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## 2 teens die in accident in Millington

Millington Police continued their investigation Monday of a hit and run accident that claimed the lives of 2 Millington teens in a residential area of Millington Saturday night.

A spokesman at the Millington Police Department identified the victims as Nathan Betzing, 14, and Jason Usrey, 13, both of Millington.

The spokesman said the youths were riding their bikes on Main Street just east of Fulmer Street at about 11:17 p.m. when they were struck from behind by a pick-up truck.

The intersection is well lit, according to the spokesman, who stated the driver, a 25-year-old Vassar Township man, then left the scene.

The youths were transported to St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw, by Flightcare Helicopter and the Vassar Area Ambulance Service. Both were pronounced dead on arrival.

The driver's name and other details were not released pending further investigation and review of

the case by the Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office.

Millington police were assisted at the scene by Michigan State Police from the Caro post and Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies.

### OTHER ACCIDENTS

In other accidents over the past week, Cass City police reported no injuries and only minor damage in a pair of mishaps.

According to reports Charles W. Nemeth Jr., Cass City, was eastbound on Main Street in the village Saturday at about 12:15 p.m. when he stopped to make a left turn and was struck from behind by another east-bound vehicle.

The driver of the other vehicle, John M. Wright, also of Cass City, told police he swerved but was unable to avoid impact.

Another Cass City resident, William D. Younglove, reported minor damage to his vehicle after hitting a deer lying on M-53

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**RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY...** Rain returned to the area over the weekend, putting another damper on spring planting plans following the wettest April in more than a decade.

## Record rains serious, not yet fatal for farmers

April showers bring May flowers and, typically, the start of another planting season in the Thumb, but too much of a good thing this year is causing headaches for area farmers unable to get into their fields.

The Cass City area as well as much of the Thumb was drying out Monday from another round of weekend showers that followed the soggiest April in at least a decade.

More than 6 inches of rain were recorded at the Cass City Wastewater Treatment Plant last month. As of Monday, May's rainfall to-

taled close to another half inch.

In contrast, records show that during the previous 10 years, rainfall in April averaged about 2.5 inches, with a range of .99 of an inch in 1984 to 3.89 inches in 1981.

April temperatures, meanwhile, were comparable to those recorded during the same month in recent years. The average high was 57 degrees and the average low, 37 degrees.

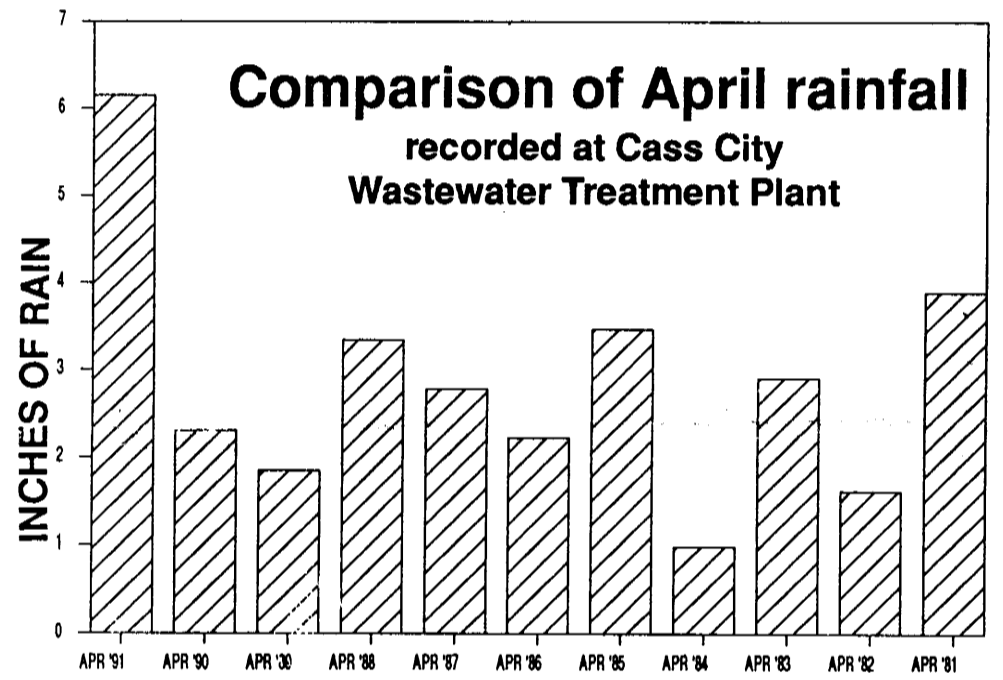
Although most of April's precipitation fell in varying amounts on 5 days, area residents saw rain on at least 15 of the month's 30 days.

Mother Nature's generosity left area fields more suitable for planting rice than corn or sugar beets.

Tuscola County Cooperative Extension Service Director Dennis Stein remarked Friday that under the ideal scenario, a majority of the sugar beets and up to 50 percent of the corn would be planted in Tuscola County by this time. As of Friday, however, less than 5 percent of each crop was in the field.

Still, Stein pointed out, farmers needn't push the panic button yet.

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## 236 to graduate

# Area seniors set for final swirl

The 1991-92 school year will conclude in only a few weeks, but there are still plenty of ball games, awards banquets, concerts and a host of other activities to attend before area school doors are closed for the summer.

The year will climax later this month for seniors in the Cass City, Owen-Gage, Kingston and Uby school districts, which are slated to graduate a combined 236 students.

The following is a rundown of the schools' year-end activities, as well as final exam schedules and graduation plans.

### CASS CITY

Among the events scheduled this month at Cass City High School is an annual awards ceremony that recognizes students' academic as well as athletic achievements. The event will begin at 9:30 a.m. Friday in the high school gym.

Cass City's 99 Seniors will end their school year with final exams May 15 and 16. Commencement and baccalaureate practice will follow at 9:30 a.m. May 17.

Other students will attend their final classes June 3 and 4, when their finals are scheduled.

The annual baccalaureate service will be held May 19 at 2 p.m. in the high school gym.

The program will include an address by the Rev. Allen Fruendt, pastor of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City, and music by the high school band. Other local clergy scheduled to take part are the Rev. Eldred Kelley, pastor of the Evangelical Free Church, and the Rev. Julius Splect of St. Pancratius Catholic Church.

Commencement is set for May 23 at 8 p.m., also in the high school gym. Class of 1991 President Amice Cooper and Secretary Jane Marker have been chosen by committee to address their classmates.

### OWEN-GAGE

Bay City Mayor Mary

Donnelly will return to her alma mater to address the 32 members of the Owen-Gage Class of 1991 during commencement exercises slated for 8 p.m. May 23 in the high school gym. Donnelly is a 1970 Owen-Gage graduate.

Owen-Gage's baccalaureate will be held May 19 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Gagetown Elementary School gym. The Rev. Ray R. Ohlendorf, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Linkville, is scheduled to address the graduates.

Special events slated before baccalaureate include a National Honor Society Induction at 5:30 p.m. and a band concert at 7:30 p.m., both today (Wednesday) in the high school gym.

Also scheduled is an annual academic awards assembly, which will be held May 14 at 9 a.m., also at the high school.

Seniors will wrap up their last year in high school with final exams May 16 and 17. Other students will finish up the year June 9 and 10.

### KINGSTON

Kingston School officials will announce scholarship winners and present academic achievement awards during an annual awards program slated for 1 p.m. May 10 at the high school.

Other activities this month include an annual spring band concert set for 7 p.m. May 20, also at the high school.

Seniors will complete their last full day of school May 17, and take final exams May 20 and 21, while other students will end the year with final exams June 3 and 4. School will be dismissed at 1:20 p.m. both days.

Commencement practice will be held May 24 starting at 9:15 a.m.

School officials will graduate 43 seniors at graduation exercises scheduled for May 26 at 2 p.m. Michigan Farm Bureau President Jack Laurie, Cass City, will deliver the commencement address. No baccalaureate is planned.

### UBLY

Uby Community High School will graduate 62 seniors May 26 at 2 p.m. in

the high school gym. The combined baccalaureate and commencement exercises will be held on the same afternoon.

The Rev. Richard Bokinskie, pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Ruth, will deliver the invocation. Please turn to back page.

## "Can't believe no one stopped"

# Cars whiz by as O'Bee lies bleeding

Retired police officer Walter O'Bee saw a lot of inconsiderate behavior and worse during his 30-year career with the Warren Police Department.

Still, the Thumb resident of 8 years wasn't prepared for the lack of concern displayed by some motorists traveling on M-53 near his Cass City area home Friday.

O'Bee, 70, was cutting his lawn that afternoon when he had an accident that cost him the better part of 3 fingers on his left hand.

He explained that wet grass had clogged and stopped the blade on his riding lawn mower. With the motor still running, he attempted to dislodge the clog with a stick. It worked, but when the blade began to rotate, the stick along with O'Bee's hand was suddenly jerked into the machine.

O'Bee, bleeding profusely and knowing he had lost some fingers, calmly walked into his home, wrapped his hand in a towel and called the Michigan State Police post in Sandusky.

With his wife gone shopping and his neighbors not home, he decided it would be best to walk across his front yard to the shoulder of M-53 to wait for help.

Within moments, he lost nearly all consciousness. But over the next several minutes, before help arrived, he could hear cars—15 to 20 of them—whizzing past him as he lay near his mailbox, bleeding.

None of them stopped to offer a helping hand.

"I felt as bad about them going by as I did about my

fingers being amputated," he said Monday.

"I just can't believe (no one stopped). I just can't believe it," he added. "Nobody even slowed down. I must have laid there 10 minutes. The towel was just saturated with blood—I can't see how it could have been overlooked."

O'Bee indicated troopers from the Sandusky post and Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies, upon arriving at the scene, wondered the same thing.

Cass City-Mercy Ambulance personnel transported O'Bee to Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City, where Dr. H.T. Donahue worked on his hand for some 2 hours.

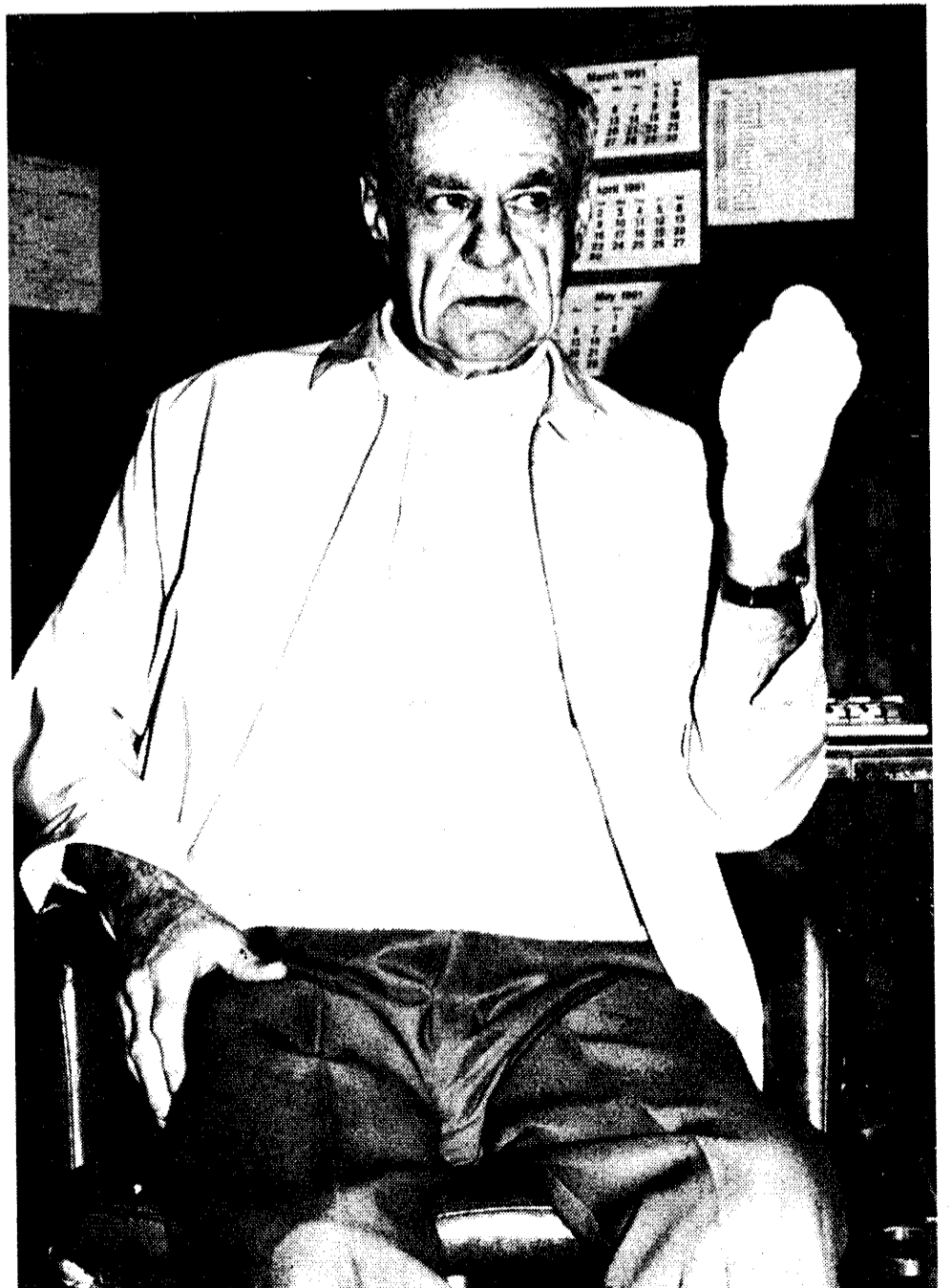
The first Warren police officer ever to rise through the ranks from beat cop to police commissioner, he lauded Sanilac County police for their efforts, including taking his wife to the hospital.

But the fact that no one stopped to offer him a helping hand still bothers him.

"This could happen to anybody," O'Bee pointed out, adding he hopes that by publicizing his experience, others will be reminded of how important it is to show concern and get involved. Stopping to help could save someone's life he noted.

"In today's society, I think people are afraid of litigation, (but) I just think that when a person's in need, they could stop and see what's wrong," he concluded.

"I would have stopped to see what had happened. I would even stop for a dog."



**AN ACCIDENT** Friday afternoon left area resident Walter O'Bee questioning the consideration of motorists who passed him by on M-53 as he lay bleeding near his mailbox.

**Engaged**



**Tom Sova  
Roxy Somerville**

Roxy Somerville of Caro and Tom Sova of Freeland are pleased to announce their engagement. Parents of the couple are Harold and Gladys Wallis of Akron and the late John Somerville, and Cecilia Sova of Freeland and the late Vincent A. Sova. A June 22, 1991 wedding is planned.

**Cass City High School honor roll**

**CASS CITY HONOR ROLL**

Cass City High School officials recently named the following students to the school's fifth marking period honor roll:

**12TH GRADE**

All A's - Janet Kubacki, Tricia Opal, Randy Peasley, Melissa Zinnecker.

B or Better - Kathleen Bolton, Amiee Cooper, Chris Fruendt, George Hawley, Angela Hennessey, Chris Herringshaw, Jandi Hillaker, Mark Howard, Casey Howe, Lisa Jones, Marney Konkel, Jane Marker, Tina McFarland, LeAnn Meredith, Kim Morley, Steve Panich, Ryan Pringle, Roberta Rockwell, Lane Smith, Amber Stack, Laura Taylor, Christine Whittaker, Sherry Willis.

**11TH GRADE**

B or Better - Deb Adams, Melahie Churchill, Bart Hall, Jodi Hillaker, Rusty Hrycko, Diana Loomis, Barb Sageman, Heather Shaft, Kent Winter, Soo Yun.

**10TH GRADE**

All A's - Rosie Blue, Kristy Gnagey, Tamara Mearns, Melissa Micklash, Robert Roach, Roxanne Rutkoski, Rachel Sugden.

B or Better - Tracey Burns, Sarah Edzik, Jennifer Fruendt, Bill Graham, Kerry Guinther, Heidi Hall, Mark Hawley, Nadine Hoppe, Candice Horne, William Johnson, Barbara Kelley, Heather Kelly, Nicola Kuperus, Laura Langenburg, Amy Osantowski, Richard Parrott, Renee Rabideau, Ben Schott, Jenny Storm, Heather Stratton, Andrea Wallace, Tara Wentworth.

**9TH GRADE**

All A's - David Bills, Becky Britt, Pauline Byron, Stacey Klinkman, Kelli Opal, Sarah Wright.

B or Better - Nathan Bouck, Melanie Fritz, Aaron Hewitt, Barry Hornbacher, Noel Hombacher, David Hutchinson, Ryan King, Ann Koepf, Robin Longuski, Rachel Malone, Kristy Messing, Stephanie Mohr, Tracy Moore, Paul Murphy, Ed Nizzola, Michelle Peruski, Mike Sherman, Jami Sting, Marc Wallace, Jason Walther.

