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OWEN-GAGE PARENT Joan Koch (above) read a statement during Monday night's school board meeting addressing parents' concerns over a new closed campus policy. Koch noted residents have a petition signed by 207 voters and 73 students.

Of downtown district

DDA mulls pluses, minuses

Members of the Cass City Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board wrestled with some tough issues during a re-organizational meeting last week.

There was unanimous agreement as to the DDA's goal: to do everything possible to make the village's downtown business district more inviting to visitors and shoppers.

The debate focused on how to achieve the goal effectively, yet fairly.

And while there wasn't

complete agreement on how to go about doing that, board members vowed to work more aggressively to tackle various problems.

Towards that end, the board, which last met in July, voted in favor of scheduling regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month starting at 7 p.m. at the village municipal building.

Village President L.E. Althaver, who chairs the DDA board, opened last week's session by outlining a handful of projects, now in

the planning stages, that are expected to enhance the downtown district.

They include a "tot lot" or mini-playground proposed at a site just south of the municipal building. The project would include playground equipment in a fenced-in area with picnic tables and other equipment designed with kids in mind.

At this point, the proposal is just that — a proposal. Estimates indicate the playground structure alone could cost as much as \$100,000, and officials say the project would depend primarily on donations of cash and labor.

"It's something to look at down the road," said Matt Prieskorn, who chairs the village council's Parks and Promotion Committee. "We would like to get a service club to spearhead it," he added. "Rotary's talking about it."

Another positive, although work isn't set to begin yet, is construction of public bathrooms in the municipal building, something surveys have indicated are in demand by shoppers.

Althaver noted the local historical society is looking into putting up a display in the municipal building lobby, and it's hoped the chamber of commerce will also locate its office there and set up a display featuring products sold/manufactured in the village.

NEGATIVES

All of these things are posi-

tive, Althaver commented. "Unfortunately, we have a fair number of negatives to overcome before the downtown is where (we) want it to be."

He pointed to a handful of dilapidated buildings in town as an example.

Board member Roger Board asked if a tax incentive could be offered to owners of those properties if they were interested in donating the buildings to the village.

Althaver said that possibility should be investigated, as well as what legal recourse the DDA has in dealing with buildings that present a health risk.

Another board member, local developer Tom Herron, said building codes officials have told him that structures can be condemned.

Herron indicated that may be the only option in some cases. He said he's approached some of the property owners in question, and their selling prices are "ridiculously" high.

"Something has to be done. This is a very sore subject for me," Herron remarked, adding the buildings are an embarrassment to the downtown area.

Board acknowledged concerns over the old buildings, but pointed out they were thriving businesses at one time. He indicated he's hesitant to simply have them condemned and leveled.

"There's got to be a way to do this and leave the (owners) with some dignity if

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At O-G High School

Residents protest closed campus policy

It wasn't on the agenda, but a policy closing the junior/senior high campus was clearly a priority issue among some 70 people who crammed into the Owendale High School cafeteria Monday night.

And although a special meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday to discuss the issue at length, parents made their feelings known during the Owen-Gage School Board's monthly meeting.

"We, as a group of concerned parents, guardians and grandparents, are here to offer you some issues we would like you to address at that time. We are giving you Tuesday and Wednesday so you, as the board, can research the facts and give us answers and not just put us off till the April meeting," said parent Joan Koch, reading from a prepared statement.

Koch stated parents want the board to address not only the closed campus issue, but also incidents involving student discipline, whether the board should have discussed in closed session an attorney's opinion regarding closing the campus, incomplete board minutes, student confinement to the cafeteria following damage to a ceramic bulldog, the end of bathroom privileges, a closed campus with locked doors, and problems related to the teaching staff.

"This is the tip of the iceberg and we thank you for the opportunity to have another meeting on Wednesday," said Koch, referring to the special session planned for 7 p.m. at the high school.

"Please be complete with your information so that these issues will be answered on Wednesday and not tabled until the next board meeting. We have presented our concerns and we want them addressed and we want answers," she concluded.

"We have contacted legal representation, so you must understand that we do mean business. These issues need answers."

The statement was met with a round of applause and followed by remarks from a few parents, including one man who questioned the board's decision to close the campus based on concerns over liability.

The board allows a student trip to France, he said. "but

yet they (students) can't walk across the street, and they're high school students.

The board can't punish all students for the sins of a few, he added. "If you're going to live in fear of being sued, I don't know where you're going to go."

Another parent offered a solution to the board's fears, saying, "If you want signed permission slips on file, we'll provide them."

High School Principal Joanne Hopper said administrators don't want to blow student behavior problems out of proportion, but they also don't want to ignore signs of trouble. "These incidents, while few, need to be taken seriously."

Hopper urged everyone to work on an acceptable solution in a positive manner, and to avoid personal attacks that only serve to erode the school staff's confidence.

Board President Jack Brinkman commented that if the board were to reverse its closed campus policy, he would not vote in favor of it unless the board passed a motion stating the district is not liable for students off campus during the noon hour.

The board adopted the closed campus policy Feb. 12, following a closed session in which trustees reviewed an attorney's opinion on the matter.

Under the policy, students no longer are allowed to leave the school building during their lunch hours. Previously, a number of students would walk uptown for lunch.

Among the reasons cited by school officials were requests from police to close the campus in an effort to

curb problems caused by a handful of students, alleged "gang" activity and a recent drug bust at a residence across the street from the high school.

The policy was imple-

mented Feb. 19. A day later, about 40 students, supported by several parents, staged a formal protest by walking out of the junior/senior high school building during the noon hour.

O-G staff lauded

Rumors result in hard feelings

Monday's Owen-Gage Board of Education meeting began on a positive note but ended with discussion of rumors and personal accusations related to the recent hiring of a part-time secretary.

The night started out with good news, as Owen-Gage board members, administrators and teachers were lauded for their efforts in the School-to-Work Partnership in Huron County.

Lynn Babich, School-to-Work facilitator, briefly explained the program, saying the goal is to better prepare students for the work force by encouraging them to start thinking about career options at an earlier age and throughout their school careers.

The partnership combines school-based learning with work-based learning and activities that connect the 2.

Various school districts in the county are at various stages in terms of implementing the school-based learning concepts into their curriculums, but none of them compares with the strides made by Owen-Gage,

Babich commented. "I feel this district is very much prepared to move ahead with School-to-Work," she said.

WANTS THE TRUTH

Later in the evening, a discussion regarding the hiring of a part-time high school secretary, Judy Winchester — apparently intended to take place behind closed doors — was held in open session at the request of school Supt. Manuel Thies.

Board President Jack Brinkman confronted Thies, saying that, according to another board member, Thies allegedly stated he was told by Brinkman that if the administration hired Winchester, Brinkman would turn the entire board against the administration.

Winchester was hired for the position over Kay Swiastyn, who is Brinkman's daughter and the wife of another board member, Walter Swiastyn. Both women pre-

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Novesta board okays road millage request

Novesta Township officials last week approved major improvements to a section of Dodge Road. The Township Board also decided to ask residents to approve a special millage to help pay for the work.

The board approved a motion to place on the August ballot a request of one mill for 3 years for road work, township Clerk Kathy Newell reported.

One mill raises about \$15,000 in the township.

The measure accompanied another vote by the board, which approved building up Dodge Road, from Deckerville Road to Shabbona Road. The project, which will cost an estimated \$135,000, will prepare the road for paving by the road commission in 1997, Newell said.

Township Supervisor Maynard Stine said the additional millage is needed to help cover the extensive work on Dodge Road. He explained the township's budget includes only \$40,000 to \$45,000 for roads, and at least half of that is eaten up by maintenance.

The ballot question will mark the township's third attempt in 2 years to get a road millage passed.

Township voters in August 1994 rejected a request of 2.5 mills for 5 years. The measure was defeated by a margin of nearly 2 to one. Three months later, a reduced request — 2 mills for 4 years — fell by a vote of 250-166.

Turning to budget matters during the March 4 monthly meeting, the board approved a proposed 1996 spending plan totalling \$125,000.

The budget represents a planned spending increase of about \$10,000, or 8 percent, compared to 1995-96, according to Newell, who noted expenses are up in sev-

eral categories.

"Zoning is up, elections are up, and office (expenses) are up" due to a needed computer upgrade, she explained.

The new spending plan, along with road work and other issues will be discussed during the annual township meeting later this month. The board approved holding the session March 30 starting at 1 p.m. at the township hall in Deford.

In other business, the board heard from Cass City School Supt. Ken Micklash and school board Trustee Randy Severance, who presented some general information on the school district.

Newell said the pair touched on information such as district expenses and per-pupil spending.

Bee-lieve it!

Campbell students place first and second in county spell down

Super spelling put Cass City students at the head of the class at the 15th annual Tuscola County Fourth Grade Spelling Bee, held Friday at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro.

With the correct spelling of the word "abstract," Campbell Elementary student Elizabeth Hillaker gave Cass City its first top finish in 10 years.

Another Campbell student, Erik Helwig, finished second, while Cass City's other competitors, Mallory Powell, Sarah Hobbs and Arielle Ur-

han, placed seventh, 17th and 29th, respectively.

The annual competition showcases the top spellers from 35 classrooms representing the Akron-Fairgrove, Caro, Cass City, Kingston, Mayville, Millington, Reese, USA and Vassar school systems.

Students qualify for the county bee by winning competitions in their own schools. In all, 850 to 900 fourth graders countywide took part in classroom bees, with the top student and one alternate from each class go-

ing on to Friday's event.

Cass City's win this year marks the end of a long winning streak posted by Mayville Schools, whose students have claimed the county spelling title in 6 of the past 7 years.

Previously, Campbell students won the bee twice; Stacey Klinkman in 1986 and David Coe in 1992, the first year for the competition.

Following Friday's event, the Cass City competitors and alternates alike were rewarded with a pizza party at the Charmont.



SUPER SPELLERS — Elizabeth Hillaker and Erik Helwig (seated) claimed first and second place in the 15th annual Tuscola County Fourth Grade Spelling Bee Friday. Also representing Cass City in the competition were (from left) Dorothy McFarland, Leeann Missovich, Arielle Urban, Krystee Dorland, Sarah Hobbs, Mallory Powell, Brandon Stec and Alison Emmert.



TONYA FORD (above) was the winner of a quilt created and recently raffled off by Sandy Parks' second grade class at Gagetown Elementary School. Also pictured is Ford's nephew, Paul Dzielinski, who helped make the quilt.

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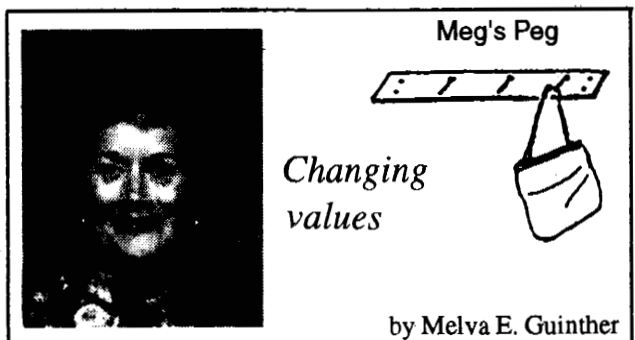
Students create quilt

Sandy Parks' second grade class at Gagetown Elementary School recently raffled off a quilt created by the students.

The full-sized quilt featured a "9 patch" design and was made up of deep jewel tone colors with each student making a pair of nine patch quilt blocks. The quilt was tied by the class. Parks added border strips and assembled the quilt.

Several quilts were brought into the classroom by family members in conjunction with the project. The students enjoyed asking questions about Mrs. Roger's "Sunbonnet Sue" quilt and a "50 State" quilt with each state flower embroidered on each block. Her mother, Mrs. Nast, and friends hand-quilted the project.

Parks' students sold raffle tickets for 50 cents each, and their quilt was raffled off Feb. 26. The winner was TONYA FORD, aunt of second grader Paul Dzielinski, who sold the most raffle tickets (64).



Meg's Peg

Changing values

by Melva E. Guinther

In the latest Focus on the Family newsletter, psychologist Dr. James Dobson discussed the changes in attitude toward parents since 1953, when the most popular song in the U.S. was "Oh! My Papa" sung by Eddie Fisher.

In case you've forgotten, the lyrics to "Oh, My Papa" include expressions like "wonderful, good, lovable, funny, adorable, he always understood."

Long before that, there were songs like "That Silver-haired Daddy Of Mine" and "I Want A Girl Just Like The Girl That Married Dear Old Dad."

They may have been a bit corny, but a lot more wholesome than many of the songs of the last couple of decades that seem to be obsessed with killing parents and other authority figures.

According to Dobson, Twisted Sister came out in 1984 with "We're Not Gonna Take It" with lyrics that refer to the father as a "disgusting slob" who was "worthless and weak." He was blasted out of a second story apartment.

Among the goriest, and most shocking to this fuddy-duddy grandmother, was a song by Suicidal Tendencies entitled "I Saw Your Mommy."

Dobson printed the lyrics, which I can't bring myself to do. Suffice it to say that it's sick, sick, sick. The sordid details of how the mother died were described followed by "I took a picture because I thought it was neat" and "I think it's the greatest thing I'll ever see."

Another example cited was an album called "Momma's Gotta Die Tonight" by Body Count that reportedly sold 500,000 copies.

The words were too gross to be quoted in the newsletter, but were printed on the CD jacket. The song describes how the mother was burned in her bed, beaten with a baseball bat she had given him as a present, and mutilated into "little bitty pieces."

Have I missed something? Is this something to sing about?

Then there's the prevailing attitude toward parents on most of the TV sitcoms. The disrespect is much, much subtler than the song lyrics; nevertheless, parents are usually portrayed as unwelcome intruders in their yuppie children's lives, if not as slobbering idiots.

The characters don't go around murdering their parents, but you get the distinct impression that they'd like to.

Do you suppose the cumulative influence of music and TV shows could explain some of the violent behavior that horrifies us on the front pages of newspapers and the nightly TV news?

Of course, not all young people are listening to groups like Twisted Sister, Body Count and Suicidal Tendencies, and of those who do, most will not be motivated to torture their mothers and cut them up in little bitty pieces.

Nevertheless, wouldn't we all sleep better if we knew they were listening to "Oh, My Papa?"

Cass City Social Items

Call your local news to the Chronicle office 872-2010

S.S.G. Gary Hansen E6 of Fort Hood, Texas, is returning March 13 to Cass City after serving 20 years in the Army. His wife, Debra (Stec) Hansen, and daughter, Kandice, have been here for 6 months. Kandice is in the 7th grade and Debra works at Tendercare, and The Living Word Worship Center as a secretary.

