Tuscola County Records, Michigan; said mortgage was assigned to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, f/k/a Bankers Trust Company, As Trustee, by assignment dated December 10, 2003 and recorded February 12, 2002 in Liber 864, Page 167, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$53,599.70) including interest 12.35% 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 Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on Thursday, January 15, 2004.

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

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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 11, 2003

Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, f/k/a Bankers Trust Company, As Trustee, Assignee of Mortgagee

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Our File No: 03-19414

12-17-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Teri L. Tuna & Cheryl L. Ruckle, a married woman & a single woman (original mortgagors), to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated November 29, 2001 and recorded on January 11, 2002 in Liber 856 on Page 934, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Mortgage Company as assignee by an assignment dated May 1, 2003 recorded on October 29, 2003 in Liber 951 on Page 1358, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Four And 05/100 Dollars (\$91,984.05), 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 January 15, 2004.

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

Commencing 395 feet East of the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 22, Town 10 North, Range 7 East; thence East 130 feet; thence North 325 feet; thence West 130 feet; thence South 325 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 17, 2003

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
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File #006509F01

12-17-4

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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 City (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 8.55000% 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 Township of Millington, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 18, Miller Subdivision as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 2, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: 12/3/03

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Mortgagee

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MORTGAGESALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Christine Bonnell, a married woman, and Duane Bonnell, her husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated October 25, 2001 and recorded December 10, 2001 in Liber 852, Page 156, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by BANK ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, A TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES, INC. ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-2b, 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 Nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Eight and 22/100 Dollars (\$109,628.22) including interest at the rate of 11.75% per annum.

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

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 16, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the North line of Section 16, North 89 degrees 35 minutes 55 seconds East 881.58 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said Section 16; thence continuing along said North line North 89 degrees 35 minutes 55 seconds East 443.93 feet to the East line of said Northwest 1/4; thence along said East line South 00 degrees 08 minutes 07 seconds West 989.07 feet; thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes 55 seconds West 441.30 feet; thence North 00 degrees 01 minutes 00 seconds West 989.05 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 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 BANK ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, A TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES, INC. ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-2, As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 199.1353

12-10-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dennis L. Allen, a single man (original mortgagors), to Investaid Corporation, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 22, 1999 and recorded on February 7, 2000 in Liber 793 on Page 1296, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Bank One, National Association, as Trustee as assignee by an assignment dated October 27, 1999 recorded on June 11, 2003 in Liber 935 on Page 803 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Two and 26/100 Dollars (\$67,922.26), including interest at 10.99% 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 City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1: Lot 14, Block 12 of the City of Vassar, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Deeds, Page 143 and Liber 2 of Deeds, Page 93.

Parcel 2: A parcel of land in the Village (now City) of Vassar, described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 20, Block 12 in said Village of Vassar; thence Westerly and on the line between said Lot 20 and Lot 21 to the Southwest corner of said Lot 20; thence Northerly on the line between said Lot 20 and Lot 14 of said Plat to the Northeast corner of said Lot 14; thence Easterly and parallel with the line between said Lots 20 and 21 to the street; thence Southerly and along the street line to the place of beginning. All being in the Original Plat to the Village (now City) of Vassar, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Deeds, Page 143 and Liber 2 of Deeds, Page 93. ALSO part of the Northwest fractional one quarter of Section 7, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, City of Vassar, described as being a part of Lot 60 of Block 12 of the New Plat of the Village of Vassar, recorded in Liber 2 of Deeds, on Page 93, and also a portion of the apparent Park Street right of way and more particularly described as beginning at a point on the Westerly right of way line of said Park Street which is North 50 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 70.15 feet along the Southwesterly right of way line of Maple Street and along said Westerly right of way line of Park Street South 20 degrees 16 minutes 39 seconds West, 121.00 feet from an iron pipe found at the intersection of the Easterly right of way line of Park Street and the Southwesterly right of way line of Maple Street; thence continuing along said Westerly right of way line of Park Street, South 20 degrees 16 minutes 39 seconds West, 19.23 feet to the point on the southwesterly line of said Lot 60; thence North 28 degrees 18 minutes 24 seconds East, 19.35 feet; thence North 68 degrees 25 minutes 38 seconds West, 3.15 feet to the Westerly right of way line of Park Street and the Point of Beginning. EXCEPT part of the Northwest fractional one quarter of Section 7, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, City of Vassar, described as being a part of Lot 60 of Block 12 of the New Plat of the Village of Vassar, recorded in Liber 2 of Deeds, on Page 93, more particularly described as beginning at a point which is North 50 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 70.15 feet along the Southwesterly right of way line of Maple Street and South 20 degrees 16 minutes 39 seconds West, 101.00 feet along the Westerly right of way line of Park Street, South 20 degrees 16 minutes 39 seconds West, 20.00 feet; thence North 68 degrees 25 minutes 38 seconds West, 36.77 feet; thence North 21 degrees 34 minutes 22 seconds East, 20.00 feet; thence South 68 degrees 25 minutes 38 seconds East, 36.32 feet to the point of beginning. ALSO EXCEPT part of the Northwest fractional one quarter of Section 7, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, City of Vassar, described as being a part of Lot 19 of Block 12 of the New Plat of the Village of Vassar, recorded in Liber 2 of Deeds, on Page 93.

