

Tendercare union brings dispute to village council



TIME TO QUIT — Ed Karr, a veteran of both township and county government, will retire next month from his post as director of the Tuscola County Equalization Department.

Long political career near end for Ed Karr

Probably few Tuscola County residents understand the ups and downs of land values better than Ed Karr.

And for good reason. Karr has spent nearly 2 decades studying property values and computing the numbers that help determine area residents' property tax bills each year. For 18 1/2 years, he has worked in the Tuscola County Equalization Department, serving as its director for the past 6 1/2 years. Before that, he was Elkland Township supervisor/assessor for 6 years.

Karr, 68, will close out his lengthy tenure in government next month, when he'll retire.

"It has been very enjoyable," the personable Cass City resident commented last week in his office. "It's been quite a ride."

Karr recalled his start in government back in the early 1970s.

"I was asked to run and there was an opening" for Elkland Township supervisor. "I'm unlucky enough, and I won," he joked.

Actually, it turned out to be a blessing. Kidney failure had required Karr to undergo dialysis 3 times a day, and although he underwent a successful transplant operation, he was forced to give up what he had done all his life: farm.

"If I hadn't accidentally gotten into government, I wouldn't have been able to have an occupation I could do," he said.

Since then, Karr has contributed to both local and county government. Aside from his former role as Elkland Township supervisor, he served on the township zoning board and is still on the township board of appeals. He also put in 24 years as a member of the county planning commission.

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Karr joined the county equalization department as an appraiser in 1977.

"Our function here is to do studies on all classes of taxable properties and make recommendations to the various taxing units on what level our

studies found, and recommend adjustments," he explained.

However, Karr pointed out, changes over the years have made that job increasingly complicated.

"It's like night and day. It's so much more complex now than when I began; paperwork, forms, requirements, and just continuous change in laws.

"The biggest change, really, is what happened last year with Proposal A," Karr said. "It just disputes everything we've told our townships through the years: to keep property values equal. Now, that's out the window."

Under Proposal A, increases in the value of a home are capped — until that home is sold, Karr explained. "It's a welcome stranger; when you buy property, look out."

Aside from restructuring the way schools are funded in the state, Proposal A created a lot more work.

"We do everything we did

before, plus more," Karr commented. "We still have to do the same things we did before to establish state equalized valuation, which is used for bonding and also for special assessments. It just goes on and on."

LAND VALUES

Karr has also observed changes in land values in the Thumb, the most dramatic of which occurred over a 10-year period from 1975 to the early 1980s, when the value of the best farmland soared from \$700 an acre to \$2,700 an acre. And then the bottom dropped, with the value of the same, number one farm land dropping to \$900 an acre in just 3 years.

"It was very painful, too, for those people who borrowed to buy land when it was \$2,700," Karr said. When the values plummeted, he added, "They owed more than the land was worth. It closed the door on a lot of them (farmers)."

Karr recalled it was a painful time. But the good times have outweighed the bad.

"I've enjoyed it, met a lot of wonderful people," he said. "I work with wonderful township people and county people. It's been a privilege, really."

Now, Karr is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, Doris, the couple's daughter and 2 sons, and their 3 grandchildren.

"I think the county should invest its money in a younger person than myself," Karr said when asked what made him decide this was the right time to retire.

He confided the healed injuries from a bad accident he was involved in a dozen years ago are beginning to come back to haunt him.

Karr smiled. "It isn't that I want to quit," he concluded. "You can't stop the clock — If it wasn't for that, I'd never quit. But I feel I owe my wife something, to do some traveling, and we're going to do that."

The union representing about 75 workers at Tendercare, Cass City, took its case to the Cass City Village Council Monday, requesting support for legislation that would increase staffing levels.

Representatives of Service Employees International Union Local 79 asked council members to send letters to legislators in support of HB 4441.

Currently, registered and licensed practical nurses are counted in the requirement for "hands-on" care for patients, but nurses aides do a majority of the hands-on care, and there simply aren't enough aides on staff, according to the union representatives.

HB 4441 would increase the number of nurses aides by an average of 3 per nursing home throughout Michigan, they said.

Staffing levels are a key issue in contract talks between

Tendercare and the union, which staged an informational picket in Cass City in September.

Union representatives told the council Monday that 4 Tendercare homes will be going on strike, and "it's

probably going to happen in Cass City next month." Diane Ewald, administrator of Tendercare, Cass City, disputed the union's claims.

She assured council members that staffing levels are adequate and patients in Cass City are well cared for.

Tendercare, which employs some 120 people in Cass City, is proud to serve the village and surrounding communities, Ewald said, adding, "I don't know what purpose the union has served by taking up your valuable time."

Village President L.E. Althaver told Ewald and the union representatives that their comments were welcome. However, he pointed out the council could not take a position in any dispute the union and Tendercare might have.

1996 budget: village to spend 6 percent more

The Cass City Village Council Monday reviewed a proposed 1996 budget totaling \$1.866 million.

The spending plan represents a planned spending increase of nearly \$106,000, or about 6 percent, over estimated actual 1995 expenditures.

Plans call for the new budget to balance with the help of \$78,500 from fund balance, which is expected to total \$432,500 in 1996, a decrease of \$31,000 compared to 1995.

Action on the spending plan will follow a public hearing to be held at the beginning of the council's next regular meeting. That session has been re-scheduled to 7 p.m. Dec. 18 due to the Christmas holiday.

In outlining the proposed spending plan, Village President L.E. Althaver noted there are no planned water, sewer or tax rate increases.

Assumptions made in drafting the budget, he said, include an estimated 2 percent increase in real and personal property taxes, set at a combined \$557,000.

Real property tax revenue is expected to be up by more than \$11,000 thanks to new construction, including expansion projects at Marshall Distributing, Walbro Corp. and Orbital Fluid Technologies.

Turning to expenditures, major changes in the General Fund include spending \$34,500 to convert the village's computer system to DOS. There will be an additional \$8,000 in utility expenses tied to a planned move of village offices to the former Chemical Bank building, and another \$62,000 representing furnishings and the first payment on the bank building.

No new major street construction is planned, and local street construction is budgeted at \$98,000, an increase of \$4,250 over 1995.

Details of the planned road projects, as well as other 1996 capital outlay and improvement expenditures, are detailed in another village budget story in this issue.

It was noted that specific road projects could change next year if state monies are awarded the village to rebuild one mile of Seeger Street, including sections both north and south of the stop light.

Village Manager Lou S. LaPonsie said he has applied for the funds and it appears as if the village has a decent chance of receiving the grant.

Please turn to back page.



CASS CITY ARTIST Pat Smith displays a copy of the Michigan Thumb Area Barns calendar now on sale. The calendar, a fund raiser of the Friends of the Octagon Barn, features area barns sketched by local artists, including Smith.

(See story page 7)

Absent artist still helps Bach Festival

Penelope Jensen has contributed to the success of the annual Bach Festival for many years and also made a significant contribution to the 17th festival held last week in Caro and Cass City even though she was not present.

Jensen, who was scheduled to sing Friday, Saturday and Sunday, became ill and was forced to cancel. However, she alerted the Festival sponsors to a friend, Janet Lyoungdahl, and she was available to replace her.

The visiting artists played before near-capacity crowds Friday and Saturday, when all reserved seats were sold, and a comfortably filled

church Sunday afternoon. As usual, the Festival drew lovers of classical music from all over the Lower Peninsula. Reservations were received from as far north as Farwell, from Farmington and all over the Saginaw Valley.

Oboist Elaine Douvas received standing ovations for her Concert for Oboe Sunday with the Everest Quartet, with Stephen Rose, violin; Jeanne Preucil Rose, violin; Joan DerHovsepian, viola, and Brant Austin Taylor, cello, was, as always, one of the highlights of the concert.

Don Th. Jaeger has been the conductor of every concert since the Festival originated.



MEMBERS OF THE Village Bach Festival Orchestra and soloists rehearse (above) under the direction of Don Th. Jaeger in preparation for performances Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church in Cass City. This was the 17th year for the festival, held annually in Caro and Cass City.



Renee and Michael Kady

Murawski-Kady vows spoken at St. Agatha

Renee Murawski of Owendale and Michael Kady of Bad Axe were married Saturday, Sept. 2, at St. Agatha Catholic Church in Gageton.

Father Paul Bala and Sister Joan Maher officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Andrew and Patricia Murawski of Owendale. The groom is the son of Eugene and Melanie Kady of Bad Axe.

Given in marriage by her mother and father, the bride wore a white satin gown with a sweetheart shaped neckline and long tapered sleeves highlighted with hanging pearls. Re-embroidered lace highlights and a heart shaped cut-out in the back with hanging pearls accented the heavily beaded cut-out cathedral length train.

Her headpiece was a white tiara accented with silver sequins and pearls with dangling pearl accents with a double layer pouf and two tiered, edged, fingertip veil.

The bride carried a cascading bouquet of white roses, pearls, baby's breath and ivy. The maid of honor was Lisa Dorsch of Owendale, friend of the bride. The bridesmaids were Lynn Cummins of Gageton, friend of the bride; Rebecca Rayl of Bad Axe, friend of the bride; Angie Gruber of Cass City, friend of the bride; Stephanie Laurie of Cass City, sister of the groom.

The junior bridesmaid was Maegan Laurie of Cass City,

niece of the groom.

The flower girl was Whitney Laurie of Cass City, niece of the groom.

The best man was Brad Susalla of Gageton, friend of the groom. The groomsmen were Rick Murawski of Owendale, brother of the bride; Tim Kady of Bad Axe, and Eugene Kady of Gageton, brothers of the groom, and David Laurie of Cass City, brother-in-law of the groom.

The junior groomsman was Kenny Kady of Gageton, nephew of the groom.

The ring bearer was Kendall Peruski of Ubly, friend of the bride and groom.

The ushers were Felix Murawski of Texas, uncle of the bride, and Robert Haldane of Pigeon, friend of the groom.

After the ceremony, a reception was conducted at the Pigeon VFW Hall for 600 guests attending from Texas, Illinois and Michigan.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Owendale-Gageton High School and is a 1994 graduate of St. Clair County Community College Practical Nursing Center and is currently employed by Four Seasons Health Care Center.

The groom is a 1991 graduate of Owendale-Gageton High School and is currently employed by the L.J. Gascho Furniture Company. After a 2-week honeymoon to the Smoky Mountains in Tennessee and Walt Disney World in Florida, the couple reside in Bad Axe.

PACP to do "Homecoming"

The Port Austin Community Players will present "The Homecoming" for Christmas.

The special strength of a loving family is at the heart of this play, based on the book by Earl Hamner Jr., which also inspired the television series, "The Waltons."

The time is the great depression, and the large Spencer family, living at the foot of a Virginia mountain, is struggling hard just to survive. "The Homecoming" is a beautiful, down-to-earth Christmas story filled with humor, humanity and love. The play is being directed by Penny S. Pearson.