**Cass City Personal Items**

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**Marriage Licenses**

Glen Alan McLaren and Dana Sue Sylvester, both of Vassar.

Robert Gerald Major, Mayville, and Claudia Marie Confer, Caro.

Michael Lee Valentine and Kelly Jo Jobson, both of Vassar.

Roy Lewis Hill and Connie Sue Wilson, both of Millington.

Steven Dennis Locke and Theresa Ann Haynes, both of Vassar.

Joel Ronald Diechman and Sherrie Renee Miller, both of Fostoria.

Paul Matthews Pickett Jr., North Branch, and Angelia Lee Lasko, Mayville.

Gerald David Eberlein and Marilyn Kay Miller, both of Millington.

Dennis David Meganck and Gail Lee Barkowska, both of Mayville.

Thomas Lawrence Amiot and Lynn May Nigl, both of Caro.

Misty and Casie Jensen announce the birth of their baby sister, Jessie Jean. Born April 10 at North Carolina Memorial Hospital, she weighed 10 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 3/4 inches long. Her parents are Jim and Lori Jensen of Lillington, N.C. Grandparents are Ken and Georgine Jensen and Tom and Nora-jean Little.

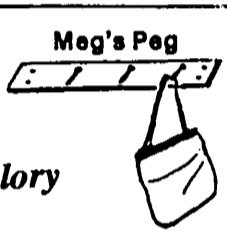
Linda, Adrianna and Andrew returned home to Augusta after spending a week with the Arroyos, Rick, Becky, Carey and Jarod Chard, of Cass City, and Daryle and Lori Meyer of Bay City.

Luis and Lila Arroyo announce the birth of a granddaughter, April 13, Adriana Marie Devine, to Bill and Linda Devine of Augusta, Mich. She joins a brother, Andrew.

Dale and Mary Damm and Wes and Nancy Frederick of Caro visited Tim and Susan Wooster in Flint Sunday.



**Old Glory**



by Melva E. Guinther

Don't you find the renaissance of patriotism refreshing?

Spurred by a nation-wide concern over Desert Shield/Storm, it seems everybody is rallying 'round the flag.

Since the Supreme Court decided (in a 5-4 vote last year) that it's unconstitutional to make burning the flag illegal, the matter of flag etiquette may be academic. I think, however, that the vast majority of Americans respect Old Glory and want to treat the flag with dignity.

Consequently, I have taken, and pass along, a very short refresher course in flag protocol.

According to my source book, a citizen may fly the flag anytime he wishes. While it's customary to display it from sunrise to sunset, it may be displayed at night on special occasions, preferably lighted.

The flag should be "hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously" and never allowed to touch the ground or floor.

As to saluting the flag, everyone present should face the flag, stand at attention and salute when: (a) the flag is passing in a parade or review, (b) during a ceremony of hoisting or lowering, (c) when the national anthem is played, and (d) during the pledge of allegiance.

Members of the military who are in uniform should give a military salute. Men not in uniform are to remove their hats with their right hands and hold them at the left shoulder, with the hand over the heart. Women and men without hats should hold the right hand over the heart in salute, and aliens should stand at attention.

It's proper on Memorial Day to fly the flag at half staff until noon, then raise it completely. It's also flown at half staff for 30 days from the day of the death of a president or former president, 10 days from the day of death of a vice-president, chief justice or speaker of

the House, with lesser periods of time for various other government officials.

The flag should never be displayed with the union (blue field with white stars) down, except as a distress signal.

Other no-nos include carrying the flag flat or horizontally. It should always fly "aloft and free." It should never be displayed on a float, car or boat except from a staff.

It's not to be used as a drape or to cover a ceiling, or for advertising purposes. It should not have any word, design or drawing placed on it, or be embroidered on such articles as cushions or handkerchiefs, or be printed on boxes or anything designed for temporary use and discard.

It should not be used as a costume or athletic uniform, or as a receptacle to carry anything.

When worn out or "no longer a fitting emblem for display", the flag should be disposed of in a dignified way, preferably by burning in private.

The flag is the symbol of the freedom that so many people in the world only wish for. Let's continue to fly it proudly and thankfully.

**Hutchinson is guest speaker at Zonta Club**

Rawson Memorial Library Director Barbara Hutchinson was the guest speaker at the April meeting of the Zonta Club of Cass City.

Hutchinson spoke about changes, including imple-

**60 attend PTA stress workshop**

Sixty persons recently attended a stress workshop held at Jordan College and hosted by the Cass City PTA.

Betty Pattullo of the Tuscola County Cooperative Extension Service office held a session for adults and discussed the nature of stress and how to identify characteristics of negative stress. Diane List of List Psychological Services presented a session for teens to help them understand the source of stress in their lives.

The response to this informational workshop was very positive, according to PTA officials, who are planning another workshop focusing on tips and strategies for dealing with stress.

The last PTA meeting for this school year will be held May 13 at 7 p.m. at Jordan College.

Millie Brown will be there to discuss D.A.R.E., a drug education program. Planning for next year will also take place. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Dairy month**

Since 1937, the American Dairy Association has dedicated the month of June to the dairy farmer and dairy products. That tradition continues in 1991 with the 54th celebration of "June is Dairy Month."



The first Presidential news conference to be televised was held by President Eisenhower on Jan. 19, 1955.

entation of a computerized circulation system and on-line card catalogue, being made at the Cass City library.

In other business, officers were elected to 2-year terms. They are Constance Schwaderer, president; Kathy McDougall, vice president; Colleen Crowley, treasurer, and board members Shirley Buschlen and Jeri Tordai. Officers will be installed at the group's May meeting.

Also during the meeting, plans were finalized for the selection of 2 scholarship recipients, one each from the Cass City and Owen-Gage school districts. Gifts will be given to the valedic-

torians representing each school.

Zonta is a group of active women who are executives or in business. Service is the organization's goal.

The local club was instrumental in collecting money for the village swimming pool and, with the help of area fire fighters, collected money to purchase the Elkland Township Fire Department's Jaws of Life.

Zonta International has more than 35,000 members from 53 countries around the world. Zonta works with the United Nations to further the welfare of women and children in third world nations through the program, "Unifem."

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**LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION**

**NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF KINGSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL TUSCOLA AND LAPEER COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

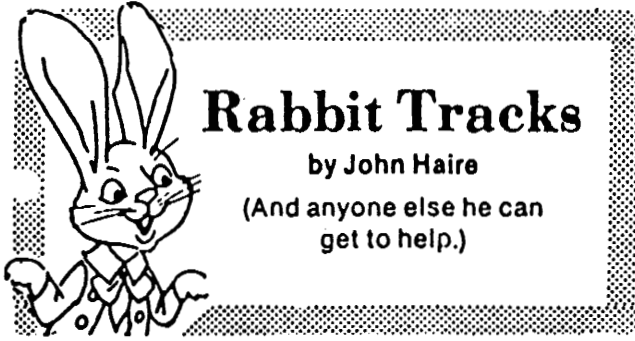
Please Take Notice that the annual school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 10, 1991.

**THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER WITH THE APPROPRIATE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERKS, IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 10, 1991, IS MONDAY, MAY 13, 1991. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 13, 1991, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION.**

Persons planning to register with the respective city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

**James A. Green**  
Secretary, Board of Education



**Rabbit Tracks**

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

We have a copy of a program of the Cass City Gavel Club's 20th anniversary track meet dated Saturday, May 6, 1978. The meet annually attracted a host of teams from all over mid-Michigan.

The 20th year was the final one and the meet was replaced by the Cass City Invitational that wasn't as successful.

In the 20 years the meet was held, Cass City never won. Flint Kearsley dominated with 9 wins, followed by USA which won 5 titles.

Incidentally, this final meet was run by some familiar faces in the sports community. The late Don Stamats was the starter, Bob Stickle the director and Dick Wallace the head finish-line judge.

With the successful conclusion of the first new Gavel Club Invitational, sponsors are already girding up for next year when they hope to have a 16-team field.

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We'll really take special notice of the event next year, but just for the record, Cass City's Mable Brian recently celebrated her 99th birthday. Hale and hearty and as indomitable as ever, I'm told, Mable just keeps on truckin' along.

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The returns haven't been officially tabulated yet, but it's now apparent that there is strong support on Main Street for abandoning the parking meters for at least a 3-month trial period.

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We were taken by surprise by the closing of the Lamotte Presbyterian Church in which the final service was held Sunday. The 103-year-old church, located on the corner of M-46 and M-53 is one of 2 that have closed in recent years.

Another old-time church that has closed is the Novesta Baptist Church, located on Lampton Road, a mile west of M-53, near Deckerville Road. Frankly we forgot the name of that church, but not the name of someone who could remember. Elwyn Helwig not only knew the church name, but also remembered the road it was located on.

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**GOV. JOHN ENGLER** recently presented a proclamation to Tuscola 2001 Steering Committee members (left to right) Betty Pattullo, Margie White, Mike Green and Jim McLoskey.

By governor

**Planning effort honored**

Tuscola 2001, a county-wide strategic planning effort, has received recognition from Gov. John Engler.

A Proclamation honoring the effort was recently presented by the governor to Tuscola 2001 Steering Committee members, Betty Pattullo, Cooperative Extension Service home economist; Margie White, representing Great Lakes Junior college; Mike Green, Tuscola County commissioner, and Jim McLoskey, director of the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation. Tuscola 2001, "An Action

Plan for the Future," is a program supported and facilitated by Michigan Bell Telephone.

A public presentation of the findings and recommen-

**All-class reunion planning underway**

Preparations are underway for the Cass City High School All-Class Reunion. The All-Class Reunion Committee has announced it will meet May 20 starting at

7:30 p.m. at the Cass City VFW Hall, Weaver Street. Invitational letters will be ready for class representatives to pick-up for mailing at this meeting, according to Jack Esau, the committee's publicity coordinator. Other committee members are Beryl Bliss and Joan O'Dell, co-chairpersons; Curt Strickland, treasurer, and Helen Rayl, secretary.

The all-class reunion is held every 5 years, Esau said, adding this year's gathering, scheduled for Aug. 3, will be the fourth such reunion for former students and faculty.

More than 1,000 persons have attended each of the past reunions.

**Milk law**

In 1948, Michigan became the first state to pass the Pasteurized Milk Law, requiring all milk, cheese and butter to be pasteurized before being sold to consumers.



This is coming to you from a died-in-the-wool baseball fan, and more than that, a died-in-the-wool Tiger baseball fan.

Died-in-the-wool is a good phrase for describing a baseball nut. It's an old expression just right when talking about an old game, not one of the upstart ones like football or basketball. It's just right when trying to talk about a person who really cares about the game, thinks it's important to know how the players are doing and rejoices when the home team wins.

Baseball watching has been a fun time since my first game and my first world series game in 1934, when waiting all night to buy a ticket in the bleachers was a big time thrill.

A little more ancient history and we'll get to what this column is all about. At that world series game, dur-

ing the warm up, a Chicago Cub pitcher, Lon Warnake, threw a baseball over the fence and it ended up in my hands. He later autographed it.

The men in the group decided to tell everyone that the ball was one that Hank Greenberg hit into the stands over our heads during the game. They did, and swore me to secrecy. The word got around and the upshot of the whole thing was that the Bay City Times ran a picture of me with the ball. Talk about a scared kid. I figured the police were going to knock on my door any minute.

I've been a regular visitor at the old ball park ever since.

Now that the preamble is over, let's get down to the point of this column - the building of a new stadium to replace the old ball park now called Tiger Stadium, the last of 4 names it has had since professional ball was played there.

It's not news that there is strong support for renovating the stadium rather than build a new one, although that's subsided somewhat.

New or old what this ball fan is vehemently opposed to is charging one solitary dime to me or any other taxpayer to build it.

Tiger president Bo Schembechler is on record now as saying that the Tigers figure to just about break even this year. Without a new stadium, with expensive boxes to lease for \$90,000 a year or so and the revenue from parking, the club just can't survive economically, he says.

Given this dubious financial outlook isn't it strange that this poor team is probably worth \$50 million more than the big bucks Tom Monaghan paid for it a few short years ago?

We haven't read about any threat from Tiger management to leave town for other cities who are panting for a team and offer the world with a ribbon tied around it if one will come. That's how the Chicago White Sox got a new stadium.

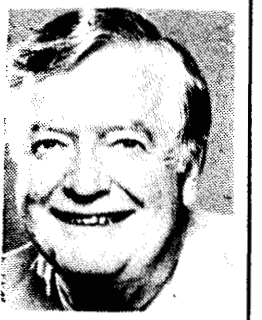
If it takes a deal like the one that built the Silverdome, for which we are still paying, I say no deal.

I'd be sad if the Tigers were gone from Detroit, but I'd be sadder still if they stayed and I paid.

*"If It Fitz...."*

**Nothing changed**

By Jim Fitzgerald



After several days away, it was good to return home Sunday night and discover nothing had changed while I was gone. The streetlights in my Detroit neighborhood were out. This is great for people who must make their living breaking into parked cars.

And, according to my waiting mail, ghost parking tickets are still being written with enthusiasm. This is great for city servants who must make their living screwing the public.

Where I live, on the east edge of downtown, lights on several blocks of East Lafayette Boulevard go dark regularly. I don't know why, but it probably has something to do with the Department of Public Lighting not spending the money it has budgeted to keep lights working. Last year, in fact, Mayor Coleman Young proposed borrowing \$1.73 million in surplus lighting funds to keep the People Mover moving, mostly empty.

I'd compliment the permanent director of the lighting department for a clever use of thrift on behalf of car thieves. Except there hasn't been a permanent director for seven years. Young hasn't gotten around to appointing one. Maybe he's run out of cronies, a serious shortage that could leave the city without enough department heads to maintain the administration's astonishing reputation for ineptness.

**SO MANY CARS SUFFER DAMAGE**

My family's had five cars stolen and/or broken into the last few years. On a recent morning, in front of my apartment building, three cars parked in a row had broken windows and ripped-up dashboards. Obviously, this is a competitive business, and it's undoubtedly difficult for each thief to make a decent living. They need help. It isn't enough to assign most cops to bump into each other in Greektown.

We must keep street lights off. It may be the only way to

keep car thieves off welfare. As for ghost tickets, Henry Marsh, a Saginaw attorney, sent me a copy of a letter he wrote to the Detroit Parking Violations Bureau. It protested a \$30 overdue notice Marsh received for illegal parking in Detroit while he and the cited car were in Saginaw. Noting the parking bureau's threat to cite him in court and have the state withhold his driver's license, Marsh wrote: "I suggest that you file your citation and I assure you that it will be vigorously contested — with the officer who issued it under subpoena, not free to fail to appear. Further, if it is reported to the Secretary of State, I will leave no stone unturned in an effort to have it determined that there was an abuse of process, and more importantly the legal system."

Such an unfair attitude! And then there's Robert Sobey who received a \$30 overdue notice for illegal parking in Detroit while he and his car — according to the time sheets from his employer — were in Clinton, Iowa.

**A LONG-DISTANCE BUSINESS**

A while back, Sobey read here about a Lansing resident cited for illegal parking in Detroit, although he'd never been here, and the explanation offered by a parking bureau executive: Maybe someone stole the car, drove it to Detroit and parked illegally, and then drove it back to the owner in Lansing.

"Apparently someone drove my car from Iowa to

Detroit and back (17 hours round-trip) without my knowledge," Sobey wrote. "I would like to write more but I must go out and check my car to see if it's still parked at my new home in Charleston, W. Virginia. After all, if someone could drive my car from Iowa to Detroit without my knowledge, certainly it's possible for someone in West Virginia to do the same."

Easy for Sobey to be sarcastic.

What he and Marsh don't realize is that parking officers must justify their jobs or risk losing them, and if they can do it without too much sweat, they save money on deodorant. And the income of TIXON Corp., which processes parking tickets, is based partly on how many overdue notices it mails out, ghostly or not.

These people have to make a living, the same as car thieves.

So keep the streetlights out, and the ghost tickets coming. It's the humanitarian thing to do. What a city.

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**LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION**

**SCHOOL ELECTION**

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TUSCOLA, HURON AND SANILAC COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the annual school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 10, 1991.

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# Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
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Brenda Tyrrell of Midland spent the weekend with Kathryn Tyrrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wills were Monday supper and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wills at Port Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Osenotki and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cleland Jr. were Sunday supper guests of Mrs. Alex Cleland, Carol Laming and Mrs. Herbert Hichens. Phyllis Pelton of Shabbona was an afternoon guest.

## 4Her's given awards at mini-fair

"Soaring Into Spring" was the theme for the 1991 Spring Achievement Mini-Fair held recently at the Sanilac Career Center, where 4-Hers participated in a style revue, modeled their projects and received awards.

4-H Personal Appearance members participated in the all-day event in which projects in knitting, crocheting, sewing and buymanship were evaluated. Awards were presented in both construction and style revue.

Area 4-Hers who received honors include Kara King and Lisa Wallace, both of the Evergreen Guys and Gals, who were named runners-up in the awarding of a sewing machine during the evening style show. Janel McAllister of the Country-side 4-H Club was named the winner.

