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Heavy safe foils thieves in Gagetown Inn break-in

Thieves broke into a Gagetown business last week and made off with a 110-pound safe containing hundreds of dollars in cash.

But in this case crime didn't pay, at least not as well as it would have had the culprits been able to crack open the safe.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro reported the break-in occurred at the Gagetown Inn, 4773 State St., sometime during the early morning hours Friday.

Trooper Oren Johnson said the thieves left the building with \$2,200, most of it inside the safe. The safe and the cash were recovered later in the day by owner Chris Hortola, who found the safe in an abandoned building in the village, Johnson said.

Troopers have suspects in the case, however, there have been no arrests yet.

The break-in remains under investigation.



EGG-CITING! — Abby Fox, 2, the daughter of Angela Eckert and Ryan Fox, Cass City, was among a host of youngsters who braved chilly weather to participate in the third annual Gagetown Easter Egg Hunt, held Saturday at the Gazebo in Gagetown. (related photo, page 14)

Residents seek action Novesta Twp. to enforce zoning

Novesta Township Board members left Monday night's monthly meeting in agreement that more must be done to enforce township zoning laws.

They also acknowledged it won't be easy to accomplish that goal.

Still, the board vowed to take a step in the right direction by drafting and publishing an advertisement outlining some basic zoning regulations, and by doing a better job of following up on reported violations.

The discussion was sparked by complaints voiced at the township's annual meeting last month. One woman told the board

that her neighbors have a dog and farm animals running loose on a parcel that doesn't meet the ordinance's 10-acre minimum. She said her neighbors have also erected makeshift structures that appear unsafe.

She said she contacted the township zoning administrator and was told that she should tell her neighbors that they are violating township zoning laws.

Other residents cited examples of junk and other zoning ordinance violations in the township that are not being enforced.

At Monday's session, township Trustee Ron Patera questioned Zoning Adminis-

trator Lucille DeLong about the complaint involving farm animals.

"I never got a call from (her)," DeLong responded. "I knew nothing about that. I knew absolutely nothing."

Patera acknowledged that animals running loose is a matter to be handled by the county's animal control officer, but he said the issue of having farm animals on a parcel of less than 10 acres is a legitimate complaint.

The property owners in question are going to have to be told they are violating township laws, Patera said, adding the township cannot pursue violations unless the zoning administrator sends a

letter notifying the alleged violators.

"You're the one that's got to do it if you're zoning administrator," he told DeLong.

Patera suggested that the township publish portions of its zoning ordinance in an effort to remind residents that Novesta is a zoned community, and to outline some basic zoning laws involving junk, the minimum number of acres needed to keep farm animals, and the need for permits for buildings, additions and other construction projects.

Township Zoning Board Chairman Allan Hartwick, who along with other zon-

250 workers affected

Shocked community seeks ways to keep Walbro jobs

Union officials last week expressed shock at news that Walbro Corporation is studying the possibility of moving its Cass City manufacturing plant.

"The union is extremely disappointed that the Walbro Corporation would even consider moving any work from the Cass City plant, which is a profitable operation," Michelle Kurish, UAW Local 213 President, said Wednesday in a joint statement with Mark Bruce, international representative of UAW Region One.

Kurish, who called the news "a total shock," said the union has a bargaining unit membership of 283 employees at the Cass City facility. The employees currently are working under a 3-year contract that will expire in November.

Union officials said the effect of the loss of well over 250 jobs, including non-bargaining unit salary workers, would devastate the employees and the community as

well.

"The dedication, loyalty and commitment (of) the employees and the sacrifices they have made over the years when there was a legitimate need, must count for something," Kurish said.

"The union has enjoyed a long-standing good relationship with Walbro and we hope it will continue. Although Walbro Corporation has not advised us of a decision, we hope to influence it in a positive way and we are currently exploring all possibilities and avenues to that end.

"It is our sincere hope that Walbro will see the wisdom in keeping the jobs here in the Cass City plant."

In an interview early last week, Walbro Corp. Chief Executive Officer L.E. Althaver acknowledged the loss of jobs would have a serious effect locally. But he also pointed out the decision to move the Cass City plant is the subject of an on-going internal company study, and that a decision has not been made yet.

Walbro employees learned of the study during company meetings held early last week, and rumors, including one that indicated the company would collapse in 6 months, quickly spread.

Althaver said increasing competitive pressures and continued demands from customers for further price reductions prompted the study to determine if it would be more cost effective to manufacture outside Michigan, although a possible site has not been determined.

Walbro has subsidiaries and joint ventures throughout the world, including North and South America, Europe and Asia.

Althaver said the company study does not affect Walbro's other Cass City divisions, including its corporate headquarters. The company's Caro operation also will not be affected.

Although it was unclear

how long it will take Walbro to complete its study and make a decision, local, county and state officials are keeping a close eye on the situation, hoping for the best but preparing for the worst.

Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation Director Jim McLoskey said the county EDC has had some pre-planning and strategy discussions regarding what programs might be available to keep the Cass City plant in Cass City and, if the worst happens, programs such as retraining for workers.

"We're not assuming the worst case scenario, but we are being communicative as much as possible," he said.

Cass City Village Manager Jane Downing said she's hopeful Cass City will not lose Walbro jobs, and that village officials will provide whatever support they can to the company and what she called a very skilled work force.

"It would be devastating, no doubt, if any segment of Walbro left Cass City," she acknowledged. "I think the last thing the state and the governor want is for tier one

automotive jobs to move to another state."

At the same time, Downing said, "I think what's important to look at is Cass City is a very strong, healthy, progressive community."

Downing noted the village has active and aggressive economic development and chamber of commerce organizations, and there is continued strength in the industrial community as well as expansion in areas such as health care.

"What Cass City has done is diversify; Cass City never put all of its eggs in one basket."

"We have our share of empty storefronts (downtown), but we only have one empty industrial building. We are constantly working with business to retain jobs and investments here."