Marion McClorey and Dale and Mary Damm had dinner at J.J. Jamokes in Caro Sunday.

Michael B. Sherman II, a financial accounting student at GMI, has been named to the fall semester dean's list. He is the son of Mike and Lynn Sherman of Cass City.

The Euchre Club will meet Monday, March 18, at 7 p.m. at St. Pancratius social hall.

The Business and Professional Women's Club will meet Monday, March 25, at 6 p.m. at the Charmont.

Historical Society to meet

The Cass City Area Historical Society will meet Monday at 7 p.m. at Rawson Memorial Library.

The program for the evening will be the history of Evergreen Township, presented by John Agar. The public is invited to attend.

Lots of water

We need plenty of water every day. Luckily, water is in a lot of foods. Milk is about 87 percent water. Most fruits and vegetables check in at 85 percent to 95 percent. Even bread averages 36 percent water. However, even though coffee contains a lot of water, it also contains a lot of caffeine, which is a diuretic.

NOTICE

The regular meetings of the Cass City Downtown Development Association are scheduled to be held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, unless otherwise advertised.

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Girl Scouts celebrate "Be Your Best Day"

The Cass City Girl Scouts were to have joined thousands of Girl Scouts nationwide for the second annual "Be Your Best Day," Tuesday.

The campaign is a call to action to everyone in the United States to pledge to be on their best on that day. Eating healthy meals, helping an elderly neighbor, or just doing a good deed were some of the ways people pledge to participate.

Be Your Best Day falls during Girl Scout Week, a time when Girl Scouts traditionally perform community service projects in recognition of the founding of the Girl Scout organization in the United States.

Community support of Be Your Best Day has been overwhelmingly positive, according to Girl Scout officials.

In Cass City, scouts are asking members of the community to participate by donating new stuffed animals and books, which will be donated to the Assault Crisis Center. Donations will be collected Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cass City VFW Hall.

Senior citizen movies Friday at the library

Senior Citizens movies to be shown at Rawson Memorial Library Friday, March 15, at 1:30 p.m. are:

Touring Ireland: Tour cities and counties with names as familiar as the lyrics in a St. Patrick's Day sing-along. Enter the gateway city of Shannon and make a stop at "Dunallyn's Pub." To the Ring of Kerry surrounding beautiful Killarney National Park and the Dingle Peninsula. Over to County Cook and the world famous Blarney Stone. On to Wexford, home of President Kennedy's ancestors. Visit 1000 year old Galway, the most Gaelic of Ireland's cities. Shrines, castles, hallowed abbeys, jigs, reels, festivals, farms, fishing villages, quaint shopfronts and more. This video breathes the spirit of Ireland. (65 minutes)

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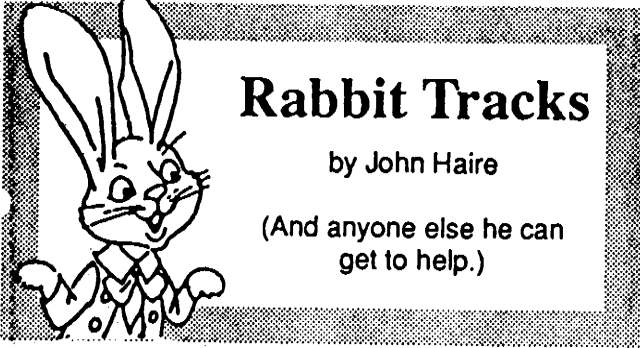
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Qualifications: Applicant must hold a high school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent, chemistry and math background desirable.

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Applications will be received by this office until April 1, 1996 at 4:00 p.m.

Lou S. LaPonsie
Village Manager



Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

You don't have to be too old to remember when getting a good ticket to a Detroit Tiger baseball game was hard to do. (You can't be too young either.) That's changed now and the team's marketing department is going all out to drum up interest in the team. There are even tickets left for the first game, believe it or not. Looking for an outing with your club? It can be arranged. Compare that with Cleveland, where the Indians play in a new ball park. If you want a ticket to ANY home game you need to know someone or be willing to stand up. Every seat for the entire season has been sold, even though a portion of them were restricted for one-game sales, not season tickets. The Indians, of course, are American League champions. That helps. And, of course, right now it's the only pro game in town.

Pigeon is a small town, smaller than Cass City, but it constantly puts its best foot forward with a string of special events designed to pull people to town. The latest is a "Mad About Quilts" show March 14-16 where dozens of area businesses will exhibit a variety of quilts. There will be a quilt display map directing visitors to the exhibits.

Here's a piece of trivia that may surprise. Last year supporters of Michigan's Nongame Wildlife Trust Fund donated \$576,000. A total of 60,000 persons contributed. The fund started over 10 years ago has raised over \$6 million. Beneficiaries include bald eagles, wolves and peregrine falcons.

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Clifford man killed
2 area men in serious condition following crash

A Clifford man was killed and 3 other Thumb residents injured in a head-on collision Thursday in Sanilac County's Marlette Township. The victim, identified as Eric James Foster, 21, was pronounced dead at Marlette Community Hospital. The accident occurred shortly before 7 a.m. on M-53 just south of Dennis Road,

according to Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies, who reported Foster was an occupant in a northbound vehicle that apparently lost control, crossed the road center line and struck a southbound vehicle.

The other vehicle was driven by Keith P. Rudy, 24, of Snover. He and his pas-

senger, Ronald R. Simpson, 34, also of Snover, were transported to Marlette Community Hospital, then airlifted to St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw.

A hospital spokeswoman said Simpson has since been discharged, but Rudy remains hospitalized in serious condition.

Another occupant in the Foster vehicle, Vincent E. Tucker, 24, Deford, was also transported to Marlette Community Hospital and later transferred to St. Mary's. He is also listed in serious condition.

Road conditions at the time of the accident were snow covered and slippery, according to investigators, who said alcohol may have been a factor.

Reports state both Rudy and Simpson were wearing seat belts, and Foster and Tucker were not.

Sanilac County deputies were assisted at the scene by troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Sandusky, Marlette EMS, Marlette Fire Department and ECHO Unit. The accident remains under investigation.

Thumb cooperative approved for loan

U.S. Congressman Jim Barcia (D. Bay City) Friday announced a \$5,161,000 loan to Thumb Electric Cooperative, Ubly, from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service, to service 900 new consumers throughout the Thumb and to enhance existing infrastructure.

"This \$5 million dollar loan is essential to getting the electrification project started," Barcia said.

"These funds will be used to construct 96 new miles of distribution line, which will ultimately serve 900 new consumers, and to rebuild current infrastructure. It's an important undertaking and will result in new jobs, new construction and more efficient service for residents of the Thumb.

3 face felony charges

Three people were recently arraigned on separate felony charges in Tuscola County District Court.

Dennis M. Androsuk, 28, Fort Wayne, Ind., was charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, March 3 in Fremont Township.

Bond was set at \$5,000 and a preliminary examination was scheduled for today (Wednesday) at 1:30 p.m.

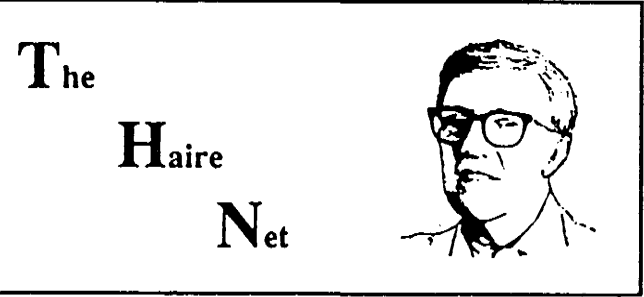
Rodney O. Sutphin, 32, Fostoria, faces a charge of unlawfully driving away an automobile Dec. 30 in Dayton Township.

Bond was set at \$3,000 and a preliminary exam was slated for March 22 at 9 a.m.

Tony S. Bossert, 21, Cass City, was arraigned on a charge of unlawfully driving away an automobile March 1 in Caro.

Bond was set at \$10,000. Bossert faces a preliminary exam March 21 at 9 a.m.

"I also want to take this opportunity to thank Mike Krause, manager of Thumb Electric Cooperative, for his vision and dedication in procuring federal funds to enhance infrastructure throughout the Thumb," Barcia said. "Organization, forethought and hard work are necessary to implement a project of this scope and all the employees at Thumb Electric have risen to the challenge." The terms of the loan agreement are for 35 years at a rate of interest not to exceed 7 percent.



A little of this and that from the corner of Main and Oak. How it was, how it is and how it should be.

Over the years it has been proven time and again that what happens in the metropolitan areas always filters down to us in the rural areas. Perhaps not full steam, but noticeable and easy to recognize.

It's nothing new either. Way back in the 50s and 60s I can recall merchants saying that if a style takes off in Detroit, it would be a year or two before there was demand for it in Cass City. But eventually it arrived.

On a less pleasant note, the same holds true for gangs, drugs and crime. We don't have the virulent strain of the crime disease but we certainly aren't inoculated against it like we always thought we were 30 years or so ago, if we even thought about it at all.

Right now Cass City is suffering from another big city ailment, downtown blight. Nothing serious, but of enough concern so that the Downtown Development Association is seeking ways to remove older buildings from Main Street.

On a brighter note, in downtown Detroit there appears to be a renaissance and it would be great if Cass City follows this trend as it has others, even if it takes a couple of years to get under motion.

Whew! For awhile there as the Republican primary battle cruised through the early primaries there seemed to be a chance that Pat Buchanan might possibly be a serious contender for the Republican nomination for president.

It's refreshing to note that his appeal to the fears of the electorate fell flat even in states he considered to be strongest.

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by Roger Pond

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I'm still working on this global warming thing; but I think I'm getting a feel for it. A New York Times News Service story provides the hard data I've been looking for.

The New York Times story reports British scientists have learned 1995 was the warmest year globally since weather records were begun in 1856. The British say the average temperature in 1995 was 58.7 degrees Fahrenheit.

That's 7 hundredths of a degree hotter than it was in 1990, and 1990 was the warmest year since 1866. For some reason 1866 was a hot one, also.

A weather chart accompanying the New York Times story shows the average world temperature has hovered around 58 degrees since 1944, the year I was born. This follows closely with my own data and experience. I don't think I've ever been hotter than when I was born, except for 1995.

Some may question the value of averages and personal observation in predictions such as these, but we have to start somewhere. I became a staunch believer in statistical averaging while completing a study some years ago. That project showed the average American shaves only one side of its face.

A look back at our global weather, however, shows 1866 was one of the hottest years ever. Then we went into a cooling trend -- on the average.

The world got up around 58 degrees for some years in the late 1800s; then we dropped back to about 57.5 (off and on), until one exceptionally hot year of about 57.8 around 1920. The earth's climate plummeted to 57 degrees for a year or 2 in the '20's, but folks who were there say it felt much colder than that.

Then the global climate got hot and cold, hot and cold, hot and cold, until about 1944 -- which was another exceptional year, as mentioned earlier. Mother says my average temperature was around 98.6 in 1944.

Now, to the question of global warming and predictions for the future. Let me say

first, the next several months should be the warmest of the year. I expect it to cool off again toward fall.

A quick look at the British data shows the average global temperature has followed a well-defined pattern. Some years are colder, but the average of 58 degrees is still darned comfortable. We can't complain about that.

Exceptionally warm years like 1866, the late 1800's, 1944, and 1995 can all be explained by man's activity on the planet; especially in the United States. (Nobody else has done anything, as far as I can tell.)

The end of the Civil War in the 1860's was a hot time for sure, with all the men returning from the war, and the North's industrial power being converted from munitions to carpet bags.

The late 1800's, must have been special, too, with the long dresses, wool underwear, and raccoon coats. Everybody was warm in the 1890's.

How it got so hot in 1995 (and we still had to shovel all that snow) is pretty hard for me to understand; but younger scientists say this just proves that global warming causes erratic weather.

I'm certainly no scientist, and my charts may be erratic; but I've got that table from the New York Times News Service story. Their data suggests the last 50 years has produced the most consistent global temperatures since records began in 1856.

I can't explain that, either; but I checked again this morning, and my temperature is still around 98.6 degrees. I find that very comforting.

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SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TUSCOLA, HURON AND SANILAC COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD MARCH 26, 1996

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that a special bond election of Cass City Public Schools, Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac Counties, Michigan, will be held in the school district, on Tuesday, March 26, 1996.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

The following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the special bond election:

BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall Cass City Public Schools, Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Six Million Eight Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$6,825,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of erecting, furnishing and equipping a new middle school; acquiring, installing and equipping the new middle school for technology; and developing and improving the site?

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.

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This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Cass City Public Schools, Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac Counties, Michigan.

Randy Severance
Secretary, Board of Education

Cass City Public Schools

PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

Recently, a few questions have been asked about the upcoming special election.

Question 1 - Why is a new middle school being asked for rather than renovating the old one?

Response - When discussions began about updating the middle school over 3 years ago, the initial idea focused upon renovating the existing building. As time progressed and official engineering and architectural cost estimates were obtained, it became apparent that our original thoughts about what it would cost to renovate the existing middle school were too low. In fact the price difference between a total renovation project which took into consideration fire code updates, handicap accessibility issues, new roof, needed additional space, etc., when compared to new construction costs were not that far apart. Hence, the decision was ultimately made to seek funds to build a new middle school. This course of action was believed, by the board of education, to provide the best long term benefits for our children and community.

Question 2 - If the upcoming issue is passed, would funds generated be used to pay for staff wages?

Response - No. The funds can only be used to pay for costs associated with the building project as it has been approved by the Department of Treasury.

Question - Is this plan the same as the first one that was turned down?

