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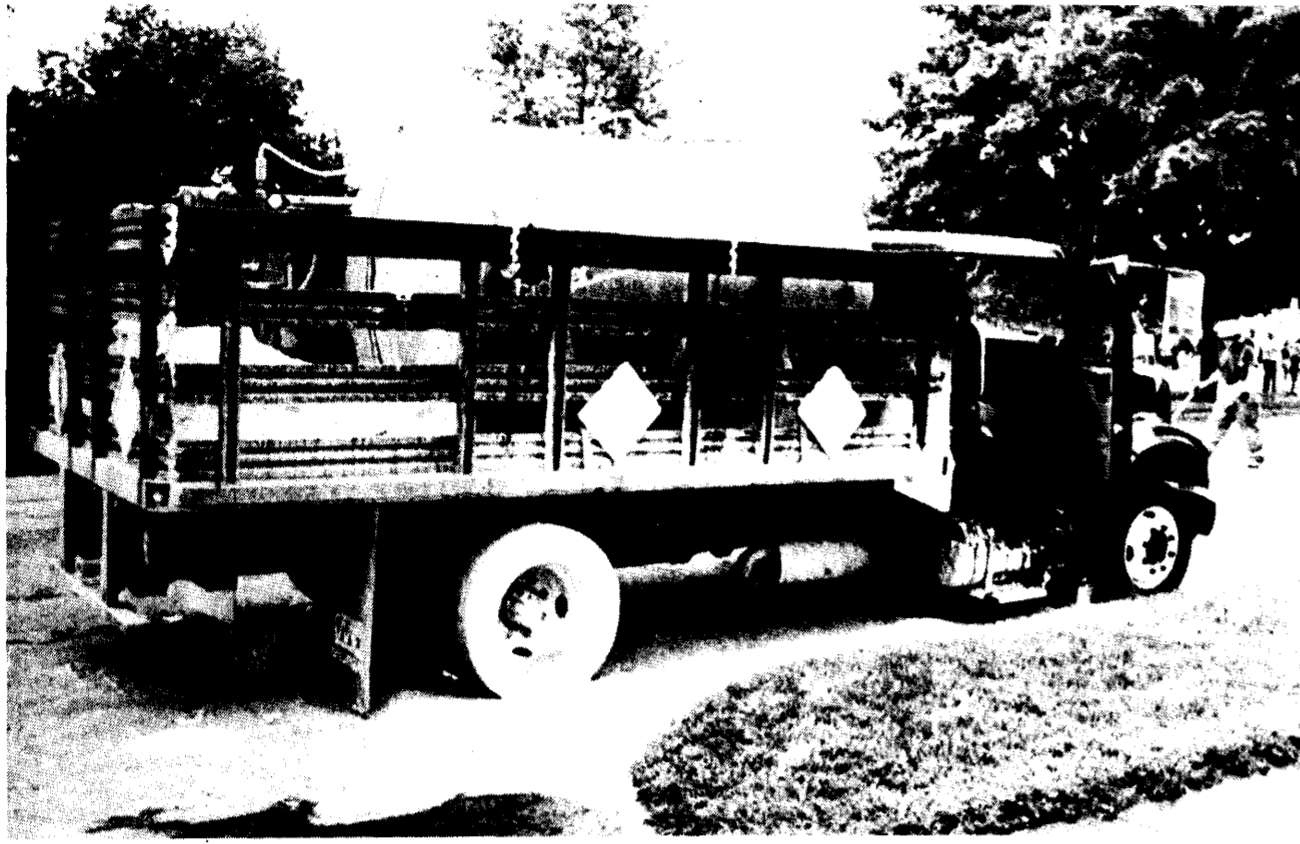
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In Cass City

Expect more road funds

The village of Cass City is expected to receive an additional \$12,270 in road funding this year and an extra \$20,115 next year, thanks to the transportation funding package approved by the Michigan Legislature in July.

The impact of the agreement on Cass City was briefly discussed during a monthly village council meeting Monday night.

Village President L.E. Althaver said the figures were included in a 20-page description he reviewed on the funding package, which included approval of a 4-cent increase in the gas tax.

While additional funding is good news, especially when village officials had expected a decrease in Act 51 funding, Althaver noted some controversial issues have yet to be decided, including a debate over who will control individual stretches of roads, streets and highways.

Althaver pointed out that the current Act 51 formula, which determines how dollars are funneled to local governments, will expire Sept. 30, 1998.

After that, funding allocations under Act 51 will de-

crease by 20 percent until representatives from MDOT, cities and villages mutually agree on a formula for transferring jurisdiction of certain roads from local control to state control.

For now, however, extra road funding is good news for Cass City, particularly this year because the village's street budget has been strained due to more extensive drainage work than anticipated on Seeger Street, and participation in the funding of street paving at the new middle school.

LAND SALE

In other business, the council learned that local businessman Kelly Smith has agreed to purchase 7.4 acres of land in the industrial park, along Division Street, for \$15,000.

Smith and another local businessman, Greg Bidding, last month offered the village \$10,000 for the parcel, which is located between Doerr Road and Cemetery Road.

The pair stated they plan to use the land for construction of pole buildings to be used for storage.

At the time, Smith pointed out that only about 3 acres of the parcel is suitable for building due to the current grade, drainage and required setbacks. However, village officials rejected the \$10,000 bid, insisting the parcel was worth \$15,000 based on a standard price of \$5,000 per acre for industrial park property.

TAX BREAK

Turning to other matters, the council approved an application from Walbro Corp. for a Facilities Exemption Certificate, enabling the company to receive a tax abatement of up to 50 percent for 12 years on new construction and equipment tied to expansion of Walbro's research facility at 4144 Doerr Rd.

The \$2.8 million investment involves construction of a 4,040-square-foot addition and installation of new machinery and equipment.

Under the Facilities Exemption Certificate, the company's tax burden on the new investment will total about \$12,900 based on the village's current tax levy of 18.5 mills.

The total project is expected to generate an additional 10 jobs over the next 2 years. Currently, the facility employs 24 people.

Also Monday, the council: • Accepted a bid of \$5,445 from R.C. Hendrick & Son, Inc., Saginaw, for repair of the ceramic and coping tile around the village pool. Also vying for the project was Wobig Construction Co., Inc., Saginaw, which submitted a bid of \$26,358.

The work is expected to begin sometime after Saturday, when the pool is scheduled to close for the season. • Learned the village's Downtown Development Authority Board is continuing work on plans to create a mini-park at the corner of Main and Seeger streets.

Landscaping work by Doerr Landscaping is expected to get underway this fall, and a large, courtyard style clock has been purchased and should arrive soon. The landscaping and related work is estimated at \$8,000 to \$9,000 and the clock, about \$18,000. It's expected that contributions and sales of memorial bricks will cover the majority of the cost of the improvements.

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Road closed for hours

Crews contain spill of fungicide on M-81

A chemical spill caused some tense moments and forced authorities to close several miles of M-81 Friday afternoon.

But no injuries were reported, and officials said they're confident a prompt clean-up effort prevented what could have been an environmental nightmare.

The spill covered a 5 1/2-mile stretch of M-81 north-east of Caro from Hurds Corner Road to Bills Foodland, which is located in the village at 755 N. State St.

The spill was reported around noon, according to Assistant Caro Fire Chief Larry Boitel, who said a valve on a westbound tanker truck broke and began leaking a fungicide in the westbound lane near Hurds Corner Road.

Boitel said the truck is owned by Growler Services, an agricultural firm based in Lansing.

An officer with the motor carrier division of the Michigan State Police pulled the truck over, but not before an estimated 300 gallons had been lost from the 1,000-gallon tank.

The Caro Fire Department immediately requested police to block traffic on M-81 from Bills Foodland to Deckerville Road. The roadblock was later extended to Hurds Corner Road.

Officials said the fungicide — a liquid used as an aerial spray, primarily on potatoes — posed no risk to nearby residents or motorists, so there was no need to evacuate anyone.

However, the chemical is deadly to fish and wildlife, according to Boitel, who said the biggest fear was that the highly concentrated fungicide would make its way to the Cass River via a drain or storm sewer. That fear was compounded by the possibility of continued rain Friday afternoon, but Mother Nature cooperated, he said. "We were very lucky."

Boitel, who consulted with officials from both the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Agency, reported the clean-up effort prevented

any of the fungicide from reaching the Cass River.

He lauded the efforts of several agencies and businesses, including General Cable, Walbro and Riverview Auto Inc., which donated pallets of a special absorbent material to soak up the liquid.

Also assisting were the Elkland Township and Mayville fire departments, sheriff's deputies, Michigan State Police, Department of Transportation, county road commission, county weighmaster, Caro Village

Manager Don Duggar and village crew members, Caro Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and the American Red Cross.

Boitel said Young's Environmental, a Flint-based company that specializes in clean-up of hazardous materials, was called in to remove the spilled fungicide. He explained the firm used specialized vacuum equipment to collect the liquid from the roadway and from storm sewers in the village.

Officials began reopening

M-81 about 5 hours after the incident was first reported. A 2-mile section from Bills Foodland to the east remained closed until 6:30 p.m., and the last mile was reopened at about 7:30 p.m.

Boitel said the tanker truck was impounded by the county weighmaster pending further investigation.

Motorists who may have gotten some of the fungicide on their vehicles are urged to wash the vehicles to remove any remaining chemical residue.

Embezzlement suspect arrested in Arkansas

The 2-month search for a Mayville woman suspected of embezzling thousands of Tuscola County drain funds ended last week in Arkansas.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro reported deputies from the Independence County Sheriff's Office in Batesville, Ark., arrested the suspect while she was working in a small gift shop.

Information on the whereabouts of the suspect was received from a confidential informant, according to troopers, who state the informant had been in touch with the suspect on several occasions and provided information that led to the arrest.

Troopers in Caro worked with their own Third District Fugitive Team based in Saginaw, and the Saginaw Office of the FBI in coordinating the effort. Sheriff's deputies in Arkansas were provided with a photograph of the suspect and given a possible place of employment.

Troopers said the suspect was taken into custody without incident and that extradition is being waived.

The name of the suspect is being withheld pending her arraignment in Tuscola County District Court on a 9-count felony warrant charging her with various counts

of fraud and embezzlement. Each of the charges carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and/or a \$5,000 fine.