The cast includes Bob, Dorothy, Danielle and Guy Shinault, Jason Gaffke, Bobby Hubbard, Kevin Brock, Lauren and William Clark, Emily Quinn, Clark Shuart, Monee McHenry, Susan Templin, Doug Grey, Jim Quinn, Fred Bluckhorn, Jeff Yaroch, Meade McHenry, Josh Weaver, Bill Hogan, Kim Yaroch, Steve Souva, Trisa Kubacki, Emily and Michael Knoblock, Jena Lerash, Sara Auer, Christine Hubbard, Megan Clark, Kelly and Kevin Lerash, Ann and Katie Kelly, and Megan Schwedler.

Show dates are Dec. 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m., Sunday matinee, 2 p.m. All seats are \$5. Call for reservations at 517-738-5217.



David John Edler and Wendy Johna Rondo, both of Caro.

Lawrence Albert Hill and Kristi Kaye Lich, both of Vassar.

Thomas John Harper and Melodie Elizabeth Anderson, both of Caro.

Kirk Allen Walker, Reese, and Jenny Marie Hescott, Chesaning.

Daniel Lee Snow and Susan Beverly Ekhardt, both of Millington.

Jihad Ali Mustapha and Laurie Lynn Burns, both of Fostoria.

Billy Warren aka William Henry Batrow, Mayville, and Sydney Sharon Batrow of Flint.

Gerald Edward Rocheleau and Cathy Lea Sierocki, both of Gageton.

Sr. Citizens' Menu
Senior citizens are asked to make reservations on the day of the meal between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. by calling Berenice Sowden, 872-2397.

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Monday - Stuffed Cabbage w/Tomato Sauce, Parsley Potatoes, Baby Carrots, Variety Bread, Fruit Cocktail.

Tuesday - Ham & Noodles AuGratin, Peas & Pearl Onions, Roll, Peanut Butter Cookie.

Friday - Crispy Fish Sandwich, Cream Style Potatoes, Buttered Corn, Round Roll, Cherry Cobbler.

Cass City Area Social and Personal Items

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Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer were Patti and Debbie Timmons and Ruth Timmons. Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood Lapeer and Wayne Curry were afternoon guests.

Stan and Melva Guinther spent from Wednesday until Sunday with their son and family, Mark and Shelley Guinther and sons, Drew and Spencer, in Cranberry Township, Pa.

Mrs. Mary Murphy of Arkansas and Ada Rivard were Wednesday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer.

Dale and Mary Damm of Cass City and Tim and Susan Wooster of Flint were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Wes and Nancy Frederick in Caro.

Meg's Peg
One in 5,000,000
by Melva E. Guinther

Last week I got a check for \$7,500 in the mail.

Unfortunately, it wasn't signed. In order to get a signed check, it was necessary, due to "strict security procedures" for me to call a 900 number from a touchtone phone, at \$3.98 a minute.

It was imperative that I not reveal my security code to anyone until I'd registered it with their office.

However, to register by mail, I was to send the security code number along with my name, birth date and phone number to a California address on a postcard. Some big secret!

In fine print it guaranteed a cash award of "up to \$7,500" to a recipient of the advisory.

In really fine print on the back was the disclosure that the odds of winning anything above \$1.00 were one in 5 million. How much do you think I'd get for going along?

I'm not sure what the gimmick was, but I know that very, very rarely does one get something for nothing, like maybe one time in 5 million.

Going through some old papers, I came across an "SVSC Grading System" chart, as shared by one of the instructors at Saginaw Valley State College (now University).

It was a pretty good ice breaker the first day of class. The headings were: A - Far Exceeds Requirements; B - Exceeds Requirements; C - Meets Requirements; D - Needs Improvement, and F - Does Not Meet Minimum Requirements.

Under those headings, this is how the grades were translated:

Quality: A - Leaps tall buildings with a single bound; B - Needs running start to leap over tall buildings; C - Leaps over short buildings; D - Crashes into buildings, and F - Cannot recognize buildings.

Timeliness: A - Is faster than a speeding bullet; B - Is as fast as a speeding bullet; C - Not quite as fast as a speeding bullet; D - Would you believe a slow bullet?; and F - Wounds self with bullet.

Initiative: A - Is stronger than a locomotive; B - Is stronger than a bull elephant; C - Is strong as a bull; D - Shoots the bull, and F - Smells like a bull.

Adaptability: A - Walks on water consistently; B - Walks on water in emergencies; C - Washes with water; D - Drinks water, and F - Passes water in emergencies.

Communication: A - Talks with God; B - Talks with angels; C - Talks with self; D - Argues with self, and F - Loses argument with self.

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Kovach honored



Brooke Kovach

Senior Brooke Kovach has been named "student of the month" for November at Owen-Gage High School.

Kovach is the daughter of Albert and Elizabeth Kovach, 3300 Shebeon Rd., Owendale.

A member of the National Honor Society and 3.0 Club, Kovach is Student Council president. She was vice president of her sophomore class and president of the junior class, and has been a homecoming representative in each of the past 4 years.

She has also been active in athletics as a member of the basketball, volleyball and softball teams.

Her future plans include attending Saginaw Valley State University to study occupational therapy.

Library will host art show

From Nov. 29 through Dec. 9, the "Governor's Traveling Art Show" will be on display in the meeting room at Rawson Memorial Library during regular library hours.

This show consists of paintings, prints and drawings done by students in grades 9-12 from schools in all parts of Michigan, including Tuscola County.

Many students submit their work and a committee selects the pictures to be displayed in this exhibit.

Marilyn Biefer of Cass City, an art teacher in Kingstons Schools, has made it possible for the library to present this display.



Jamie and Ryan Pierce

Cubitt, Pierce married at Colwood UB church

Ryan Gene Pierce of Deford and Jamie Lynn Cubitt of Mayville exchanged vows Sept. 2 at Colwood United Brethren Church in Caro. The Rev. Richard Mearns officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Delores Cubitt of Mayville and the late James Cubitt. The groom is the son of

Owen and Alyce Pierce of Deford.

Maid of honor was Robin Cubitt, sister of the bride. Bridesmaid was Debra Parrish, also a sister of the bride.

Best men were Robert Nolan of Cass City and Kevin Smith of Decker.

A reception followed at the bride and groom's home.

New staff members join Thumb crisis center

At the November meeting of the Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center (ACC) Advisory Council, board members were introduced to new group facilitator Kami Sielaff and children's group facilitator Gayle Alexander. Both are already on the job, and will provide services to clients in the ACC service area, which encompasses Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola counties.

In other business, board members were advised of the continuing efforts to conduct training for law enforcement officers involving domestic violence issues, and to help meet state man-

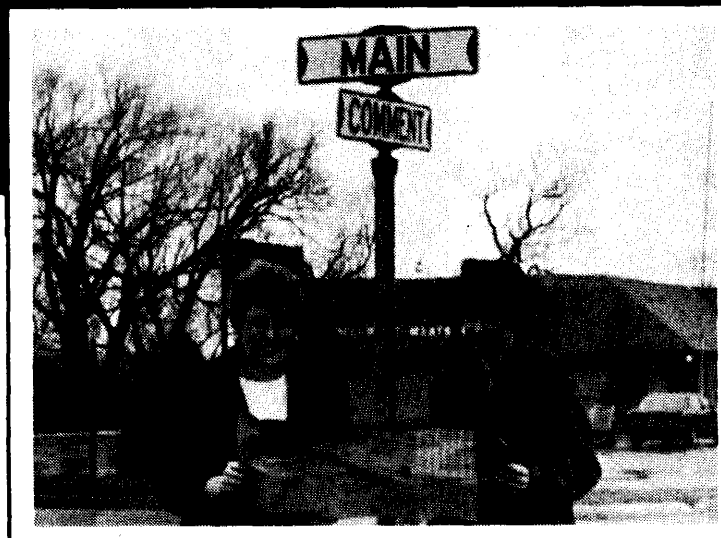
dates regarding this education.

Discussion was also held on the topics of: an upcoming parenting group; new approaches to volunteer training; continuing public relations efforts, and the potential impact of pending changes within the Department of Social Services.

VFW dinner scheduled

Post 3644 VFW will hold their annual holiday dinner Friday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the post hall. All members, their families and guests are welcome.

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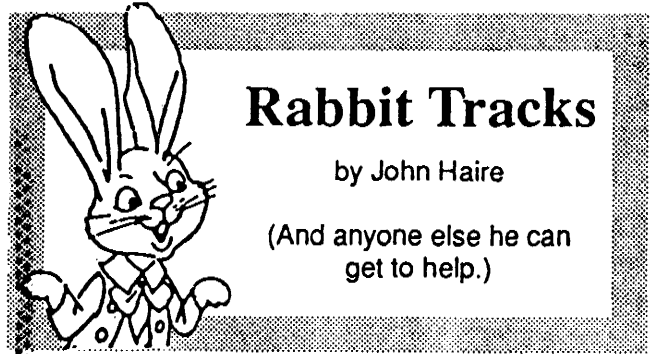
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

I was sorely tempted last week to get even with Dick Wallace, who announced his retirement last week. Way back when Dick was a high school student, he delivered one of the area's daily papers.

In the morning. In the EARLY morning. More than once he would cruise by the Chronicle when the Haires lived upstairs and sing (yell) at the top of his voice, "Oh Johnnie", a song that was popular at the time. Believe me, you would rather hear a frog croak.

What I wanted to do was go to Dick's house and return the favor in spades. Why didn't I do it? With my luck, Wallace would have slept right through it all while the neighbors woke up and called the cops.

Whoops! The captions under the junior varsity and freshman basketball team pictures were switched last week. If you want to know who the players are, just read the names under the freshmen's picture to determine the players under the JV squad and the players' names under the JV squad to determine the freshman players.

We are sorry and more than a little red-faced about the error.

We started something when we published the story about 99-year-old Vern McConnell bagging an 8-point buck. Besides television coverage, the story was carried in the Bay City Times, the Kalamazoo Gazette and on the front page of the Detroit News with color photo.

In addition, McConnell is scheduled to appear Dec. 9 on the "Great Lakes Outdoors" show on PBS.

Gov. John Engler's switch in the way federal funds are spent means that counties will receive less money for new roads and bridges. Tuscola County's share of the aid is reduced 9 percent.

Patrick Nowalk, director of the Michigan Department of Transportation, points out that the federal money can't be used to plow roads or fix pot holes.

The bottom line, of course, is that the county will have 9 percent less money to spend and it will be reflected on our roads that already need more attention than there is money available to fix them.

The Weather

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| Thursday | 34 | 17 | 0 |
| Friday | 30 | 30 | 0 |
| Saturday | 40 | 26 | 7" |
| Sunday | 40 | 30 | 10" |
| Monday | 36 | 24 | 4" |

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)



ADULT DAY Services participants are (seated) Mary Ann Vandemark, HDC executive director; Bob Thrash, Tuscola County Community Mental Health chief operating officer; (standing, from left) Kim Wasik, Adult Day Services coordinator; Harry Schubel of the Janks Foundation, and Rosemary Charmley, aging specialist with Tuscola County Community Mental Health.