And, Downing concluded, Cass City will continue to support those businesses, including Walbro.

"Once the company determines the direction it needs to go," she said, "what we need to do is look at the resources available."

School elections

Competition in Kingston, Owen-Gage

Races are set for trustee seats in the Owen-Gage and Kingston school districts. In Cass City, meanwhile, school board President Randy Severance is seeking reelection unopposed.

The deadline to file nominating petitions to run for a board of education seat was Monday at 4 p.m.

The annual school election is scheduled for Monday, June 8.

In the Owen-Gage School District, incumbent board President Paul Hunter and incumbent Trustee Jack Brinkman are seeking reelection to 4-year terms.

Also vying for one of the 2 seats is challenger Randy Howard.

Also expiring is a 2-year term now held by Trustee Mary Ann Abbe. She is also seeking reelection and faces a challenge from Jeff Faist. Abbe was appointed to the seat following the resignation of James Albrecht last year.

In the Kingston Community Schools, incumbents Richard Zyrowski and Sherri Diegel along with challenger Lyle Curry filed nominating petitions to seek 2 available 4-year terms on the school board.

Ed Karr: organ transplant is life saving

Ed Karr has some advice for anyone thinking about donating organs and tissue that could save the lives of others: don't hesitate to say "yes."

At 71, Karr is the picture of health, although he's quick to say age is taking its toll. Still, the Cass City native owes his life to a kidney transplant; medical technology that made the procedure possible, and a son who offered the greatest gift, one of his own kidneys.

April is National Organ and Tissue Donation Month, and Karr hopes his own story will encourage both potential donors and recipients.

"I received the transplant from my son April 22, 1983, but I'd been on dialysis prior to that for 2 1/2 years," recalled Karr, a former Elkland Township supervisor who retired from the Tuscola County Equalization Department in December 1995 after putting in nearly 20 years of service, including 6 1/2 years as equalization director.

Karr said his dialysis treat-

ments consisted of 4-hour sessions 3 times a week. "That wasn't pleasant, but it beat the alternative," he recalled.

The first symptoms of kidney failure began to appear in 1976, when leg pains sent Karr to Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City. He said doctors immediately recognized the problem, and in time, he began to undergo dialysis treatments in Ann Arbor.

Karr's health problems put an end to the only career he had known up until then — farming. Ironically, doctors believe exposure to agricultural chemicals caused his kidney failure.

Karr pointed out chemical use on the farm was in its infancy stage when he began farming in the mid-1940s.

"We pertner bathed in it," he said. "We knew it killed weeds. We didn't know it would kill us."

"It worked, but it also worked on me," he joked.

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At first, Karr's treatments

were monthly, but his condition worsened, prompting doctors to increase the number of dialysis sessions.

"It was deteriorating," he said of his health, which left him tired and unable to do physical work. "My time was running out. They just said my potassium level was increasing and I'd better do it (receive a transplant) sooner than later."

Karr's 3 children and a brother were all tested to determine if they were suitable donors. Tests revealed his youngest son, Les, also of Cass City, was the best choice. "He drew the short straw," Karr said.

The only obstacle was blood type; Ed's is O-negative and his son's, O-positive. But doctors injected Les' blood into Ed on several occasions prior to surgery in an effort to ensure Ed's body would not reject the organ.

Doctors performed the surgery in April 1983. Les was discharged after a week-long stay and Ed, after 2 weeks.

Within weeks, Karr said he noticed a big difference in

his health.

"I was very fortunate. It worked immediately," he said. "It's just like night and day: I go see my doctor twice a year, and everything is good."

"What's more important," Karr added, "my son has never had a second's trouble and doesn't expect to. He's living a perfectly normal life. . . he has a family, he works every day."

As for Karr, the surgery put an end to the restrictive diet he had to follow when he was on dialysis, although he must still watch his salt intake.

He said he believes today's organ transplant patients have even more reason to be optimistic, noting the first transplant operation at Ford Hospital took place 26 years ago. "Mine was 15 years ago," he said, "and the beauty of it is, it's more successful every year."

NOT JUST ORGANS

The need isn't for organs alone, said Paula Pobanz, R.N. and infection control

coordinator at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

While there is a strong demand for hearts, lungs, kidneys, livers and pancreas, doctors can also transplant eyes, bones, soft tissue, heart valves, veins and skin, she said.

Hills and Dales officials are planning to arrange a seminar later this month to focus on the need for organ and tissue donations. The seminar will be open to the public. Details will be announced in a future issue of the Chronicle.

According to estimates, more than 500,000 men, women and children in the United States need a tissue or organ transplant.

Karr, who pointed out donors are not charged for the medical procedure to remove an organ, encourages prospective donors not to be apprehensive about making the decision to help others.

At the same time, he offers a message of hope to those awaiting transplants.

"Don't ever give up. That's one reason I got the Please turn to back page.



CASS CITY native Ed Karr, 71, is a good example of how lives have been saved through the donation and transplantation of tissues and organs.

Area Holy Week services

Methodist Lutheran Church of Christ Community

The United Methodist Church of Cass City recently announced its schedule of Holy Week services.

Maundy Thursday holy communion is slated for 7 p.m. at the church, located at 4446 Ale St., and a Good Friday service will begin at 1 p.m. at the Evangelical Free Church.

Easter Sunday will begin with a sunrise service at 7 a.m., followed by breakfast. Sunday school with classes for all ages will follow. Easter celebration services will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Holy week worship services at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church are scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Maundy Thursday, April 9, and 1:30 p.m., Good Friday, April 10. The Sonshines will sing for the Thursday night service and the adult choir will sing on Good Friday.

A potluck supper will be held at 6:30 prior to the Maundy Thursday service. Easter services are set for 7 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., with Sunday School following at 10:45, Sunday, April 12.

The community is invited to worship at these services.

The adult choir of the Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Rd., will present the cantata, "Were You There?" at their 10:45 a.m. worship service Easter Sunday.

