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ELKLAND TOWNSHIP Supervisor Dave Milligan (seated in front of window), pictured above at Saturday's annual township meeting, will be leaving office at the end of the year following a dozen years as supervisor.

Elkland supervisor Dave Milligan to end career

The annual Elkland Township meeting Saturday was perhaps the shortest in Dave Milligan's 12 years as township supervisor.

It was also his last annual meeting. After the 10-minute session, the Cass City area native quietly announced he won't be running for reelection when his term expires later this year.

"I've got family needs and business needs. Twelve years is enough," Milligan commented. "It's time for somebody else."

"I think I'll miss some of it. I've enjoyed working with a lot of people. I've had a good board to work with," he said, adding he's appreciated working with others who have served the township, such as fire fighters and members of the township's board of review and zoning

board.

"Those are tough jobs. Zoning board members get \$15 a meeting and the board of review is \$50 a day," Milligan continued. "We have a lot of people who are very civic minded in this community."

Milligan recalled his start in township politics, saying he ran for supervisor at the urging of former township supervisor and county commissioner Maynard McConkey.

"I had a lot of respect for Maynard, and I felt I had some interest in (township government)," Milligan said. "I don't regret it. It's been a learning experience."

Looking back, the lifelong farmer described the supervisor's post as a "job that's never done."

"It gets pretty time consuming. You could go to meet-

ings and conferences, and study and read about this job all the time if you wanted to."

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Even then, all the knowledge in the world doesn't prevent an occasional storm of controversy, and Milligan has seen his share in recent years.

The job has become more difficult, he acknowledged, in part because of state and federal mandates that are handed down without funding to pay for them.

"There's more regulation. The biggest change came along in 1991 with the reappraisal," he recalled, referring to the board's hiring of a private appraisal firm, under pressure from the state, to reappraise each parcel in the township.

The result was an increase in two-thirds of the assessments, and upset residents let their elected officials know it during an extended series of board of review meetings.

Milligan, who handled the duties of township assessor during his first 10 years as supervisor, has also weathered controversies involving unrest within the township fire department and, more recently, attempts by Triple T Farms to secure zoning approval to operate an asphalt processing plant just west of Cass City.

The latter issue has spanned 5 years and been accompanied by a series of meetings marked by heated citizen protests. Township officials have repeatedly rejected the proposal, which is now in the

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New school will open in 2 years or less

Cass City School officials last week cleared the biggest hurdle in an effort to secure funding for construction of a new middle school.

But there is much work to be done before students walk through the doors of the new facility.

The first step in the project will be approval of a series of resolutions and issues by the school board, Supt. Ken Micklash said last Wednesday, a day after district residents approved a \$6.8 million bond issue by a 291-vote margin, 1,185 to 894.

The special election, which followed 3 unsuccessful attempts, saw a record 40-percent voter turnout.

Micklash said sale of the bonds will probably take place in early May. He added it will be several months before the final drawings, plans and specifications are completed. The entire project, including construction, is expected to take 18 months to 2 years.

Micklash was obviously pleased with the voters' decision last week.

"Now, we're able to take a step forward for the community and get things moving," he commented. The district's elementary and high school buildings are all in good shape and will continue to serve the district well, he said, "and a new middle school will put us in a good posture for the future to come."

"I just hope we're able to do as good a job as the people who built the high school, and I'm sure we're committed to do that."

When construction is completed, the new, 76,217-square-foot middle school will provide educational classrooms for all of the district's fifth through eighth grade students.

Plans call for the existing middle school annex, built in

1957, to be converted to serve as an early childhood center for the district's preschool program, developmental kindergarten classes and regular kindergarten classes, which are now in the Campbell Elementary building.

Campbell will continue to house students in grades one through 4, and Deford El-

ementary will continue to be a K-3 elementary school.

Total cost of the project is estimated at \$6,838,826, including nearly \$300,000 in site development costs, \$374,650 in architect fees and a \$220,000 furniture and equipment allowance.

The bond issue is for 12.9 years, which translates into an initial tax levy of about

4.7 mills, which will be reduced in subsequent years with increases in the district's state equalized valuation (SEV).

The levy means an additional tax of \$94 per year for the owner of a home with a market value of \$40,000. The owner of a \$60,000 will pay an extra \$141 annually.

Little excitement at town meetings

The Elkland Township Board reviewed and approved a significantly reduced 1996-97 general fund budget during the annual township meeting Saturday.

The session lasted only about 10 minutes. Aside from the board, there were no citizens in attendance.

The board approved a new general fund spending plan totalling \$261,400. The budget represents a planned spending decrease of more than \$220,000, or about 46 percent.

The biggest difference in the previous spending plan and the new budget is some \$184,600 spent earlier this year on a new pumper for the fire department.

In addition, \$86,980 was budgeted for road construction and maintenance in 1995-96, but actual expenditures totaled \$151,687. Road projects last summer included construction of one mile of Huron Line Road, from Buehrly Road to Schweigler Road, at a cost of \$60,000.

Together, the fire truck and

road work cut deeply into the township's fund balance, which totaled about \$300,000 a year ago. The estimated current fund balance is \$62,540.

The only adjustment made to the new spending plan was a hike in the office supply expense allowance, which was increased by \$300 to \$800.

Salaries remain the same at \$5,850 for supervisor, \$8,320 for clerk and treasurer, and \$110 per month for trustees.

Not included in the 1996-97 budget is a proposed jump in stand-by fire fees paid by other townships for services from the Elkland Township Fire Department.

Currently, townships pay \$275 per section for the service. The board is considering an increase to bring local rates in line with those charged by other townships of similar size. However, township Supervisor Dave Milligan said no adjustment will be made until a comparison study is completed.

Aside from the general fund

budget, the board approved proposed spending plans for the cemetery, fire and perpetual care funds.

Cemetery expenses are set at \$40,400, an increase of \$8,771, or about 28 percent over actual 1995-96 expenditures; the fire fund budget totals \$62,650, a decrease of \$171,409, or 73 percent from the year before, and the perpetual care fund budget is set at \$4,461, an increase of \$316 over 1995-96.

The following is a round-up of other area annual township meetings held Saturday:

NOVESTA

Two electors joined board members and a township employee at the annual Novesta Township meeting in Deford.

During the 90-minute session, township Clerk Kathy Newell reported, the board reviewed and approved a 1996-97 budget of \$147,448, an increase of about \$10,000, or 7.2 percent over actual 1995-96 expenditures.

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Board to carry torch in Cass City for Special Olympics



STUDENTS IN SPECIAL education at Cass City High School are making posters to publicize the campaign to raise funds for Special Olympics. Displayed is one of the T-shirts for sale and available at the local sponsor of the campaign, the Board Chrysler dealership. From left: Ben Rhynchess, Lee Beyette, Melinda Scott, Chris Dubay and Bridget Vandermark.

Out-state Chrysler Corporation dealers, 150 strong, have pledged to carry the Special Olympics torch in a campaign designed to raise a half million dollars for the program.

Among them is Board Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge-Jeep-Eagle in Cass City. Owner Roger Board has announced an ambitious program when it becomes his turn to carry the torch April 18.

This is the way the program is arranged. The torch is carried from dealership to dealership by volunteer runners. Board will receive the torch from the Sandusky dealership and after he has it for his day it will be run to the dealership in Bad Axe.

There are several ways in which the community can help support the program.

There will be 100 T-shirts available with the Special Olympics logo on it that will be offered for \$20 each.

Others can support the drive by paying one or more runners for running a mile or more at the rate of \$5 for each mile in support of the

program.

Cathy Kropewnicki and Nesa Orth, special education teachers at Cass City Middle School, have students busy preparing signs and banners to advertise the program.

The day that the torch is in Cass City, Board will host an open house with free refreshments at his dealership.

He stressed that every penny pledged in support will go directly to the Special Olympics with the exception of the cost of the T-shirts.

What's more, he added, instead of 10 percent of the funds staying in our district 10, and 90 percent going to the national drive, half of the money raised in the district will stay in the district.

The captain of the running team is Rochelle Brown. She runs 5K and longer races and is a member of the Bay Area Runners Club.

We expect to have both high school and adult runners participating when we carry the torch to its next stop, she said.

All contributions are tax deductible.



FOURTEEN CASS City High School students visit Campbell Elementary School each week, helping out in various classrooms. Above, sophomore Heather Woidan works one-on-one with a student in Martha Butcher's class. (Story page 5)

Engaged



Alissa Draschil & Robert Haldane

Thomas Draschil of Owendale and Roger and Sally Keillor of Sand Point announce the engagement of their daughter, Alissa Draschil, to Robert Haldane, son of Robert and Sharon Haldane of Bad Axe and Garry and Janice McKellar of Gageton.

The future bride is a 1993 graduate of Owendale-Gageton High School and is currently attending Saginaw Valley State University.

The future groom is a 1991 graduate of Owendale-Gageton High School and is currently employed at Huron Castings Inc., Pigeon.

A Nov. 23 wedding is planned.

Cass City Social Items

Call your local news to the Chronicle office 872-2010

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

Dunn, Krol get Oakland awards

Cass City High School student Heather A. Dunn of Cass City has been awarded an Oakland University Student Life Scholarship for the 1996-97 academic year and Patricia Krol, the University Merit Scholarship.

The scholarships are awarded to students who have shown leadership potential, either in high school or community college.

To receive scholarships, students must have maintained a minimum 3.3 GPA throughout their academic career and must be active in curricular or extracurricular activities at their present school. The Student Life scholarship can be renewed for up to 8 semesters. The Merit scholarship, each year the student attends the university.

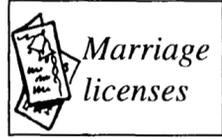
Easter services set at Novesta

Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Road, will host 2 special programs this Sunday, April 7, as part of their Easter celebration services.

At 8:00 a.m., the church will host a Sunrise Service with special music and a message titled "Three Crosses of Calvary." Following the message, the church will offer a hearty breakfast and its regular Sunday School classes.

At 11:00 a.m., the adult choir will present the cantata, "The Offer Still Stands." Drama and slides will accompany this cantata that reflects on the great sacrifice God made for man in giving His Son.

The public is invited to each of these services. For further information, call 872-3658 or 872-1195.



Christopher Dennis Wagner, Fairgrove, and Pamela Sue Koch, Sebawang. Justin Shane Rau and Lisa Marie Callender, both of Vassar. Andre Jacque Paquette and Sonja Lynn Dicks, both of Vassar. William Fay Walker, Reese, and Michelle Rae Wagner, Mayville.

Harold Lee Knox and Amanda Jo Stoick, both of Cass City. Gary Myles Benadum and Jana Arlaine Larson, both of Caro.

Hoelzle, Humes place in BPA competition

The Business Professionals of America State Competition was held at the Renaissance Center in Detroit March 14-17. Twenty-eight students from the Tuscola Technology Center competed against 1,804 students representing 144 chapters in Michigan. Two Cass City students placed in the business spelling events. They are Eric Hoelzle and Joie Humes.

Forty-five different events took place during the weekend. The first, second, third, and fourth place winners in each event qualified to attend the National Leadership Conference and competitions to be held May 1-May 5 in Phoenix, Ariz.



Grandpas may get more press, but grandpas are every bit as goofy when it comes to their grandchildren. Here are a few observations as passed along by some grandchildren we know.

Grandpas are old. They don't have any kids of their own, so they play with other people's.

They talk loud on the telephone, because they can't touch you when you're far away.

They don't get tired of lifting you up so you can make the chimes in the doorway ring.

They have lots of change and let you drop the coins in their coin sorter. Sometimes they let you keep some.

They get down on the floor and play horsey or car with you.

Grandpas play golf and mow the lawn in summer. They don't let you help, but they tell you when you get bigger you can.

They don't do anything in winter.

They make you put on a sweat shirt and wear a hat when they're cold.

A grandpa doesn't have much hair, and what he does have is white.

It's best not to talk to him when he's watching basketball or hockey on TV. He

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

APRIL 8-9-12

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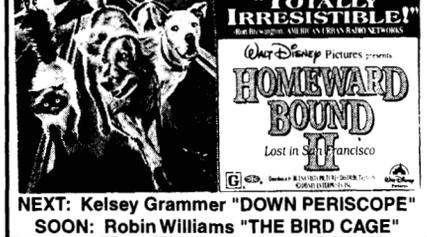
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Engaged



Katie LaBelle & Jonathan Martin

Pamela and Edward LaBelle of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Irene, to Jonathan David Martin, son of Dorothy and Donald Martin of East Lansing.

Katie is attending Michigan State University toward a Master's degree in social work. Jonathan is a graduate of Ferris State University and is a deputy sheriff at Ingham County Sheriff's Department.

An Aug. 10 wedding is being planned.

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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

May is beef month in Michigan and the public relations scribes are dishing out the facts. One is that the cattle business is primarily a family business.

About 97 percent of the cattle operations are owned or operated by families. And 42 percent of those farms have been the same family for more than 50 years. Beef cattle are raised in every Michigan county on about 14,000 farming operations.

You need to be cautious when writing to say what you mean. A collection of faux pas included these that actually appeared in various church bulletins.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Thursday at 5 p.m. there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All ladies wishing to be "Little Mothers" will meet with the Pastor in his study.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

Thursday night - Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

Restaurant chains of various sizes continue to sprout. In the Detroit suburbs, one of these that now has 4 restaurants among some 40 outlets country-wide is the Cooker Bar and Grill. The one visited was at 8703 Seven Mile Road, just off the 275 expressway.

Dinners for 3 included a homestyle meat loaf dinner, a Hawaiian chicken dinner, and potato cheese soup and the house garden salad. A choice of 2 vegetables came with the meals and a side Caesar salad was ordered with a diet coke and cranberry juice.

The meat loaf, soup and the chicken were good and the vegetables much better than average.

The price for the area was good, as was the service after we waited 10 minutes to get a table.

Total cost for 3 before tip was \$32.40.

I give it a 6 on the one to 10 scale. Others at the table had it as high as an 8.

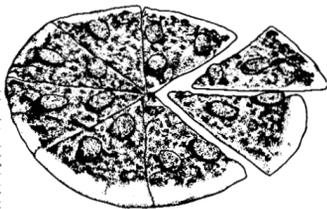
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from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

With the passage of the middle school bond issue, the following questions have been asked.

Question 1 - Where will the school be built?

Response - The planned building site is just north of Campbell Elementary School facing east off Ale St. Topographical surveys of this area will be completed in the near future.

Question 2 - When will construction begin?

Response - Actually the project has already begun, with the passage of the issue, but a great deal of planning and preparation must be completed before any excavation work can take place. Realistically, we have been informed that actual construction will hopefully begin by late summer or early fall of this year.

Question 3 - When will the building open?

Response - Projects such as this usually take 18 to 24 months to complete, from the point of voter approval. We hope that the new school will open by the second semester of the 1997-98 school year. If we are lucky and things progress well, the opening could possibly be sooner.