Troopers said the suspect allegedly utilized the drain office computer system to generate false documents and entries, making it extremely difficult to uncover problems during routine examination of accounts.

The suspect is the focal point of an investigation that began in June, when Tuscola County Drain Commissioner Sarah Pistro asked troopers to look into transactions involving drain funds after she learned that a part-time drain commission employee had discovered irregularities in one of the drain accounts.

According to troopers, it appeared drain funds had been paid to a legitimate vendor of the county. Apparently legitimate drain work orders were presented to the county treasurer for payment and then processed by the county clerk's office. However, when the checks were written, they were diverted to a bank account other than that of the appropriate vendor, troopers said.

The suit was filed last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court against Tuscola County Abstract Company, Inc.

According to court records, the register of deeds office was requested to provide photocopies of records filed in the deeds office to Tuscola County Abstract between Jan. 1, 1991, and April 18, 1994.

Court records note that at the time, McLaren charged all members of the public \$1 per copy. However, Tuscola County Abstract sued the deeds office, claiming McLaren didn't have the authority to charge \$1. A Huron County Circuit Court judge agreed and, in an order dated Sept. 9, 1991, reduced the charge from \$1 to a blanket fee of \$25 per week.

But the ruling was later reversed by the Court of Appeals in an opinion dated Aug. 16, 1994.

In the suit filed last week, county officials note the Sept. 9, 1991, ruling was not reversed until Aug. 16, 1994, and that during that time Tuscola County Abstract received \$61,923 worth of copies, but paid only the blanket charge of \$25 per week, or a total of \$3,725.

The county is seeking the remaining \$58,347, which officials say Tuscola County Abstract has neglected to pay.

5,000 celebrate 4th annual Octagon Barn Festival

Thousands of people gathered Saturday in Gagetown during the 4th annual Octagon Barn Festival to help restoration efforts of the county's 8-sided historical barn and nearby farmhouse.

Master of Ceremonies Wayne Dillon opened the

gala at 10:00 a.m. from the downtown gazebo. Surrounding the gazebo were several food vendors, flea markets, arts and craft stands and souvenir sales.

Following a flag raising ceremony by Caro Boy Scout troop 570, those in atten-

dance were treated to part of the barn's history by guest speaker Judge John Brundage. Brundage is the grandson of John Munro, who was hired back in the 1920s by James and Cora Purdy to construct the 15,000-square foot barn and 18-room farmhouse.

Brundage presented a framed picture of his grandfather to Friends of the Octagon Barn Committee members Norma Wallace and Rose Putnam. The committee, established in 1994, has unlimited access to and sole use of the barn, adjacent farmhouse and outbuildings, as well as an 8.25-acre parcel surrounding the unique barn till Dec. 31, 1998, for the purpose of preservation, restoration and maintenance.

The Department of Natural Resources maintains ownership of the round barn and surrounding land and has made it part of the 1,000-acre Gagetown State Game Area. Putnam said she was very

pleased with attendance at the festival that she estimated at around 5,000 people. The one-day event, continued Putnam, raised nearly \$7,000.

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GUEST SPEAKER JUDGE John Brundage presents Friends of the Octagon Barn committee members Norma Wallace and Rose Putnam with a portrait of his grandfather, John Munro. Munro was one of the original builders of the historical site.

Pleads guilty to setting fire to Cass City home

A Caro man pleaded guilty to 3 charges, including an arson fire that damaged a Cass City residence last fall.

Mark R. Offenbecher, 19, Caro, pleaded guilty Friday in Tuscola County Circuit Court to arson of a dwelling Nov. 1, 1996, in Cass City; malicious destruction of personal property Dec. 12, 1996, in Indianfields Township, and breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Jan. 19 in Caro.

Offenbecher was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department and bond was continued. His sentencing is scheduled for Sept. 12.

According to Elkland Township Fire Department reports, the fire in Cass City damaged a home at 4454 Sherman St. The homeowner's name was not available.

Former Fire Chief Milt Connolly reported the house

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Gerhard and Dr. Jeanette Smyth

Robertson-Smyth united May 31

Dr. Jeanette Lynn Robertson and Gerhard Smyth were married May 31, 1997, in Tawas City. The Rev. Cheryl Elford presided. The bride is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Joe Robertson of East Tawas, formerly of Cass City. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Smyth of Pelham, Ala.

The maid of honor was Jami Robertson, sister of the bride. Bridal attendants were Angela Robertson, sister of the bride, and Lori Robertson, sister-in-law of the bride.

The groom's father served as best man. Groomsmen were Jason Robertson, brother of the bride, and Peter Smyth, brother of the groom.

The bride is a 1987 graduate of Cass City High School. She is also a graduate of Alma College and Ferris State University College of Optometry.

The groom is a graduate of Pelham High School, Pelham, Alabama, and University of Alabama, Birmingham, Ala.

The newlyweds are making their home in Birmingham, Ala.

Cass City Social Items

Call your local news to the Chronicle office 872-2010

Debbie and Patti Timmons, Brent Fritz, Lynwood and Jeanette LaPeer celebrated Lynwood's birthday Sunday.

Stan Guinther spent from Wednesday until Monday with his son, Mark Guinther, in Cranberry Township, Pa. Shelley Guinther and their 2 sons were visiting her mother in California.

Gordon Stirton of Kerwood, Ontario, and granddaughter, Kathryn, of London, Ontario, visited the Gaylord LaPeers Friday morning.

Miss Lessel Crawford of Rochester Hills came Tuesday and spent a week with her sister, Marion McClorey, Beatrice Cellner and daughter, Linda Barron, of Shelby Township, came Thursday and spent until Sunday with Mrs. McClorey. They were called here because of the death of Lewis Crawford of Caro, a brother of Lessel Crawford and Marion McClorey.

Sr. Citizens' Menu

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

AUG. 25-26-29

- Monday** - Old fashion pot roast, sliced zucchini, carrots, onions and potatoes, variety bread, coconut cake.
- Tuesday** - Breaded fish, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, hot roll, apple slices.
- Friday** - Buffet ham, sweet potatoes, broccoli/cukes/sour cream, hot roll, lemon pie square.

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Salvage Sale

August 21-22

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Rawson Memorial Library

Items for sale include a gas furnace, 2 commodes, a sink, typing tables, computer table, electric heaters, wood doors, telephones, hardware, large folding door and other items.

A Subscription to the Cass City Chronicle makes a Wonderful Wedding Gift



Bumper stickers

by Melva E. Guinther

Don't you hate it when a bumper sticker captures your attention but you can't get close enough to read it? Sometimes after the fact you wish you hadn't, but occasionally you see one that's really clever.

Here are some interesting observations found on bumpers, gleaned from the Internet.

I just got lost in thought. It was unfamiliar territory.

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some don't have film.

When the chips are down, the buffalo is empty.

Seen it all, done it all, can't remember most of it.

Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.

I feel like I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe.

He's not dead. He's electroencephalographically challenged.

She's always late. Her ancestors arrived on the June Flower.

You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say will be misquoted, then used against you.

I wonder how much deeper the ocean would be without sponges.

Honk if you love peace and quiet.

Pardon my driving, I am reloading.

Despite the cost of living, have you noticed how it remains so popular?

Nothing is fool-proof to a

sufficiently talented fool.

Diplomacy is saying "nice doggy" until you can find a rock.

A day without sunshine is like, you know, night.

Save the whales. Collect the whole set.

On the other hand, you have different fingers.

Change is inevitable. Except from a vending machine.

Somebody has come up with an "Easy Reading" list of the "Top 15 World's Shortest Books."

- They are:
15. Al Gore: The Wild Years
 14. Amelia Earhart's Guide to the Pacific Ocean
 13. America's Most Popular Lawyers
 12. Career Opportunities for History Majors
 11. Detroit - A Travel Guide
 10. Dr. Kevorkian's Collection of Motivational Speeches
 9. Ethiopian Tips on World Dominance
 8. Everything Men Know About Women
 7. Everything Women Know About Men
 6. French Hospitality
 5. George Foreman's Big Book of Baby Names
 4. How To Sustain a Musical Career by Art Garfunkel
 3. Mike Tyson's Guide to Dating Etiquette
 2. The Amish Phone Book
 1. The Engineer's Guide to Fashion

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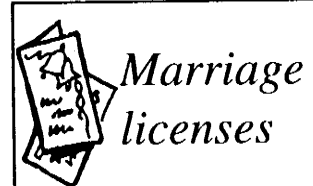


Nancy Ann Wood & Rick Johnacheck

Bob and Barb Wood announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Ann, to Rick Johnacheck, son of Harold and Sandy Johnacheck of Boyne City. Nancy is a 1986 graduate of Cass City and is employed at the Charlevoix Area Hospital as a phlebotomy technician.

Rick is a 1984 graduate of Boyne City and is a building contractor.

A September wedding is being planned.



Martin Nicholas Miller and Amanda Darlene Malloy, both of Kingstown.

Domonick Emmanuel Ray and Tarena Lynn Hutchinson, both of Vassar.

Harold Roland Honeman and Carolyn Eslit Osmon, both of Vassar.

Garth Malcolm Walk, Caro, and Elizabeth Ann Zimmerman, Sebawaing.

Randy Allen Fader and Robin Lynn Buniack, both of Caro.

Jeffery Charles O'Dell and Patricia Ann Rudich, both of Caro.

Jeffery Clifford Hoppe, Sebawaing, and Michelle Renea Sting, Unionville.

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

92 attend Martin reunion

The 23rd Albert and Jennie Martin family reunion was held Sunday, Aug. 10, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cass City. Albert and Jennie had 9 children: Grace, Eva, Gertrude, Claude, Edith, Hazel, Howard, Clifford and Beatrice.

Clifford Martin is the only living sibling, while Erma Martin (wife of Howard) and Don Miljure (husband of Beatrice) are the remaining spouses.

The affair was chaired by Charles and Mary Beyette of Cass City. Next year's reunion will be headed by Vivian and Leroy Sefton of Decker.



A flock of finches is called a "charm".

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Kloc-Smentek reunion held July 26 at park

The annual Kloc-Smentek reunion was held Saturday, July 26, at the residence of Linda and John Smentek, Cass City.