Adult Day Services

Program to benefit seniors

Thanks to the efforts of a number of Tuscola County citizens and organizations, a new Adult Day Services program will begin in January. The new service, which will be available to Tuscola County residents, will offer personal care for older adults with impairments, as well as nutritious food, activities and opportunities to socialize with others.

The service offers older adults a pleasant change from their everyday environments, and offers their care givers a healthy diversion as well.

Initially, the program will be located in the Sacred

Name missed

Christopher Vollmar's name was unintentionally omitted in the 7th grade honor roll in last week's paper.

Heart Parish Center on Frank Street in Caro. Days of operation will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The Human Development Commission will serve as the sponsoring organization of the new service and will provide staffing and administrative support. Funding has come from a grant via the Michigan Department of Mental Health, with local support from the Janks Foundation, Caro Golden Eagles

and others.

An advisory council has overseen development of the project to this point and will continue to offer guidance for the service.

Day-to-day operations will be under the supervision of HDC staff member Kim Wasik, M.S.W.

Additional information is available by calling the HDC Administrative offices, 429 Montague Ave., Caro, at (517) 673-4121.



The Haire Net.

Rick VanVliet, Cass City, attended a recent Cass City School Board meeting to express concern about the football program at the school.

He was informed that the job would be posted in the school and Supt. Ken Micklash said that an effort would be made to get a teacher from the staff to coach.

He said that the team's 1-9 record was not the reason for the change although it's hard to imagine a change if the team were 9-1.

It was Shane Robbins' first year as a head coach and he didn't help himself by being overly optimistic before the season started.

Perhaps he didn't know what coaching in a small school entails. The amount of organization and time needed to put the show on the road before he coached a down in competition.

In the high profile sports, football and basketball, the pressure from parents and community is intense, in contrast to lesser known sports where performances slide by without notice. Most fans can tell you the name of the basketball, track and football coaches. But how about cross country, golf, gymnastics and wrestling?

The truth is that coaches in the public eye have to devote a lot more time to the job and if they were paid by the hour, wages paid by a fast food restaurant would look good in comparison.

There was a time when the call for a new basketball or football coach went out, candidates got in line to try for

the position.

That was when each sport was played in season and playing on a team was more important to students than it is today.

Now it's a year-around proposition. Schools would not think of trying to compete in basketball without a summer session and all players are urged to spend winter and summer in the weight room.

In the days gone by, coaches for 4 sports were all that was needed and finding qualified candidates was no problem.

It is today and is getting steadily worse. One major problem of head coaches is to recruit qualified people for the teams leading up to the varsity. It's a headache that has sent many former coaches to the sidelines.

About the only facet of the coaching game that is the same today as it was 30 years ago is the pressure from the parents.

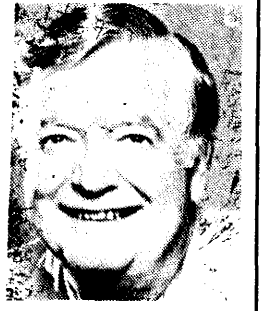
If finding new coaches is a headache, parental pressure is a migraine.

That never changes.

"If It Fitz...."

Women things vs. men things

By Jim Fitzgerald



In my opinion, there was not nearly enough dancing in the street or similar celebration of my monumental, first-time-ever achievement.

Not only that, but my surprising accomplishment was almost totally ignored by women who, rather than give me the praise I deserved, preferred to continue doing something else — something they would never be criticized for doing, but if I did the same thing, I might well be razed.

Pay attention and you will soon understand that today's column is about women things as opposed to men things — babies vs. batteries — and some politics, too.

Begin with newly-elected U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham. For interminable weeks he appeared regularly on our television screens, holding his twin daughters, one in the crook of each arm. But the day after his victory, Abraham was on TV with no children in sight.

"He took them back to the orphanage because he doesn't need to exploit them for votes anymore," my friend Ralph explained.

Ralph wouldn't have said that if Abraham were the mother of the twins. And if John Engler were the mother of those famous triplets, Ralph also wouldn't have said that when Engler next campaigns for office, he'll need a third crook, and shouldn't have trouble finding one in Lansing.

jumper cables in my garage, and the old car was parked next to the new car, so I decided, what the heck, I'd try to do the job myself.

This, you must understand, was similar to Queen Elizabeth deciding to chew tobacco.

In 54 years of driving, I'd never once dared connect two car batteries and turn on two engines for fear of blowing up the world. The closest I came was when I owned an Audi, but after an hour of searching, I was too embarrassed to ever admit to anyone that I couldn't even find the battery. And it didn't do a lot of good to connect the cable to the container of windshield wiper fluid.

Later I learned Audi put the battery under the backseat. Whoever heard of such a stupid thing? Is the ignition in the damn glove compartment?

aerial, it was a strut that holds up the hood. It somehow had stayed up when I put the hood down. Oh well, the damage was minimal.

The next day, during social hour after church services, I held Elaine high in the air so everyone could see that she just happens to be the most gorgeous curly-headed on Earth. And a friend goodnaturally accused me of showing off.

He would never have said that to Elaine's grandmother, who regularly flaunts Elaine in public, cooing and hugging, without ever being charged with creating a flamboyant disturbance. And never once in her whole life has my wife jump-started a car.

The obscure moral is that John Engler cried fat tears when he showed the TV cameras pictures of his trip-lets. And I said to myself: Good for him.

NO ONE EVEN NOTICES

This time, it took me only 30 minutes to get both hoods up, find the batteries, attach the clamps and turn the keys. And the old car started! Wow. I suddenly knew how Eli Whitney felt when he invented the steam room.

When I burst into the house to brag about my unbelievable accomplishment to my wife and daughter, they were lying on the floor, making foolish faces and obscene noises at the newest family member, 6-month-old Elaine. They barely noticed me, and I was hurt.

Although, a few minutes later, it was OK that they weren't looking out the window when I had to pause the old car in the driveway to investigate a radio aerial I didn't remember seeing during the previous 10 years.

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Goal 1: By the year 2000, all children in America will start school ready to learn.

*Did you know...by age three, children have acquired more than half the language they will use throughout their lives?

Goal 2: By the year 2000, the high school graduation rate will increase to at least 90 percent.

*Did you know...over 2000 teenagers drop out of school each school day; of the U.S. prison population in 1992, half were high school dropouts?

Goal 3: By the year 2000, U.S. students will be first in the world in mathematics and science achievement.

*Did you know...students who take Algebra are 2 1/2 times more likely to enter college than those who do not take Algebra?

Goal 4: By the year 2000, every school will promote partnerships that increase parental involvement and participation in promoting social, emotional and academic growth of children.

*Did you know...a growing body of research suggests that increased family involvement is associated with higher math and reading scores, decreased likelihood that a student will be suspended from school and greater student participation in extracurricular school activities?

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Thanksgiving weekend guests of Mrs. Mary Beardsley were David Beardsley Sr., Elizabeth Shotwell of Dryden, Michelle and Michael Beardsley of Romeo, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wills, Nichole and Joe Jr. of Cadillac, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Wills and sons, Thomas and Michael, of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Price, Paul, Samantha and Silas of Spring Lake, Mr. and Mrs. David Beardsley Jr. of Almont and Rose Wills.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming were Bob Cleland Sr., Jan McCune of Waterford, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cleland and family of Walled Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Osentoski.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Sweeney of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Bell of Mackinaw City, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ritter, Alex and Beth of Elkton, Bruce Sweeney of Romeo, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Sweeney and Brandon and Mrs. Frances Tschirhart were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim A. Sweeney and Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Goniwiecha, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Goniwiecha and family of Harbor Beach and Mike Goniwiecha of Bad Axe were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Depcinski and family.

Bob Cleland got an 8-point deer while hunting east of Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Maurer of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Maurer and Jim Lewis of Bad Axe, Andrea and Adam Hill of Ruth and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Maurer were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Maurer.

Elaine Lansing of Denver, Colo., is spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Maurer.

Winnifred Sofka spent from Wednesday till Monday with David and Janie Main and John in Highland.

Eric Sedaburg of Pontiac spent from Monday till Wednesday with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt attended a surprise golden wedding anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Werner Schuette of Utica at a Rochester hall Saturday.

Bob Andersen and Jake of Canton came Tuesday

evening and spent a few days with Mrs. Earl Schenk.

Lindsay Silver of Vernon and Larry Silver of Bay City were Thanksgiving dinner guests Friday of Reva Silver. Kevin Sweeney was a Tuesday evening guest of Brian Sweeney and family and an overnight guest of Mrs. Martin Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kolar were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard.

Gary Wills of Port Austin was a Saturday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wills.

Winnifred Sofka was a Tuesday guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Sofka.

Mr. and Mrs. George Farrelly of Armada, Mr. and Mrs. John Farrelly, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Farrelly and daughter of Clarkston, Mr. and Mrs. Don Farrelly of Grosse Point, Allen Farrelly and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Farrelly were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Recking at Rochester Hills.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Glaza were Tuesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Glaza.

Al Wagner and Ray Depcinski were Monday guests of Don Jackson and A.J. Batie.

Ordean Michalski, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Michalski and Kevin Franzel were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Robinson, Tracy and Chris.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Bell of Mackinaw City spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jim A. Sweeney and Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Davis at Romeo.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Everman, daughter Karen and granddaughter Mykela of Foristell, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. David Main and John of Highland, Susan Sofka of Davison, Mr. and Mrs. Marty Felmlee, Jennifer and Jill spent the weekend with Winnifred Sofka.

Tom Bailey of Bellville, Wendy Rickett, Cory and Kaitlyn, and Jim and Jeff Doerr were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hind were Friday forenoon guests of Reva Silver.

Mark O'Henley of Ann Arbor, Paul O'Henley of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Rutkowski and fam-

ily were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski and Ervin. Allen Farrelly was a Saturday afternoon guest of Laura Kulish. Al and Laura were evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bezemek in Ubly.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wills were Sunday forenoon guests of Reva Silver.

Kevin Sweeney and Mrs. Martin Sweeney were Thanksgiving Day guests of Dr. and Mrs. Tom Collins and family in Allegan, where they spent a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Chinowski of Parisville were Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Glaza.

Jason Jackson and a friend, Jim Jackson, Clarence Depcinski and George Jackson were Tuesday guests of Don Jackson and A.J. Batie. Lloyd Essenmacher of Harbor Beach was a Saturday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shagena.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gorbowski of Bad Axe, Diann Gracey and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tyrrell and family were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Osentoski at Elkton.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Everman, Karen and Mykela of Foristell, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. David Main and John of Highland, Susan Sofka and friend Marlene of Davison, Mr. and Mrs. Marty Felmlee, Jennifer and Jill of Bay City and Winnifred Sofka were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Sofka.

Bob Cleland Sr. of Waterford spent last week with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Conkey of Caseville and daughter, Mrs. Pete Tandy of New Hampshire, and Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Meske at Port Hope.