Among this year's first-year winners was Denai Freiburger of the Lucky Stars.

Other awards and area winners and their clubs were:

\*Young Miss Sewing — Andriadne Keller, Jennifer Laming and Katie Anthony, all of the Holbrook Helpers.

\*Juniors - Style and Construction — Kara King and Lisa Wallace, Evergreen Guys and Gals, and Melissa Keller, Holbrook Helpers.

\*Senior Sewing — Andrea Wallace, Evergreen Guys and Gals.

\*Knitting - Style and Construction — Stacie Shaw and Carrie King, Lucky Stars.

\*Crocheting - Style and Construction — Annie Horton, Holbrook Helpers.

## W. Pettinger returns from Middle East

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Wayne H. Pettinger, son of Harold G. and Velda J. Pettinger, Uby, recently returned from deployment to the Middle East in support of Operation Desert Storm while serving aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Sampson, homeported in Mayport, Fla.

Operation Desert Storm was the largest deployment of U.S. military forces since Vietnam. The operation was in response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and threat to Saudi Arabia.

A 1979 graduate of Uby High School, Pettinger joined the Navy in October 1986.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Anthes came home Tuesday after spending the winter in Arcadia, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson left Tuesday to fly back to Anaheim, Calif., after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpz and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bartle and Tommy of Cass City were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Marchand of Drayton Plains spent a few days at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Wolschlager and Mr. and Mrs. John Walker were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wolschlager.

Ruth Karg of Bad Axe was a Monday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Kathryn Tyrrell spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Dennis O'Bermiller and family at Midland and was a Wednesday overnight guest of Buelah Shook and also visited Donna Vette at Montrose.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Morell and Jay were Saturday evening guests of Mrs. George Jackson and Don.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland attended the Family Night at the Shabbona RLDS Church Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Adams of Springfield, Mo., left Monday after spending 5 days with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpz.

Becky Felmlee and Jill of Bay City, Susan Sofka of Davison, Janie Main and

John of Highland spent Easter week with Henry and Winnifred Sofka in Arcadia, Fla. Other visitors from this area were Joe and Beatrice Pichla, Clarence and Pat Heleski, Stanley and Dorothy Heleski and Marvin and Lorraine Messing.

Reva Silver was a Thursday supper guest of Phyllis Pickerel in Marlette.

Darlene Terrassi and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Campbell in Utica.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bredow.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Leppke of Warren and Mrs. Ray Michalski were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Robinson and family.

Al Wagner and Kathy Martinez were Monday evening guests of Mrs. George Jackson and Don.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney spent last week at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Tom Collins and family in Allegan.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland attended the Historical meeting at the Cass City Library Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson of Anaheim, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson were Monday afternoon and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpz.

Mrs. Marshall Sparling came home Monday after spending 12 days in Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold LaPeer were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Chuck Franzel and family in honor of Bradley Franzel's first Holy Communion at St. Ignatius Catholic Church at Freiburg at 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

Justin and Matt Miller spent the weekend with Jack Miller at Byron.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McKnight of Bad Axe were Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Mrs. Otis Robinson and daughter of Bad Axe were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shagena. Reva Silver was a Saturday evening guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wills.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Particka an 8-pound, 7-ounce daughter, Ashley Rose, at Conroe Medical Center in Woodland, Texas, April 15. Ashley Rose will join her 2 1/2-year-old brother, Adam, at home. Mrs. Melvin Particka came home Monday after spending 2 weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Mark Particka and family.

Mrs. Earl Schenk spent Tuesday with Edanna Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson visited Alice Elliott in Uby Wednesday forenoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Spencer returned home Sunday after spending the winter in Tombstone, Ariz.

Sharon Chudy of Farmington Hills, Janie Main and John of Highland were February guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sofka in Arcadia, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly were Tuesday evening guests of Darlene Terrassi and girls.

Florence Hoff of St. Helen and Ella Mae Becker of Cass

City were Thursday guests and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bredow were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Mrs. Kevin Robinson was a Tuesday afternoon guest of Mrs. Ray Michalski.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wills were Wednesday evening guests of Reva Silver.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chockley of Mt. Clemens spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Adams of Springfield, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson of Anaheim, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Tony Titjung and family of Sterling Heights, Mr. and Mrs. John Mergyl and family and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bukowski and family of Lake Orion, Mr. and Mrs. Don Kulish and family of Flushing and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rumpz attended the wedding of Denise Koroleski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Koroleski Jr., and David Grifka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Grifka, at St. John's Catholic Church in Uby at 1 o'clock Saturday.

A reception followed at Uby Fox Hunters Hall, Uby. Julie Koroleski of Bad Axe was a Wednesday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly. Larry Silver of Bay City and Edanna Sweeney were Sunday guests of Reva Silver.

Henry and Winnifred Sofka came home Sunday after spending the winter in Arcadia, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt spent Thursday in Bay City. Mrs. Glen Shagena was a Sunday afternoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson.

# Hills and Dales airs plans for National Hospital Week

National Hospital Week is May 12-18, and this year's theme is "Our Team Works for You." Several activities are being planned to celebrate at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City.

Blood cholesterol and sugar testing will be offered from 7 to 10 a.m. May 16. Persons should not eat for 12 hours before the test. There will be a \$3 charge to cover costs. Colo-rectal Cancer Kits will also be available for \$1. No appointment is necessary.

The hospital also plans to host first grade students for a visit this year. The students will take an ABC tour of the hospital, and receive a gift and a treat.

Special programs are planned for employees, including a potluck dinner, a poster with employee pictures that will be displayed during the week. Also, officials plan to update

a program on fashion.

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**1990 Preliminary  
Circuit Court Caseload Report**

Jan. 1, 1990 - Dec. 31, 1990

	Tuscola County	Sanilac County	Huron County
Beginning pending cases	612	485	189
New cases filed	881	697	476
Total caseload	1,494	1,192	668
Total dispositions	1,048	641	446
Ending pending cases	446	551	222
Cases pending over 2 years	19	34	4

May 5-11

**Arson awareness urged**

Last year in Michigan, 22 percent of all fires reported were classified as arson or "suspicious."

In 1990, there were 4,564 incendiary and another 8,200 suspicious blazes reported in Michigan, accord-

ing to recent figures released by the State Fire Marshal.

Michigan taxpayers paid out over \$80 million last year in direct arson and suspicious fire losses. These figures do not include indirect costs such as medical care, funeral expenses, temporary shelter, business interruption, demolition, fire investigation, prosecution, jailing and increased insurance premiums.

The number of arson and suspicious fires was up slightly last year. In 1990, there were 12,764 incendiary and suspicious blazes, compared to 12,723 in the previous year. Dollar loss, however, jumped 12 percent last year, compared to 1989 statistics.

To focus attention on the problem of arson here, Gov. John Engler has issued an official declaration designating May 5 through 11 as Arson Awareness Week in Michigan.

The Michigan Arson Prevention Committee (MAPC), which represents fire and police services, the insurance industry, business and government, is promoting the anti-arson observance.

"We need to work cooperatively if we are going to reduce the incidence of this terrible crime," MAPC President Conrad Golemba said. "Citizens should be encouraged to join the fight against arson."

Although not all arsons can be prevented, there are some precautions property owners can take to deter fire setters. MAPC officials suggest the following:

- Always keep doors and garages locked
- Keep yards well-lighted
- Make sure the property is free of trash and debris
- Report all suspicious activity to local law enforcement officials.

Also, anyone who has information about an arson or suspicious fire can call Arson Control at 1-800-44-ARSON. The program rewards up to \$5,000 for information which leads to the arrest and/or conviction of arsonists.

The MAPC, formed in 1973, coordinates the attack on arson through education and training of arson investigators, fire and police department officials and county prosecutors, public awareness and the administration of the reward program for arson information.

**One judge, 1,500 cases; quality justice at risk?**

Justice delayed is justice denied.

For some time now, that saying has weighed heavily on the mind of Tuscola County Circuit Judge Patrick R. Joslyn, who's frustrated with an overwhelming caseload which, he says, is affecting citizens' rights to quality justice.

But the headache has continued to worsen, and the judge predicts serious trouble lies ahead unless something is done to ease the burden.

County officials, meanwhile, say they're also concerned with the problem but can't afford a second judge due to the county's straddled financial status, now compounded by uncertainty surrounding state cuts and a proposed statewide property tax freeze.

According to the State Court Administrative Office's preliminary 1990 Circuit Court Caseload Report, Joslyn's caseload rose by some 50 percent last year, from about 1,000 cases a year to nearly 1,500 cases.

Tuscola County Circuit Court began 1990 with 612 cases pending. During the year, 882 new cases were filed, including 304 criminal felony cases, for a total caseload of 1,494.

By far the largest number of cases, 774, fell under the category of domestic relations, including divorce proceedings. Another 347 cases involved civil matters, while 304 were criminal cases and the remaining 69 cases, appeals.

Joslyn disposed of 1,048 cases during the year, ending 1990 with 446 cases pending. There were 19 cases pending over 2 years old.

A chart comparing Tuscola County's figures with the circuit court caseloads in Sanilac and Huron counties accompanies this story.

"We've got more cases than we can dispose of in a reasonable length of time," Joslyn said. "If this trend continues, we're headed for serious problems. Something very bad is going to happen."

**600 CASES**

"In my opinion, a reasonable caseload for a circuit judge would be 600 cases a year. Statistically, I walk into a year (now) with more than enough work for that year, and there are another

**Services at  
Gagetown  
Nazarene**

Special services featuring evangelist the Rev. P.L. Liddell are being held this week, May 7-12, at the Gagetown Church of the Nazarene, 6609 Lincoln St., Gagetown.

The services begin at 7 p.m. nightly through Saturday and at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday.

800 to 900 new filings." "It's just too many cases. I simply can't run this court 24 hours a day."

Moreover, Joslyn said the numbers don't accurately reflect the amount of work he faces each year.

While the number of cases hasn't risen drastically in recent years, the Judge explained that the volume of work related to post judgment relief—hearings, motions and other proceedings filed in a case after that case has been resolved—has tripled.

"You can probably add 600 more cases on the docket that are open cases," Joslyn continued, noting there are more than 4,000 open divorce cases in the county.

The result is delays in many cases, prompted by the juggling of files to meet state guidelines on how quickly certain cases must proceed.

Ideally, Joslyn said cases in circuit court should be dealt with in the same manner as in the federal district court. There, a trial date must be set for a felony case 90 days after arraignment.

**160-PLUS DAYS**

As it is, most defendants in Tuscola County remain in the county jail for more than 160 days before their case is heard, Joslyn said.

He noted that in Michigan, circuit courts must try felony cases within 6 months

after arraignment. If that doesn't happen, the defendant can be released on a personal recognizance bond or the case dismissed altogether.

Joslyn said he's "come close" to not meeting those deadlines. Even with all of the court's resources being utilized, he added he's lucky to schedule a defendant charged with murder for trial in 6 months.

The implications, aside from the risk of freeing a serious felon, are frightening. Moving the date for a murder trial up, for example, could delay an emergency custody hearing involving children whose lives may be in danger.

Joslyn pointed out justice

would also be better served if a witness could testify to something that occurred a month ago rather than 5 or 6 months ago. And what about a young victim of sexual abuse whose case remains hanging over his or her head for months instead of getting it over with?

**LOCAL RESOURCES**

Joslyn, who said the problem isn't going to get any better without more resources at the county level, actively sought a second circuit judge for the county 2 years ago, working to secure support at the state level.

He also requested the County Board of Commissioners to endorse the proposal, which was referred to committee. No action was taken, however.

County board Chairman William Worth said the lack of action wasn't due to a lack of concern, but rather a lack of funding.

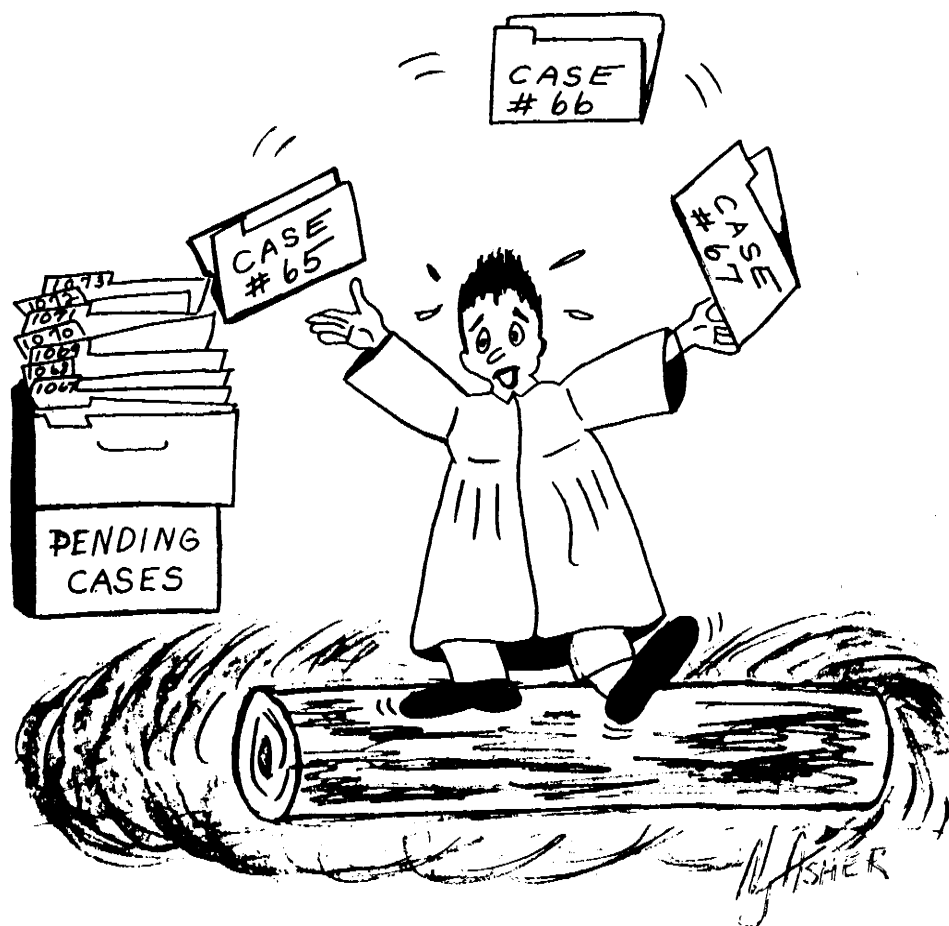
"We do know the caseload is high, no question about that, but I don't know what we can do," he said. "We've got about the same dilemma now as we had then—(limited) money and space."

"We're in a quandary. We don't know what's going to happen" with state cuts," he continued, adding what effect a property tax freeze would have locally still isn't certain.

Joslyn acknowledged there would be tremendous cost involved in building another courtroom as well as paying another court bailiff, court reporter and secretary, and funding operational costs.

But he also maintains cost can't be equated with justice. Still, despite his frustration with complaints from citizens asking why it's taking so long to get their case heard, Joslyn indicated he's given up trying to pursue a second judge.

"Nothing's going to happen, but I want people to be aware of the number of cases before the court," he concluded. "The public should be aware of the fact that we're burdened."



**Townsend earns degree at Grand Valley State**

Amy M. Townsend, daughter of Robert and Carole Townsend, Deford, recently graduated from Grand Valley State University.

employment in the teaching field in early elementary or special education.

She earned a bachelor of science degree in psychology and special education, with an emphasis in hearing impairment and emotional impairment, and a minor in elementary education.



Amy M. Townsend

While attending Grand Valley, Townsend held several offices, including president of the school's Council of Exceptional Children, a student branch of the special education professional organization.

She currently is seeking

**Your neighbor says**

**Vice-president not qualified**

President George Bush was back in the White House Monday, but his recent bout with atrial fibrillation left some Americans speculating if Dan Quayle could fill the Commander in Chief's shoes.

Bush suffered the irregular heartbeat Saturday while jogging at Camp David. The president was the commencement speaker at University of Michigan's graduation earlier that day.

Your neighbor, Bob Bredemeyer, is among those who question Quayle's preparedness to move into the White House. Bredemeyer said he's concerned with Quayle's qualification to step into the nation's top position, if needed.

"It appears to me Quayle's a little too young," the president of Micro EDM, Inc., 4429 Doerr Rd., commented. Bredemeyer, a Cass City resident of 2 years who originally hailed from Ann Arbor, remarked that Quayle's lack of political experience in the Oval Office is unsettling.

"I voted Republican because I liked Bush and I had to take what came with him," Bredemeyer said. "I think the whole country felt that way."

Bredemeyer and his wife, Annette, live at 4677 Hospital Dr.



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**Huron Hospital offers tour and health fair**

In celebration of National Hospital Week, the public is invited to tour Huron Memorial Hospital's CT scanner, nuclear medicine and X-ray departments Monday from 7 to 9 p.m.