The day began at 8:00 a.m. with a golf outing at Rolling Hills Golf Course, followed by a potluck lunch.

Games were played, swimming and a social afternoon were enjoyed.

Eighty-six members and guests attended from Virginia, Maryland, Illinois, New York, Vassar, Howell, Decker, Mt. Pleasant, Ortonville, Oxford, Romeo, Grosse Ile, Freeland, Paris, Livonia, Detroit, West Bloomfield, Kingston, Deford, St. Clair Shores, Saginaw and the Cass City area.

Those coming from the farthest distance were George and Rose Kloc, Chesapeake, Va. The oldest member was Stanley Kloc, 77, Cass City. The youngest was Payne

Kloc, 9-month-old son of Ray and Bobbi Kloc, Suffolk, Va.

Officers for 1998 are: chairman, Bob Kloc; vice-chairman, Rick Kloc; secretary-treasurer, Stan Michael Kloc, and games coordinator, Twila Setla.

The 1998 reunion will be held July 25 at the Floyd and Diane Kloc residence in Saginaw.

Employers call school to hire co-op students

Area employers who are interested in hiring a high school co-op student are asked to call Wayne Dillon, Cass City High School counselor and co-op program coordinator, at 872-2148.

Cass City students who are at least 16 years old and interested in participating in the co-op program are also asked to contact Dillon.

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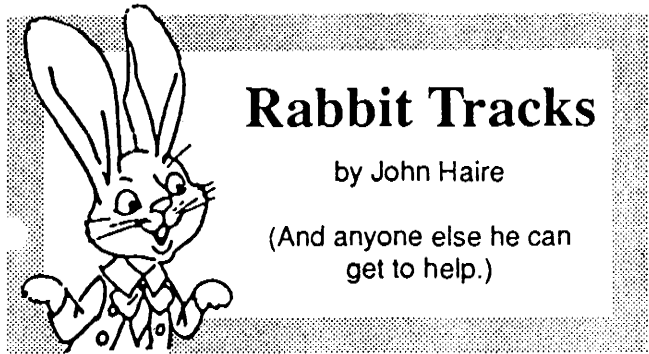
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BANKING for the HOMETOWN LIFE



Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Received an elaborate brochure from another new gambling outfit, "Blue Chip Casino" in Michigan City, Indiana. It's a river boat. Also part of the development is a 32-acre complex of restaurants and stores. Developers say that Cass City is within its customer base area.

It's set to open in September. In the brochure were 4 cookies with blue dye spots on them. The promoters missed a neat there. The dye spots looked like mold to me, and who would eat cookies sent through the mail, obviously hand wrapped?

If Michigan City can support a huge gambling enterprise, how long will the Flint and tri-city areas hold out against the huge profits that gambling produces?

All of us are in favor of sustainable forests, planting new trees to replace the old. Our lifestyles make it hard, according to the Lakes States Forestry Alliance.

Since Earth Day 1970, the average family size in the United States has dropped 17 percent, but the average home size has increased 40 percent. The U.S. is the largest consumer of wood products and also the largest per capita.

Four golfers playing at Hidden Harbor in Huron County had an added thrill Saturday. Jeff Hartel, Clarke Haire, Matt Prieskorn and Todd Comment spotted a bald eagle while playing on the sixth hole.

Kim Michalski brought in a post card that was written to her grandmother, Gladys May Balch of Deford. It was written to her by the Chronicle because a letter to Santa Claus arrived too late to publish. (At one time Mrs. Balch was a Chronicle correspondent.)

The post card was mailed from Cass City Dec. 22, 1906. It cost one cent.

Dry bean tour Aug. 26

The Tuscola County Dry Bean Growers will be having its annual Dry Bean Variety Tour Aug. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wayne Hecht Farm. The dry bean variety plot is located 3/4 mile east of Richville on the south side of M-46.

Greg Varner, research director for the Dry Bean Research Advisory Board, will be on hand to discuss the varieties and answer any questions growers may have. A dry bean market report will be given by a representative from Fairgrove Agri Sales. Dale Kuenzli and Mike Zwerk will give a report on bean commission activities. Zwerk's term on the Michigan Bean Commission will expire in the fall. Tuscola County Dry Bean Growers will need to select 2 candidates whose names will be submitted to the governor, who will select his replacement.

The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	68	51	.55"
Wednesday	75	64	tr.
Thursday	74	48	0
Friday	82	65	1.09"
Saturday	87	69	tr.
Sunday	64	50	.02"
Monday	74	46	0

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)

Craft Sale

August 30 & 31 in Caseville

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UPCOMING DATES

September 13-14 in West Branch

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THE WEATHER was picture perfect for Thursday's annual picnic at Tendercare, Cass City, where residents, family members and staff enjoyed a nice meal, including hot dogs grilled by local VFW members. Above, resident Ann Cox enjoys the food under sunny skies.

Farm Bureau annual meet set

The 1997 Tuscola County Farm Bureau annual meeting will be held Thursday, Sept. 4, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 903 Ryan Rd., Caro.

The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 8 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person and tickets are available at the county Farm Bureau office.

"This is the Tuscola County Farm Bureau's most important event of the year," said President Richard Starkey.

"At this meeting, every Farm Bureau member has the opportunity to express their concerns and interests and every regular Farm Bureau member has the authority to vote on and pass the policy resolutions. This meeting starts the grass roots policy-making process of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Plan on being part of it."

Items to be discussed include: roads - repairs, maintenance and funding, value-added processing facility, ag drainage, and estate and capital gains taxes.



It's been over a dozen years since the Owen-Gage and Cass City school districts were involved in a land and student dispute that lasted a decade.

With former superintendent Ron Erickson spearheading the attack, the districts were involved in court case after court case that ended without significant change in the districts' boundaries. It was an expensive fight for the taxpayers. Owen-Gage trustee Jack Brinkman was a leader in the dispute. Now Brinkman has taken a leadership role in the refusal to allow 2 students to transfer to Cass City.

Since Ken Micklash became superintendent, he has pushed cooperation between the districts and the board has routinely approved transfers to other districts, including Owen-Gage. Last year the Cass City board approved transferring 4 students to Owen-Gage, with 2 students from Owen-Gage coming to Cass City.

That will change now and any transfer between the 2 districts will probably be on a one for one basis. You can make a case financially for not losing a student and the \$5,000-plus that comes to the district with the student.

But forcing students to return to their home district school after they have already been approved and are attending a neighboring school is patently unfair to the students.

We trust that when all the head counting is over, there will be a way to keep the students already enrolled in neighboring districts undisturbed. It will probably be hard to say to families that we didn't really mean that the kids' transfers were permanent and that now you must return here, ready or not.

While the squabble between these 2 districts is a minor ripple in school affairs in Michigan, it comes at a time when the system is already under attack from many quarters, spearheaded by Gov. John Engler.

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The back forty

by Roger Pond

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We are living in the age of confession. The modern response to all sorts of miscues is to take full responsibility, confess to everything, and promise to never do it again.

Confession is becoming so fashionable we have people admitting things they haven't even done. Even worse, most of these confessions aren't really admissions but attempts at finding someone else to blame.

A good example is a recent meeting of the Northwest Power Planning Council. The Council oversees salmon recovery efforts in the Columbia River.

At their last meeting council members were falling all over themselves to confess they helped spend \$3 billion on salmon recovery efforts since 1981 -- and have fewer salmon now than when they started. They promised a strenuous review of this year's \$127 million boondoggle for fish and wildlife programs and pledged to establish clearly defined goals.

That should be interesting. How can you set clearly defined goals when you don't know what you're doing in the first place?

I wouldn't mind people confessing and sniveling around about it, if they would just admit they don't know what they're doing. That's the problem with confessions: Everybody fesses up, but they all want another chance.

While several members of the Northwest Power Planning Council were feeling bad about wasting \$3 billion of taxpayers' and consumers' money, the group's chairman pointed out in a letter to the media that the Council never had any authority in the first place. So it turns out they were accepting blame for things they never really did.

Council members say their failures in the past prove this agency must do more in the

future. All they need is a little more guts. (And another 3 billion dollars, I would presume.)

If this seems confusing, it probably is. People are confessing to things they didn't do, and promising to do more in the future.

They shouldn't be so hard on themselves. Why should they expect to have more salmon just because they spent a lot of money?

It's like raising sheep. Spending more money doesn't mean you are going to have more sheep.

Surely these folks didn't waste \$3 billion on purpose? If they knew what to do, they wouldn't have wasted the \$3 billion.

I know a lot of people are in a panic about saving salmon, but just throwing money around doesn't seem

to do it. We could lower the water levels or knock down a bunch of dams and that might not do it, either.

Why can't government agencies admit they don't know what to do? Then they could spend more of that money on some honest research, instead of the self-serving programs these agencies have been pushing.

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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Emma Wing is looking forward to her 106th birthday in January after undergoing surgery that saved her leg. Dr. Judi Ecker of Northeastern Foot Clinic in Cass City, performed the surgery June 2 at her office, and the results have been nothing less than marvelous. Mrs. Wing is a long-term patient at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon.

Nancy and Richard Taylor, owners of Bighelow's Hardware in Cass City, left Monday for the Middle East, where they will spend next year teaching at an American K-12 school in Kuwait City.

Religious ceremonies may be on the way out at Cass City High School because of the recent 5-4 United States Supreme Court decision that religious ceremonies violate the establishment clause of the First Amendment.

Jimmy Roberts, from the Lawrence Welk Show, will be visiting with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. David Heltsley of Deford. Roberts will sing during the 10 a.m. worship service Sunday at the Trinity United Methodist Church.

A fluorescent lighting fixture is being blamed in a Sunday afternoon fire that caused \$75,000 in damage to the Michigan Sugar Company's agricultural and accounting office in Caro.

10 YEARS AGO

Two persons were killed in separate accidents on M-53 last week. A Sandusky woman, Iras Behr, 72, was killed when the car in which

she was a passenger side-swiped a pickup truck and then collided head-on with a van at about 3:55 p.m.

Gordon Hill, 22, of Cass City died Saturday night after being hit by a vehicle when he was pushing a vehicle on M-53 just south of Bay City-Forestville Rd.