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.

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Dated: December 10, 2003

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC H (248) 593-1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Bank One, National Association, as Trustee
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #005806F01

12-10-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JUDY L. DONNELLY, A SINGLE WOMAN, to MORTGAGE AMERICA (MCA), INC., a Florida Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 4, 1999 and recorded on August 12, 1999 in Liber 779 on Page 643, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgage to ALTEORA CREDIT COMPANY, now known as NATIONAL CITY HOME LOAN SERVICES, INC., by an assignment dated August 4, 1999 and recorded on August 14, 2000 in Liber 808 on Page 671, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy-nine thousand seven hundred ninety-eight and 72/100 Dollars (\$79,798.72), including interest at 11.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given

that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola, MI, at 11:00 AM on January 22, 2004.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF VASSAR, TUSCOLA County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the intersection of centerline of highway and South line of Section 29, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, which is S87°19'59"E, 1290.22 feet from the Southwest corner of Section 29; thence N29°46'10"W, along centerline of highway, 107.82 feet; thence along centerline 390.44 feet on a curve to the left (having a radius of 122,778.40 feet, a delta angle of 00°10'56" and a chord bearing and distance of N29°51'47"W, 390.44 feet); thence N76°17'37"E, 311.28 feet to a point on the West, North and South 1/8 line, South 508.06 feet, N87°19'59"W, 42.48 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 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: December 17, 2003

NATIONAL CITY HOME LOAN SERVICES, INC.
Assignee of Mortgagee

ATTORNEY FOR: Assignee of Mortgagee

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
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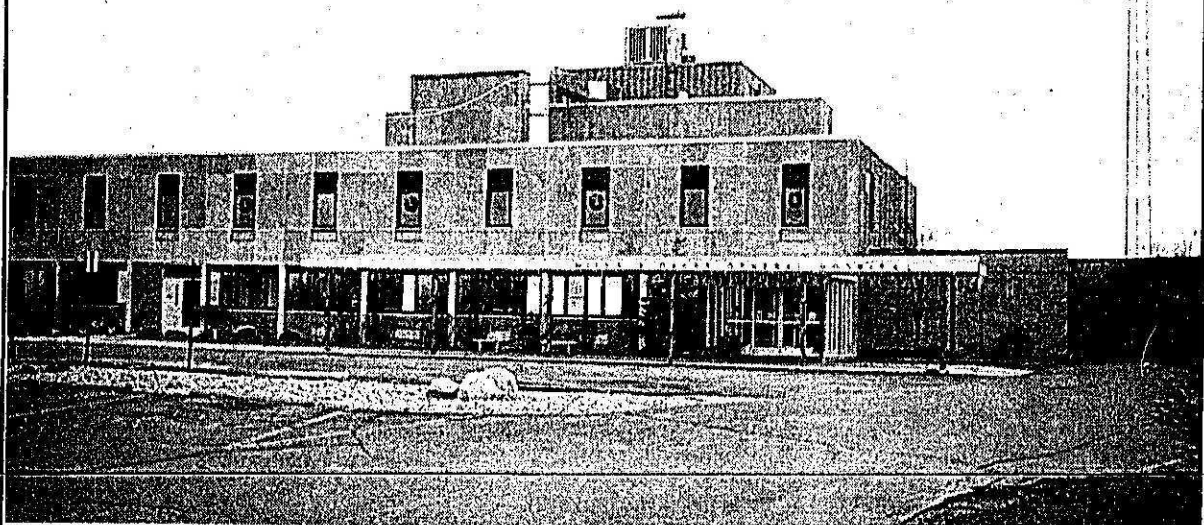
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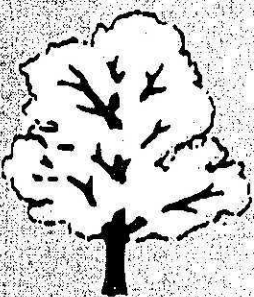
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Tuscola Farm Bureau members attend meeting