The cantata depicts a journey to Calvary and then to an empty tomb through a variety of traditional and contemporary songs.

Preceding the cantata at 8 a.m., the church's junior choir will present the minicantata, "I've Been Redeemed", during the Sunrise service. There will be a breakfast served after the Sunrise service and the public is invited.

For more information, call the church at 872-3658.

The Cass City Ministerial Association will host its annual Good Friday service at the Evangelical Free Church, 6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City.

This community event will involve several of the area churches, with special music by the Jan Moore choir and Tara Gould. Scripture reading by local pastors, congregational singing, and a message by Dr. Phil Rice will be included in the service.

The Good Friday community service will be held at 1 p.m. and will last for approximately one hour. For more information call 872-5060.

Sr. Citizens' Menu

Senior Citizens are asked to make reservations before 9:00 a.m. on the day of the meal, by calling Clara Gaffney, 872-2875.

APRIL 13-14-17

Monday - Sloppy Joes, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Round Bun, Vanilla Pudding.

Tuesday - Chicken Breast, Baked Potato, Peas & Carrots, French Bread, Fresh Orange.

Friday - Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, French Bread, Fresh Melon.

Living Word

Free Easter food boxes will be given away at the Living Word Worship Center to people in need after the morning service Sunday, April 12.

The only requirement is that the person receiving the food must be in the service that morning. The service is from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Living Word Worship Center is located at 6536 Houghton St., Cass City (2 blocks south and 1/2 block east of the traffic light).

For additional information, call the church office at 872-4637.



CASS CITY QUIZ Bowl team members include: Front (from right) Jim Dale, Ryan Hutchinson. Back (from right) Randy Diebel, Steve McIntosh, Ryan Downing.

CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

Quiz bowl team in state competition

The Cass City Quiz Bowl team is headed to the state championship for the second consecutive year, reports Coach Jim Green.

After topping the field at the Huron Daily Tribune Invitational in late March, the team's next stop will be in Port Huron the weekend of April 24 and 25.

Green, who teaches science at Cass City High School, has 2 returning team members from last season's team. They are Ryan Hutchinson and Jim Dale. Rounding out the championship squad are Ryan Downing, Randy Diebel and Steve McIntosh.

Correction

Whitney Braun's name was omitted in the article last week about Sanilac 4-H youth who received recognition. Braun is from Uby.

Cass City Area Social and Personal Items

Call your local news to the Chronicle office - 872-2010

Dale and Mary Damm returned home Wednesday, April 1, after spending 2 weeks with their son Rick in Pinellas Park, Fla. They visited Stan and Barb Otulakowski, Evans and Lillian Gibbard and Leonard and Marion Guilds, all of Holiday, Don and Lois Roberts in Hudson, Millie Mudge in New Port Richey, and Harry and Shirley Watkins in Clearwater.

Mrs. Marion McClorey, Virginia Crawford of Caro, Lessel Crawford and Ellen Crawford of Rochester Hills, and Jack and Marlene Crawford of Troy were dinner guests Sunday, March 29, of Mrs. Joanne Crawford in Caro. Jon and Kelly Crawford and twin daughters were afternoon visitors.

Members of the Ambassador Class of the Baptist Church went to Sarnia, Ont., Saturday evening for a Chinese dinner.

Sophomore Kareem Khoury II, a 1996 Cass City High School graduate, has earned placement on the dean's list of GMI Engineering & Management Institute for the 1997 fall term.

His parents are Tahani and Kareem Khoury of Cass City.

Mrs. Marion McClorey, Richard and Margaret McClorey went to the Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach Tuesday, March 31, to pay respects to Marion's cousin, the Rev. Robert Handley, who died March 29.

Marriage licenses

Zane Francis Blue and Diane Jean Sayles, both of Millington.

Brandon Julius Andrew Houthoofd and Bobbie Jo Gokey, both of Akron.

James Matthew List and Teresa Ann Toljete, both of Vassar.

Gerald Edward Dibble and Erica Lynne Montague, both of Caro.

Thomas Randolph Kildzi, Sandusky, and Susan Therese Schell, Caro.

Stanley Peter Bogner and Jaime Lynn Wright Jacques, both of Millington.

Chad William Minkler and Amanda Leigh Fonson, both of Millington.

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Cat Physics

by Melva E. Guinther

These "Laws of Feline Physics" came to us by a circuitous route, from our daughter-in-law in Pennsylvania, who received it from her mother in Concord, Cal., who read it in a local newspaper column, whose writer got it from Sandy Graham of Walnut Creek, Cal., who picked it up on the Internet.

Cat fanciers should find it interesting and pretty accurate.

*** LAW OF CAT INERTIA** - A cat at rest will tend to remain at rest, unless acted upon by some outside force, such as the opening of cat food or a nearby scurrying mouse.

*** LAW OF CAT MOTION** - A cat will move in a straight line...unless there is a really good reason to change direction.

*** LAW OF CAT THERMODYNAMICS** - Heat flows from a warmer to a cooler body, except in the case of a cat. All heat flows to the cat. (Amen to that! The cat we used to have was a terrible heat hog. She'd completely cover the heat register with her considerable bulk.)

*** FIRST LAW OF CAT ENERGY CONSERVATION** - Cats know that energy can neither be created nor destroyed and will, therefore, use as little energy as possible.

*** LAW OF BAG/BOX OCCUPANCY** - All bags and boxes in a given room must contain a cat within the earliest possible nanosecond.

*** LAW OF FURNITURE REPLACEMENT** - A cat's desire to scratch furniture is directly proportional to the cost of the furniture.

*** LAW OF PILL REJECTION** - Any pill given to a cat has potential energy to reach escape velocity.

*** LAW OF CAT COMPOSITION** - A cat is composed of matter + anti-matter + it doesn't matter.

*** LAW OF SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM** - Given enough time, a cat will land in just about any space.