Our Board of Education's biggest challenge is to follow the wise planning of their predecessors of 1925 and 1965. School officials in those years planned and constructed buildings which have served our community for many years. We hear comments on a regular basis about how well our high school has been maintained and the fact that people are amazed it is now 30 years old. Our current middle school, too, has served us well over the past 70 years. We hope to be able to construct the new middle school to serve our community for the next 70 years.

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



CASS CITY STUDENTS who recently qualified for regional individual events competition are (clockwise from top) Shelly Ingraio, Becky Smith, Shawn Henn, Jim Dale, Julie Erla, Lee Dillon and Scott Haag. Missing is Matt Ramirez.

Students headed for regionals

A group of Performance English students at Cass City High School have qualified for regional competition in individual events.

The students, Shelly Ingraio, Becky Smith, Shawn Henn, Jim Dale, Julie Erla, Lee Dillon, Scott Haag and Matt Ramirez, qualified by finishing first, second or third at district-level competition, held March 25 at Lakers.

At districts, Ramirez and Dillon placed first, earning the highest score possible, for their dramatic interpretation of the play, "Dearly De-

parted."

Third place finishes went to Erla, for her prose rendition of "Go Ask Alice", and to Ingraio, Smith, Henn, Dale

and Haag, for their group performance of "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty."

Regionals are scheduled for April 23 at Alma College.

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Everyone has an idea about why the voters approved a tax for a new middle school building after similar proposals were defeated.

Why should I be an exception?

The kids in the community will enjoy a new facility because in the words of a popular song of an earlier era, area supporters did "accentuate the positive, and eliminate the negative."

There was no time spent in answering criticisms from those who felt the new building was not necessary. The focus was to show why a new building would benefit the community, with a volunteer crew working to get the message across.

The resistance at the polls did force a reduction in the grand plan that was first presented that included renovation in the Campbell Elementary building.

It's the belief here that it would have been approved if the same approach had been used to sell the issue the first time as there was last week.

Of course, we'll never know if that is true. What is true is that the communication between the school and the public was the best that I've seen in 46 years on the scene.

The question is, will it continue now that the pressure is off? There's a natural tendency to shift into overdrive after the hill has been climbed.

Since he became superintendent, Ken Micklash has been a great communicator and during this campaign,

most of the staff has been on its toes to see that the curtain is lifted on school activities.

It's not likely that the school will have to go to the voters for more tax money in the near future. The new formula of school funding, with a sales tax, has been kind to Cass City, which always has had a low per-student cost. It allowed an expansion of the curriculum and should cover any increase in operation costs that could come with the new building. That doesn't mean there will not be plenty of problems of public concern that require public understanding.

Drugs, lack of respect for authority, vandalism and other problems won't go away with new brick and mortar.

Let's hope that the school will keep us informed about these issues and any others that occur as well as day to day activities.

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The back forty

by Roger Pond

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You can tell you live in a small town when you dial a wrong number and recognize the voice on the other end of the line. I've done that many times. It's embarrassing.

What's worse is calling a wrong number and then talking for 20 minutes before you realize it's not your Aunt Mary you've been talking with. It's just a lady named Mary who thought her nephew's voice sounded kind of funny.

Last fall I answered the phone, and a fellow on the line said, "Hi, How ya doin'?"

"Just fine, how are you?" I replied.

"Oh, I'm pretty good, but I've got a wrong number don't I," he said.

"Well, that's very possible," I agreed, and we both hung up. We could have talked longer, but it seems that feeling pretty good was about all we had in common.

Things like this are commonplace in a small community, but they can be unnerving when they happen in the city or thousands of miles from home. My brother-in-law, Charley, could tell you about that.

First, I should explain that Charley shares my knack for forgetting names and faces. We can tell you what we had for breakfast 30 years ago, or recite the formula for sulfuric acid; but one shouldn't be surprised if we mistake the boss's wife for the woman who cleans the rest rooms.

Some years ago, Charley was invited to a graduation party for a cousin who lives in Columbus, Ohio. He hadn't seen Mike in years, but felt confident he could find the house from directions on the invitation.

Charley and his wife, Bev, had no trouble finding the correct street - and drove along until the house num-

bers looked familiar. The street was full of cars, but they finally found a parking space and walked past several houses until they located one with balloons on the porch.

A woman, who was driving away, rolled her window down to say, "Everyone is around back."

So Charley and Bev walked around the house to the backyard. There were a lot of strangers, but Charley recognized the woman grilling hamburgers as an old friend, a distant relative, or maybe a friend of the family.

He was surprised more

people from his own branch of the tribe hadn't shown up, and finally asked, "Is Mike in the house?"

The lady at the grill said, "Mike who?"

Now, Charley knew: This wasn't Mike's house.

"I think we might be at the wrong party," he said. "But I know you from somewhere. Do you teach at Ohio State?"

"No. I have a dental practice on High Street," she said.

"Oh, that's it. You're my dentist!" Charley exclaimed.

"Well, I'll be darned. When I tilt my head back like this, I'd know you anywhere."

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From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

High winds Wednesday night downed trees and power lines and a handful of structures, including an old barn owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harland Lounsbury at 5722 E. Cass City Rd.

Cass City Police are investigating a pair of vehicle break-in and damage complaints, including one incident involving more than \$1,000 in damage to a new car at the Board Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge Inc. lot on Main St. A similar incident was reported by Helen Sefton of Kingston. Her vehicle was parked at the General Cable Co. parking lot when someone broke the car's dash moldings and stole the radio. Damage is estimated at \$200.

The memory of Jeannie Rutkoski, 36, a mentally retarded woman who loved to visit and play bingo at VFW Post 3644, Cass City, was honored recently by post members who donated \$132 in her name to Tuscola County Special Olympics.

Michelle Anscomb loves dolls. She has a collection that numbers 500 to 600 dolls, valued at a combined \$20,000 to \$25,000. The long-time Cass City Intermediate School teacher has collected dolls all her life.

The Elkland Township Fire Department responded to a

fire Monday at 4 a.m. at the Don Warner residence on Kelly Rd. Fire Chief Dick Root said a creosote build-up led to the fire, which had gotten into a wall at the residence. Warner and his wife were awakened by a smoke alarm and called the fire department.

10 YEARS AGO

Cass City High School has announced this year's valedictorian and salutatorian. Tamara Iseler has accumulated a grade point average of a perfect 4.0 during her high school career. Salutatorian is Annette Stachura, who earned a grade point average of 3.977.

Quadruplet lambs were born March 14 at the farm of Leslie Severance. Severance said that these are the first quadruplets he's had in the 25 years he's been raising sheep.

A new strain of pheasant was released in Tuscola and Huron counties March 25. DNR officials released 120 of the 38-week-old birds in a 220-acre state owned mini-game area northwest of Cass City, and 120 were set free in a mini-game area southeast of Owendale.

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners went on record as supporting a State Department of Natural Resources proposal to close the

pheasant hunting season in the county for a 2-year period until the newly released pheasants have had enough time to establish their population.

Confirmed at Salem UM Church during the morning worship service Sunday, March 23, were Kristina Wright, Luanne Robinson, Steven Tuckey and Jason Jezewski.

25 YEARS AGO

A false alarm bomb scare at General Cable Corporation Thursday disrupted work schedules and resulted in an intensive search of the large plant.

Mrs. Dorothy Stahlbaum this week announced the grand opening of the Clothes Closet, a store specializing in clothes for pre-teens and young ladies.

The first movement towards any possible settlement of the 3-week old strike at Walbro Corporation came this week when a meeting was scheduled between the company and the UAW-CIO Tuesday, April 6.

Ross Beach and his wife, the former Mary Evelyn Leslie, are back home for what they hope will be an interlude between assignments in Korea. The Beaches are missionaries and have been located in Kang Nung for 5 years.

Alger Freiburger of Cass City was guest of the elementary grades in Gagetown and Owendale Friday afternoon. Freiburger and his leader dog, Jet, entertained the students. Freiburger is a member of the Cass City Lions Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tracy and Mr. and Mrs. Basil Wotton

attended the Tuscola County OES Club meeting in Fairgrove Saturday night.

35 YEARS AGO

Nine Cass City High School students competed in the district forensic contest last week at Bad Axe. Sally Edzik won a first in declamation; Bill Dobbs, a second in extemporaneous speaking, and Linda Hulien, a first in original oratory. All these students qualified for the regional contest in Yale April 26.

The Cass City Gavel Club is sponsoring a wrestling exhibition at Cass City High School Saturday night. Proceeds will go to the club's track fund.

Little Normalene Wheeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wheeler of Snover, was run over by a tractor last Thursday night. She was taken to Bay City hospital but is home now. She must receive quiet bed care for 4 to 5 weeks.

Miss Leisa Ponkanen, an exchange student from Joensuu, Finland, told members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service about her country Monday evening at the Methodist Church. She said children go to school 6 days a week and in high school some school days are 8 or 9 hours long. There are no school buses and she said she walks 2 miles to school daily...sometimes in temperatures that reach 40 degrees below zero.

An all-time high in circulation of books from the Cass City and Elkland Township Library occurred during the month of March, the librarian reports. There were 939 books checked out to patrons.

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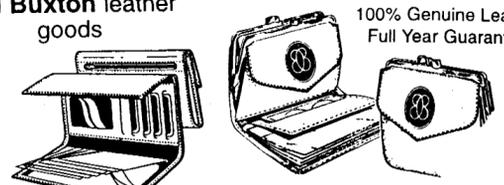
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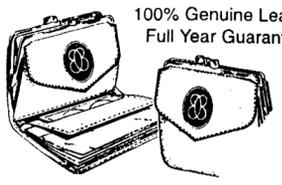


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Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, April 4

Preschool story hour at Rawson Memorial Library, 10 a.m.
Friends of the Library meeting, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Maundy Thursday Co-op Candlelight Communion Service, 7:30 p.m., Fraser Presbyterian Church (M-53 at Huron Line Road).

Friday, April 5

Good Friday Community Service, 1:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church.

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 7

Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m., Breakfast afterwards, Fraser Presbyterian Church. There will be no regular 9:30 a.m. service as worship is combined with First Presbyterian at 10:45 a.m.). Easter music service at First Presbyterian, 10:45 a.m.

Monday, April 8

Cass City School Board meeting, high school, 7:30 p.m.
Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
Regular meeting of Post 3644 V.F.W., 7:30 p.m. Election of officers for 1996-97 will be held. Annual Poppy Day sales and Memorial Day activities will be planned.

Tuesday, April 9

Hills and Dales General Hospital will be hosting a blood drive from 1 - 6:45 p.m. in the ambulatory care basement. For more information please contact Kerry Brown 872-2121, ext. 282, or Helen Jezewski at 872-2746.

All Class Reunion committee meeting, 7:30 p.m. at V.F.W. Hall.

The Watrousville/Caro Area Historical Society meets, 7:30 p.m. at the Caro Municipal Building, 317 S. State St., Caro. A video on The History & Pioneers of Pigeon, 1853-1953, "The First 100 Years" will be shown and discussed. Everyone welcome. Refreshments following.

Wednesday, April 10

Duplicate Bridge 7 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Last week's winners: Bill Dupuis and John Haire.

Students helping students

Campbell kids benefit from volunteers' efforts

A handful of unsung heroes, including 14 Cass City High School students, is helping to make a difference in classrooms at Campbell Elementary School.

Students in Dottie Scollon's Life Skills 3 class spend nearly an hour each Wednesday at Campbell Elementary School, doing everything from serving as teachers aides to working with students one-on-one and in group situations.

The program, just a few weeks old, is proving popular with elementary teachers. In the process, the participating teens are learning about the value of giving of their time without expecting financial rewards.

"They've been very helpful. It's been well received," Campbell Principal Jody Miklovic said of the program. "The kids have done a really good job."

Second grade teacher Martha Butcher agreed. "They are wonderful. They come in and just quietly go to work," she said, adding the high school students, who work in pairs, offer the younger children praise and encouragement.

"They are perfectly willing to do whatever I ask, and the kids enjoy having them."

"I'm trying to get them to

be exposed to community service and volunteerism, so they can see how they can be helpful without pay," Scollon commented. "We also wanted them to have a chance to work with younger children and be mentors."

"I'm trying to stress to them that the little ones really look up to them, so they have to be exemplary in their appearance, dress and manner."

"In some ways it's a good school-to-work experience," said Miklovic, who explained the program might

help some students decide for or against a career in education.

Scollon, who noted the students also visit the Tendercare nursing home to visit with residents, decorate and make cookies, said she would like to see the program expanded to other locations in the community, such as the hospital.

Students enrolled in the class are Heather Woidan, Jen Orton, Jennifer Morell, Tracy Bouverette, Philip Montei, Jerry Westfall, Josh Williams, Tina Younglove, Marie Russell, Serena Healy, Brenda McFarland, Scott Haag, Jamie Stevens and Bobbi Plank.

They aren't alone, however, in offering a helping hand at the local elementary school.

District resident Juliet Baasch, who speaks fluent Spanish and has 2 children at the school, has been helping some children from a large Spanish-speaking family make the transition to reading and writing in English.

"She has taken the kids under her wing in a small group setting," Miklovic said. He added Baasch has also presented mini-Spanish lessons to 3 classes.

In addition, Miklovic said, high school Spanish teacher Teresa Trisch "has her Spanish 2 students coming over here and they are offering remediation to some of the kids."

The effort has been a big help for the students, who could speak English when they moved into the area last fall, but needed help with reading and writing.

And, like Scollon's students, Trisch's class is also getting something out of their efforts, Miklovic indicated. "I guess it's a learning situation both ways for the kids."



ANSWERING STUDENTS' questions is a big part of Cass City High School senior Jennifer Morell's duties during an hour of volunteer time spent each week at Campbell Elementary School.

2 face felony charges

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

*Karin Paris, 52, Brown City, was charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, violating license restrictions, and resisting and obstructing a police officer March 28 in Koylton Township.

Bond in the case was set at \$5,000. A preliminary examination was scheduled for April 9 at 1:30 p.m.

*Troy E. Giddings, 20, Millington, faces one count of third degree criminal sexual conduct involving force or coercion Oct. 20 in Millington.

Bond was set at \$10,000 and a preliminary exam was slated for April 9 at 1:30 p.m.

Milligan won't seek reelection

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hands of a federal court.

Milligan declined to address the issue because of the pending litigation, but he indicated zoning, in general, has always been somewhat of a thorn. "It's a tough issue. There's no black and white," he said.

Milligan has worn many different hats during his tenure as supervisor, including membership on the Cass City Area Ambulance Board.

BETTER SERVICE

"We've come quite a long way with that," he commented, adding the board, composed of representatives from Elkland, Novesta, Evergreen and Greenleaf townships, and the village of Gageton, has worked to improve the service.

Towards that end, there have been changes in management of the local ambulance service, first through a contract with Mercy Ambulance of Saginaw, then, after the merger of Mercy and Saginaw EMS, with Mobile Medical Response.

"We were one of the first units of government in the area to go with them, and now they've grown tremendously."