Lloyd Montreuil of Cass City was reunited with his son, Martin P. Montreuil, 25, July 30 in Farmington, N.Y., where Martin resides. The father and son hadn't seen each other for 16 years.

Former Cass City resident Paul Asher, 17, now of Phoenix, Ariz., visited his grandparents, Al and Joann Asher and Alton O'Connor, all of Cass City, recently after touring West Germany and Denmark with an international symphonic band.

Becky Smerdon arrived home July 13 after spending a year as an exchange student in Denmark. Smerdon will be a senior at Cass City High School in the fall.

25 YEARS AGO

Debbie Francis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Francis, and Karen O'Dell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Tracy, spent their vacation in a Dominican Republic village building a girls' dormitory, by hand, for a Bible institute there. The girls were part of a Teen Mission group of 21 young people under the sponsorship of Youth for Christ.

The fate of swimming in Cass City will be decided Tuesday when residents go to the polls to vote on a gen-

eral bonding proposition to help finance the long-discussed swimming pool. Voters are being asked to approve borrowing of up to \$113,000.

Seventy-four years of religious communion has come to an end and will be finalized forever when the Sunshine Methodist Church building is sold. The last service was held June 4 for the approximately 40 members. The Sunshine members have joined with the Sutton Methodist Church, boosting its membership to about 100.

Roland Pakonen has been named to the position of head football coach at Cass City High School and David Lovejoy fills the post of principal at Deford.

Cara Prieskorn, daughter of Gerald and Geraldine Prieskorn, is scheduled to leave Monday for Salisbury, Rhodestia, as a Cass City Rotary-sponsored exchange student.

35 YEARS AGO

Dave D. Ackerman, Cass City High School history teacher, was among 295 students to complete degree and certificate requirements during the recent Central Michigan University summer session. He was awarded his Master of Arts degree. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1937 and has been with the Cass City School system for the past 22 years.

Mrs. Lenora Lemanski, wife of head Cass City High School football Coach Oaric Lemanski, is one of the nation's crack small-bore rifle shots. She has been state and national champion several times and has won a number of regional and out-of-state matches. She has appeared on the cover of "American Weekly" and other national publications and on the New York television show, "To Tell the Truth."

Roger Parrish, Cass City High School choral music director, has accepted a position as music director and pianist for the newly organized "WTAC Entertainment Caravan," sponsored by WTAC Radio. He will continue to teach at Cass City Schools.

Alvin Hutchinson was the winner of the final free bike given by the Chamber of Commerce Friday night.

Residents beware: 'Irish Travelers' spotted in area

Tuscola County residents beware: A group known as the "Irish Travelers" have been spotted in Tuscola County.

"This is a group out of South Carolina that is known to participate in various home repair schemes, as well as home diversion type burglaries and fraudulent tool sales," said Det./Sgt. Patrick

Crash claims life of Caro driver

A one-vehicle crash claimed the life of a Caro man last week.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies reported the accident occurred at about 3:30 a.m. near the intersection of Deckerville and Unionville roads, about 3 miles northwest of Caro.

The victim, Brian E. Kitchen, 31, was driving

Woidan.

"The group was soliciting business to paint barns in Tuscola County. They often target senior citizens because of their physical debilities, which makes them less inclined to identify them and poor witnesses in cases that go to trial."

The group was spotted operating a 1997 GMC pickup with a South Carolina license

plate. Another vehicle, believed to be a 1997 blue Chevrolet pickup truck with out-of-state plates, was also reported by a county resident who was approached to have his barn painted, according to Woidan.

"Citizens should be cautioned that if you hire them to do a job and they use watered down products, or do an inferior job, it is not necessarily a criminal offense. It more than likely will be a civil matter, and your chances of ever locating this group to seek civil action, again aren't good," he said. "All county residents should be aware of this and any other out-of-state group that solicits home repair jobs."

"If you are approached at your home by these subjects, you should not let them into your residence under any circumstances, and call the police," Woidan concluded.

west on Deckerville Road when his vehicle skidded through the Unionville Road intersection, according to reports, which state his vehicle struck a ditch on the west side of Unionville Road.

Kitchen, who was not wearing a seat belt, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Deputies were assisted by Caro MMR personnel.

(Some) store clerks not checking I.D.s

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, minors succeed in buying cigarettes over-the-counter nearly 70 percent of the time and nearly 90 percent of the time from vending machines.

To better assess this problem in Tuscola County, the Tuscola Partnership for Tobacco Reduction recently implemented 2 sets of tobacco compliance surveys in the form of Youth Tobacco Act Compliance checks - one in the spring and one earlier this month.

This project was designed to obtain data on the illegal sales of tobacco products to

anyone under the age of 18.

With the cooperation of 29 area teenagers, a total of 29 tobacco retailers were visited and clerks from 21 stores did not sell tobacco to the teen. It is interesting to note that in every store visited, the teenager was asked to show proof of I.D., yet was able to purchase tobacco products at 28 percent of them. This is a clear indication that the clerks, after checking I.D.s, were not calculating the age correctly.

The Tuscola Partnership for Tobacco Reduction is recommending all retailers to educate their clerks about this problem and post a sign clearly stating: "All people attempting to purchase tobacco products must be born on or after this date in 1979."

Leaner beef

Leaner ground beef products are lower in fat and calories than you might think. A 3-ounce serving of ground beef with 90 percent lean and 10 percent fat contains 210 calories and 11 grams of fat. That's almost equivalent to turkey, which has 195 calories and 12 grams of fat, according to the USDA's Handbook Data on the Nutrient Content of Meats.

Calendar of Events

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

Friday, August 22

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

Monday, August 25

Cass City School Board meeting, high school, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 26

Back to school!

Wednesday, August 27

Duplicate Bridge 7 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Last week's winners: tie between John Haire and Jim Herndon, and Lyle and Marilyn DeRousse.

Notice of Hearings

Concerning Conditional Land Use Permits for Level Propane Gas Company, 7:00 p.m., and Hills & Dales General Hospital, 8:00 p.m. on August 21, 1997

at the Greenleaf Township Hall on Gilbert Rd. Nancy Braun Township Zoning Administrator

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Forshee looks forward to new challenges as Kingston principal

John Forshee was all smiles Thursday, joking with a pair of school fund-raiser candy salesmen, and offering warm greetings to any staff member who walked past his office.

Forshee seems very comfortable in his position, as if this is just another school year.

But it's not. At least not for Forshee, who for the past 17 years has worked to educate Tuscola County high school juniors and seniors interested in learning about power technology — heavy equipment, diesel engines and hydraulics.

Now, the veteran educator has turned his attention to much younger students, about 400 in all, as well as helping to coordinate the efforts of an elementary school teaching staff.

Forshee is the new principal at Kingston Elementary School, where he began his duties Aug. 8.

He's no stranger to county residents. An Akron native, he has been a familiar face at the Tuscola Technology Center since the facility opened years ago.

In all, Forshee taught power technology for 15 years, and he spent another 2 years working as a placement coordinator, a grant-funded position.

Before his start at the technology center, Forshee owned his own truck repair business outside Caro. He previously taught auto mechanics in Lowell, Mich.

So how did he end up in the elementary principal's seat in Kingston?

"I don't know. That's a good question," responded

Forshee, who earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in education at MSU, and his master's degree in education at CMU.

"I have an interest in kids of all ages, and it seemed like an interesting change. Change is a good thing," he added.

"I'm expecting a little bit of a transition. I expect there are going to be some issues that are going to be the same and some that are going to be different. But it's going to be a great challenge. I'm looking forward to it."

Forshee, who is central office certified, noted administrative duties are not entirely new to him, as he was involved in a lot of committee work during his years at the tech center.

As for working with younger children, he's looking forward to students' enthusiasm for learning. And he says the kids are in good hands.

"This really is an excellent staff. I've had a chance to talk to most of them, and they're excited about teaching the kids," he said.

Forshee also looks forward to working with the community, which has a proven track record of supporting school related activities. He cited the candy sale fund raiser, which enabled school

officials to purchase some playground equipment last year, as an example.

"The community's been very supportive of that effort," he said. "People really work together."

Forshee and his wife, Deb, have 2 sons, Ben, a junior at Cedarville College in Ohio, and Nick, a senior at Caro High School.

He said the Kingston Elementary staff and community have gone out of their way to make him feel welcome. "It's been a very easy transition. Everyone I've met has been very, very accepting," he added.

Forshee is still settling into his office and new duties. It's a busy time, he acknowledged.

"It's a hustle because there are student handbooks, staff handbooks, lots of schedules, meeting the staff, finding out who does what, when," he said.

"But we're going to be ready. We're expecting a really great year."



JOHN FORSHEE, a veteran Tuscola Technology Center educator, is gearing up for his new role as principal of Kingston Elementary School. Forshee began his duties Aug. 8.

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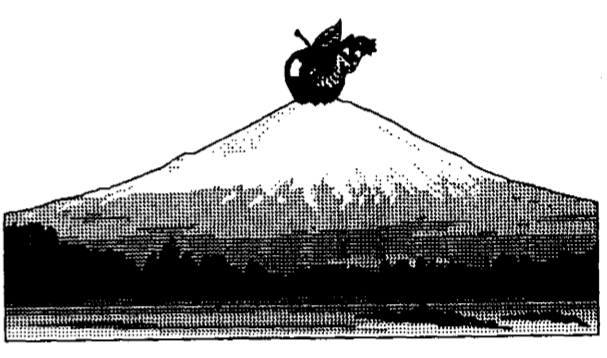
Rawson Memorial Library continually purchases new books. Best sellers, both fiction and non-fiction, are always on the list and other books with good reviews are also chosen. Here are reviews of some recent arrivals at the library.

Brain Dead by Eileen Dryer: Forensic nurse Timmie Leary is the newest member of the emergency room staff at Memorial Medical Center in Pucket, Mo. Timmie may look like an outsider in this small town, but she's actually come home again after a bad marriage and an exhausting stint at a Los Angeles hospital. Timmie is far away from the dangerous streets of L.A. but something just as deadly is festering nearby beneath the glossy surface of Restcrest, the hospital's highly regarded senior citizen care-and-research facility where Timmie's father is the latest patient. Restcrest patients are suddenly piling up in the hospital morgue, and old age isn't reason enough to explain these tragedies or the rash of other mysterious deaths Timmie encounters in her new job. Timmie's the only one in the hospital who is fighting to find out the truth.