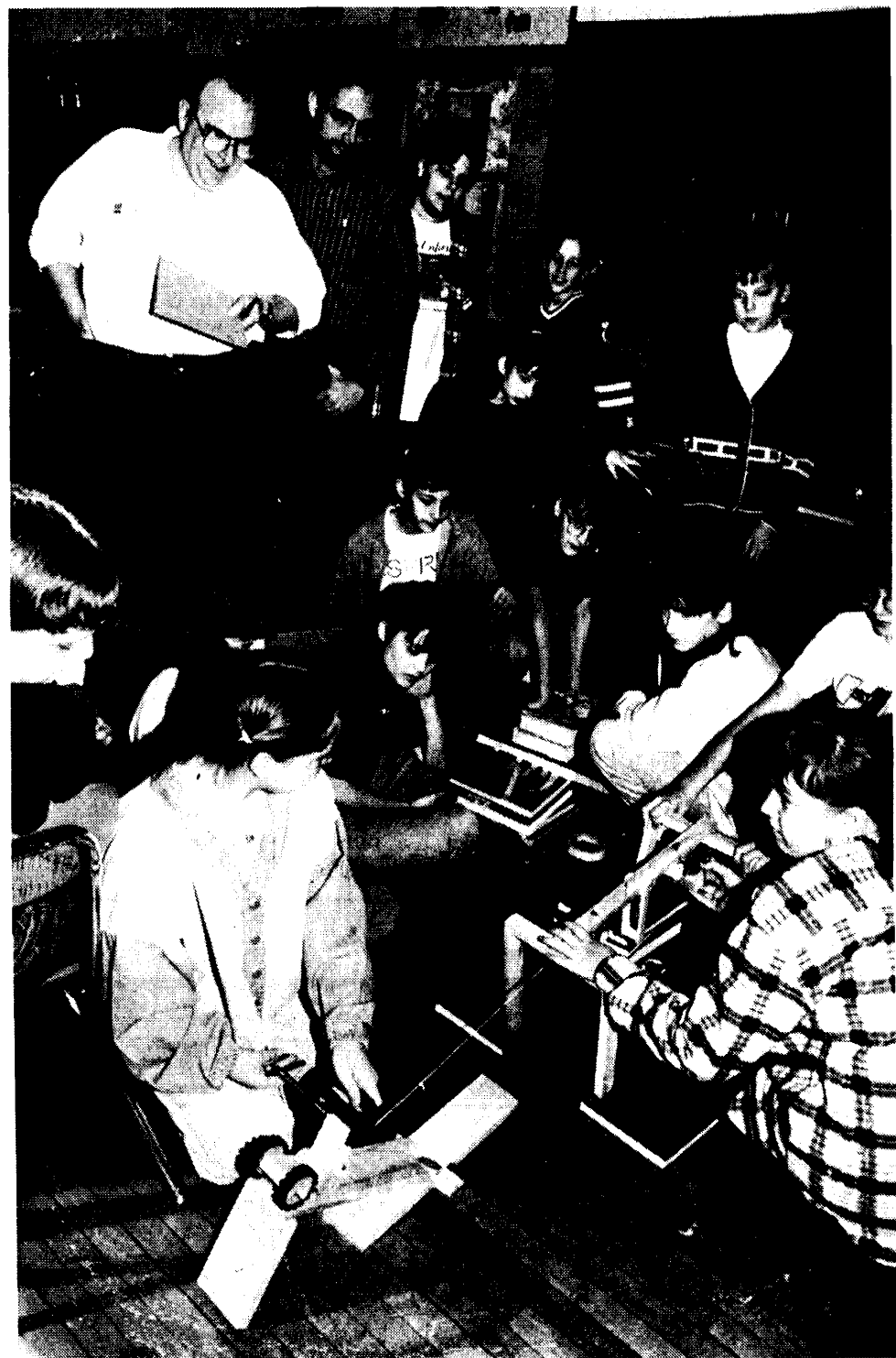
Response - No. In fact it is a lot different. The first plan was a project that totaled almost 8 million dollars and included construction of a new middle school and a 13,532 sq. ft. addition to Campbell Elementary School. This project was going to be paid back in 21 years.

The current proposal includes construction of only a new middle school. The east annex of the existing middle school would be used to house Campbell Elementary Schools' kindergarten and pre-school programs. The cost of this project has been cut to \$6.835 million. Additionally, approval from the Department of treasury has been obtained to pay off this debt in 12.9 years, which will save our community millions of dollars in interest costs.

Questions can be sent to me at 4868 N. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726. Thank you.



CASS CITY SIXTH graders recently took part in "World of Motion," a project in which Walbro Corp. engineers introduce students to simple machines — the lever, wheel and axle, incline plane, pulley and screw — and then the students use what they've learned to build a "can crusher." Above, Jeff Storm makes some final adjustments before putting his project to the test.



ERIN VENEMA, Crystal Sattleberg and Chenelle Smentek, all students in Mike Gogola's sixth grade class, demonstrate their "can crusher" Friday as their classmates and Walbro engineers Jim Herndon (left) and Carl Hockman watch.

Oesch named new coach

School board meet routine

Nothing but routine matters occupied the attention of trustees in the briefest, quietest regular monthly meeting of the year of the Cass City School Board Monday night.

Supt. Ken Micklash informed the board that Tom Oesch has been named the new varsity football coach. He has spent 4 years in the system coaching in the junior high and junior varsity programs.

The board was given a first hand look at the new alternative education program under the direction of Chad Daniels. Several of his students presented demonstrations of classwork that is completed.

Daniels said that there are eight students now in the class and he expected 2 more in the near future. The stu-

dents are doing very well, he said, with most of them getting A's or B's and none less than C's.

Plans for offering a summer school for students at risk of failing in the 8th grade were revealed.

Students will register during the week of June 10-14 and classes will be held June 17 through Aug. 2.

That's more study than was offered last year, when classes were held for a week for half days. It will also cost more as parents will be required to pay class expenses. The cost will vary, depending on how many students enter. If 20 students enroll, the cost would be \$200. If 15 enter, the cost would be \$267. A 10-student class would cost each pupil \$400.

OTHER BUSINESS

• Third year probation was granted to these teachers: James Green, Jon Zdrojewski, Toby Wegener, Veronica Commire and Brian Knoll.

• Second year probation was granted to: Connie

Iwankovitch, Garrett Gordon, Rebecca Hirn and Diane Tuckey.

• Fred Matthews and Jim Turner were appointed to a committee to study non-union salaries and wages for 1996-7.

• Roy and Donna Fibranz were given permission to

have their children attend Laker High School for the next school year.

• A resolution was adopted setting the annual school election for Monday, June 10. The terms of Fred Matthews and Beverly Auten are expiring. Both are seeking re-election.

Jogger mauled by dog, hospitalized

A jogger was hospitalized Monday morning after being attacked by a dog south of Sandusky in Sanilac County's Watertown Township.

A Sanilac County Sheriff's Department spokesman said a 911 call was received at about 6:30 a.m. reporting a female subject had been mauled by a dog and that an ambulance was needed at the scene.

ECHO One and Sanilac EMS were dispatched along with an animal control officer.

Deputies reported the victim, who has been identified only as a 42-year-old female, had been jogging when a boxer-type dog attacked her. She went to a residence in

the area, seeking help, and upon arrival of the ambulance was transported to McKenzie Memorial Hospital in serious condition. She was then transferred to St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw, with multiple bites.

The dog was located and has been quarantined at the Sanilac County Animal Shelter.

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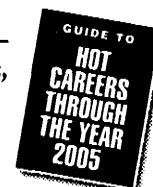
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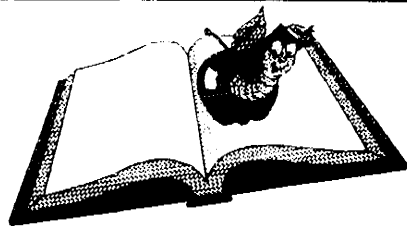


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Letters to the editor

Right thing, right time

Do what's best for all; pass school bond issue

Dear Citizens of Cass City:

There seems to be no argument that the current middle school can last another 2 or 3 years by spending a few hundred thousand dollars to meet minimum codes and requirements. To anyone who has been in the building recently, it is readily apparent that in the very near future the community will either have to spend several million dollars to renovate it or several million dollars to build a new middle school. The voters will decide on March 26.

If we decide to wait for a few years to renovate the old building or build a new one, most people would agree the cost of either project will increase just due to inflation. The chances of either project costing less are virtually impossible. The question then becomes -- When is the best time to start either project that will give the community the best facility for the least amount of money for the longest period of time?

Strictly from a financial view, the time to begin is now

because interest rates are the lowest they have been in years and if we could finance the project at 4-5% the community will save millions of dollars over the 12 years it would take to pay for it. If we wait, interest rates can increase and that will add a significant cost to the project. If we wait, building costs will probably increase. If we wait, it will probably cost the community a lot more money. As you can tell, I don't think we can afford to wait.

The problem with renovating the old building to meet our needs for the next 50 years seems to be two fold. One, is it worth putting anywhere from 5-6 million dollars into an 80-year-old building? And 2, if we decide to renovate the old building, when will we be able to do so? To complete a major renovation will require time and it can't be done while kids are in school simply because it would be dangerous and very disruptive. The only time it could be done efficiently is in the summer months and I can't see where it could be completed without involving several summers. That will also add to the cost of the project.

To me, if we get together as a community and pass the millage for a new middle school, we all win. We'll get a modern facility that will meet all requirements for middle school education, and it will meet safety and handicap codes. It will cost everyone the least amount of money, it will not disrupt education during construction, and it will last for generations to come. It becomes a solid and needed investment for our community and one we all can be proud in.

Let's get together as a community and do what is best for all of us -- Let's pass this issue for a new school and contribute to the betterment of the community. I believe it is the right thing to do and I believe it is the right time to do it.

Sincerely,

Paul Chappel

Vote "no"

Keep taxes reasonable

To the Editor,

Once more I wonder how brick mortar and steel can

burn to the ground. Walk through the middle school. That's what the building is made of. Once again I wonder

why portable elevators mounted on stair wells can't be installed in the event of a handicapped student needing access. Walk into any church in town and you'll see portable elevators for handicapped people. Since when are churches condemned when improvements are made?

Once again I wonder why the bond issue vote is scheduled when many senior citizens who probably pay the majority of school taxes are living in a warmer climate, or don't want to venture out to vote in bad weather.

Common sense dictates that the fire code violations be fixed. Spend the \$500,000 to fix the violations. The rest is scare tactics.

Vote no, keep your taxes reasonable.

Thank you,
Norman Parker
Cass City

Volleyball team not happy with coverage

Dear Sports Editor,

Now that our 1995-96 varsity volleyball season is over, we were wondering if you only had half of our schedule this year. We were very disappointed when the coverage of our games dropped from minimal to none.

High School sports is not always about winning, it's about learning how to work together as a team, and more importantly having fun, which we did. It is also disappointing not to have the support of our whole community.

We were proud of the fact that we advanced to district finals, and looking forward to a positive article about our accomplishment, but found

nothing, not even the scores of our games published in the paper.

We're glad that everyone had high hopes for the boys' varsity basketball team in their district finals, but we also had the same chance at defeating Lakers in our volleyball district finals. A big thanks to the 9 people who were there to support us, and a big admiration for the 200 supporters that backed Lakers. The spirit was overwhelming.

We hope to see more articles about girls' sports in the future. Softball is starting, so get on the ball Cass City, and show your pride!

The Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team

School-to-work business resource guide distributed

Copies of a business resource guide compiled by the Tuscola County School To Work initiative have been issued to each of the school buildings in Tuscola County's 9 local districts.

The resource guide is available on diskette and in hard copy, outlining the contribution local businesses are willing to make to the job-training effort of local districts in the county.

According to School to Work implementer Bob Hirn, the guide was compiled by local School to Work team members who interviewed business officials in their communities. The survey asked about each firm's willingness to participate in such efforts as job shadowing, co-op and internship programs, tours, classroom speakers, etc.

The guide contains a listing for each of the over 360 busi-

nesses who responded to the survey, and also breaks those survey responses down by individual school district.

Hirn and School to Work Implementation Committee chairman Dennis Squires, owner of Thumb Area Workforce, said surveys are still being collected and supplements to the directory will be finalized April 12.

Businesses which have not been contacted by a local School to Work team member and would like to be included in the directory, should contact Hirn at 673-5300, ext. 391. A local team member will contact them. The survey requires 15 minutes.

Release of the survey results to local districts coincides with job shadowing experiences being encouraged in each of the county's local districts.

Job shadowing allows students to spend a half day or day on the job with a professional in the field of their choice. Many businesses which indicated a willingness to assist with the program can expect to be called upon in the next few months.

Hirn pointed out that offering job shadowing opportunities to all eighth and tenth grade students was one of the initial goals of School to Work.

Hirn noted that business shadowing is being approached seriously by local schools, who are requiring students to research their chosen professions before going out on the job.

He said some 600 students throughout Tuscola County are expected to job shadow this year.

Toastmasters air March 5 meeting

The Thumbtastic Toastmasters met Tuesday, March 5, at Great Lakes Junior College in Caro. The newly elected officers arrived at 6:15 p.m. for an educational and planning session in order to discover what their roles should be within the club. They learned that the best meetings do not just happen, but are carefully planned. Each person should know what to do for a particular office, as well as be prepared to take the place of a missing officer in case of an emergency.

The officers brought ideas for the coming year, ranging from local speaking contests to helping start new clubs throughout the Thumb. A format for the monthly news bulletin, "Thumb Tacks", was presented by editor Jim Blades. Officers have a space reserved for reports.

Topicmaster Carol Ruediger gave out candies to each participant. The inside of each wrapper contained a series of silly jokes from which the Table Topics participant spoke for a minimum of one minute and a maximum of 2 minutes.

Two speeches were presented. Rosemary Vandecar gave her "Icebreaker", the first speech from the basic communication and leadership manual. Vandecar shared an important time of her life, keeping within the 5 to 7 minute time frame.

Tom Young gave a 7-minute speech. This was Tom's sixth speech from the basic manual. At the completion of the tenth speech, Tom will be a CTM, or Competent Toastmaster.

Evaluators for the speeches were Carol Ruediger and Fran Kern. Nancy Spencer was general evaluator. The general evaluator evaluates the effectiveness of the overall meeting.

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A HAPPY COACH Judy Campbell, surrounded by jubilant team members, holds high the trophy awarded to Owen-Gage for winning its second straight regional volleyball crown.

8 seniors complete careers

Bulldogs fall to Ubly

The Owen-Gage basketball season came to an end Wednesday when the Bulldogs bowed to pre-tourney favorite Ubly on the Bearcats' home floor, 68-49. Ubly led all the way in a

game marred by technical fouls as supporters rallied against the calls of referees. Ubly went to the line no less than 8 times, converting 6, via the technical foul route.

Ubly bounced to a 21-8 lead as the Bulldogs had trouble getting their offense in gear. Chris Tyll led the charge for Ubly with 10 points, supported by Fred Ligrow with 6, including 2 technicals.

Owen-Gage got untracked in the second period and traded baskets with the winners, trailing at the intermission, 38-24.

The 'Dogs chopped a point from the Ubly lead in the

third quarter but Ubly stiffened in the final quarter to post a convincing win.

Ligrow, with 19 points, and Mike Rutkowski and Tyll, with 15 points each, led Ubly. In double figures for Owen-Gage was Austin Brinkman with 12.

8 SENIORS

Eight seniors finished their varsity careers in the game. Austin Brinkman, a 3-year starter, was the team leader in 2 areas. He averaged 8.6 rebounds and 16.4 points per game. He also had 2.2 steals.