The public is also invited to participate in Huron Memorial's fifth Annual Health Fair, May 14 and 15 from 7 a.m. to noon in the hospital's conference room.

The fair will include free blood pressure, glucose, colorectal, oxygen saturation and heart rate screenings. Cholesterol screenings also will be available for a \$5 charge. Persons are asked to take a self-addressed stamped envelope so screening results can be mailed to them.

More information is available by contacting Linda Herman at (517) 269-9521.

**M-24 open house scheduled**

An open house to view plans and discuss right-of-way acquisition procedures for the extension of M-24 in Tuscola County will be held

**Block permits recommended**

The ad hoc Wildlife Task Force of the Department of Natural Resources recently recommended continuing the statewide block permit program and the summer crop depredation permit program, according to Vicki Pontz, legislative counsel for Michigan Farm Bureau.

"This is good news for farmers plagued with deer crop damage," Pontz said. "We're very happy with the success of the 1990 statewide block permit program and look for continued success in the 1991 season."

Pontz said 12,000 hunters used the block permit system in 1990 to harvest some 15,500 deer. She said all of those deer were taken on private land that had documented crop damage.

May 16, the Michigan Department of Transportation announced Thursday.

The public is invited to stop by anytime between 1:30 and 5 p.m. or from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Tuscola Area Skill Center, 1385 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

M DOT staff will be on hand to discuss the extension of M-24 for 8 miles from M-81 in Caro to M-138. Tentative plans call for the work to begin in 1993.

Preliminary interviews leading to the appraisal and purchase of right-of-way property will begin at this meeting. Department representatives will discuss relocation services and payments available to homeowners. Moving costs, funds to purchase housing, rental payments and other benefits can be made available to eligible occupants.

Information on the project may be obtained by calling

Bonnie Towslee, real estate agent, Saginaw District Office, at (517) 754-7443, or Philip J. Chisholm, public hearings officer, Lansing at (517) 373-9534.

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**Tourney finals Saturday**

# Hawks face Caro for county title

The Cass City Red Hawks will square off with the Caro Tigers Saturday at 2 p.m. to determine the Tuscola County championship. The Hawks moved into the final with victories last Saturday over Vassar and Millington.

The Hawks won both games by a single run and both of the victories came on storybook finishes.

In the opener against Vassar the Hawks pushed across the winning run in a tight 4-4 game in the fifth and then held on for a 5-4 decision.

Cass City scored 3 times in the bottom of the fourth helped by shoddy fielding by the Vulcans. The only hit in the inning was by Greg LeValley, a single that

drove in a run.

Vassar rallied to tie in their half of the fifth as LeValley temporarily lost control and walked a pair. The winning run was scored after Brad Gray reached first when he struck out and the ball got by the catcher. He came around on infield outs and errors.

Greg Graham pitched 3 innings allowing 2 runs. LeValley got the win in relief. He also was touched for 3 runs. Troy Benitez led the attack with 2 hits in 3 tries.

The Millington Cardinals appeared to have a spot in the finals going into the last half of the last inning when they broke open a tight game with a 3 run rally in the fifth to go ahead 5-2.

The Cards had scored twice in the first off Benitez

when Terry Jones singled and Steve Shores lashed a home run. Shores was a key hitter in the Millington 3-run fifth with a double that drove in a run.

A walk turned into a run without benefit of a hit in the first, and Graham's triple in the third netted another counter.

In the last inning rally, Mark Irrer opened with a walk. After Gray whiffed, Graham, Benitez and LeValley all singled and with 2 out Kevin Mika, the designated hitter, singled home the winning run in the 7-6 decision.

Benitez pitched the first 4 innings and allowed 3 runs. Graham pitched the final 2 and was given credit for the

victory.

LeValley and Graham each had 2 hits and LeValley was credited with 2 runs-batted-in.

**OTHER GAMES**

It was a fine week all along for the Hawks. In addition to the tourney wins, Cass City won 3 out of 4 in Thumb B Association competition.

The Hawks split with the Lakers Monday, April 29, losing the first game, 8-3 and taking the nightcap, 4-2.

The Hawks then swept North Branch Thursday, 8-5 and 10-2.

The loss to the Lakers was a much closer game than the final, 8-3, score indicates. The Hawks were in front 3-2 going into the final inning when the Lakers got to Greg Graham for 3 hits before he was relieved by Benitez who allowed a key double by Fisher to cap the 6-run rally. Esch, in relief of Wissner, was credited with the win. Graham with 2 hits led Cass City and Geiger was 2 for 3 for the Lakers.

In the nightcap LeValley went the distance, pitching a 3-hitter in the 4-2 win. His mound opponents, Picklo, with Esch in the 5th, also allowed 3 hits.

LeValley allowed a run in the first on a walk and a hit and another in the fifth on a walk and infield outs.

The Hawks scored in the first and third, taking advantage of lead-off walks and then added the winning runs in the fifth on a walk to Irrer and a single by Gray leading off. They scored on an infield ground out and a fly to right field.

In the opener against North Branch, Cass City jumped off to an early lead then allowed the Broncos to tie it in the top of the fifth, 5-5.

The Hawks then salted away the game with a 3-run outburst of their own in the bottom of the inning. Benitez went the distance to get the win, allowing 6 hits, including 3 to Clemens. Benitez and Matt Weippert both had 2 hits for Cass City.

The second half of the twin bill was a laughter all the way as the Hawks jumped off to a 4-run lead in the first inning on their way to a 10-2 win. Rich Kubacki went the distance and allowed just 2 hits, striking out 10 and walking one. Griswald took the loss.

Gray had a big day at the plate with 3 hits including a double.



**RED HAWK Shelly Mellendorf, shown fouling off this pitch in the first inning, enjoyed a banner day at the plate against North Branch collecting 2 hits and 2 RBIs.**

## Lakers bounce Cass City from Thumb B lead

Cass City's share of the Thumb B Association league softball lead didn't last long, as the undefeated in the league Hawks met the Lakers Monday, April 29, at Cass City Recreational Park and lost both ends of the double header.

The Hawks bounced back on Thursday to sweep a twin bill from North Branch.

Against the Lakers when Cass City received reasonably good pitching, the hitting collapsed. When the team hit, the pitching failed.

In the opener the Hawks lost, 14-3, and the game was decided in the third inning when the Green Machine scored 5 times. Meanwhile Jody Beachy was mowing down Hawk hitters with monotonous regularity as she posted a neat 4-hitter. Sharie DeLong allowed 9 hits to take the loss.

In the nightcap even a triple play couldn't save Cass City in a slugfest loss, 20-17. The rare defensive gem came in the fifth inning when Jodi Benitez snared a drive and threw to Jodi Hillaker at second who then tossed to Jandi Hillaker at first to double the runners.

Both Jennifer Freundt of Cass City and Filion of the Lakers have had better days. Freundt allowed 19 hits in 5 innings to take the loss and the Hawks had the same number of hits against the Lakers.

Holly Esch led the Lakers with a rare triple, 4 hits in 4 tries with 4 runs batted in. Jandi Hillaker, Jodi Hillaker, Benitez, Kim Morley and Shelly Mellendorf had 3 hits each for Cass City.

**NORTH BRANCH GAMES**  
Combine good pitching

with good hitting and what do you get? A double header win, that's what. The Hawks took the measure of the North Branch Broncos Thursday, 14-6, and 29-2. DeLong pitched a neat 7-hitter in the first game to take the win. Jodi Deming took the loss. Morley and Mellendorf with 2 hits each led the attack for Cass City.

The mercy rule ended the nightcap after 5 innings as Freundt took advantage of lousy slugging by her teammates to get credit for the 29-2 win.

There wasn't much to the game. If it wasn't decided when Cass City scored 6 times in the first it certainly was when they added 8 more runs in the second.

Freundt pitched probably the best game of her career, tossing a 3-hitter. The sophomore chucker

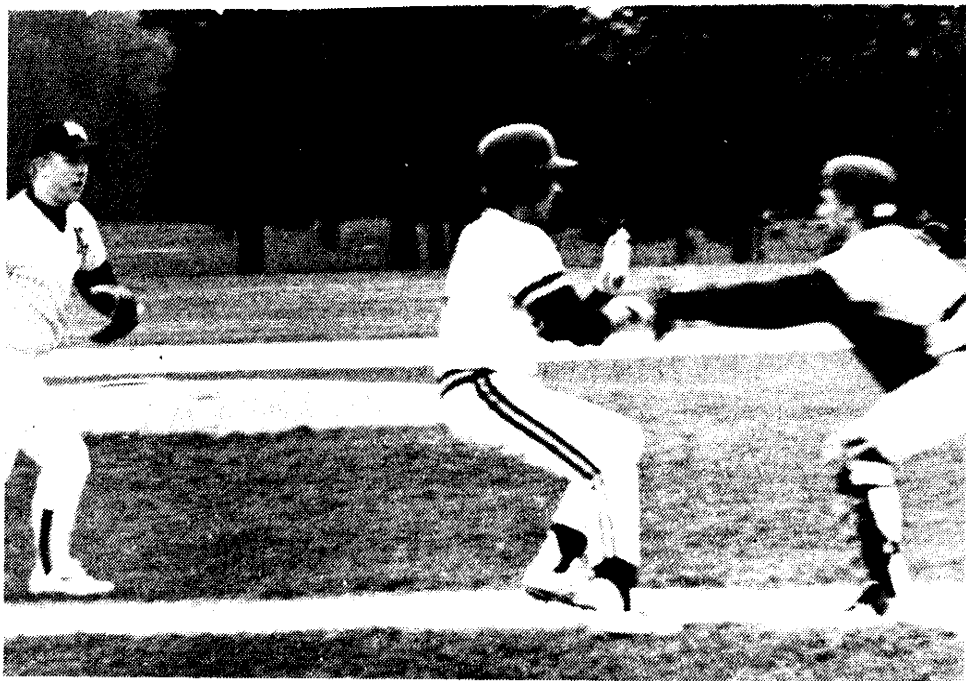
also had the best game of her career at the plate with 5 hits and an unbelievable 7 runs batted in.

The schedule calls for the Hawks to have met tough Marlette Monday and travel to Vassar Thursday in league games.

### Choirs to perform

The elementary choir of the Deford Christian Academy will present "Daniel, Darius and Delion," a musical for the whole family, Friday at 7 p.m. at the Deford Community Church, 1392 Kingston Rd., Deford. The junior and senior high choirs will also be featured that night.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



**PICKLED.** Cass City's Bart Hall couldn't elude the tag of North Branch's catcher Ray Clemens in the 2nd inning, but the Hawks did escape with a 8-5 win.



### Chip Shots

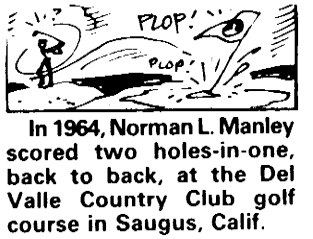
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Jerry Toner	16
Billy Coston	15
Bill Kritzman	15
Dale McIntosh	15
Ken Zdrojewski	15
Mark Sawnsen	12
John Maharg	10
Clarke Haire	8
Jim Apley	7
Jack Burns	7
Jason McCallum	7
John Neumann	7
Kevin Vincent	6
Newell Harris	4
Don Hilbig	**
Mike Murphy	**
Elwyn Helwig	**
Dave Hoard	**

FLIGHT #2	
Gene Kloc	18
Todd Comment	17
Jim Smithson	17
Jerry Houghton	15
Rich Tate	15
Russ Biefer	14
George Bushong	14
Dick Haley	14
Jim Peyerck	14
Dennis Krug	13
Clark Erla	9
Dan Hittler	8
Jack Hool	8
Fred Leeson	8
Scott Murphy	8
Ernie Bellew	7
Dick Wallace	7
Dan Dickinson	5
Brian Reinhardt	5
Kim Glaspie	4

FLIGHT #3	
Stan Guinther	22
Mike Neumann	19
Daryl Iwankovitch	16
Mike Becking	15
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Tom Wallace	13
Keith Adelberg	12
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Bob Bredemeyer	9
Jack Burns	4
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In 1964, Norman L. Manley scored two holes-in-one, back to back, at the Del Valle Country Club golf course in Saugus, Calif.

### JV team wins 3 of 4

The Cass City JV baseball team improved its record to 9-3 last week with 3 wins and a loss. Tuesday the team took a double header from Lakers. In the first game, Al Prosowski and Bill Graham shared the pitching duties for a 12-2 win. Matt Anthony and Ben schott had 2 hits each. Brian Watros came through with a timely single that knocked in 2 runs. In the second game Cass city won 10-3. John Phillips was the winning pitcher. Prosowski, Graham and Dan Muska had 2 hits each.

Thursday, the team split a double header with North Branch. In the first game, Cass City took a 4-1 lead after one inning but were unable to hold off North Branch and lost, 7-5. Schott collected 2 hits for Cass City. Cass City won the second game, 11-7. Schott got the win with help from Graham who put down North Branch in the last inning. Graham and Muska led Cass City at the plate. Graham had 3 singles and Muska 2 doubles.

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# Second conviction on sex crime nets prison term of 30 to 50 years

A Caro man convicted of criminal sexual conduct for the second time was ordered to serve 30 years to 50 years in prison Friday in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

A motion for a new trial entered on behalf of the defendant, Norman L. Parkin, 52, was denied prior to the sentencing.

Parkin, who was initially charged with 3 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct, second offense, was convicted on one of those counts as well as on one count of being an habitual offender by a jury March 6.

Court records state he engaged in sexual penetration with a child under the age of 13 years Aug. 13 in Indianapolis Township.

Also sentenced Friday was Brian K. Haley, 24, of St. Charles, who pleaded guilty March 1 to charges of malicious destruction of property over \$100 and impaired driving.

Haley received a one-year delayed sentence and 90-day license suspension, and was ordered to pay restitution, a \$100 fine and court costs totalling \$100 plus attorney fees.

According to court records, Haley damaged a 1989 Chevrolet Beretta belonging to Paula M. LeValley July 28 in Cass City.

### PLEAS ENTERED

In other proceedings Friday, a Decker area teen arrested in connection with a string of burglaries in Tuscola and Sanilac counties pleaded innocent to 3 charges.

Peter L. Sadler, 18, 2406 Lampton Rd., entered the pleas during his arraignment on charges of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, larceny in a building and malicious destruction of property over \$100.

Bond was continued at \$10,000 by the court, which ordered a pre-trial hearing to be scheduled in the case.

Court records state Sadler is charged with breaking into the Kingswood Inn, 3535 Phillips Rd., Kingston, April 24, and stealing money, cigars and a pay telephone. He also is accused of damaging a televi-

sion and liquor bottles at the Koylton Township business.

Also entering a plea of innocent was Detroit area resident Charles L. Anderson, 22, who faces 2 counts of delivery of cocaine less than 50 grams and one count of conspiracy to deliver cocaine less than 50 grams.

A pre-trial hearing is to be scheduled, according to court records, which state the charges stem from offenses that allegedly occurred March 21 in Almer Township and Feb. 8 in Wells Township.

Scott J. Oswald, 18, Bay City, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering an occupied dwelling, and no contest to a charge of larceny in a building.

Sentencing is to be scheduled for the defendant, whose bond was continued.

A pre-sentence investiga-

tion was ordered.

Court records state Oswald is accused of breaking into a house at 4403 Fairgrove Rd. in Fairgrove Township Jan. 17 and stealing televisions, a rifle and a radio.

Clio resident Fred E. Tune, 43, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of attempting to manufacture marijuana Aug. 29 in Arbelia Township.

Sentencing is to be scheduled. Bond was continued at \$2,000 and a pre-sentence investigation ordered.

Facing an identical charge is Larry H. Rutherford of Vassar, who also pleaded guilty. The charge stems from an Aug. 27 incident in Vassar Township.

Sentencing is to be scheduled. Bond was continued at \$2,000 by the court, which ordered a pre-sentence in-

vestigation.

Gregory A. Carlisle, 22, of Vassar, pleaded guilty during his arraignment on a charge of receiving and concealing stolen property valued at more than \$100.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered for the defendant, whose bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Court records state the charge stems from a Jan. 31 incident in Vassar involving 2 portable AM/FM cassette radios, 2 electric drills, a microwave oven and M&M candies.

Also Friday, Daniel M. Schwab, 28, Vassar, entered a plea of guilty to jail escape.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Schwab escaped from the Tuscola County Jail, Caro, Jan. 18 while serving a felony jail sentence, according to court records.



**RIBBON CUTTING** — Cass City's Bill Zeidler Jr., above with his parents, Bill and Bonnie, cut his ribbon off a tree at the village park after returning home April 28 from 7 months of duty with Operation Desert Shield/Storm forces in the Middle East. Zeidler, a Navy aviation structural mechanic, served with the HM-14 Squadron, a mine sweeping group.

## 4th annual senior ball set May 22

The fourth annual Tri-County Senior ball, sponsored by the Human Development Commission, is coming to Cass City's Colony House May 22.

