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A VIOLENT STORM hammered the Deford area last Wednesday afternoon, downing trees and damaging some homes and crops. Above, this large cottonwood tree caused extensive damage to a mini-van parked at a Bruce Street residence at the west end of town.



MORNING AFTER — Remnants of last Wednesday's violent thunderstorm, including thick patches of hail (above), could be seen throughout Deford Thursday morning.

O-G salaries up 4 to 8 percent

The Owen-Gage Board of Education Monday approved raises ranging from 4 to 8 percent for school administrators, and reversed an anti-nepotism policy adopted last January.

The pay increases were approved on a 4-1 vote following a brief executive session.

School Supt. Manuel Thies received an 8-percent hike, boosting his salary to \$60,000 in the 1996-97 school year; junior/senior high school principal Joanne Hopper was granted a 6-percent increase, raising her annual pay to \$42,417, and elementary Principal William Britt received a 4-percent raise, boosting his salary to \$40,056, including longevity pay.

Board President Terry Muntz voted in favor of the increases along with board

members Jack Brinkman, Ron Good and Rick Ziehm. Board Treasurer Jim Albrecht cast the lone "no" vote.

Turning to the anti-nepotism policy, Brinkman commented Monday that he believes the policy is unfair to both potential employees and the school district.

"Why should our families be penalized any more than anybody else's relative," he said, referring to the policy, which prohibits hiring relatives of a board member or school administrator.

Good and Ziehm agreed, saying the best person should be hired for a position regardless of their relationship to a board member or administrator.

Muntz disagreed, however. No matter how well qualified a candidate is, if that person

is related to a board member and he or she is hired, there will always be the perception of favoritism, he commented. "It gives the school a black eye."

Brinkman responded that hard feelings in the past over hirings have been the result of how someone was hired, not who they were.

Brinkman made a motion to reverse the policy. He received supporting votes from Albrecht, Good and Ziehm. Board Trustee Mary Ann Abbe voted "no."

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business during the rescheduled monthly meeting, the board:

• Heard the district's Annual Education Report as required by state law. The report outlines school and staff activi-

ties during the previous school year.

• Approved several staff appointments, including Andrea Ross as a fifth grade teacher, Beverly Wise as a Title I teacher aide, JoAnn Kady as a cooks helper, Deborah Gleissner and Sheila Pawlak as junior class advisors, Joseph Candela as the boys JV basketball coach, and Maurice Winchester as a custodian/bus driver in Gagetown.

• Met in executive session to discuss a student discipline matter. Following the session, the board approved a motion to allow a student to enter the ninth grade due to special circumstances. The motion also stated all future cases involving absenteeism will be dealt with on an indi-

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Corn, bean fields shredded

Winds, hail rip Deford area

A storm that rumbled through the area last Wednesday afternoon created a lot of noise but little wind and only a few drops of rain in Cass City. However, it was a very different story just a few miles south in Deford.

Residents there spent their Thursday morning cleaning up huge tree limbs and other debris from what some believe may have been much more than a gusty wind.

"I think we had a tornado, to tell you the truth," commented Bill Zemke, a real estate broker who lives in Deford. "It's the worst I've ever seen."

A drive down the main stem — Bruce Street — leaves no doubt that heavy winds hammered the town. Residents from other areas, including Snover, Hemans and Decker

in Sanilac County, also reported storm damage in isolated areas.

In Deford, nearly everything — from the streets to vehicles to homes — was plastered with millions of leaf fragments, and a number of trees were upended, including a large cottonwood that crushed a mini-van at the west end of Deford. Area corn and bean fields, meanwhile, were shredded by a downpour of golf ball-size hail.

"I went to look out a window and everything was white. It piled up like a snow drift," commented Duane Warner as he loaded downed tree limbs onto a trailer in front of his Bruce Street residence. He said that hail shredded the siding on his son's house about 3/4 of a

mile south of Deford.

"It was the worst I've ever seen. It was the worst I'd ever want to see," Warner added. "It was fortunate no-

body was hurt. Everything else can be fixed."

Zemke, who spent part of Thursday morning sweeping ice off his porch, said the

storm roared into the Deford area suddenly, at around 4:30 p.m.

"I was coming out of Cass

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Cass City man pleads guilty of shooting at Mester home

A Cass City man charged with firing shots at a neighbor's home last June pleaded guilty Friday in Tuscola County Circuit Court to a reduced charge of felonious assault.

Roger C. Smith, 29, faces a maximum penalty of 4 years in prison and/or a \$2,000 fine. He also pleaded guilty to resisting and obstructing

a police officer, which carries a maximum penalty of 2 years or a \$1,000 fine.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$200,000 and Smith was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Smith was originally charged with assault with in-

tent to murder, a felony punishable by life in prison and any term of years.

According to reports filed at the Michigan State Police post in Caro, Smith fired 15 rounds at the George Mester residence, 5244 Shabbona Rd., with a 7.63 caliber Chinese assault rifle.

No one was home at the

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New REMC director plans TV programming expansion

Tim von Hoff has been on the job as the new director of Regional Education Media Center #10 in Cass City for less than 2 weeks, but he's already working on a plan to take REMC's fledgling Thumb Area TV project to the next level.

Former REMC Director Bob Townsend took an idea and, with a great deal of leg work, lobbying and research, laid the groundwork for Thumb TV. His hard work paid off last fall with the first broadcast on 2 educational television channels available to schools and cable viewers alike.

Now, von Hoff hopes to fine tune the system, bring in more resources and add a bit more technology. The goal of providing students with expanded class offerings and the community with a variety of educational opportunities remains the same, he says.

But von Hoff also wants to explore possibilities such as taking students on a "virtual field trip" to a museum across the country, setting up a live discussion between

students and an expert in his or her field, or a hands-on project in which students produce their own weekly news show.

"I believe in bringing resources to people and opening doors that way," von Hoff commented Friday in his office.

"The possibilities are endless. What is it that people here want and can use the most? That's what I have to find out."

But first things first. When von Hoff arrived, he ran into his first challenge — getting the ThumbTV channels back on the air after both were shut down by lightning damage. By Thursday, one of the channels was back on line, and work continued on the second channel.

DEPENDABLE

Despite the minor setback, the broadcasting system appears to be very dependable, according to von Hoff, who said he'll be spending some time acquainting himself with the technology.

"I'm also going to visit all

the schools and spend some time listening to find out what it is people want," he said. The next task will be using the available technology to connect those desires with resources.

Towards that end, von Hoff is looking into the possibility of incorporating a compressed video system into the ThumbTV operation, which would enable the station to receive a variety of programming via a phone line, adding to the existing programming now received via satellite.

von Hoff hopes to offer universities and community colleges membership in Thumb Area TV. Such agreements would provide Thumb TV with access to needed compressed video technology, and require, for example, each college to contribute an educational course to Thumb TV.

von Hoff's vision for the future of educational television in the Thumb is the result of more than 2 decades of experience in video/audio technology, educational programming and similar fields.

VIDEO PRODUCTION

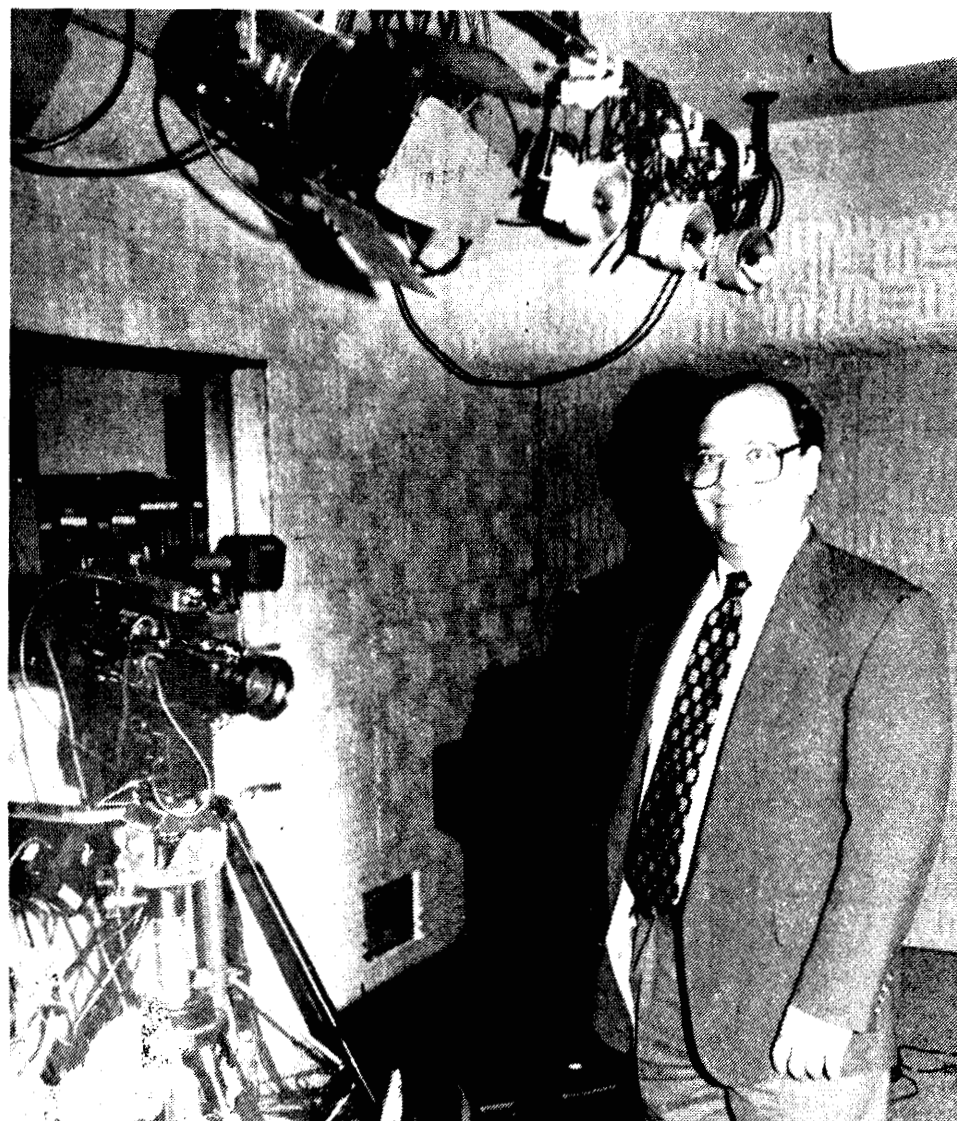
The 42-year-old Wisconsin native got his start in the field with a year of training at a technical institute, where he received a solid background in video production — ranging from scripts and lighting to operating studio camera and editing.

von Hoff worked as a studio production assistant and later as traffic operations manager at the student radio station at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. At the same time he worked towards earning his bachelor's degree in public and environmental administration with a minor in organizational communications.

In his role as traffic operations manager, von Hoff produced public affairs programming, provided video support services to the campus and helped with general promotion of the station.

He left Green Bay in 1984 to pursue a master's degree in development studies; telecommunications from Ohio

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OPENING UP the Thumb Area TV studio to students for hands-on production projects is among the ideas Tim von Hoff (above) would eventually like to explore as the new director of REMC #10 in Cass City.



Deborah and Russell Hnidy

Blue-Hnidy united in Caro

Deborah Eileen Blue, M.D., of Cass City and Russell Thomas Hnidy of Westland were married Saturday, June 22, at Caro United Methodist Church in Caro.

The Rev. Calvin Blue, cousin of the bride, officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Kenneth and Dorothy Blue of Cass City and the groom is the son of Geraldine and Frank Hnidy of Westland.

Music was provided by the Flutes, a professional flute quartet.

Given in marriage by her father and her mother, the bride wore a short puffed sleeved gown featuring a V-neckline and basque waist. Adorning the bodice and sleeves were clear sequins and pearls in clusters. The chapel-length train was accented with cut-out sheer adorned with alencon lace, sequins and pearls and trimmed in delicate lace.

A crown of beads, sequins and pearls secured the silk illusion elbow-length veil, which was adorned with a sprinkling of pearls and featured a rolled edge.

The bride carried a bouquet of star-gazer lilies, accented with magenta asters, purple straw flowers and cascading ivy.

Lida Blue of Cass City, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Denise Janssen of Cass City was matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Jody Nissan of Berkley, Jenifer Lampinen of Ferndale and

Laure Katz, M.D.

The bridesmaids wore all lace fit and flare tea-length dresses in black. The off the shoulder V-insert neckline was adorned with a rhinestone and pearl-drop brooch. They each carried a star-gazer lily with purple straw flowers and trailing ivy.

Clayton Nissan of Berkley was best man. Groomsman were Eric Lawson of Allen Park, Kurt Guetschow of Detroit, Jeff Babise of Darborn Heights and Dwayne Dutcher of Trenton. The groom and groomsman were attired in black tuxedos. A star-gazer lily with a sprig of ivy adorned the groom's lapel.

Ushers were Lyle Hnidy of Madison Heights, brother of the groom, and Roy Gray of Westland, brother-in-law of the groom.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the VFW Hall in Cass City for 300 guests.

The dinner was provided by Touch of Class of Mayville. Dinner music was provided by the Flutes flute quartet with Ruben Meyer of Millington providing the D.J. music for the dance that followed.

The bride is a graduate of Cass City High School, Michigan Tech University, and Wayne State University Medical School and is a pathology resident at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

The groom is a graduate of Taylor Center High School and U of M, Dearborn, and is currently studying electrical engineering at Lawrence Tech. He is a manufacturing engineer at Rofin-Sinar, Plymouth.

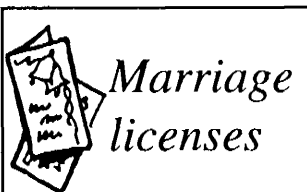
After a week-long honeymoon cruise in the Caribbean, the couple is residing in Westland.

Cass City Social Items

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George and Maxine McKee of Lapeer, Hubert and Marabelle Howell of Marlette, Jerry and Normaleen Root, Bob and Shirley Bader, Les and Kay Severance and Arthur and Janet Severance, all of this area, spent last week in Branson, Missouri and the surrounding area. The group also visited the Precious Moments Chapel in Carthage, Missouri.

Guests of Randy and Carmen Damm, Jason and Ethan Saturday evening for dinner were Dale and Mary Damm, Susan Wooster, Bill and Linda Warmbier and son C.J., Lori Warmbier, Bill Wright, Marion McClorey and Evelyn Warmbier. The occasion was to celebrate Randy's and Ethan's birthday, which was Sept. 13.



Brian Noel Weihs and Elizabeth Delia Cheshire, both of Reese.

Charles Jackson Scott and Donna Gail Brown, both of Cass City.

Philip Wade Rushlow and Rebecca Lynn Fisher, both of Kingston.

Don Carlos Harrison and Debra Ann Bodrie, both of Akron.

Edward Calvin Hunt and Judy Ann Rose, both of Millington.

Paul Leon Gugel, Fairgrove, and Tammy Marie Bock, Ublly.

Michael Peter Kubiak and Karen Marie Goodro, both of Caro.

Richard Alan Rhodes Jr., Lincoln Park, and Kathleen Leitha Mallory, Deford.

Donald Duane Ritchie Jr. and Tami Wynette Mallory, both of Cass City.

Thomas Lee Giddings and Linda Ann Moody, both of Millington.

Zachary Jon Osantowski and Kristina Anne Draher, both of Reese.

Reports heard at meeting

Louise Buehrly led devotions when the United Methodist Women of Cass City met for dinner Sept. 9.

The bazaar will be Nov. 8 and 9 and a workshop is scheduled for Sept. 23.

Marge Dickinson and Laura Bryant reported on the School of Missions, and Rosemary Gallaway shared her experience at Redbird Mission.

Questions were fielded by Yvonne Sherman of the Church Building Committee.

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by Melva E. Guinther

Here are some more excerpts from Richard Lederer's "World History According to Student Bloopers."

In midevil times most of the people were alliterate. The greatest writer of the time was Chaucer, who wrote many poems and verses and also wrote literature. Another tale tells of William Tell, who shot an arrow through an apple while standing on his son's head. Martin Luther was nailed to the Church door at Wittenberg for selling Papal indulgences. He died a horrible death, being excommunicated by a bull.