Allen Farrelly visited Cheryl Allen at Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wills were Monday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hind.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie

Young, Leonard and Ron of Elkton, Mr. and Mrs. Don Long and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Young and family of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Young of Elkton and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Sweeney and family were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wetters and family at Yale.

Ira Robinson of Roseville was a Saturday visitor at the Kevin Robinson and Jim Hewitt homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Tittjung and family of Sterling Heights, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bukowski and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Mergyl and family of Lake Orion, Mr. and Mrs. Don Kulish and family of Shelby Township, Tena Grifka and family of Marlette, Mr. and Mrs. David Grifka and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Grifka and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rumpzt and family were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpzt.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wills met Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wills and Lottie Goretzki of Port Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Gayari at Coral Gables for Thanksgiving dinner.

Don Jackson and A.J. Batie were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Warner.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Karg and Jaimie of Westland were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Konkel and Marney were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Terry at Elkton.

Susan Sofka and friend, Marlene, of Davison, Becky Felmlee, Jennifer and Jill of Bay City, Janie Main and John of Highland and Winnifred Sofka went to Ann Arbor Thursday, and Saturday went to Toronto, Canada, to see "Beauty and The Beast" before going to a supper club. They also saw a stage show, had dinner and went shopping and Sunday morning saw the C and N Tower.

Dennis and Charlene Hagen and sons, Keith, Clint and Brad, Mary and Ben Maurer, Ellen and Mike Moorman, Jim and Doreen Hagen, Nicholas and Jenny and Ben and Donelda Meske were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Bryce and Betty Hagen, where they also celebrated Ben Meske's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Laura Kulish, Doris Western, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Allen and Allen Farrelly went to the Peppermill for supper Sunday evening in honor of Chuck Allen's birthday.

Reva Silver was a Sunday afternoon guest of Beverly Rockefeller.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Reed of Madison Heights, Ted Particka of Clinton Township, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Particka, Brad and Brent of Tipton, Mary Beno and Felix Osentoski were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Glaza and family, Wendy Glaza and

a friend from Boulder, Colo., and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Glaza were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Glaza.

Mrs. Kevin Robinson spent an afternoon with Ordean Michalski.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Tittjung of Sterling Heights, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Rumpzt and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpzt attended a 3-day polka weekend at the Sheridan Hotel.

Additional flu shots available

The Tuscola County Health Department and the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners are sponsoring additional 1995 flu vaccinations for Tuscola County residents.

There is no charge to residents over age 60. For those under age 60, a fee of \$7 will be charged. All senior citizens who have Medicare will need to bring their Medicare card to the clinic.

December flu clinics will be held during regular clinic hours at the health department (until vaccine supply is exhausted).

The clinics are open Monday through Friday until Dec. 22. The times are 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. each day. No need to call - just come in.

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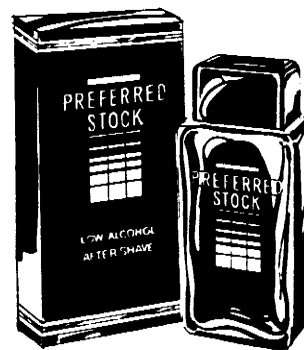
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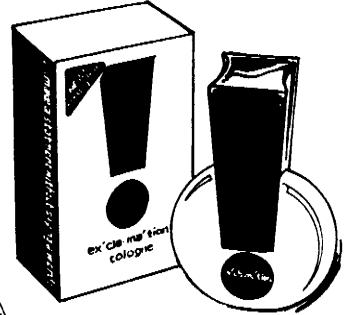


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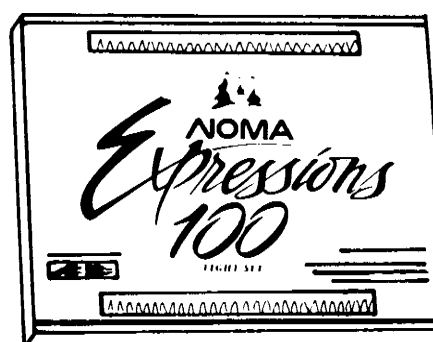
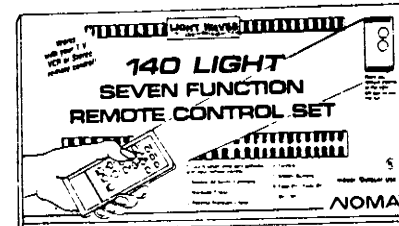
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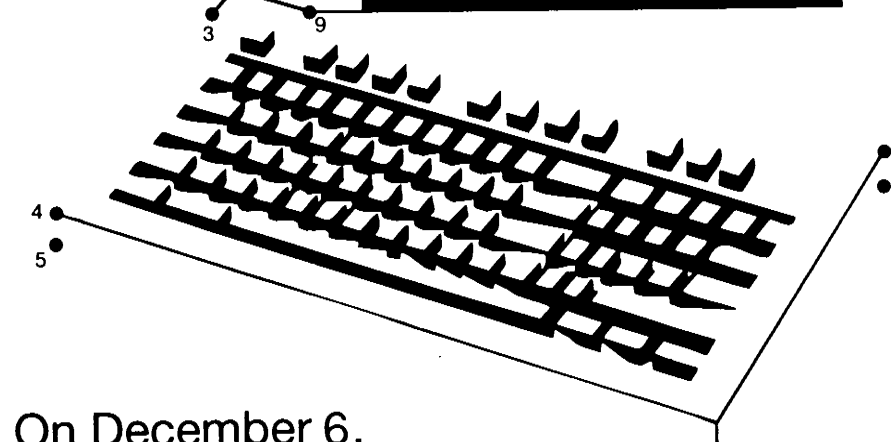
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Snover man hurt in hunting mishap

A Snover man accidentally shot himself while hunting in Novesta Township Saturday.

According to Tuscola County Sheriff's Department reports, Michael R. Myers, 29, 4660 Germania Rd., was hunting on state land near the corner of Kelly and Crawford roads at 2:45 p.m.

when the incident occurred. Myers was holding a shotgun in his right hand and placed the butt of the gun on the ground when the weapon discharged into his right hand, deputies said.

Reports state Myers was treated for the injury at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City.

Owen-Gage students seek bottle donations

Owen-Gage High School students will be going door to door in the Owendale and Gagetown areas asking for donations of bottles on the first Saturday of every month starting Dec. 9 and going through the first Saturday in

April.

Bottles are being collected for the Owen-Gage Honor Society and high school band to raise money for their upcoming trip to Toronto at the end of April.

Calendar of Events

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

Nov. 29 - Dec. 9

The "Governor's Traveling Art Show" will be on display at Rawson Memorial Library during regular library hours.

Friday, December 1

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.
Post 3644 VFW will hold their annual holiday dinner, 6:30 p.m. at post hall.

Monday, December 4

Cass City Band Boosters meet, 7 p.m., high school.
Novesta Twp. board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 6

Duplicate Bridge, 7 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome.

Village plans \$500,000 in capital outlay, construction projects

Construction and capital outlay projects in Cass City's proposed 1996 budget total more than \$500,000, including \$153,250 in street improvements.

The total is part of the village's 5-year plan for improvements ranging from equipment purchases to water main replacements to curb and gutter construction. Roads slated for paving and curb and gutter next year are Maple Street, from Garfield to Third (\$52,000), and Third Street, from Seeger to West (\$46,000).

In addition, portions of 5 village streets will be re-surfaced. They are: Church Street, Downing to Seeger (\$11,000); West Street, Pine to Garfield (\$12,000); Downing Street, Main to Church (\$2,750); Doerr Road, Garfield to Main (\$16,500), and Garfield, Vulcan to Doerr (\$13,000).

By far the largest single expenditure in 1996 will be construction of a new water well, estimated at \$160,000. The village currently has 2 wells, which officials estimate were built in the 1950s. One of the wells pumps water on a continual basis, while the other serves as a back-up and also boosts the water supply when demand peaks, such as during the summer months.

Village officials say the existing wells have been well maintained, with the pump pulled and overhauled every 7 years. But a third well is needed to meet increasing demand for water and to ensure an adequate water supply should one or both of the existing wells fail.

Also in 1996, the village will spend \$65,000 for office equipment, stemming from the purchase of the former Chemical Bank building, which will serve as the new village offices early next year.

Another \$32,000 represents the village's first payment for the bank building.

Other planned expenditures under the capital improvement and construction program are:

- Water main replacement — Sixth Street, Seeger to West (\$19,500) and Elclare Street, Pine to Houghton

(\$10,500).

- Wastewater treatment plant — equipment purchases and maintenance (\$25,000).

- DPW equipment — purchase of a new pickup truck (\$22,500).

- Police — purchase of a base station and video camera (\$7,000).

- Hydrant replacement — East Main Street at Church of Christ (\$2,000), corner of Seeger and Seed streets (\$4,000).

- Valve replacement — corner of West and Main streets (\$1,800) and corner of Main and Ale streets (\$1,800).

- Water plant — controls (\$4,000).

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Pictured above: Mr. Richard Partlo and Mrs. Sandi Smith

Mr. Partlo has been employed by the Cass City School District for 11 years as the Middle School Guidance Counselor. He is also teaching 9th grade Drafting this year at the Cass City High School. Before coming to Cass City, he was employed as a teacher at Akron High School. Besides his counseling and teaching duties, Mr. Partlo advises the Middle School Student Council and their many activities, such as working at the athletic concession stands and sponsoring school dances. Mr.

Partlo holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Education, Master of Arts degree in Industrial Education, and a Master of Arts degree in K-12 Guidance and Counseling from Central Michigan University. Mr. Partlo lives on a farm near Akron with his wife Sandra, where they raised their four children.

Mrs. Sandi Smith is our newest guidance employee at the Middle School. She started working with our children during the Fall of 1994. Mrs. Smith graduated from Saginaw Valley State University in May, 1993, with a Bachelor of

Arts degree in Social Work and Sociology. Mrs. Smith lives with her husband, Jeff, on their family farm near Pigeon. Jeff and Sandi do not have children, but Sandi proudly admits they have two cats and about 40 cows!

If you are concerned about your child's academic, social, or emotional growth; please feel free to call either Mr. Partlo or Mrs. Smith at the Cass City Middle School. They are eager to help and will always take the time to listen. They can be reached at: 872-4397 between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:30 pm.

Township of Elkland County of Tuscola, Michigan

The Zoning Board of the Township of Elkland, Tuscola County, Michigan, will conduct a public hearing request of Triple T Farms, L.P. for rezoning of property near the west boundary of the Village of Cass City. The legal description and proposed rezoning for that parcel are described as:

Ten acres at T14N-R11E in Elkland Township of Tuscola County, Commencing at the Northwest Corner of Section 33, Elkland Township, running thence South 663 feet along the West Section line, thence East 330 feet to the Point of Beginning, Running thence East 660 feet, thence South 660 feet, thence West 660 feet, thence North 660 feet to the Point of Beginning, being 10.0 acres zoned from A-1 Agricultural Zoning District to M-1 Manufacturing Zoning District.

The parcel of ten acres proposed for rezoning is part of 83 acres owned by the applicant south of M-81 state highway and east of Koepfgen Road.