Members of the Tuscola County Farm Bureau represented the local agriculture industry at Michigan Farm Bureau's (MFB) 84th Annual Meeting, Dec. 2-5 in Acme. Appointed delegates spent 3 days in policy resolution sessions, defining MFB's agenda for the coming year.

Representing Tuscola County at this year's meeting were Gordon Bierlein, Viola Bierlein, Nancy Orner, Dorothy Keinath, Donald Keinath, Jonathon Findlay, Ron Bernia, Irene Rodammer, Karen

Goodchild, Bonnie Bergdolt, Barbara Hickey, Diane Rohlf, Anthony Bierlein, Greg Ackerman, Alice Starkey, Norman Bergdolt, Delores Damm, Myron Orner, Otto Rodammer, Richard Starkey, Larry Hickey, Martin Damm and Dennis Engelhard.

Policy highlights from this year's meeting include MFB's opposition to individual National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for new concentrated animal feeding operations, and op-

position to the merger of MSU's Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources with two other departments.

In addition to delegate sessions, members had the opportunity to attend informative programs about pollution discharge permitting and the visual preference survey conducted by the Michigan Farmland and Community Alliance, a non-profit company affiliated with MFB.

This year's MFB Annual Meeting featured the annual

Young Farmer competitions, discussion meet and awards. MFB's second annual Harvest Gathering food drive raised more than 13,200 pounds of food to stock the shelves of the state's 4 Ronald McDonald Houses.

Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Bill Schuette and State Representative Judy Emmons spoke at the AgriPAC Breakfast, and the Taste of Michigan Reception highlighted many of the commercially available food products grown and processed in the state.

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Hills & Dales General Hospital Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
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The public is invited to donate \$5 or more to illuminate the tree in honor or memory of a loved one.

Free Saturday Matinee at the Cass Theatre 2 p.m.