In the process, response times have improved, there have been equipment and staffing upgrades, and the local service recently moved into its own ambulance base near the fire hall.

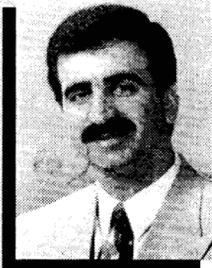
Milligan is pleased with the progress, as well as the township's record of providing a wide range of services, including road work and fire and ambulance coverage, without the benefit of a special millage.

As for his role, Milligan indicated he's satisfied with his service to the township, but feels it's time to devote more time to his family and farming.

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Cass City lifts curtain on track season



THE 1996 HAWK GIRLS' TRACK TEAM - Back row, from left: Jessica Henderson, Emily Hopper, Jennifer Haynes, Niah Hosner. Third row: Missy Butler, Amy Butler, Rachel Hoard, Deanna Stine. Second row: Rebecca Bennett, Barb Rosenstangle, Laura Moore, Heather Hulburt, Gia Mellendorf, Becky Laming. Front row: Heather Dunn, Amy Schelke, Andrea Cooper, Shivaugn Rayl. Missing are: Susan O'Hara, Andrea Rea, LeAnn Foster and Jamie Englehart.

Veterans to lead girls' team

Three co-captains and other veterans will lead the Cass City Red Hawk girls' track squad as it attempts to better last year's second place finish in the Thumb C National. Last year's team was 8-4 overall and 3-1 in conference competition. A trio of relay teams in the 400, 800 and 1600-meter events could possibly qualify for the state, Coach Larry Robinson feels. If the teams are broken up we will be very competitive in the sprints and 400-meter

events, the coach says. The relay team will be missing one of the members that made the team strong in the events last year. Mandy Nizzola also was a point-producer in the hurdles. Also missing will be Amy Burns the Hawks best distance runner last year. Members of the relay team include the 3 co-captains of the year. Andrea Cooper, seeking her fourth letter, will be one of the team leaders and is a hard worker who will also compete in the long

jump and sprints. Co-captains Shivaugn Rayl and Amy Schelke will also be depended on in the sprints. Another member of the sprint-relay teams will be LeAnn Foster who with Schelke will be seeking their third varsity letter. Others that are expected to contribute for the Hawks include Heather Dunn in the 400-meter and high jump; Laura Moore and Heather Hulburt, in hurdles; Andrea Rea, sprint and discus; and Becky Laming, shot and discus.

Robinson says that the shot and discus teams show signs of becoming competitive. We need to improve in the middle distances and distance events and the hurdlers will need to step it up a notch. The coach sees Bad Axe, the defending champion, as the team to beat. Marlette, Cros-Lex and Lakers will follow in that order, ahead of Cass City, with Bay City All Saints in the cellar of the Thumb C National.

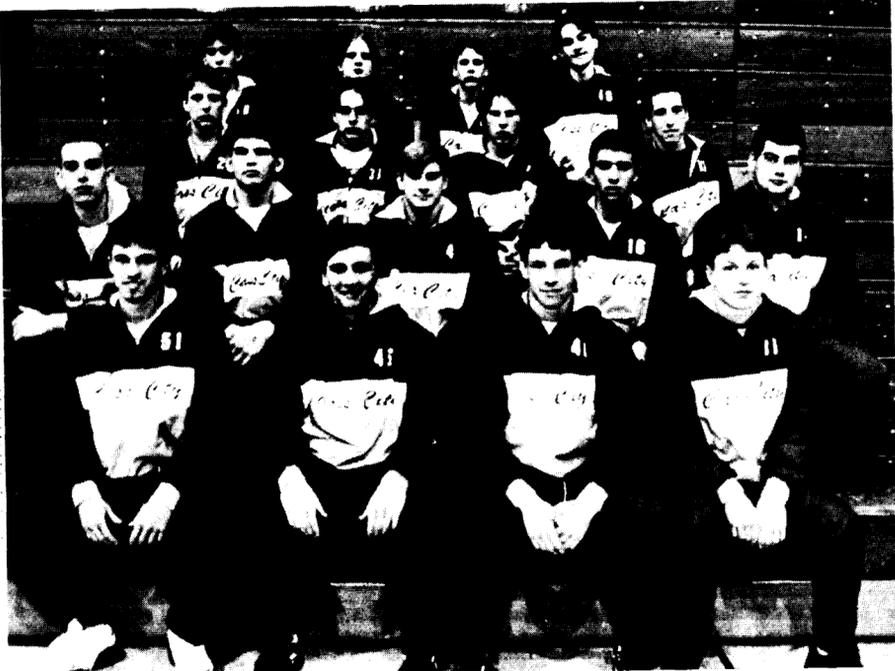
Boys strong in sprints

The Cass City Red Hawk boys' track squad, which finished second in the Thumb C National last year, has a cadre of veterans that will be depended on to anchor the team. Chris Revis, who is the defending league champion in the 1600 and 3200-meter runs, is the co-captain of the team. In addition to making the distance events a strong point for the team, he will compete in the pole vault. Also a co-captain is senior Nick Bliss. He will be seeking his fourth varsity letter and will be looked to in the pole vault and the sprints. Sprints are expected to be a strong point for the Hawks.

Besides Bliss, 4-year veterans are Dan Sherman and Aron Romstad, both of whom will compete in the long jump as well as the sprints. Other veterans sure to rack up points include Jeremy Krueger, middle distance; Cory Regnier, sprints; Kurt Iwankovitsch, shot and discus; Damian Izydorek, middle distance; Ryan

Brinkman, sprints and high jump, and Ray Meredith, shot and discus. Coach Larry Robinson feels the team will be very competitive in the 400 and 800-meter relays. We should be good in the long jump, he says, and okay in the pole vault. Other field events will need a lot of work. One of the reasons for that

is the graduation of Jason Morgan, who was a top shot put and discus performer. We will also need a lot of work to improve in the hurdles, says the coach. Robinson sees defending champion Bad Axe as the team to beat, with Marlette in second place. He pegs Cass City third followed by Cros-Lex, Lakers and Bay City All Saints.



THE 1996 HAWK BOYS' TRACK TEAM - Back row, left to right: Jason Wright, Isaac Ponder, Ben Adams, Jim Dale. Third row: Ryan Brinkman, Chad Lenhard, James Taylor and Cory Mayer. Second row: Josh Ouvry, Kurt Iwankovitsch, Ken Roehl, Kareem Khoury, Ray Meredith. Front row: Dan Sherman, Nick Bliss, Chris Revis, Jeremy Krueger. Missing are: Ryan Dorland, Josh Cherry, D. J. Malone, Adam Wiles, Damian Izydorek, Mike Bolton, Aron Romstad and Cory Regnier.

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The Cass City Red Hawk track squads will have a quarter century Cass City coaching veteran leading the girls' team into action this spring and a first year coach to lead the boys' team. The veteran is Larry Robinson and the rookie is.....Larry Robinson.

Hawk Boys', Girls' Track Schedule

April 1	M	Caro/Harbor Beach	A	4:00
4	Th	USA	A	4:00
16	T	Laker/Sandusky	H	4:30
19	F	Mayville Relays	A	3:00
23	T	BCAS/Mayville	H	4:30
25	Th	Cros-Lex	A	4:30
27	S	Gavel Club Relays	H	9:30
30	T	Marlette	A	4:30
May 3	F	Reese	A	4:00
7	T	Bad Axe/Dekeville	H	4:30
11	S	Hatchet Relays	A	9:30
14	T	League (National)	H	4:00
18	S	Regional	H	9:30
21	T	Huron Meet of Champs	Bad Axe	5:00
28	T	Caro Meet of Champs	A	4:00
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THE CASS CITY VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM, front row, from left: Shawna Long, Jodie Hurd, Kelli VanVliet, Jill Wright, Rachel Peters. Second row: Anne Kimmes, Joie Humes, Karissa McIntosh, Jackie Diebel, Leann Deering. Back row: Cori Britt, Katie Anthony, Mandy Deering, Peyton Daniel, Coach Dave Hoard.

Hawk vets need help from JV

Coach Dave Hoard will be starting his 13th year at the helm of the Cass City Red Hawk softball team with an eye to improving on last year's 4-6 Thumb C National and 17-15 overall record.

Last season was a downer for the Hawks when compared to Hoard's lifetime record, which is 176-100.

If the girls are to challenge for the league title, juniors up to the varsity from last year's junior varsity will need to step up big.

A couple of key juniors will be on the pitching staff. They are Rachel Peters and Jodie Hurd. They will join Leann Deering, senior veteran who is expected to anchor the squad. She has good speed, Hoard says, and is a good hitter who will play in the infield when not pitching.

Missing from the mound corps from 1995 is Lisa Burns. Another pair of shoes hard to fill will be Marlene Shimer's, last year's captain.

Besides Deering, there are 5 other seniors who will be counted on to carry the team. Kelli VanVliet has shown a strong arm and a good bat in the outfield. Helping the defense will be Karissa McIntosh, who has good speed.

Jill Wright will be the catcher and will be depended on to provide good defense, as will Joie Humes. Cori Britt is ticketed for first base, where she is expected to help solidify the defense.

Hoard sees Bay City All Saints as the team to beat with a serious challenge from Cros-Lex. The team that beats these two schools will win the championship, Hoard says.



THE CASS CITY VARSITY BASEBALL team, front row, from left: Joseph Khoury, Corey Ulfing, Josh Little, Dave Murphy, Blake Hall, Andy Gray. Second row: Matt Oesch, Chad Diegel, Matt Klimkman, Tom Dewey, Sam Hobbs. Back row: Tim Spencer, Chris Hahn, Sam Spencer, Boyd Mearns, Chad Zawilinski, Coach Doug Hall.

THE "RINK RATS" came from last place to finish second Thursday in the Huron County Hockey Association Silver Blade Tournament. Among the team members are (from left) Jared Sorenson of Gagetown, and Thomas Mittlestat and captain Danny Mittlestat, both of Cass City. The team is coached by (back) Melvin Mittlestat.



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Red Hawks say "play ball"

Pitching key to baseball year

CASS CITY BASEBALL-SOFTBALL SCHEDULE					
April 3	W	Vassar	H	4:00	
15	M	Reese	A	4:30	
18	Th	Bad Axe	H	4:30	
22	M	Ubyly	H	4:30	
25	Th	Lakers	A	4:30	
27	S	Tuscola (Var)	A	9:00	
		BB only at Millington			
30	T	Brown City	A	4:30	
May 2	Th	Cros-Lex	H	4:30	
6	M	USA	H	4:30	
9	Th	Marlette	A	4:30	
11	S	Marlette (JV)	A	9:00	
		SB only at Marlette			
11	S	Tuscola (JV)	A		
		BB only at Millington			
13	M	Akron-F	H	4:30	
16	Th	BCAS	A	4:30	
20	M	Deckerville	A	4:30	
23	Th	Mayville	A	4:30	
29	W	Sandusky	A	4:30	
		District TBA			
		Regional TBA			
		State TBA			

Like most of us, Coach Doug Hall is hoping the sun will shine and the weather will be balmy. Unlike most of us, Hall has a reason for hoping the weather is good, besides being tired of winter.

It's important, says Hall, that we get to play the early games on the schedule so that the players can develop. The team needs to fill in the gaps left by graduation. Start with Jason Morgan, a long-ball hitter and power pitcher. Add Kevin Storm and Jim Hempton, both of whom pitched and were good hitters. Brian Graichen and Nathan Mastie were bullwarks at the plate and in the field.

Finding the pitching is obviously the key to the season, Hall says. Our most experienced hurler is Chad

Zawilinski, while Tom Dewey and B.J. Mearns have seen limited mound duty.

There are juniors without experience that have shown good arms. They include Sam Spencer, Chad Diegel, Chris Hahn, Dave Murphy and Matt Oesch.

The seniors will be the key to determining how the team performs, Hall says. They include, besides Dewey, Zawilinski and Mearns, Blake Hall, second team all-league last year, Sam Spencer, Corey Ulfing and Andy Gray.

Juniors expected to help are Chad Diegel, Chris Hahn, Dave Murphy and Matt Oesch.

Hall sees Marlette and Bay City All Saints as the teams to beat. The other schools, including Cass City, will be competitive, the coach says.

Sports physicals

Hills and Dales hospital to offer \$12 exams and health screening

Hills and Dales General Hospital announces the April calendar for health related screening programs at the hospital in Cass City.

In recognition of National Youth Sports Safety Month, spring and summer sports physicals are now available at a cost of \$12. To schedule an appointment for a sports physical, call the Community Rural Health Center at (517) 872-2121.

Sports physicals will be provided on the following dates: April 6, 8, 10, 12, 23 and 25.

Additionally, during the week of April 15, Hills and Dales will provide prostate cancer screening at a charge of \$15 and cholesterol screening at a charge of \$5. Both of these screening services will be available on a walk-in basis from April 15 through 20.

If you are planning to participate in cholesterol screening, you should fast for 10 to 13 hours before coming into the hospital lab to receive the most accurate results. You do not need to schedule an appointment for prostate or cholesterol screening during this week in April.

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Cass City Bowling

TUSCOLA GET TOGETHERS March 25

Miller Eggs	15
Board Pro Temp	14
Cass City Sports	11
Charmont	10
Charmont Motel	9
Kritzman's	4

High Series & Games: R. Bokinski 707 (258-277), K. Repshinska 677 (212-263), T. Comment 654 (242), R. Kerkau 610 (236), W. Guinther 605 (224), P. Martin 604 (211), K. Pobanz 602 (242), J. Smithson 602 (233), M. Grifka 598 (213), T. Davis 579 (247), C. Zawilinski 579, L. Gyomory 225, J. Ridge 212.

High Team Series & Game: Board Pro Temp 3030 (1088).

MERCHANTS March 27, 1996

Cole Carbide	20
Millett's Surveying	19 1/2
Brentwood	19
Soundz by Greg	19
Charmont Motel	15
Warju Flooring	15
Charmont	13 1/2
Wickes	13 1/2
New England Life	11
Homesteaders	10
Pro-Temp	6 1/2
Independent Bank	6

High Series & Games: T. Comment 699 (257-245), D. O'Dell 696 (279-213), S. Hammett 693 (248-234-211), L. Tomaszewski Jr. 687 (245-232-210), J. Langenburg 672 (279), G. Robinson 666 (229-222-215), M. Lutz 661 (248-214), T. Schnell 655 (226-222), K. Beachy 648 (245-218), K. Kelley 643 (255), J. Krol 630 (238), G. Truemmer 615 (246-232), M. Jackson 606 (256), B. Anthes 602 (220), C. Anthes 600 (223-221), J. Smithson 593, A. Ruggles 591 (246), J. Johnston 589 (218), P. Robinson 588 (214), D. Kirkbride 586 (219), L. Morgan 575, C. Karr 574 (215), L. Tomaszewski 570, D. Johnston 569 (214), K. Kritzman 569, J. Mushenski 569 (212), M. Zawilinski 567 (215), M. Bauerschmidt 565, M. Gettel 564, D. Little 562 (210), D. Orton 562, J. Storm 557, P. Harner 553, T. Summer 553, S. Ross 222, E. Schulz 213.