The rezoning will be presented in detail by the Township of Elkland at the public hearing held as follows:

Time: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, December 21, 1995

**Location: Elkland Township Hall
6691 Church Street
Cass City, MI 48726**

All residents of Elkland Township and especially those within 300 feet of the proposed project are invited to attend and participate at the meeting. A professional planning consultant will present an analysis of the proposed use as well.

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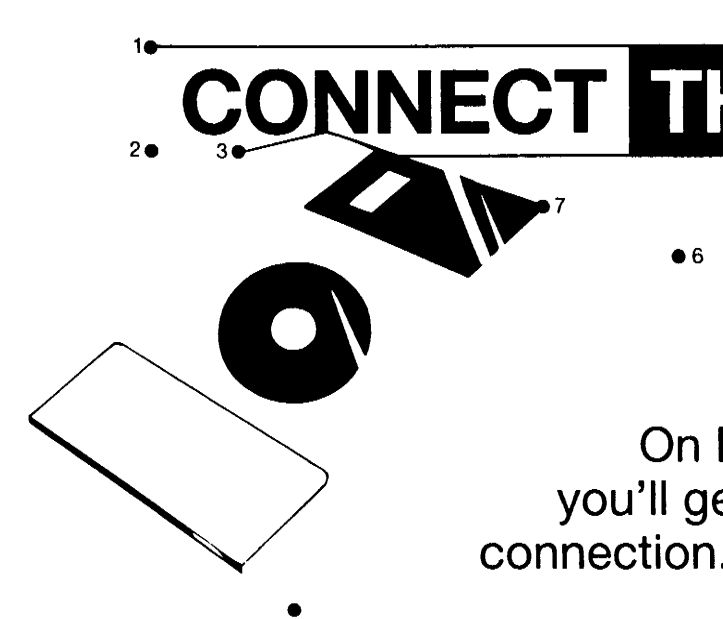
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At Cass City High School

24 inducted into NHS

Two dozen juniors and seniors were inducted into the Cass City High School National Honor Society in an annual ceremony held Nov. 21 in the high school cafeteria.

The new inductees are:
 Class of 1996 — Charity Gaszczyński, Ed Hartwick, Billi Jo Hawley, Dawn Longuski, Aubrey Marshall, Whitney Osentoski, Shivaugn Rayl, Jenny Rick, Becky Smith, Kelli VanVliet and Chad Zawilinski.
 Class of 1997 — Katie Anthony, Collier Bogart, Kurt Iwankovitch, Joseph Khoury, Marcia Klaus, Matt

Klinkman, Josh Lounsbury, Gia Mellendorf, Todd Milligan, Terri Moore, Jaime Parsell, Brent Ruggles and Brad Speirs.

Officers of the Cass City NHS chapter for 1995-96 are Amy Schelke, president; Andrea Cooper, treasurer; and Natalie Ponder and Matt Ramirez, fund raising co-chairpersons. Other current members are Nick Bliss, Cori Britt, Heather Dunn, Eric Hoelzle, Kareem Khoury, Jamie Luana, Crystal McKnight, and Kristy Wood. Cheryl Kilbourn is the advisor.

Cass City's NHS chapter was established 51 years ago, with membership based on scholarship, leadership, character and service.

Membership is open to juniors and seniors who undergo a comprehensive application process before their induction.

Candidates, who must achieve and maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average, are first evaluated by staff members, advisors of school related activities, coaches and administrators. Candidates then submit a for-

mal application, which is reviewed by NHS advisors to determine whether they meet the service and leadership requirements.

The next step is submission of a 125-word response to the question, "Why should I be selected for membership in the National Honor Society?"

A final review of each candidate is conducted by a faculty committee, and selection of new members is based on a majority vote of the committee.



TWENTY-FOUR JUNIORS and seniors were inducted into the Cass City High School National Honor Society during the local chapter's annual ceremony last week in the high school cafeteria.

Financial aid meetings slated in Huron County

Each school year, counselors at Huron County high schools schedule financial aid meetings designed to help seniors and their parents through the financial aid process for their first year of post-secondary training or education. The workshops will explain college financial aid, the forms involved, application procedures and deadlines.

Specific dates and times for each high school are listed below. Each meeting will be held at the individual school. For further information, contact the counselor at that high school.

- Bad Axe High School, Dec. 5, 7:00 p.m.
- North Huron High School, Dec. 7, 7:00 p.m.
- Harbor Beach High School, Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m.
- Ubyly High School, Dec. 11,

- 7:00 p.m.
- Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School, Dec. 14, 7:00 p.m.
- Owen-Gage High School, Jan. 3, 7:00 p.m.
- Caseville High School, Jan. 9, 7:00 p.m.
- Port Hope High School, Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m.

Report shotgun stolen

Cass City police investigated a pair of reported thefts over the weekend, including the larceny of a shotgun from a motor vehicle.

Michael Hilferink of Marine City told police Saturday that he was registering for a room at the Charmont Motel, 6138 E. Cass City Rd., when someone took a 12-gauge shotgun from his vehicle. Police estimated the value of the gun at \$400.

Also Saturday, Jerry Silson, 6627 Seed St., Cass City, reported the theft of Christmas decorations, including a lighted reindeer.

Legal notice

MORTGAGE SALE *** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dan B. McCrumb and Lucinda A. McCrumb, his wife, to Ross Mortgage Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan. Mortgage, dated August 12, 1988, and recorded on August 18, 1988 in Liber 584, on page(s) 1383-1387, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgage to Government National Mortgage Association by mesne assignment(s) dated August 24, 1988, and recorded on January 17, 1992 in Liber 620, on page 1144, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety Four Thousand Four Hundred Three and 45/100 Dollars (\$94,403.45), including interest at 10.5% per annum.

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WINNERS IN THE Hardee's-Cass City Toys For Tots coloring contest are (front row, from left) Crystal Moss, Tyler Bader, Kari Lowe, (back row, left) Rochelle Dohn, Rebecca Kruse, Danielle Guilds and Ryan Thornton. Missing are Elena Zawacki, Scott Sheppard and Leslie Ann Brock.

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Octagon Barn fund raiser

Calendar features Thumb barns

Area residents still looking for a unique Christmas gift idea may want to consider a copy of the first-ever Michigan Thumb Area Barns calendar.

The calendars, a fund raising project of the Friends of the Octagon Barn, feature many renowned barns in the Thumb in sketches, drawings and paintings by area artists. The calendar cover features the historical Octagon Barn,

located about a mile east of Gageton on Ritchie Road. The barn is the focus of the Friends of the Octagon Barn, a volunteer community group whose mission is to restore and preserve the barn in its natural state as an historical site and tourist attraction.

Among the other barns included in the calendar are structures owned by Gordon Keilitz & Son of Caro (artist

Barb Buckley of Caro), Donald Shagene of Cass City (artist Pat Smith of Cass City), Bob and Edna McLachlan of Cass City (artist Cindy Cybulski of Ubyly), John Graham of Caro (artist Vicky Krantz of Cass City), and Jim & Pearl Smith of Snover (artist Alisa Paape of Deckerville).

The calendars cost \$7.50 each, with the proceeds going towards preservation of the unique, 8-sided barn.

Copies may be purchased at Northwood Shores Restaurant, Thumb National Bank, Chemical Bank and the Blue Room at Colony House. In Gageton, the calendars are available at Nel's Kitchen and First of America Bank.

Aside from art, the calendar includes bits of interesting information on the Octagon Barn, which was built by carpenters George and John Munro in 1923-24 for James Purdy, a Gageton banker who originated the Federal Depositors Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

The structure's square footage with the main floor and loft totals nearly 15,000 feet. The barn stands 70 feet high and has 3 roofs that taper up to an octagonal cupola.

There were originally 300 individual panes of glass in the barn, each carefully en-

gineered so that no direct sunlight would shine on the hay inside.

The barn's ground level has a 44-foot octagonal dirt floor arena, and originally had 2 glazed brick silos used for feed for the animals. Around the arena are stables, tack rooms and grain storage areas on a cement floor, covered by a 29-foot balcony/loft.

There was a sophisticated ventilation system designed to circulate fresh air around and through the barn at all times.

The Friends of the Octagon Barn has raised some \$40,000 since 1994 through various projects and the annual Octagon Barn Festival, held in August in Gageton. The next fund raiser will be a dinner-dance scheduled for Jan. 27 at the Colony House.

The group has taken care of some badly needed roof repairs on the barn as well as cleaning out the mammoth structure along with the nearby 18-room Purdy farmhouse.

But the biggest focus has become a "memorandum of understanding" the committee has proposed to the Department of Natural Resources, which in 1991 purchased 80 acres, including the barn and farmhouse,

making it part of the Gageton State Game Area.

The proposed memorandum would allow the committee, a division of Tuscola 2001 Inc., to assume liability, operation and maintenance of the buildings and some 20 acres of land surrounding them.

The DNR would continue to own the land.

Suggested uses for the barn, known locally as the "round barn," include school tours, wildlife or antique museum, a petting farm, living farm or youth camp. The structure has also been suggested as a site for community activities such as dances, fairs, flea markets and various shows.

Cass City teens hurt in crashes

A pair of Cass City teens suffered minor injuries in separate one-vehicle accidents over the weekend.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies reported Josh P. Little, 16, 3437 Dodge Rd., was driving south on Dodge Road north of Elmwood Road Sunday at 10:50 p.m. when he lost control on the icy roadway. His vehicle crossed the road center line, came back into the southbound lane and ran off the shoulder, rolling over down an embankment.

Little was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident, according to reports, which indicate he sought his own treatment at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Two days earlier, Jeffrey D. Ouvry, 17, 6886 Herron Dr., was driving west on Beechwood Drive, east of Koepfgen Road, at 7:50 p.m. when he lost control on the icy street. The vehicle slid sideways, left the road and flipped over onto its top.

Ouvry was also not wearing a seat belt. Reports indicate he suffered minor injuries.

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High Series & Games: J. Langenburg 723 (258-256), S. Hammett 709 (247-235-227), K. Beachy 676 (266), C. Anthes 664 (248-211), T. Comment 654 (233-211-210), C. Comment 636 (245), K. Krutzman 634 (232-212), M. Lutz 633 (259-215), N. Jackson 631 (224-213), G. Fessler 625 (247), R. Byrnes 624 (230-212), J. Milletic 607 (212), J. Mushenski 607 (232-215), G. Robinson 599 (219), R. Salcido 590 (215), J. Johnston 584 (212-211), M. Gettel 578 (213), B. Rutkowski 578, T. Schnell 578 (220), C. Karr 576 (214), D. Volz 572 (213), K. Pobanz 572, T. Davis 570, L. Pringle 563 (225), R. Lewis 562, K. DeSimpelare 560 (232), D.

Wallace 559, P. Harmer 558, L. Morgan 558, D. Salcido 552, B. Fischer (226).
High Team Series: Milletic's Surveying 2994.
High Team Game: Charmont Motel 1058.