It was the painter Donatello's interest in the female nude that made him the father of the Renaissance. It was an age of great inventions and discoveries. Gutenberg invented the Bible. Sir Walter Raleigh invented cigarettes. Another important invention was the circulation of blood. Sir Francis Drake circumcised the world with a 100-foot clipper.

The government of England was a limited mockery. Henry VIII found walking difficult because he had an abcess on his knee. Queen Elizabeth was the "Virgin Queen."

When Elizabeth exposed herself before her troops, they all shouted "Hurrah!" Then her navy went out and defeated the Spanish armadillo. Queen Victoria was the longest queen. She sat on a thorn for 63 years. Her death

Senior 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.

SEPT. 23-24-27

Monday - Swiss steak, rice, corn, peas, peanut salad, Italian bread, blueberry cheese cake.

Tuesday - Baked ham, dilled potatoes, broccoli/cukes/sour cream, hot roll, lemon pie square.

Friday - Roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, Harvard beets, tomato wedges, variety bread, apple pie.

Kingston church to hold supper

The Kingston United Methodist Church will hold its annual Harvest Supper and Auction, Saturday, Sept. 28. The meal will be served from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. with the auction beginning at 7 p.m.

The menu includes roast beef and turkey, dressing and gravy, assorted salads, vegetables, homemade pie and desserts.

The auction will feature many homemade items. Everyone is invited to attend.

Garden Club sets Autumn Festival

The Cass City Garden Club is having an Autumn Festival Friday, Sept. 20, at the Cass City Hardware parking lot from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Fall decorations, flower pots, cider and donuts, mini straw bales, pumpkins, etc., will be for sale. Twenty-five cent hot dogs will be provided by Cass City Hardware.

The Cass City Garden Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to beautifying the Cass City downtown area.

Sanilac Co. plat books available

The Sanilac County 1996 Platbooks are available at the Michigan State University Extension Office in Sandusky.

The platbooks are available at a cost of \$23 and can be mailed for an additional \$2 fee. All proceeds from the platbook benefit the Sanilac County 4-H Council and the many 4-H youth programs they support throughout the year.

The platbook may be purchased anytime during regular office hours, which are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the extension office in Sandusky. The office, located at 37 Austin St., is closed between 12 and 1 p.m.

For more information contact the extension office at 810-648-2515.



Helen and Leonard Thompson

Thompsons celebrate 50 years of marriage

The 50th wedding anniversary of Leonard and Helen Thompson was celebrated at the Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Aug. 4. They were married Aug. 3, 1946, at the First Presbyterian Church of Baton Rouge, La., where the bride attended church for many years. They met when Leonard was in the U.S. Air Force.

They moved to Michigan in 1947 and owned a farm north of Cass City until 1995, when it was sold. They now live in Cass City.

The couple has 4 children and all were present for the

anniversary celebration. They are Betty Jo and husband Fred Maki of West Bloomfield; Clotile Thompson and fiance Ray Fox of California; Larry and wife Cindy Thompson of Spring Hill, Fla., and James and wife Rhonda Thompson of Frankenmuth.

They have 6 grandchildren - 3 of whom were present at the dinner, Brian Roth of Farmington, Rebecca and Jeffrey Thompson of Frankenmuth. They also have three great-grandchildren.

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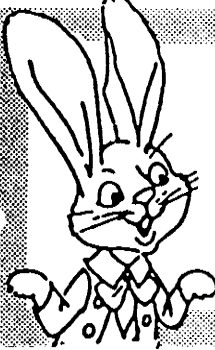
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NEXT: TOM ARNOLD "CARPOOL"



Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Cleaning out my desk, I found a Chronicle dated Friday, Mar. 29, 1950.

Curious to find out why this paper that was printed 2 months before I arrived ended in my desk drawer, I perused it carefully and still don't have a clue.

The professional directory at that time was of interest, but if you haven't been around for a while, skip what follows.

There were 12 listings of health care people and veterinarians and of the group, none is in business and only one, Dr. D.E. Rawson, a retired dentist, still lives. It was a donation from the Rawson family that enabled the new library building to be erected.

The last of the group to die was Dr. H. T. Donahue. Doctors listed were: James Ballard, K. I. MacRae, B. H. Starmann, F. L. Morris and B. V. Clark. Harry Crandell Jr. was a veterinarian very well known for his work with 4-H.

Also listed was Stevens Nursing Home, run by Helen Stevens and her husband, Al. It was a bequest from her that enabled our current swimming pool to be built.

If you think that independent telephone companies in Michigan are almost passe, think again. It's National Independent Telephone Company Week. The independents in Michigan are listed in a release about this ringing event.

Do you share my surprise when I tell you that there are 34 independents in Michigan with 185,000 access lines?

One quick bit of trivia from the Michigan Trivia book. By 1750 what was the approximate population of Detroit? Answer: 650.

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Thursday	67	54	.02"
Friday	60	48	.50"
Saturday	62	48	.54"
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Monday	67	55	.03"

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Read Meg's Peg

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

Thank you!



CASS CITY students set to participate in Student Congress this week are (front row, left to right) Shannon Haley, Lee Dillon, (middle row, left) Julie Erla, Shelly Ingrao, Jessica Frederick, (back row, left) Scott Haag, Jim Dale, Josh Lounsbury and Shawn Henn.

Local students participate

Student Congress set

Nine Cass City High School students in Chad Daniels' Performance English class will be attending the Mid-Michigan Invitational Student Congress Thursday through Saturday in Lansing.

The purpose of the state event is to acquaint high school students with legislative

process and parliamentary procedure in a non-competitive setting.

Student Congress is designed to simulate actions in and around the U.S. Congress. Student legislators interact with other students from throughout the state while working with issues

related to juvenile crime.

Representing Cass City High School in the event will be Scott Haag, Shelly Ingrao, Jessica Frederick, Lee Dillon, Shannon Haley, Julie Erla, Shawn Henn and Josh Lounsbury. In addition, Jim Dale will be attending as an observer and page.

The Haire Net



Blaze damages house

Damage caused an estimated \$3,000 to \$5,000 in damage to a Sanilac County residence Monday morning.

The Elkland Township Fire Department was called to the Shawn Papp residence, 6196 E. Shabbona Rd., Decker, about a half-mile east of M-53, at 8:25 a.m.

Fire Chief Milt Connolly said the blaze was located in the laundry room floor. "It was starting to burn between the original house and an addition," he explained, adding the cause was a hole in an LP gas line located under the residence.

Connolly credited the quick response of a state police trooper with preventing an explosion by shutting off the gas.

Connolly also lauded the teamwork of fire fighters, who quickly located the source of the fire, preventing more extensive damage.

Elkland Township firemen, who remained at the scene for about 2 hours, were assisted by the Kingston Fire Department, which sent a tanker and 2 men, the Elmwood-Gagetown Fire Department, which also contributed a tanker and 2 men, and the Argyle Fire Department, which sent a tanker and 8 men.

Let's start by reaffirming that playing the Lotto is one of the most lousy bets you can make. The Michigan Lotto and now the multi-state Lotto is designed with just one purpose, to separate more money from more of you.

Most folks know that the odds are abysmal, about 60 cents of every dollar is siphoned off before prizes are awarded.

I confess that 3 or 4 times a year I buy tickets when the jackpot gets to \$15 million or so. I rationalize that it's worth it just to fantasize what I would do with the money.

Evidently there are lots of folks like me, the bigger the pot, the more money is wagered.

That's why the multi-state game was established. That Lotto runs on slightly different rules than the Michigan Lotto. If you win, it's necessary to reveal to the public via the media the name of the lucky benefactor.

In Michigan, the names can remain secret. Accuse me of bias if you will, but give me public disclosure every time.

Supporters of the Michigan Lotto way say that keeping the names secret protects the winner from harassment from all sorts of promoters and charlatans trying to separate the winner from the new found riches.

I'm sure that there is an elaborate mechanism established to keep fraud out and there has never been even a hint of scandal connected with the games here.

Still, I'm always a little uneasy when anything connected with the government is conducted in a veil of secrecy. Our history at all levels in government is rife with cheating and persons with access to big dough picking the pockets of the public.

Making the winners' names known to all wouldn't guarantee an honest lottery. But it would make it harder to rig one illegally. The story about the winner would require that everything about the life of the winner was revealed.

Any suspect relationships among the Lotto authorities and the winner would almost automatically be revealed.

It's not a foolproof answer to the possibility of illegal shenanigans, but it is a definite deterrent.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

This is it. My ship has arrived! I knew my old truck would pay-off sooner or later.

I just received the proposed settlement for owners of GMC pickups with "outside the frame" gas tanks. The court for the Parish of Iberville, Louisiana, suggests General Motors should reward people with old junkers like mine with a \$1,000 certificate toward purchase of a new GMC truck.

I read the same thing in the newspaper several years ago, but it's just now getting through the court system. Those lawyers must be patient little devils.

At any rate, the proposed settlement from General Motors would allow me to take my \$1,000 certificate and \$30,000 worth of loose change to my nearest GMC dealer and get a new truck. I should be able to find the extra cash under the cushions of my couch.

That's not my only option, however. The proposed settlement says after the first 15 months of the redemption period this certificate would be transferable to anyone who actually has \$30,000. Then, this person could use it to knock \$250 off the price of a new GMC truck.

Now, before we get too excited about this amazing offer, I should mention there is a lot of court jockeying yet to be done. This is merely a proposed settlement that will be under consideration in a court in Louisiana.

Those who wish to be excluded from the class action settlement must write to an address in New Orleans. Those who have objections but don't want to be excluded are supposed to write an address in Plaquemine, La.

Those who just don't give a darn will do what I'm doing: Nothing. I've seen these class action suits before.

A few readers may recall I once owned a Ford Bronco II that many folks claimed would roll sideways better

than either forwards or backwards. As part of that class action suit, I was offered a special deal if I didn't object to the settlement.

The proposed settlement in the Bronco II case suggested each owner receive a free video instructing us how to drive safely with that type of vehicle. Then, we were supposed to get a "Sun-Visor Sticker" to remind us not to spin around corners or spit with the windows up.

We were promised a "hand lantern, with battery," and a Rand McNally road atlas to help us find our way home; or to report our location if we rolled over in a strange place.

Finally the proposed settlement stated, "If the Federal Court and Alabama Supreme Court approve the settlement, these courts will determine what amount (if any) of attorney's fees and reimbursement of costs and expenses should be paid to counsel for the settlement class."

That really got my goat. Those attorneys slaved over this case for years, and now the court might decide not to give them anything for all their efforts!

I wrote about the injustice of the whole thing, and suggested if the court didn't give those lawyers anything, I wanted them to have my lantern and battery.

They must have taken me up on it. It's been 2 years now, and I haven't even seen the sun-visor sticker.

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

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Guests attending were Mrs. Starkey and son Jeff, Charles and Melody Parry and granddaughter Anna Marie of Lancaster, Calif., Mrs. Virginia Westphall and Jason Westphall of Chedel, Wis., Dean Moser and Trena of Southfield, George and Patty Cook, Tricia and Bill of Au Gres, Frank and Sue Cook and Jennifer of Marysville, Tenn., Alex and Debbie Cook, Jason and Jennifer of Almont, Carrie Dave and daughter Keshia of Houghton Lake, Robert Cook of Ira, Keith and Jo Cook of Algonac, Mrs. Hazel McLellan, Mrs. Susie Ayers and daughter Joyce Steebe of Manistee, Charles Steele and Lauren of Yale, Charles Steele, Tod Steele and Betty and 3 children of Oxford, Mrs. Irene McLellan and Inez of Commerce Township, Robert McLellan of Utica, Brian Smith and Joan and son Jarred of Hazel Park, Leonard McLellan and

Oneda and 3 daughters, Trena, Carrie and Stacy, of Warren, Dennis and Sheryl Krug, Randy and Michelle of Bad Axe, Bob Klebba, Brad and Laura of Uby, Jessica LaCroux, Kory, Kalab and Keili of Lapeer and Mike Cook of Uby.

Everyone brought a dish to pass for the potluck dinner. The afternoon was spent playing baseball, volleyball, horseshoes, visiting and a big water fight.

Mrs. Dale Hind was a Thursday afternoon guest of Reva Silver.

Mrs. Jim Doerr and Velma Cleland visited Marion Dorman at Bay Medical Tuesday evening.

Doris Western, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly were among a group of 15 who met at the Castaways for dinner to help Doris Western celebrate her birthday.

Mrs. Eugene Cleland of Bad Axe and Velma Cleland had supper at Northwood Shores Restaurant in Cass City Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McKnight and Mr. and Mrs.

Jim Hewitt went to a Chinese restaurant in Sebawaing for dinner Tuesday evening in honor of Don McKnight's birthday.

Mrs. Enos Cook came home Friday after spending a week in Huron Memorial Hospital after falling and breaking her hip.

Bob Cleland Sr. of Waterford spent from Tuesday till Saturday with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski were among a group who attended a 25th wedding anniversary party at Rapson Sportsman Club hall Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Laceski. Barney Schubering's Band played for the dancing in the afternoon.

Winnifred Sofka spent from Sunday till Wednesday with her son, Steven Sofka, Carol and Krysten and Thomas, and Sunday, celebrated Krysten Sofka's 9th birthday with Betty Cornett and aunts, Coleen and friend David and Joan and Mike and cousin Mike.

Gary Wills of Port Austin spent Tuesday and Thursday late afternoon with Mrs. Gerald Wills.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Andersen of Brighton spent Wednesday with Mrs. Earl Schenk.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Konkel of Detroit were Friday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Konkel and Marney.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and Wendy Rickett attended the wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Steve Osantowski at the Ruth K of C Hall Saturday evening. Julie Page became the bride of Steve Osantowski Saturday.

Doris Western, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Allen Farrelly, Ray English, Dale Ignash and Ron Wolschlagier met at McDonald's at Bad Axe for breakfast Monday morning.

Bobi and Cheryl Allen and Allen Farrelly were Thursday evening guests of Laura Kulish.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt had a picnic supper at Forestville Saturday evening and a lake shore drive.

Shirley Knapp of Walled Lake and Mrs. Ken Osentowski were Sunday guests of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz attended the Potato Festival at Posen over the weekend.

Winnifred Sofka spent Saturday and Sunday forenoon with Susan Sofka at Davison. They were joined by sisters, Janie and Becky, and friends, Marlene, Alice and Cindy, Saturday to help Susan celebrate her birthday. In the evening they all went for a limousine ride to Frankenmuth and back.

Mrs. Gerald Wills was a Sunday supper guest of Reva Silver and a Monday guest of Dolly Hind.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Konkel attended the funeral of Sophie Peters at St. Pancratius Catholic Church in Cass City Saturday.

Velma Cleland, Cory and Caitlyn Rickett were Wednesday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr in honor of Jim Doerr's birthday.

Betty and Bryce Hagen were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Meske at Port Hope. Jim and Doreen Hagen, Nicholas and Jennifer were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Meske.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bezemek and Marie, Allen Farrelly and Laura Kulish had supper at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Saturday and later returned to the Bezemek home in Uby.

Mrs. Orrin Wright was a Monday morning guest and Mrs. Hiram Keyser was a Monday afternoon guest of Velma Cleland.

Cheryl and Bobi Allen and Allen Farrelly had dinner at the Pizza Villa in Cass City Tuesday.



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McCallum reunion held in Gagetown

The 8th annual reunion of descendants of John and Pauline (Wolf) McCallum was held Sept. 8 in the Gagetown Village Park.

A potluck dinner was enjoyed as well as a beautiful day, after the tail end of Hurricane Fran brought hard rain all day before. Family prayer was offered by Rosey Herbert.

There was one member from Vera's pink shirted family, 6 from Frank's green shirts, 18 from Bill's yellow shirts and 23 from Arnold's blue shirts. There were no members from Howard and Katie's families this year.

A poster message was written to Robert McCallum of Waterford, who is very ill in the hospital.

A candy hunt in straw was enjoyed by the younger children. The Olympic relay race was held, with gold medalist winners being Bill's family.

Hewitt in CMU sports medicine

Aaron Hewitt of Cass City has been accepted into the sports medicine program at Central Michigan University.