Obstruction of Justice by Perri O'Shaughnessy: Two people have died in strange accidents, one struck down by lightning on Tahoe's highest mountain and one mowed down by a hit-and-run driver. In the middle of a controversial procedure to exhume one of the bodies, powerful businessman Quentin deBeers is murdered. Charged with murder, Quentin's angry grandson Jason won't talk even to Nina, his defense attorney. To save her client, Nina must expose the truth about his troubled family and untangle the hidden connection that links all 3 deaths. As the trial comes to an end, both the D.A. and Nina are forced to make a harrowing decision to protect the innocent...at the risk of letting the guilty go free.

Beyond the Wild Shores by Patricia Hickman: Leaving behind memories of a broken heart in her native America, Bailey Templeton embraces a challenging future when she arrives to teach the unruly children of Sydney Cove, Australia. Brought to the settlement by mistake, Bailey must battle to maintain a position intended for a man. Angered by the naval officer who stands in her way, she throws herself into the challenging task of winning the hearts of the local families. Bailey's determination to make a difference in the lives of the children infuriates the controlling hierarchy of Sydney Cove. Harassed and threatened, Bailey soon finds her own life in danger, and her new friends, the Farrells and the Prentices, are endangered by her very presence. Should she leave the children behind or stay and face the wrath of those in charge?

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Innovative farmer field day set at Voelker farm



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Farm Bureau feels EPA applying pressure on farmers

The Environmental Protection Agency is hoping to increase regulatory and inspection pressures on livestock operations, regardless of their size. The agency is developing a number of steps it would like to implement under the so-called Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) standards, to force livestock operations of all sizes to adopt additional environmental management practices, according to Michigan Farm Bureau's Kevin Kirk, who expects the proposal to move forward within the next 6 months.

The EPA Office of Water and the Office of Compliance and Enforcement have outlined plans to develop a strategy document for addressing all Animal Feeding Operations (AFOs), regardless of size, that operate near impaired waters.

While EPA officials note that they have no direct authority to regulate animal operations other than through the CAFOs, Kirk says it's clear the agency plans to increase the pressure on livestock operations to adopt better environmental management practices using state agencies and whatever in direct federal authority they can identify.

"They (EPA) are planning on requiring livestock producers to have a farm management plan that will detail both fertilizer as well as manure use, and they're going to require an annual on-site inspection," Kirk said. "Basically, EPA would like to require producers to have a permit, in essence, to farm." Kirk is concerned the proposal, if implemented, will result in multiple federal

Prairie grass roots can improve yields

A cork-like tissue found in the roots of prairie grasses could dramatically improve crop yields on drought-prone farmland. The tissue, called aerenchyma, enables roots to reach subsurface moisture by penetrating tough soil layers that otherwise would restrict their growth on more than 250 million acres in the U.S. and about 10 billion acres worldwide. Agricultural Research Service scientists hope to release commercial varieties of wheat within 2 years, soybeans within 5 years, and eventually corn that contain the aerenchyma trait.

agencies attempting to enforce different standards and says it ignores state-level educational, regulatory and enforcement activities, such as Michigan's Right-to-Farm guidelines on manure, pesticide and nutrient management practices for producers. "I think EPA is on a campaign to clean the environment up, and they're going to do it in any way possible, while ignoring other factors such as scientific justification and the economic impact to these producers," Kirk said. "The sad part is they're not working with other government agencies that are already fulfilling this role — there's no communication between these different government agencies. The concern I have is that EPA's going to have one set of regulations, and NRCS is going to have another set, USDA's going to have their own program, and nobody's talking."

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For the past 4 years, the Innovative Farmers of Huron County (IFHC) have conducted applied agricultural research on 2 40-acre parcels. Each year they invite a public review and discussion of their progress.

This year's review is Aug. 28 and will start at 9 a.m. at the IFHC research and demonstration site at the Ross Voelker farm, 2 miles south of Pigeon on Caseville Road.

Field day participants can park at the demonstration site. There will be no bus transportation as in years past.

The Voelker site features sugar beets produced under 4 tillage practices, a sugar beet variety plot consisting of 9 varieties, and a sugar beet seed spacing trial.

Several corn and dry edible bean tillage plots and a dry edible bean growth trial that includes white, red kidney

Grazing helpful

Managed livestock grazing helps good range grasses as well as wildflowers and other plants thrive, according to the USDA's Livestock Success on Public Range report. Wildflowers, grasses and other plants are often overwhelmed by unhealthy, less dense grasses without grazing. USDA concluded that managed livestock grazing maintains and restores plant communities and a variety of plant life.

and black bean varieties also will be reviewed.

The second IFHC demonstration site is at the Mike Shaw farm on Wadsworth Road, about 6 miles south of Bad Axe on M-53.

Following the luncheon, which begins at 11:30 a.m. at the site, tours will focus on white mold studies in beans

and on the performance of sugar beets seeded into wheat residue, corn stalks and soybean residue.

There also will be a discussion on the effect of various tillage practices on soil quality and review of this year's corn borer and potato leafhopper problems.

Visitors also will be shown

10 oil seed variety trials and a demonstration on strip cropping to reduce soil erosion.

The tour costs \$5 and is payable the day of the event. More information about the field day can be obtained from the Huron County MSU Extension office by calling 517-269-6099.

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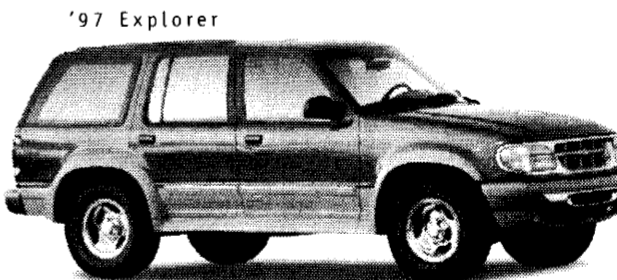
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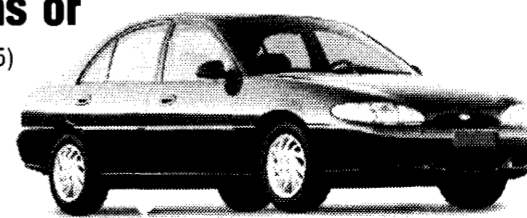
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Sign now for junior high football

Anyone interested in playing junior high football for Cass City must have a physical and card turned in before they can practice. Cards can be turned in at the middle school office or to Coach Larry Robinson.

Robinson will be at the school Friday, Aug. 22, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Players can see him there or call 673-5047.

First practice is scheduled Aug. 25 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Players will dress at the middle school.

The junior high regular season gets underway when Bad Axe visits Sept. 16. USA will host the Hawks Sept. 23 and Harbor Beach plays here Oct. 7. Cass City visits the Lakers Oct. 14 and returns home Oct. 21 to face Yale. The season ends with a Monday game at Caro Oct. 27. All games are at 5 p.m.



"GOOD INTENTIONS" won the league and play-off crowns last week in the Cass City Recreational Volleyball League. Team members are (front row, left) Dave Soper, Marcy Brinkman, Faith Fahrner, Becky Fahrner, (back row, left) Bob Tobey, Rick Brinkman, Fred Fahrner, Phil Fahrner and Greg Woodruff. Missing are Bert Brinkman and Kevin Kuhl.

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MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE
Aug. 17

SCRATCH FLIGHT

Jerry Toner	*165
Terry Wiseman	162
Bill Kritzman	154
Rich Tate	154
Jason McCallum	148
Mark Swanson	145
Mike Murphy	*142
Craig Helwig	141
Clark Erla	135
Newell Harris	135
Dale McIntosh	129
Don Ouvry	129
Dave Hoard	124
Daryl Iwankovitsch	117

FLIGHT #1

Fred Leeson	166
Mike Becking	166
John Maharg	165
Russ Briefer	154
Dan Dickinson	154
Mike Randall	152
Elwyn Helwig	147
Jim Peyerik	142
Jack Burns	140
Jim Apley	135
Ken Zdrojewski	134
Ernie Bellew	123
Rich Houghton	110
Dan Hittler	107

FLIGHT #2

Rick Hollis	183
Dick Wallace	173
Jon Zdrojewski	156
Stan Guinther	156
Craig Weaver	142
Gene Kloc	142
Jim Hobbs	141
Jack Hool	135
John Riddle	*133
Gary Robinson	*133
Dick Haley	133
Rick Doerr	130
Doug O'Dell	122
Jim Smithson	101

FLIGHT #3

Dick Patnaude	163
Bill Ewald	161
John Niebrzydowski	156
Clayton Sawdon	149
Craig Bellew	142
Bob Stickle	*141
Jim Wirtz	*140
Duane Henn	139
Jep Bryant	135
Pat Davis	130
Cas Pasieczny	126
Dave Hutchison	112

FLIGHT #4

Leonard Thompson	167
Doug Lautner	162
Bill Fader	161
Phil Schimmell	161
Bruce LeValley	152
John Agar	152
Charles Tunis	147
Bert Althaver	136
Fred Mikolon	131
Anton Peters	129
Dickie Green	113
Mike Spencer	91

FLIGHT #5

Mary Rabideau	135.5
Jean Pasieczny	115.5
Toby Weaver	97.0
Nelle Maharg	7.0
Bunny O'Berski	96.5
Ardis Haist	94.5
Joan Montgomery	89.0
Fran Bellew	73.0

2nd Flight - 18 Holes

Bonnie Miller	138.5
Lil Jaroch	117.0
Linda Helwig	117.0
Geri Corcoran	116.0
Barb Wilson	102.0
Millie Nadison	101.5
Candy Holdship	97.5
Peg Veldman	97.5
Vera Ferguson	36.0

3rd Flight - 9 Holes

Marie Scott	154
Eleanora Rees	136
Blanche Rumpitz	133
Jane Hool	128
Arlene Regentine	117
Dee Pickett	110
Mary Lou Maurer	102
Joann Martin	80
Phyllis Talaski	40

4th Flight - 9 Holes

Phyllis Ridge	126
Dani Hicks	122
Noreen Krug	93
Audrey Schock	93
Betty Zulauf	92
Virginia Ruthko	74
Enid Craig	61
Marian Harm	60

WEDNESDAY TWO MAN GOLF LEAGUE
Aug. 20

Wallace/Apley	185
Stickle/Iwankovitsch	158
Kritzman/J. Burns	149
Bliss/Baker	149
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Henn/Peters	148
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Harris/Wiseman	145
Burns/Hutchinson	145
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Herron/Miller	129
Maharg/Pasieczny	117
Martin/Yost	81
W. Dillon/Retherford	76

LATE DIVISION

Doerr/Haire	166
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C. Hillaker/deBeaubien	135
Hool/Toner	134
Jones/Marshall	134
Chappel/Pasant	96

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Free safety checks

Truck inspections set

The Michigan State Police Motor Carrier Division is planning its 11th annual truck safety inspection and information program.