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Men's High Series & Games: G. Smith 651 (237-200-214), T. Potrykus 630 (218-212-200), R. Pringle 584 (214), M. London 224, B. Diehl 537.

Women's High Series & Game: E. Radlaff 542 (198).
High Team Series & Game: Jegsters 2008 (711).

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| J.B.'s Crew | 7 |
| Live Wires | 6 |
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High Team Game: Wild Johns 1032.
High Team Series: J.B.'s Crew 3022.

High Series: B. Kilbourn 543, D. Sweeney 502, N. Davis 471, V. Humes 475, S. Badder 472, J. Kaye 477.
High Games: T. Avery 203, B. Kilbourn 200, B. Howard 188, M. Burns 180, B. Wilson 178, D. Sweeney 177, S. Hutchinson 178, S. Badder 174, R. Copeland 179, J. Stevens 177, J. Kaye 177.

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| Dec. 5 | | Frankenmuth |
| Dec. 8 | | Deckerville |
| Dec. 12 | | Reese |
| Dec. 15 | | Sandusky |
| Dec. 19 | | Harbor Beach |
| Dec. 29 | | Ubyly |
| Jan. 9 | | Bad Axe |
| Jan. 12 | | Lakers |
| Jan. 16 | | Caro |
| Jan. 19 | | Cros-Lex |
| Jan. 23 | | Marlette |
| Jan. 26 | | BCAS |
| Jan. 30 | | USA |
| Feb. 2 | | Bad Axe |
| Feb. 9 | | Lakers |
| Feb. 13 | | Mayville |
| Feb. 16 | | Cros-Lex |
| Feb. 20 | | Reese |
| Feb. 23 | | Marlette |
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WITH EVERY REGULAR RETURNING the Owen-Gage Bulldogs are aiming to be a factor in the North-Central League race. From left: John Richmond, Jason Ramirez, Don Dorsch, Austin Brinkman, Jason Anthes, Coach Jim Brinkman, Mark Damm, Chad Jahr, Wade Tetil, Eric Dietzel and Joe Tkacz.

Patty Davis: first female Hawk wrestler

When the Cass City Red Hawk wrestlers open competition at Caro Dec. 7 seeking to earn points in the 130-pound class, one of the competitors will be the team's first female wrestler.

The wrestler is Patty Davis, a junior, and her surname is well known among Cass City wrestling fans. Brothers Bob and Tom were outstanding members of the Hawk varsity in previous years.

Why did this petite young lady become the lone female ever in the school to compete in what has been regarded as essentially a male sport?

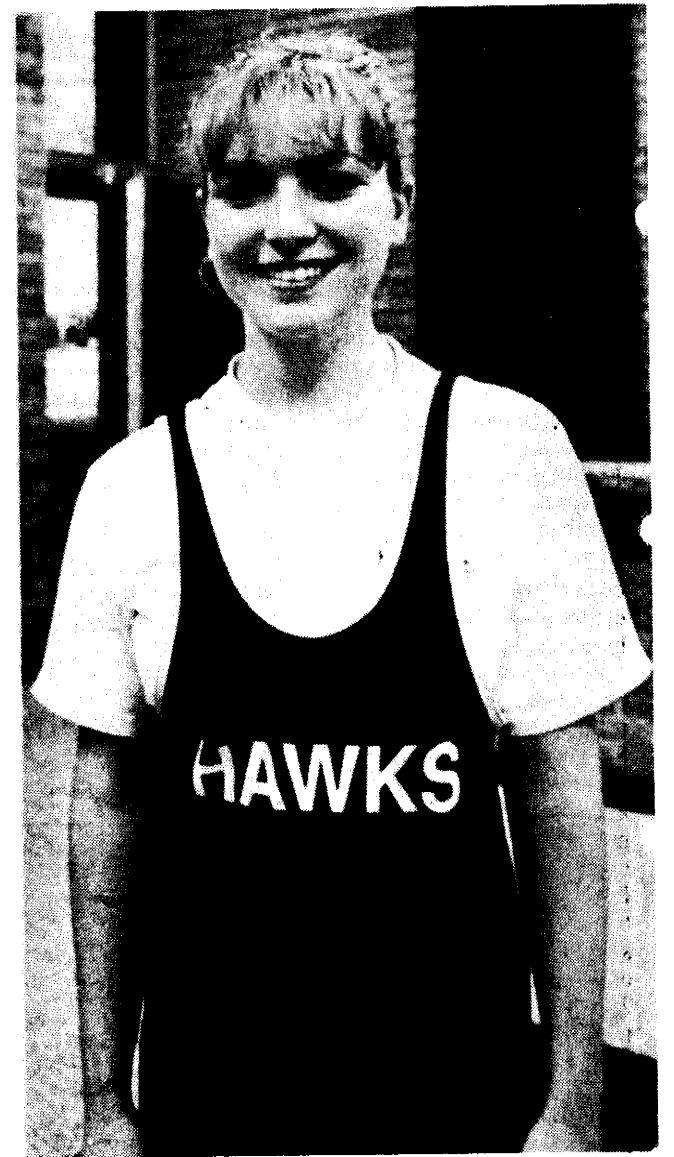
It's a new and interesting challenge, Davis smiled, and I got a taste of it fooling around with my brothers. It's the first time that Davis

"It's a new and interesting challenge"

has tried out for the team. She said that the boys on the team have been good natured about it and she is happy with the way she has been treated since joining the squad.

It's far too early, of course, to see if she can be competitive since the team just started practice and the first meet is about 2 weeks away.

It is sure, however, that her arrival will spark interest in the sport around the league and at the school.



PATTY DAVIS will wrestle in the 130-pound class. She is the first female to try the sport at Cass City High School. Her 2 brothers excelled in the sport at the school.

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O-G plans to be factor in wide open league race

It looks like a wide-open race this winter for the North Central League crown and coach Jim Brinkman and his Owen-Gage Bulldogs expect to be a factor in it.

The Bulldogs are coming off a 4-17 season last year and Brinkman, in his second year at the helm, considers it as a rebuilding year.

That's because every starter on the team is returning, Brinkman said, and he compares this squad with a similar one at USA who turned a losing season around after the players gained varsity experience.

There are height and quickness on the team. Mark Damm is 6-5 and averaged 13 rebounds a game. Austin Brinkman, 6-2, was a scoring machine last year with a 22-point-per-game scoring average and also a good rebounder. He has a deadly

shot from the perimeter. Rounding out the front line will be Jason Anthes, 6-3.

We have a guard as quick, or quicker, than any in the

Thumb, Brinkman says, in Joe Tkacz. He can also hit the three for us. Eight of the 10 players on the squad are seniors.

Brinkman sees Peck and Kingston as teams to beat in the league, but will be disappointed if the Bulldogs don't make a spirited challenge for the crown.

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| Dec. 5 | AuGres | 6:00 |
| 8 | Caseville | 6:00 |
| 19 | Kingston | 6:00 |
| 22-22 | Tom Thumb Tourney | 6:00 |
| Jan. 5 | Peck | 6:00 |
| 9 | North Branch Wes. | 6:00 |
| 12 | Port Hope | 6:00 |
| 16 | Carsonville-Port San. | 6:00 |
| 19 | Caseville | 6:00 |
| 23 | Akron-Fair. | 6:00 |
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| 6 | North Branch Wes. | 6:00 |
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| 23 | Carsonville-Port San. | 6:00 |
| March 1 | North Huron | 6:00 |
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Home games in bold print.

Eagles to test Hawks in opener

No one can accuse the Cass City Red Hawks of picking a patsy for their opening non-conference basketball game Tuesday, the first of 4 games at home.

Coming to town will be the Joe Jacobs led Frankenmuth Eagles. I don't know much about them, Coach Jeff Hartel said, but I know they will have a strong, well-prepared team.

In recent years the only time that the Hawks had to contend with Frankenmuth

was if they were scheduled during the regular season. Not so this year. Frankenmuth has dropped into class C from class B and could be an opponent in the Michigan High School Athletic tournaments next spring.

With 2 players sitting out some of the opening games, Hartel said that he will go with an 8-man rotation. Handling the ball will be Chad Zawilinski, Dan Sherman and Dave Murphy. At forward will be Chad Diegel,

Jeff Little and Matt Oesch. Oesch and Diegel are juniors with no varsity experience.

The center spot will be handled by Kurt Iwankovitsch and Bob Gengler. Gengler has no varsity playing time and Iwankovitsch a very limited 2-game varsity experience.

When Scott Wallace and Corey Ulfig become eligible, we will switch to a 10-man rotation, Hartel said.

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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Owen Quinn of Cass City fell from a tree Sunday, breaking his back. He required 11 hours of surgery at the University of Michigan Hospital, where he was to have been placed in a body cast Tuesday, Nov. 27. After that, he is hoping to be accepted into the rehabilitation center in Ann Arbor, and will be there for at least 2 months.

Poachers are creating a problem for land owners in the deer-rich area west of M-81. For the past 2 years, Tom Ponder, who owns a home and a few acres in the area, his neighbor, Ed Hunsinger of Imlay City, and the 10-Point Hunting Club, have been finding doe-deer gut shot and left in the woods to die. This year a dozen in a 250-acre area have been found rotting in the woods. A fire that caused \$1,000 in damage to an abandoned barn about 5 1/2 miles southwest of Cass City Friday morning remains under investigation.

Sixteen youths from the Cass City, Caro and Mayville areas will represent the Sally Doerr Dance Studio, Cass City, in a dance competition in Dearborn next month.

10 YEARS AGO

Cpl. David W. Palazzola, a 23-year-old Snover resident serving in the United States Army, was killed Nov. 17 in an auto accident near Fort Polk, La. He was a 1981 graduate of Cass City High School.

A Tuesday morning fire totally destroyed a mobile home owned by Bob Wood, Keilitz Rd., Cass City. A resident in the house was awakened by the fire and was not injured.

Cass City pulled the upset of the Michigan High School

District Class C tournament by staging a last half rally to nip Brown City, 42-40. It came down to the final moments when Kelly Deering made 2 free throws for the victory.

After 13 years of research, Lawrence Wright of Cass City has been able to trace his ancestry back to George Soule, one of the 61 survivors who came to the "new country" on the Mayflower in 1620.

Three Cass City VFW members, Jack Esau, Andy Kozan and Earl Markel, attended a meeting at the Caro VFW to hear John S. Stum, Commander In Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, speak.

25 YEARS AGO

With about one percent of the 1970 sugar beet crop still to come in to Caro's Michigan Sugar Plant, an astronomical total exceeding 300,000 tons of the crop has crossed the scales. Normally a crop of 220,000 tons is considered excellent.

An estimated 275 employees of Walbro Corporation attended a banquet and award dinner Saturday night at Sherwood Forest Country Club in Gageton. The first employee to achieve retirement status from the management staff will be Neil Hurry, who ends his Walbro career at the end of the year.

Eldred Lee Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kelley, Cass City, is enrolled as a student in Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky., in a course of study leading to the Master of Divinity degree.