A gala event with fun for seniors and the general public, the annual dance this year features a social hour beginning at 4 p.m., buffet dinner at 5 p.m. and dancing from 7 to 10 p.m.

Entertainment will be provided by Bill Denbrock's 11-piece band from Bad Axe. Also featured will be a 50/50 drawing for added enjoyment.

The donation for tickets has been set at \$10 per person; they are available from Senior Services Advisory Council members in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties, or by calling HDC offices in these counties (Bad Axe, 269-9901; Caro, 673-4121; Sandusky, 648-4497).

### No benefits owed

## Supreme court affirms ruling

The Michigan Supreme Court has upheld a Tuscola County Circuit Court ruling denying insurance benefits to a woman whose husband was killed while riding on a snowmobile that struck a car illegally parked along a highway.

In a 4-2 decision issued April 30, the state's highest court ruled circuit Judge Patrick R. Joslyn was correct in dismissing a suit brought by Kristy Wills against State Farm Insurance Co., her husband's no fault insurer.

Under the no-fault law, benefits may be paid in accidents involving parked vehicles if the vehicle was parked "in a way to cause unreasonable risk." However, the court stated, in this case, the vehicle may have been parked illegally, without lights, but that alone did not constitute unreasonable risk.

In addition, the court said, a passenger on a snowmobile traveling unlawfully on the shoulder of a highway is not a member of the class of persons intended to be protected under the lighted

vehicle statute.

"It is not unreasonable to park a vehicle on the shoulder of a highway without regard to the protection of persons who legally may not be on the shoulder," the opinion stated.

## Police: beware of traveling criminals, annual paving scams

Each year, travelling criminals come to Michigan, including Tuscola County, to do hit-and-run paving work.

Homeowners and business owners are urged by the Michigan Asphalt Paving Association (MAPA) and local law enforcement agencies to be especially cautious when approached by people selling asphalt paving and sealing products.

Travelling criminals were especially active in Michi-

gan last year and are expected to return in force during the spring, summer and fall of 1991. If suspicious of fraudulent activity, consumers should call the nearest local law enforcement agency or the Michigan State Police immediately.

Travelling criminals usually leave their customers with a driveway or parking area that will eventually reveal poor workmanship. Poor work is not always evident immediately. Problems may not appear for several weeks or months. The travelling criminal paver will be long-gone when the pavement begins to break up, making legal action difficult or impossible.

Travelling criminals traditionally have no real local business address. They are even known to use the name of a reputable local asphalt supplier in order to win customer confidence. They may use business cards and truck signs that appear legitimate. Addresses and telephone numbers are frequently those of only an answering service in another city.

They sell asphalt paving material door-to-door after having scouted neighborhoods for their best targets. Their sales pitch is designed to appeal to those who are especially susceptible to the offer of a so-called bargain. Their victims are often Michigan's senior citizens.

If there is any doubt about the reputation of a paving firm, consumers should take the time to check local business and bank references. Most importantly, they should insist on a written contract before work is started. Travelling criminals may offer a bill of sale or receipt, hoping the owner will accept it as a contract. Consumers must be alert.

For helpful hints on dealing with paving contractors, consumers may call toll-free 1-800-292-5959 and request the free pamphlet entitled, "Asphalt Driveway and Parking Lot Paving: Helpful Tips on Getting the Best Pavement for Your Money." Consumers may also request the booklet by writing to the Michigan Asphalt Paving Association, 1020 Long Boulevard, Suite 10, Lansing, Michigan 48911.

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**THIRD PLACE WINNERS** at the Showstopper Regional Dance Competition, held recently in Battle Creek are: back row, left to right - Sally Doerr, Jackie List, Jenny Jones, Megan Halik, Christen Lynch, Whitney Osentoski, Janelle Jones. Kneeling, left to right - Gia Mellendorf, Courtney Turner, Anne Obertein, Andrea Cooper, Melissa Micklash.



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**Favor Kingston Camp**

**Supporters to petition Koylton board**

Supporters of Pioneer Work and Learn Center, Kingston, are expected to be well represented at the Koylton Township Board's next regular meeting, Monday at 7:30 p.m.

According to Associate Camp Director Bill Haines, a petition with some 250 names of township residents who support the camp will be presented to the board as evidence that the climate in the community has changed since Pioneer opened in the fall of 1988, and that the experimental "work and learn" program has more widespread support now.

"We've been good neighbors and it's time people need to start speaking out" for the camp, he said. "We've been pretty quiet up to this point, and I think it's

time for some people to come forth and defend us."

Monday's board meeting comes about 3 weeks after a Michigan Court of Appeals ruling that could shut down Pioneer as early as this summer.

The appeals court affirmed Tuscola County Circuit Court and township Zoning Board of Appeals rulings that operation of Pioneer Work and Learn Center at Camp Kingston Hills constitutes an illegal expansion of the facility's non-conforming use status.

Officials successfully argued township zoning does not allow Pioneer's year-round rehabilitation program for male juvenile delinquents to operate at what has historically been a children's recreational summer camp.

Following the April 19 appeals court ruling, township attorney J. Anthony Sykora indicated the township would now seek closure of the camp.

Attorney Samuel McCargo, representing Pioneer, meanwhile, stated it was likely Pioneer officials would appeal their case to the Michigan Supreme Court.

Haines indicated last week that Pioneer officials would rather settle the dispute without further legal proceedings.

"We're not in this to go to the Supreme Court; we're in this to keep our jobs and stay in the community," he said.

Haines, who noted the camp will now seek a special use permit from the town-

ship, contends there's "a lot more support" for the work and learn program now, much of it due to Pioneer officials' actions over the past 3 years.

"We've followed through with our promises," he con-

tinued. Haines added a majority of the camp's employees reside within a 25-mile radius of the camp, with 72 percent of the 36 non-degreed staff members and 31 percent of the 14 professional staff members residing in Tuscola County.

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**Resist "mudding" in crops, says expert**

If they can, farmers should avoid fieldwork until soils begin to dry out, even if it means changing their crop planting plans.

That may mean switching from corn to soys, planting earlier maturing corn, planting dry edible beans or planting a small grain crop.

"I realize that, in most cases, options will be limited," says Tim Harrigan, Michigan State University Extension tillage equipment specialist. "The urge will be to try and 'mud in' the crop, but that will create more problems and may cost more money than waiting until soil conditions are more suitable for tillage and planting."

Harrigan says that farmers should make every effort to spread the tractor and tillage equipment weight over the soil surface as much as possible.

This may mean using duals on both rear wheels and power-assisted front-wheel-drive tractors, and jetting weights and ballasted wheels.

"Flotation, not traction, is the key to reducing damage to soils when conditions are wet," Harrigan says.

If farmers can obtain tracks to fit over tractor wheels or use crawler-type tractors, they can reduce the pressure exerted on the soil by most tractors from 12 to 15 pounds per square inch to 6 to 8 pounds.

Leaving greater amounts of residue on the surface, running disks as shallow as

**Huron Lightship opening for visitors May 18**

The Huron Lightship, the last lightship in service on the Great Lakes, will once again be open to the public for regular visiting hours beginning May 18.

Visitors will be welcomed aboard throughout the summer season Wednesdays through Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m., or other times by appointment. Admission is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for seniors and students, and free for children under 6 when accompanied by an adult.

The Huron Lightship, moored at the north end of Pine Grove Park, Port Huron, will feature free admission to all Opening Day visitors.

Additional information is available by calling the museum office at (313) 982-0891 weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

possible by blocking the hydraulics, or opting for chisel-type equipment instead of a disk will also help prevent soil compaction, which can reduce yield.

"Regardless, keep tillage as shallow as possible on wet soils," Harrigan says. "But if the soil is too wet, even chisels can bring up large clods that are hard to break up

when soils dry out. The result is a poor seedbed.

"There is no magic answer when conditions are so un-

suitable as they are this spring," Harrigan says.

"However, problems that can show up later this spring -- such as poor or spotty seed emergence -- may be reduced by exploring as many crop and tillage options as possible before heading to the fields."

Harrigan says that growers should contact the county Cooperative Extension Service for additional information about minimizing the chance for problems during this planting season.

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By Legislature

# '92 property assessment freeze passed Thursday

Property owners can look forward to a respite in 1992 under a one-year assessment freeze, passed Thursday by the Legislature, that also sets the stage for action on a permanent tax-cutting plan, said state Rep. Dick Allen

## Farmers sought as nominees

Eligible farmers in Tuscola and Saginaw counties are invited to become nominees for the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) County Committee, FmHA County Supervisor Robert L. Catherwood recently announced.

Generally, farmers who are residents of the county but not FmHA borrowers are eligible to become nominees for the FmHA committee.

"Farmers in this county, serving on the committee, play an important role by assisting in the process of loan applications and reviews," said Catherwood.

Nominating petitions must be returned to the FmHA county office by May 19.

Additional information and application forms for those who are interested in becoming nominees for the County Committee are available at the FmHA county office, 1075 Cleaver Rd., Caro, or by calling (517) 673-8171.

(R-Caro) who supported the measure.

The overwhelming passage of Senate Bill 19 and House Joint Resolution H resulted from a bipartisan agreement reached late Thursday. SB 19 will save taxpayers \$386 million by maintaining 1992 real property assessments at 1991 levels. HJR H allows voters to decide in the 1992 general election if assessments should be limited by parcel to the inflation rate or 5 percent, whichever is less.

The legislation now awaits the governor's signature.

"This compromise gives property owners a temporary break from spiraling assessments and lays the groundwork for a lasting solution to Michigan's worsening tax problem," Allen remarked. "The agreement should be kept in perspective - it does not provide a substantial tax cut or address the funding of schools. Those are separate issues that will be addressed later."

"This is a crucial first step brought about by bipartisan cooperation that should not be underestimated. I credit the Engler administration for achieving the first property tax cut of any state administration in recent history and look forward to advancing this taxpayer victory to a successful conclusion."

The original Republican measure passed by the Senate April 11 would have protected property owners for 2 years, but negotiations with House Democrats resulted in a one-year freeze.

"While the measure's sponsors were sincere in their efforts to help beleaguered property owners, the legislation has implications for schools and local governments," Allen said. "I weighed the valid concerns expressed to me by school and municipal officials against the assessment increases recently forced on many property owners convinced me to vote for the plan."

Allen added the compromise does not ignore the needs of schools.

"Delaying the assessment freeze until 1992 gives schools additional time to prepare for a drop in revenue," he explained.

Allen commended leaders of both parties for setting the example of bipartisan cooperation.

"We were able to focus on areas of agreement rather than dwell on differences. This was a good-faith effort to avoid political gamesmanship. I will do my part to make sure this positive tone continues as we strive to provide the lasting relief that hard-working taxpayers deserve."



**OUT ON A LIMB** — Breakfast of a feathered kind was on the mind of this ambitious feline, spotted last week in a tree along Koepfgen Road just southwest of Cass City. Practice was all the cat received for its efforts, however, as the animal climbed down a few minutes later and trotted away, perhaps in search of easier prey.

## Houghteling appeal denied

The Michigan Supreme Court has denied an application for leave to appeal filed by Gerald Marvin Houghteling.

Houghteling was convicted by a jury of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree Sept. 29, 1988, and was sentenced by Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge Patrick R. Joslyn, to life imprisonment.

The defendant appealed, stating the sentence imposed shocked the conscience because Judge Joslyn departed from the sentencing guidelines.

The Supreme Court denied the application because it was not persuaded that the questions presented should be reviewed by that court.

## 155 attend banquet at area church

Some 155 women and girls enjoyed a mother and daughter banquet and program at Novesta Church of Christ Friday evening.

Carol Hicks was Mistress of Ceremonies. Group singing was led by Donna Little. Prayer for the meal was given by Donella Peasley.

The theme for the evening was "Mother's Love us Beary Much."

The meal was served by the men of the church.

Florence Hurd was honored as "Woman of the Year." Hurd, described as a very special person, has been a member of the church for many years.

A special feature during the evening was a musical concert presented by Judy Beavers and Christine Henes from Great Lake Bible College of Lansing.

Closing prayer was given by Amy Emmert.

## Novesta board airs road work

Road-related work dominated action during the Novesta Township Board's monthly meeting Monday night.

Among the items approved was a motion to petition the Tuscola County Road Commission to survey and conduct a hearing on the proposed grading, graveling and ditching of one mile of Elmwood Road, from Cemetery Road to Englehart Road.

Township Clerk Nurse Kloc said the survey and hearing will cost \$1,200.

The board also signed a ditch petition for about 260 ft. of ditch in front of the Gordon Holcomb residence on McArthur Road. Under the work agreement, the township and road commission each pay 25 percent of the cost, while the property owner is responsible for the remaining 50 percent.

In a related matter, board members voted to conduct spot brining on township roads again this summer. The brining is expected to cost \$6,000 or more, Kloc estimated.

In other business during the 90-minute session, a \$100 donation to the Thumb Narcotics Unit was approved, and the board accepted a high bid of \$326 for the

purchase of a township-owned desk.

Donald Harris of Palms submitted the bid, according to Kloc, who said there were a total of 5 bids, the lowest of

which were from 2 persons who each offered \$172.

She added no bid was received for a piano owned by the township.

## Seek written comments on WIC food program

Written comments from the public on Michigan's WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Supplemental Food Program will be accepted by the Michigan Department of Public Health from May 1 to June 30.

The WIC Program serves pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants and children at or below 185 percent of poverty who are at nutritional and/or medical risk. Specified food items such as milk, cheese and infant formula; nutrition education, and health care are among the services provided.

Comments, required by federal regulations, may be on any aspect of the WIC Program. They will be used by the state health department to review WIC operations and to make program

improvements.

Written comments should be mailed to:

WIC Division, Bureau of Community Services, Michigan Department of Public Health, P.O. Box 30195, Lansing, Mich. 48909.

## Homogenization

Homogenization was discovered in Michigan.

During the late 1920s and 30s, Dr. G. Malcolm Trout, a world-renown lecturer and author of over 200 articles on dairy technology, discovered the process at Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University). During homogenization, fat globules are reduced, aiding in the digestion of milk.

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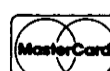
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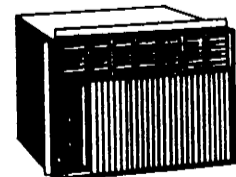
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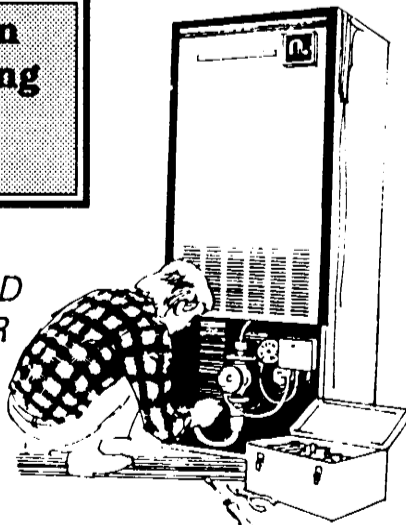


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# Inducted

## 25 Cass City High School students added to honor society membership

Twenty-five Cass City High School students were inducted into membership of the National Honor Society in an evening ceremony held April 25. The program, planned by Karen Wallace and Kathleen Jackson, honor society advisors, was held in the high school gymnasium.

Newly inducted members are seniors Amice Cooper, George Hawley, Tracie Hightower, Jeff Jeung, Rick Krueger, Ryan Pringle and Stephanie Spencer; juniors Barbara Sageman and Trina Whittaker, and sophomores Rosie Blue, Tracey Burns, Jennifer Freundt, Kristy Gnagey, Sarah Keller, Heather Kelly, Tamara Mearns, Melissa Micklash, Robert Roach, Roxanne Rutkoski, Ben Schott, Lyle Severance, Jenny Storm, Rachel Sugden, Andrea Wallace and Tara Wentworth.

Existing members are seniors Bob Batel, Chris Freundt, Angie Hennessey, Jandi Hillaker, Mark Howard, Janet Kubacki, Jane Marker, Tracey Patera, Randy Peasley, Steve Tuckey and Melissa Zinnecker, and juniors Melanie Churchill, Catherine Coe, Brad Gray, Bart Hall, Diana Loomis, Heather Shaft and Soo Yun.

National Honor society membership certificates were presented to the new members by Counselor Wayne Dillon.

High school Principal Russell Biefer, presented Jandi Hillaker and Chris Freundt with an honor award recognizing their 4.0 grade point averages compiled over the past 4 years. This average represents perfect academic achievement in their high school career.

The purpose of National Honor Society is to recognize outstanding students

who are involved in the life of the school and community. Additions to the society's membership are made each spring by a faculty council from a list of students who meet the scholarship requirement.

To be eligible for membership consideration, sophomores, juniors and seniors must have at least a 3.0 grade average. Additionally, potential members must meet high standards in leadership, service and character.

Leadership is based on the student's participation in 2 or more community or school activities or election to an office. To meet the service requirement, the student must be active in 3 or more service projects to the

school or community. Character is measured in terms of integrity, behavior, ethics and cooperation with both students and faculty.