The program prepares students to become certified athletic trainers. CMU was one of the first schools in the nation to offer a bachelor's degree in sports medicine recognized by the National Athletic Trainers Association.

Besides classroom instruction, the students work with CMU athletic teams and in training rooms to gain clinical experience.

Hewitt, a junior at CMU, is a staff trainer with the university's Injury Care Center. He is a graduate of Cass City High School and the son of Amor West.

Democrats to meet

The Sanilac County Democratic Party will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, Sept. 18, at Liberty Lanes, Sandusky. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Silver medalist winners were Arnold's family and bronze winners were Vera's family. Honoree medalist winners were "Aunt Vera and Aunt Helen". Honorable mention went to Frank's group, who discovered they had one teammate too many. The magazine search first place ribbons went to Frank's family, second place ribbons to Bill's family and third place ribbons to Vera's family.

There was a drawing for several children's prizes, and a water cup race was enjoyed by another group.

Michelle Harper won the prize for having 30 family photos in her purse.

There was one death, Howard McCallum, since the September '95 reunion, and 2 marriages - Scott Gaeth and Karen Wright, and Tracy Endersbe and James Vivian.

This year's committee consisted of Paul MacCallum and the Clarence Gaeth family.

Guests attended from Waterford, Auburn, Unionville, Bay Port, White Lake, Pigeon, Warren, Harbor Beach, Oxford and Owendale. The John Bohn family will host the 1997 reunion in Waterford.

The afternoon concluded with an all age, all gender ball game.

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Teen, toddler killed in third county crash

A Vassar teen and an infant were killed and 5 others were injured in a 2-vehicle accident Friday night in Fremont Township.

The crash marked the fourth and fifth fatalities in 3 accidents on Tuscola County roadways this month.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies identified the victims Monday as Terry M. Ashcroft, 19, Vassar, who was pronounced dead at the scene, and Austin J. Ashcroft, 17 months, who died later at Caro Community Hospital.

Investigators said Ashcroft was driving west on Phelps Lake Road shortly before 8:30 p.m. when she failed to yield the right-of-way at Schott Road and was struck broadside by a northbound van.

Joan C. Davidson, 18, Vassar, a front seat passenger, was ejected from the Ashcroft vehicle. She was taken to Caro Community Hospital and later transferred to St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw, where she was listed in serious condition.

Alvin J. Louks, 20, Mayville, a backseat passenger, was taken by FlightCare Helicopter to St. Mary's, and another backseat passenger, John J. Woolworth, 15, Vassar, was transported to Marlette Community Hospital, then transferred to the St. Mary's.

Louks is listed in critical condition and Woolworth, in serious condition.

None of the occupants were wearing seat belts, according to deputies, who stated Austin Ashcroft was in a car seat, however, the seat was not buckled in.

Also injured were the driver of the van, Wendell R. Uhl, 42, of Mayville, and his passenger, Samuel R. Uhl, 9. Both were taken to St. Mary's.

Wendell Uhl, who was not wearing a seat belt, was treated and released. Samuel Uhl was wearing a seat belt, and he has since been discharged from St. Mary's.

Deputies were assisted at the scene by the Mayville, Vassar and Marlette ambulance services, Echo 351, Mayville Fire Department Jaws of Life and Mayville police. In addition, victim/witness advocates assisted in the notification of families.

The accident, which remains under investigation, was the county's third fatal crash since Sept. 2, when an Essexville teen and an infant were killed in a 2-vehicle crash in Gilford Township. Six days later, a Fairgrove teen lost his life in a 2-vehicle crash in Wisner Township.

In all 3 accidents, the driver failed to stop at a signed intersection.

2 HURT

A pair of Cass City teens were treated for injuries Sunday after the motorcycle they were riding was struck from behind by a car in Cass City. Village police reported Benjamin J. Hennessey Jr., 19, and his passenger, Nathan A. Hennessey, 15, both of 4159 Seeger St., were westbound on a motorcycle on Main Street near Comment Drive when they were struck by a car while attempting to make a left turn.

The car was driven by Robin S. Periso, 43, of Gagetown.

Benjamin and Nathan Hennessey were transported by Cass City MMR personnel to Hills and Dales General Hospital, where they were treated for injuries and released. Reports state a passenger in Periso's vehicle, Sara Periso, complained of minor injuries, however, she was not treated.

Police cited Periso for failing to stop in an assured clear distance. Benjamin Hennessey was cited for having no cycle endorsement, no registration and no insurance.



CORY KULINSKI, A freshman at Cass City High School, will receive the Eagle Scout rank — the highest achievement in Boy Scouting — during a special ceremony Saturday night at the First Presbyterian Church in Cass City.

To county seniors

Offer free flu shots

The Tuscola County Health Department and the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners are sponsoring the 1996 flu vaccinations for the county's senior residents.

There will be no cost to Tuscola County seniors. Individuals under the age of 60, and residents from other counties will be charged \$7.

Flu shots given to those age 60 to 64 will be paid for by the Senior Millage Funds; flu shots given to those age 65 and up will be billed to Medicare (Seniors who have Medicare must bring their Medicare card with them to the clinic).

The first flu clinic is scheduled for Sept. 27 from 9 to

11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. at the Caro Church of the Nazarene, 1494 Purdy Rd., Caro (near Big Boy).

In addition, clinics will be held:

*Sept. 28 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Tuscola County Health Department, 1309 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

*Sept. 30, Oct. 8, Oct. 18 and Oct. 25 at the Caro Church of the Nazarene, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m..

*Oct. 22 at the Cass City VFW Hall, 4533 Weaver St., Cass City, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Clinic dates are subject to change based on the availability of vaccine.

Individuals 60 years of age

or older, those under 60 who have chronic health problems, and high-risk individuals may receive the flu vaccine. Individuals who are pregnant or under the age of 9 must have a physician's order to receive a vaccine.

Anyone who is taking "blood thinners" should let their doctor know they plan to receive a flu vaccine, as it may affect their clotting time. Persons who are sick should delay receiving a vaccine as well.

Those planning to receive a vaccine are advised to eat before attending a clinic. Senior citizens are welcome to stay for lunch at meal sites. Please call for reservations.

Groups with special needs should call to arrange special clinics at the health department to meet their needs.

Additional information is available by calling the health department at 673-8114 (ext. 182 or 110).

Several appear in court on charges

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

*Dennis M. Powell, 44, Mayville, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 200 days in jail, with worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to arson of personal property valued at more than \$50 (mobile home) June 20 in Indianfields Township.

Powell was also ordered to pay \$700 in court costs and fines plus attorneys fees, \$360 in oversight fees and a \$40 victim crime fee.

*Brandon S. Ezell, 24, Vassar, had his probation re-

voked and was sentenced to 365 days in jail for probation violation.

*Susan Kell, 31, Cass City, received a delayed sentence for attempted carrying a concealed weapon (.38 caliber derringer) Feb. 17 in Caro.

*Kenneth E. Williams, 23, Millington, had his probation revoked for failing to appear at a probation violation hearing. He was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with worksite privileges, and ordered to pay \$500 in costs.

*Todd L. Partlo, 18, Vassar, pleaded guilty to probation violation — use of a controlled substance.

He was sentenced to 36 months probation and 180 days in jail, with worksite privileges. Partlo was also ordered to pay \$400 in costs and fines plus attorneys fees, \$720 in oversight fees, \$70 in restitution and a \$40 victim crime fee.

*Michael A. Burselson, 43, Mayville, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, July 27 in Mayville, and to being an habitual offender.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued. Sentencing is to be set.

*Edward G. Carter, 18, Vassar, pleaded no contest to a charge of criminal sexual conduct involving a child under the age of 13 years July 4, 5 or 6 in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$15,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

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Deford teenager earns Boy Scouting's highest honor

U.S. Postal Service officials have delivered some interesting mail to Cory Kulinski's Deford home in recent weeks.

The Cass City High School freshman has received letters from President Bill Clinton, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno and the U.S. Supreme Court, not to mention Astronaut Thomas D. Jones and Congressman Jim Barcia.

All of the officials have extended congratulations to Kulinski, 15, who has earned Boy Scouting's highest rank — the Eagle Scout — an honor achieved by only 2 out of every 100 Boy Scouts.

Kulinski, the son of Rick and Lora Kulinski, will receive the rank during a special Eagle Court of Honor ceremony scheduled for Saturday starting at 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Cass City.

"I always hoped to achieve it," Kulinski commented Friday at his home. "It's a great opportunity. It makes me feel like I've achieved a high rank."

"It takes a lot of work, but when you look back, it seems like it went by fast."

Kulinski got his start in scouting in the second grade, when he joined the Cub Scouts. At age 11, he graduated from Webelos into the Boy Scouts, earning the Arrow of Light, the highest achievement in Cub Scouting.

Kulinski said it was in his second year as a Boy Scout that he began to really work hard on earning the Eagle Scout rank.

To qualify for the rank, a boy must earn 14 out of 21 required badges along with 7 other optional badges.

Among the badges earned by Kulinski are camping, citizenship in the community, nation and world, communications, emergency preparedness, environmental

science, first aid, life saving, personal fitness, personal management, safety, sports and swimming.

"I've earned more than (the minimum number of badges)," he said, "close to 40."

In addition, Kulinski had to plan an Eagle project. He organized construction of emergency ramps at Camp Fowler, a Mayville area camp for physically challenged children and adults. Kulinski put in about 17 hours himself on the project, but he said the work totaled some 200 hours in all, counting the help provided by fellow scouts and family members.

Boy Scouting may not be as popular as it once was among youths, but it hasn't gone out of style, according to Kulinski, who plans to eventually serve as a Boy Scout leader.

"You learn a lot of skills,"

he added. "When I first got into it, I didn't know anything about first aid or saving somebody's life."

"It's just something he's enjoyed doing," commented his mother, Lora. "It's given him a lot of opportunities to meet a lot of different people."

She noted Cory was selected to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at an April 1994 political dinner held at the Colony House, where he met Gov. John Engler, state Rep. Mike Green and state Senator Joel Gougeon.

Boy Scouting is a family affair for the Kulinski family. Rick is scoutmaster of Troop 593, Deford, and Lora is always by his side, helping out at various Boy Scout activities. And while Cory is the first Kulinski son to earn the Eagle Scout rank, he may not be the last as brother Kevin, 11, recently joined the Boy Scouts.

Elkland Township tax rate unchanged in 1996

The tax rate in Elkland Township will remain unchanged in 1996.

The Elkland Township Board last week approved an operational tax rate of 1.6495 mills, the same as in 1995. Another .7489 of a mill will

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In other business during the Sept. 9 monthly meeting, the board accepted a bid of \$6,329.24 from Cass River Construction to replace windows, doors and front porch screens at the township cemetery sexton's house.

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MEAP results low

O-G officials pleased with most exam scores

Fifth and eighth grade students in the Owen-Gage School District struggled with new Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests in science and writing, administered last March.

But last year's junior class did well on a tough new state proficiency exam that will determine whether students receive an endorsed diploma when they graduate.

Results of both exams were outlined by school Counselor Joel Brandel during Monday night's rescheduled monthly board of education meeting.

Brandel explained students' performance on the state proficiency exam was categorized as "proficient", meaning they earned diploma endorsements in the writing/

reading, math and/or science areas; "novice," meaning they possess the basic skills but are not yet proficient, and "not yet novice."

Owen-Gage students easily exceeded state averages in the proficient category in the writing (57.9 percent, compared to the state average of 34.4 percent), reading (57.9 percent, compared to 40.2 percent), and math categories (63.2 percent, compared to 47.7 percent), Brandel said.

In the science category, students were close to the state average, with 31.6 percent labeled proficient, compared to an average of 32 percent statewide.

In all, 42.1 percent of the students were categorized as novice in the writing section, compared to the 53.1 percent state average; 36.8 percent

were novice in reading (state average was 51.3 percent), 26.3 percent were labeled novice in the math section (state average, 38 percent), and 57.9 percent were novice in science (state average, 52.2 percent)

No students were listed under the "not yet novice" category in writing (state average, 12.5 percent), 5.3 percent were listed under reading (state average, 8.5 percent), and 10.5 percent were "not yet novice" in math and science (state average, 14.3 percent and 15.8 percent), respectively.

Of 19 juniors who took the exam, Brandel pointed out, 13 earned one or more endorsements.

Students who failed to earn the proficient status may take the exam again this fall or in the spring.

Earning the proficient status translates into an endorsed diploma for students and, according to state education officials, improved opportunities when it comes to applying for entrance into a college or university.

PROFICIENCY TEST RESULTS				
Proficient indicates students achieve at least the minimum standard set by the state for passing. Novice indicates students have some skills but not enough for passing.				
Area	% Proficient	% Novice	Combined Proficient/Novice	Not yet Novice
Math CC.	52.9	34.1	87.0	12.9
State	47.7	38.0	85.7	14.3
Reading C.C.	41.0	49.4	90.4	9.6
State	40.2	51.3	91.5	8.5
Science C.C.	42.2	44.6	86.8	13.3
State	32.0	52.2	84.2	15.8
Writing C.C.	45.7	44.4	90.1	9.9
State	34.4	53.1	87.5	12.5

ABATE plans sixth toy run

Oct. 6 will mark the 6th Annual Toy Run sponsored by Abate of Michigan, Region 7, which includes Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac counties.

The goal this year is to collect enough toys for needy children in the area. The

drop-off point will be at Ralph's Tavern, Main Street, Owendale.

From 3 to 7 p.m., motorcyclists from the area will arrive with toys or a money donation of \$10 per person, and enjoy a pig roast meal, raffles, and each other's company. The public is also welcome.

The toys will then be divided up among the 3 county offices of the Family Independence Agency (formerly the Department of Social Services). They will then be wrapped and distributed to needy children for the Christmas holiday.

According to Butch Brown, Region 7 coordinator, "We want to put a smile on as many children's faces as possible," as many of these children may have gone without if it were not for the generosity of these motorcyclists and the community.

Anyone wishing to donate a toy or money who cannot attend on that date, may do so by dropping it off at Ralph's or ask for Sharon at the Huron County Family Independence Agency, located 2 1/2 miles east of Bad Axe on M-142.

Anyone wishing to learn more about ABATE may attend monthly meetings held at Ralph's on the first Sunday of every month starting at 4 p.m.

Girl Scout registration scheduled

Are you the type of girl who enjoys making crafts, camping, singing, meeting new friends, serving your community, and just having fun? That is what being a Girl Scout is all about. The opportunity to join Girl Scouts is Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. at the VFW hall in Cass City.

This registration is for new girls between the ages of 5-17. Parents are requested to attend to register their daughter.

Last year, the girls participated in making decorations for the community Thanksgiving dinner, singing Christmas carols to the residents of Tendercare and enjoying a pizza party afterwards. Other activities included organizing a bingo game for senior citizens, cleaning downtown for Keep America Beautiful Day, and a swimming party in Caro.

Girls also enjoyed attending camp. A variety of camps were available such as day camp, which they attended during the day for a week at Camp Pine Acres near Caro. Core camp and resident camp involved spending a week away at Camp Oak Hills near Harrison.

At the various camps, girls learned to cook over an open fire, made crafts, explored nature and a wide assortment of other fun-filled projects. At the conclusion, the girls earned various recognitions based on these events.

Girls and adults are needed now to form additional troops for the coming year. For additional information on joining Girl Scouts, call Cathy at 872-5088 or Karen at 872-4290.

On proficiency exam

Cass City pupils score above state test averages

Although Cass City and most Michigan Schools have a long ways to go to earn accreditation, one of the goals set by the school board, Michigan High School Proficiency test results show that students in the system are above the state average in all areas. To earn accreditation, 66 percent of the students must pass the test.

As usual with tests of this type, there are variables that may affect test results, counselor Jerry Cleland believes. One is the courses offered.

For instance, he said, schools that do not offer courses in calculus and trigonometry, merely algebra, can prepare students more easily for the type test presented.

The tests are given in the junior year and students can retake the tests twice in their

senior year if necessary or come back after graduation to try again.

Failure to pass the test will not keep a student from graduation. Students who pass will have a sticker attached to diplomas listing any of the 4 areas of the test that are passed.

Endorsed diplomas should help students gain college admittance, Cleland said. Earning accreditation is important to the school and the students.