High Team Series & Game: NEIC 1904 & 733. High Series & Games: J. Langenburg 716 (243-246-227), D. Doerr 695 (263-233), R. Doerr 652 (244-230), Doug O'Dell 651 (262), K. Martin 647 (218-225), G. Robinson 642 (214-217-211), E. Champagne 596 (224), R. Pringle 589 (216), D. Dickinson 588 (215), W. Laming O'Dell 581 (214), W. Laming 226, Dennis Hyatt 212.

MERCHANETTE LEAGUE March 28, 1996 Final 3rd

Thumb Auto Wash	24
Allen Home Care	23 1/2
Caro Chiropractic	23
Rolling Hills	22
Form You 3	18 1/2
All Season Rental	17
Cass Tavern	16
Nel's Kitchen	14
Northwood Shores	12
The Village Diner	10

High Actual Team Series & Game: Caro Chiropractic 1916 & 690. 500 Series: L. Erla 516, D. Williams 504.

THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE LEAGUE March 28

R.A.T.S.	41
AIDES	39
Dee's M.P. Rockets	38
Dairy Barn	33 1/2
E's & V's	29 1/2
Sal's Country Clipper	29
Fabulous Four	28
Bye	2

High Series: D. Smith 520, G. Vasquez 507. High Game: G. Vasquez 185. High Team Series & Game: AIDES 1894 (664).

THURSDAY NITE TRIO March 28

Marlette Oil & Gas	22
Pioneer Seeds	20
General Cable	19
Martin Electric	19
Kilbourn Service	17
NEIC	16 1/2
County Wide Builders	16
Hyatt Farms	16
Gemini Plastics	15
IGA	13 1/2
Mycogen Plant Science	11
Backroads DJ Service	8

High Team Series & Game: NEIC 1904 & 733. High Series & Games: J. Langenburg 716 (243-246-227), D. Doerr 695 (263-233), R. Doerr 652 (244-230), Doug O'Dell 651 (262), K. Martin 647 (218-225), G. Robinson 642 (214-217-211), E. Champagne 596 (224), R. Pringle 589 (216), D. Dickinson 588 (215), W. Laming O'Dell 581 (214), W. Laming 226, Dennis Hyatt 212.

CHARMONT LADIES

Dee's M.P. Rockets	25
Cass City Tire	22
Cable-ettes	20

High Team Series & Game: Warju Flooring 3066 (1083).

Holy Week services scheduled

Special programs during Holy Week at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church begin on Maundy Thursday, April 4, with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by an informal communion service at 7:30 p.m. The Good Friday worship service will be at 1:30 p.m. April 5. Easter Sunday sunrise service is set for 7 a.m. followed by the Easter breakfast served by the youth of the congregation.

The regular Sunday morning worship service will be at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday School and Bible class at 10:45 a.m.

Announce volunteer training

The Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center (ACC) announces that applications are currently being accepted for its spring volunteer training. The sessions will be conducted during the evenings of Thursday and Friday, April 25 and 26, and during the morning of Saturday, April 27. All volunteers who would like to be involved with the Assault Crisis Center are encouraged to attend the trainings, which are held only twice each year.

To volunteer or to register for these sessions, please call Charlotte at 1-800-292-3666 by April 20. Limited space is available.

Live Wires	20
Walbro's	19
J.B. Crew	18
Dott Manufacturing	17
Thumb Nat'l Bank	15
Pizza Villa	12
Wild John's	12

High Team Game: Walbro's 1062.

High Team Series: Dott Manufacturing 2985. High Series: B. Kilbourn 554, J. Yost 531, C. Hill 510, B. Howard 517, V. Humes 513, D. Sweeney 474, L. Comment 472, N. Davis 481, D. Williams 495.

High Games: J. Yost 206, B. Kilbourn 196, L. Comment 173, D. Williams 186, S. Hutchinson 174, N. Davis 179, C. Hill 178, D. Wilson 177, V. Humes 179, D. Sweeney 177, B. Howard 196.

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED DOUBLES March 29

Jegsters	69
Funny Farmers	64
U.S.	63
The Family	59
Four Stars	58
Gators	51 1/2
Grumblers	42
Misfits	41 1/2
Kingston Mini Mart	40
Wilbee Folks	37

Men's High Series & Game: J. Ridge 613 (220-207), R. Pringle 577 (220). Women's High Series & Game: B. Watson 492 (211). High Team Series & Game: The Family 1871 (702).

Business named in slip and fall lawsuit

A Cass City business has been named in a lawsuit stemming from an alleged slip and fall accident in 1993.

James N. Sherman, personal representative of the estate of Janet Sherman, filed suit against Cass City Tire, 6392 Main St., last Wednesday in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

The suit claims Janet Sherman slipped and fell on an oily substance on the floor of the Cass City business June 18, 1993, and that as a

result of the fall, she "was severely injured and incurred medical, hospital and physicians expenses."

The suit states Sherman suffered a broken wrist and ankle, and had continued problems with a knee cap and wrist as well as her arm. The suit also alleges she suffered loss and/or impairment of her mobility and serious disfigurement of her right hip and leg.

The suit seeks damages in excess of \$10,000.

40 attend organic growers meeting

Forty members of the Organic Growers of Michigan/Organic Crop Improvement Association, Thumb Chapter, met Thursday at the Lamotte Peace Church.

Presentations included a product availability report from Roger Pringle's Group Purchasing Committee. A large variety of commodities is available for sale, from beans and potatoes to fresh maple syrup to fresh bread.

The marketing committee is working on methods of direct marketing to local and city outlets and consumers under the direction of Joe Scrimger, chairman, and

Martha Seip-Castillo, direct marketing project coordinator.

The Certification Committee is busy processing organic certification applications, assuring an ever increasing supply of organic food available in the Thumb. Tim Lucas is handling Organic Growers of Michigan certification, while John Linck is taking care of the Organic Crop Improvement Association paperwork.

The growers sampled products, including blueberry muffins, nuts and ice cream with maple syrup.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 22, at 12 noon at Randy Hampshire's farm. A lunch of fresh baked pizza with a whole wheat crust will precede the meeting. At 2 p.m. a spader tillage machine will be demonstrated. Visitors are welcome.

For more information, call President Chuck Herpolshemer at (810) 724-1028 or the Hampshires at (517) 683-3161.

New source of energy

Alfalfa leaves have long been used as a livestock feed. Now, scientists in Minnesota are pushing a project that would transform composted alfalfa stems into electricity by capturing the methane gas they give off. Alfalfa offers several advantages over other biomass energy projects. Alfalfa can be harvested several times each growing season and only needs to be replanted every 4 to 6 years. Alfalfa also replenishes the soil with nutrients.

Obituaries

Charles Luke Tuckey

C. Luke Tuckey, 91, of Cass City, died Thursday, March 28, in his home after a long illness.

He was born Nov. 9, 1904 in Cass City to James D. and Eunice (Wright) Tuckey and has been a lifelong area resident. He married Evelyn D. Doerr on his birthday in 1927 in Cass City. Luke and Evelyn wintered in Tarpon Springs, Fla., for nearly 20 years.

Mr. Tuckey did custom thrashing for area farmers for 30 years. He started a gravel and concrete block business in 1945. In 1955 he added redi-mix concrete and continued this business until his retirement in 1964. He was a Cass City School Board member for 8 years, a charter member of Cass City Development for over 15 years. Luke played volleyball in his youth. He was a former member of the Community Club, Cass City Grange and Rotary. He was a member of the United Methodist Church, Cass City. He enjoyed repairing antique clocks.

Mr. Tuckey is survived by his wife, Evelyn; children, Dorothy E. (Carl) Mantey of Port Austin, J.D. (Dolores) Tuckey of Cass City, Charles (Iris) Tuckey of Cass City, Eunice (Donald) Kaufman of Edwardsburg, Dr. Donald L. (Kathlyn) Tuckey of Frankenmuth, William (Sylvia) Tuckey of Bay City, Robert (Barbara) Tuckey of Cass City, and Roy (Kathleen) Tuckey of Cass City; 24 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; a brother, The Reverend John E. (Bernice) Tuckey of Davison; sisters-in-law, Florence Tuckey of Marlette and Lanetia Tuckey of Pontiac; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Florence Flint, Glen, Gladys, Clair and Harold Tuckey.

Funeral services were held Sunday in Cass City Meth-

odist Church, with the Rev. Rick Sheppard and the Rev. Robert Garrett officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Church of Cass City Building Fund.

Arrangements were made by Little & Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Wanetta Little

Wanetta T. Little, 63, of Cass City, died Saturday, March 30, in her home after a long illness.

She was born June 7, 1932, in Oakland County to Howard and Thelma (Wilson) Woodard. She married Keith T. Little June 24, 1950, in the Novesta Church of Christ.

Mrs. Little was a member of Novesta Church of Christ and Farm Bureau.

She is survived by her husband, Keith; 5 children, David (Donna) Little, Dennis (Chris) Little, Dean (Patricia) Little and Brenda (Stuart) Venema, all of Cass City, and Karen (Scott) McDaniel of Aurora, Ill.; 13 grandchildren; 3 sisters, Wanda (Jim) Lonsberry of Westminster, S.C., Florence (Bruce) McVety of Warren and Mary Helen (Art) Pratt of Deford, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by an infant brother, Howard Woodard, and infant granddaughter, Maureen Venema.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Novesta Church of Christ with Chuck Emmert officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Novesta Church of Christ or A.L.S. Society.

Interment was in Novesta Township Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Little & Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Leo Osentowski

Leo Osentowski, 95, of Ubyly, died Friday, March 29, at the Huron County Medical Care Facility of Bad Axe,

after a long illness. He was born May 25, 1900, in Parisville, the son of Frank and Rose (Mazure) Osentowski. He married Anna Peruski in July 1927 at St. John's Catholic Church of Ubyly. She died Feb. 27, 1963. He married Irene Gosdzinski April 18, 1969, and she died May 6, 1974. They were married at St. Mary's of Parisville.

He attended the Shemka school and farmed in Paris Township. He was a barber for area children for many years and retired in 1959. He had been a parishioner of St. John's Church of Ubyly since 1927.

He is survived by 2 stepsons, Frank Gosdzinski and his wife, Geraldine, of Bad Axe and Eugene Gosdzinski and his wife, Marlene, of Ubyly; 2 stepdaughters, Loraine Makowski and her husband, Ernest, of Panama City, Fla., and Mary Ann Mazure and her husband, Fred, of Bad Axe; 3 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 13 step-grandchildren; 19 step-great-grandchildren; 3 brothers, Felix Osentoski of Ubyly, Stanley Osentoski

and his wife, Bertha, of Ubyly, and Sylvester Osentoski of Owendale; one sister, Mrs. Regina (Jean) Ekquist of Delaware. He was preceded in death by his son, Paul, and 5 sisters, Mary Kubacki, Babina Woytelewicz, Lucy Rutkowski, Theresa Grifka and Frances Rutkowski.

Funeral services were held Monday at St. John's Church of Ubyly, with the Rev. Randy Kelly officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home of Ubyly.

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Letters to the editor

30 years ago...

Where was Bob Dole?

Reflections from a concerned Michigan resident

Bob Dole said "if Pat Buchanan is elected president it will set this country back at least 30 years." Well let's see.

Thirty years ago:

(1) Average man could support his family with just one job

(2) Mom could raise the children if she had so chosen

(3) High school or college person was properly educated (no "goals 2000 or outcome based education) and could jump right into a GOOD job.

(4) Best qualified person

got the job
(5) Less crime
(6) Our moral had not yet decayed
(7) Less sex and violence at home, on TV or in the movies

So what happened?

(1) Too many illegal people coming into the country
(2) Too many jobs leaving the country

Cast, crew, director did a wonderful job

To the Editor,
I wish to send my plaudits

(3) NAFTA and GATT (our own government and corporate greed) lining us up for the "New World Order"

Where was Bob Dole?
In Congress writing the laws causing the problems?

Former Cass City Area resident
Nancy Smith
3058 Lippincott Road
Lapeer, MI 48446

and bravos to the cast, crew, director and all those involved in presenting "Annie Get Your Gun."

What an ambitious undertaking - so many dedicated students involved in all phases of presentation, including my co-op student who came to work late so he could be involved.

And Annie (Betty Hutton, remember?) never a dull or quiet moment.

Good luck to you all and continued best wishes.

Joan D. Merchant

Student musical excellent

To the cast and crew of "Annie Get Your Gun",

Thank you for an excellent show. It was great to see such talent in our school and the perfect use of that talent.

Evelyn and Dick Ziehm
Gagetown, MI



CASS CITY'S ACADEMIC TRACK team members who have collected 1st place finishes in all 3 of the school's meets are: (front from left) Cari O'Hara, Andrew Nahernak, Nate Brinkman, Michelle Derfiny, Trent Milligan. (Back from left) Ross Sherman, Brad Ypma, Andy Stoeckle, Craig Emmert, Christine Sheppard, Jalal Khoury, Aaron Wiles. Missing is Josh Dillon.

Academic track

Cass City team 3-0

Cass City's academic track team topped its record to 3-0 Thursday with a 120.33 to 91.67 win over visiting Millington.

Next for the Hawks, who have also defeated Capac and Unionville Area Schools on the year, is an all-star meet Tuesday, April 16, at Bridgeport. Performance winners at Bridgeport will move on to competition at the Temple Theatre that evening.

According to Roy Grueber, originator of Academic Track Services, academic track was founded in May 1972 to provide a vehicle for competition in the academic, art and performance area for middle school students.

The first academic track meet was an inter-school competition between 6th grade classes at Carrollton Middle School. The following year, Shields Junior High School was invited to com-

pete with Carrollton Middle School in the first inter-scholastic academic track meet. Academic track teams now consist of 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.

The individual winners and their events for Cass City against Millington were: Andy Stoeckle - geography

and ancient history, Michelle Derfiny - biology, Cari O'Hara - music, Brad Ypma - trivia, Christine Sheppard - word-o-clock, Josh Dillon - physical science, Andrew Nahernak - spelling, Trent Milligan - inter-read, Jessica Metzger - dramatic reading, and Jalal Khoury - keyboard.

Annual Christmas in July concert set for April 28

Christmas is coming to Tuscola County once again, but this year it will be in April. The annual Christmas in July concert will be staged Sunday, April 28, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Caro. The gala musical, which begins at 7:00 p.m., is a fund-raiser for the Tuscola County Christmas in July Project, a collective effort of area volunteers who join together to help repair the homes of persons in need. Now in its fourth year of service, the project has already made repairs possible to more than a dozen homes in Tuscola County, and plans for this year are equally ambitious.