*** LAW OF CAT OBEDIENCE** - As yet undiscovered.

Speaking of cats, this story comes from our daughter, the animal lover.

One day a cat died and went to heaven. The Lord met him and said, "You have lived a good life. If I can do anything to make your stay in heaven more comfortable, let me know."

The cat replied, "Lord, all my life I lived with a poor family and had to sleep on a hard wooden floor."

"Say no more", said the Lord, and a wonderful fluffy pillow appeared.

A few days later, 6 mice were killed in a farming accident and also went to heaven. The Lord greeted them with the same offer.

The mice told Him, "All our lives we've had to run, run, run, from cats, dogs and women with brooms. Do you think we could have some roller skates?"

Immediately, each mouse was fitted with skates.

About a week later the Lord stopped to see the cat and asked how he was getting along.

The cat stretched and yawned on his pillow and replied, "It's wonderful here, even better than I could have expected. And those 'Meals on Wheels' you've been sending by are the greatest."

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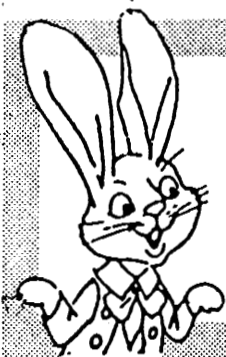
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Visited Harrah's casino showboat in Joliet, a suburb of Chicago. You need a ticket to get on, although entry is free. How long would a cruise last? An hour and 15 minutes, we were told.

Esther was interested in taking the cruise so she went in an upper deck to watch. The engines started, but Esther swears that the boat never left the dock.

An attendant said that the boat did leave the dock, but just went into the center of the river.

One thing sure, for 99.9 percent of the people on board it was immaterial. They couldn't care less about the cruise as long as the crap tables, blackjack tables and slots were working.

Sadly, the 2-hour cruise cost me \$26.

Helen Jezewski, long time volunteer for the Hills and Dales Hospital Auxiliary, reported that the scheduled blood drive was cancelled because the Red Cross is on strike.

The organization had not settled the dispute as of Monday and there will be no blood drives until the strike is settled.

It was the name that got us. We couldn't pass up the Black-eyed Pea Market Grill in Springfield, Mo.

It proved to serve ordinary food at low prices. A grilled chicken pasta marinara, soup of the day and Caesar's dinner salad cost \$13.66, including 79 cents tax.

It's a restaurant easy on the budget, but not one you'd write home about except in a column like this.

Spring must be here. People's Choice Market reports that ice cream has returned to the menu as promised.

Lawrence Chappel of Marlette has pictures of the Gagetown School 7th grade classes of 1959-60 and 1963-64 and one from 1951-52, class unknown.

The pictures are in remarkably good condition. Chappel says he has no idea how they came into the family's possession, but would like to pass them on to anyone that may be interested.

Chappel can be reached by calling 517 635-7133.



Monday, March 31, the Cass City High School seniors received their graduation caps and gowns. The Jostens Co. representative delivered the orders to all the graduates.

All the graduation excitement prompted me to conduct a little survey about some of the seniors' future plans. I talked to 34 members of the senior class, and here are the results. Eighteen of the students are planning on attending college and have all their plans made. Most of the 18 students know their orientation date, the day school will start, and where they plan to live.

Senior Amy Butler has a long road of schooling planned for herself. Her first 3 years of her college career will be at Saginaw Valley State University. There, she will study pre-med. before finishing her education at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

After all her schooling is finished, she will have put in a total of 15 years. Butler's orientation date is set for May 18, the day she will set up her classes at SVSU.

Twelve students are planning on going off to school

in the fall, but their plans are still in the making. Most of these students have an idea of where they plan to attend college, but are unsure of all the details.

One student plans on attending a trade school, but is unsure of all his plans. Two other students have their mind set on working before heading off to a college.

The remaining student that I talked to is Shelly Hendrick. Hendrick has only attended 3 years of high school, but she has had high hopes of graduating one year early. Over her 3 years at Cass City High School, Hendrick has worked hard to accomplish her goal. Since March of her freshman year she has had plans to be a foreign exchange student in Denmark. Hendrick explained there would be no other way for her to travel the world.

After Hendrick's 11-month stay in Denmark she plans to come back to Michigan to study secondary education at Central Michigan University. After this education she plans on becoming a social studies teacher.

Graduation ceremonies at Cass City High School are slated for Friday night, May 22.

The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	70	46	1"
Wednesday	68	40	.19"
Thursday	64	40	.02"
Friday	46	34	0
Saturday	50	28	0
Sunday	50	22	0
Monday	57	24	0

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)

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HAPPY EASTER — Daisy Troop 637, Cass City, made some Easter baskets in an effort to make the holiday a bit brighter for patients at Hills and Dales General Hospital. Pictured above (from left) Monica Stover, Sadie Jordan, Stephanie Steely, Stephanie Bock, Kandi Fields, Emily Martin, Kristen Purdy and Misty Michrina.

Sign sale over Friday

Members of the Elkhart township Fire Department Women's Auxiliary announced Friday is the last day they will be selling reflective address signs.

Auxiliary members called the sale a success, with sales to-date generating \$2,000, enough to purchase 20 "Nomex" shirts for township fire fighters.

The specialized garments are designed for use at grass

fires and other similar warm weather incidents, where the lighter weight fabric protects firemen and at the same time helps prevent heat exhaustion.

The reflective signs, which can be mounted on residences as well as mailbox posts, are available for \$12 (house sign) and \$15 (rural mailbox sign).

Residents interested in purchasing a sign can contact

Jill Golbeck (872-2697), Roseanne Russell (872-4514), Beth McCallum (872-5159) or any fire fighter or auxiliary member. Signs will also be available soon from members of the Elmwood-Gagetown Fire Department.

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"Mighty Mo" program highlight of meeting

Ron Begeman will have on display the model of The "USS Missouri" at the Watrousville/Caro Area Historical Society meeting Tuesday, April 14, 7:30 p.m., at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Caro.