Joe Tkacz, a 2-year starter, led the team in steals with 4.2 and averaged 12.3 points per game. Eric Dietzel, 2-years on varsity, committed the fewest turnovers on the team. Another 2-year veteran, Jason Anthes, contributed 7.9 points and 6.2 rebounds. Wade Teitel played his first year on the varsity and was good for an average of 5 rebounds a game.

Chad Jahr was a 2-year starter and averaged 5.7

points. Mark Damm started for 3 years and this season was in double figures with an average of 10.5 points as well as snagging 8.3 rebounds.

Dan Dorsch was voted most improved last year and this year he completed his second year on the varsity.

The Bulldogs ended the season with a North Central League record of 6-8.

O-G - UBLY

OWEN-GAGE - Austin Brinkman 4-1 (1-5) 12; Joe Tkacz 2-0 (1-3) 5; Eric Dietzel 0-1 (1-2) 4; Jason Anthes 1-2 (0-0) 8; Wade Teitel 1-0 (1-4) 3; Chad Jahr 0-1 (1-2) 4; Mark Damm 4-0 (5-8) 13.

TOTALS - 12-5 (10-24) 49.

UBLY - Joey Rutkowski 1-2 (0-0) 8; Fred Ligrow 4-1 (8-9) 19; Mike Rutkowski 1-3 (4-7) 15; Ryan Maurer 2-0 (0-1) 4; Steve Oberski 0-0 (1-4) 1; Chris Tyll 5-0 (5-8) 15; Robert Mitchell 1-0 (0-0) 2; Tim O'Connor 1-0 (0-0) 2; Brad Hagen 1-0 (0-0) 2.

TOTALS - 16-6 (18-30) 68.

Battle Creek St. Phillips next

O-G spikers roll to 2nd straight regional crown

North Branch Wesleyan came to the regional Class D volleyball finals Saturday at Peck with 2 all-stars, Becky Case and Jenny LeTournel. Owen-Gage countered with Kate Powers and a dedicated crew of team players determined to win a return to the state finals.

When it was over, Coach Judy Campbell's crew prevailed with a 15-11 win in the first game, a 15-11 loss in the second, and a decisive 15-7 decision in the deciding third game.

The Bulldogs dominated the first game with Powers unveiling a new jump serve for the first time as the team ran off the first 5 points.

Wesleyan rallied after the slow start and ran off 4 straight points to trail 14-11, from where Owen-Gage's Powers returned to serve the final point for the win.

Wesleyan was the one to get off to a fast start in the second game, jumping off to a 4-1 lead. The Bulldogs bounced back with a 5-point run before Wesleyan countered with 5 unanswered points to lead 9-6.

Owen-Gage countered with Jenny Winchester serving to move ahead 11-9 before

Wesleyan went on a streak, scoring 6 unanswered points to take the game.

With Susie Roemer serving, the Bulldogs bounded out to a 5-0 lead and were never behind in the deciding contest although Wesleyan used a 5-point run to get back into the game, trailing by only 2 points, 9-7.

Rising to the challenge behind a key block by Shannon McClurey to stop the Wesleyan assault, the Bulldogs took control and ran off 6 straight points to take the game and the regional championship.

In the semi-finals Genesee was no match for the Bull-

dogs. The team coasted to a 15-5 decision in the first game and then blanked Genesee, 15-0, in the second.

LOTS OF HELP

While Powers was the power for the Bulldogs, she had plenty of help. In the games, Powers served for 17 points, 12 aces; 47 attacks, 23 kills; 7 digs; 2 saves, and 16 blocks with 11 kills.

Roemer was credited with 22 serve points with 12 kills and 22 digs. Amanda Salcido contributed 11 serve points with 5 kills; 18 attacks, 9 kills; 22 digs, and 3 saves.

Melissa Vargo had 15 attacks with 7 kills; 30 sets with 13 assists, and 14 digs. Beth Nickerson produced 11 sets, 14 assists and 27 digs. Winchester had 10 service points with 5 kills; 39 sets, 14 assists; 23 digs, and 2 saves.

FAN SUPPORT

Coach Campbell will be married to Jim Wissner Friday, the day that the Bulldogs are scheduled to meet Battle Creek St. Phillips, and the ceremony will be held work-

ing around the team's competition in the state finals.

If the Bulldogs win Friday, the honeymoon will be delayed as the finals are Saturday. There will be plenty of Owen-Gage fans around to congratulate the coach. There are 20 rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn for Friday.

The rooms have been reserved for 2 months. Given the fact that the champion Bulldogs lose just one starter, Roemer, perhaps the look-ahead fans will save time and money by reserving the rooms for next year.

Hawk JV spikers complete season

The Cass City Junior Varsity volleyball squad, 10 freshmen and 5 sophomores, won 2 matches, over Cross-Lex and Bay City All Saints, and lost 8 in Thumb C National competition.

The team competed in 3 tournaments at Bad Axe, Lakers and Vassar, compiling an overall record for the season of 6 wins and 18 losses.

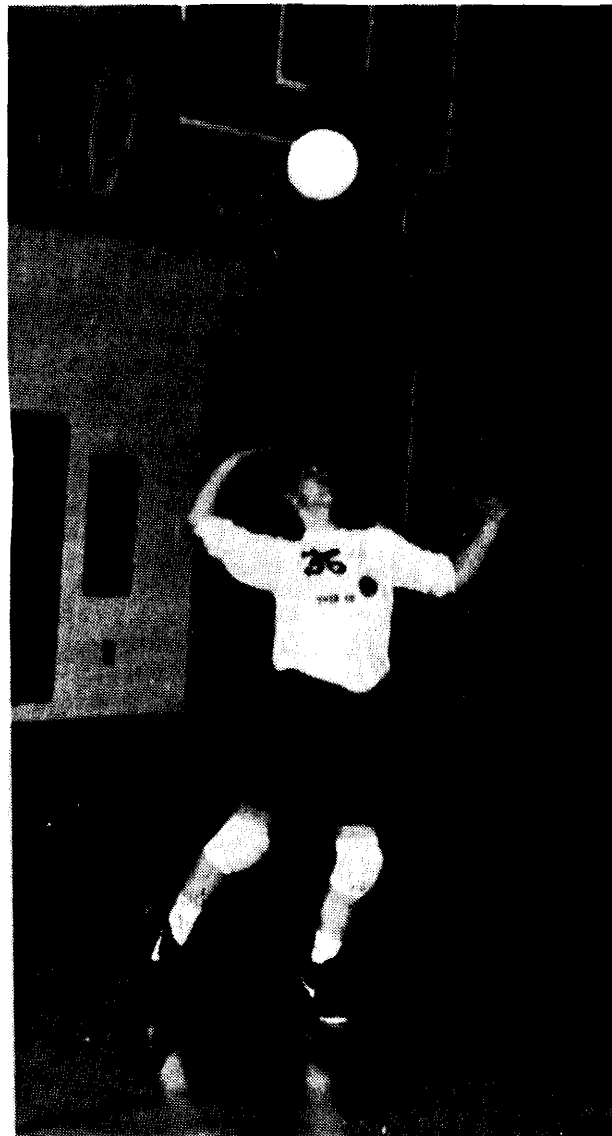
Best matches for Cass City were against Bad Axe and All Saints. The coaches were pleased with the teamwork and the nice volleys by the Hawk players, who were narrowly defeated, splitting the first 2 games and losing the deciding game, 16-14.

Against All Saints the girls lost the first game and then went on to win the final 2 and the match. Cass City held the Saints for 8 rotations at game point to register the 16-14 win.

The team also voted individual honors for players. Cara Graichen is the most valuable player.

Andrea Soens was voted the most improved and Amber Phillips the most spirited. The Coach's Award went to Lori Brown.

Coach Sandy Smith said that even though the record wasn't outstanding, she felt that the players improved tremendously during the season. Improvements were made on defense and setting the ball up and attacking the



SUSAN ROEMER, the only senior on the Owen-Gage team, started the Bulldogs off right as she served for 5 straight points at the start of the decisive regional finals game.

High fiber diet

A high fiber diet is associated with a reduced risk of coronary heart disease, the American Medical Association recently reported. Seeds, berries, fruit skins and bran contain large amounts of plant fiber. Some fiber rich foods include oat, wheat and rice bran; potatoes, carrots, navy and kidney beans, broccoli, peas, cauliflower and apples.

OUTSTANDING CASS CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Sponsored by the Cass City Middle School Staff

The following Cass City Middle School students were selected as "Outstanding" for the month of February by their teachers at the Cass City Middle School. These students were selected on the basis of their continued excellent performances in their classes.

Jalal Khoury, son of Kareem and Tahani Khoury of Cass City, was selected by his teachers because he is always upbeat and pleasant to have in class. He is always willing to help others at any time. Jalal is in the eighth grade at Cass City Middle School.

Nick Anthony, son of Kim and Barbara Anthony of Ubly, was selected by his teachers due to his cooperative attitude in class and that he always tries his best. Nick also has excellent

work habits. Nick is an eighth grader at Cass City Middle School.

Brooke Ouvry, daughter of Ron and Karen Ouvry of Cass City, was selected by her teachers for her consistent positive attitude, hard work in class and in Student Council, eagerness to help others, and for being a positive role model. Brooke is in the eighth grade at Cass City Middle School.

Shaun Engler, son of Eric and Linda Engler of Cass City, was selected as Outstanding by his teachers because he is responsible, courteous, helpful, hardworking, and well disciplined. Shaun is in the seventh grade at Cass City Middle School.

The Cass City Middle School teachers wish to congratulate these four outstanding students. We are proud of your academic excellence!

Pictured back (l-r): Nick Anthony, Brooke Ouvry, and Jalal Khoury. Front: Shaun Engler.



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NOTICE OF ELECTION

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

To the qualified electors of Sanilac County:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Presidential Primary Election will be held in the County of Sanilac, State of Michigan on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1996

for the purpose of nominating candidates for the Republican and Democratic parties for the partisan office of the President of the United States.

THE ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE FOLLOWING POLLING PLACES:

EVERGREEN TOWNSHIP Township Hall, 5514 Shabbona Road 1st Building W. of Decker Road Arthur Severance, Clerk	GREENLEAF TOWNSHIP Township Hall, Gilbert Road 2 miles N. of Cass City Road Clare Brown, Clerk
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Lakers roll in last half to defeat Hawks in finals

The Elkland-Pigeon-Bay Port Lakers showed that they have more than Seth Maust, the Thumb's premier guard, as they won the championship in the district finals against Cass City Saturday at USA.

The Lakers defeated the Hawks 67-50 despite a brilliant effort by Dan Sherman, who held Maust to just 5 points. He kept Maust from penetrating all night. But by dogging Maust all

over the floor, Cass City was unable to have its guard help out on the Lakers' big men in the paint.

That enabled Pete Beachy to have a field day, ably assisted by Eric Gardy. Beachy scored 28 points and Gardy added 15.

The Lakers started strong, scoring the first 5 points, including a trey by Brian Shaw.

After that Cass City had its most productive streak of the

game, outscoring the Lakers, 14-6 to lead 14-11 midway through the period.

From then on the teams traded baskets for the rest of the period and Cass City nursed a 21-19 advantage going into the second quarter.

Early in the quarter Cass City's lead stretched to 7 points, its largest margin of the evening.

That's when Beachy took over for the Lakers. He scored 4 baskets on re-

bounds and shots from the post and the Lakers outscored Cass City in the last 5 minutes of the quarter, 11-2, to take a 34-31 lead at the intermission.

The Lakers continued to forge in front in the second half behind Beachy's third period scoring (11 points) and a suddenly cold shooting spell by Cass City.

The Hawks made their first 9 chances from the charity circle and then made just 7 of the next 16, many of them

the front end of one and one opportunities.

Going into the final 8 minutes, the Lakers were in front by 10 points and rapidly put the game out of reach as Gardy took over the scoring load until he injured his wrist trying for a dunk on a break away.

Cass City didn't shoot very well, making 4 of 15 treys and 11 of 32 two-pointers for 47 percent. The Lakers won the battle of the boards, 25-23. Corey Ulfig, with 6, led the Hawk rebounders.

Cass City had its best overall floor game of the year with a season's low turnover total of just 6.

Coach Jeff Hartel said that he was disappointed with the results of the season, but was very proud of his players, who battled to the end.

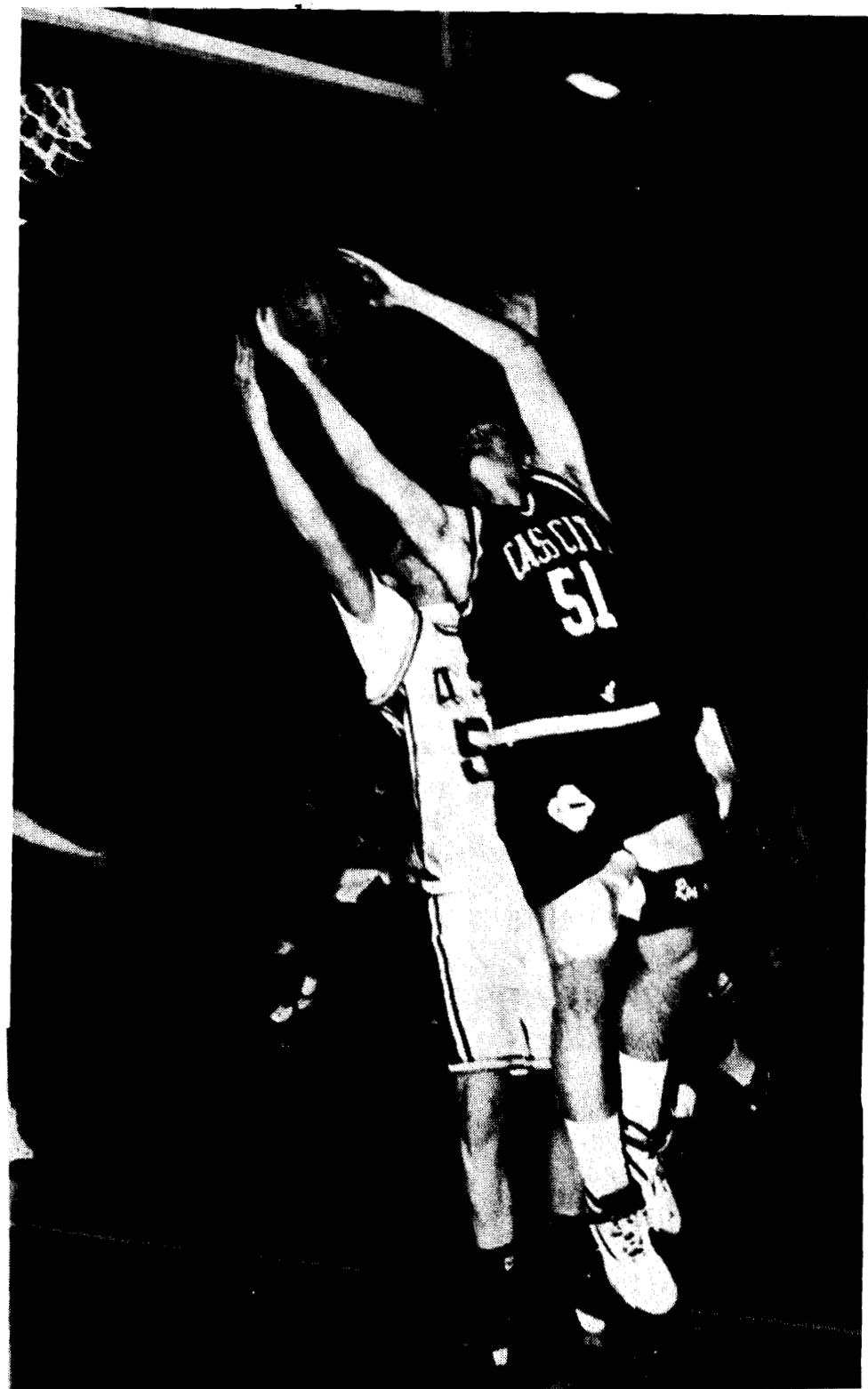
The game marked the end of the high school careers of 6 seniors: Sherman, Chad Zawilinski, Jeff Little, Ulfig, Bob Gengler and B. J. Mearns.