The Christmas in July concert will feature the talent of several area musical performers, both solo and group artists. Among them are Dennis Crookedacre, Lisa Ann,

the Sacred Heart Mixed Choir, the Sacred Heart Handbell Choir, the Sacred Heart Men's Choir, the Caro Lutheran Church Adult Choir, the Praise Quartet, and the Grimshaws. After the individual performances have been presented, the combined singers will join for one or two favorite hymns and will invite the entire congregation to sing with them. Each act will perform for 10 minutes. A free-will offering will be taken at intermission time, and these funds will be turned over in entirety to the Christmas in July Project.

Thief targets stereo equipment

Cass City police are investigating the theft of stereo equipment from a vehicle last week.

Tina Giddings, Cass City, reported March 26 that someone broke out the rear window of her vehicle and stole a pair of 10-inch speakers, valued at \$150, and a power amplifier, valued at \$189.

The vehicle was parked in the north alley, just west of

Leach Street, when the theft occurred, reports state.

Also last week, police arrested Johnathon E. Jordan of Mansfield, Ohio, on a misdemeanor warrant charging him with domestic violence, and a clerk at the People's Choice Market, 6144 Cass City Rd., reported a motorist pumped \$11 worth of fuel into a vehicle Friday at about 11:30 p.m., then drove off without paying.

Legal notices

Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Christie Lynn Lagness, a married woman and Joyce Ann Hotchkiss, a single woman to AmeriFirst Financial Corporation, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 12, 1990 and recorded on June 12, 1990 in Liber 603, on page 479-482. Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to INDEPENDENCE ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION as assignee, by an assignment dated October 26, 1991, which was recorded on December 9, 1991, in Liber 619, on page 436. Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty Two Thousand Three Hundred Ninety One and 84/100 dollars (\$42,391.84), including interest at 10.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. o'clock, on Friday, May 3, 1996.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF AKRON, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

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Commencing at a point 303 feet West from the center post of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, running thence South 51.3 feet; thence S 45 degrees E, 110 feet; thence S 45 degrees W, 57 feet; thence N 40 degrees W, 238 Feet; thence East along the center of Frank Street to the point of beginning, except 4 feet right-of-way on Northeast side.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.324(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 27, 1996

INDEPENDENCE ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: (810) 642-4202
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Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gloria J. Fruchey and Gary L. Fruchey husband and wife (original mortgagors) to NBD MORTGAGE COMPANY, a Delaware Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 30, 1993 and recorded on December 2, 1993 in Liber 650, on page 1037, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Six and 12/100 dollars (\$34,826.12), including interest at 6.750% per annum.

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Melvin and Charlotte Particka and 40 family members of the Alex Particka family met at the Franklin Inn for brunch Sunday in honor of Alex Particka's birthday. The group later went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Particka for birthday cake and ice cream and an afternoon of visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Konkel were Saturday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Terry in Elkton.

Cheryl and Bobbie Allen and Allen Farrelly were Tuesday evening guests of Laura Kulish.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt were Wednesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Rees in Bad Axe.

Gary Wills of Port Austin was a Saturday afternoon guest of Reva Silver.

Mrs. Earl Schenk, who had spent a week with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Andersen Sr. in Livonia, came home Saturday. Beatrice Hundersmark of Bad Axe was an afternoon guest of Mrs. Schenk.

Mr. and Mrs. David Friebe of Saginaw were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

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

Melvin and Charlotte Particka and Marilyn and Stanley Rutkowski took Mary Beno to Cousins in Bad Axe for dinner Friday in honor of her birthday.

Cheryl and Bobbie Allen and Allen Farrelly had lunch at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt were Friday overnight and Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bredow near Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Terry of Elkton and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Konkel and Marney met at McDonald's in Cass City for supper Wednesday evening.

Beverly Rockefeller was a Wednesday afternoon guest of Reva Silver.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Andersen Sr. of Livonia and Mrs. Earl Schenk were Tuesday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Andersen Jr. and family at Canton.

Curtis Cleland came home Saturday after spending 10 days in Hills and Dales Hospital in Cass City.

Dr. and Mrs. Tom Collins of Allegan spent from Thursday till Saturday with Mrs. Martin Sweeney.

A large group of people attended the C.A.B. Enterprises craft show held at the Popple Trail Blazers hall Saturday, March 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Konkel and Marney attended the Michigan Beef Cattle Expo Festival at Mason Friday.

Bill Cleland of Bad Axe, Tom Bailey, Wendy Rickett, Caitlyn and Cory, Joyce Cleland and Leah Hoxie were visitors last week at the Curtis Cleland home.

David Hacker was a Monday evening guest of Mrs. Earl Schenk.

Doris Western, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Allen Farrelly, Ray English, Chuck and Cheryl Allen and Bobbie Allen had dinner at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe in honor of Cheryl Allen's birthday.

Elaine Virgo was a Monday lunch guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Six members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met Thursday, March 21, at Coral Gables in Bad Axe, and Thursday, March 28, 9 members met at Stephano's in Bad Axe. They will meet next Thursday morning at Stephano's.

Allen Farrelly was a Sunday afternoon guest of Darlene Terrassi, Melissa and Julie in honor of Julie's birthday.

Doug Glaza and daughter Ashley of Bad Axe were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Glaza.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Maurer of Bad Axe were Tuesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Maurer.

Kindergarten round-up April 23

Kindergarten Round-up for the Owendale-Gagetown Area Schools will be Tuesday, April 23, in the Owendale-Gagetown Elementary School gym, in Gagetown, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 12 noon to 2 p.m. You must bring your child along with a certified copy of their birth certificate (not hospital certificate), immunization record and social security card.

The school nurse will answer questions about immunization, and hearing and vision testing will take place at this time. The speech pathologist will answer any concerns you may have regarding your child's speech and language development.



OWEN-GAGE students who recently participated in Foreign Language Day at CMU included (front row, from left) Amy Joles, Crystal Pillsbury, Cara Bickel, Lily Leitermann, (back row, left) Melissa Woolner, Crystal Maxson, Shannon McClorey, Melissa Albrecht, Nicole Warack and Brandy Halasz.

O-G students compete at 24th "language day"

Owen-Gage French teacher Sandy Juengel along with 16 students participated in the 24th annual Foreign Language Day March 22 at Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant.

Student Crystal Pillsbury took first-place honors in French poetry, and Cara Bickel placed third in French songs. Lily Leitermann also competed in French poetry and the French II class in French songs, while Amy Joles, Crystal Maxson and Melissa Woolner participated in a poster competition.

Other students in the group were Shannon McClorey, Melissa Albrecht, Brandy

Halasz, Nicole Warack, Alison Bickel, Lacey Gruber, Jessica Klebba, Tonya Myers, Tara McKellar and Amy Sheufelt.

They were among hundreds of high school students from throughout Michigan who took part in song, dance, skit display, poster and interpretive reading competitions in French, German and Spanish.

Students also visited foreign language classes, viewed video tapes and displays, toured the CMU campus, watched a demonstration of computer-assisted language learning, and attended an awards ceremony.

In circuit court

16 appear on charges

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

•Gregory S. Bailey, 23, Mayville, pleaded guilty to home invasion, second degree last February in Fremont Township, receiving and concealing a stolen firearm in January-February in Dayton Township, and attempted home invasion, second degree, Feb. 12 in Dayton Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at a combined \$3,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is scheduled for May 10.

•Tony S. Bossert, 21, Cass City, stood mute to a charge of unlawfully driving away an automobile March 1 in Caro.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case, bond was continued at \$10,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Richard W. Bradford, 23, Caro, pleaded guilty to probation violation — failure to report to his supervising probation agent.

He was sentenced to 60 days in jail, with work release. Probation was reinstated for the defendant, who was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Brandon S. Ezell, 24, Millington, pleaded innocent to probation violation — failure to report to his supervising probation agent.

A pre-trial hearing was scheduled for today (Wednesday) at 1 p.m.

•Julie A. Browder, 37, Vassar, was sentenced to 90 days in jail for her plea of guilty to forgery of a license plate June 14 in Juniata Township.

•Don Morris, 30, Saginaw, was sentenced to 3 years probation and 180 days in jail (deferred to the end of probation) for his plea of guilty to retail fraud, first degree, Dec. 3 in Caro.

Morris was ordered to pay \$400 in costs and fines, \$1,080 in oversight fees and a \$40 victim crime fee.

•John D. Stout, 40, Mayville, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle

while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 3, 1994, in Dayton Township, plus one prior felony and probation violation — failure to report to his supervising probation agent.

Stout's pre-sentence investigation report was ordered updated. He was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department without bond.

•Milburn Hoss, also known as William Hoss, 30, Flint, pleaded guilty to jail escape while awaiting trial on a felony June 10 in Caro.

Bond was revoked for the defendant, who was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department, and a pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Kenneth J. Thompson, 39, Burton, pleaded guilty to probation violation — failure to report to his supervising probation agent.

The defendant's pre-sentence investigation report was ordered updated and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•John P. Husarick, 19, Millington, pleaded guilty to probation violation — failure to report to his supervising probation agent, and being convicted of domestic violence.

Husarick was sentenced to one year in jail (90 days deferred), with work site privileges. His probation was extended by one year.

court costs and fines totalling \$200 plus a \$40 victim crime fee.

•Gary C. Oswald, 28, Richville, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 6 months in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon Aug. 10 in Denmark Township.

Oswald was ordered to submit to alcohol testing, and to pay \$1,000 in costs and fines, oversight fees totalling \$1,000, restitution of \$924.30 and a \$40 victim crime fee.

•Michael W. Prell, 17, Millington, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 90 days in jail, with work site privileges, for his plea of guilty to 2 counts of possession of marijuana Oct. 27 in Millington.

Prell was ordered to submit to substance abuse testing, and to pay \$400 in costs and fines, \$150 in oversight fees and a \$30 victim crime fee.

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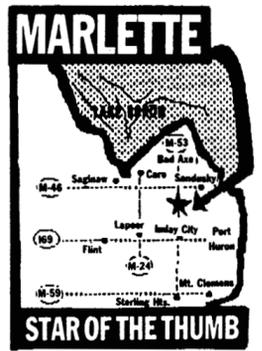
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Spring Achievement

Sanilac 4-Hers earn awards

"Reflections of Our Past and Present" was the theme for the 1996 4-H Spring Achievement held March 23 at Sandusky Middle School. 4-H personal appearance members participated in the morning event, in which their projects in knitting, crocheting, sewing, buymanship and wearable recycling were evaluated for construction, style revue and all the mini fair projects.

Awards for the evening were the Citizen's Federal awards, which are provided by Citizen's Federal Savings & Loan Association of Sandusky. This year's winners of the \$50 savings bonds were Denae Freiburger of Lucky Stars 4-H Club in buymanship, Carrie King, Lucky Stars 4-H Club, in wearable recycling, Danielle Laming, Holbrook Helpers 4-H Club, in crocheting, and Arnetta Stull, Nifty Acres 4-H Club in sewing.

The crowning of the 4-H king, 4-H queen and 4-H court was held at the end of

the program with Amy Kerbyson, Palms, as 4-H queen and Mike Noll, Croswell, as 4-H king. Members of the court are Shelia Flanagan, Deckerville; Crystal Warford, Croswell; Stacey Cunningham, Applegate; Nathan Clark, Peck; Jason King, Decker, and Jay Larson, Croswell.

Others receiving awards were:

Beginning sewing: Rebecca Sheats, Snover Super Stars 4-H Club (construction), Brandy Talaski, Holbrook Helpers 4-H Club (construction & style), Luann Laming, Holbrook Helpers 4-H Club (construction & style), Jenna Moore, Snover Super Stars 4-H Club (construction & style), Shenna Simpson, Moore Friends 4-H Club (construction & style), Sara Pettinger, Holbrook Helpers 4-H Club (construction & style), Renee Maurer, Holbrook Helpers 4-H Club (construction), and Jennifer Hart, Moore Friends 4-H

Club (construction).

Young sewing: Erin Cleland, Holbrook Helpers 4-H Club (style), Andrew Hanselman, Sandusky Country Stars 4-H Club (style), Talisa Talaski, Holbrook Helpers 4-H Club (construction & style), Rhonda Turner, Germania Silver Stars 4-H Club (style), Lori Rader, Croswell Busy Bodies 4-H Club (style), and Ashley Gerstenberger, Sandusky Country Stars 4-H Club (construction).

Junior sewing: Carrie King, Lucky Stars 4-H Club (construction), Tracy Talaski, Holbrook Helpers 4-H Club (style), Melissa Bush, Moore Friends 4-H Club (style), Andrea Bush, Moore Friends 4-H Club (construction), Jennifer Bailey, Flynn Hustlers 4-H Club (construction & style), and Carrie Hull, Germania Silver Stars 4-H Club (style).

Senior Sewing: Danielle Laming, Holbrook Helpers 4-H Club (style), Kendra

Hanselman, Sandusky Country Stars 4-H Club (construction & style), Arnetta Stull, Nifty Acres 4-H Club (construction & style), and Mary Kohn, Moore Friends 4-H Club (construction).

Buymanship: Kayla Freiburger, Lucky Stars 4-H Club (construction & style), Denae Freiburger, Lucky Stars 4-H Club (construction & style), Michelle Flanagan, Ridge Runners 4-H Club (construction & style), Kelly Heilig, Ridge Runners 4-H Club (construction & style), Jennifer Schultz, Bronc Riders 4-H Club (style), Arnetta Stull, Nifty Acres 4-H Club (style), and Jessica Rodgers (Nifty Acres 4-H Club (style)).

Knitting and crocheting: Renee Putterbaugh, Evergreen Guys & Gals 4-H Club (construction), Danielle Laming, Holbrook Helpers 4-H Club (construction & style), Laura Laming, Holbrook Helpers 4-H Club (construction), and Luann Laming, Holbrook Helpers

4-H Club (construction & style).

Wearable art: Jennifer Brorson, Germania Silver Stars (construction), and Donald Hutchinson, Germania Silver Stars (construction).

Wearable Recycling: Carrie King, Lucky Stars 4-H Club (style).

Rice fry nice fry

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Kozan, Estee LaFave, Ashley LaPeer, Jessica Lester, Christopher Maharg, Ashley Meshell, Sam Moore, Chris Morrish, Crysta Moss, Stephanie Priestley, Rajen Raythatha, Ben Rhyndress, Cory Rickett, Keith Romstad, Samantha Sabo, Joshua Sherman, Josh Smith, Brandon Speirs, Amanda Sullins, Adam Talaski, Ryan Thornton, Nicholas Turner, Andy Veneziano, Liza Volmering, Michael Wark, Kristen Wilcs.

6TH GRADE

All A's - Melissa Doerr, Danielle Guilds, Sara Homakie, Timothy Khoury, Jamie Leiterman, Karl Lowe, Jessica Metzger, Elise Pasant, Julie Roche, Rebecca Rockwell, Kerry Shagene, Chenelle Smentek, Stephanie Stevens, Jeff Storm, Lyndi Trischler.