Begeman spent hundreds of hours working on the model kit and will explain the history of the "Mighty

Mo."

Michael J. Weiss, grandson of John and Marie Cole, served several years on the ship during Desert Storm before it was decommissioned March 31, 1992. He will also be a guest.

Refreshments are to be served following the program. The public is invited to attend.

The
Haire
Net



Returning renewed after a week's vacation, the thought was to ease back into the job. A quick look at last week's paper brought a smile. Everything looked great.

That all changed a few moments later when it was revealed that the column so painstakingly crafted to be used this week had somehow disappeared. Gone into the electronic wasteland never to be seen again.

During my week off, we visited Branson, Mo., the fastest growing country music city in the United States. Here are some of my impressions.

The entertainment center has grown so fast that the city can't keep up. We were there before most of the big name shows started and still the traffic was heavy. In season, it's easy to see why everyone terms the traffic as horrendous or worse.

We wandered into a store to buy tickets to shows and a sign said to ask about a bargain for the Mel Tillis show. We did and found that it was a way to get tourists to take a tour of a local condominium.

The upshot of the whole affair was that we were paid \$40 to take a tour and hear a sales pitch that together lasted a couple of hours. It was a "time share" proposal and for a mere \$11,900 you are given title to one-room condo for 2 weeks out of the year. What was surprising to me was that the salesman said that an average of 1.5 out of 10 he talked with ended up buying on the spot. I would have been sure he was blowing smoke except that they did pay \$40 to get me to listen to the pitch. Incidentally, they did offer

terms: 10 percent down with interest of 16.9 percent.

Some of the same performers that have theaters in Branson also perform in Las Vegas, but they perform before different audiences. All Branson shows are keyed to "family entertainment" and it's safe to take the kids. In Vegas the shows are more adult and there are more "high roller" types in every hotel.

I suspect one of the reasons for that is easy airplane access at Vegas. Branson is in the midst of the Ozark hills (mountains).

Building a modern airstrip in those hills would pose a major problem. A worker told me that there had been talk of building a railroad from Springfield, about 35 miles away, to service Branson.

We had a chance to visit the dam that forms the lake near Branson and found that behind the dam a put and take trout fishery had been established. The hatchery is located at the dam. It's worth seeing, as is a drive around the mountain looking down on the city.

Since Branson is located in southern Missouri, it figured that spring would be farther advanced than it is here. Not so. There was very little difference between the trees here and those in Branson. In fact, I was told that one day in March the temperature dove to zero.

The weather in the 3 days we spent in Branson was delightful. If I ever went again, I'd time it so that all the shows are available, even if it meant battling traffic every bit as heavy as it is during "drive time" in major cities.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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"They're back!" I groaned. "The ants are back. I'll get them if it's the last thing I do!"

That might seem a bit dramatic for something as small as an ant, but these aren't ordinary ants. These ants were marching down the cupboards and across the counters as if they owned the place.

I've tried those little bait houses my mother uses, but they don't work for me. My ants march in and out of those tiny domes like Eskimos preparing for a party.

You can hear them shouting, "Hey, we've got chips. Who's going after beer? This guy must have some beer someplace."

I've learned ants enter our house through small cracks in the wall or ceiling, and then follow single file, up and down the walls, across the counters -- always on the same trail. Don't ask me how I learned this. I think the television was broken.

Entomologists tell us some species of ants drag their stingers behind them to leave a trail for their com-

rades. I've learned a person can paint a special concoction across this trail and stop them dead in their tracks.

So I got out my concoction and said, "Come on ants! You'll be dragging more than your stingers when you get a whiff of this stuff."

I know readers might worry about a guy who talks to his ants, but folks who work at home will understand. The dog gets tired of listening after awhile.

These ants wouldn't be so bad if they didn't hide in the sugar bowl. When I spoon sugar for my coffee I find ants hiding well below the surface.

Seeing these creatures pushing up through the sugar reminds me of the times my dad would baby-sit my sister and me. Dad was a farmer in the days when baby-sitters were rare and day-care would have been considered cruelty to children. So he took us to the field.

My little sister and I would be plopped down in the back of a grain truck for hours at

a time, with nothing to do but watch for the next dump from the combine hopper.

We never got bored, though. We had all sorts of beetles, spiders and grasshoppers to play with. (Even a lizard once in awhile).

Generally we spent the day looking for the strongest grasshopper. We would dig a little hole in the wheat or oats and then test our grasshoppers to see how many grains they could lift.

Some of them were rather muscular, and some of them weren't. Most survived as far as I can remember. My Champion grasshopper lifted 9 grains of oats.

I know some folks might think it's cruel to poison ants or cover a grasshopper with grain. And some may object to parents putting kids in the back of a grain truck.

But look at it this way. All of these things are better than leaving our children in front of the television.



Cass City Public Schools PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

YEAR END EVENTS

The end of our school year is fast approaching. There are many activities that our students will be involved in as we bring this very productive year to a close. The following are a few of the major events which I wish to make you aware of.

- April 10th - First day of Spring Break
- April 20th - School Resumes
- May 6th - H.S. Co-op Banquet at Charmont - 6:15 p.m.
- May 8th - Teacher Professional Development (1/2 day in a.m. for students)
- May 9th - Jr./Sr. Prom at Caro Eagle's Club
- May 12th - Middle School Band Concert at M.S. Cafetorium - 7:00 p.m.
- May 14th - High School Band/Choir Concert in H.S. Gymnasium - 7 p.m.
- May 17th - Baccalaureate in H.S. Gymnasium - 3:00 p.m.
- May 20th - Senior Honors Night in H.S. Cafetorium - 7:00 p.m.
- May 22nd - Graduation in H.S. Gymnasium - 8:00 p.m.
- May 28th - High School Awards Ceremony in H.S. Gym - 8:45 a.m.
- May 29th - 8th Grade Honors Night/Graduation at Middle School
- June 4th - Last Day for students (1/2 day)
- June 8th - Annual School Election to determine one (1) board position at Cass City H.S. - 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

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Set county Right to Life benefit dinner

The fifth annual Tuscola County Right to Life Benefit Dinner will be held Friday, April 24, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 903 Ryan Rd., Caro.