CASS CITY - Scott Wallace 3-1 (1-2) 10; Dan Sherman 3-0 (0-0) 6; Chad Diegel 0-1 (0-0) 3; Corey Ulfig 1-1 (7-10) 12; Chad Zawilinski 2-1 (3-7) 10; Bob Gengler 2-0 (5-6) 9.

TOTALS - 11-4 (16-25) 50.

LAKERS - Brian Shaw 1-1 (0-0) 5; Nate Gotts 1-0 (0-0) 2; Seth Maust 2-0 (1-2) 5; Eric Gardy 7-0 (1-6) 15; Jeremy Brakenberry 4-0 (0-0) 8; Pete Beachy 11-0 (6-6) 28; Brian Koehler 1-0 (0-0) 2; Tim Russell 1-0 (0-0) 2.

TOTALS - 28-1 (8-14) 67.



BOB GENGLER WORKED inside the USA defense for 2 points. The senior center played probably his best 2 games of the season in the district tournament.

Hawks cop 3-point shoot out over USA in opener

The Cass City Red Hawks moved into the district finals Tuesday by defeating USA on its home floor in a battle in which 3-point shots fell like leaves from trees during a hurricane.

In the game which Cass City won 75-70, a total of 18 treys were scored, 10 by USA.

Leading the way was Eric Kelly who drained 8 of the 10-pointers including 3 in the last quarter that kept the Patriots in the game until the final whistle.

His shooting turned what looked like an easy win for

Cass City, with a 66-56 lead with 2:41 left in the game, to one where the Patriots trailed by one 3-pointer with 11 seconds left.

And the way Kelly was shooting any turnover may have been enough to send the game into overtime. To move his team to within 3 points, Kelly's third trey of the last 2 minutes was a hail Mary, off-balance heave that caught nothing but net.

It took some fine foul shooting to preserve the Hawk win. In the final minute and a half Chad Zawilinski made 2 for 2, Scott Wallace con-

verted 3 of 4 and Bob Gengler was 2 for 2.

When the game started it didn't appear as if it would be the scoring derby that it turned out to be. Neither team was shooting with accuracy in the first period. The Hawks failed to connect with one outside shot in the first 8 minutes. It took a shot at the buzzer by Gengler to cut USA's lead to a single point going into the second period.

The Hawks played the second quarter without Corey Ulfig, who was benched with 2 fouls, but still managed to tie the game at the half.

Credit for the surge goes to Wallace off the bench who ignited the offense with 3 treys on his way to 12 points in the second quarter.

Wallace continued his 3-point barrage in the third quarter with 2 more and he was joined by Zawilinski who notched a pair of the long distance bombs. Using that fire power Cass City edged ahead to stay, 48-46, with a little over a minute left in the quarter.

The lead grew to 10 points and as already described the Hawks held on for the win. Cass City shot well, especially from 3-point range. The team was 9 of 16 from outside the arc for 57 percent and 12 of 26 for 47 percent from the paint.

Dan Sherman continued his fine play of the last 2 games with 5 assists and 2 steals. Ulfig was a force on the boards, despite sitting out, with 6 defensive and one offensive rebound.

Wallace led all scorers with 27 points with Gengler, 15, and Zawilinski, 14, also in double figures.

CC - USA

CASS CITY - Dave Murphy 1-0 (0-0) 2; Scott Wallace 3-5 (6-8) 27; Dan Sherman 1-0 (3-4) 5; Chad Diegel 0-0 (3-4) 3; Corey Ulfig 2-0 (5-9) 9; Chad Zawilinski 0-4 (2-3) 14; Bob Gengler 5-0 (5-5) 15.

TOTALS - 12-9 (24-35) 75.

USA - Shawn Gremel 0-0 (2-2) 2; Eric Kelly 1-8 (0-0) 26; Dan Sweetman 1-0 (0-0) 2; Jim Androl 1-1 (0-0) 5; Shawn Gainforth 7-1 (4-5) 21; Charles Arnold 1-0 (0-0) 2; Rob Arnold 4-0 (0-0) 8; Brian Nieschulz 1-0 (2-2) 4.

TOTALS - 16-10 (8-9) 70.

Upstarts do it again to pros

What are you going to do? They did it to us again. The Old Pros bit the dust to the Upstarts for the second year in a row. Before that we did all right (we made no predictions).

The results confirm it. There needs to be a change.

The best solution I can think of just won't work. What would people say if we kicked Gary Robinson, Doug Hyatt and Jim Hillaker off the team.

And don't think for a minute that we will be fol-







lowing the suggestion of Tom Montgomery. The Haires aren't leaving.

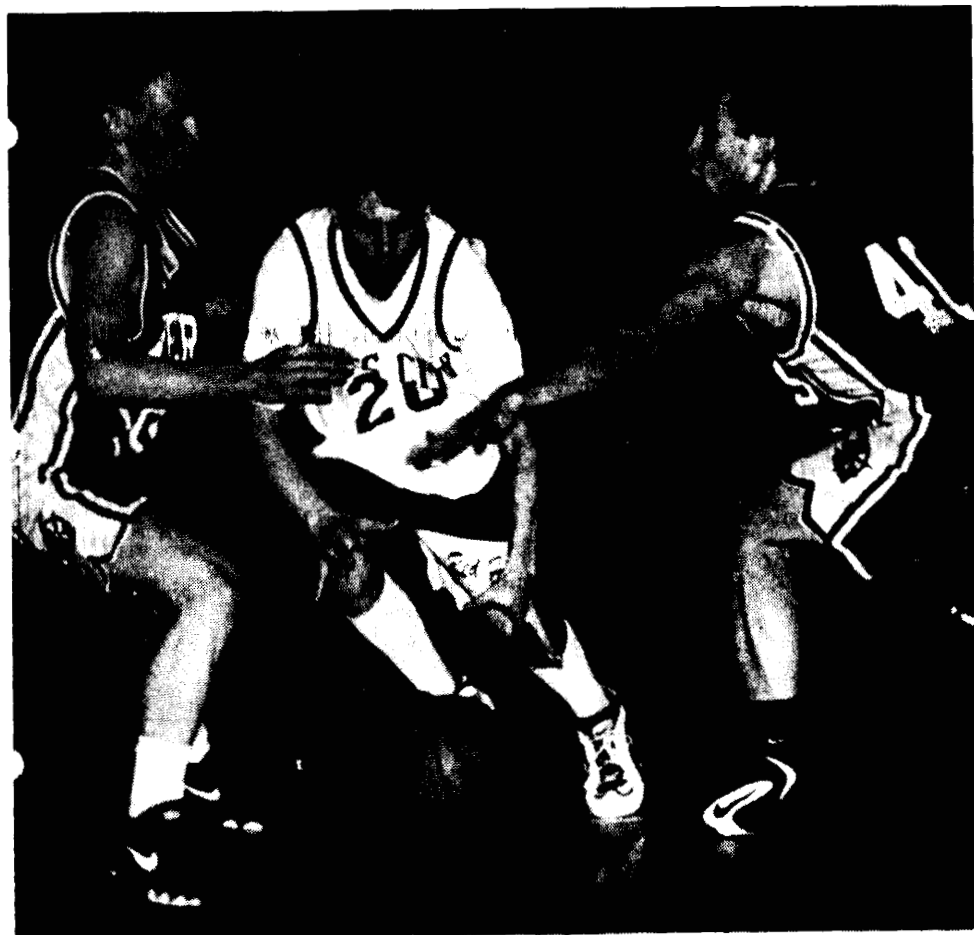
The first year when we were also rans, we figured it was just one of those things. A freak of nature and water will eventually seek its level.

It wasn't nice for Hyatt to say that's true and it has. Just because he led the pack.

Given the results, there might (sigh) be merit in his suggestion that it should be the Has Beens or maybe the Never Wases against the Upstart Champions.

Six Swift Sports Seers

						
	John Haire	Clarke Haire	Tom Montgomery	Doug Hyatt	Gary Robinson	Jim Hillaker
FINAL SEASON STATS						
Last Week's Totals	13-2	10-5	15-0	12-3	15-0	13-2
Season Totals	149-45	138-56	156-38	157-37	154-40	150-44
Season Percentages	77%	71%	80%	81%	79%	77%
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SCOTT WALLACE DROVE between a pair of Lakers for 2 points in the district final game at USA.



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SAT., MARCH 30**

1 p.m.

NORMA WALLACE
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ANNUAL MEETING
FOR

Ellington Township

Tuscola County

At

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SAT., MARCH 30

1 p.m.

DUANE LOCKWOOD
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ANNUAL MEETING
FOR

Evergreen Township

Sanilac County

At

Township Hall

SAT., MARCH 30

1 p.m.

ARTHUR SEVERANCE
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NOTICE

ANNUAL MEETING
FOR

Greenleaf Township

Sanilac County

At

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SAT., MARCH 30

1 p.m.

CLARE BROWN
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Tuscola County

At

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SAT., MARCH 30

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Cass City Bowling

TUSCOLA GET TOGETHERS March 5

Charmont Motel 37
Cass City Sports 34
Miller Eggs 30
Kritzman's 29
Board Pro Temp 27
Charmont 11

High Series & Games: P. McIntosh 737 (266-226-245), C. Anthes 635 (225), T. Comment 623 (241), T. Davis 610 (211-224), R. Bokinskie 598 (211), C. Comment 597 (22), J. Morell 596, F. Kapral 594 (238), K. Repshinska 586 (219), T. Potrykus 228, J. McIntosh 226, B. Potrykus 213, R. Kerkau 210.
High Team Series & Game: Miller Eggs 2950 (1004).

MERCHANTS March 6

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Charmont 11 1/2
Charmont Motel 11
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New England Life 9
Wickes 8
Independent Bank 6
Pro-Temp 5
Homesteaders 3

High Series & Games: M. Lutz 715 (246-243-226), M. Jackson 676 (247-226), D. Kirkbride 673 (236-223-214), K. Beachy 665 (268-214), T. Comment 646 (246-210), S. Hammett 630 (220-217), D. O'Dell 630 (236), J. Howard 629 (219-212), G. Robinson 627 (213), B. Anthes 626 (235), L. McCreedy 620 (236), L. Tomaszewski 616 (251), R. Lewis 609 (227-224), J. Smithson 607 (210), K. Kritzman 606 (212), G. Fessler 604 (213), J. Millett's 603 (212), R. Hull 601 (237), J. Johnston 599 (215-211), C. Kelley 593 (233), C. Anthes 589 (216), B. Kingsland 583, R. Byrnes 560 (215), L. Wenzlaff 554, T. Davis 223, P. Robinson 215, M. Bauerschmidt 212.
High Team Series & Game: Millett's Surveying 3090 (1082).

MERCHANETTE LEAGUE March 7

Thumb Auto Wash 17
Form You 3 16 1/2
Caro Chiropractic 16
Allen Home Care 15 1/2
Rolling Hills 14
Nel's Kitchen 12
Cass Tavern 11
The Village Diner 8
All Season Rental 7
Northwood Shores 3

High Actual Team Series & Game: Caro Chiropractic 1988 & 777.
500 Series: N. Wallace 581, D. Williams 558, J. Morell 557, J. LaRoche 528, L. Erla 516, W. Jensen 508, K. O'Dell 501.
200 Games: J. LaRoche 223, J. Morell 223, D. Williams 220, W. Jensen 206, J. Lapp 200, N. Wallace 200.

THURSDAY NITE TRIO March 7

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IGA 8
Kilbourn Service 8
Mycogen Plant Science 7
Backroads DJ Service 5

High Team Series: Marlette Oil & Gas 1844.
High Team Game: IGA 687.
High Series & Games: W. Guinther 655 (242-225), J. Langenburg 639 (223-221), E. Champagne 639 (237), K. Repshinska 637 (211-221), R. Pringle 636 (225-223), D. Beecher 631 (266), G. Robinson 629 (221-234), D. Dickinson 613 (247), Duane O'Dell 604 (223), W. Northon 603 (258), G. Smith 599 (227-212), K. Martin 591 (220), D. Heleski 583 (210), J. Morell 582 (231), Doug O'Dell 582, K. Kilbourn 581 (236), P. Regnerus 223, D. Schultz 259, D. Doerr 214, T. Babich 210.

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Wild John's 10
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Pizza Villa 7

High Team Series: Cable-ettes 3012.
High Team Game: Live Wires, Cable-ettes and Wild John's 1040.

High Series: E. Romain 501, B. Kilbourn 489, M. Horne 480, J. Stevens 480, B. Vollmar 470, J. Yost 486, C. Hill 497.

High Games: J. Stevens 181, V. Patera 195, P. Rienas 179, B. Vollmar 176, S. Bock 179, J. Yost 178, D. Wilson 175, M. Haley 178, J. Stevens 174, P. Beecher 173, D. Sweeney 173, E. Romain 170, D. Williams 170, M. Horne 179, C. Hill 179.