The National Honor Society ranks as one of the oldest and prestigious national organizations for high school students.

Chapters exist in three-fourths of the nation's schools, and since 1921 more than 12 million students have been selected for membership. Millions of dollars in scholarships have been awarded to senior members since 1972 by the sponsoring organization, the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

## School improvement repairs slated at 4 public meetings

Cass City School officials will review the district's school improvement annual reports during 4 public meetings scheduled over the next month.

Public Act 25 of 1990 was implemented as an effort to improve educational programs and outcomes for students in Michigan Schools. One of the requirements of this law is for all schools to develop an annual report which provides information relating to the school improvement plan, core curriculum, student achievement, high school retention rate, school accreditation status, specialized schools and parent conference participation.

The Cass City Public School District has developed its annual building and district reports, which are available in the principal's office of each district school

building or the superintendent's office. Public meetings to review individual building reports incorporated into the district report have been scheduled for the following dates and times:

\*Cass City Intermediate School - May 16 at 7 p.m. in the intermediate school gym.

\*Cass City High School - May 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school speech room.

\*Deford Elementary School - May 23 at 2 p.m. in the Deford Elementary School gym.

\*Campbell Elementary School - June 3 at 2 p.m. in the Campbell Elementary school gym.

Most of the dates listed correspond to building year-end activities, such as honors and award presentations. The public is invited to attend any and all meetings.

## VFW to install officers May 13

Members of VFW Post 3644, Cass City, will install their 1991-92 officers during the organization's May 13 meeting.

The new officers are: Clare Sowden, commander; Norman Gray, sr. vice commander; Dean Fulcher, jr. vice commander; Robert Speirs, chaplain; Bill Zeidler, trustee; Basil Randall, advocate, and Emerson Kennedy, surgeon.

Returning to their respective offices are Keith Adelberg, adjutant; Jack Esau, quartermaster, and Jim Wilson, service officer.

VFW members noted Buddy Poppy days will be May 17 and 18.

## Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

### FIVE YEARS AGO

Dr. H.T. Donahue said goodbye to Irene Freeman, who ended 52 years in association with Dr. Donahue Friday when she retired.

Mrs. Grant Ball attended in Saginaw, Sunday, the celebration of her uncle, George Crocker, and his wife Ruth's 60th wedding anniversary.

Two tables of cards were played when the 500 Club met at the home of Mrs. Jake Osentoski Wednesday. Prizes were won by Agnes Heleski and Emma Fisher. The next party will be held at the home of Emma Fisher. The hostess served a dessert lunch.

Among the volunteers honored last Sunday at a party at Provincial House in Cass City were Vernita Rayl, Sue Penrod and Mary McKellar.

### TEN YEARS AGO

Artrain steering committee co-chairmen Holly Althaver and Karen Wallace cut the ribbon at ceremonies Monday evening to signal the beginning of the train's stay in Cass City. The Artrain is parked at the Garfield Street crossing.

Lonnie Wilson was the recipient Monday evening of the Harold Ferguson Memorial Award for being the outstanding senior in the high school band. Band Director Thomas Clair made the presentation. The clarinet player is the daughter of George and Glenda Wilson of Gagetown.

Mrs. Genevieve VanAllen and Mrs. Elsie Thompson and Georgia Thompson were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas VanAllen and family.

The Novesta Township Board voted Monday to send a letter to the Elkland Township Board protesting the latter's recent increase in fire fees. The Elkland board voted to raise the fee it charges townships which contract with it for fire protection. For Novesta, that means an increase from \$5,400 to \$6,300.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Capt. Clarence E. Fox, a 6-year veteran in the Air Force, received the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism as an F-105 Thunderchief pilot in Southeast Asia recently. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Fox of Cass City.

The first shovel full of dirt for the new Cass City High

### 2 county 4-H leaders honored

Two Tuscola County volunteers were honored by Michigan 4-H Youth Programs for their years of service as 4-H youth leaders.

Lewis Harper of Kingston and Ruth Taylor of Millington were each awarded a commemorative plaque for their 40 years of service to 4-H. Each volunteer also received a certificate of recognition and a gold clover pin for long-term commitment to 4-H.

"Thank you" seems inadequate for what you do for young people in Michigan. You are the heart and soul of 4-H," Sandy Clarkson, acting assistant director of Extension for 4-H, told volunteers at the 1991 State 4-H Recognition Banquet. The banquet was held last month at the Kellogg Biological Station.

Michigan 4-H Youth Programs is a division of the Cooperative Extension Service of Michigan State University. Its programs depend on the support and leadership of 30,000 volunteers annually, who provide educational, recreational and creative activities for more than 224,000 Michigan young people.

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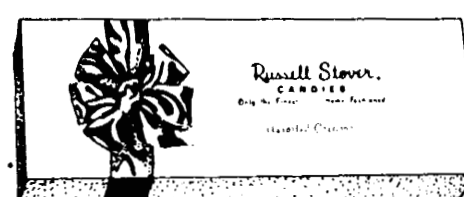
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Michigan Mirror

# Gov. urges support of Headlee plan

The 20 percent Headlee property tax should be approved for consideration by the Legislature and public even if it falls slightly short of legal requirements for valid petition signatures, Governor John Engler said.

Aides said Engler is now endorsing the far larger 2-year Headlee plan as a first preference, rather than his own proposal for a 3-year 20 percent cut applied just to school operational taxes. "The people of Michigan want significant property tax relief now. The Headlee proposal is an important step towards this goal," Engler said.

Asserting the number of valid signatures needed to certify the petition to the Legislature is close to and perhaps above the number required, Engler said, "If there is a question, the board of Canvassers should err on the side of the people."

With many signatures still under review, elections officials have indicated they found 190,227 valid signatures among the 224,000 submitted by Taxpayers United for Assessment Cuts last September.

Under state law, 191,726 valid names are required to force a vote in the Legislature or at the November, 1992 general election ballot.

The group asserts 210,759 signatures are valid, arguing earlier this month the board has improperly disallowed 15,428 signatures and found proof to support 5,054 others which are in question.

Names were disallowed after a review of a sample size, based on such things as illegible signatures, incomplete or erroneous identification regarding voter registration, and duplication.

"Since they're so close, they should certify the peti-

tions and let the Legislature debate it. The number of valid signatures is so close and the number in question is such a small amount, go ahead and certify because they haven't been able to make a decision," Engler press secretary John Truscott said.

But Kevin Moody, attorney for the Michigan Education Association which challenges the validity of about 17,000 signatures, said the governor has a right to advocate certain policies, but the board is controlled by legal decisions and rules that determine if petitions are certified. "Based on our information, there's not enough," he said.

He said the constitution reserves the right of initiative petition to a small minority of the citizenry, adding, "It's not something that you can say is close enough." And, if the MEA challenges are upheld, he said the number will not even be considered close.

Elections Director Chris Thomas said the board will likely meet the week of May 13 to review the results of the election staff's investigation into allegations of a number of invalid signatures. But he noted that report is not yet ready and no one knows how close the issue is to the number of valid signatures required. "People are operating without full information," he said.

Senate Majority Leader Richard Posthumus (R-Alto) introduced a resolution last week urging the board to certify the petitions.

Opponents alleged a substantial additional number of signatures were duplicates, which under board policy means not even the first of the duplicated signature is counted.

Moody said the duplication problem was more evident on petitions that had been revised by the Headlee group to remove a warning notice against signing more than once.

"The issue is important enough that we need some form of significant property tax relief immediately and this would help push the debate forward. If the board will move ahead and certify, yes we will support it," Truscott said. "If not, then we will pick up our tax plan again."

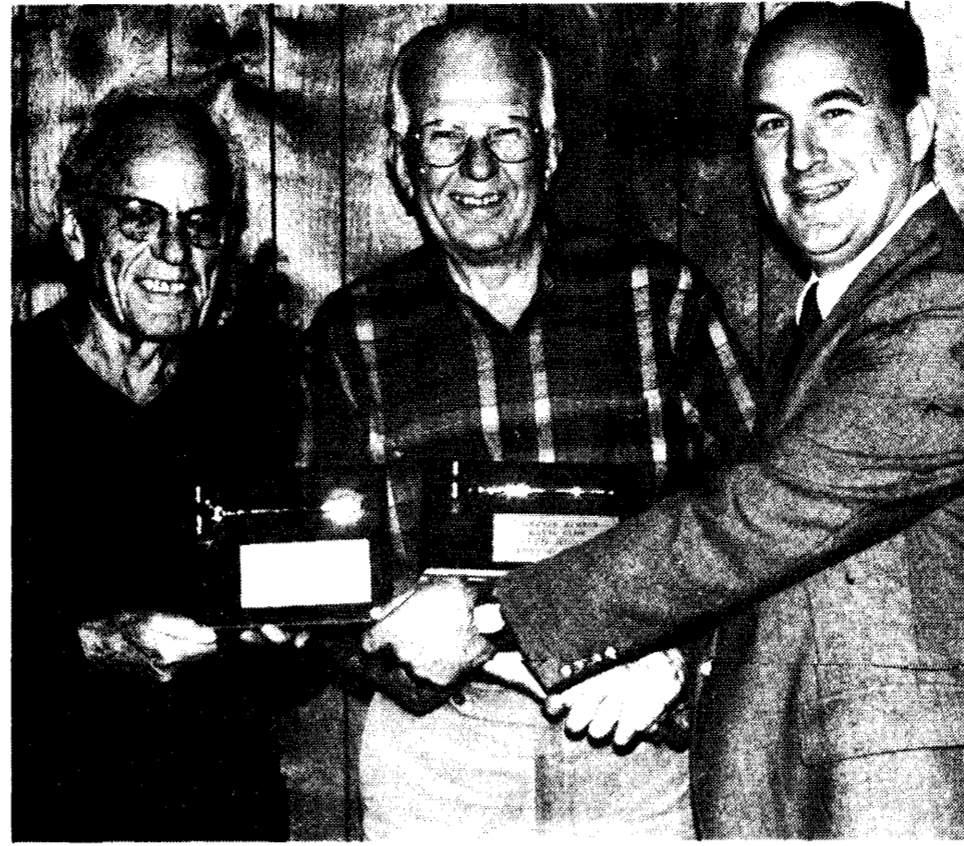
Approval of the plan by the Legislature would add to the problems in next year's budget, where Engler allocated \$287 million to cover the first-year's costs of his tax proposal.

The Department of Treasury estimates the Headlee plan would cost \$727 million in 1991-92, after allowing for savings under the property tax credit program, and rise to \$1,694 million in 1992-93.

The assessment cut applies to calendar years, retroactive to Dec. 31, 1990. It would mean taxpayers in all classes would save about \$460 million in 1991 and \$1.03 billion in 1992.

The governor did not directly contact the 4 members of the Board of Canvassers, equally divided along party lines, about his views, Truscott said. Approval of the petitions requires votes of 3 members.

The last time the board disallowed petitions was in 1982 when it determined proponents of a death penalty constitutional amendment fell about 42,000 signatures short of the 286,000 requirement. It had collected an estimated 307,000 signatures. The Supreme court later affirmed the board's ruling.



CASS CITY GAVEL Club members (from left) Eddie Fritz and Les Ross were recently honored as the club's first lifetime members. President Ed Pasant (far right) presented plaques to the men during a regular meeting April 23 at the Charmont. Both Fritz and Ross are founding members of the Gavel Club, established in 1943.

## Saginaw Diocesan

# Catholic women to meet

The Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will meet at St.

## Rep. Allen votes no to pay raise

During the state's current budget crisis, the Michigan House should have rejected a 4 percent pay increase for state classified employees rather than approving a weaker resolution that fails to solve the problem, Rep. Dick Allen, R-Caro, said Thursday after voting against the plan.

House Republicans agreed with Gov. John Engler that the pay hike was "ill-advised" and pushed for its rejection. They were overruled by House Democrats who favored the raise but advocated voluntary compliance for cost-cutting moves.

"The resolution has been watered down considerably and is almost worthless. It authorizes the pay raise but 'suggests' employees 'help out' by taking mandatory furloughs, payroll deferrals and other conditions. It would have been far better to reject the pay raise outright rather than taking a phony piecemeal approach," Allen said.

"This increase will cost \$107 million at a time when our state can least afford it. But equally important is the fact that the additional costs could result in layoffs for more than 2,800 employees."

Allen noted the state has a dedicated work force that is fairly compensated. During the past decade, the base salary increases for state classified employees exceeded inflation by 11 percent.

The Michigan Constitution requires that the Civil Service Commission authorize increases in compensation rates and gives the Legislature unqualified right to reject or reduce such increases. The governor cannot reject such an increase; that authority is given solely to state legislators.

"Considering our current crisis, the scheduled raise should have been postponed. This small sacrifice would have kept their colleagues on the job and would have maintained the vital services they provide to the public," Allen concluded.

## 8 percent

An estimated 8 percent of each family's food budget is used to purchase dairy products. The dairy farmers, meanwhile, get about half of each dollar spent by consumers for milk at the store.

# April rains set record

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"We could still, today, have a very normal year," he said, adding what farmers need now are some warm (sunny), windy days to hasten the drying process.

Winds early last week helped dry area fields, but showers Sunday again put a damper on farmers' plans.

Further delays in planting may force some farmers to switch to later maturing crops or, in some cases, accept lower yields. For example, Michigan Farm Bureau agriculture specialists say sugar beet growers figure on losing one ton production per acre for every day that planting is delayed past May 1.

# 2 teens die in accident

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near Ritter Road early Saturday morning. Younglove was southbound on M-53 at about 5:55 a.m. when he came upon the animal, which apparently had just been hit by another motorist.

A car-deer accident also was reported recently by a Deford motorist, according to Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies.

Mary H. Jones, Deford, was westbound on Bevens Road west of Murray Road

Thursday at about 6:40 a.m. when a deer ran into his vehicle.

Cass City police reported making one traffic-related arrest over the weekend.

Police arrested Alexander P. Kessler, 33, Cass City, early Sunday morning on suspicion of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor. He was stopped for speeding and weaving in the westbound lane of Main Street at about 2:15 a.m., reports state.

# Area seniors in final swirl

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education and benediction. The Rev. Peter Gaspeny, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Ubyly, will deliver the scripture reading.

Renee LeCureux will deliver the valedictory speech and Paul Krumenacker the salutatory speech, while Lori Paionk will offer appreciation remarks on behalf of the class.

Seniors will wrap up their final year at Ubyly with final exams slated for May 21-23,

followed by commencement practice May 24 at 9 a.m. at the school.

Other students will take their finals May 31 and June 3 and 4, with June 4 being the last day of school.

Activities scheduled to take place at the school before graduation include a spring band concert today, (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m., an annual FHA banquet May 15 at 7:30 p.m., and an annual jr. high-high school award program May 22 at 7 p.m.

# Fish free June 8-9

Groups planning to sponsor special fishing events during Michigan's sixth annual Free Fishing Weekend, June 8-9, may request a free fishing information packet available now from the Department of Natural Resources.

The Free Fishing Weekend, held every year in June in conjunction with National Fishing Week, allows residents and outstate visitors to fish all of Michigan's inland and Great Lakes waters without a fishing license or trout/salmon stamp.

The packet contains fishing promotion and support materials, a guide on plan-

ning a fishing event, and lists of fishing promotion items offered by groups supporting National Fishing Week, June 3-9, and free fishing days, which are scheduled in 38 states this year.

"Thousands of Michigan residents and visitors experienced the fun of fishing at 80 Free Fishing Weekend clinics and derbies last year, many for the first time," said DNR Director David Hales.

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# Vinyl popular for window replacement

American homeowners have made the installation of new windows the number one remodeling project in the country.

Recent studies have shown that more than 26 million prime and replacement windows were installed in remodeled American homes last year. The term "prime" refers to windows used in such projects as room extensions or additions; replacement windows are windows that are replaced with new ones.

Of particular interest is the spectacular growth in popularity of vinyl windows experienced in the latter part of the 1980s. In just a 5-year period, vinyl window sales grew at an average compound rate of 36 percent per year.

This increased popularity among homeowners is also reflected in the fact that vinyl has surpassed aluminum in the replacement window market.

Why is vinyl the window of choice for millions of American homeowners? Surveys show that thermal efficiency and easy maintenance are 2 of the most significant reasons why people buy vinyl windows.

**WHICH TO CHOOSE?**

Homeowners in the market for replacement windows have several window frame materials from which to choose. The most popular are wood, aluminum and vinyl.

While each type of frame material has its advantages, consumers are finding that quality vinyl windows have the most benefits and the fewest drawbacks, which explains their growing popularity. Although wood is an excellent insulator, without constant upkeep it can absorb moisture, leading to warping, twisting or sagging. Once this occurs, air is allowed to infiltrate through the resulting gaps, lessening the window's thermal efficiency. And wood requires expensive and time-consuming painting every few years.