The doors will open at 6 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Michael B. Rizik Jr., who has 16 years of Christian education in Catholic schools and is a partner in the law firm of Rizik and Rizik, Flint.

He is currently serving on the board of directors at Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Lansing, and on the Flint Right to Life Advisory Board, and is a member of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Last year, he debated Jack Kevorkian's attorney, Geoffrey Feiger, on physician assisted suicide.

Additional information about the benefit dinner is available by calling Vicki at (517) 673-5782 or Tami at (517) 683-3264.

5 YEARS AGO

Mother Nature had the first laugh April 1, with a storm that left a thick coat of ice on tree limbs and everything else. The ice and snow closed a number of Thumb schools and cut power in some areas. Detroit Edison officials said 200 Gagetown area customers were without power from before midnight to 3 a.m. and again from 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The top senior students have been named. Three senior girls will graduate with a perfect 4.0 grade point average for 4 years in high school. They are Lida Blue, Kristy Gnagey and Tamara Mearns.

Salutatorian Roxanne Rutkoski finishes her high school career with a 3.979 grade point average.

Area school officials are backing a new tax plan that would significantly cut property taxes, cap assessments and revamp school funding in Michigan. The plan would raise the state sales tax from 4 to 6 cents and dedicate the additional 2 cents to the state school aid fund. State lottery net proceeds also would be dedicated to the school aid fund. The State House of Representatives and Senate have endorsed the measure, which proposes a 2-cent sales tax hike to pay for the cuts. Voters will have the final say on the proposal in a special election June 2.

Two students from Cass City are among a total of 1,185 students who achieved placement on the winter quarter dean's list at Michigan Technological University. The students are Steven N. Bills, who earned a perfect 4-point, and Michael T. Bills. Both are seniors.

10 YEARS AGO

Vandals smashed glass at 2 downtown Cass City businesses early Sunday morning. A large plate glass window at the Quaker Maid Dairy Store was broken by a large rock. Also smashed was a glass display case at the Cass Theatre.

Four girls from the 1987 Cass City High School basketball team will be among the state's best competing this Saturday and Sunday at the Sandusky High School gym in an Amateur Athletic Union tournament. The girls are Sue Papp, Beth Powell, Darlene Monroe and Cindy Powell.

Hagerman Baptist Church, Waterloo, Iowa, was the site of the ordination service of former area resident R. Mark Shaw March 27. Shaw, a 1979 Cass City graduate, received his bachelor's degree from Spurgeon Baptist Bible College, Mulberry, Fla., in 1984.

Postmasters in both Cass City and Deford report a smooth transition to the new 25-cent rate for first class mail that went into effect Monday.

25 YEARS AGO

Dr. Yonkyun Kim, M.D., formerly of Fairmont, W. Virginia, will begin practice in Cass City April 23. He will be headquartered at the office of Dr. H.T. Donahue, 4674 Hill St.

Charlene Izydorek, 8, daughter of Charles and Joanne Izydorek of Snover, is now well on her way to a full recovery after being injured when she was struck by a car while visiting her grandmother in Detroit, March 11. Charlene won't be going back to school for some time, so special tutoring sessions have been arranged to continue her education.

Due to a strike at the American Red Cross, the blood drive scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, at Hills and Dales General Hospital was cancelled.

Red Cross blood drive cancelled

Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

Cass City and the Thumb area are beginning to feel the heating pinch as distributors see fuel shortages looming larger. Consumer Power Co. has frozen all new requests for service indefinitely.

C.R. Hunt Construction Co. of Cass City was low bidder on a little over 16 miles of road construction in Huron County, it was announced last week. The firm submitted a low bid of \$37,863 for shoulder seal on 16.2 miles of M-53.

Scouting's top award was presented to Clyde Wells

Saturday at the 2nd annual recognition dinner at Laker High School. Wells was granted the award for his 12 years as Master of the Cub Scout program in Cass City.

35 YEARS AGO

Superintendent Willis Campbell's long service to the community was recognized Tuesday night when he was named Cass City's outstanding citizen of the year at the annual banquet of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce.

A Deford youth is recovering from injuries received in a 3-car accident Friday night, April 5, a half mile east of Unionville on the Bay City-Forestville Road. Still in Cass City Hospital with a badly broken leg is Norman Lyman, Deford. In critical condition at Bay City General Hospital is Cynthia Hollingsworth, 16, Caro.

Navy Ensign John T. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Jones of Cass City, was commissioned as a naval officer, March 28, upon graduation from Officer Candidate

School at Newport, R.I.

Twenty-one new members were received into the Cass City Methodist Church Palm Sunday, April 7, according to the Rev. James Braid, pastor.

At IGA Foodliner - Assorted flavors Jell-O - 3 pkgs., 25 cents; 25 lbs. Robin Hood flour - 25 lb. bag, \$1.79. Brown & Serve rolls - 2 pkgs., 49 cents.

A farewell party was given Sunday at the Izydorek home for Ann Izydorek and Sharon Heronemus, who are leaving soon for California.