B or Better - Tom Armstead, Tyler Bader, Candi Benjamin, Joe Biskner, Jesse Bouck, Tara Bryant, Nicholas Chappel, Tina Conquest, Sarah Cooper, Amanda Damoth, Rochelle Dohn, Aaron Dorland, Clint Drinkard, Matt Ender, Jesika Ferris, Grant Frank, Jonathon Galloway, Jason Ganley, Jason Glaza, Cason Harris, Rob Havens, Elias Healy, Shawn Heronemus, Nathan Izydorek, Nicole Keener, Chuck Keiser, Jamie Kilbourn, R.J. Klaus, Josh Klein, Crystal Martin, Tim McFarland, Robin Messing, Chris Mills, Summer Osentoski, Ashley Ouvry, Kris Patera, Kayla Posluszny, Stephanie Ramsey, Amber Reese, Crystal Sattleberg, Jessica Smith, Brad Stine, Patrick Stock, Kevin Taylor, Jessica Tenbusch, Jennifer Tenbusch, Brandon Vargo, Tosha Vatter, Erin Venema,

7TH GRADE

All A's - Kaylee Bell, Joel Brinkman, Holli Cooper, Ryan Cooper, Michelle Derfny, Randy Diebel, Josh Dillon, Jaime Fluegge, Katie Hacker, Anthony Ingrao, Laura Laming, Laura O'Dell, Christine Sheppard, Andy Stoeckle, Stacy Sullins, Brad Ypma.

B or Better - Mike Bashur, Melissa Bliss, Becky Bulla, Andy Dale, Amy Duquesnay, Craig Emmert, Shaun Engler, Tara Gage, Zach Gaspie, Brent Goslin, Kandance Hanson, Johanna Hoeltzle, Stephanie Humpert, Jeremy Klinkman, Andrew Nahernak, Jodi Phillips, Amy Polega, Megan Powell, Emily Rayl, Anand Raythatha, Kyle Rick, Kyle Ross, Sara Sabo, Josh Sherman, Ross Sherman, Adina Speirs, Claire Tuckey, Kim Vincent, Chris Vollmar, Chris Ziehm.

8TH GRADE

All A's - Justin Caraballo, Nicole Doerr, Adam Dorland, Jesse Hillaker, Melissa Homakie, Stephanie Pierce, Brad Roche, David Sutter, Andrea Walsh.

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U.S. Congressman Jim Barcia (D. Bay City) voted "yes" on the final version of the 1996 Agriculture Market Transition Act, which passed the U.S. House of Representatives Friday.

"I'm very pleased that the House and Senate Conference Committee decided to keep the sugar program intact and not modify it from what we voted on last month," Barcia said. "My constituents and I are vitally interested in sugar given its importance for our area, and the continuation of this program encouraged me to support this Farm Bill."

"I'm very disappointed, however, that the conferees did not reinstate the dairy program, which I strongly urged through numerous contacts with the conferees. The House Agriculture Committee, whose members are experts in this Congress on agricultural programs, chose to retain the dairy provisions. When the bill passed the

House, however, members who did not understand the value of the program voted it down. I will work very closely with my dairy farmers in the coming months to ensure that their livelihood proceeds at a stable and productive level."

The bulk of sugar beets produced in Michigan are grown within Barcia's district and all of the beet processing plants in the state are within his district.

The 1996 Farm Bill also included major reforms of other farm price support programs, replacing a system that was tied to market price and levels of production with a phase-out of the wheat and feed grain programs over the next 7 years and with a series of declining payments based upon historical participation in farm programs.

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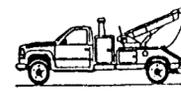


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In Memory

IN MEMORY OF Harvey Kritzman who passed away April 7, 1993. Our hearts still ache with sadness, and secret tears still flow. What it meant to lose you, no one will ever know. When we're sad and lonely and everything goes wrong, we seem to hear you whisper, cheer up and carry on. Each time we look at your picture, you seem to smile and say, Don't cry, I'm only sleeping. We will meet again someday. Sadly missed by his wife, Iris Kritzman and daughter, Phyllis McFarlane. 15-4-3-1

In Memory

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For school board seats

Nominating petitions due

Area residents interested in running for a board of education seat in their respective school districts have just a few days to file nominating petitions.

The petitions are due in superintendents' offices by 4 p.m. Monday. The annual school election is scheduled for Monday, June 10.

In Cass City, the 4-year terms of incumbent school board trustees Beverley Auten and Fred Matthews are expiring. There will be no millage question on the ballot.

Likewise, voters in the Kingston and Uby school districts will only be filling school board seats in the annual school election.

In Kingston, the terms of trustees Ben Boyd and Raymond Wolak are expiring, as are the terms of the Uby School Board members Martin Kubacki and John Rutkowski.

In the Owen-Gage District, voters will fill 3 board of education seats as well as decide a millage request.

The terms of 3 trustees are expiring. The seats now held by Ron Good and Walter Swiastyn will be filled for 4 years, and the seat held by Paul Hunter will be elected to a 2-year term.

Hunter was appointed to the board last year to fill a vacancy left by Lisa McIlvenna, who moved

out of the area. Voters will also be asked to approve 18 mills, as provided for under Proposal A, for 10 years.

According to school Supt. Manuel Thies, 14.8 mills of the district's current tax levy

will expire in December, and another 6.5 mills will expire in December 1997. Rather than have 2 separate elections, he explained, the board decided to make one millage request which will provide for the school's needs and

meet the state requirement of 18 mills.

Approval of the millage would mean no change for homeowners, who would continue to be taxed at a rate of 18 mills. Non-homestead property would continue to

be taxed at a rate of 24 mills.

Thies pointed out that without voter approval, the district will not be eligible to receive its state foundation grant, which now accounts for more than 90 percent of the district's annual funding.

Budgets okayed at annual meets

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The township has a fund balance of \$28,289, slightly less than a year ago.

The planned spending increase is due to an anticipated hike in election expenses in the coming year, as well as more costs related to zoning, Newell said.

The township will spend \$46,000 on roads, with a priority being work on one mile of Dodge Road, from Deckerville Road north.

In a related matter, the board briefly discussed a planned road millage question in August in which residents will be asked to approve a one-mill levy for 3 years to pay for additional road improvements.

Aside from roads, major expenses in the township's 1996-97 budget include fire protection (\$9,900), ambulance service (\$3,344) and waste collection (\$12,400,

about half of which comes from waste fees paid by residents).

Newell said the township will continue with the same waste collection schedule. "Recycling was discussed, and it's a real possibility this year" through the county, she added.

Township salaries will remain the same in the coming year. The supervisor receives \$5,175, while the clerk and treasurer are paid \$3,792 and trustees, \$40 per meeting.

EVERGREEN

A new budget and pay raises were approved during a 90-minute annual meeting in Evergreen Township, attended by 16 people, including township board members.

The 1996-97 spending plan totals \$74,796, with revenues totalling \$111,502, township Clerk Arthur Severance re-

ported.

The only significant difference between the new budget and the previous year's spending is \$6,300 spent on a computerized voting tabulator and a pair of voting booths, Severance said.

The township will spend about \$90,000 on roads in the coming year, with about \$68,000 of the total covered by funds generated by a one-mill road millage. Much of the work will focus on rebuilding Germania Road, from Shabbona Road to Argyle Road, according to Severance, who noted this is the last year for the road millage.

Turning to salaries, the board approved pay hikes that will go into effect in 1997. The supervisor-assessor will earn \$5,450, an increase of \$950, and the clerk and treasurer will each receive an additional \$200, to \$2,700. Trustees will con-

tinue to receive \$60 per meeting.

In other business, the board approved an annual contribution of \$500 to the Cass City Parks and Recreation program.

GREENLEAF

Twenty-one residents, including township board members, attended the annual Greenleaf Township meeting, which lasted about an hour.

Township Clerk Clare Brown reported a 1996-97 budget totaling \$83,320 was approved. The township will start the year with a fund balance of \$47,000 and end the year with about \$27,000.

The new budget represents little change from the previous year, Brown said. Major expenses include fire protection (\$12,000), ambulance service (\$13,034) and the township's waste transfer station (\$8,000).

Only \$12,000 is earmarked for roads in the coming year. "We're kind of holding off a little bit on roads. The county apparently doesn't have a lot of money this year, so there isn't going to be as much cost sharing," Brown said, adding the board hopes it will be able to do more in another year.

Brown noted township salaries will remain the same at \$3,000 for supervisor, \$2,500 for treasurer, \$2,300 for clerk and \$35 per meeting for trustees.

Production of milk up in February

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 446 million pounds of milk during February, up 4 percent from a year ago, according to the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service.

This increase was mainly due to leap year adding an extra day to the month of February. Milk per cow was 1,365 pounds compared with 1,315 last year. However, on an average daily basis, production per cow for February was virtually unchanged from a year ago.

The dairy herd was estimated at 327,000 head, up 1,000 head from February 1995, but unchanged from last month.

The preliminary value of milk sold was \$14.30 per hundredweight in February, the same as last month and \$1.40 more than February 1995. The mid-month February slaughter cow price was \$31.00 per cwt., compared with \$42.80 in February 1995.

Dairy manufacturing plants in Michigan produced 2.1 million pounds of butter in January, 6 percent more than a year ago. Ice cream output totaled 1.5 million gallons compared with 2.3 million gallons in January 1995.

Wood lot woes

Building a home on a wooded lot might seem like the American dream, until the trees start dying. Construction activities can damage or even kill naturalized and native trees. New sewers, gutters, streets and curbs can alter drainage patterns. So can construction debris - from concrete to sheetrock to plywood - which might be buried on the site, disturbing the soil profile.

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Cass City Red Hawk Students of the Week are Lee Dillon, 11th grade, Jonathan Fobear, 10th grade, and Beth Bashur, 11th grade. All went through the process of an application and interview and were selected to represent Cass City at the summer institutes, sponsored by the State Dept. of Education. This selection was through the I.S.D.'s gifted and talented program. All 3 will be going to Western for the integrated science and art program. Congratulations!

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But can you really do it yourself?

Nancy Kraig, a color expert for Martin-Senour paints, says yes.

"It's hard to imagine somebody who can't use a brush or roller," she says. "And, actually, some of the new painting techniques that create such dazzling effects are even easier. Take sponging, for example. The cloudlike effects it creates on walls, cabinets or pieces of furniture are fabulous, and yet it's hard to make a mistake. You apply a solid-color base coat, dab a sponge dipped in paint of another color onto the surface, allowing some of the background to show through. Then, if you don't think you've got enough color, let the first layer dry and sponge on some more. Waiting for the various layers to dry is almost the hardest part of the process, I think."

"Combing, which involves the removal of wet paint from a freshly painted surface, to create stripes is a bit more difficult than sponging," she adds. "But I feel that with relatively little practice, the average person can achieve highly professional results."

She feels that sponging and combing are great finishes for tired cabinetry.

"They produce a very luxurious look," comments Kraig. "Squint a little bit, and I think it's easy to see an heirloom where you just had a tired cabinet before."

NEUTRALS WORK WONDERS

If yours is one of the white laminate kitchens that dominated the housing market back in the 80s, paint can be a fantastic pick-me-upper. Hiller mentions that she recently saw such a kitchen, which had been given a dramatic new lease on life with a coat of deep raspberry on the ceiling and soffits.

"Before, this kitchen was white everywhere," she tells. "White cabinets, countertops, floor, walls and ceiling. So it's no wonder the owners found it cold and clinical. The infusion of raspberry gave it great warmth and personal style. It didn't

even look like the same kitchen."

However, if you have kitchen cabinets made of wood, she recommends sticking to neutral tones such as taupes, beiges, peach, soft gold, pale orange, and, of course, the entire spectrum of whites, which ranges from snowy tones to creamy hues.

Creating texture if you're working with neutrals is one of the tricks Hiller has taught viewers on the new decorating show, Room-by-Room, where she is a co-hostess.

"Start with a flat base coat," she explains. "Then sponge on a satin coat in the same color.

Or you can mask off stripes, and paint every other stripe in a satiny finish. Color-on-color finishes are easy to live with, yet very interesting."

She warns against using snowy whites in kitchens with almond-colored appliances. "Use creamy off-whites instead to avoid giving the appliances a dingy look," she advises.

ACCESSORIES COUNT

Make-overs become even more effective with the right accessories.

For a country look, Hiller suggests framed cross-stitch

samplers, old fashioned mason jars and cooking utensils, and all sorts of folk art. For what Hiller terms a "salsa mood", go with cactus plants in terracotta pots, colorful platters, ropes of red peppers, jars of beans. The contemporary kitchen can benefit from brightly colored canisters and serving pieces in simple shapes, modern art in sleek frames, and dramatic designer cookware.

"Such accessories needn't cost a lot and finding them can be fun," says Hiller. Go to garage sales, flea markets, the five-and-ten, crafts fairs and museum shops. "And the fact that today's paints are vastly improved is more good news for those craving a kitchen make-over with minimal expense and fuss. Dutch Boy, for example, has a Kitchen & Bath Collection, which is formulated to resist moisture and humidity, clean up with the swipe of a sponge, and provide color for many years."

A new 16-page booklet that tells how to select colors and use the proper painting techniques is free from Dutch Boy. Call 1-800-828-5669 and ask for Dutch Boy's Easy-Does-It Painting Interiors booklet. Free product literature is also available from Martin-Senour, 1-800-542-8468.

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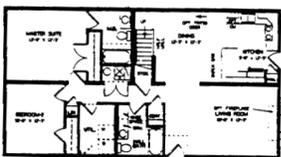
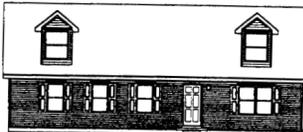
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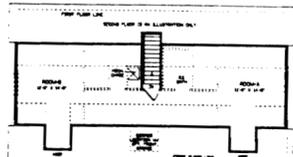
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Don't leave home security to chance

Leaving home security to chance is risky. Throughout the year, many people travel on vacation, for business or to see faraway family members, and there are many simple things you can do to keep your home secure while no one is there.

The National Crime Prevention council offers this advice to keep your property and family protected:

CHECK YOUR LOCKS

Door and window locks in most homes today might keep out someone who just rattles the knob, but they

won't stop a determined or professional burglar. In more than 40 percent of residential burglaries, the thieves came in an unlocked door or window.

Every exterior door should have a dead-bolt lock with a one-inch throw. If you have a key-in-the knob lock, install an auxiliary lock - a vertical bolt, cylinder dead-bolt, or horizontal-bolt model. And if you just moved into a new house or apartment, rekey the locks. You never know who may still have old keys. Also, do not hide your keys in mailboxes, planters, or under doormats. Give a duplicate key to a trusted neighbor instead.