Standard aluminum windows will not warp, rot or shrink. But their relatively thin walls can contribute to poor thermal efficiency. They feel cold to the touch in winter and may also allow condensation to form, leading to corrosion and pitting. Because vinyl won't shrink or warp, air infiltration and the resulting lost energy are significantly reduced. And because vinyl resists condensation, homeowners don't have to worry about water damage or the pitting, peeling, rotting or corrosion that destroys the beauty and efficiency of wood or aluminum windows.

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The best news for homeowners concerned about their leisure time and maintenance expenses is the minimal upkeep required. Vinyl windows have the color molded clear through so there's never a need for painting, and a simple soap and water cleaning is all that's required. In addition, many quality vinyl windows offer a special feature which allows both upper and lower sashes to be tilted in, so both sides of the glass can be cleaned from inside.

Homeowners serious about replacing their existing windows should know

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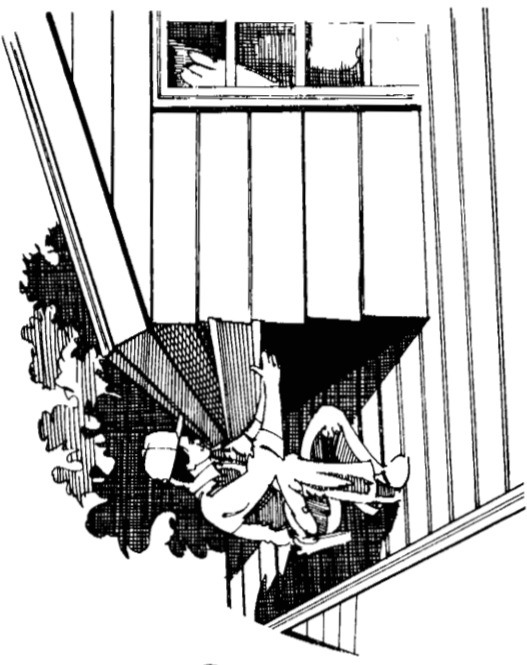


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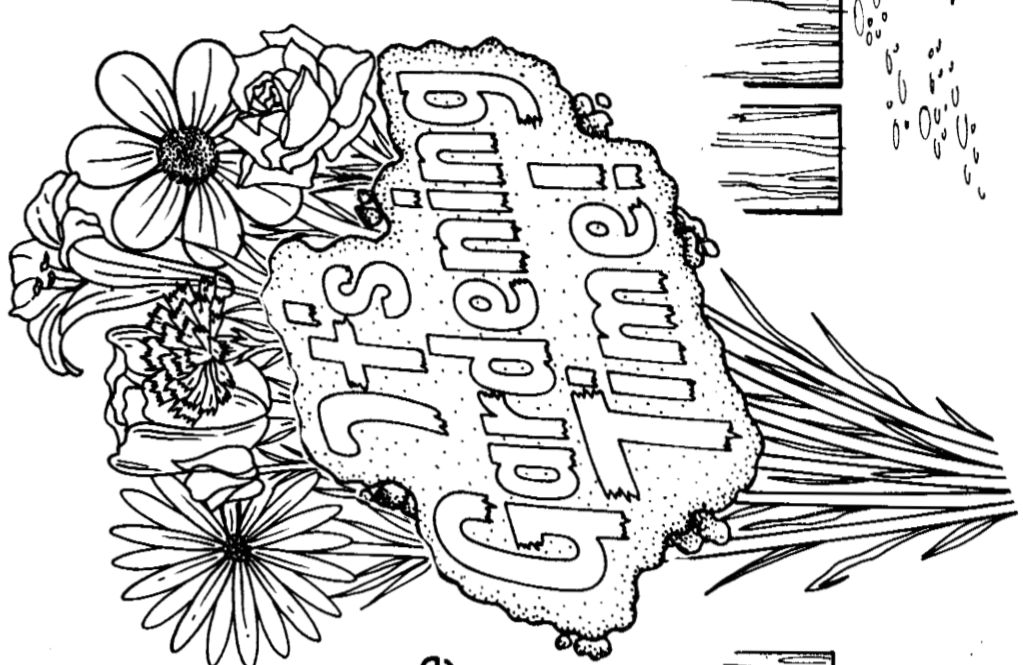


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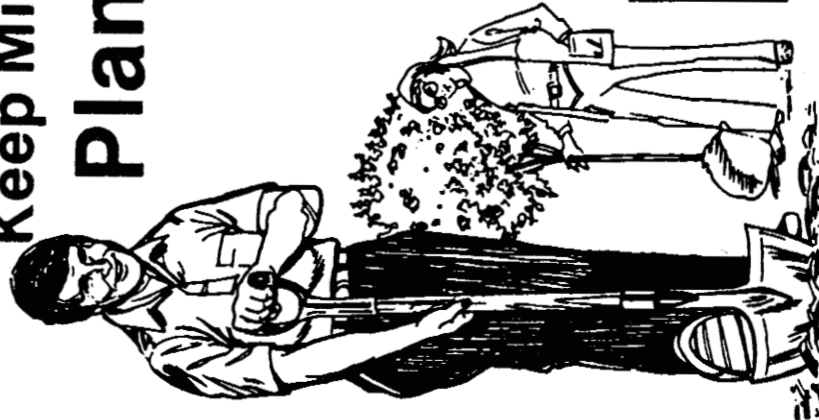
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### Keys to transplant success

## Select healthy, young plants and handle carefully

The keys to success with vegetable transplants are selection of healthy, young plants and careful handling.

The result, says Michigan State University Extension horticulturist Bernie Zandstra, is plants that will grow well and start producing weeks earlier than if they'd been sown in the garden from seed.

"In fact," he notes, "in many parts of Michigan, using transplants is the only way to assure that warm-season crops such as tomatoes have time to mature and produce a crop."

Use a list of recommended varieties to select cultivars

that are well suited to local growing conditions, he advises. Recommended variety lists are available at county Cooperative Extension Service offices.

Select healthy transplants by looking for stocky, compact plants with dark green, healthy-looking foliage. Avoid wilted, discolored or insect-damaged plants or those that show leaf spots or other signs of disease.

Avoid transplants that already have flowers or fruits on them, Zandstra advises. Transplants need to concentrate their energies on establishing a large, strong root system. If they've already

switched from vegetative growth to fruit production, they will not be able to do this and will struggle to produce fruit on an inadequate root system.

Ease transplants into the garden in gradual stages. Start by setting them outdoors in a protected area for a few hours on warm, sunny days and decreasing watering to begin to accustom them to outdoor conditions. This process, called hardening, reduces the amount of transplant shock the plants suffer when they're set in the garden.

"Handle plants so as to avoid injuring their stems or roots as much as possible," Zandstra says. "If plants were grown in peat pots, soak the pots completely before planting. Then bury each pot completely under the soil. If part of the pot is left exposed, it will serve as a wick and dry out the pot and the soil mix around the roots."

Plants in multi compartment containers should be well watered and then carefully removed from their individual cells. If 2 or more plants were grown in one container, they need to be divided. When the soil mix is dry, cut the plants apart with a sharp knife. Cutting does less damage to the roots than tearing the plants apart, Zandstra explains. And a dry soil ball is much easier to cut than a wet one.

Newly set transplants may need protection of various kinds.

If cutworms have been a problem, putting cutworm collars around transplants may be a good idea. A 3- or 4-inch strip of lightweight cardboard shaped into a circle and pushed into the soil around pepper plants and other cutworm favorites will prevent the subterranean caterpillars from snipping the transplants off at the soil surface.

Watering may be necessary to prevent wilting of newly set plants.

Frost protection may be necessary in the spring for warm-weather crops such as tomatoes, eggplant and peppers. Cool-weather crops such as members of the mustard family -- cabbage, Brussels sprouts, Chinese cabbage and broccoli -- will tolerate cool temperatures and so can be planted earlier. Normally, plant cool-season crops when the soil temperature at a depth of 6 inches is above 55 degrees F. Hold off planting warm-season crops until the soil temperature is above 65 degrees and the average date of the last frost

in your area is past. That information, too, is available at your local Extension office.

"No matter how careful you are, some root damage is likely to occur, and it will take plants a while to re-

cover," Zandstra says. "So it may seem that newly transplanted plants are just sitting there, not doing much. Once they get over the shock of being transplanted and get their root systems established, they'll start produc-

ing top growth."

To promote quick rooting, Zandstra advises giving plants a dose of starter fertilizer at transplanting. Starter fertilizers are high in phosphorus, the most important nutrient for root growth.



AVOID TRANSPLANTS that already have flowers or fruits on them, MSU horticulturist Bernie Zandstra suggests.

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## Try gardening- you may like it

Ask 10 gardeners why they garden and you'll probably get more than 10 reasons. Often they can be boiled down to recreation, enjoyment, economy, satisfaction and achievement.

Ask people who don't garden or who used to why they don't, and you'll probably get a list of gardening mistakes to avoid.

Tom Stebbins, Master Gardener specialist at Michigan State University, says would-be or one-time gardeners can learn from these problems.

"People who say a garden is too much work are usually right -- their gardens were too much work because they tackled larger gardens than they could handle with the available tools and labor," he suggests.

"It's always better to have a successful small garden and wish it were bigger than a big garden that disappears under a carpet of weeds in June or swamps you with more beans, tomatoes or summer squash than you can use or give away.

Frustration often occurs when the weather fails to cooperate, either by being too cold or too warm at the wrong times, or too wet or too dry. Marauding wildlife and vandals can also frustrate the gardener's intentions.

Guilt may arise when a gardener sees work that needs to be done and doesn't have the time, energy or good health to do it. Encroaching weeds, tomatoes that need caging, cabbages

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riddled with caterpillar damage or produce rotting in the garden can start a chain of thought highlighted by the word "should" -- "I should have mulched to control weeds." "I should have sprayed the cabbages when I saw the first caterpillar," etc.

"Instead of castigating yourself, make plans to do things differently next year," Stebbins says. "Turn blame into something more positive: 'Next year, I'll put the tomato cages in when I set the plants in the garden.' Or 24 tomato plants was clearly too many -- I'll try 6 next year."

If your reason for gardening is an excuse to spend some time outdoors, with fresh vegetables as a fringe benefit, focus on what you see as the enjoyable aspects of gardening, whether it's planning, planting, watching the first seedlings emerge, photographing the dew on foliage and flowers, eating sweet corn only minutes after harvest -- whatever. Garden for yourself, set your standards and goals, and avoid getting caught up in the perfection trap.

"Especially avoid comparing your garden to that of someone else whose circumstances permit him or her a lot more time to garden than you have," Stebbins suggests. "If you're a working person with a family and community obligations, it's hardly realistic to think that you're going to have the same picture-perfect garden that the retired school-teacher has who can be out there anytime the weather is conducive to gardening."

Gardening as a way of saving money on food has been debated and researched. Depending on how you figure the costs of preserving and storing your harvest -- do you prorate the cost of the freezer, since you'd have it even if you didn't garden? Do you put a dollar value on the time you spend canning? -- You may or may not save money at the grocery store by gardening. A crop failure, vandals or bad weather can wipe out potential savings literally overnight. (See "frustration" above.)

So, is gardening worth the time and effort expended? "It is if you think it is," Stebbins sums up. "If gardening meets your goals, whatever they are -- whether it's to produce pesticide-free vegetables for your family, relieve stress and tension, or learn new

skills in helping plants grow -- then gardening is for you. If you try it and like it, you could be hooked on a hobby that can provide a lifetime source of enjoyment."

If you've never gardened but think you'd like to try it, think small and don't be afraid to ask questions. Getting off on the right foot in gardening is often a matter of picking a good garden site, keeping the size manageable, planting varieties that will perform well in your area and planting them at the right time.

Information on these and other aspects of gardening is as close as your county Cooperative Extension Service office.

If you tried gardening and didn't like it and don't want to try it again, that's OK, too -- gardening, like golf, trout fishing or stamp collecting, isn't for everyone.



VETERAN DEFORD area gardener Charles Alley has little difficulty explaining his love of gardening -- "I love it - that's the only reason," he says.

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About gardening

Extension specialists answer questions

The arrival of spring is enough to generate a host of gardening questions. Michigan State University Extension specialists answer timely queries about flower gardening, vegetable gardening, insects and related topics.

Q. I'd like to expand my mum planting by dividing the plants that have been in place for several years. When's the best time to do that?

A. After the danger of frost is past in your area - - late May or early June. Remove the plants from the soil when new growth is 4 inches high. Take well rooted shoots from the outside of each clump and plant them in a sunny, well drained spot with the growing tip just above ground level.

Q. Last year I tried growing flower and vegetable seedlings in my basement for the first time. They grew well at first, then some suddenly wilted, fell over and died. The stems were all black and shriveled-looking. What caused this? How can I prevent it from happening again?

A. The problem is damping-off, a fungal disease of seedlings caused by common soil fungi. Damping-off can also cause seeds to rot and seedlings to die even

before they emerge from the soil. To prevent it, grow seedlings in a sterile growing medium, such as a commercial peat-vermiculite mix, in sanitized containers. Water to keep the growing medium moist but not soaked. The high humidity and warm temperatures often used to speed germination can contribute to damping-off. So can deep planting, overcrowding, overwatering and overfertilizing. Once established, damping-off can spread through seed flats very quickly. Discard affected plants at once.

Q. If I plant one hill each of 4 or 5 different kinds of summer squash, I'll have enough squash to open a roadside stand. What's a good way to get a variety without getting more squash than I can use or give away?

A. Try planting 3 or 4 squash types in each hill. Plant 2 seeds of each variety, then thin to one plant of each. This will give you a good mixture while keeping quantities manageable. For the sake of insurance, plant an extra hill a few weeks later. It should begin to produce about the time the earlier planting is giving out.

Q. Last year, a horde of large, long-legged tan beetles appeared in my garden overnight, it

seemed, and began to eat my roses, irises, peonies and a host of other plants. Spraying eliminated the pests, but a new batch would appear in a few days - - or sooner, if it rained. What am I dealing with? Are they likely to be back this year?

A. It sounds like rose chafers, elongated beetles that feed voraciously on a wide variety of garden and landscape plants. They are most common near light, sandy soils, which the females prefer for egg laying, but because the adults are strong flyers, they may turn up at some distance from such areas. Because the adults tend to emerge all at once, hordes of beetles appear suddenly - - virtually overnight. Only a few chafers can do a lot of damage, but they aren't present long - - only about 3 weeks - - so plants need protection for only a limited time. A few plants can be draped with cheesecloth or the beetles hand-picked. You may need to spray with a chemical pesticide at weekly intervals or after rains to control large beetle populations or protect valuable plants. If you notice damage but can't find any beetles, the pests have already left for the season and spraying will be of no benefit.

Q. Are those big, hairy caterpillars that spin webs in the crotches of wild cherry trees related to the gypsy moth?

A. Only in that they belong to the same insect family, the butterflies and moths. The caterpillars that make the white tents in tree crotches are eastern tent caterpillars, the larva stage of a smallish brown moth. The overwintering eggs hatch about the same time leaves begin to open, and the young larvae feed together in colonies. They may defoliate trees over a wide area before they reach their mature size of 2 to 2 1/2 inches. They then spin white or yellowish cocoons on fences, tree trunks or other objects. Adults emerge in about 3 weeks to mate and start the cycle over again. To control eastern tent caterpillars in valuable fruit or ornamental trees, look for and remove egg masses on twigs in the winter or remove tents and young larvae in early spring. You can also spray trees with a commercial preparation of the bacterium Bacillus thuringiensis, which causes a disease that kills caterpillars. It is harmless to people, other animals and insects, birds and plants but

is very effective against caterpillars. They must eat it, so spray the leaves rather than the caterpillars or their tents.

Q. Making raised beds in the flower or vegetable garden sounds like a lot of work. What makes it worthwhile?

A. Constructing raised beds is one way to garden in spite of poorly drained or compacted soil. The soil in the raised bed drains faster and warms up more quickly, so you can plant earlier and have fewer problems with root rots and other diseases related to poor drainage. Unless you build beds so wide that you can't reach the middle to plant or weed, you won't have to step in them, so soil compaction won't occur. Use wood treated with copper naphthenate to prevent rot, and your raised beds will last for years. Fill the frames with a mixture of sand, soil and compost for good drainage and nutrient-holding capacity.

Q. I didn't prune my roses much last fall. Should I prune this spring?

A. Yes. Prune in spring to remove winter-damaged canes, all weak growth (canes smaller than the diameter of a pencil), and canes that are rubbing or crossing another. Then shape the plant by cutting back remaining canes to a uniform height - - 18 to 24 inches. The exception to spring pruning is climbing roses - - prune them after they bloom.

Q. Are my leftover seeds from last year likely to be good this year? Or should I buy all new seed?

A. This depends on what types of seeds you saved and how you stored them. Most

garden seeds will give satisfactory results the second or even the third year if they were stored in a cool, dry place, such as a dry basement, a garage or a refrigerator. The shortest-lived seeds are those of sweet corn, okra, onion, parsley, parsnip and salsify. Though they may germinate reasonably well after one year, they seldom do well the second year. Somewhat longer-lived are bean, carrot, leek, English pea and southern pea seeds. They will generally germinate well for at least 3 years if properly stored. Most other garden seeds will germinate well even after 4 to 5 years under adequate storage conditions.