Students from accredited schools will have less trouble entering college and there is talk of reducing state aid to schools not accredited, Cleland said, although he doubts that the reductions will be mandated.

The proficiency tests were administered for the first

time last year, Cleland points out, and will undoubtedly improve as teachers prepare students for them.

We need lots of work in reading, Cleland said, and you'd be surprised at the number of good students that did poorly on the tests because of a lack of writing skills.

Brakes fail, 4 vehicles damaged

Four vehicles were damaged but there were no injuries when the brakes on a Cass City motorist's car failed last Wednesday.

Cass City police reported a vehicle driven by Lillian F. Hanby, 84, Cass City, turned north into the parking lot at Erla's Food Center, 6233 Church St., then turned into a parking space and struck vehicles belonging to Geraldine Fischer of Cass City and Sarah E. Frantz of Bad Axe. Hanby turned east and then north, hitting a third vehicle owned by John Komonoski of Elkton.

Officers said they believe the brake line on Hanby's vehicle was broken, causing the brakes to fail.

In other police news: •Albert Kredell, 6360 Houghton St., Cass City, reported Friday that a subwoofer box valued at \$160 was stolen from the trunk of his vehicle sometime after mid-August.

•Police arrested Jody R. Pope, 25, of Bay City, Thursday on a warrant charging he unlawfully drove away an automobile.

•Police arrested Gerald W. Blais, 35, Cass City, on suspicion of operating a motor vehicle while his license was suspended. He was stopped last Wednesday on Main Street near Schwegler Road.

Letters to the editor

Octagon Barn volunteers lauded

Dear Editor:

I would like to take just a moment and express appreciation to all the volunteers that spent countless hours in making the third annual Octagon Barn Festival a great success. Our committee has

Support group forming

Dear Editor:

Catholic Family Service of Caro will be offering a group for Survivors of Sexual Abuse. The group is designed to promote healing, break secrets, improve self-esteem, learn to trust self and others, build healthy boundaries and establish safe places inside.

For enrollment information please call (517) 673-5352. Fees are based on clients' ability to pay.

Sincerely,

Joan Foster,
Clinical Trainee

been working very hard on cleaning up the site, making repairs to the house and barn, and yet still had time to plan our annual event. Many visitors from all over the state came to Gagetown, and we were very proud to show off this wonderful historical site in the Thumb of Michigan. This is a wonderful opportunity to exhibit what a community coming together can accomplish. My hat's off to one and all of our hard working volunteers.

Sincerely,

Rose M. Putnam, Chairman
Friends of the Thumb
Octagon Barn

Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper.

Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason.

The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity. We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.

LOWER SCORES

Fifth and eighth grade students were less successful with the new Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test.

About 16 percent of fifth graders received satisfactory scores on the science test, compared to a state average of 27 percent. The students did better on the writing test, with 42.1 percent receiving satisfactory scores, compared to the state average of 55.6 percent.

Nearly 18 percent of eighth graders had satisfactory scores on the science test, meanwhile, compared to a state average of 21.5 percent, and about 43 percent performed satisfactorily on the writing test, compared to the state average of 69 percent.

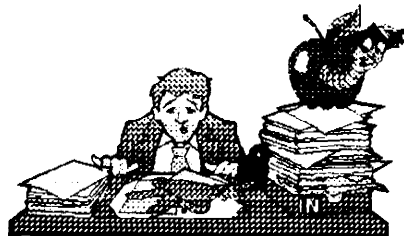
The science scores in particular were lower than school officials had hoped, Brandel said. However, he added, these are new tests and no one knew what to expect the first year.

Brandel said school officials have already targeted trouble areas for students, and those efforts will continue in order to boost students' performance on future exams.

Improved scores are a must if the district is to earn "summary accreditation" from the state, which currently classifies Owen-Gage as "interim accredited."

Junior/senior high school Principal Joanne Hopper explained the district has 2 more years to become summary accredited, and to do that at least 66 percent of students must score at the satisfactory level on the MEAP tests.

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Kids NIGHT



Sept. 24
Crafts and Special Activities
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Cass City Bowling

CHARMONT LADIES

Cass City IGA	7
Pizza Villa	7
JB's Crew	6
Team #7	5
Dott Manuf.	4
Live Wires	4
Wild John's	4
Cable-ettes	2
Cass City Tire	1
Dee's M.P. Rockets	0

High Team Game & Series: Live Wires 1107 & 3084.

High Series: B. Kilbourn 570, E. Romain 523, N. Davis 488, S. Hutchinson 470, C. Hill 479, P. Arnold 482.

High Games: B. Kilbourn 226-203, B. Betzold 188, C. Hill 189, D. Mathewson 178, P. Arnold 176, E. Romain 182, M. Mathewson 175, M. Moore 182, N. Davis 183, L. Kilbourn 173, J. Stevens 171, D. Wilson 172, T. Middaugh 172.

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED DOUBLES Sept. 13

Split Happens	14
Gumblers	11
Jegsters	9
US	9
7-10's	9
Gators	8
Misfits	7
Rare Form	6
9-N-A-Wiggle	5
The Family	4
"Cut Throat"	2
Easy 7	0

Men's High Series & Games: R. Pringle 635 (259), G. Smith 609 (220), B. Potrykus 578 (219).

Women's High Series: B. Watson 496.

Women's High Game: C. Smith 192.

High Team Series: Jegsters 2000.

High Team Game: US 727.

THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE LEAGUE Sept. 12

Alley Cats	10
Unpredictables	9
STAR	7
Golden Oldies	5
Krew	4
Dee's M.P. Rockets	1

High Series & Games: J. Stevens 600 (206), A. Sonderhouse 513 (190).

High Team Series & Game: Alley Cats 1800 (632).

THURSDAY NITE TRIO Sept. 12

Marlette Oil & Gas	8
Killers Auto Parts	8
Mycogen Plant Sciences	8
Pioneer Seeds	7
Hyatt Farms	6 1/2
County Wide Builders	6
General Cable	5 1/2
Martin Electric	5
IGA	3
NEIC	3

High Team Series: Marlette Oil & Gas 1781.

High Team Game: Killers Auto Parts 654.

High Series & Games: G. Robinson 673 (211-217-245), R. Pringle 635 (222-228), K. Kilbourn 625 (228-218), G. Pringle 599 (217-223), T. Babich 592 (216), D. Heleski 216, B. Babich 210.

MERCHANETTE LEAGUE Sept. 12

All Season Rental	4
Heartland Home Care	3
Rolling Hills	3
Form You 3	3
Northwood Golf Course	3
J.B.'s Crew	1
Detroit Edison	1
Thumb Auto Wash	1
Nel's Kitchen	1
Caro Chiropractic	0

High Actual Team Game: J.B.'s Crew 724.

High Actual Team Series: Heartland Home Care 1978.

High Actual Individual Game & Series: N. Wallace 206 & 588.

200 Games: N. Wallace 206-201, P. Little 200.

500 Series: N. Wallace 588, Pat McIntosh 513, J. Murphy 505.

MERCHANTS Sept. 11

Cole Carbide	8
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Millettics Surveying	3
Charmont	3
New England Life	2
Independent Bank	2
Pro-Temp	1
Homesteaders	1

High Series & Games: T. Schnell 665 (246-233), R. Kerkau 664 (245-219), R. Lewis 653 (239-235), J. Millettics 653 (237-225), D. Orton 647 (235-211), S. Hammett 643 (248-215), D. Englehardt 621 (229), D. Shannon 620 (236-211), R. Byrnes 615 (278), J. Johnston 602, T. Davis 598 (213), D. O'Dell 598 (243), B. Anthes 593 (212), P. McIntosh 591 (236), J. Mushenski 586 (226), J. Krol 576 (215), J. Langenburg 575 (211), C. Kelley 573, M. Jackson 568 (212), D. Kirkbride 568 (247), L. Tomaszewski 566 (241), M. Bauerschmidt 562, L. Tomaszewski II 561, P. Brown 560, L. Morgan 560, R. Dibble 557, W. Guinther 556, B. Rutkoski 550, P. Robinson (219).

High Team Series & Game: Millettics Surveying 3062 (1072).



Chad Tate

Tate works tirelessly to improve golf game

Golf teams are created in the fall. Golf players are made during the summer.

That adage certainly holds true for 16-year-old Chad Tate.

Tate, Coach Jeff Hartel's ace linkster for the past 3 years, has started out the 1996 season where the junior southpaw left off in the summer - playing good golf.

During the summer, Tate competed in the 28th annual Independent Insurance Agent Junior Golf Classic, which earned him a trip to compete against the nation's best at Indiana's Otter Creek Golf Course.

June 17, Tate competed in a regional qualifier at Bad Axe's Verona Hills Golf Course against 30 opponents between the ages of 13-19. His 18-hole score of 79 topped the field and earned him a trip to the state finals at Ferris State Golf Club in mid July.

At Ferris, the tournament turns into a one-day, 36-hole event. Eighty-five kids competed, with the top 6 advancing to the nationals.

Tate finished 4th and advanced to the national finals, a 4-day tournament, Aug. 8-13.

"Chad is the best player I've ever coached," says Hartel, who has Cass City's 2nd longest tenure as head coach. "Chad has a solid all around game."

Tate's short game skills were never more evident than during this summer when he posted a 31 at Cass City's Rolling Hills Golf Course. His record tying round on the par 35 track included 2 chip-ins. One was good for an eagle 3 on the course's only par 5 hole. Tate's record setting performance included back-to-back birdies on holes #2 and 3, both par 4s.

Tate's long game skills rival his talents around the greens.

"He's consistently over the

bunker on 8," says Hartel in reference to a location on Rolling Hills' course accepted as a standard by members there as a long ball.

"He'll use an iron on number 4 most of the time," added Hartel, referring to Rolling Hills' 200+ yard par 3.

At the nationals, Tate was in 29th place after the opening round when he posted a 76 on Otter Creek's 6,900 yard track.

The field of 135 boys and 35 girls was reduced to 60 after day 2. An uncharacteristic score of 83 ended Tate's weekend as he missed the cut

by 4 shots.

"I try to play every day during the summer," says Tate, who says he spends little time on the practice range. "I'd rather play matches than hit balls on the range."

Tate, who holds the school record for 9 & 18 holes, has been all state twice and was conference medalist as a sophomore. He would like to add a state crown to his list of accomplishments.

"Chad shouldn't be beat all year until maybe the regionals," says Hartel. "He'll compete for the state title the next 2 years."



Chip Shots

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES' LEAGUE

Flight #1 - 18 Holes

Joan Montgomery	174.5
Nelle Maharg	172.5
Mary Rabideau	158.0
Fran Bellew	142.5
Ardis Haist	141.0
Toby Weaver	131.0
Linda Helwig	123.5
Bunny O'Berski	112.0

Flight #2 - 18 Holes

Jean Pasieczny	142.0
Lil Jaroch	137.0
Peg Veldman	118.0
June Licht	109.0
Barb Wilson	106.0

Marie Scott	104.5
Pat Posluszny	81.5

Flight #3 - 9 Holes

Jane Hool	134
Eleanora Rees	132
Arlene Regentine	121
Betty Zulauf	121
Blanche Krumpitz	113
Noreen Krug	113
Mary Lou Maurer	106

Flight #4 - 9 Holes

Dani Hicks	140
Shirley Grifka	118
Phyllis Ridge	85
Verna Mae MacRae	83
Marian Harm	83
Virginia Ruthko	71

James Barcia chosen as "Friend of Farm Bureau"

U.S. Congressman Jim Barcia (D. Bay City) has been chosen to receive the "Friend of Farm Bureau" Award for the 104th Congress by the American Farm Bureau Federation.

"I'm pleased and honored to have been chosen for this distinction," Barcia said. "I'm grateful to be in a position to promote the issues that concern farm producers and take my responsibility to speak on their behalf very seriously. I am especially concerned about preserving programs for sugar beet farmers, sugar processing plants, and dry-bean, dairy and corn growers, all of which are essential to the agricultural economy in my district. These industries have been strong and flexible in their ability to change to economic and political circumstances and I am here to make sure Washington lives up to its end of the bargain." The Friend of Farm Bureau Award is given to individuals who have met the requirement for their voting records,

and who were nominated by their respective state Farm Bureaus, in this case Michigan Farm Bureau.

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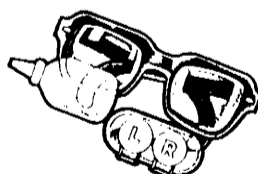
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Bulldogs in high gear with North Huron hoop win

Owen-Gage used its best outing of the year Thursday to register its first North Central Thumb League cage win. Coach Dean Roller's lady Bulldogs combined their highest offensive total of the season with a tenacious defense that led to a 58-23 rout over visiting North Huron. "We finally played the way I thought we could," said Roller afterwards. The 'Dogs (2-3, 1-1 NCTL) will look to post their first NCTL road win this week when they travel to Akron-

Fairgrove Thursday, following a Tuesday contest with Caseville. Against the Warriors, senior Jennifer Winchester collected back-to-back field goals in the early going to help give the hosts an 8-2 advantage. Winchester added another basket, on a pretty pass from teammate Kate Powers, late in the same stanza that increased the hosts' margin to 16-4. "We passed the ball real well and played good de-

fense," commented Roller. Owen-Gage opened the 2nd period with a 3 point play from Amanda Salcido and then rode the efforts of Powers to the break, where they were in front 33-10. Powers provided all the offense during an 8-2 run that included back-to-back baskets off Bulldog inbound plays. Powers completed the mini squirt moments later with a nifty baseline drive that put the winners in front 29-10. Owen-Gage sealed the win

early in the final half as Powers and Tonya Smith combined for 13 points while the Bulldog defense held the visitors to solo baskets from Jill Rochefort and Heather Kosinski. Smith collected 7 of her 13 markers in the period. What little offense the guests displayed came from Jessica Schramski, who scored 2 field goals in both the opening and final quarters. Schramski had a team high 10 points.

Owen-Gage bows to Dryden, faces tough Kingston next

Owen-Gage proved no match for visiting Dryden Friday and suffered a 41-0 defeat in a non-conference gridiron tilt. Friday's thrashing by the guests keeps rookie Coach Doug Hassler's Bulldogs (0-2) in search of their first score of the season heading into North Central Thumb League action Friday. The Bulldogs were also blanked in their season opener at Arenac-Eastern, 56-0. Unfortunately for Bulldog backers, they open their NCTL campaign at Kingston with the undefeated and state ranked Cardinals. Despite the final numbers, Owen-Gage's biggest problem stems from a lack of offense. It was the Bulldog offense which led to Dryden's first 2 scores. Chad Coons made good for

the winners on the hosts' first miscue - fumble of the opening kick off - when he found pay dirt from 15 yards out before the game's late comers were able to find their seats. The guests' next score, a 35-yard pass play, was set up by a Dryden interception that ended the scoring at 13-0 after one period. The Bulldog defense, which held Coons to 19 yards in the first half, kept the hosts in the contest throughout the initial half. However, Coons was able to add another touchdown just prior to intermission to put Dryden in front 19-0. Coons put the contest out of reach in the 3rd quarter when he found openings in the Bulldog line and escaped for touchdown runs of 60 and 70 yards.

"He (Coons) is a fast back. When he got behind our defense, we didn't have anybody who could catch him," said Hassler. Offensively, Owen-Gage was led by Bill Schlak with 28 yards. Schlak has moved from guard to anchor the Bulldog backfield. Rob McClure, Owen-Gage's quarterback, didn't complete a pass in 6 attempts. The Bulldogs' only first down on the night came by way of penalty. "Penalties killed most of our drives," says Hassler. "We'd have 3rd and short and then get called for motion or something and have 3rd and long. We'd pick up most of the yards, but have 4th and short and were forced to punt." Defensively, Owen-Gage

was led by Brad Koch with 11 solo tackles and 6 assists. Dan Dorsch was credited with 6 solos and 4 assists. "We played a lot better than the score indicated," says Hassler. "We're seeing improvement. Our lack of game experience shows."