AMENDMENT TO THE VILLAGE ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 71

VILLAGE OF CASS CITY

ZONING ORDINANCE

Amends Article XVII - Special Land Uses, Section 1700 with the addition of the following language:

4. Specialized Medical Facilities.

Facilities providing specialized medical services such as, but not limited to dialysis, clinical oncology, radiation therapy, radiography, magnetic resonance imaging, physical therapy, and rehabilitation, shall be permitted in RA-1, RA-2, and RB districts, subject to the following conditions:

- Services shall be provided on an outpatient basis. Overnight stay for patients shall not be permitted.
- The site shall have direct vehicular access to a State Trunkline as shown on the Village's Act 51 Map.
- The site plan shall conform to all applicable requirements of this ordinance and of the district in which it is located. However, the Planning Commission may impose standards different than those specifically stated in the Schedule of Regulations to assure that impacts from the proposed use do not negatively affect adjacent uses. This may include but is not limited to standards for setbacks, screening, landscape, or building height.
- Off-street vehicle parking, shall be provided as required for a professional doctor's office.
- Exterior building design and materials shall be architecturally compatible with surrounding and adjacent residential dwellings. To assist the Planning Commission in making this determination the following shall be provided:
 - The applicant shall submit rendered elevation drawings of all building facades which shall be a true representation of the colors and building materials of the proposed structure.
 - The Zoning Administrator shall provide a written review of the plan from a design standpoint to the Planning Commission. The Zoning Administrator may seek the advice of design professionals on this matter.

Adopted this 23rd day of March, 1998 by the Village Council of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan.

On Roll Call - Vote was 6 yeas 0 nays

Lambert E. Althaver, Village President

Joyce A. LaRoche, Village Clerk

AMENDMENT TO THE VILLAGE ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 71, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 143

VILLAGE OF CASS CITY

ZONING ORDINANCE

Amends Section 1608, Signs with the addition of the following language:

8. In the B-1 districts signs shall be permitted subject to the following:

- One(1) nameplate sign for each exterior building entrance shall be permitted. Such signs shall not exceed four (4) square feet in area.
- Wall signs shall be permitted subject to the following:
 - For each zoning lot, one (1) wall sign shall be permitted on each building facade that fronts on an adjacent street. Such signs shall be limited in area to one hundred (100) square feet.
 - For each zoning lot, one (1) wall sign shall be permitted on each building facade that fronts on an adjacent alley. Such signs shall not exceed fifteen (15) square feet in area.
 - The total area of all wall signs on any one facade shall be limited to an area no greater than ten (10) percent of the area of that facade.
- One (1) ground sign shall be permitted for each zoning lot subject to the following:
 - Ground signs shall not be more than twenty (20) feet in height and shall have a minimum setback of ten (10) feet from any future right-of-way line. Such signs may be multi-faced but shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in surface display area per face.
 - A minimum setback of one hundred (100) feet to any adjacent residential district.
- Gasoline service stations are permitted the following signs in addition to those permitted above:
 - Directional signs on the face of the building over doorways necessary for customer convenience such as "restrooms," "lubrication," "bay 1", or words of similar import.
 - Signs may be displayed on the gasoline pumps.

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On Roll Call - Vote was 6 yeas 0 nays

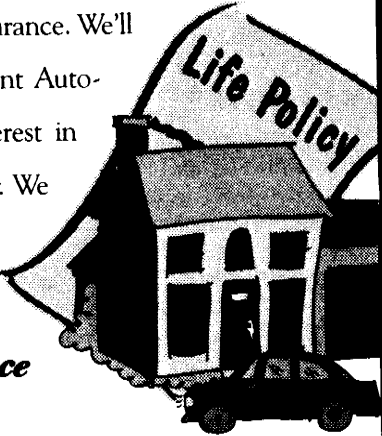
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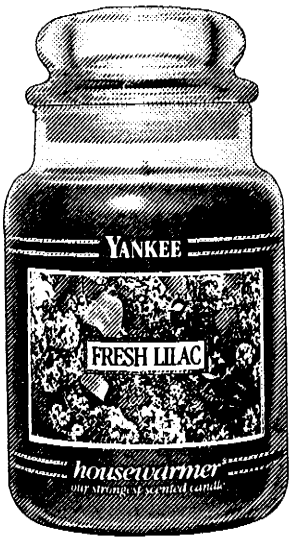


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This condition does not render the water unfit or harmful for consumption; however, clothing washed in this water will probably become discolored.

Check the color of your water before placing your clothing into it.

The village is not liable for damage caused by this condition.

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VILLAGE OF CASS CITY

Academic Games teams bring home 4 trophies

Cass City High School Academic Games teams brought home 4 trophies from a recent competition held at Saginaw Valley State University.

"It's the first time in 15 years that all subject areas brought home trophies," said social studies team Coach Sean Zawilinski, referring to a first-place finish by Cass City's math team, second-place finishes by the

science and English teams, and a third-place finish by the social studies team.

The Academic Games competition was held March 27 and involved 7 school districts.

Zawilinski explained each school can field English, science, social studies, math and technology teams.

"They're given a question and both teams have 2 or 3 minutes (to answer), depending on the point value," she said, adding teams are awarded points based on the judges' evaluation of the answers.

Zawilinski said Cass City's teams began preparing for the annual competition in February.

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CASS CITY'S math team brought home a first-place trophy from the recent Academic Games competition at SVSU. Team members are (front row, left) Josh Dillon, Ryan Hutchinson, Coach Marilyn Walsh, (back row, left) Aaron Bell, Dave Hobbs, Ben Ducoeur and Lori Brown. Missing is Becky Oesch.



SOCIAL STUDIES team members are (front row, left) Brenda Duquesnay, Coach Sean Zawilinski, (back row, left) Amy Butler, Tammy Acker, Shelly Hendrick, Jim Dale and Monique Matheny.



MEMBERS OF Cass City's science team include (from left) Cyrus Healy, Ryan Bennett, Adam Stoeckle, Steve McIntosh and Coach Nancy Weippert. Missing are Shawn Henn and Ryan Downing.



MEMBERS OF the Cass City High School English team are (left) Danielle Laming, Lindsay Maharg, Rose Hoelzle, Janice Mastie, Amber Rienstra and Coach Dennis Meck.

To non-member farmers

Thumb co-op offering soybean shares for sale

The Thumb Oilseed Producers Cooperative (TOPC) is now offering sales of stock shares to non-member farmers.