Secure sliding glass doors with commercially available locks, with a rigid wooden dowel in the track or with a nail inserted through a hole drilled in the sliding door frame and projecting into the fixed frame. Lock double-hung windows with window key locks or by sliding a bolt or nail through a hole drilled at a downward angle in each top corner or the inside sash and part way through the outside sash. Consider grilles for basement or street-level windows if you live in a

high-crime area. Locks lose their effectiveness if they're installed in flimsy or weak doors. Make sure outside doors are solid, at least 1-3/4 inch metal or hard wood. Doors should fit tightly in their frames and hinges should be on the inside. Double check the door between your house and the garage since that is a common entry spot for thieves.

Install a peephole or wide-angle viewer in all entry doors so you can see who is outside without opening the door. A short chain between the doors and the jamb is not a good substitute because it can be broken easily.

To discourage burglars from selecting your home, make sure that any shrubbery around doors and windows is pruned so they will not hide anyone tampering with the entry points. Cut back tree limbs that could help a thief climb into second story windows. Keep your yard well-maintained and store ladders and tools inside your garage or basement when you're not using them. All entrances and porches should be well lit.

CONSIDER AN ALARM SYSTEM

If you live in an isolated

area or in a neighborhood vulnerable to break-ins, explore the costs of an alarm system. The simplest in-house alarm system sets up a small electrical circuit across door locks and from window to frame. When this current is interrupted by someone opening the door or window, the alarm sounds. More sophisticated systems include sensing devices that set off a siren when an intruder disturbs a field of continually moving sound or radar waves. Advanced alarm systems can be monitored by a central station which alerts the police if a thief breaks in. These systems can include smoke/fire alarms and "help" or "Panic" buttons to signal a medical or other emergency as well.

According to a recent survey by the National Association of Home Builders, security systems are offered as an option in 63 percent of new homes currently built, and they are forecasted to become standard in 61 percent of new homes by the turn of the century.

HAVE A FAMILY PLAN

Remember that your goal is to avoid any confrontations

with a burglar since there is a good chance he or she is armed. If you find a door ajar, a screen slit, or a window broken when you come home - do not go inside. Call the police from a neighbor's house.

PREPARE WHEN YOU LEAVE TOWN

Notify a trusted neighbor that has a view of your house of your vacation schedule and ask him or her to pick up your mail, deliveries and newspapers. Put lights and a radio on timers to create the illusion that someone is home. Leave shades, blinds, and curtains in normal positions.

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Tips for buying insulation

Installing insulation is an easy way for homeowners to reduce their energy bills and save money in the long run.

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The Celotex Corporation, a national manufacturer of residential building products, offers the following guidelines for buying insulation for your home, or specifying it to a homebuilder:

Practice The First Rule Of Insulation

Some insulation in all areas is better than a lot of insulation in a few areas.

Insulate In The Right Places

The critical areas to insulate are ceilings, walls and floors over unheated spaces, and areas around heating and air conditioning ducts.

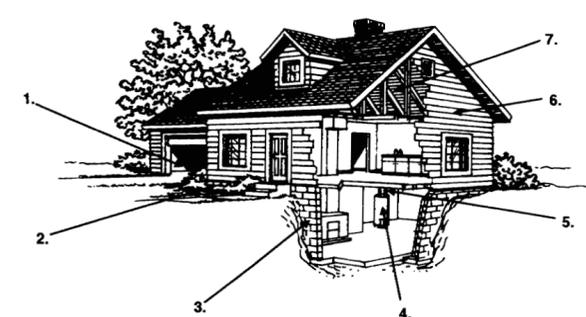
Choose Insulation That's Easy To Install

Insulation should be easy to handle, nail, staple, glue and cut with a utility knife.

Know Your R-Value

Choose insulation with a high R-value. "R" means resistance to heat flow. The higher the R-value, the greater the insulating power.

Check The Conditioning Time



Critical Insulation Areas: 1. Garage walls, 2. Where foundation meets structure, 3. Basement walls, 4. Hot water heaters, 5. Hot water pipes, 6. Exterior walls, 7. Attics

Period Length Of The R-Value Test

Some R-value tests are conducted on insulation conditioned in a laboratory only six months, but look for insulation that has been tested for at least several years.

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Proper care of homes increase their value

Most people take better care of their car than they do the home they live in. According to a survey by the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI), the leading association in the U.S. and Canada, "poor overall maintenance" was rated one of the top 5 problems most frequently found during home buyers' pre-purchase inspections.

Yet just as cars need regular oil changes and tune-ups to run smoothly and prevent major engine problems, so do houses need periodic preventive maintenance.

Regular preventive maintenance preserves the structural and mechanical systems of the home, as well as its general cosmetic appearance, say the home inspectors. It can also greatly reduce the cost of repairs. They report that many home owners end up hiring contractors to perform major and costly repairs for problems that

could easily have been avoided through preventive maintenance.

Keeping the home in good physical condition also enhances its financial value as an investment. Real estate agents agree that well-maintained homes sell more quickly and at higher prices than poorly maintained ones.

WHERE TO BEGIN

One of the obstacles to regular maintenance for many homeowners is the task of figuring out what needs to be done. If you have a wet basement or a leaky roof, for example, you know that something needs to be done, but there might be several alternatives. Do you buy an expensive waterproofing system or do you simply fix the gutters? Do you buy a new roof, or merely install better chimney flashing?

Other conditions are not

ways so obvious. Overloaded circuits might be slowly heating up the wiring and building a potential fire hazard. Galvanized steel pipes, corroded with age, might be serviceable today but cause a plumbing nightmare just down the road. Yet if symptoms such as these aren't readily apparent, how do you know you even have a problem?

GET PROFESSIONAL ADVICE

When the list of maintenance options becomes confusing, or when you don't know where to begin, it's time to call in a professional home inspector, advises Ron Passaro, a spokesperson for the home inspectors' association. Trained and experienced in the visual examination and evaluation of the condition of a home, the in-

spector can help a home owner focus attention on the tasks that need to be performed in order to bring a home into top physical condition. While examining the attic, for example, an inspector might detect subtle evidence of water penetration through the roof. Allowing for the age

and condition of the roofing material, he would then be able to recommend either the installation of a new roof or perhaps some simple flashing repairs. In either case, serious water damage to the house can be avoided. Similarly, an inspector's recommendation to install a power vent in the attic (\$150-\$200) in order to reduce the heat load might well double the lifespan of a shingle roof (\$2000-\$3000).

If a home has aluminum wiring, periodic preventive maintenance inspections are essential. The condition of wire connections at outlets and switches must be monitored so that corrective measures can be taken if necessary. An inspector will note plumbing leaks and aging water heaters and indicate whether there is a need for repair or replacement to prevent failure or flooding. Improperly graded soil around the house, or defective gutters, the most common causes of water in the basement/cellar, would also be marked for correction.

BE REALISTIC

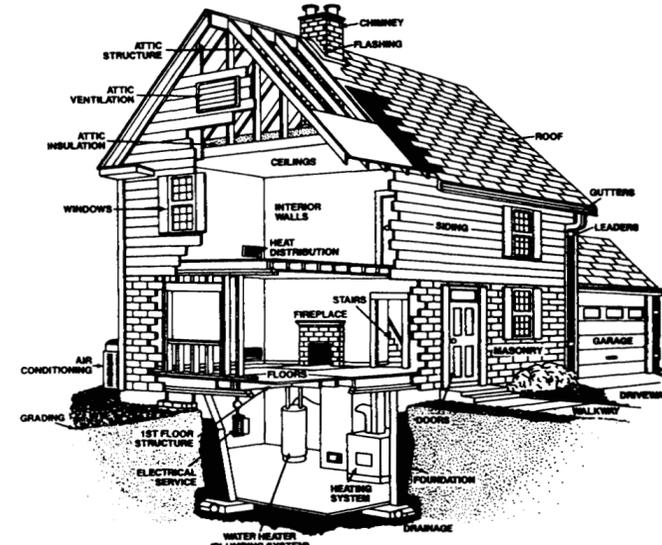
Passaro cautions home owners not to attempt to do all the maintenance chores themselves, especially items

like electrical or roof top work. "Today, with our busy lifestyles, it is important to be realistic about whether one has the time, not to mention the ability and the tools, to perform all the necessary tasks.

"I recommend that individuals first decide what they think they can accomplish themselves and then hire professional contractors to do the rest. This is the most efficient way of ensuring that preventive maintenance is actually carried out."

How often should a comprehensive maintenance inspection be performed? ASHI recommends a schedule of once every 2 to 5 years to keep a home in good physical condition. Individual house components, such as heating, air conditioning and septic systems for example, require annual or semiannual inspections and servicing by qualified tradesmen or service technicians.

"Intervals of 15 and 20 years are also important," Passaro noted, "because that is the life span of many of a home's systems and materials, such as furnaces and roof coverings. Home owners can anticipate some heavy maintenance work at those times."



Banks credit low interest rates

Prosperous building year projected

Relatively low interest rates, steady employment and 2 successive good farm years make the outlook for new home construction, remodeling and improvement

bright this season, according to area financial institutions and firms in the industry.

Kurt Strickland, from the Cass City office of Thumb National Bank and Trust,

points to the agricultural economy as one of the prime reasons for a spurt in interest among area home and farm owners. Couple that with interest

rates of 7 1/2 to 8 1/2 percent and it has enabled owners to start projects that otherwise may have been postponed.

There is confidence in the economy out there, he says, and employment locally has been good.

Dominic Monastiere, president of Chemical Bank Bay Area, reports strong volume in loans for homes, building and remodeling projects.

The business is rate sensitive, he says, and even though the rates have increased slightly from the low point, rates that range in the low to mid 7 percent range are still very advantageous by historical standards.

Loan volume was up a little in February and early March, Monastiere reports, but April is usually the start of the seasonal increase in home repairs and improvements.

The good news is echoed by Robert Shuster, chief executive officer of Mutual Savings. He reports that loan activity from the Cass City branch was up approximately 80 percent this year from the corresponding pe-

riod a year ago.

All banks report that there is a very ample money supply and qualified buyers will have no trouble securing loans.

PROGRAMS

There are also many programs that enable some buyers to secure loans with no or small down payments. The Community Home Buyers Program enables loans to be issued for as little as 3 percent down.

The FHA loans are traditional sources of low down payment loans. The Rural Economic Community Development sponsored loans enable qualified borrowers to secure loans with no down payment.

WEATHER DELAY

The weather has delayed the building season with most of the activity this year being inside home improvements, Ken Blackmer, manager at Self-Serve Lumber Co. in Cass City, says. However, whenever there

has been better weather we have enjoyed a couple of "summertime week ends".

He said that it looks as if it will be a very good year, judging by the remarks of customers in the store. Asked if he felt that sticker shock made customers hesitant to buy, he said that he felt the prices offered at the yard were a plus when home owners decide to remodel.

Cass City Siding Co. workers were busy last week with the warming weather and were completing a roofing job on Oak Street when interviewed.

Wayne Pallas, who works at the company owned by his brother-in-law Jim Boyce, says it looks like business will be a lot better this year. The firm has been in business for about 17 years.

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"Failing to stain your deck is like going outside in a rain-storm without an umbrella—

you'll definitely get wet and perhaps 'ill,'" said Guy Bowlan, a manager in the paint department of The Home Depot. "While your deck won't catch a cold, it will certainly wramp and swell if moisture penetrates the wood."

move the mill glaze left on the wood, approximately 15-30 minutes, then apply another coat. Don't allow stain to dry all the way before applying another coat. If the wood has not absorbed the stain in one hour, wipe off the excess stain with a clean cloth. Excess stain, or stain applied on top of a dry coat, will eventually peel.

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STAINING TIPS

- * New decks or fences should be coated as soon as the wood will absorb the stain. To test the wood's absorbency, sprinkle on drops of water. If it absorbs quickly, you're ready to stain. If it beads up on the surface, wait a couple of weeks and test the wood again.
- * When ready to stain, whether the wood is old or new, make sure the surface is free of water, oil, dirt or other foreign substances. A wood cleaner will help re-

move the first to absorb into the wood, approximately 15-30 minutes, then apply another coat.

Don't allow stain to dry all the way before applying another coat. If the wood has not absorbed the stain in one hour, wipe off the excess stain with a clean cloth. Excess stain, or stain applied on top of a dry coat, will eventually peel.

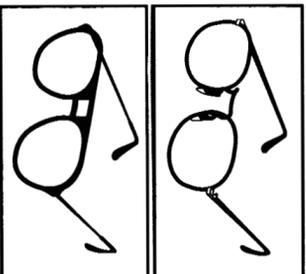
* A gallon of stain will typically cover about 200 square feet of wood, or a deck measuring 10 feet by 20 feet. Additional stain is required for rougher surfaces.

* Stain's life span depends on weather conditions and exposure. To determine when it's time to stain again, simply apply stain to a test area. If the stain is not absorbed after 30 minutes, the wood probably does not need another coat.

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Select a professional contractor

After planning many thumbnail sketches and juggling your finances, you've decided to go ahead with that home remodeling project you've been considering. What comes next?

The next best step is finding the right professionals for your remodeling job and establishing a comfortable working relationship with whomver you select.

When choosing a professional remodeling contractor, it's important to do your homework and check the experience, credentials and references of the candidates, according to J. Duncan Brock, CR, president, National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI), Arlington, VA. "One way to determine a contractor's professionalism is to ask them if they belong to an industry organization such as NARI. Becoming a member clearly demonstrates a remodeling contractor's commitment to quality and professional development."

For homeowners who are planning to remodel their home, NARI offers a free brochure entitled "Select a Professional Remodeling Contractor."

This helpful brochure provides tips on selecting and working with professional contractors. Topics covered include licensing basics, complying with local building codes, contractual

agreements and financing.

According to Brock, the brochure guides homeowners through every step of the contractor selection process, as well as project planning design. "Our brochure is a must for homeowners who are considering a remodeling project. It is packed with useful information," said Brock.

Since a home is a large investment worth protecting, thoughtful planning is the first thing you should do when starting a remodeling project. Look over your home and property carefully to decide what improvements you want and can afford. Think ahead to determine your needs in the next few years, especially if you have a growing family or may have elderly parents coming to live with you. Professional remodelers can help you during the planning phase by outlining options and discussing the investment you can make within your budget.

The size and complexity of your remodeling budget will dictate the types of professionals you need to involve — from architects to engineers to remodeling contractors.

For major remodeling projects, such as large additions or rearranging existing space, you probably will need the services of an architect. Such

projects require construction drawings, which architects draft and provide, to help the contractor determine his budget and obtain permits. In many instances, your contractor can refer you to a good architect who is adept at remodeling projects.

Some remodeling firms, known as design/build companies, have architects, engineers and contractors all under one roof and can see your project through from first designs to completion. If your home improvement project is less extensive, it can be handled by an experienced contractor whose knowledge of materials and procedures has been gained through years of practical field work. As always, be sure to deal with a professional.

Check to see if the remodeling contractor you are considering is bonded and insured. Also, if your state has a licensing requirement for contractors, make sure they are currently licensed and in good standing with all state requirements. You also may want to check out Better Business Bureau to ensure there are no unanswered or well-founded complaints on file.

Ask for references of people who have recently had similar work done. Visit their completed jobs and interview the homeowners. Find out first-

hand what it's like to work with the contractor.