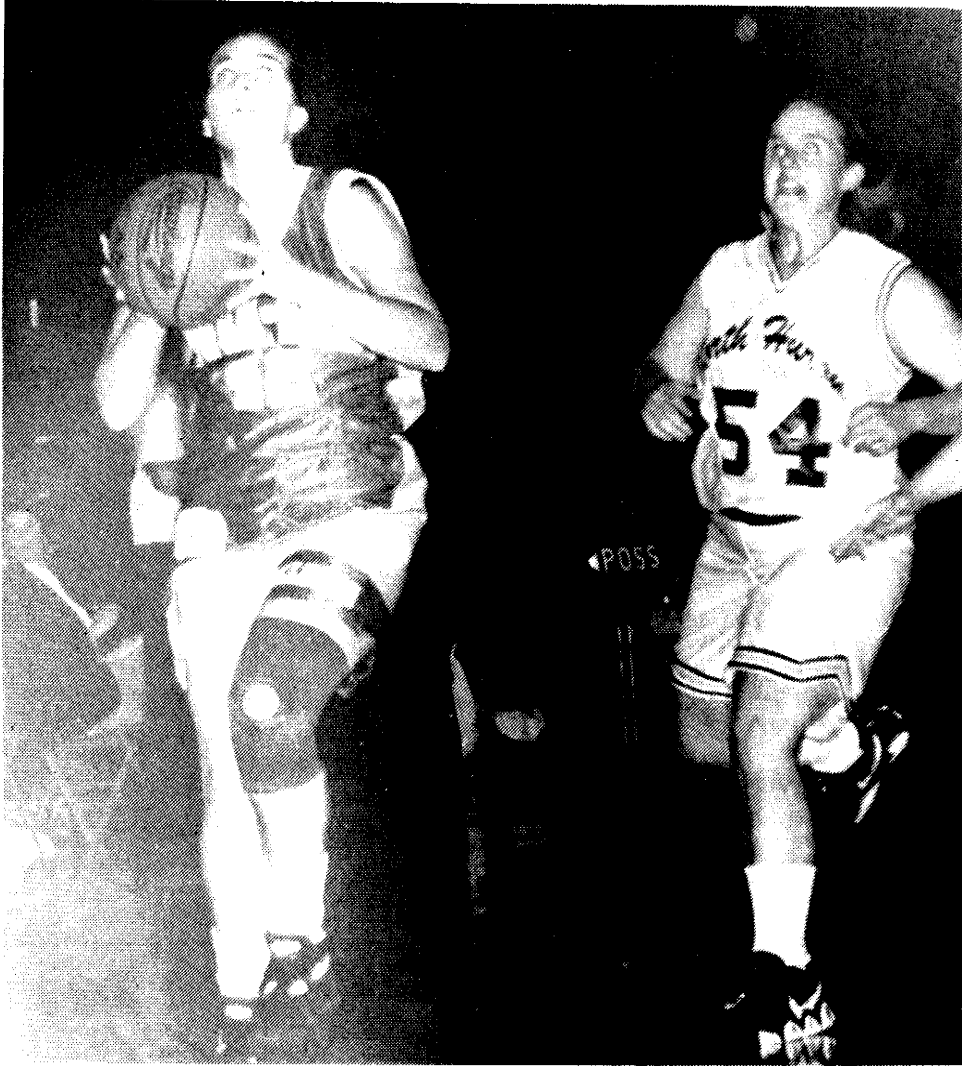


DRYDEN'S CHAD COONS gave his team a 19-0 lead at the half Friday with this 2-yard run late in the 2nd quarter.

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast	John Haire	Clarke Haire	Tom Montgomery	Doug Hyatt
BCAS at Marlette Bad Axe at Valley Luth. Cass City at USA H. Beach at Cros-Lex Ubyly at Sandusky Deckerville at Reese Lakers at Mayville Peck at North Huron Owen-Gage at Kingston Akron-Fair. at C-PS	BCAS Bad Axe Cass City Harbor Beach Sandusky Deckerville Lakers Peck Kingston C-PS	BCAS Bad Axe Cass City Harbor Beach Sandusky Deckerville Lakers Peck Kingston C-PS	BCAS Bad Axe Cass City Harbor Beach Sandusky Deckerville Lakers Peck Kingston C-PS	BCAS Bad Axe Cass City Harbor Beach Sandusky Reese Lakers Peck Kingston Akron-Fair.
Last week's record Percentages	7-3 (15-6) 71%	8-2 (17-4) 81%	10-0 (18-3) 86%	10-0 (16-5) 76%



MEMBERS OF CASS CITY'S cross country team include: (from left) Ben Adams, Melanie Nizzola, Coach Nesa Johnson and Matt Derfingy.



OWEN-GAGE'S JENNIFER WINCHESTER scored 2 of her 8 first half points on this play Thursday against North Huron. Winchester also grabbed 10 rebounds in the Bulldogs' 58-23 romp.

Golfers defeat Cros-Lex

The Cass City Red Hawks won a close Thumb C League match at Lakeview Golf Course, defeating Cros-Lex in medal play, 183 to 185, last Tuesday. In match play the team tied. Cass City earned 5 points and the Pioneers, one. Although Chad Tate was medalist, his 40 was one of his poorer games of the season. He defeated Jeremy Schott, who shot 50. Dave Hobbs, Cass City, shot 46 and was defeated by Todd Wurmlinger, 42. Shawn Henn, 50, Cass City, lost to Scott Young, 47, and Drew Kelly, 47, Cass City, nipped Kevin Todd, 49.

In the race for the 2 match points, the two extra players split, with Dave Murphy, Cass City, 51, losing to Scott Fabbri, 47, and Sam Hobbs 51, edging Andy Hall, 52. Cass City is now 1-0 in the league and 2-0 overall.

Standings

Basketball

TCC NATIONAL	W	L	W	L
BCAS	1	0	4	1
EPBP	1	0	4	2
Marlette	1	0	4	2
Bad Axe	0	1	2	3
USA	0	1	1	4
Cass City	0	1	0	5

TCC AMERICAN	W	L	W	L
H. Beach	1	0	5	0
Reese	1	0	4	1
Mayville	1	0	1	4
Sandusky	0	1	5	1
Ubyly	0	1	4	1
Deckerville	0	1	1	4
Cros-Lex	0	0	0	5

NCTL	W	L	W	L
Port Hope	2	0	4	2
Kingston	1	0	4	1
A-Fairgrove	1	0	2	2
N. Huron	1	1	2	3
O-Gage	1	1	2	3
Peck	1	1	2	3
CPS	0	2	1	4
Caseville	0	2	0	4

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Cros-Lex at Harbor Beach
Marlette at Brown City
Mayville at Ubyly
Sandusky at Deckerville
Port Hope at Caseville
Kingston at North Huron
Peck at CPS
Owen-Gage at A-Fairgrove

Football

TCC NATIONAL	W	L	W	L
EPBP	1	0	2	0
Bad Axe	1	0	1	1
BCAS	0	0	2	0
Cass City	0	0	1	1
Marlette	0	1	0	2
USA	0	1	0	2

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Deckerville	1	0	2	0
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Sandusky	1	0	2	0
Ubyly	0	0	1	1
Reese	0	1	1	1
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O-Gage	0	0	0	2

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Enter league fray at USA

Defense, offense click as Cass City overpowers Ubly

The Cass City Red Hawks football team overpowered Ubly Friday, 34-6, in the rain

and mist, and the victory comes at an opportune time as the team prepares to enter

Thumb C National competition at USA. The Patriots will be a real

challenge. Coach Tom Oesch said. They have a big powerful line and emphasize their running attack.

Our defense will need to be ready. Hopefully, Coach Scott Dillon will have us prepared as he did for the Ubly game. He had the defensive perfectly prepared for the Ubly offense.

The defense was responsible for the second of the first 2 touchdowns scored by Cass City. It was set up by an interception by Chad Diegel, who took the ball in the right flat and ran it to the Ubly 33. From there the Hawks scored in just 8 running plays, with Matt Oesch scoring from a yard out.

The first touchdown came on a sustained march that started on the Cass City 35. Key play in the drive was a pretty pass from Tim Micklash to Ryan Brinkman, who caught the ball over his shoulder for a first down on the Ubly 42. A 15-yard face mask penalty moved the ball to the 27.

Five plays later Diegel scampered around left end to score from 5 yards out. It was the first play in the second period.

The Hawks scored once more before the half and added 2 more touchdowns in the last quarter.

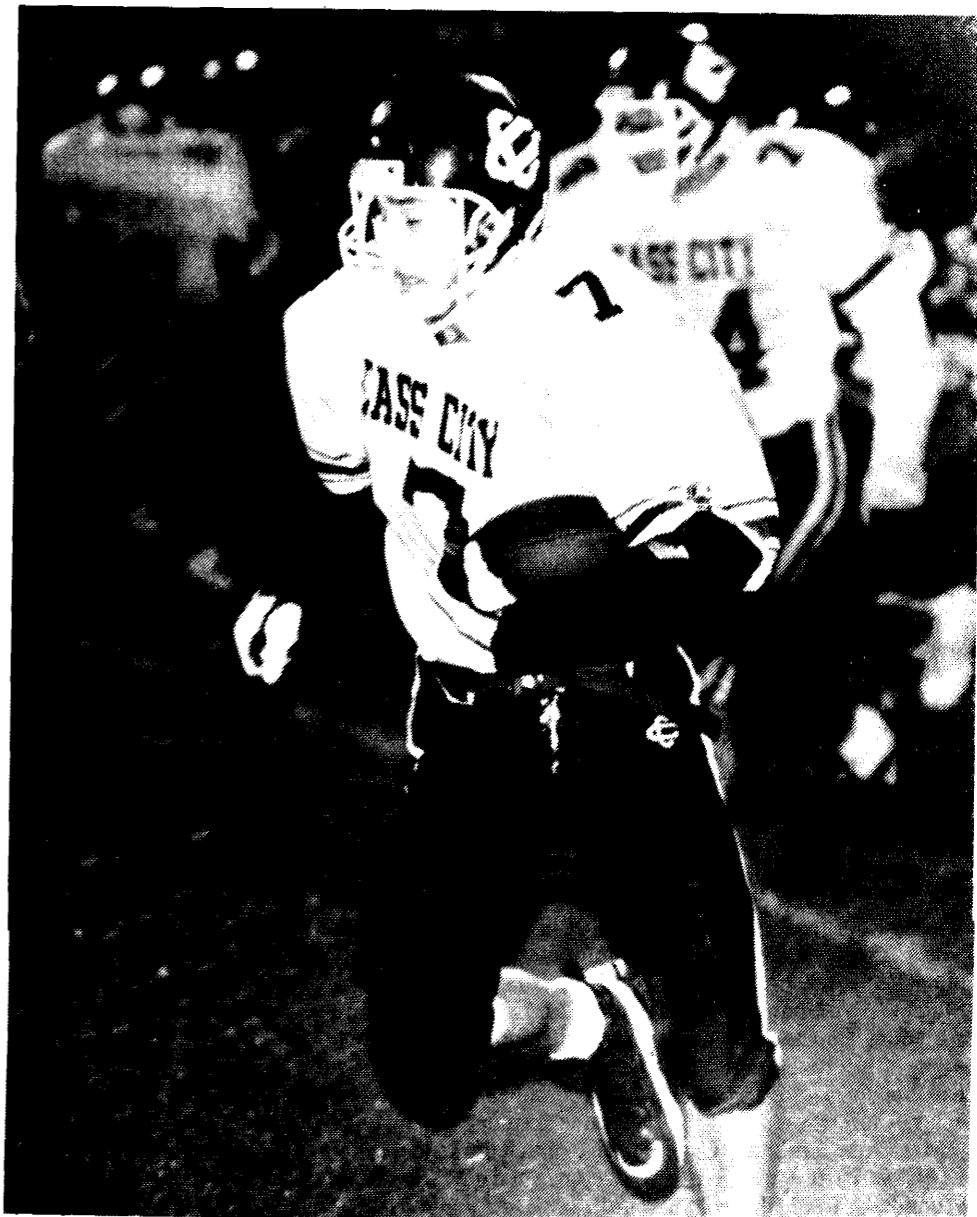
Micklash ran for 13 yards and passed to Josh Little for 18 yards for touchdowns. Nathan Klein scored on a 4-yard run.

While Oesch was pleased with the offensive and defensive line, he termed the play of the special teams as terrible. Our kick coverage just has to improve if we are to challenge for the league title, he said.

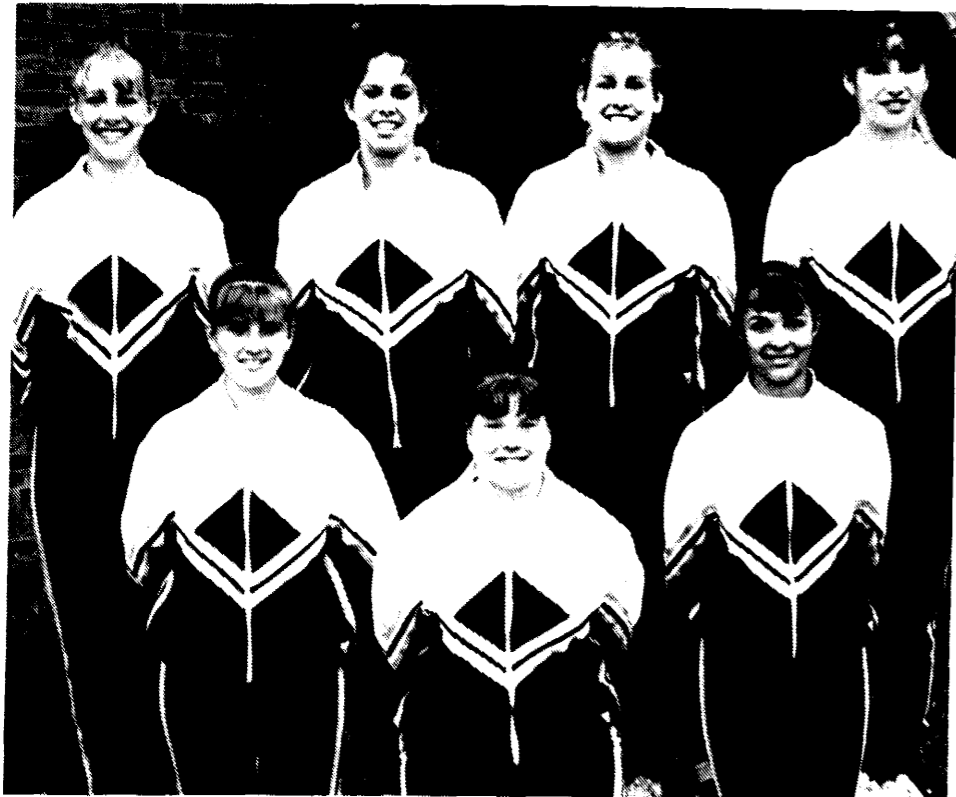
On defense, Oesch and Tim Spencer led with 7 tackles each. Several others had 6 tackles. It was a fine team effort, the coach said.

Oesch picked up 99 yards on 21 carries and Diegel picked up 63 yards in 16 attempts. Micklash completed 8 of 16 passes.

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Total Yds.	320	103



RED HAWK FULLBACK Matt Oesch picks up one of his 99 yards on the ground Friday for a touchdown, giving Cass City a 12-0 lead over Ubly. The short run followed a key pass interception by teammate Chad Diegel.



THE RED HAWK varsity cheerleading squad, coached by Kim Guilds, includes: (kneeling from left) Sheila Guilds, Shelly Ingrao, Stacey Ceranski. (Back row): Becky Lowe, Laura Moore, Renee Zawilinski, Amy Butler.

Hawks still in title race

Lakers, Sandusky extend hoop loss string

It's seldom that a basketball team can lose its first 5 games of the season and still have

more than a remote chance to win a league title. But you can put the Cass

City Red Hawks in the fortunate category of one that does. The reason is that the

balance of power this season appears to be with the American Division of the Thumb C League and all but one of the early season losses have been to teams in the American Division.

Both Harbor Beach and Sandusky have been spanking other teams in the National Division.

Sandusky added visiting Cass City, at full strength for the first time this year, to its list of victims Thursday and topped the Hawks in a close game, 55-48.