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Employee of the Month
Sandy Osentoski

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Sandy eagerly does extra duties and for the last few years, has come in an hour before the start of her shift - just so she can do extra things for the residents. Her attendance and punctuality are very good and she is willing to assist where she is needed. Sandy is a great asset to Tendercare Cass City! Thank you, Sandy, for going the extra mile for our residents.



Resident of the Month
Clementine McQuiston

Clementine has always been a great motivator. She has succeeded in getting passive, room-bound residents to come out to socialize. She has been active in the resident council and a resident volunteer for years. There are many residents who look forward to the talks and open ears of Clem. Clementine has recently left the facility to live in an AFC home. Although she no longer lives here, she still volunteers weekly. Good Luck, Clem, with your future plans!!

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Lautner new administrator

Susan Lautner, RN, of Cass City, has been appointed administrator in charge of Cass City operations for Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice (formerly Allen Health Care) effective Feb. 19.

Lautner has been a nursing supervisor at the Cass City office for the past 2 years and comes to this position with a wealth of background experience.

She is a graduate of University of Detroit-Mercy in 1987, where she obtained an associate degree in nursing. The varied curriculum allowed her to participate in clinical exercises throughout the metropolitan area at Sinai Hospital of Detroit, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Pontiac and William Beaumont Hospital of Royal Oak.

During her attendance at U of D-Mercy, she worked part-time as a nurse extern for North Oakland Medical Center in Pontiac, and accepted a position as a staff RN upon graduation. While employed at NOMC, her duties included work on oncology, rehabilitation and medical - surgical units. Lautner is presently attending Saginaw Valley State University pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

They have 2 children, Cameron, 6, and Kelli, 4.



Susan Lautner, RN

LWML Day of Prayer March 18

Fourteen members were present when the Ladies Aid of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church met Monday, March 4. A video entitled "Excess Baggage" was shown by the Christian Growth Committee. This video was based on a drama that was performed at the Lutheran Women's Missionary League International Convention in Kansas City in June of 1995.

Changes in the Ladies Aid bylaws were discussed and the revised bylaws were

passed. It was announced that the LWML Day of Prayer is slated for 7 p.m. Monday, March 18, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bad Axe. A soup supper will precede the service at 6 p.m. The zone board meeting will be at 5 p.m. that day, also at Our Savior.

Sue Meyer led a closing devotion about how faith is refined by trials. Refreshments were served by hostesses Sue Meyer and Connie McNaughton.

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2. Albee's Pizza Fold
3. 2 pc. Chicken, Potato Wedges & Salad

Wednesday
1. Chicken Pastie, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy & Salad
2. 2 pc. Chicken, Potato Wedges & Salad

Thursday
1. Hamburger (Reg. \$1.69, Cheese \$1.89, Deluxe \$1.99)
2. 2 pc. Chicken, Potato Wedges & Salad

Friday
1. 2 pc. B.B.Q. Ribs, Potato Wedges & Salad
2. 2 pc. Fish (Cod), Potato Wedges & Salad
3. 2 pc. Chicken, Potato Wedges & Salad

Saturday
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Holbrook Area News

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Mrs. Danny Schultz, Shannon, Sabrina and Samantha of Canton spent from Thursday evening through Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Osentoski spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cleland and family at Walled Lake.

Mrs. Larry Glaza and Amy were Wednesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Glaza.

Ellen and Mike Moorman, Betty and Bryce Hagen, Sharlene and Dennis Hagen and Keith, Clint and Brad had lunch at the Pretzel Bell in East Lansing Sunday.

Mrs. Gordon Farrelly was a Wednesday forenoon guest and Mrs. Mark Farrelly was a Friday afternoon guest of Allen Farrelly.

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

Jennie Klinefelt of East China Township and John Walker visited Mr. and Mrs. Hal Conkey at Caseville and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Meske at Port Hope Saturday.

Nine members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at

Stephanos in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at the same place next Thursday.

Allen Farrelly was a Thursday afternoon guest of Laura Kulish.

Jim Hewitt and granddaughter, Shannon, Sabrina and Samantha Schultz were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Corbishley, Charles and Christopher at the spaghetti supper sponsored by the Bad Axe Rotary Club at the new Bad Axe High School.

Amy Glaza, who attends Madonna College in Detroit, is spending a week's spring break with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Glaza.

Wally and Sonya Hagen, Betty and Bryce Hagen, Myrtle and Fred Hagen, Jeanette and Eric Hagen, Ellen and Mike Moorman, Mary and Ben Maurer, Dennis and Sharlene Hagen, Brad, Clint and Keith Hagen attended the Saturday wedding of Lori Werner and Michael Scott Hagen, son of Clare Hagen and Jan Hagen, at the Arbor Grove Congregational Church in Jackson.

A reception followed at the Common Wealth Commerce

Center in Jackson.

Jerry Cleland visited Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming Wednesday evening. Bobbi and Cheryl Allen spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Allen Farrelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt were Monday business callers in Bay City.

Pair honored by Reading Council

The Thumb Area Reading Council recently honored 2 Thumb educators, including one from Cass City, for their efforts in promoting literacy.

The Celebrate Literacy Award, sponsored by the International Reading Association, was awarded to Nesa Johnson, a special education teacher at Cass City Middle School, and Dianne Yackie, a first grade teacher at Caseville School.

Both were nominated by peers from their school districts, and were picked from several nominations submitted.

Register by Friday for Leathercraft Skills Day

There will be a Leathercraft Skills Day Saturday, March 23, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the MSU Extension office, 362 Green Street in Caro. This program is open to both youths and adults. Youths must be at least 12 years old.

To pre-register, send \$5 payable to MSUE, for materials along with name, address and phone number by March 15.

The program will be limited to 24 people. A waiting list will be taken and a second class could be arranged.

Participants will be learning to do basic leather tooling on a couple of different projects and learn to lace on either a comb case or a change purse, after they are tooled and stained.

There will be demonstrations on different types of tooling and staining plus samples to look at and questions answered.

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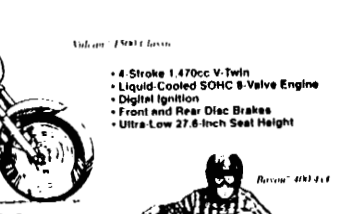
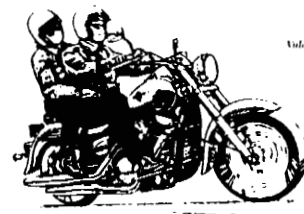
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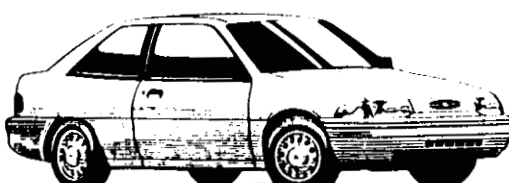
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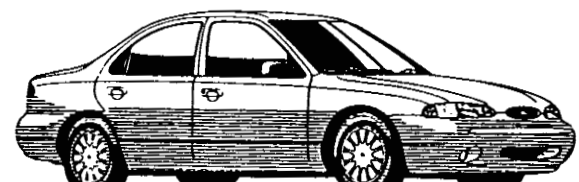
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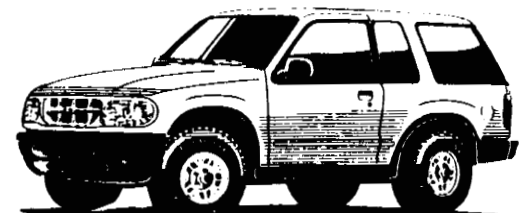
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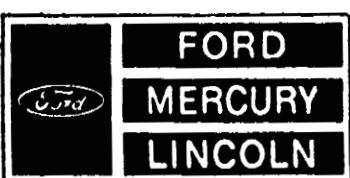
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Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, March 13

Order of Eastern Star regular meeting, 8 p.m. at Masonic Temple, Cass City.
Cass City schools art display continues through March 16 at Rawson Memorial Library during regular library hours.

Friday, March 15

Senior Citizen movies, 1:30 p.m. at Rawson Memorial Library.
Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 16

Sanilac County Democratic Presidential Caucus, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Liberty Lanes Conference Room, 100 Kristian Drive, Sandusky, Michigan.

Monday, March 18

Cass City Area Historical Society meeting, 7 p.m. at Rawson Memorial Library.
The Thumb Zone "Day of Prayer" and board meeting at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bad Axe. Everyone is invited to the soup supper from 6 - 7 p.m. (free will offering), followed by the service at 7 p.m. The board will meet at 5 p.m. Child care will be available.

Tuesday, March 19

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

Wednesday, March 20

Cass City Chamber Board meeting postponed from March 13 to 20, 7 a.m. at McDonald's.
Duplicate Bridge 7 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome.
The regular Sanilac County Democratic Meeting, 6:00 p.m. at Liberty Lanes Conference Room, 100 Kristian Drive, Sandusky, Michigan

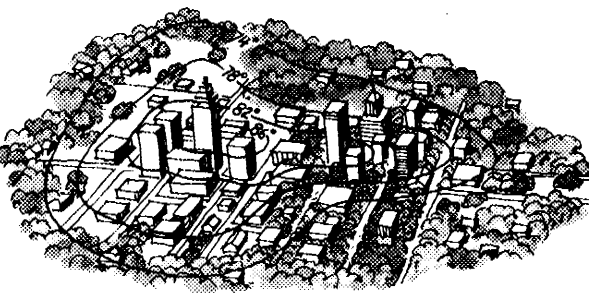
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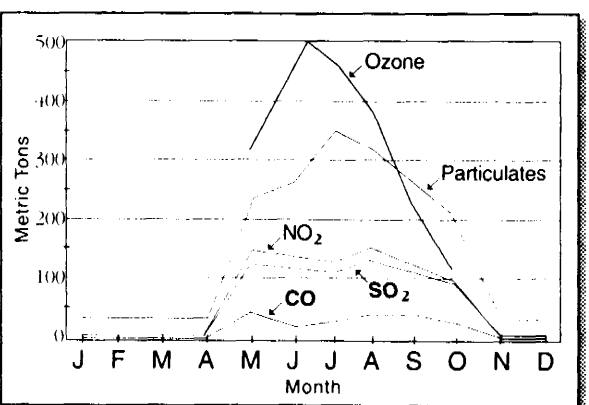
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IT WAS STANDING room only Monday night in the Owendale High School library, where dozens of district residents and students attended the Owen-Gage School Board's monthly meeting to protest a new closed campus policy.

Few races

Village election roundup

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board. Smigielski received 136 votes and Haist, 134 votes.

A total of 175 residents — about 40 percent of the village's registered voters — cast ballots.

In other area villages elec-

tions:

CASS CITY

All Cass City Village incumbents ran unopposed.

Reelected to 2-year terms were village President L.E. Althaver (67 votes), Clerk-Treasurer Joyce A. LaRoche (69 votes for clerk, 67 votes for treasurer) and Assessor Dan Erla (66 votes). Winning 4-year terms were trustees Sandra L. Haley (67 votes), Catherine Kropewnicki (67 votes) and Matthew Prieskorn (65 votes).

GAGETOWN

In Gagetown, Margaret R. Root, who was appointed last year to serve as clerk and treasurer, won election to both posts, receiving 40 votes for clerk and 33 votes

for treasurer. She ran unopposed.

Also elected without opposition were incumbent Trustee Tom Reehl, with 33 votes, and newcomers Valerie Downing and MaryAnn F. Tenczer, with 34 votes and 28 votes, respectively. All the offices are elected to 4-year terms.

OWENDALE

All Owendale Village incumbents ran unopposed and were reelected to 2-year terms.

They are village President Walter Howard (26 votes), Clerk Randy Howard (25 votes) Treasurer Lois Blondell (26 votes) Assessor Katherine Ricker (26 votes), and trustees Martin Blondell (26 votes), Robert Ricker (26 votes) and Richard Glidden (24 votes).

O-G board president, superintendent clash

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viously worked for the district.

Brinkman emphatically denied making any such statement and demanded to know if Thies had, in fact, made the statement.

Thies said he couldn't recall making the statement referred to by Brinkman.

Brinkman also questioned high school Principal Joanne Hopper, who during the hiring process had asked the school board to fill the post.

Hopper stated Walter Swiastyn indicated to her that if Kay wasn't hired, he would be upset.

Swiastyn denied making that statement, although he acknowledged that he did say he would not vote in favor of hiring Winchester, and that he believes Hopper should have made a recommendation as she has in the hiring of other employees.

At one point, Thies asked the board if it wanted to overturn a motion made earlier in the evening extending his (Thies') contract.

Brinkman said "no", added he believes Thies is doing a good job, but that he wanted to get to the bottom of the rumors being spread.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday, the board:

•Voted to extend Thies' contract by one year, with his salary to be set at a future date.

•Approved hiring Paula Berry as the new band director and junior high English teacher, and Beth Anthes, R.N., as the new school nurse.

•Adopted a state-mandated policy regarding use of district-owned credit cards.

•Formally congratulated the varsity volleyball team which, for the second consecutive year, has qualified to compete in the state finals. Saturday's victory marked Coach Judy Campbell's 500th win, and the school will be sending the team off Friday with a pep assembly at 8:30 a.m.

Also recognized were the junior varsity and varsity basketball teams and the junior varsity volleyball team.

•Approved holding classes for a half-day only on Friday to allow students to attend the state volleyball tournament. It was noted the decision will not affect the district's ability to meet the required number of instruction hours for the current school year.

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•Noted the district's insurance company has suggested that school officials decline a resident's offer to donate an old tractor to be used as playground equipment.

•Approved the nomination of Jason Wildman as "student of the month" for March.

•Recognized students who have exemplified the March Adult Role Focus of being "technology users." They are Cory Fritz, Jeremy Sprague, Karen Kretzschmer, Steve Kosma, Lisa Warack and Joe Tkacz.

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Down Memory Lane

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5 YEARS AGO

For the past 5 months or so, Dennis Long, 42, of Deford, has spent 12 to 15 hours a week at Campbell Elementary School, volunteering his time as an assistant to Chapter I reading specialist Cathy Cooper, before returning home and then, later, heading off to his second shift job at Michigan Sugar Company's Caro plant.

Cass City High School remains in first place in a regional and state stock market simulation after 2 weeks of competition. The first-place team is composed of Brad Gray, captain, Kent Winter and Jeff Jeung.

There is a new business in the Schneeberger building on Main Street, where Mike Krizman has purchased the repair service that he operated for Schneeberger's for 2 years.

Officials at Rawson Memorial Library are implementing an automatic circulation system and on-line catalogue. The computerized system, funded by a \$14,837

Library Service in Construction Act grant, will be used to check materials in and out and eventually will replace the library's card catalogue.