This program is open to all trucks and their operators. Complimentary safety inspections will be performed on all commercial vehicles brought to the various sites. CVSA stickers will be issued to those vehicles qualifying for them.

Enforcement actions will not be taken at the inspections, however, vehicles found with serious safety violations will be required to be repaired prior to leaving.

A new feature this year is an informational booth with latest in weight, size and equipment requirements. Short seminars will be put on and several handouts will be available.

The inspection schedule is as follows:

- * Aug. 26, Michigan Sugar, Sebawaing Plant, M-25 at north end of Sebawaing.
- * Aug. 27, Michigan Sugar,

Caro Plant, Colling Road at west end of Caro.

* Aug. 28, Michigan Sugar Piling Grounds, Sandusky, M-46 near Ruth Road.

* Sept. 10, Michigan Sugar Piling Grounds, Burt, M-13 near Birch Run Road.

* Sept. 11, Michigan Department of Transportation,

Saginaw East Side Garage, M-81 at I-75.

* Sept. 12, Monitor Sugar, Bay City Plant, Euclid Avenue (M-13) South of Salzborg (M-84).

The inspection hours are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on all days.

All trucks and trucking companies are welcome.

Tuscola County Recycling on 'net'

Have you misplaced your brochure, can't remember what time the recycling center opens or can't remember what materials are accepted at Tuscola County Recycling?

You can now find Tuscola County Recycling on the Internet by accessing the Tuscola County home page or Tuscola County Recycling web site at <http://www.centuryinter.net/tuscola/dept/recycle/>

index.html, said Sharon Mika, recycling coordinator.

Mika said information is available on what materials are accepted and how to prepare the items for recycling. You can find hours of operation, where to recycle motor oil, the nearest drop-off and also send an e-mail message.

If you have a recycling question, you can e-mail Mika at smikarecycle@centuryinter.net. The web site will help residents to organize materials, whether they are for drop-off or a curbside program.

"Remember not all materials are accepted at your curbside programs. Check with your local unit of government or waste hauler to know what is accepted in your recycling bin," Mika said.

Restaurant damaged

A motorist accidentally caused minor damage to the Cass City McDonald's restaurant last week.

Cass City police reported Andre J. Daneault, Cass City, was driving his motor home through the restaurant's drive-through last Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. when the vehicle struck the roof facing boards on the order and pick-up windows.

Damage was estimated at \$200.

Report theft

Cass City police are investigating the theft of equipment from a boat over the weekend.

Michael Wheeler, Sheridan, Mich., reported Sunday that 2 tackle boxes and an electronic trolling motor had been taken from a boat parked in his father's yard at 6644 Pine St. The equipment is valued at a combined \$550, reports state.

Your neighbor says
UPS strike will end soon

Despite 76 hours of marathon negotiations spanning a 4-day period last week, the United Parcel Service strike enters its third week.

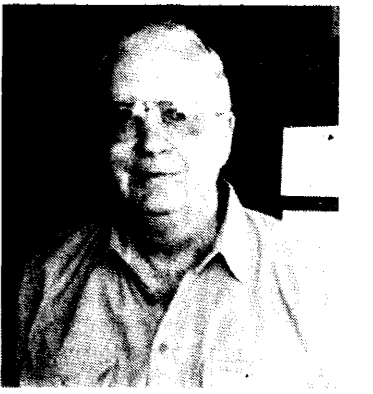
Several area businesses and individuals have felt the crippling effect caused by the halt of services by the nation's largest package delivery company. And although both sides claim they are no closer to any compromise on any of the major issues, one retired area resident believes the strike will end soon.

Your neighbor, Charles Beyette, says, "With (the UPS employees) only getting \$55 a week strike pay, it won't last too much longer."

Beyette, who lives in Cass City with his wife Mary, says the strike hasn't caused him any inconvenience. He also feels that the president shouldn't step in to mediate the strike.

"No, not just yet anyway." When asked whom he backs, the company or the union, Beyette commented, "I'd like to look into the UPS side a little more."

The Beyettes have 2 children. Their son, Garth, resides in Alaska, while their daughter, Renee, lives in Washington.



Putnam named new Farm Bureau agent

Rose M. Putnam, Cass City, has joined Farm Bureau Insurance as a new agent serving this area.

Putnam recently completed an extensive career development program for new agents, which prepared her for the state licensing examination in all areas of property/casualty and life insurance.

Putnam's training included the professional insurance program at Michigan State University and the agent career school at the Farm Bureau Insurance home office in Lansing. Farm Bureau agents are qualified to sell all lines of insurance, including life, home, auto, farm, retirement and business.

Prior to joining Farm Bureau Insurance as an agent, Putnam was employed by

Community Bank in Caro as a loan officer.

Putnam will be working out of the Farm Bureau Insurance office located at 1023 E. Caro Rd., in Caro.



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The Board of Trustees of the Township of Elkland will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of .0543 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 1997.

The hearing will be held on Monday, September 8, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. at the Elkland Township Hall, Cass City, Michigan.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 2.31% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by 2.29% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

The taxing unit publishing this notice, and identified below, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

This notice is published by:

Elkland Township Board
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Obituaries

Sharon Asher

Sharon Lou Asher, 45, of Phoenix, Ariz., died Tuesday, Aug. 12, 1997, in the Hospice of the Valley, Phoenix, Ariz., after a long illness.

Born June 23, 1952, in Cass City, she was the daughter of Alton J. and Elizabeth Louise (Lessman) O'Connor. She married David M. Asher Sept. 6, 1969, in Cass City.

A graduate of Cass City High School, she was a Phoenix Zoo volunteer, treasurer of the Parent-Teacher Organization in Phoenix, and treasurer of the Mountain Pointe Booster Club.

Surviving are her husband, David Asher; 2 sons, Paul Asher and Kevin Asher of Phoenix; a sister, Maureen (Doug) Horner of Essexville; mother-in-law, Joann Asher of Cass City; brother-in-law, John (Doreen) Asher of Ft. Myers, Fla.; 2 sisters-in-law, Diane (Jim) Bemboon of Wrightwood, Calif., and Susan (Jim) Hillaker of Cass City, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and father-in-law, Alden Asher.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 16, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, with the Rev. William J. Gruden of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Argyle, officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Memorials may be made to the Hospice of the Valley, Phoenix, Ariz.

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

Lewis Crawford

Lewis E. Crawford, 78, of Caro, died Tuesday, Aug. 12, 1997, at his residence.

Born May 31, 1919, in Deford, he was a lifelong

resident of Tuscola County.

Lewis Crawford and the former Joanne Emery were married Sept. 21, 1947, in Caro. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1941-45, and retired from Caro Regional Center in 1981. He was a member of Caro United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Joanne; 4 children, LuAnne Crawford, Tom Crawford and his wife, Cindy, Tim Crawford and Mary David, Jon Crawford and his wife, Kelly, all of Caro; 5 grandchildren; 2 sisters, Mrs. Marion McClorey of Cass City and Lessel Crawford of Rochester Hills; one brother, William Crawford of Phoenix, Ariz.; 3 sisters-in-law, Virginia Crawford of Caro, Onalee Crawford of Cass City and Ellen Crawford of Argyle, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by 6 brothers, Milton, Clare, Glen, Arthur, Harry and Norman Crawford, and one sister, Mabel McComb.

Funeral services were held at the Caro United Methodist Church Friday, Aug. 15. The Rev. Calvin Blue and the Rev. Arnold Burger officiating.

Burial was in Almer Township Cemetery with military graveside services under the auspices of Fairgrove VFW Post #7486 and Caro VFW Post #4164.

Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society or the Caro United Methodist Church.

The Collon Funeral Home in Caro handled arrangements.

Stephen Cybulski

Stephen Cybulski, 81, of Cass City, died Monday, Aug. 18, 1997, in his home.

He was born March 1, 1916, in Vassar to Anthony and Mary (Carittoski) Cybulski.

He married Alice Marie Hartley April 6, 1940, in Cass City.

Cybulski served in the U.S. Army from 1945 through 1946, and worked as a farmer from 1946 until his retirement. He was also employed at a factory in Detroit for 8 years.

Surviving are his wife, Alice Marie; 2 sons, James T. (Delores) Cybulski of Caro and Ronald B. (Bonnie) Cybulski of Caro; 9 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Jennie Brislin of Detroit and Victoria Hutchinson of Caro; a brother, John Cybulski of Holly, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Thomas J. Cybulski; a brother, Zigmund Cybulski, and 2 sisters, Stella Doherty and Helen Cybulski.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at the Colwood United Brethren Church, Colwood, with the Rev. David Burkett officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City, with military rites by VFW Post 3644, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Colwood United Brethren Church Memorial Fund, Little and Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, was in charge of arrangements.

James Krohn

James H. Krohn, 64, of Palatine, Ill., formerly of Bad Axe, died Monday, Aug. 11, 1997, at Northwest Community Hospital, Arlington Heights, Ill., after a short illness.

Born Nov. 16, 1932, in Bad Axe, he was the son of Wrayburn and Donna (Radaway) Krohn. He married Bessie Ann Connolly in Cass City.