12 and under FREE
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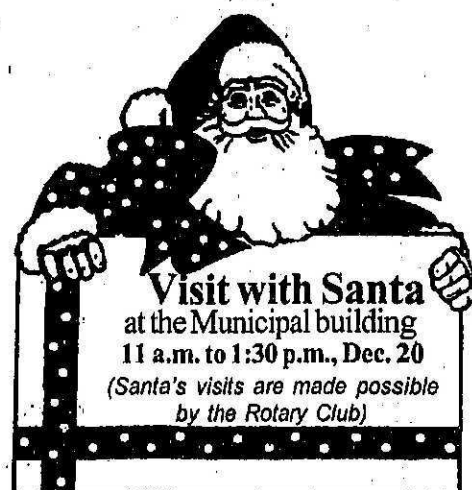
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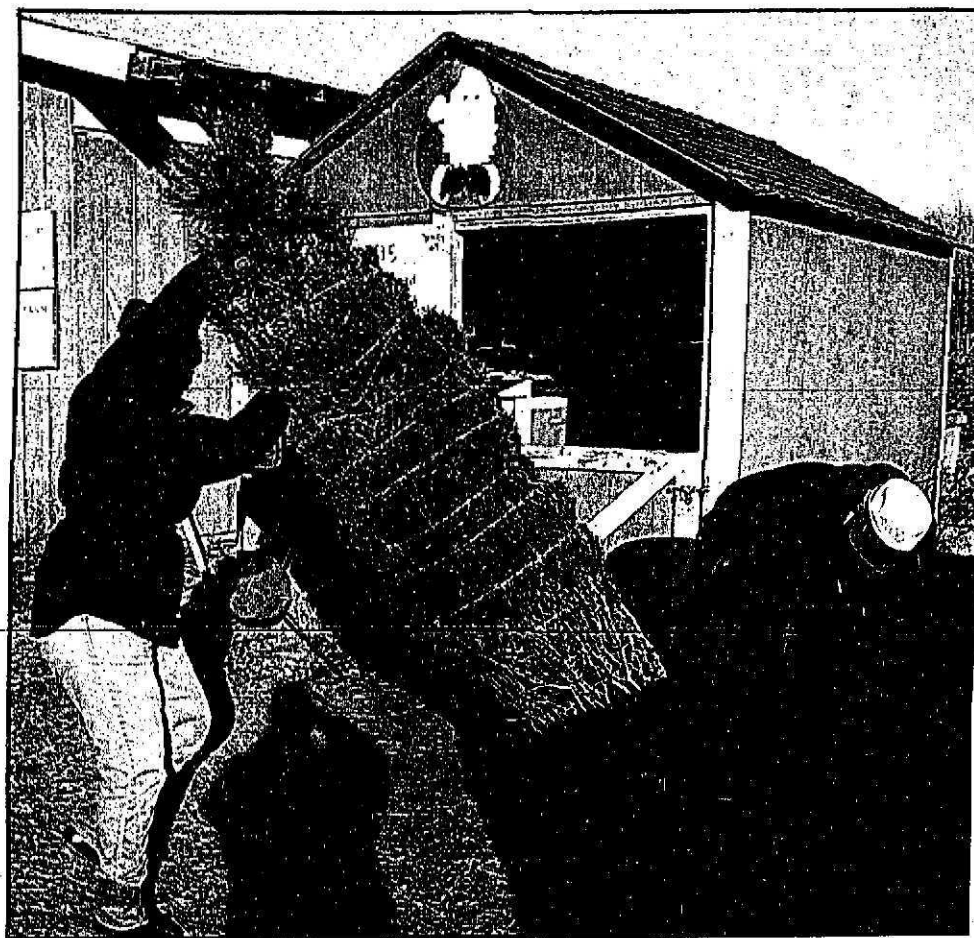


Visit with Santa
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CARL AND PHYLLIS Silvernail demonstrate what they call their "marriage-saving" tree stand. The stand, which features a rod that fits into the base of a drilled tree trunk, makes it easy to set up the tree.

Trees going fast

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Once they get to 4 feet, they grow a foot a year.

"A complete rotation will take at least 10 years from the time we plant until the time we harvest."

Silvernail has an extensive and interesting background in agriculture.

An ordained minister, he worked as an agricultural missionary in Brazil for 10 years. When he returned to the Thumb, he started farming and taught special education for many years. "Then we rented out our land, and for something to do I planted trees."

Silvernail started his tree farm about 20 years ago. In the beginning, he and his wife, Phyllis, handled the work. Later, Silvernail partnered with the Brzezinskis. "It's a partnership, but you could call it a family Christmas tree farm."

Silvernail noted that growing Christmas trees is actually a small portion of the farm operation, which totals 50 acres, including about 35 acres in the Thumb. "We sell nursery trees - landscape trees, evergreens - all spring and all fall."

Today, Silvernail and his partners also market hay and raise sheep and cash crops. "That's all happened in the

last year with all the younger guys coming in," he said. "It's more than a hobby, but it keeps us busy, let's put it that way," added Silvernail, who indicated he still enjoys the work. "My wife wonders when I'm going to retire, and I say, 'I'm retired. This is it.'"