When you have narrowed your selection to the two or three contractors who are the right fit for your job, you may want to get bids from each. Although price may be a key determinant in contractor selection, be sure to weigh all of the options. And remember to look for a NARI member.

The NARI logo is the mark of a professional contractor. When reviewing the contract, be certain it includes the contractor's name, address, telephone number and license number, if applicable. It should detail specifically what the contractor will do and will not do, such as protection of your home's property and clean-up procedures. The contract should also specify all building materials chosen, including size, type, color, etc. All contracts should include the approximate start and completion dates of your project. By law, contractors must give you a three day rescission form, which allows you to cancel the contract without penalty within three days of signing it. Make sure all financial terms, including the payment schedule, are spelled out clearly in the contract and that you fully understand them. Your contractor should provide a minimum one year warranty to cover

workmanship and materials, and should be identified as either "full" or "limited." A full warranty stipulates that all defective products must be repaired or replaced, or your money returned. A limited warranty implies only certain things are covered and under specific circumstances. Make sure the names and addresses of those who will honor the warranty and expiration dates are clearly marked.

Local building permits are necessary when you are changing the structure or living space of your home. Allow your contractor to obtain them rather than getting them yourself. He will know your local requirements. Since the person obtaining the permit will be liable if the work does not comply with local building codes, it is best to let your contractor handle permits.

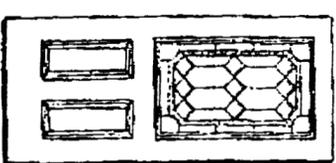
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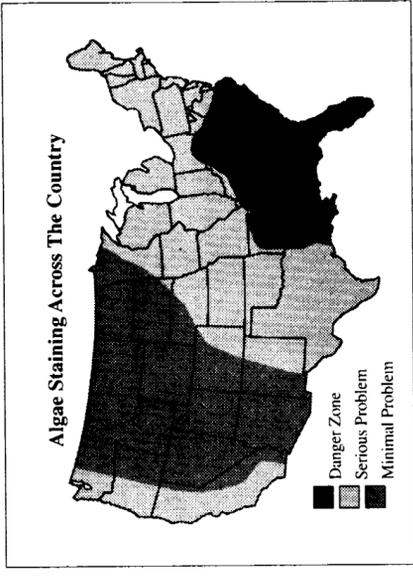
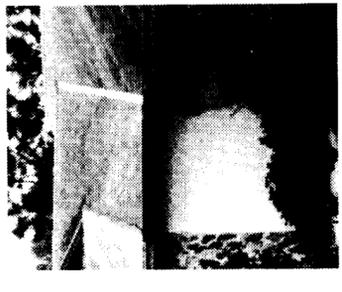
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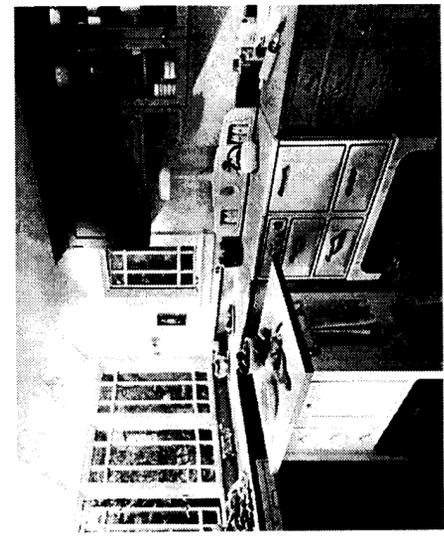
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Using hardwoods

Natural kitchens become popular



Once more, the Arts and Crafts movement is important in the world of home design. Mission-style furniture and prairie houses a la Frank Lloyd Wright are newly popular, and superior craftsmanship is the quality most sought after in design elements and accessories.

This is especially true in the kitchen, say designers from Rutt showrooms around the nation. In choosing, their clients request kitchens with the clean lines, meticulous craftsmanship and natural materials that we associate with the Arts and Crafts style.

Jerre Bowden, a Georgia designer recognized for innovative kitchen design, says the strength of this trend doesn't surprise her.

"The original movement began as a reaction against the mass-produced, machine-made furnishings created during the Industrial Revolution towards the end of the 19th century," explains Bowden, who is associated with Rutt of Atlanta. "People wanted well-designed, well-crafted items, and nature became a recurrent theme. Today, we're reacting against a computerized, high-tech world, and, once more, we embrace nature and seek out beautifully designed and crafted design elements."

Kitchen Elements

"In the kitchen, this translates into true custom cabinetry, crafted to perfection from beautiful hardwoods," adds

homes, it might be a good idea to check trim and paneling around the house for clues to what wood species and finish to use.

"Typical woods for the Craftsman style are cherry, maple, mahogany and oak," adds Bowden. "But in this day and age where we are concerned about rain forest species, we prefer to recreate mahogany as a finish on cherry. For hardware, go with pulls of wood, chrome or black copper. Stay away from shiny brass pulls."

Rutt of Seattle likes to incorporate open shelves for Arts and Crafts kitchens. The firm's designers feel that this adds an artistic look to cabinetry, especially when the shelves are filled with books and collections of art glass or crockery.

So the Craftsman look allows plenty of variations, and Rutt's designers feel that this versatility is an important part of its appeal.

They say that although this is a trendy style, it is also enduring. An Arts and Crafts kitchen is invariably warm and inviting, unpretentious and timeless. It is not a kitchen that one tires of. Arts and Crafts styles as well as contemporary and country kitchens are plentiful in a beautifully illustrated 100-page book available at \$15 from Rutt Custom Cabinetry, 1564 Main Street, P.O. Box 129, Goodville, PA 17528. Full kitchens in today's best styles can also be seen at Rutt showrooms. Call 800 420 7888 for where-to-throws information.

However, the cabinets are, by far, the most important element, according to Susan Bates, CKD, a noted designer associated with Rutt of Los Altos in Northern California.

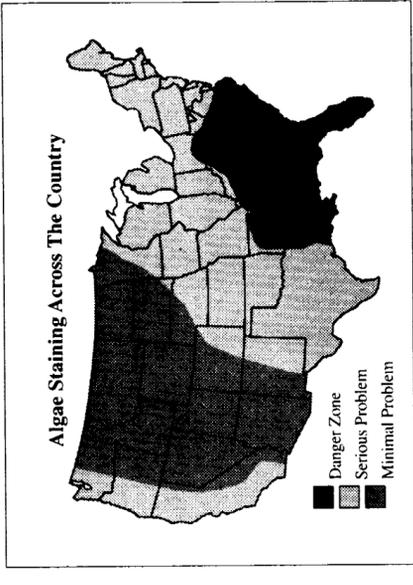
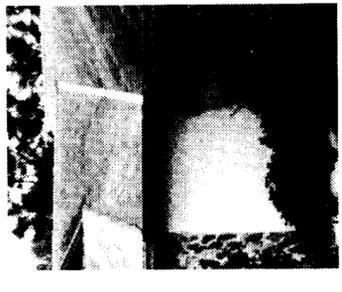
"The cabinet is the ingredient that establishes the style," notes Bates. "Simple designs with the painstakingly perfected details characteristic of custom cabinetry crafted by Rutt are just right. Natural wood finishes or white-painted styles are true to the look, but in turn-of-the-century

Cabinet Details

spaces we know from old Craftsman bungalows," adds Bowden. "Today's types of task lighting work well. They provide pools of light rather than over-all brightness."

Timeless simplicity typifies the Arts and Crafts kitchen. Here, Rutt of Seattle architect J. Paul Lobbkovich and homeowner Jim Williamson recreate this style with an antique Wedgewood stove and custom cabinetry crafted in maple as its main ingredients.

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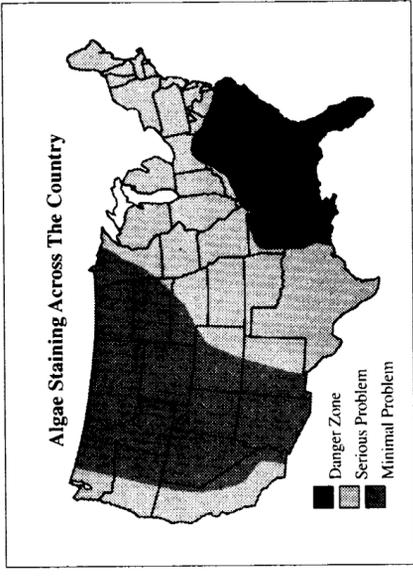
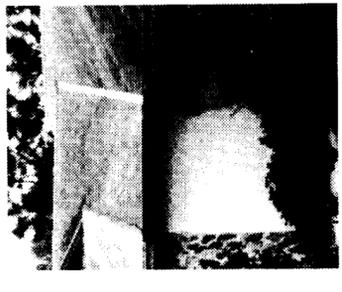
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It's inexpensive Create an outdoor living room

How can a homeowner beat the summer's heat, without burning up over air-conditioning bills? Many solve the problem by turning a patio, carport or breezeway into a cool summer living room with the simple addition of screening.

Common hand tools and inexpensive materials make the job easy and affordable for do-it-yourselfers. Here are some tips from the Insect

Screening Weavers Association on how it can be done.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

You will need: wood beams

(2-in. x 4-in. and 4-in. x 4-in.), a saw, hammer and nails, metal framing angles, utility knife, staple gun and screening.

Corrosion-resistant aluminum and fiberglass screening

are the 2 most popular and inexpensive types. Both come in many widths to accommodate various porch panel sizes and can be cut with tin snips or a sharp utility knife.

Building on masonry, you will also need an electric drill with a masonry bit and non-rusting screws in lead sleeves, to secure the wood frame.

THE EASY WAY

To build 3 screen walls around a roofed patio, the following steps are recommended:

Each screen wall can be "pre-fabricated" as a unit, then secured. Begin by mounting 2-in. x 4-in. wood base strips along the patio floor and main wall of the house - drilling through masonry if necessary - and measure the space within the rectangles formed. You'll build a screen wall for each of these rectangles, then attach screening to the frames. Apply wood stains or other finishes before the screening is installed.

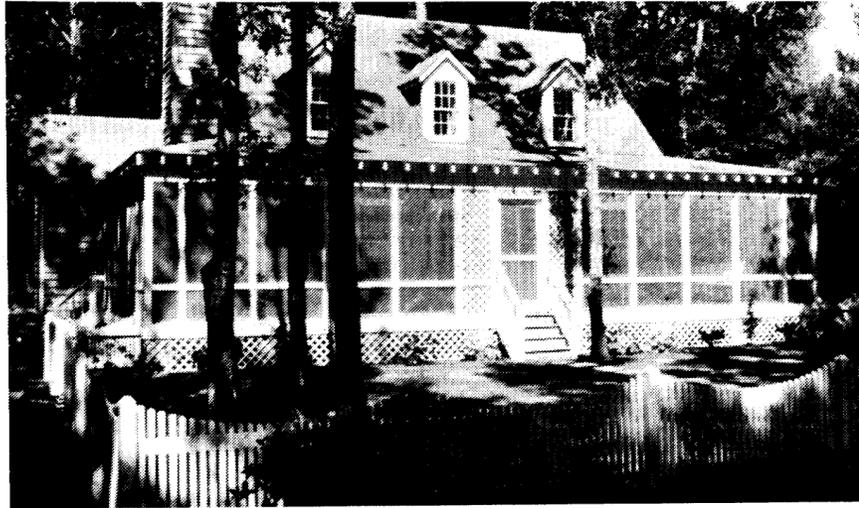
Build the frames separately to fit the 3 spaces, using vertical beams spaced evenly on

24-in., 36-in., or 48-in. centers - all 3 are typical screen widths. A horizontal "rub rail" at chair back height, about 30-in. above the floor, will add stability. Use the metal framing angles on corners where the vertical and horizontal beams are joined.

To provide an outside exit from the porch, use 2 4-in. x 4-in. studs to frame a door opening in one wall. You can then install a pre-made door easily.

Once the frames are finished, raise them into position and nail them to the floor and ceiling base strips, then nail the corners together. Now, add the screening in each vertical section by unrolling from the top down and stapling it into place. Cover the staples with wood strips of the same width and finish as the wood studs. If you have built a door frame, install the door and start enjoying your new summer living room!

An 8 page booklet entitled "Design For Harmony" is available free of charge by mailing a post card to the Insect Screening Weavers Association, P.O. Box 2636, Pittsburgh, PA 15230.



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Lawns need proper maintenance

As nature runs its course, many lawns become thin, ugly and choked with weeds. When routine maintenance no longer provides a healthy, good-looking lawn, it might be time for a fresh start.

A complete renovation of the weak, unhealthy lawn might be in order. This requires eliminating the existing grass and weeds, applying any necessary soil nutrients and either laying sod or seeding. A renovation might be the only sure way to rebuild a strong, attractive lawn, and it is a relatively low-cost investment that can more than pay for itself in a short time.

Consider the benefits:
* A healthy lawn that stands up to wear and has greater aesthetic value to the homeowner.

* Homes with great-looking lawns sell for more. This begins with what realtors call "curb appeal." Prospective buyers will stop for a look at a home with a good lawn, while sickly, patchy grass prompts buyers to drive on to the next home on the market.

* The cost of lawn renovation is considered home maintenance and in many cases might be a tax advantage when the home is sold.

A renovation begins by determining what's ailing the grass. The possibilities are many — and common.

A so-called "hard pan," a layer of compressed soil too solid to allow proper root growth, could be the culprit. Or the soil might have become too acidic or too alkaline over time. An irrigation problem might be to blame, or too much shade. Perhaps the wrong type of grass for the location was planted in the first place, or small but



A lawn renovation should be followed by proper maintenance.

destructive bugs could be waging a turf war on the property.

RENOVATION AN OPTION

Finding the source of the lawn problem doesn't have to be costly. Soil samples and a clump of grass can be taken to the turf specialist at the nearest Cooperative Extension Service office. The specialist can identify the species of grass and whether it's right for the local climate. The soil will be tested to determine what additives, if any, need to be spread on the lawn to improve its condition.

There is a nominal fee for the service, usually about \$10. The extension service is a nationwide network of experts in horticulture, agriculture and other fields. The network is organized through state university systems. Look in the phone book under "County Cooperative Extension Service."

Another alternative is to

look in the Yellow Pages for lawn care or landscaping companies. Most will charge a small fee to visit your home and evaluate the lawn, and some might do it for free in the hope of landing the homeowner's business.

A professional contractor can spot hidden problems and suggest remedies. If a renovation is needed, the contractor can remove existing grass and weeds by scraping or cutting away the vegetation at a cost of about \$1,200 for 1,000 square feet. The cost is much less if the contractor uses a non-selective herbicide such as "Roundup", which is widely used in renovation work because of its effectiveness and favorable environmental characteristics.

After a herbicide is used, the contractor can seed grass through the dead lawn or easily remove it to get to bare ground. Ask the contractor to explain the pros and cons of each method. Also ask about

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