A traditional pageant was given by students at Campbell Elementary School. Featured were Tim Fahrner, Elizabeth Hartel, Adam McGrath and Teresa

Richardson.

Petty Officer First Class Ralph Leyva, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Leyva of Gageton, is serving aboard the tank landing ship USS Westchester County, which has returned to her operating base of Yokosuka, Japan, after being deployed to Vietnam.

35 YEARS AGO

Cass City placed 3 men on the Thumb B Conference all-star team. They were Bob Wright, back; Dick Albee, guard, and Art Randall, end.

Some 20 members of the Woman's Study Club heard Mrs. Earl Douglas tell some of the function and purpose of the United Nations when the club met at the home of Mrs. Andrew Bigelow Tuesday.

Oran Hudson, administrator, announced this week that Hills and Dales General Hospital has decided to discontinue routine admission chest X-rays for patients. The principal reason was because of the nation-wide concern about excessive exposure of the public to radiation hazards.

Four musicians from Cass City High School will be among 110 outstanding musicians in District 3 of the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association to play in a youth concert Saturday at Fenton High School. The students are Tom Jones, Joyce DeLong, William Dobbs and Betty Lou Bond.

Mrs. Gilbert LaGorce, mother of Mrs. H.O. Paul Jr. of Cass City, who has received national renown for her cookies as Christmas tree decorations, has been hired by Westinghouse for a lecture tour in Pennsylvania with her Christmas Tree Cookies.

Clarence Kirkpatrick, 37, of Cass City, is in Hills and Dales General Hospital with fractured ribs, suffered early Sunday in an automobile accident.

There are several hunters in the Argyle area that have reported seeing a bear in a nearby swamp. Many more report seeing bear tracks.

Tie one on for safety

Detroit Edison again is helping spread a special holiday message - "Don't drink and drive."

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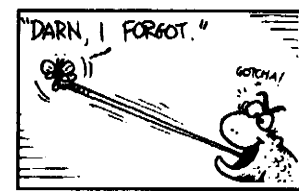
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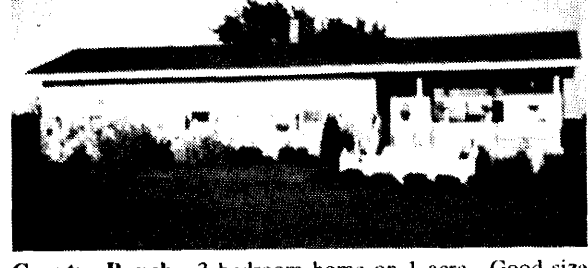
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Youngsters who might not otherwise enjoy a merry Christmas will find toys under their tree thanks to the efforts of the Cass City Toys For Tots organization. Now in its eighth year, local Toys For Tots volunteers,

under the direction of Sue Werschky, have been busy gearing up for another successful campaign in hopes of again providing toys and gifts to children in the Cass City, Deford and Gagetown areas.

Last year, 411 children from 154 families in portions of Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties were served by the program. "Our goal is to provide gifts for every needy child on our list," Werschky explained. "To-date we have not had to turn away any needy family. Community support is responsible for the success of previous campaigns," she said. "Most clubs and the majority of businesses and many individuals have participated by donating toys, cash, supplies or services in the past."

Area students have also had a hand in the effort, with fifth and sixth grade students along with some high school volunteers coloring flyers.

Other high school students help by volunteering to distribute toy collection boxes, deliver flyers and help decorate the Toys For Tots headquarters, located at Howard's Heating and Air Conditioning, 6523 Main St., Cass City.

Individuals and businesses are asked to contribute by donating new, unwrapped toys. The gifts, along with toys purchased with cash donations, will be displayed at Howard's Heating.

Toy collection boxes are located at the Detroit Edison North Area Energy Center, Special Scents, Hardee's, New Sheridan Bookmart, Mutual Savings, People's Choice Market, Family Dollar and Creative Designs, all in Cass City. Toys may also be dropped off at Deford Country Grocery in Deford, and First of America Bank in

Gagetown. Contributions can also be mailed to Toys For Tots, 6536 Garfield Ave., Cass City, MI 48726.

Residents are asked to donate early to allow time for sorting and packing.

"Area families in need can apply (to receive toys) through social services," Werschky said. "Forms are also available at most local churches and at Howard's Heating."

Distribution of the toys is set for Dec. 21. Recipients will be notified by mail or phone to pick up their packages at the Cass City VFW Hall on Weaver Street in Cass City on that day, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Cass City Toys For Tots is sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and follows guidelines set by the Marine Corps, which provides some materials and referrals of families in need. However, the local program is self-sufficient and receives no Marine Corps funds.

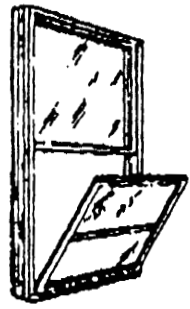
Werschky emphasized local donations are used to purchase toys that are distributed locally.

A few adult volunteers are still needed to help during business hours to make this year's campaign another success. Interested individuals, and those seeking additional information are asked to contact Werschky at 872-2910 (after 1 p.m.).



THE EIGHTH ANNUAL Cass City Toys For Tots campaign is underway, with hopes of providing another merry Christmas to hundreds of needy children in the area. Above, Cass City High School sophomores Ryan Hutchinson and Suzanne Smolarkiewicz help decorate the Toys for Tots headquarters, located at Howard's Heating in Cass City.

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For information on purchasing state park annual permits, call any Michigan State Park or the DNR Parks and Recreation Division Office, 517-373-9900.

Village council reviews budget

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It would be a major project because the cement base below the pavement would have to be removed, Althaver pointed out. If state monies are approved, he added, money set aside for other local projects next year would be needed to meet the village's local match for the Seeger Street project, which would probably amount to 25 percent of the total cost.

In a related matter, the council met briefly in executive session to discuss village

employee wages and benefits. A 3.5-percent wage hike is built into the proposed budget, but a specific figure won't be set until the spending plan is formally approved next month.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

Also Monday, the council: Directed its Streets and Parking Committee to conduct a survey of sidewalk repair/replacement needs.

The decision was the result of a request from Trustee Matt Prieskorn to more aggressively improve village sidewalks, a number of which are in poor condition. Prieskorn suggested that a long-range improvement schedule be established and included in the budget each year.

It isn't clear yet to what extent residents would be asked to contribute to sidewalk improvements. Currently, property owners who request the work are assessed half the cost.

Approved a Cass City Planning Commission recommendation to rezone 4 lots from office service to community business. The rezoning will allow the Rawson Memorial Library to meet parking and other zoning requirements when it proceeds with a planned \$550,000 expansion/renovation project.

Approved a pair of resolutions related to the Chemical Bank building purchase. The first motion, requested by village attorney Clinton House, states it has been determined that the building has a useful life of at least 10 years, the length of the land contract under which the village is buying the building.

The second resolution authorizes village officers to sign the land contract and other documents required to finalize the purchase.

A Dec. 20 closing date has been slated. The interest rate will be set at that time, but Althaver predicted the rate will be 6 percent.

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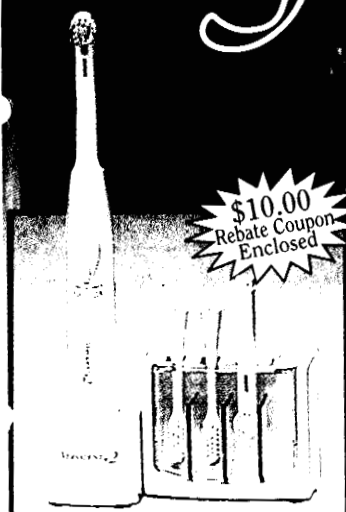
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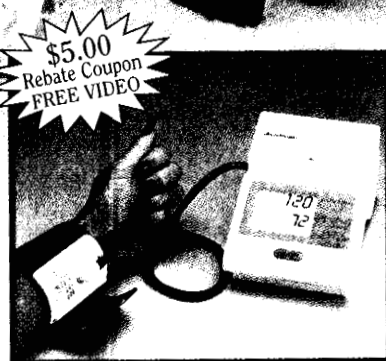
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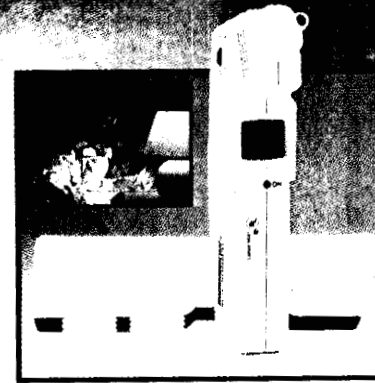
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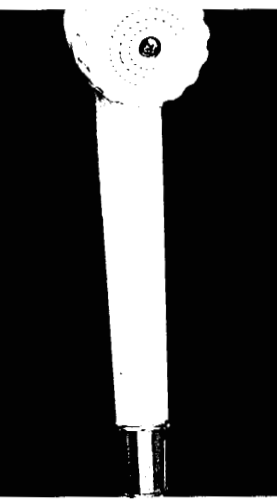
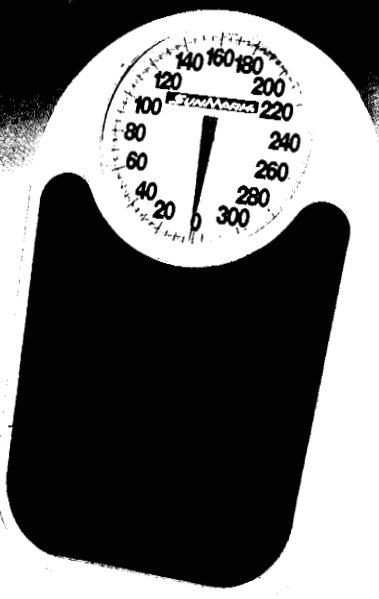