Blaze

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added.

Mattlin didn't have a damage estimate, but said the loss will probably be several hundred thousand dollars. "The damage is expensive, but the structure is sound, I think," he said.

There was very little damage at Howard's Beauty Academy and Innovations Salon and Day Spa, the fire chief said.

"The guys got into it quick and knocked it down and kept it from spreading," Mattlin said. "The guys did a great job and we had some outstanding help. In the end, I had (assistants) from Cass City, Fairgrove, Kingston, Mayville, Reese-Blumfield, Unionville and Vassar." Fire fighters remained at the scene for 7 hours.



WORKERS AT the Silvernail Tree Farm use special machines to shake (above) and then bundle trees for their customers. In addition to a variety of trees, the farm offers wagon rides and a lunch wagon.

Council approves budget

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The water fund, meanwhile, continues to pay on a \$250,000 loan for a new well and painting of the village's water tank. In addition, the federal government's mandate to reduce arsenic levels in public water supplies is expected to cost the village up to \$1.5 million in water treatment costs.

In other business Monday, the council:

• Approved a proclamation thanking Planning Commission member Catherine M. Hellew for her service on the board. Hellew resigned because she's moving out of the

area. The council approved the appointment of Mick Kirm to fill the vacancy.

Karr recommended and the council approved sending a similar letter to former council trustee Don Ball, who resigned in the fall after 2 years of service to the village.

• Adopted a schedule of regular meeting dates for 2004. The council will continue to meet on the last Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the municipal building. One exception is the May meeting date, which was rescheduled due to the Memorial Day holiday.

• Canceled the Dec. 22 regu-

larly scheduled council meeting, having completed all regular business Monday night.

Area students compete in bowl

The Thumb Area Quiz Bowl League held its fall tournament Wednesday at the Sault Ste. Marie Career Center. Twelve area high school quiz bowl teams were registered from Marquette, Deckerville, C-PS Sandusky, North Huron, Almont and Bad Axe.

Teams of 4 students competed. One of the questions from the championship round answered correctly by Sandusky's Ted Irland was "Fascism comes from the Latin word describing a bundle of rods that enclose an ax carried ahead of ancient Roman officials as a symbol of power." (fascis) Another answered by Sandusky's Trey Landsburg at the end of the championship match was, "In 1973, the person third in command at the justice department fired Archibald Cox as Watergate special prosecutor. Fourteen years later, the Senate rejected his nomination to the Supreme Court. Name him. (Robert Bork)"

The top 6 teams in the fall season in order of finish were: Sandusky, Bad Axe A, Almont A, Deckerville A,

coached by Denise Sudderth, Bad Axe B and Deckerville B. C-PS, coached by Scott Bulard, won the fall 2003 sportsmanship award.

Valuable player trophies went to Jackie Ondrejka, Melissa Broecker and Hali Brown, Marquette; Val Bays, Kurt Radatz and Justin Helfer, Deckerville; Charles Hundersmarck, Shawn Swartendruher and Brandon Stout, Bad Axe; Logan Williams, C-PS; Danielle Bojanzky and D.L. Lawrence, Almont; Beth Koroleski and Rachael Horetski, North Huron; and Ted Irland, Sandusky.

Winter Quiz Bowl starts Jan. 14 and runs through April 23-24. Teams that qualify may take part in the State Quiz Bowl games at Michigan State University. Addition Thumb teams joining for the winter season include Cass City, Brown City and Peck.

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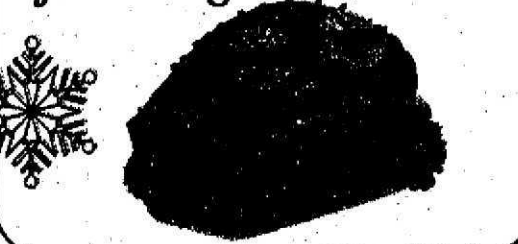
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