It appeared as if the game would be a rout in the first half until a great third period rally made a game out of it. Julie Ruttowsky, who led all scorers with 21 points, whipped in 3 field goals in the first quarter to help the Redskins charge into a 15-7 lead at the end of the first 8 minutes.

Sandusky kept up the pace in the second period and ran its lead to what appeared to be a comfortable 29-17 at the intermission.

The Hawks came alive in the third period behind an attack that featured 4 treys (2 by Ashlie Chappel) and a pair of buckets each by Shelly Ulfing and Kara Mellendorf. Cass City moved into a tie at 37-all and at the end of the third quarter it was 40-37.

The Hawk rally was helped by some atrocious Sandusky foul shooting. The Redskins

missed all 5 attempts from the charity line in the third quarter.

But with the game on the line, Sandusky recovered its foul shooting touch and Cass City paid the penalty, fouling repeatedly while trying to get back in the game. The winners converted 10 of 16 in the quarter.

Ulfing found the range in the last period to score 8 of her 14 points and shared Cass City's scoring honors with Mellendorf. The pair also led Cass City's rebounding corps with 9 each.

The Hawks shift into league play this week with conference games to have been played Tuesday at USA and at home Thursday against Marlette.

Coach Jim Mastie said that he sees improvement in every game. We need to improve our defense and execute better, but we are still very much in the league race.

LAKER GAME

Visiting Laker High handed the Cass City Red Hawks their third straight defeat last Tuesday, 60-42.

The Lakers scored the first 9 points of the game and were never seriously threatened all night.

The Hawks broke the scoring ice midway in the opening quarter when Mellendorf converted a rebound. That score was followed by a 3-pointer by Chappel, cutting

CC - LAKERS

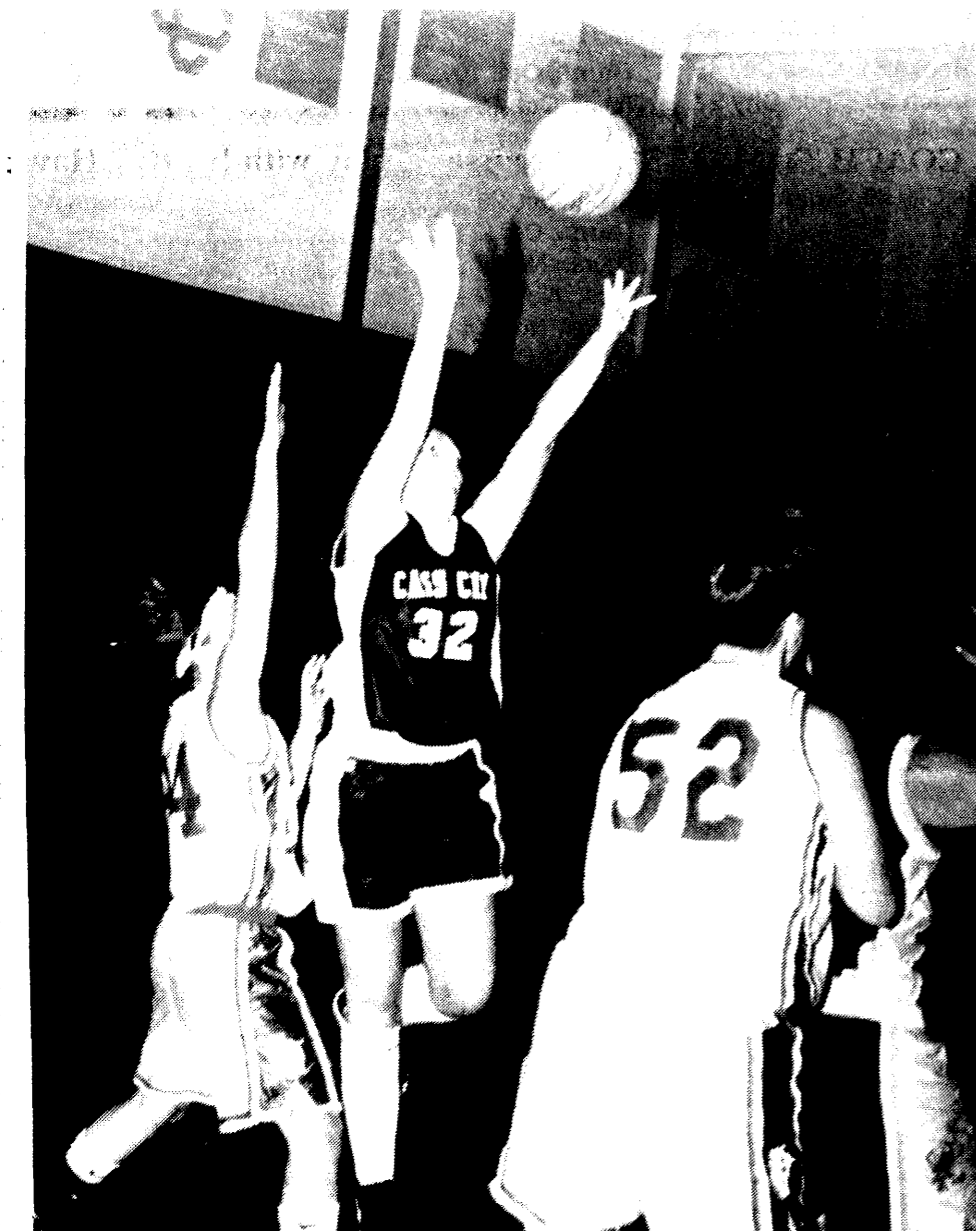
CASS CITY - Dore 1-0 (2-2) 4; Brown 1-0 (0-0) 2; Maharg 3-1 (1-2) 10; Anthony 1-0 (0-1) 2; Chappel 0-1 (0-0) 3; Mellendorf 5-0 (1-1) 11; Munoz 2-0 (1-2) 5; Rea 2-0 (1-2) 5. **TOTALS** - 15-2 (6-10) 42.

LAKERS - Shaw 3-0 (3-4) 9; Gehrs 1-4 (0-0) 14; Ellenbaum 3-0 (1-5) 7; Rathie 1-0 (3-7) 5; McLellen 5-0 (3-5) 13; Miller 2-0 (0-1) 4; Kolar 1-0 (0-0) 2; Piouk 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hurren 2-0 (0-0) 4. **TOTALS** - 19-4 (10-22) 60.

CC - SANDUSKY

CASS CITY - Maharg 0-1 (0-0) 3; Anthony 1-0 (0-0) 2; Chappel 0-2 (0-0) 6; Daniel 0-1 (0-0) 3; Ulfing 5-0 (4-4) 14; Mellendorf 6-0 (2-3) 14; Munoz 1-0 (0-0) 2; Rea 1-0 (2-2) 4. **TOTALS** - 14-4 (8-11) 48.

SANDUSKY - Bisset 1-0 (0-0) 2; Mitchell 4-0 (1-2) 9; Green 2-0 (4-9) 8; Jones 2-0 (7-11) 11; Guttowsky 7-1 (4-10) 21; Chambers 0-0 (1-2) 1; Ross 0-1 (0-0) 3. **TOTALS** - 16-2 (17-34) 55.



ASHLIE CHAPPEL fights for a rebound against the Lakers in Cass City's first league game.



HAWK FRESHMEN are ready for action under the direction of coach Lloyd Schinnerer. Front row, from left: Andrea Walsh, Kim Morrish, Lindsey Gaszczyński, Heather Pomeroy, Michelle Kropewnicki. Second row: Brooke Ouvry, Alyssa Glaspie, Lindsey Mills, Schinnerer, Dawn Polega, Melissa Homakie.

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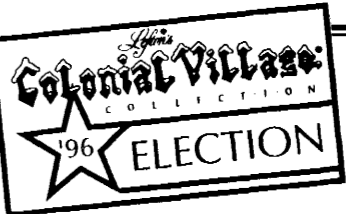
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From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Detroit Edison's upper Thumb regional offices and service centers will be closed and their operations consolidated, a company spokeswoman said last week. However, when and how the plan will be implemented remains a question.

The Cass City School Board revealed Monday night that school operating costs passed the \$6 million mark for the first time in history.

A barn located west of M-53, about 3 miles south of M-81, owned by Danny Craig - was destroyed by fire Friday night. Estimated damage is \$10,000 to \$12,000.

The team of Chris Herringshaw, Tracey Patera, Ryan Pringle and Jane Marker, all of Cass City, placed 9th in the Michigan State YABA Championship Bowling Tournament held over the summer in Kalama, Wis. The team posted a 2,699 series.

Mrs. Ann Freundt, Cass City, wife of Rev. Allen Freundt, suffered a broken leg in an automobile accident at the corner of M-46 and M-83 Saturday. She was hospitalized at St. Luke's Hospital in Saginaw.

10 YEARS AGO

Cass City teachers will honor an injunction issued by Judge Patrick Joslyn late Monday afternoon in Tuscola County Circuit Court and return to class Wednesday morning.

A record breaking rainfall and flooding caused an estimated \$22 million in damages in Tuscola County, said Emergency Services Director Jim McCann Monday. Sometime Saturday night the Cass River crested at about 19 feet, 4 inches, according to Dave Erla at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Henry and Jo Ardler are leaving Cass City after 15

years. Henry has been transferred to a General Cable plant in North Carolina as manufacturing manager. He has been with the firm 30 years. Jo worked at Chemical Bank.

Ronald Briggs, 10, of Cass City, is in critical condition at Detroit Children's Hospital after he was struck by a car Sunday. He is the son of Jerry and Maryette Briggs.

Pat Postlusny and Nell Wald of Gagetown left Saturday for Point Pelee, Lake Erie, Ont., where butterflies assemble in the spring upon returning from South America, where they spend the winter. The ladies returned home Sunday.

25 YEARS AGO

Supt. Don Crouse told members of the Cass City School Board Monday night that an ever expanding school population makes it necessary for the district to look for more school sites for future expansion. Crouse stressed that the school is not overcrowded now. But it is full.

A fire of unknown cause gutted the Harold DeLong home of rural Deford Friday afternoon.

An ordinance prohibiting doe hunting in Tuscola County was passed unanimously by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners Sept. 14.

Paula Jean Bensinger, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice R. Bensinger of Uby, was killed Sunday when the car driven by Maurice R. Bensinger, 23, was struck by another car at the intersection of Atwater and Parisville Roads at Parisville.

The employees of Wesley's Milk Co. attended a party honoring John Cook on his upcoming retirement. About 20 were present Friday evening at the Gerald Stilson home on East Dayton Rd.

35 YEARS AGO

The St. Pancratius Church has announced preliminary plans for a new church on Seeger Street, located between the present church and rectory, that will have a seating capacity of 500.

John Zabinski of Cass City, who came to the United States in 1912, left by plane for Poland July 8 and returned home the same way Sept. 5. While there he married his former sister-in-law. He is anxiously waiting for

his new bride to join him in Cass City in about a month.

Walt Miller of Owosso, freight agent for the Grand Trunk Railroad in Cass City from 1910-55, was the honored guest at a retirement banquet in Owosso.

Dr. Richard T. Oliver, graduate of the Kansas City College of Osteopathy and Surgery, recently began a general medical and surgical practice with Dr. K.I. MacRae at the MacRae clinic.

James Champion, Jack Doerr, Lyle Deneen and Gordon Anthes are working out of St. Louis, Mich., this week, erecting billboards on a new highway.

Aid deadline Oct. 14

The federal/state disaster administrative office in Bay City will close Friday, but residents of the 7 counties who suffered damage from the severe flooding and storms of late June will still be able to apply for assistance.

"Disaster assistance will remain just a telephone call away," said Alma C. Armstrong, federal coordinating officer, and Capt. Robert C. Tarrant, state coordinating officer.

Disaster victims may register for assistance by calling the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) toll-free application number, 1-800-462-9029; those who are hearing- or speech-impaired may call TTY 1-800-462-7585. "In addition, area residents may call the FEMA Helpline at 1-800-525-0321 to inquire about assistance programs and the statuses of their applications," Armstrong said.

Disaster assistance is available to residents of Bay, Lapeer, Midland, Saginaw, Sanilac, St. Clair and Tuscola counties who suffered damage during the floods and storms.

The deadline to apply for disaster assistance is Oct. 14. Administrative responsibilities from the Bay City office will be transferred to staff at the FEMA Region V office in Lombard, Ill.

Disaster assistance programs include temporary housing and minimal housing repairs, grants for serious needs and necessary expenses not covered by insurance or other programs, and long-term low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration.



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Cass City at USA
Tues., Sept. 17

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Sept. 6	Caro 34, Cass City 6
13	Cass City 34, Uby 6
20	USA
27	Lakers
Oct. 4	BCAS
12	(1:00 p.m.) Valley Lutheran
18	Marlette
25	Bad Axe
Nov. 1	Harbor Beach

BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

(Home games in bold type)

Thurs., Aug. 29	Reese 51, Cass City 45
Tues. Sept. 3	H. Beach 50, Cass City 27
Thurs. Sept 5	Deckerville 45, Cass City 27
Tues. Sept. 10	Cass City 42, Lakers 60
Thurs., Sept 12	Cass City 48, Sandusky 55
Tues., Sept. 17	USA
Tues., Sept. 24	Marlette
Tues., Oct. 1	BCAS
Thurs., Oct. 3	Cros-Lex
Tues., Oct. 8	Bad Axe

Thurs., Oct. 10	Uby
Tues., Oct. 15	Lakers
Thurs., Oct. 17	Mayville
Tues., Oct. 22	USA
Tues., Oct. 29	Marlette
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O-G school improvement group plans activities

The first meeting of the Owendale Gagetown Schools' School Improvement Committee for the 1996-97 school year was held Sept. 4 in the Owendale High School library.

Seventeen committee members were present representing administrators, elementary and high school teachers, a pastor, a parent, school employees and retirees, a nurse and a student.

The 1996-97 committees are as follows: Reporting, Community Action, Curriculum, Goals, Self Esteem and Public Relations.

Various ideas discussed included continuing the Jr./Sr. Camp Day, the elementary field day, contacting various community groups in both Owendale and Gagetown for names of persons who have a certain talent in a hobby or handicrafts that they would be willing to share with both elementary and Jr./Sr. high classroom students and teachers, and maybe a Grandparents' Day.

A newsletter may be published once a month if materials and time are available. The next meeting will be Oct. 2 in the library.

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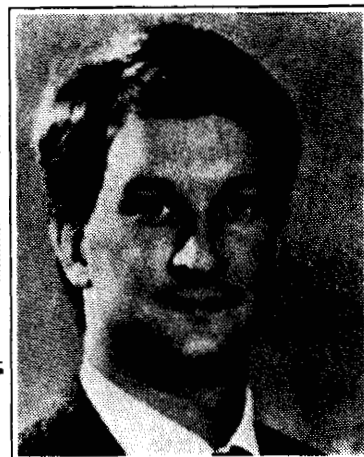
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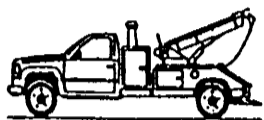
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WE WOULD LIKE to express a sincere thank you to family and friends for their thoughtfulness during the illness and death of Sophie Peters. We appreciate the calls, cards, visitation, beautiful floral arrangements and plants, monetary gifts and food prepared. We extend a special thank you to Dr. Ray, staff at Hills and Dales Hospital and Tendercare, Father Bala, Little & Kranz Funeral Home, and the ladies from St. Pancratius church, who prepared the wonderful luncheon following the funeral service. This thank you would not be complete without mentioning Beverly Rockefeller, who has been such a helpful and devoted friend to Sophie and family. The family of Sophie Peters. 13-9-18-1

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I WISH TO thank friends, neighbors, the dedicated men of the Honor Guard and the Knights of Columbus who attended my husband John's wake and funeral; also to Bill Zinnecker, who was so helpful during John's illness. A special thank you to the families of Lottie Konwalski, John's cousin, and Christine and Richard Erla for their generosity, support, and concern. Dorothy Tomczak. 13-9-18-1



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Work to start Saturday

Elkton family next in line for "Habitat" home

The foundation will be laid this Saturday for a second Habitat For Humanity home in Owendale and the future changes block by block for an Elkton family of 4 - the second local family to "partner" with HFH Upper Thumb for a new home.