Renee LeCureux and Paul Krumenacker have been named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of Ubyly High School's Class of 1991.

10 YEARS AGO

Cass City native and veteran astronaut, Lt. Col. Brewster Shaw Jr., has been appointed to the staff of the commission which is charged with investigating the January crash of the space shuttle Challenger.

Nelson Willy, who has worked at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Cass City for 32 years, will retire May 22. He has been at the plant since April 3, 1954.

The prospective Lake Huron Chapter of the Sweet Adelines has just received word that they have passed the chapter's musical evaluation, which puts them one

step closer to becoming an official Sweet Adeline Chapter, a non-profit organization of women who sing 4-part barbershop harmony. Kathy Sullivan and Carol Beitz of Gagetown and Beverly Houghton and Lila Arroyo of Cass City are members of the group.

Cass City had a 9% voter turn-out for Monday's elections. Village president is Republican Larry L. Davis, lone candidate for the position. He received 65 votes. Also unopposed and elected as clerk and treasurer, was Republican Joyce LaRoche, with 67 and 68 votes, respectively, and assessor is Republican David Erla with 66 votes.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stilson and Mr. and Mrs. B.A. Calka returned home Sunday. They left Feb. 15 for Florida and spent most of the time at Tarpon Springs and Orlando.

25 YEARS AGO

There will be a delay of 60 days or more before the first liquor by the glass is served legally over a bar in Cass City after voters approved the sale by a narrow 13-vote margin, 189-176. Clearance from the liquor control commission and unsnarling other red tape will probably take at least 60 days and perhaps more, said Jay Lee Smith of Jack's Bar.

Headstart, the Federally funded program administered by the Office of Eco-

nomie Opportunity in Caro for children of low income families, was given the boot by the Cass City School Board Monday. The program has caused confusion, dissension and dissatisfaction since it first moved into the Willis Campbell Elementary School last fall.

All workers at Walbro Corporation agreed to be on the picket line for the start of a strike at the plant Wednesday morning.

The season's worst snowstorm started Saturday night and closed schools for 2 days.

Mrs. Gladys Fort, Mrs. Zella Vyse, Mrs. Hazel Rusch and Mrs. Herman Hildinger arrived home Sunday evening from a 2-week trip to Hawaii.

35 YEARS AGO

Gerald Prieskorn was named president of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night. Other officers named include: Clinton Law, vice-president; C.M. Wallace, secretary, and Dick Erla, treasurer.

The Cass City School Board Monday night approved annexation of the Deford Community School district to Cass City and passed a resolution to this effect, which has been sent to the State Board of Education for approval.

Tim Anthes of Cass City was named to the All-Conference Thumb B basketball team. Gary Hutchinson of Cass City was on the honorable mention list.

Michael Jones, Cass City senior at Central Michigan University, shares the dual distinction of being student body president and holding the highest student rank in the CMU ROTC program. Jones is a Cadet Lt. Col. and Battle Group Commander in the Army ROTC training program, the highest student rank now held at Central.

Mrs. Donald Wiswell of Snover was injured Tuesday morning when the car she was driving collided with the rear of the village grader on East Main Street in Cass City. She was taken to Hills and Dales Hospital, where she was treated for a fractured right rib, pulled cartilages, laceration of the right knee and bruises on the chest.

Circuit court criminal cases

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

•Roger D. Broadworth Jr., 25, Caro, was found guilty of domestic violence, but innocent of third degree criminal sexual conduct involving force or coercion, assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct and larceny of \$115 in cash.

The charges all stem from a Nov. 19 incident in Indianfields Township, according to court records.

A jury announced the verdicts last Wednesday following a 3-day trial and more than 4 hours of deliberations.

Broadworth was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail

and ordered to pay \$200 in court costs and fines and a \$30 victim crime fee. His bond was ordered applied towards costs and fines.

•Stephanie L. Ratliff, 21, Millington, was sentenced to 3 years probation and 180 days in jail (deferred to the end of probation) for her plea of guilty to receiving and concealing stolen property (a safe and/or \$8,000 in cash) over \$100 Sept. 29 in Millington Township.

Ratliff was also ordered to pay \$200 in costs and fines plus \$120 in oversight fees and a \$40 victim crime fee. Restitution is to be determined.

•Tharon R. Wright, 43, Clio, was ordered to pay

\$822.50 in attorneys fees within 30 days or serve 90 days in jail for a plea of no contest to altering or forging a registration plate Feb. 28, 1994, in Vassar.

•Marshall C. Deline III, 25, Vassar, pleaded guilty to probation violation — failure to

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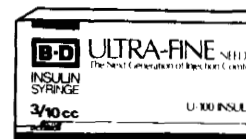
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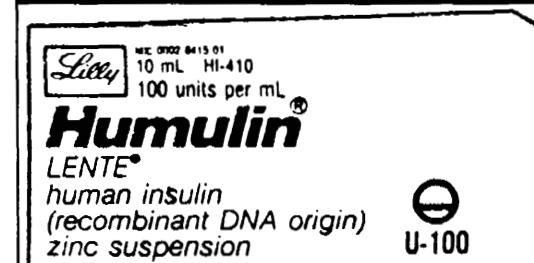
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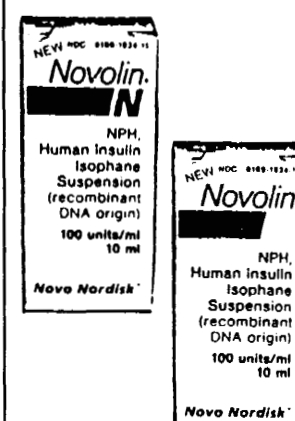
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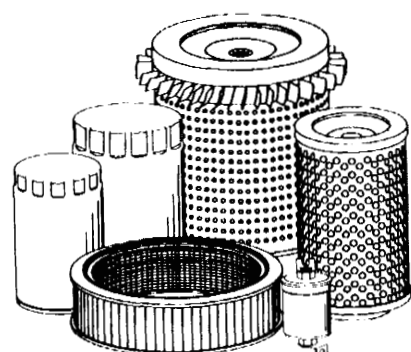
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Good news, bad news

DDA mulls downtown

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they'll work with you."

Althaver agreed with both Herron and Board, and suggested DDA members start by talking to the building owners and conveying a desire to improve the downtown business district.

ENCOURAGEMENT

Along the same line, the board discussed ways to encourage other downtown building owners to spruce up their buildings.

Village Manager Lou S. LaPonsie stated the village can't offer tax abatements or incentives to non-manufacturing businesses, but the DDA could offer incentives.

It was also noted the DDA could establish minimum building standards.

"I think the DDA can carry a lot of weight because that was what it was established to do," LaPonsie said.

Board suggested the DDA approach local banks about the possibility of offering some sort of low cost loan program.

The village should also determine if it wants to make a community investment to DDA projects through General Fund appropriations, Althaver said. However, he emphasized that while the DDA is absolutely committed to improving the downtown and needs the cooperation of property owners, the DDA is not in a position to put a lot of public money into private business.

Board offered to draft a brief survey asking property

owners about their plans.

"That makes sense. I think it is a good start," Althaver commented, adding some "peer" pressure may be an effective tool in encouraging some business owners to follow the examples set by the owners of Special Scents, Buds & Blossoms, Healthmart and Coachlight Pharmacy, who have all improved their storefronts.

In many cases, Herron said, a fresh coat of paint would make a big difference.

The toughest question, Althaver said, is what to do about problems associated with rental units in some of the downtown buildings.

Years ago, they were an integral part of the businesses, with many owners using sec-

ond floor apartments as living quarters.

Today, however, some buildings are being utilized primarily as a source of rent income. Some owners are failing to provide trash pick-up for their tenants, some apartments are poorly maintained, and there are behavioral problems among some tenants.

Board members acknowledged the problems, but noted some property owners depend on rent payments to make ends meet. At the same time, it was agreed some standards must be set and enforced.

Again, it was agreed the best way to proceed is to make personal contacts with building owners.

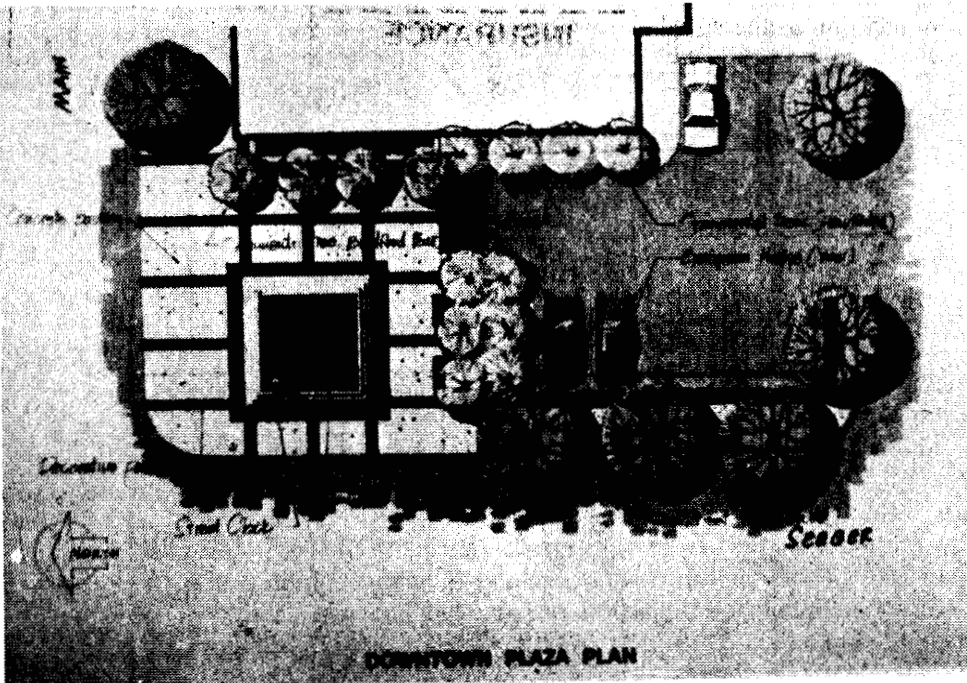
At the same time, the board will investigate what can be done legally in situations involving health and safety violations.



DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS and problems with second floor apartment rentals were among the issues discussed last week by the Cass City DDA Board. Pictured above, clockwise from left, are Linda Gaymer, Sharon Kraft, Barb Merchant, village Manager Lou S. LaPonsie, village President L.E. Althaver, Roger Board, Tom Herron and village council trustee Matt Prieskorn.



AMONG THE positive items discussed during last week's re-organizational DDA meeting were proposals for a "tot lot" park behind the municipal building (above) and development of a downtown plaza at the corner of Main and Seeger streets (below).



Tech center partners with building contractors

Tuscola Technology Center has entered into a new partnership with the National Center for Construction, the Associated Builders and Contractors, and construction contractors throughout the county to offer students new opportunities in the world of construction.

Local contractors recognize a critical shortage of skilled construction workers and have taken the professional initiative to develop the workforce of tomorrow by joining efforts with career technical education. Through the new partnership, Tuscola Technology Center will be offering standardized construction apprenticeship training to Tuscola County high school students and adult evening students.

The key to this dynamic new program is a nationally standardized curriculum known as the Wheels of

Learning, which was created and is annually updated by the National Center for Construction Education and Research. Students complete all course work for the first level of apprenticeship training during high school. This includes the basic skills required to become employed in various fields of construction.

"Upon graduation the student will have the first level of apprenticeship completed, making them more saleable to the contractor," says Hank Mai, Construction Technology Teacher at TTC.

As a first year construction technology student at Tuscola Technology Center, a student will receive hands-on instruction in many different facets of construction.

Through summer employment and co-operative instruction programs arranged with local contractors, all documented hours of instruction and hands-on experience will be applied to the full apprenticeship program. This enables students to reach journeyman status at an accelerated rate while making the connection of school to work as early as the junior year.

Tuscola Technology Center will begin offering the Carpentry I phase of the Wheels of Learning curriculum this fall. Based on individual interest, students will branch into areas of specialty upon completion of Carpentry I. Specialty areas include plumbing, electrical, sheet metal, etc.

Police arrest woman

A Cass City woman was arrested last week allegedly for being disorderly while intoxicated.

Cass City police arrested Rhonda K. Logan, 24, Cass City, March 5 at about 2:55 a.m.

A village officer had given Logan a ride home from the hospital, according to reports, which state she did not require medical attention but was intoxicated. Upon arrival at her apartment, Logan was told to go inside and stay there for the night.

Police said Logan refused to exit the patrol car. She eventually did get out, but refused to go inside, and began yelling and using foul language.

She was handcuffed and placed in the patrol car after pushing the officer. Reports state the officer sprayed her twice with a chemical irritant to stop her from kicking the car's door and window.

Maple syrup season

It won't be long before maple syrup season starts in Michigan. People have been collecting the sweet, clear liquid from maple trees for centuries, but no one knows for sure why sap flows out of the trees. The best theory is that below-freezing temperatures cause sap to freeze and make gases in the wood just under the bark squeeze together. This leaves room for more water, which is absorbed from the ground and into the tree by suction. The extra water then mixes with the sap already in the tree. When warm weather returns and the sap melts, there is too much water in the tree and people can drain it out to make syrup.

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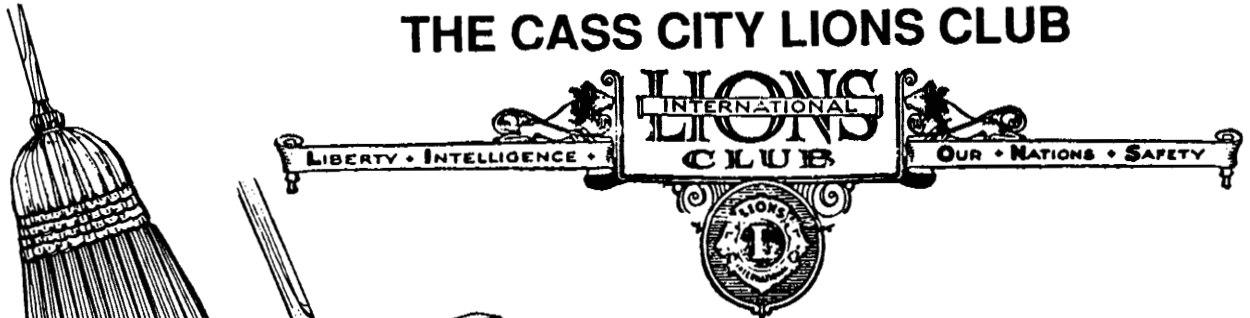
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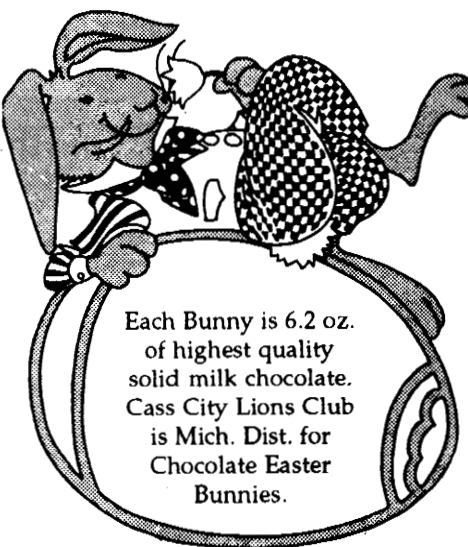
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Obituaries

Jean Ahrens

Jean Marie Ahrens, 87, of Cass City, formerly of Grass Lake, died Tuesday, March 5, in her daughter's home after a short illness.