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Economical "pick-me-ups" for your house

By Joe Zorc PM Editorial Services

Q. I don't have the budget for a full-blown renovation. Can you suggest some economical pick-me-ups for my house?

A. If you are looking for ways to gradually upgrade your house, there are many options available that do not

require a lot of money and can aesthetically enhance your home while also increasing its value. A lot of these improvements can be done with just a few tools or by hiring just one subcontractor.

Of course, before adding any special touches the house already should be in basically good shape, with a

decent paint job and working windows and doors. It would not be wise to spend money on special effects before the house is presentable and in good working order.

Lighting fixtures or ceiling fans can dramatically change a dining room, a living room or an entrance foyer. A visit to an electric store is well worth the trip. You will see that for between \$100 and \$300, you can find a chandelier to go above the dining room table. Many electric stores also carry decorative ceiling moldings for centering above the fixture. These moldings cost between \$25 and \$150 and are easy to paint and install.

If your interior doors are very lightweight and plain, they probably are hollow-core doors, with no raised panels. You can buy very good paint-grade, raised-panel doors to replace these for about \$100 each. You only have to purchase the door; you can reuse the hinges from the old door, unless you want to upgrade to a brass or polished chrome hinge.

If the existing doors are of a quality you like, you may choose to replace the handles and hinges with a decorative type. All you will need is a screwdriver. If you do change the hardware on the doors in a room, you may also want to look at changing the window pulls and the window-sash locks to match.

A more substantial improvement is crown molding. Choose the molding according to the height of the ceilings, using wider molding for higher ceilings. You need not put it in all rooms, but perhaps just the

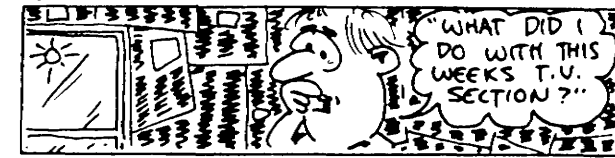
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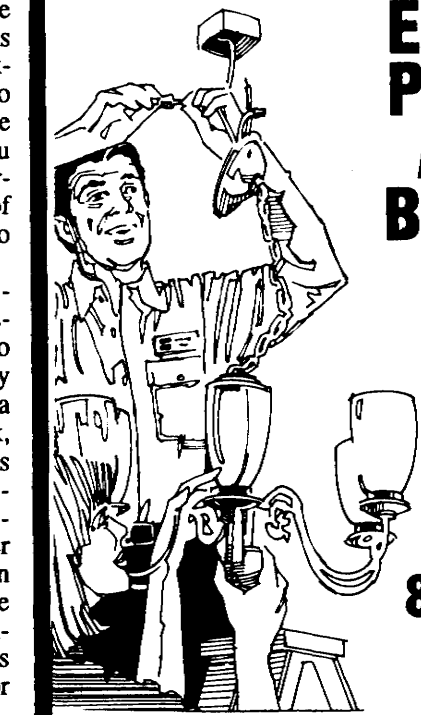
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# Entomologists suggest ways to protect trees

The experts say the gypsy moth problem must get worse before it gets better. But that doesn't mean that homeowners can't or shouldn't take steps to protect valuable trees.

Cooperative Extension Service entomologists at Michigan State University say a number of mechanical and biological techniques are available to protect landscape trees.

Removing gypsy moth egg masses from tree trunks, woodpiles, outdoor furniture and buildings will eliminate some caterpillars. It probably won't have a significant impact on local defoliation, however, simply because gypsy moths produce so many eggs and so few of them are accessible from the ground. But it's a start. Scrape the fuzzy-looking, buff-colored egg clusters off any surface and drop them in soapy water to kill

them, bury them or flush them down the toilet. After eggs hatch, the small larvae crawl into the tree tops, attracted by the overhead light. From there they disperse, first spinning a single thread of silk and dangling from it then sailing away in the wind, suspended by their long body hairs. Small larvae feed during the day and hide at night in bark crevices on the trunk and branches. As they get bigger, they begin feeding at night and resting during the day. When population levels are very high, they are active day and night. Their habit of moving from tree to tree, especially as numbers increase, makes them vulnerable to barrier traps. Bands of sticky material, such as Tanglefoot, placed around tree trunks trap larvae as they try to move across them. These bands may need frequent replacement because of weathering and loading up of the bands with larvae. Another way to take advantage of the caterpillars' daily migration habits is to provide them with hiding places - burlap or other heavy fabric folded and secured to the tree trunks. Larvae looking for hiding places will be attracted to

the bands. Larvae must be removed and destroyed daily to prevent them from moving on into the treetops to feed.

Using both sticky bands and hiding bands on the same trees will increase their effectiveness. Place the hiding bands, which should be at least 12 inches wide, above the sticky bands. Increasing numbers of larvae under the hiding bands indicate that the sticky bands are becoming less effective and need to be replaced.

Though chemical insecticides can help reduce defoliation, they also tend to wipe out the parasites and predator insects that feed on gypsy moth larvae. So, by wiping out these natural enemies, they can actually worsen the situation in the long run. Instead of chemical insecticides, homeowners can use one of the commercial preparations of bacillus thuringiensis, a bacterial disease of caterpillars formulated into an insecticide. B.t. kills only caterpillars, is safe for use near water, is harmless to mammals (including humans) and does not harm the gypsy moth's natural

enemies. B.t. is most effective when caterpillars are less than an inch long. It's water soluble, so more than one application may be necessary. And it must reach the tops of trees to be effective. A certified commercial pesticide applicator may be needed to apply B.t. to large trees. Though it may afford some

personal satisfaction, swatting or stepping on individual larvae does little to reduce defoliation. A better use of your energy is to fertilize and water trees to keep them healthy and growing vigorously. Any way you can relieve other stresses on trees helps them better withstand the stress of gypsy moth defoliation.

Although Cass City homeowners now can bag leaves and similar materials for disposal and burning is allowed outside the village limits, it is expected that composting will become a way of life in the not too distant future. An estimated one-third of our existing landfills will reach full capacity in the next 5 to 7 years. Approximately 20 to 30 percent of this waste is made up of organic materials from the yard and kitchen that can be recycled easily. With space hard to come by and time running out, several states, including New Jersey, Florida and Minnesota, have banned the disposal of yard waste in landfills. If you can't take your leaves and grass clippings to the dump, then what do you do with them? Composting is the answer. Composting is the process of turning organic materials you normally throw away—things like leaves and grass clippings—into a rich soil nutrient called humus. When used as a soil amendment, humus does wonders for your garden. An application of healthy humus supplies your soil with much of the nutrients found in fertilizers. It also increases moisture retention and improves water and air movement in soils lacking these qualities. In addition, finished compost acts as the great equalizer by bringing the pH of any soil closer to neutral. Years ago, composting got a bad name. Compost piles were unsightly, malodorous and hard to maintain. That's all changed now. Hi-tech, factory-made bins, such as the new Flowtron Compost Bin (CB-50), have taken care of the sight and smell, while their improved design has made the process easier.

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## SETTING UP THE PILE

The location of a compost pile can be key. Select a level, well-drained spot, preferably in full sun. Make sure the pile is accessible and the contents are easy to get at. Accessibility and ease-of-use have caused many gardeners to turn to commercially designed compost bins. The bin manufactured by Flowtron is made of recycled plastic, has removable slats for easy access and, when connected to a second bin, can be expanded into a larger configuration. The sleek-looking bin also solves the problem of the compost pile eyesore.

The ideal way to construct a compost pile is to begin with a bottom layer of brush, which holds it above ground and aerates it. Then "sandwich" layers of green wastes (grass clippings, garden weeds, plant tops and vegetable parings) with layers of

brown or carbonaceous material like leaves, chipped branches and sawdust. If the materials you use are dry, wet them down with water as you add them. From time to time, add a shovelful of soil to supply microbes and bacteria, and also add a sprinkling or 2 of fertilizer to act as a catalyst. Construct the pile as quickly as possible; if your waste materials are added a little at a time, they will decompose without building up enough heat to make humus. Keep in mind that the smaller the particles, the faster and easier the decomposing will take place. Large twigs and limbs from woody plants should be reduced into a smaller form before being placed on the pile.

## TURNING THE PILE

Turning the pile frequently will speed up the composting process greatly. Simply stated, turning the

pile means using an old-fashioned pitchfork to mix the raw matter on the outer sides with the hot, "cooking" compost in the center. As the organic matter decomposes, the temperature inside the pile will rise. You'll know when the caying matter has run out

oxygen and needs to be turned because the temperature inside will drop noticeably. After each turning, the pile should reach peak temperatures within a few days before cooling again. The extra effort involved in frequent turnings can pay off handsomely. A well-constructed pile, turned with a fork every 3 days, can produce usable compost in as little as 12 days. When the pile is half its original size and its temperature stabilizes no matter how much you turn it, your finished compost is ready to go into your garden.

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**You Need A Burn Permit!**

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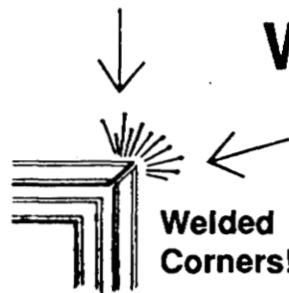
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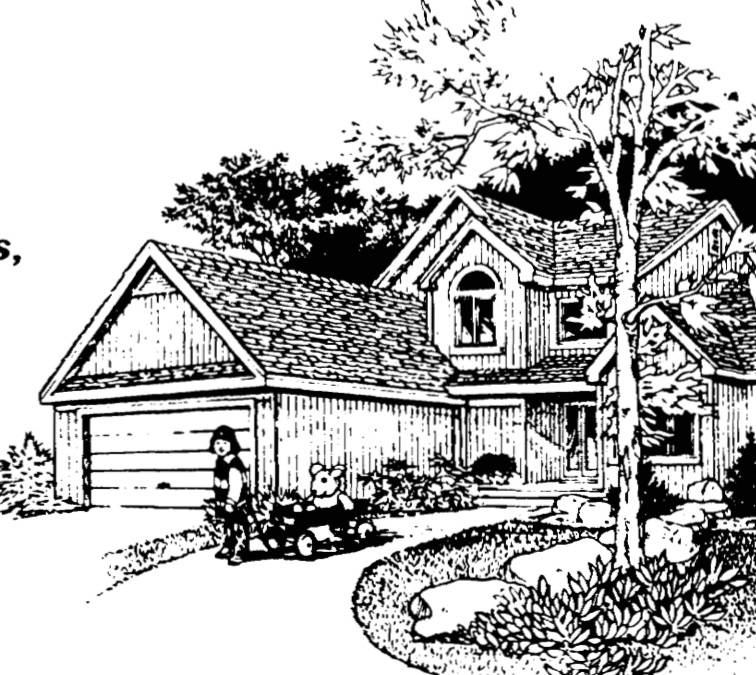
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# Tips for tackling annual Spring cleaning projects around the home

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**3. Arm yourself with the right cleaning tools.** Look for brushes and brooms designed for the job you must do, with handles that are comfortable to hold.

**4. Plan your strategy.** Write down what you hope to accomplish as you tackle each room, then check off finished projects. Ah, feels great, doesn't it!

**Kitchen Tips:** Place foods that leak (flour, sugar, crackers) and foods you want to keep crispy fresh in tight-sealing food containers for cabinets that don't attract insects and stay neat as a pin.

Attach space-saving organizers to kitchen cabinet doors and walls to free other areas. Foil and waxed paper slip into wrap and bag organizers that easily mount to

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**Bedroom Tips:** Empty closets and drawers one by one, placing out-of-season contents in storage boxes. Special under bed plastic boxes make use of this hidden space in an organized fashion. It is especially nice if the boxes are clear so you can see the contents. Cleaning is easy too, if you keep items contained with the lid on! It's a simple open and shut case!

**Garage Tips:** Plastic containers with lids come to the rescue again to contain potting soils, charcoal briquettes, fertilizer and bird seed. No more spills. Bird more messy appearance. Line up the containers with a label (or use see-through

good music, grab your rubber gloves and a bucket with your favorite cleaning supplies (white vinegar, water and newspapers will do the job) and go to work. Remember, window cleaning is lots easier if you do it when the sun isn't shining (to prevent streaking).

**1. Clean windows first.** Then let those fresh breezes blow! Sparkling windows and refreshing air will lessen the boredom of other household duties, so, put on some

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- Protect your skin from the sun's ultraviolet rays, use sunscreen.
- Know lifesaving CPR.

# Helpful hints for home repairs

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**LEAKY GUTTERS.** First clean the gutters. For small holes, patch the hole with roofing cement. Cover layers of roofing cement.

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An appealing, pleasant atmosphere is essential in every bedroom of the house, but it's especially important in the master bedroom, one of the most lived-in areas of any home.

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**BEFORE YOU BURN OUTDOORS...**

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- Stay with your fire
- Burn in the evening after the wind has died down
- Have a charged garden hose and a shovel or rake handy

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# For "do-it-yourselfers"

for the top or bottom of the door and a jack plane for the side.

**LEAKING FAUCET.** A rotating disk faucet often found in the kitchen is prone to leaks around the handle and under the spout. With a repair kit from a home center, you'll find a special wrench to disassemble the faucet. Then you simply lift out the cam assembly and replace the springs, seals and o-rings.

**WINDOWS PAINTED SHUT.** Visit a home center to find a tool called a paint zipper. Use the tool to pry between the window and the frame to loosen the paint. The window may require some tugging to open. Once it's open, clean the track with steel wool. Coat with electrical contact points.

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# Back yard patio beautiful, functional all summer long

By John Haire

It would have been better if someone who was more aware, more knowledgeable, more in tune with what was achieved would have had the opportunity to write this story about what can be done to turn a back yard into a functional and beautiful place to spend the leisure hours.

About all that I can really say with assurance is that the area was transformed with a comparatively small amount of money and a giant amount of work by Lota Hartel.

I probably wouldn't have had any clue about the work, either, except, as the next-door-neighbor, I was able to see the transformation that started about 3 years ago.

The home has been in the family since it was built by Dwight Turner. And one of its key attractions has been space. The passer-by would have no reason to guess that the relatively modest front lawn was joined with about a half block of yard in the rear.

As an interested bystander it was fun watching Hartel work, although she doesn't call it that. The 10 to 15 hours a week she spends there in the spring, fall and summer is not work for her, it's relaxation.

Relaxation from her key job at Walbro Corporation where she is the manager of compensation.

Whatever you call it, the results are striking. Already the tulips and the daffodils provide a blaze of color and Hartel tells me that the bleeding hearts are about ready to spring out and the herb garden is productive.

The herb garden didn't mean much to me, but I appreciated it more when she showed me several wreaths created with material from the garden.

I know that later this year other flowers will bloom and keep the cozy wood patio, installed last year, ringed in beauty. Now I know that irises, lilies and peonies will come on in about the middle of June and other flowers will bloom later. The glow will go on until late in the fall.

The patio with the neat pond, dug deep enough to keep goldfish alive over the winter, doesn't take all her time.

There's a small garden in the back and this year raspberries are expected to be turned into jam and added to the well-stocked larder of canned goods that come from the garden. Lota likes to do that, too, I discovered.

A boon for me as a next door neighbor is the playground equipment added last year.

My grandchildren join

hers to use the equipment, a repeat of what happened to our kids in the previous generation, although today's swings replaced yesterday's basketball court.

And I must admit that the array of flowers and the new deck provide a much more gracious, pleasant place to see and use than the basketball court with the tattered nets, although the basketball court was as appreciated then as the patio is today.



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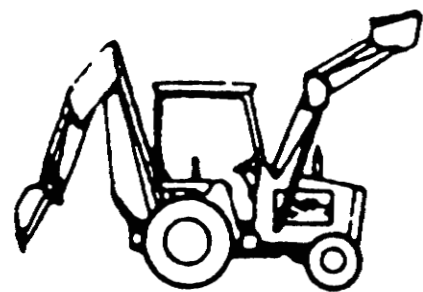
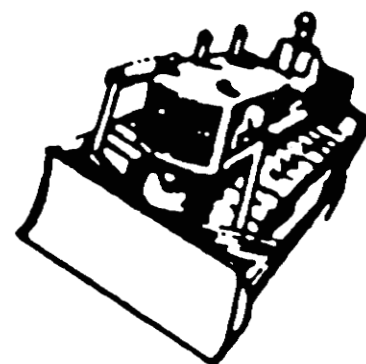


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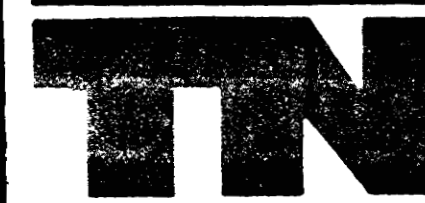
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