Owner and operator of Krohn's Installation of Palatine, Ill., he graduated from Bad Axe High School and operated Krohn's Service Center in Cass City for many years before moving to Illinois. He was a Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Surviving are his wife, Bessie Ann, Palatine, Ill.; 2 daughters, Linda (John) Hess of Rio, Wis., and Kelly (Kevin) Mara of Crystal Lake, Ill.; 3 sons, Bill (Gail) Douglas of Palatine, Jesse Krohn, Waconda, Ill., and Wrayburn (Nancy) Krohn, Elgin, Ill.; 15 grandchildren; a brother, Lyle (Phyllis) Krohn of Bad Axe; a sister, Dolly (Dale) Hind of Bad Axe; 2 brothers-in-law, Milton (Ann) Connolly of Cass City and James (Helen) Connolly, Carsonville, and several nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by a son, Harold Douglas Krohn, a granddaughter, Cassandra Mara, his parents, 2 brothers, Donald and Paul Krohn, and a sister, Betty Jo Witzke.

Memorial services were held Sunday, Aug. 17, at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubly, with the Rev. Robert A. Srock, pastor of Ubly United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Valley Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society.

James MacTavish

James A. MacTavish, 88, of Cass City, died Aug. 15, 1997.

A resident of Pilgrim Manor Nursing Facility, Plymouth, Ind., since May, 1997, he had been in failing health since his injury from a fall early in 1994.

Born Dec. 4, 1908, in Sanilac County, he was the son of John and Frances (Oswald) MacTavish.

He graduated from Cass City High School in 1927 and raised and showed the grand champion heifer at the Michigan State Fair in 1925.

He married Vera Fern Mudge June 9, 1934, in Detroit. Shortly thereafter they returned to Cass City, where they made their home and raised their family.

Surviving are 2 children, Ann (James) Sting of Columbus, Ind., and James (Cora) MacTavish of Culver, Ind.; 3 granddaughters; 2 grandsons; 6 great-grandsons; one great-granddaughter; several step-grandchildren; a sister, Cathryn McClure of Sanilac Co., and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; a brother, Rolph; a sister, Marguerite Kelly, and one grandson, Michael Sting.

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 18, at Little & Kranz Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Todd Gould of the Cass City Evangelical Free Church officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility or the Marshall County Hospice, Plymouth, Ind.

Mary O'Rourke

Mary M. O'Rourke, 90, of Gageton, died Sunday morning, Aug. 17, 1997, at Tendercare, Cass City.

Born in Grant Township April 24, 1907, she was the daughter of Daniel and Mary (Quinn) O'Rourke.

A member of St. Agatha Catholic Church and its Women's Society, and of the Michigan Education Association, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in secondary education and a Master of Science degree in library science, both from Siena Heights College in Adrian. She served with the Dominican Sisters in Adrian for 27 years, taught school in Florida, Illinois and Michigan for 46 years, receiving a Michigan Education Honor Award in 1977, and retired after serving for many years with Caro Community Schools as a librarian.

Surviving are 3 sisters, Sr. Patricia Marie of Adrian, Vernita (Douglas) Comment of Gageton and Eleanor Hunter of Southfield, along with several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by 3 brothers, Rev. Fr. Joseph O'Rourke, John O'Rourke and James O'Rourke, and 2 sisters, Agnes O'Rourke and Ellen O'Rourke.

Funeral Mass was scheduled at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gageton, with the Rev. Fr. George Serour officiating.

Interment will be in St. Agatha Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gageton, St. Agatha's Women's Society, or the charity of choice, Unionville Funeral Chapel, Unionville, was in charge of arrangements.


Community hymn sing set for Sunday

The churches of Cass City will be holding a Community Hymn Sing Sunday at the Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Rd., beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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IT'S OVER — THE Teamsters' 2-week-old strike against UPS reportedly came to an end following negotiations late Monday night. Above, Jack Kitchen, whose mother is a UPS driver, stands near an avenue of picket signs Friday as the drivers awaited news on the talks.

HDC to distribute emergency surplus food in Caro Sept. 5

The Human Development Commission (HDC) will hold its Tuscola County Temporary Emergency Food Distribution (TEFAP) Friday, Sept. 5, at the HDC Warehouse, 165 Butler St., in Caro, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

These surplus commodities have been made available to HDC by the federal government and are intended for personal consumption by eligible low-income families. Monthly income guidelines to determine eligibility are as follows:

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8	3,476	2,825
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Letter to the editor

Sport teams have variety of funny, if not strange, names

Lions, Tigers and Bears, OH My!

With sports, from high school to the pros, constantly bombarding us all year long have you ever noticed the different names of various teams? Some can be very funny if not strange.

Some teams are named after religious figures: Saints, Padres, Devils, Quakers and Angels. Some are named after professions: Packers, Brewers, Steelers, Miners, Oilers, Boilermakers, Rangers, Sailors, Mariners and Cow Punchers. Royalty: Lords, Bishops, Kings, Knights, Royals, Dukes and Purple Princes. PURPLE PRINCES?

How about the things above?: Suns and Stars. The weather: Storm, Cyclones and Hurricanes. Speed: Rockets, Jets and Stampede. We have teams named after clothing: Red Sox, White Sox and the Tutopolis, Illinois Wooden Shoes. Teams are named after people: Spartans, Trojans, Canadians, Vi-

kings, Pirates, Raiders, Minutemen and Irish. Teams like to use color in their names: Green Wave, Blue Devils, Red Devils, Golden Eagles, Golden Bears, Yellow Jackets, Red Legs and Crimson Tide.

In the area I grew up in several of the high school teams were named in relation to the name of the school. The North High Polar Bears, West Cowboys, Northland Vikings, Independence 76ers, Dublin Shamrocks and the Mohawk Indians.

The most used names for teams are animals. Birds: Seahawks, Falcons, Cardinals, Eagles, Blue Jays, Jayhawks, Hawks, Ravens and Owls. Cats: Tigercats, Bearcats, Bobcats, Bengals, Jaguars, Panthers, Wildcats and even Mildcats. Dogs: Bulldogs, Red Dogs, Huskies, and just plain DAWGS. And of course there are other creatures: Dolphins, Cubs, Marlins, Broncos, Ducks, Beavers, Razorbacks, Hor-

nets, Bucks, Bulls, Badgers, Longhorns, Buffaloes, Hogs, Gators, Sharks, Wolverines, Timberwolves and Lions.

Tigers and Bears. OH MY!

So even if your favorite team is named after the birds or the bees or the flowers or the trees or the moon up above, root for the team you love.

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.

Robert W. Stevens
940 Evanston Street #317
Hoffman Estates, IL 60194



OOPS! — A TRUCK owned by Bartnik Service Station, Cass City, tipped over as a load of fill dirt was being dumped near Cemetery Road, just north of Cass City, Aug. 12. Police reported the driver was not injured and the vehicle sustained no damage.

MSU expert says

Hot weather needed for crops

August may be the month that determines whether this growing season ends satisfactorily.

Jeff Andresen, Michigan State University Extension agricultural meteorologist, says that June, July and August are critical for collecting heat units - called growing degree-day (GDD) accumulation - to spur crop maturity. August may be the pivotal month.

In the first week of August, the GDD accumulation was 70 to more than 145 points behind the accumulation on the same date a year ago. That puts most crops a week to 2 weeks behind in development.

"We had a very cool spring and early summer, and the GDD setbacks we experienced at that time are still apparent - we have not been

able to overcome the deficit because of normal or below normal temperatures through the season," Andresen says.

"In many parts of the state, we have also seen precipitation deficits increase over the past 6 to 8 weeks, which, for some crops, may affect yield."

The rains that overflowed much of the state Aug. 11-12 may have mitigated some of the worry about moisture, but not concerns about the lack of heat to fuel GDD accumulation.

"The longer term concern will shift from the moisture problem to heat because many of our crops - corn, tomatoes and grapes - are nearing the point where we get concerned about when the end of the growing season will occur," Andresen says. "Moreover, the current forecast suggests normal to below normal temperatures continuing, when historically August has been the second highest month of the year for accumulation of heat."

That glum outlook is likely to continue into fall, according to the National Weather Service's August-October outlook.

Because fall is a period of transition, however, it is difficult for forecasters to pinpoint what will actually occur.

"When we look at long-range forecasting, the accu-

racy is highest in winter, closely followed by midsummer, but as we get into the transitional periods of spring and fall, the accuracy declines rather dramatically," Andresen says. "Overall, the degree of accuracy in fall forecasting is around 55 to 57 percent. The forecast is still worth noting because I think if we continue as we have been, we will have problems with crops maturing and subsequently with harvest."

A second opinion? The Old Farmer's Almanac says the autumn will be unusually warm, with September and October averaging 5 to 6 degrees above normal.

So for now it's a toss-up between the National Weather Service's odds for accuracy in the fall and the almanac, which so far this growing season has not been that far off the mark.

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Classes begin Tuesday

Schools ready for new year

The calendar still says August, but area high school football teams are hitting the practice fields, families are wrapping up their summer vacations and moms are checking out back-to-school sales.

Can the first day of classes be far away?
It may be hard to believe for students, but it's time to dust off their backpacks, stock up on pencils and paper, and get ready for a new school year.

Summer vacation will be over in less than a week, and school officials in the Cass City, Kingston, Owen-Gage and Ubyli districts are preparing to open their doors for the start of the 1997-98 school year.

The following is a roundup of school-related information provided by each of the area school systems:

CASS CITY
Cass City staff members will start the new year with orientation Monday. Students will kick off the year

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The school day will begin 5 to 10 minutes earlier this year to meet the state minimum 1,041 hours of instruction time, an increase of 51 hours over 1996-97.

Classes will be in session from 8:12 a.m. to 3:07 p.m. at Campbell and Deford elementary schools, 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the middle school and 8:20 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the high school.

Each of the buildings will exceed the state minimum in order to offset any delays due to inclement weather, according to Supt. Ken Micklash.

Students will have Monday, Sept. 2, off in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Lunch and breakfast will be served the first day of school. Prices for both have been increased by 10 cents.

The cost for lunch is \$1.05 for elementary students and \$1.10 for middle and high school students. Breakfast is 90 cents. Students who wish to participate in the breakfast program will be allowed in each building's cafeteria 15 to 20 minutes prior to the beginning of school.

Applications for free and reduced meals are being sent to the parents of students in the district.

Buses will travel routes similar to those last year. There will be 3 new faces on the teaching staff in 1997-98. Colleen D'Arcy has been hired to teach special education at Campbell Elementary, and Kurt Dennis will teach eighth grade science. The district is also in the process of hiring a sixth grade teacher to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of Doug Hall.