Ivan and Janice Aldrich and daughters, Lea, 6, and Amy, 4, are looking forward to having more space and privacy than the mobile home they presently call home in Elkton.

The public was invited to celebrate with both Habitat families - Tina Langley and her son, Scott, and the Aldrich family - at the dedication, which followed a fund-raising pancake breakfast Sunday, Sept. 15, at the Owen-Gage High School Cafeteria, sponsored by the Owendale Lions Club. This was the second time the Owendale Lions have held a pancake benefit for the Habitat homes being built in their community.

The Aldrich family has lived in the Elkton area since December 1992, when they moved from their native Detroit to escape their neighborhood's increasing

crime rate.

"We had murders on our street and heard gunfire all night long," remembers Janice, who says she never tires of the peace and quiet her family has found in the western Thumb. "In Detroit, I felt like a prisoner in my own home," she recalls. "We never thought people could be as nice as we have found them to be here."

The Aldriches dreamed of having their own home within 7 years of moving up here, and they are ecstatic that their dream is close to coming true. "When we filled out the Habitat application, I never thought we'd be lucky enough to be selected," says Ivan, who just

began a job 2 weeks ago at Talco Co. in Bad Axe - a firm which manufactures agricultural tiling.

While the construction of both Habitat homes in Owendale is the most visible sign of the work being done by Habitat For Humanity Upper Thumb Chapter, there is much behind-the-scenes work to do in the areas of public relations, site selection, family nurturing, family selection, fund-raising and others. For more information on how to become involved in this unique Christian housing ministry, contact president Scott Richards at 517-269-8914, evenings, or volunteer coordinator Pam Bingham at 517-856-4603, evenings.



IVAN AND JANICE ALDRICH and daughters, Lea and Amy, will be the owners of a Habitat house.

Seek volunteer meal drivers

The Home-Delivered Meal Program, operated by the Human Development Commission (HDC) to bring hot meals to homebound elderly citizens, needs your help. The 30-year-old program is short of drivers to deliver the

meals to senior citizens around the Thumb area.

"We have spots within our communities where we need more drivers," said Tom Veneziano, nutrition director at HDC. "We're looking for people to give us a couple of hours - even one day - per month. That would be helpful."

Areas in the Thumb which most need drivers for established routes are Mayville (in Tuscola County) and Lexington and Deckerville (in Sanilac County). Veneziano says, however, that no area in HDC's 3-county program enjoys an over-abundance of drivers, so new volunteers would be welcome everywhere.

"Drivers are strictly volunteers, but can be reimbursed for mileage at the rate of 27 cents per mile," he added. Each also receives a meal prepared by the HDC nutrition staff.

The program, which delivers 1,400 meals a day to se-

niors in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties, currently depends on the services of about 40 drivers. Another 3 or 4 volunteers per county would be a godsend, Veneziano commented.

Hot meals are prepared and delivered 3 times a week, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; frozen meals for Tuesdays, Thursdays, and weekends may also be obtained, along with sack lunches, and are delivered in advance with the hot meals.

"A lot of our Home-Delivered-Meal clients are people who have outlived their families, or whose children live across the country; they don't have anybody else," Veneziano added. "This may be the only meal they get a day."

The meals are prepared at 6 central kitchens in the Thumb area, located in Mayville, Vassar, Bad Axe, Harbor Beach, Lexington and Deckerville. There are also 19 dining centers where

the elderly can come in and get a nutritious, hot meal for a donation of \$1.75.

Veneziano has worked with the nutrition program for 6 years now, and he says there are currently both benefits and drawbacks to the Home-Delivered Meal program. "Some days are very rewarding, others are very frustrating," he says. "You can't get to everybody, and it just breaks your heart."

For more information or to volunteer as a driver, call the Human Development Commission's Nutrition Department at (517) 673-4121, or toll-free at 1-800-843-6394.

Uby students elected

Uby School officials recently announced the names of students elected as class officers for the 1996-97 school year.

They are:

•Senior class — Justin Faber, president; Meaghan Lautner, vice-president; Paula Morell, secretary; Steve Oberski, treasurer, and Krissy Wyrick and Beth Bragg, student council representatives.

•Junior class — Joe Rutkowski, president; Wes Guigar, vice-president; Brad Hagen, secretary; Marty Guza, treasurer, and Tony Tyll and Janelle Schrader, student council representatives.

•Sophomore class — Leslie Deo, president; Janis Tibbetts, vice-president; Tim O'Malley, secretary; Crystal Smalley, treasurer, and Bryanne Bensinger and Aaron Osentoski, student council representatives.

•Freshman class — Jeralyn Herp, president; Julie Puvalowski, vice-president; Alaina Mitchell, secretary; Tracy Puvalowski, treasurer, and Charlie Bragg and Carol Dekoski, student council representatives.

Joyce Karr

Joyce E. Karr, 66, of Cass City, died Tuesday, Sept. 10, in St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw.

She was born Oct. 26, 1929, in Cass City to Manley and Edna (Smith) Asher. She married Ellis C. Karr Aug. 1, 1947, in Cass City.

She attended Cass City United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Ellis; 2 daughters: Joyce Ann (John) Schwartz of Deford and Patti Lynn (Duane) Dietz of Hiram, Ga.; a son, Scott Karr of Deford, and 4 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother, Alden Asher.

Services were held Friday, Sept. 13, at Little & Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Interment was in Novesta Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arnold LaPeer

Arnold C. LaPeer, 84, of Cass City, died Monday, Sept. 9, in St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw, after a long illness.

He was born April 7, 1912, in Austin Township to Joseph and Jennette (Robinson) LaPeer and had been a lifelong area resident. He married Frances J. Franzel Dec. 22, 1934.

A dairy farmer for many years, he worked for Pontiac Motors when he was younger. He served as Austin Township Clerk for 18 years. He was a life member of Cass City Masonic Tyler Lodge #317 and a member of Cass City First Presbyterian Church. The LaPeers wintered in Holiday, Fla., for the last 30 years.

He is survived by his wife, Frances; a special nephew, Charles (Sharon) Franzel of Uby; a brother, Gaylord (Charlotte) LaPeer of Cass City, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Wayne

Local retirees meet

Nineteen Cass City Retired Persons and one guest attended the Sept. 12 meeting at Hills and Dales meeting room.

The pledge to the flag was said as President Edna Simcox opened the business meeting. Thank-you notes from Rose Worstell's family, and also from the Hospital Auxiliary for the donation were read.

The members voted to go to Frankenmuth for the October meeting, leaving from Hardee's parking lot at 10 a.m. Lunch will be at the Bavarian Inn.

Yvonne Burleson read poems, "Little Orphan Annie" and "Twenty Frogs," by George Cooper. Betty Ewald read "The Little Rock Prayer." Deloris Fleming read an article brought in by Luther Durham about his home town, Centerville, Tenn. There was a criminal trial where all the jury was related so the judge dismissed the trial.

Bingo winners were Myrtle McColl, Cecile Duquesnay and Vivian Mosher.

LaPeer, who died Dec. 16, 1952, in a hunting accident.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Sept. 12, in the First Presbyterian Church of Cass City, with the Rev. David Smith officiating. Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Cass City.

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

W. Orville Lockhart

W. Orville Lockhart, 87, of Kingston, died Tuesday, Sept. 10, in Hills and Dales General Hospital.

He was born Jan. 25, 1909, in Garden, to John and Eva (Hornung) Lockhart. He married Ruby L. Shepley Aug. 1, 1935, in Trenary. She died Aug. 27, 1993.

A dairy farmer, he worked for the power company, cutting trees under power lines for 8 years.

Surviving are 8 daughters, Betty (Walter) Savola and Eileen Timonen of Trenary, June (Thomas) Butkovich of Holly, Janis (Roy) Butkovich of Engadine, Judy Hranec and Elaine Zalut of Kingston, Vickie (Dennis) Chandler of Pigeon and Lori (Jim) LaFond of Glennie; 3 sons: Ken (Shirley) Lockhart of Cash, Okla., John (Angie) Lockhart of Dowagiac and Joseph (Patty) Lockhart of Caro; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; a sister, Althea LaShaw of Port Huron, and a brother, Ruben Lockhart of El Cajon, Calif. He was preceded in death by a son, Orville William "Bill" Lockhart; a sister, Irene Calvin, and brothers, Hank and Fred Lockhart.

Funeral services were held Friday, Sept. 13, at Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston, with the Rev. David Ballard officiating.

Interment was in Kingston Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the family discretionary fund.

Miranda Michalski

Miranda Dee Michalski, one month and 10 days old, died Sunday, Sept. 8, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

She was born July 30, 1996, at Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe, daughter of Scott and De-Anna (Shutz) Michalski.

Surviving are her parents, Scott and De-Anna Michalski of Gagetown; paternal grandparents, Ron and Mary Michalski of Pigeon; a brother, Scott Michalski Jr. of Snover; a sister, Kayla Michalski of Snover, an uncle, Ron Michalski of Bad Axe; 3 aunts, Diane and Jack Buza of Bad Axe, Lori and Bill Eckenswiler of Mayville, Lori and Brad Spruge of Bay Port; 11 cousins, and special family friends, Phyllis Jaworski of Bad Axe, Renee Jaworski of Saginaw and Steve Kretz of

Saginaw.

Funeral services were held Thursday at the MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe. The Rev. Kenneth Lueke, pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church, officiated.

Interment was in Colfax Cemetery, Bad Axe.

Memorial donations may be made to the Holden Gift Fund, University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor.

Helen Murry

Helen Murry, 78, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Sept. 11, in her home.

She was born Feb. 16, 1918, in Detroit to Louis and Emma (Toth) Papp. She married Elmer R. Murry in Detroit. He died July 3, 1970.

She is survived by her children, Dorothy M. Maxson of Beaverton, Carol J. Nannoy of Cass City, John L. (Sandra) Murry of Canton, Robert D. Murry of Cass City, Shirley A. Vieceli of Clinton Township, David M. (Karen) Murry of Fernandina Beach, Fla., and Sandra J. Murry of Clinton Township; 23 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren; a sister, Emma Clemens, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by 2 sons, Charles Murry and Elmer R. Murry; 2 sisters, Rose Paschoff and Mary Papp, and a brother, Daniel Papp.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Evangelical Free Church with the Rev. Todd Gould officiating. Interment was in Novesta Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the family discretionary fund.

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

Maynard Venema

Maynard F. Venema, 92, of Deford, died Monday, Sept. 9, in Bloomfield Hills Care Center, Bloomfield, after a long illness.

He was born May 28, 1904, in Koudum, Friesland, Netherlands, to Fekke and Tjitske (DeJong) Venema. He married Thelma Leaman May 1, 1943, in Saginaw. She died Nov. 3, 1988.

After living for a short time in the Fairgrove and Caro area, he moved to his farm in Deford in 1955. He was a member of Deford Community Church.

Surviving are 2 daughters: Rona (George) Howell of Rochester Hills and Judy Ann (Ronald) Gerst of Duluth, Minn.; 6 grandchildren; 3 brothers: Roelof, Hendrik and Gerrit Venema; a sister, Mary Bakker, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, Charles, 2 sisters and 5 brothers.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Sept. 12, at Little & Kranz Funeral Home, with the Rev. Stu Roy officiating. Interment was in Novesta Township Cemetery.

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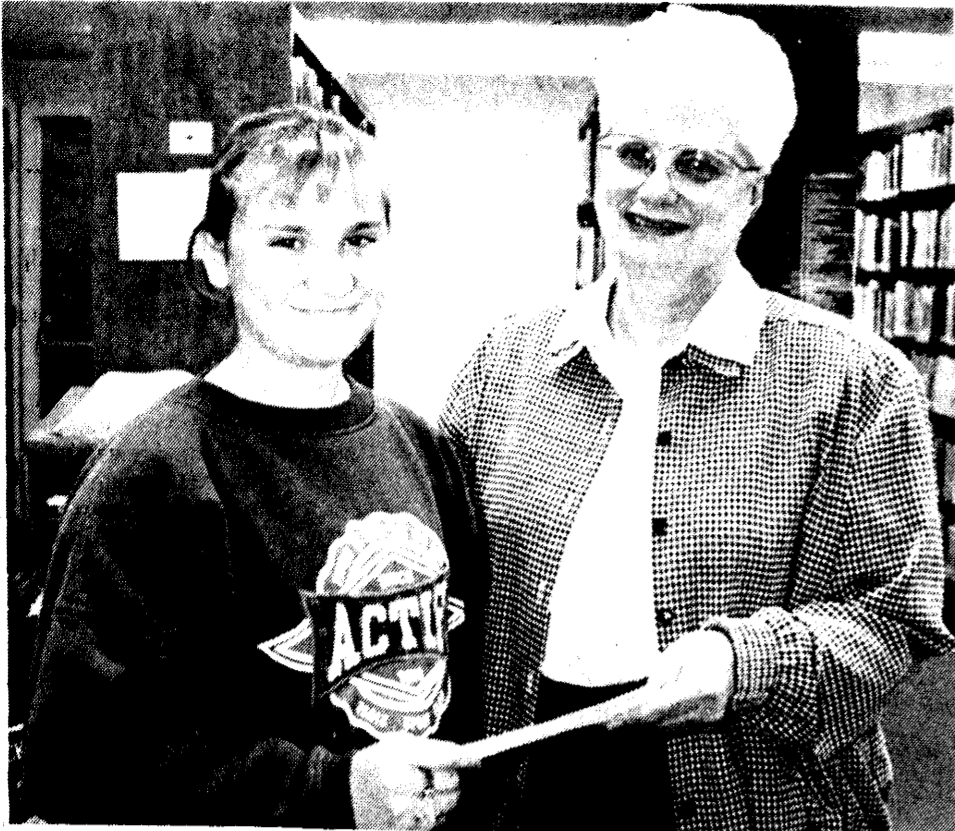


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THERE WERE FIVE prizes awarded in the annual Cass City Rotary duck race and this year there were 6 winners. The sixth was Rawson Memorial Library. Elena Zawacki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Zawacki, donated the first prize won in the race to the library. Accepting the check for \$750 is Barbara Hutchinson, librarian. Other winners were: Angela Kranz, \$100, Marlene Shimer, Curt Strickland and Gerald Stilson, \$50 each.

Pair charged in Sept. 8 armed robbery, carjacking

The Tuscola County men arrested in connection with the Sept. 8 armed robbery of another county resident were arraigned last week in Tuscola County District Court.

Daniel T. Ellesin, 20, Cass City, and Keith E. Gronewald, 19, Caro, were each charged with carjacking and armed robbery. Both counts carry a maximum penalty of life in prison or any term of years.

In addition, Ellesin is charged with receiving and concealing stolen property valued at more than \$100, and Gronewald is charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

Bond for each defendant was set at \$50,000, and preliminary examinations were scheduled for Friday at 9 a.m.

According to Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies, the pair are charged with abducting Jeremy Anderson, 22, of Caro, at knife point from a parking lot in Fremont Township.

The suspects allegedly or-

dered Anderson to drive them to a wooded area in Wells Township, where Anderson was beaten, robbed and left behind as his assailants drove away with his 1986 Dodge Caravan van. In other recent district court proceedings:

•Gronewald was arraigned on charges of second degree home invasion, conspiracy to commit home invasion, larceny in a building and receiving and concealing stolen property valued at more than \$100 (stereo system and/or VCRs and/or a television) May 27 in Wells Township. Bond was set at \$1,000 and a preliminary exam was slated for Friday morning.

•James F. White Jr., 35, Vassar, was arraigned on a charge of gross indecency

between males Sept. 1 in Fairgrove.

Bond was set at \$2,500. He faces a preliminary exam Friday morning.

•Thomas W. Fetterhoff, 28, Cass City, was charged with operating a chop shop May 24 in Novesta Township.

Bond was set at \$5,000 for the defendant, who faces a preliminary exam Oct. 1 at 10 a.m.

•Jody R. Pope, 25, Bay City, was charged with unlawful use of a motor vehicle, fleeing a police officer, second offense, and driving with a suspended or revoked license Sept. 12 in Cass City. Bond was set at \$5,000, and a preliminary exam was scheduled for Friday morning.