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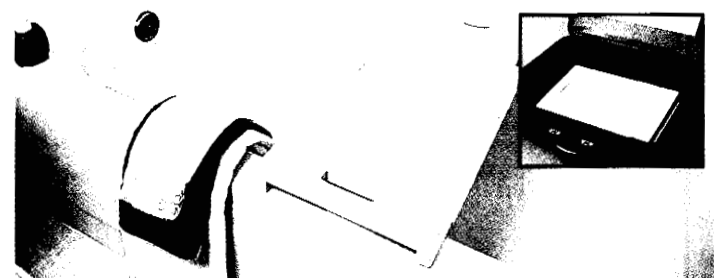
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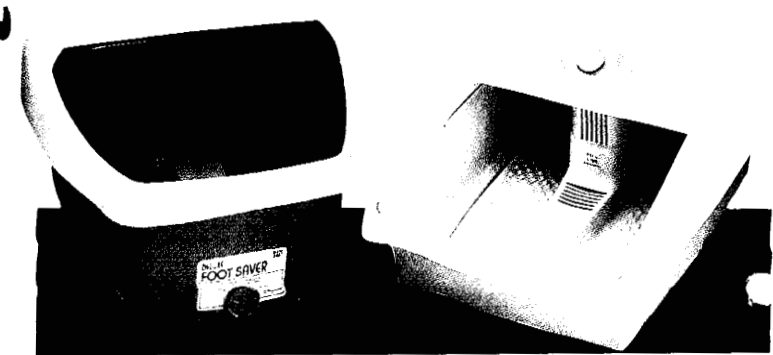
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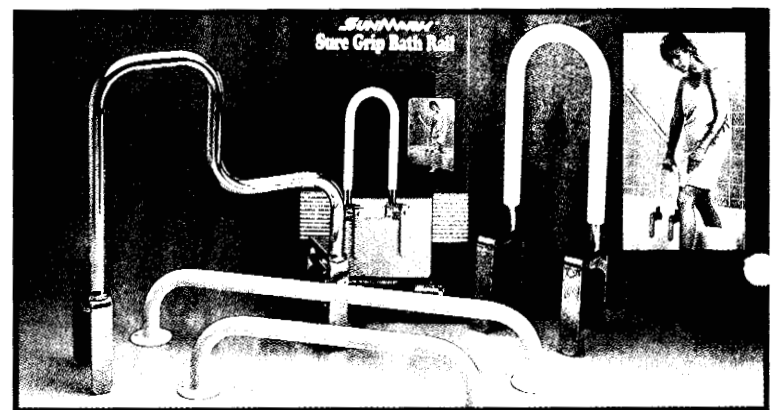


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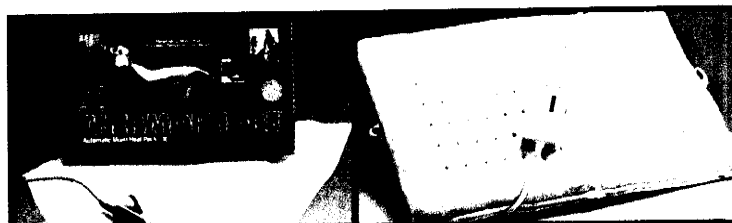
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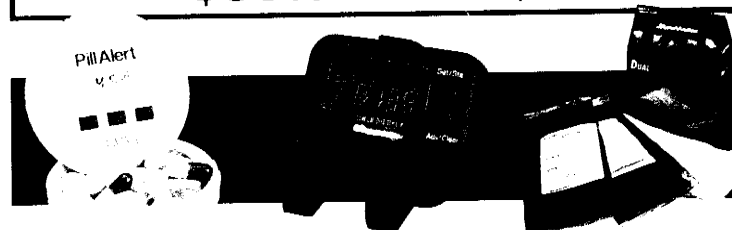


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MOIST/DRY HEATING PAD
Treat your sore tired muscles to either
dry or moist heat. 60% larger than
regular size heating pad. 12" x 24".
\$19.99



18 BATTLE CREEK
THERMOPHORE AUTOMATIC
MOIST HEAT PACK
Creates penetrating moist heat
from humidity in the air. The most
effective heat relief. No need to add
water. 14" x 27".
\$59.99

19 Sunbeam
SOFT TOUCH HEATING PAD
Select from nine different
heat settings for comforting
even heat. Entire pad machine
washable.
\$29.99



22 ELEXIS
PILL ALERT
Model 1HE218
Reminds you to
take medication
on schedule. Easy
programmable alarm
resets automatically.
Batteries are included.
\$9.99

23 ELEXIS
FM50 TRAINER ELECTRONIC
PEDOMETER/CALORIMETER
Large LCD display shows
distance; steps taken;
calories burned; time
spent exercising. Battery
included.
\$19.99

24 SUNMARK
DUAL PAIN
RELIEF PAK
Model 1754
Includes separate reusable
hot and cold gel packs.
Heat pack in microwave or
boiling water, store cold in
freezer.
\$12.99



26 BATTLE CREEK
PEDLAR
Improves circulation
and tones leg muscles.
Use on a table top for
arm exercise. Fully
assembled and ready
to use.
\$34.99

27 SUNMARK
DAILY HELPER
DELUXE REACHER
Model 827
Lightweight trigger mechanism
needs only light pressure to
operate.
32" long.
\$9.99

Keep Your Blood Pressure in



20 SUNMARK
FINGER CUFF
BLOOD PRESSURE KIT
Model 160
Automatic fast inflation
and deflation. Fits most
index fingers. Automatic
shut off and easy-to-read
digital display.

**YOUR
CHOICE
\$69.99**

21 SUNMARK
SENSOR CUFF
ELECTRONIC/DIGITAL
BLOOD PRESSURE &
PULSEMONITOR
Model 175
Easy-to-read LCD display.
Automatic inflation and
deflation. No bulb to
squeeze.



25 ELEXIS
PULSE WATCH
Track your heart rate with your fingertip.
Includes audio pulse indicator and stop
watch (batteries included).

\$44.95

**May help
reduce
snoring!**

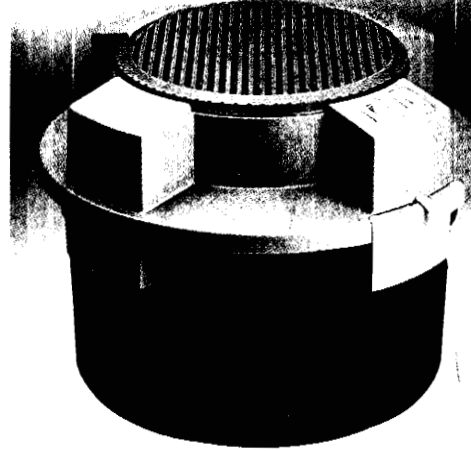


28 SUNMARK
CERVICAL ROLL
Provides proper neck
support. Helps promote
relaxation and relief
of tension. Roll shape
18" x 16".
\$9.99

29 SUNMARK
CERVICAL PILLOW
Supports the neck and
aligns the spine to avoid
neck and back pain.
Contour cut to open
airways and facilitate
natural breathing.
\$19.99

30 SUNMARK
BREATHE EASY
FOAM PILLOW
Adjusts to six positions
for individualized
comfort. Convoluted
foam surface.
\$22.99

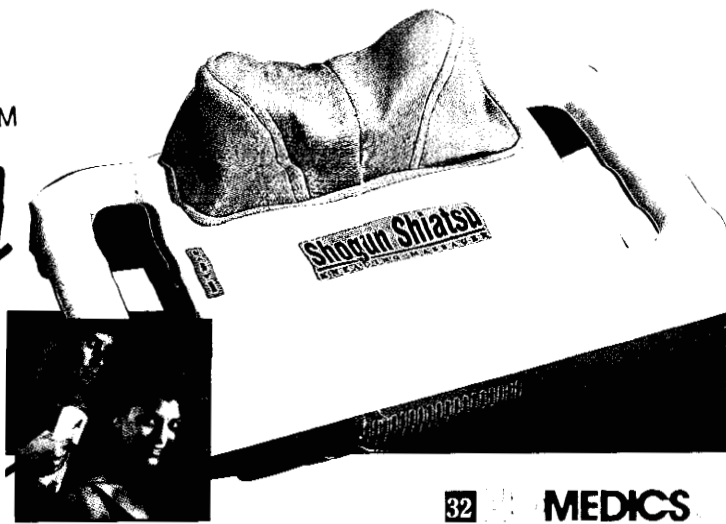
Gifts For Health™



31

HUMIDIFIER
Model 502
2.5 gallon capacity operates up to 28 hours. Wick and air filter removes dust and odor.

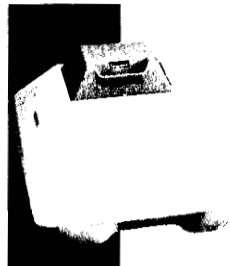
\$35.99



32 MEDICS

SHOGUN SHIATSU KNEADING MASSAGER
Model SM-444
Two mechanical kneading thumbs simulate the firm hands of a skilled masseur. Deep penetrating rhythmic action helps loosen and soothe tired muscles.

\$34.99



33 SUNMARK

WARM MIST VAPORIZER
1.2 gallon capacity that runs 8-10 hours on one filling. Automatic shut off.

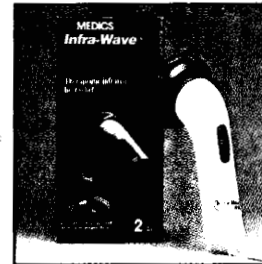
\$7.99



34 SUNMARK

COOL MIST HUMIDIFIER
1.2 gallon capacity provides 15-17 hours running time on one filling.

\$14.99



35 MEDICS

INFRA-WAVE HEAT THERAPY
Treat your body to penetrating infrared heat. Contoured shape for all over body massage. Replacement bulb and carrying case are included.

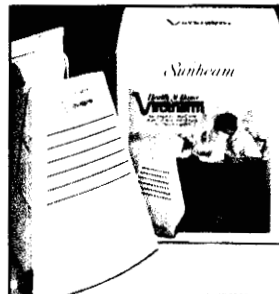
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36 MEDICS

SOLE SALVATION LUXURY FOOT MASSAGE PILLOW
Convenient, pressure-activated massage delivers instant relief for tired aching feet. Luxurious plush cover keeps feet warm. Uses two "D" batteries (not included).

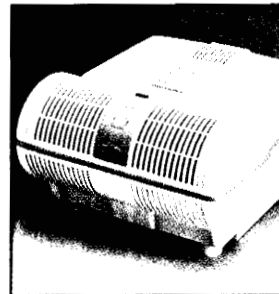
\$19.99



37 Sunbeam

VIROTHERM 1301
Provides moist air heated to 109°F to help relieve the symptoms from nasal congestion of colds, sinusitis, and allergies. Uses plain water.

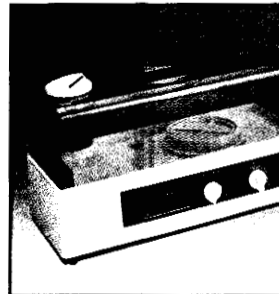
\$59.99



38 Holmes

CLIMATE CARE AIR TREATMENT SYSTEM
Pulls dry polluted air in, processes through unique multi-filtration system to disperse cleaner, humidified air. Relieves allergy and sinus symptoms.

\$79.99



39 SUNMARK

415-1 ULTRASONIC HUMIDIFIER
1.5 gallon capacity, operates 14 hours. This unit features a directional spout, mist output control and on/off knob.

\$49.99



40 MEDICS

MASSAGER TS 1000
Soothing vibrational waves flow through your hands for custom massage application. Powerful 2 speed massage control. Contoured shape and E-Z Stretch straps fit comfortably around your hand.

\$19.99



41 UNISAR

TV LISTENER
Lets hearing impaired people enjoy TV without disturbing others. Infrared and cordless. Works with any TV, VCR, or other audio source.

\$49.99



42 SUNMARK

SACRO CUSION
Excellent back support for the car, home, or office. Available in brown, blue or maroon.

\$14.99

43 ACCU-BACK®

ORTHOPEDIC COMFORT CUSHION
Applies comforting Accu Pressure to the lower back. Available in grey or black.

\$14.99