She was born Dec. 6, 1908 in Chicago, IL, to Thomas and Josephine (Hebda) Kula. She married John Ahrens Sept. 15, 1935 in Chicago. The family moved to a Grass Lake farm in 1944. Mr. Ahrens died April 12, 1983.

Mrs. Ahrens worked for Michigan Employment Security Commission in Jackson for over 20 years as an Assistant Branch Manager. She was a member of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Michigan Center. Her son Tommy was killed in April 1961 in a tractor accident. Mr. and Mrs. Ahrens donated the land for Ahrens Park in Tommy's memory. Mrs. Ahrens helped in the Norvell Township offices for several years.

She is survived by a son, Robert (Gladys) Ahrens of Bloomfield Hills, and a daughter, Dorothy "Dotty" (Dr. Edward) Scollon of Cass City; grandchildren, Bradley Ahrens, Teresa Scollon, John Scollon, Susan (Dan Cornette) Scollon, Katy (Tom) Masar, Michael Scollon; great-grandson, Trenton Masar, foster daughter, Mary Alice (Clyde) Runyan; foster grandchildren, Cheryl Runyan, Kevin (Roxanne) Runyan, Deborah (Jeffrey) Helm, Anthony (Lisa) Runyan; foster great-grandson, Collin Helm; sisters, Estelle (Chester) Zank of Crystal Lake, IL, Mona Grady of Evanston, IL, Irene (Clyde) Alho of Mt. Prospect, IL; brothers, Henry Kula of Niles, IL, Bernard (Stella) Kula of Arlington Heights, IL; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Thomas; brothers, Peter and Ted Kula, and a sister, Louise Balling.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 9, in Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Michigan Center, with the Rev. Andrew J. Dunne officiating.

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Michael and Marcia Follman Jr. of Valparaiso, IN, Harold D. and Jeanne Follman of Unionville; 8 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Eva and Roger Wilcox of Grand Blanc, Helen Ash of Riverside, CA; 3 brothers, Carl Tullius of Westlans, Jacob Tullius of Killeen, Texas, and Peter Tullius of Taylor, and several nieces and nephews.

Two sisters, Susan Margaret Gayk, and Susan Tullius; 5 brothers, infants, Henry, Adam and Joseph Tullius and Peter and Alfred Tullius preceded her in death.

The Mass of Christian burial took place Thursday, March 7, at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Sebawaing with Fr. George Serour officiating.

Burial was in Grant Township Cemetery in Gagetown.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Holy Family Catholic Church, Rawson Library Memorial Fund or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were made by the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebawaing.

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Parts, Kowbel had worked as an auto parts salesman for over 20 years. As an extension of the First Baptist Church of Cass City, he and his family were part of the core group which began Calvary Baptist Church in Bad Axe. He was a former member of First Baptist Church of Cass City and a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Bad Axe, where he served as a deacon.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn; a son, Stephen Kowbel and his wife Stephanie of Britt, Iowa; a daughter, Stephanie Hawkins and her husband Gordon of Atlantic, Iowa; 3 grandchildren, Micaela and Micah Kowbel and Joshua Hawkins; mother, Louise Magnusson of Muskegon; 3 sisters, Janice Leonard and her husband David of Marlette, Judy Steffen and her husband Donald of Overland Park, Kans., and Jackie Macdonald of Muskegon; a brother, Garry Miller and his wife Barb of Charlevoix, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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SPEED RACERS — Members of Cass City Cub Scout Pack 3594 and the Tiger Cubs held their annual Pinewood Derby Saturday at Cass City Middle School. The races pit homemade 5-ounce pine race cars against each other on a specially made track.

Winners announced

Local Cub Scouts hold annual Pinewood Derby

The boys and families of Cass City Cub Scout Pack 3594 and the Tiger Cubs held their Pinewood Derby Saturday at Cass City Middle School.

Everyone enjoyed the annual event that is looked forward to by all Cub Scout packs throughout the nation.

The Pinewood Derby fosters a united effort by a boy and his family in building a 5-ounce pine race car and actually racing it against others on a special track.

The Pinewood Derby began with normal pack business and the recognition of various accomplishments.

The following Cub Scouts earned their Bear Badges: Steve Steely, Scott Duquesnay, Andrew Whitaker, Michael Havens, John Guc, Dennis Thomas, Galen Ponder and Chad Keiser. Austin LaPorte earned gold and silver arrows, Brandon Lefler and Jeff Wills each earned one gold and 2 silver arrows, and Shane Posloszny earned a

gold arrow.

Following the awards the racing began with the Tiger Cubs dueling it out for the top spot. The 1996 champion was Cameron Lautner.

Immediately after the Tiger Cubs' races, the Pack races began. The best Wolf racer was Matthew Bock. Jay Lester was the top Bear racer, and Dustin Kipper was the fastest Webleo.

The fastest scouts in their respective groups then raced off against each other. The 1996 Cub Scout Pack 3594 Pinewood Derby Champion

honor went to Jay Lester.

In addition to the speed awards, some additional awards were also given out. Anthony Langlois received top honors for the best paint job. Galen Ponder collected the best design award, and Michael Havens garnered the "hard luck" award.

The pack recognized the effort of Don and Deb Ross, who coordinated this year's event, and Tom Lounsbury, who continued his years-long contribution of accurate car weighing.

Police seeking driver

Cass City police are looking for the driver of a gold-colored mid-size car that struck another vehicle Saturday and then left the scene.

The incident occurred at about 9:50 p.m. at the People's Choice Market, 6144 Main St.

According to reports, Patti A. Timmons of Owendale

returned to her black 1994 Pontiac Grand Am and was told by a witness that her car had been struck by a gold-colored vehicle with 2 teenage male occupants inside. The vehicle then left the scene, traveling east on Main Street.

No damage estimate was available.

New farm bill discussion focus

The new version of the farm bill recently approved by the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate will be discussed March 21 via satellite by agricultural economists from Michigan State University and Purdue University. The broadcast will be available for viewing from 9:45 a.m. until noon at the Tuscola County MSU Extension Office.

A taped viewing will be shown March 22 for individuals who cannot attend March 21. The viewing will be shown from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Tuscola County MSU Extension Office.

Because the new bill contains major changes in U.S. Department of Agriculture farm programs, the broadcast should be important to farmers, agribusiness managers, farm credit representatives, farm advisors, and landlords who rent farmland to growers, according to Sandra

Batie, holder of the Elton R. Smith Chair in Food and Agricultural Policy at MSU.

Batie says that the new farm bill, expected to be completed by the end of this month, contains "Freedom to Farm" provisions that replace all existing programs for corn, grain sorghum, wheat, cotton and rice.

Batie says the broadcast will also include discussions on the new farm bill provisions and the effect legislation will have on program payments and market prices, as well as the types of farm management problems that may arise under the new farm program.

People interested in attending the broadcast are requested to contact the Tuscola County MSU Extension office by calling 517-672-3870 to reserve a seat. Seating capacity is limited to the first 60 responding for each date.

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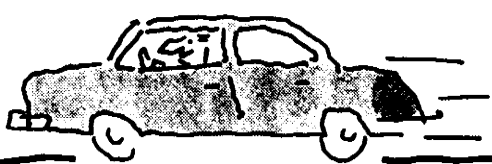
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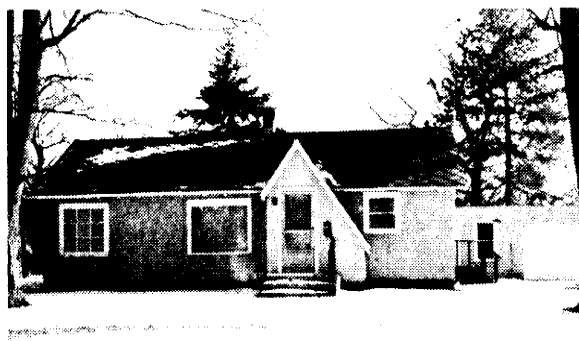
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Expect fewer pesticide choices

Growers can expect pesticide use restrictions to continue to tighten in spite of the fact that pesticide use in agriculture does not pose a large threat to either environmental or human health.

Larry Olsen, integrated pest management (IPM) coordinator at Michigan State University, expects further losses in available pesticides.

"Even with the current philosophy in Washington to deregulate, there will be ad-

ditional regulations and tightening of regulations to restrict the use of pesticides," he says. "The incentive is to preserve the environment and protect surface and groundwater resources."

The implication that pesticides pose a severe threat to citizens and the environment is not entirely true, however.

"There is some evidence of low levels of pesticides in drinking water and surface waters, and on occasion, af-

ter a major rainfall or spills, we can have some sources of drinking water that are above the maximum allowable levels of pesticide residues, but that is very rare," Olsen says.

"Even when pesticide contamination does occur, there is little cause for fear because those health risk levels are based on a lifetime exposure to the chemical not on short-term exposure, and they usually have a hundredfold safety factor."

To continue to control crop-damaging pests as effectively as possible, Olsen says grow-

ers must embrace IPM, blend biological control with synthetic chemical controls, apply pesticides only according to label, apply all chemicals in properly calibrated equipment, and whenever possible, use genetically engineered plants that resist pests.

Biological control and genetic engineering advances are slow in coming, however, and it may be a race between the loss of current pesticide

compounds and the arrival of alternative pest controls.

"As we lose more pesticides, there is more and more demand for alternatives to pesticides to control pests, but there are not nearly enough people researching alternatives, not nearly enough money to do the research to discover the alternatives, and not enough demonstrations to show and prove that they work," Olsen says.

"We are fighting not a losing battle but a battle in which we are not gaining very rapidly and where we have a tremendous amount of work to do."

To help spur IPM research and education, Olsen in-

ends, among other things, to create an electronic communication network to post information on IPM announcements, practices and activities, establish an electronic data base and printed directory of "Who's Who in Michigan IPM," survey growers on their IPM needs and experience, define and measure the level of IPM adoption by commodity groups and seek federal funding for IPM activities.

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Appeals court upholds Joslyn

The Michigan Court of Appeals has upheld Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge Patrick R. Joslyn in the matter of People of the State of Michigan vs. Gregory Lynn Campbell.

The defendant had appealed his conviction by a jury of breaking and entering and larceny in a building, stating he was denied his rights under the Fourth Amendment. But the appeals court held that the findings of fact made by Joslyn were correct with respect to the search and seizure of incriminating evi-

dence which was obtained after a consent search of the trunk of the motor vehicle in question by its owner.

Campbell was sentenced by Joslyn to serve 10 to 30 years in prison.

He also appealed his sentence to the Court of Appeals but the high court ruled that given defendant's criminal history and the nature of the burglary, the sentence imposed by Joslyn pursuant to defendant's fourth offender conviction was proportionate to the offense and the offender.

Soil nitrate-nitrogen tests important

Soil nitrate-nitrogen testing is an important tool in improving the efficient use of nitrogen fertilizer. When planned and carried out properly, soil nitrate-N testing can save you money and reduce the potential for water contamination from over-application.

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Secondly, do a good job of pulling the soil samples. Sample by soil types or unusual areas. Be thorough and accurate. Dry the sample down quickly or bring it into the soil test lab. Never leave the moist soil samples in a plastic bag in a warm area.

MSU Extension will be offering the Soil Nitrate-Nitrogen Laboratory again this year. The cost for analyzing the samples remains at \$3 per sample and the turn-around is less than 24 hours.

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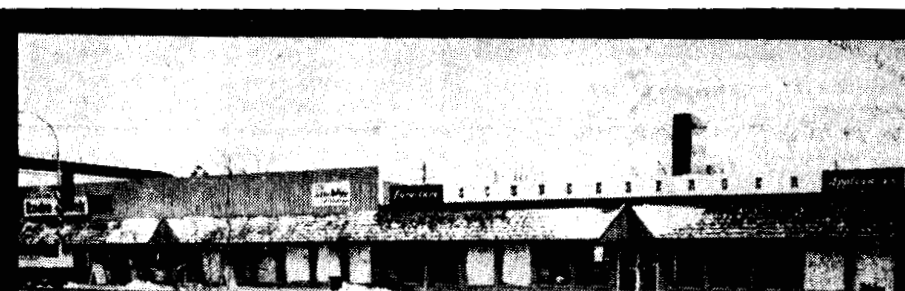
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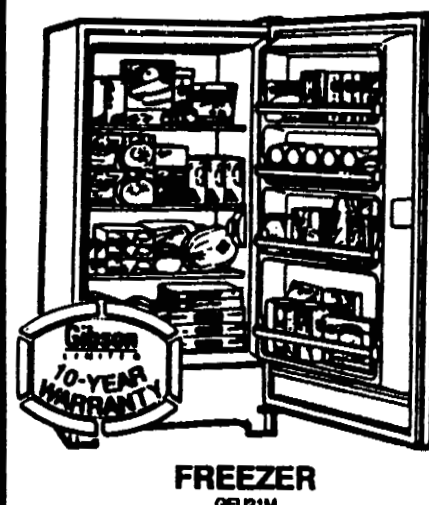
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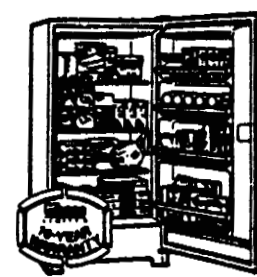
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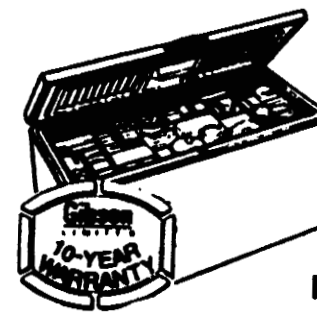


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