Fall Family Day a success, despite weather

Organizers of the first Fall Family Day, held Saturday at the Octagon Barn near Gagetown, called the event a success, despite gloomy, wet weather.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Octagon Barn, the event drew more than 500 people, according to Friends Chairman Rose Putnam.

"It was very successful considering the weather," she said of the attendance, which included visitors from all over Michigan. "It does show we have a very viable tourist attraction in the county."

Still, Putnam said probably more people with children would have attended the day had Mother Nature cooperated. "The sun would shine, it would sprinkle and then it would pour down. And then, 5 minutes later, the sun would shine," she said.

Putnam acknowledged organizers were disappointed that one of the featured attractions, horse drawn plowing demonstrations, had to be cancelled due to mud. However, she added, "We were still able to press apples. We had ice cream and homemade, warm doughnuts. The bake sale was a success also. We sold all our baked goods."

"We think we cleared about a thousand dollars." Throughout the day, people made the best of the inclement weather, according to Putnam, who noted little inconveniences, such as a large mud puddle at the barn entrance, were quickly taken care of by volunteers. "A few people got stuck, but everybody pitched in to get them out."

Putnam announced that a

date has been finalized for the next Octagon barn fund raiser.

A benefit auction featuring original artwork from the 1997 Michigan Thumb Area Barn Calendar will be held Wednesday, Nov. 13, at Northwood Shores Restaurant in Cass City.

Anyone who would like to donate an item to the auction is asked to call 1-800-369-8882.

Lighthouse festival planned

The first Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival will be held Oct. 18-21 in Alpena, Mich. The celebration is being organized by associations, businesses and individuals who are working together for the restoration, preservation, history and life of the Great Lake lighthouses.

The festival will feature exhibitions, nautical gifts, lighthouse tours, an auction and more.

Representatives of lighthouse and life-saving associations will be on hand, as will the U.S. Coast Guard, ship and shipping associations and underwater and diving groups.

More information is available by writing to: Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival, c/o Michelle Mill, festival coordinator, 70447 Fisher Rd., Romeo, MI 48065.

Legal Notices

MORTGAGE SALE *** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Frank Jay Parker and Sandra Lee Parker, husband and wife, to First Central Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 6, 1989, and recorded on November 14, 1989 in Liber 597, on Page(s) 1150 Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fleet Mortgage Corporation by an assignment(s) dated November 6, 1989, and recorded on November 30, 1989 in Liber 598, on Page 142 Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty Four Thousand Two Hundred Forty Three and 0/100 Dollars (\$84,243.00), including interest at 9.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the courthouse in the Village of Caro, Michigan, at eleven o'clock a.m. on October 11, 1996.

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

Lots 11 and 12, and the South 28 feet 4 inches of Lot 3, Block 2 of Huston's Addition to the City of Vassar, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 19, now Page 20A, except commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 12, Block 2 of Huston's Addition to the City of Vassar, thence Northerly along the line between Lots 12 and 13 in said Block 2, 76 feet; thence Westerly at right angles 3 feet; thence Southerly parallel to the line between Lots 12 and 13 in said Block 2, 76 feet; thence Easterly 3 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: August 28, 1996

Fleet Mortgage Corporation
Assignee of Mortgage

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File No. 960860

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM o'clock, on October 11, 1996.

Said premises are situated in township of FREMONT, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

All that part of the South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 15, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, lying East of Beach Drain except the North 70 feet of the East 330 feet thereof.

Dated: August 28, 1996

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MORTGAGE SALE *** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Arthur A. Huelsenbeck and Jean A. Huelsenbeck, his wife, to Vantage Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 6, 1991, and recorded on May 20, 1991 in Liber 612, on Page(s) 901-905 Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fleet Mortgage Corporation by mesne assignment(s) dated October 1, 1992, and recorded on March 12, 1993 in Liber 638, on Page 159 Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Eight and 41/100 Dollars (\$53,968.41), including interest at 9.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the courthouse in the Village of Caro, Michigan, at eleven o'clock a.m. on October 11, 1996.

Said premises are situated in the Village of Fostoria, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 2 and 3, Block 15, Village of Fostoria, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Pages 44 and 45, Tuscola County Records.

Dated: August 28, 1996

Fleet Mortgage Corporation

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Bid Pack 18: Food Service Equipment Packages - Food Service Equipment.

Bid Pack 19: Gymnasium Equipment Package - Gymnasium Equipment.

Bid Pack 20: Casework Package - Laboratory Casework; Laminate Modular Casework.

Bid Pack 21: Bleachers Package - Telescoping Gym Seats.

Bid Pack 22: Mechanical Package - Mechanical.

Bid Pack 23: Electrical Package - Electrical.

Pre-bid meeting on Wednesday, September 25, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cass City High School cafeteria, 4868 N. Seeger St., Cass City, Michigan 48726.

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Fewer farms

The number of U.S. farms this year again will follow historic declining trends with the number expected to be 2.06 million - down less than one percent from 1995. The average farm size will be unchanged from last year's 469 acres, with total farmland estimated at 968 million acres - also down less than one percent. Texas remains the state with the most farms at 205,000. Missouri follows with 164,000. Iowa is third with 98,000 farms.

Fall ideal time to tackle weeds

Early fall is the ideal time to reduce perennial weed problems.

"There is about a 4-week period from mid-September to mid-October that provides the opportunity to get perennial weeds under control," says Jim Kells, Michigan State University Extension agronomist. "Some of these weeds are quackgrass, hemp dogbane, Canada thistle and

field bindweed."

Kells says that early fall is an ideal time to control perennial weeds because the plants resume growth - - in response to cooler temperatures and more frequent rains - - to build nutrient reserves for winter survival and spring regrowth.

"This is when they are most vulnerable to control with systemic herbicides that are

applied to the leaves of the plant," Kells says. "The herbicide moves into the root system and kills the entire plant."

Kells says that perennial weed control in wheat stubble is ideal now because the weeds have been growing uninhibited since wheat harvest and are large and at or near their reproductive stage.

"We want the weeds as large as possible but not injured by a frost and before they have begun to senesce (enter advanced maturity), which is indicated when the leaves begin to turn yellow and fall off the plant," Kells says.

MSU Extension fact sheets E-2244 through E-2257 contain details on controlling the 14 most common perennial weeds in Michigan. The fact sheets are available from the county MSU Extension office, or from the MSU Bulletin Office, 10B Agriculture Hall, MSU, East Lansing, MI 48824-1039. The phone number is 517-355-0240.

The fact sheets contain recommendations on controlling perennial weeds in corn

and soybeans and rate the effectiveness of chemical use in the fall.

Kells says that even though growers may be preoccupied with the coming harvest, controlling perennial weeds now will save money and time and improve crop performance in early spring.

It's a long-term economic investment that is worth making in the fall," Kells says.

Kells says that when growers get into the harvest, it would be advantageous to note or map areas that contain patches of annual or perennial weeds that survived control efforts. He says that this can be as sophisticated as using a site-specific field mapping program or as simple as a note pad and pencil in the combine.

"Whatever technique is used, having some record of those weeds that were not adequately controlled in 1996 will be very helpful in planning a weed control strategy for 1997 because those weeds that are not controlled this year are likely to exist at a higher population in the next growing season," Kells says.



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Local government is an important aspect of living in Tuscola County. Therefore, on Monday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m., the Tuscola County Farm Bureau will host a "Meet the Candidates" meeting to better acquaint the public with the candidates running for local and state offices. The purpose of the meeting is to first listen, then to ask questions of the candidates pertaining to issues affecting Tuscola County.

The meeting will be held in the back office of the Tuscola County Farm Bureau, 1023 E. Caro Rd., Caro.

Local candidates that have been invited to this meeting are: county treasurer, Patricia Donovan (D), Fairgrove; county prosecutor, James Reed (R), Caro; county sheriff, Jerry Osborne (R), Caro, and Tom Kern (D), Reese; county clerk, Margie White (R), Caro; register of deeds, Ginny McLaren (R), Millington, and Barbara

Gaul (D), Caro; drain commissioner, Sarah Pistro (R), Caro; county commissioner District #1, James Schafer (R), Unionville, and Terry Hoothoofd (D), Unionville; county commissioner District #2, Edward Scollon (R), Cass City; county commissioner District #3, Kenneth Hess (R), Vassar; county

commissioner District #4, Norma Bates (R), Caro; county commissioner District #5, Donald McLane (R), Mayville; county commissioner District #6, Gerald Peterson (R), Vassar, and Robert Russell (D), Vassar; county commissioner District #7, Roy Petzold (R), Millington.

In addition, the following state candidates have also been invited: 84th state representative district, Mike Green (R), Mayville, and Deborah Elliott (D), Cass City.

The Tuscola County Farm Bureau invites the public to attend the meeting.

von Hoff new director

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University in Athens, Ohio, where he landed a job as media distribution supervisor.

von Hoff, who noted the university has a distance learning program linking 5 different campuses via a 2-way video/audio microwave system, said his duties included working with faculty and students on video

conferencing and videotape production projects.

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"We delivered a pretty broad range of subjects on that system — nursing, geography, logic," he added. "I think it gave people more options to pursue a degree and get one."

von Hoff also met his wife, Gladys, at the university. It was her offer to serve as director of the bilingual/bicultural teacher training program at Saginaw Valley State University in 1993 that brought the couple to Michigan.

Five months later, von Hoff also accepted a job at SVSU, as manager of telecommunications. His work included writing, producing and directing educational and instructional television programs, as well as participating in the design of multimedia software, and designing educational and technical materials in the areas of telecommunications, computer technology and professional development for teachers

and school administrators.

More recently, he served as director of the Northern Wisconsin Educational Communications System in Ashland, Wis., which served 7 K-12 school districts, a university campus and a pair of technical colleges.

von Hoff's projects there included setting up an interactive television meeting between students in 2 different schools — each from different parts of the state — and a paleontologist. The "meeting" marked the climax of a study unit on dinosaurs and was very successful, he said.

von Hoff would like to set some similar programs in the Thumb, but he emphasized that change doesn't happen overnight.

"It's a slow process," he pointed out. "It takes a lot of time and a lot of work and participation from a lot of people."

When those ingredients come together, however, "good things happen," von Hoff concluded.

More chips and fries

Americans today are still eating lots of potatoes, but the way they are eating the potatoes has changed. They are turning away from fresh potatoes that are boiled, baked and mashed and consuming more potato chips and French fries. In 1973, Americans were eating about 52 pounds of fresh potatoes per person per year. That amount has now dropped to 47 pounds.



GOLF BALL SIZE hail took its toll on some area crops during last week's storm. Above, corn stalks in this field just east of Deford were shredded in a matter of minutes.

Storm hammers Deford

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City on Cemetery Road, I got down to Deckerville Road, and all of a sudden the rain and wind — I couldn't even see to drive."

Utility crews arrived in force to take care of downed power lines, however, few Detroit Edison customers were affected by the storm, according to Scott Simons, a Detroit Edison media representative.

Simons said only 8 customers lost power in Tuscola County. Even fewer Edison customers — 2 — were affected in Sanilac County. But an estimated 200 households lost power in Huron County.

Smith enters plea

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time of the shooting. However, reports state Smith walked to the nearby home of Mester's brother, Charles, and fired another 15 rounds at a detached garage where 6 of Mester's friends and relatives were standing. No one was injured.

Smith then began walking west on Shabbona Road with the gun in his hand. When he saw police approaching, he threw the weapon and jumped in a ditch, according to reports, which state troopers apprehended him without incident.

Administrative pay hikes okayed

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vidual basis.

- Approved a motion requiring those who use a school-owned van to transport students to possess a CDL with the proper passenger endorsement.

- Authorized the renting of a district-owned home to a family for \$265 per month.

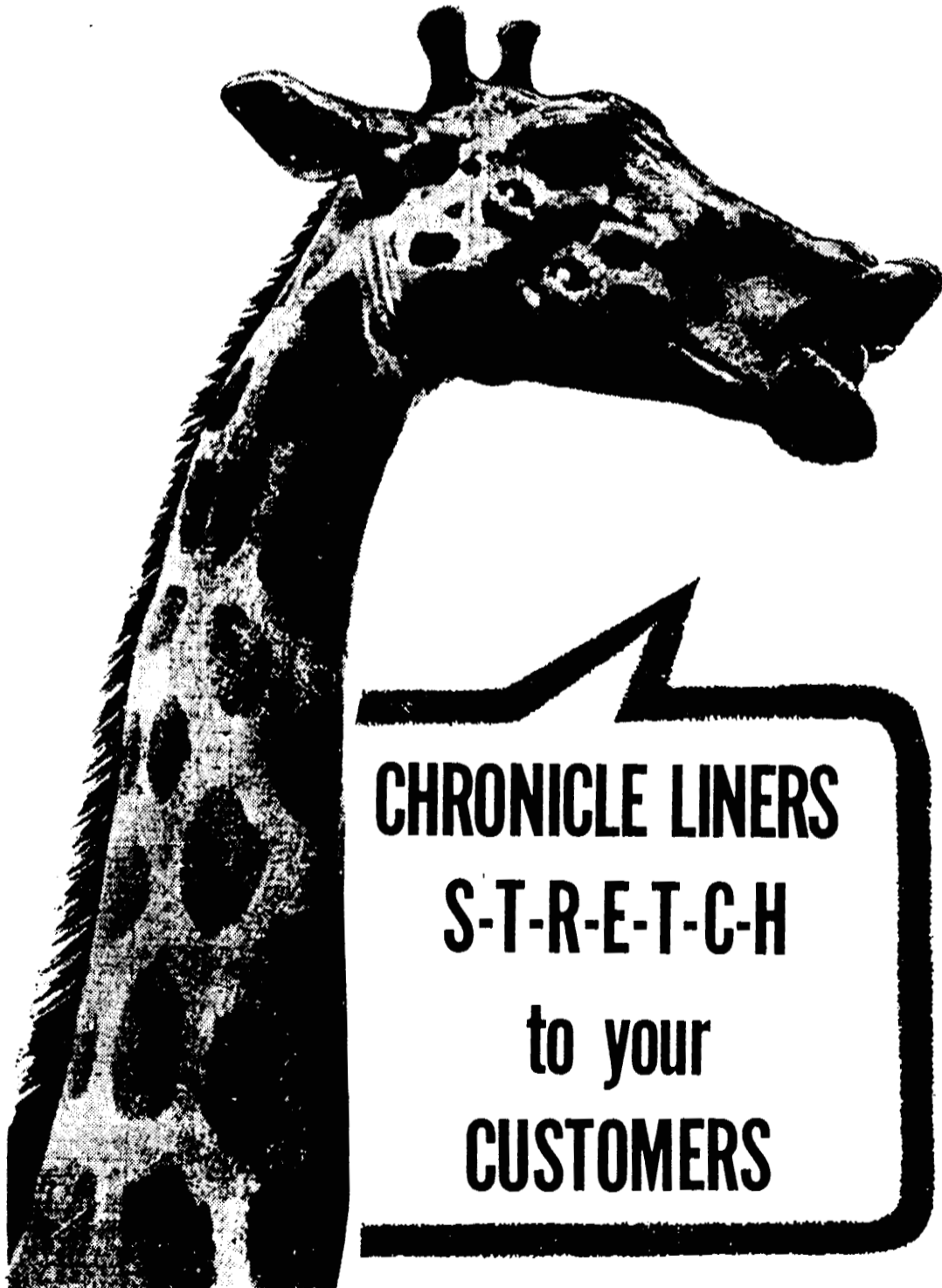
- Adopted several resolutions authorizing the removal of Bonnie Gaeth's name from district deposit transactions related to internal accounts, the hot lunch programs and petty cash. Gaeth, a longtime secretary to the superintendent, retired earlier this year.

- Approved the nomination

of senior Lily Leiterman as the September "student of the month."

- Recognized and presented certificates to several students selected for their achievements as "goal setters" in conjunction with the district's monthly Adult Role Focus.

Honored were: John Richmond, 12th grade; Amy Joles, 11th; Rob McClorey, 10th; Derek Howard, 9th; Nicholas Warack, 8th; Dennis Bricker, 7th; Bridget Kreager, 6th; Timothy Kain, 5th; Josh Powell, 4th; Trace Lopez, 3rd; Mindy Errer, 2nd; Lauren O'Harris, first, and Stacie Dorsch, kindergarten.



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