Even before the school year gets underway, parents and other residents will have an opportunity to see first hand on-going construction of the new Cass City Middle School. A tour, sponsored by the school board and R.C. Hendrick and Sons, Inc., is slated for Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Students in the Ubyli Community Schools will also start the new year Tuesday, following Monday's orientation session for the teaching staff (Friday, Aug. 22, for new teachers).

The school day will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:05 p.m.

Students will have a short first week of school, as their Labor Day holiday will begin at the conclusion of classes Thursday.

There will be some significant changes in bus routes this year due to the elimination of one run, according to district Business Manager Mark Tenbusch, who explained the change is due to various route adjustments. He noted information on the changes is being mailed to the parents of elementary students.

New faces ready to greet students include Scott Rammiller, who previously taught in the Caseville Public Schools and will now teach advanced math and computer science at Ubyli, and Kurt Krohn, Bad Axe, who will be teaching vocational agriculture-science as well as serve as FFA advisor.

In addition, the district will be hiring a part-time second grade teacher and a certified elementary school counselor.

UBLY
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These cash payments are in addition to the \$1.9 million in equity paid to members earlier this year. Combined, MMPA has paid \$6.7 million in addition to the monthly milk checks to its dairy farmer members in the first 7 months of 1997.

"Our well-managed plants and efficient marketing program allow us to continue to revolve back several million dollars each year while still maintaining the best competitive pay price in the market," says Walt Wosje, MMPA general manager.

MMPA members received substantially more in pay price and equity payments in 1996 than other milk cooperatives in the state. The difference was about \$2,500 for every million pounds of milk shipped.

"As the major milk supplier to the Michigan fluid market, we work to maintain the over-order premiums, returning as much each month to our member-owners as possible. These are difficult times for dairy farmers as the

Wosje stated, "One of the areas that is watched very closely is the overall cost of operations. The total general and administrative expense for MMPA in 1996 was less than what it was 9 years ago." MMPA has operated without an equity capital retain, relying on the Association's plant operations, marketing fluid milk and manufactured products to provide operating capital for the cooperative.

Michigan Milk Producers Association is owned and controlled by over 3,200 dairy farmer members in Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

Petition seeks \$14.50 dairy price

A dairy producer petition movement is growing in many parts of the country, calling for the secretary of agriculture to intervene and stop the financial deflationary spiral. Petitions call for creating a minimum farmer pay price of \$14.50 per hundred pounds.

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5,000 attend festival

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Stoeckle's petting zoo, Amish bake sales, a group of fiddlers who performed in the yard, and several scarecrow displays. The scarecrow displays were judged and the best design was awarded to Caro's Pat Kreiner. Joe and Becky Hillaker's scarecrow, from Deford, finished runner-up, while Bev Leyva's entry from Gagetown placed third. Back in the village, the festival ended with a clogging demo by the Heel Stompers and street dancing with country music DJ Jim Kramer.

NEL AND MIKE WALD were among the many food vendors on hand for Saturday's 4th Annual Octagon Barn Festival in Gagetown.



A FLAG RAISING ceremony by Caro scouts (from left) Jason Johnson, Levi Terbush and Tim Sattleberg helped open the 4th annual Octagon Barn Festival Saturday in Gagetown. The ritual was accompanied by music from Owendale scout Josh Error's horn.

Pleads guilty to arson in village

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was furnished, however, it appeared no one was living there when the fire broke out. No estimate was available on the damage, which was limited to a bedroom area.

In other circuit court proceedings last week:

*Andrew E. Eurich, 67, Essexville, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 365 days in the county jail, with worksite privileges, for his plea of no contest to negligent homicide and operating a motor vehicle while under influence of liquor, second offense, Dec. 10, 1996, in Akron Township.

Eurich was ordered to enter a substance abuse program and pay \$2,000 in court costs and fines plus \$1,080 in oversight fees and a \$60 victim crime fee.

*Martin A. Perlaki, 44, Ruth, pleaded guilty to third degree criminal sexual conduct during spring-summer of 1994 in Elinwood Township.

Bond was continued at \$25,000 and a pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing was slated for Sept. 12.

*Glenn R. Welch, 18, Clifford, pleaded guilty to attempted forgery involving a \$50 check written May 19 in Kingston and drawn on Chemical Bank-Thumb area.

A motion to reduce bond was granted for Welch, who was ordered to enroll in school. Sentencing was scheduled for Sept. 12.

*Terry L. Congdon, 32, Mayville, pleaded guilty to forgery of a license plate March 10 in Fremont Township.

The defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing was slated for Sept. 12.

*Harley B. Kelley, 18,

Kingston, pleaded guilty to attempted forgery involving a check written May 19 in Kingston and drawn on Chemical Bank-Thumb Area.

Kelley was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be held Sept. 12.

*Michael J. Duncan, 17, Mayville, pleaded guilty to carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent June 4 in Mayville.

Bond was continued at \$1,000. Sentencing is to be set.

*Mark Schlicht, 37, Fairgrove, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, June 28 in Juniata Township.

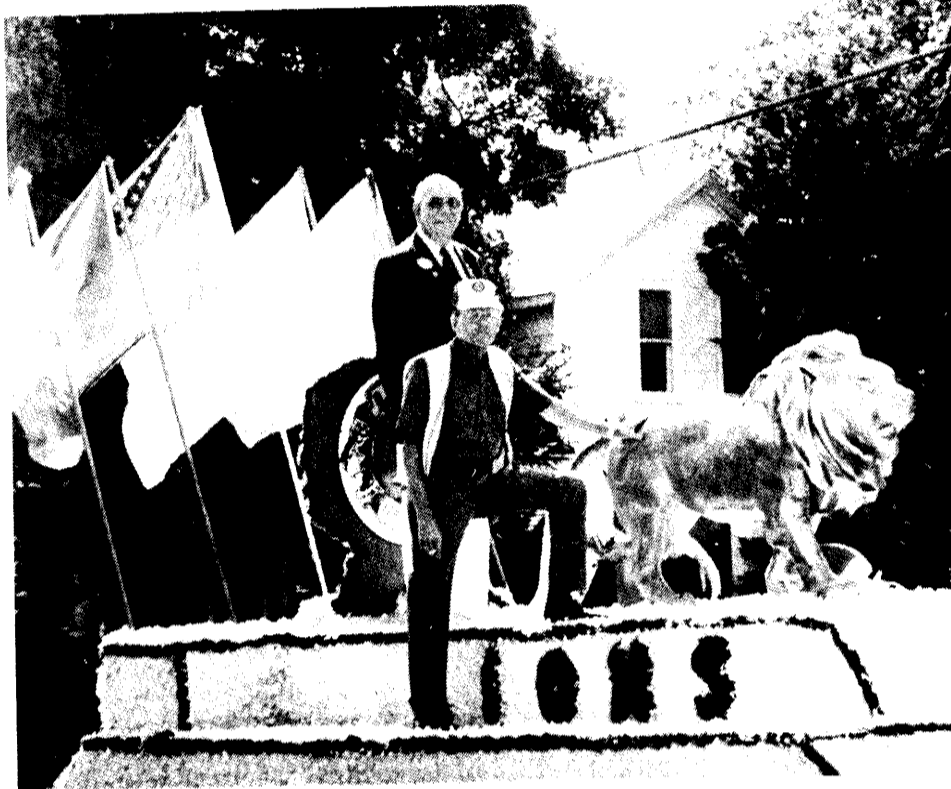
The defendant's license was revoked. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing was scheduled for Sept. 12.

*Dennis M. Androsuk, 30, Fort Wayne, Ind., was sentenced to 3 years probation and 365 days in the county jail, with worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, March 3, 1996, in Fremont Township.

Androsuk was also ordered to undergo substance abuse counseling and pay court costs and fines totalling \$1,000 plus a \$40 victim crime fee.

*Todd E. Green, 28, Unionville, was sentenced to 90 days in jail for his plea of guilty to probation violation. He was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

*Inmate Andrew T. Turner, 28, was sentenced to one year and 4 months to 5 years in prison for his plea of guilty to being a prisoner in possession of marijuana April 23 in Indianfields Township.



THE OWENDALE Lions Club float was part of Saturday's Octagon Barn Festival parade. The civic organization served over 300 chicken barbecue meals at the Gagetown school following the parade.

Michigan crop outlook promising

Michigan crops show excellent yield potential due to early planting times and generally favorable weather conditions, according to the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service. Production estimates are as of Aug. 1, 1997.

Highlights of the August Crop Production Report are as follows:

* Michigan - Corn farmers expect a yield of 110 bushels per acre, up 16 bushels from last year, on 2.3 million acres for harvest as grain. Despite the delayed emergence of much of the crop due to cold May weather, progress has remained near normal for much of the growing season.

* Soybean production in the state is expected to total a record 75.6 million bushels, topping the record set in 1995 by 27 percent. The yield is forecast at 40 bushels, which would tie the record high set in 1995.

* Sugar beet producers in Michigan estimate a yield of 19 tons per acre, an increase of 3.9 tons from 1996. Expected production is just over 3 million tons, which is a 55 percent increase over 1996.

* Winter wheat yield is projected at a record 61 bushels per acre, an increase of 7 bushels from the July forecast. This breaks the record previously set in 1995, and is 23 bushels per acre better than 1996.

* Michigan dry bean growers expect their crop to yield 1,800 pounds per acre, up 350 pounds from 1996.

* Michigan all hay yield is forecast at 2.99 tons per acre, which would be the lowest since the drought year of 1988. Yields were hurt by the coldest May on record and a lack of rainfall prior to the second cutting.

* Nationally, corn production is forecast at 9.28 billion bushels, virtually unchanged from last year but up 26 percent from 1995. Based on Aug. 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 125.3 bushels per acre, down 1.8

bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 74.0 million acres, up one percent from 1996. U.S. soybean production is forecast at a record 2.74 billion bushels, up 15 percent from 1995 and 9 percent above the 1994 record year. Yield is forecast at 39.3 bushels per acre, 1.7 bushels above last year, but 2.1 bushels below the record yield in 1994. Area for harvest is estimated at 69.8 million acres.

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