The existing 109 TOPC members had until March 31 to purchase a minimum of 2 shares up to 80 shares. Now, all soybean producers are invited to participate in the venture.

Jim LeCureux, Huron County Cooperative Extension agricultural agent and TOPC start-up manager, said the deadline to buy stock is June 30, but he encourages interested farmers to act soon. "The shares are now going to be sold on a first-come, first-served basis."

The cost per share is \$1,250, and producers are obligated to deliver 500 bushels of soybeans for each share they purchase, according to LeCureux, who pointed out the TOPC is a contract cooperative.

If enough shares are sold, cooperative members plan to build an oil extrusion plant that would produce oil and meal from soybeans grown in the Thumb area. Plans call for the plant to be constructed in the Ubley area, where the cooperative has an option to purchase up to 10 acres.

Although the plant would initially produce meal and oil, cooperative members are exploring other potential markets.

The TOPC Board has looked into extruded and expelled soybean meal markets and oil markets, and a study of potential soy food markets will be completed in mid-April. "We're looking at some industrial oil uses, some crop oil uses, food grade products," LeCureux explained.

Before the cooperative can proceed, however, at least 1,200 shares of stock must be sold. The maximum number of shares available is 1,600, and about half of those have been sold to-date, LeCureux said Monday. "That's about where we should be at this point in time," he added.

The TOPC is being modeled after other second generation cooperatives which have been developed in the Dakotas, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. LeCureux said the project is an example of vertical integration designed to reduce marketing risks by moving the producer closer to the consumer. The goal is to add value to the soybeans by turning them into a number of end products.

A series of informational meetings will be held this month. Sessions are scheduled for April 13 at Cousins in Bad Axe, April 14 at Brentwood, Caro, and April 16 at West Park Motor Inn, Sandusky. All the meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

LeCureux said soybean producers who attend will be provided with a detailed offering disclosure booklet, and the TOPC Board will review the key aspects of the proposed \$2.5 million project.

More information is available by contacting LeCureux at (517) 269-6099.

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Volz recently honored

Charles Volz, LUTCF, FIC, Cass City, was honored at a national sales and education conference sponsored by Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL). Volz will attend AAL's Executive Conference East, March 24-29, in Amelia Island, Fla.

AAL, based in Appleton, Wis., is a fraternal benefit society of 1.7 million Lutherans joined together for insurance, education and volunteer opportunities.

Volz qualified to attend the conference based on excellence in sales and service to AAL members. He also will be honored for his support of AAL local volunteer groups, called "branches." Volz joined AAL's field staff in 1992.

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Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
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Adam and Andrea Hill of Ruth were Saturday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Maurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Konkel and Marney were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Terry at Elkton. Bobbi Allen and Allen Farrelly had lunch at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Wednesday.

Mrs. Kevin Robinson was a Sunday guest of Ordean Michalski.

Kenneth Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. Jim A. Sweeney and Mrs. Martin Sweeney went to Pontiac Tuesday to pay respects to Orben Wilkins at the Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home. Funeral services were held April 1 at the funeral home. Burial was in Ottawa Park Cemetery, Independence Township.

Allen Farrelly visited Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Gerald Wills was a Sunday supper guest of Reva Silver.

Visitors at the home of Thelma Jackson were Mrs. Glen Shagena, Otis Robinson of Bad Axe, Mrs. Albert Depcinski and Heather, Mrs. Allen Depcinski, Mrs. Gerald Wills and Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Schultz, Shannon, Sabrina and Samantha of Canton spent the weekend with Mr.

and Mrs. Jim Hewitt. Other Saturday guests were Mrs. Charlie Corbishley, Charles and Christopher.

Betty and Bryce Hagen entertained at a family gathering for lasagna, birthday cake and ice cream in honor of Ellen Moorman's birthday.

Eleven members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at McDonald's Family Food and Deli in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Rieneck of Blissfield visited Mrs. Martin Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski attended the funeral of their uncle, Charlie Messing, at the Ruth St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church Saturday. Burial was in the church cemetery. A lunch following the services.

Allen Farrelly was a Saturday afternoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly and family.

Reva Silver was a Friday and Saturday evening guest of Mrs. Gerald Wills.

Jacqueline Goretski of St. Clair Shores left Wednesday after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pelton.

Thelma Jackson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stirett in Bad Axe after they attended the M.R.I. grand opening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Marchand of Waterford are spending a few days at their home here.

Allen Farrelly had breakfast Sunday morning at Uby Heights Country Club. Betty Hagen visited Ben and Donelda Meske Wednesday. Doneida Meske was a Tuesday overnight patient in Harbor Beach Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bredow of Bad Axe spent a couple days with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland and Mrs. Hiram Keyser attended a benefit for Marge Johnson at the Cass City Library Wednesday evening.

Bobbi Allen and Allen Farrelly spent Wednesday with Cheryl Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Langenburg were Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pelton.

Two tables of cards were played at the home of Mrs. Martin Sweeney Thursday afternoon. Prizes were won by Helen Ellicott, Leo Feeblish, Jean Reid and Jim Ballagh. The next party will be at the home of Jean Reid April 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bredow, Bad Axe, were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Mr. and Mrs. David Beardsley Sr. of Dryden were Tuesday guests of Mary Beardsley.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Susie Grzybowski in Uby.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland and Mrs. Earl Schenk were Sunday afternoon guests of Thelma Jackson.

Anita Eisler, Gina and Ali of Port Hope were Wednesday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski and Ervin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt were Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Bobbi and Cheryl Allen and Allen Farrelly had dinner at the Peppermill in Bad Axe.

Dr. and Mrs. John Zauner of Los Altos, Calif., came Friday to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pelton. Dr. Zauner went home Sunday and Mrs. Zauner stayed till Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western, Chuck and Cheryl Allen and Allen Farrelly had lunch at Franklin Inn in Bad Axe Wednesday for Cheryl Allen's birthday.

Seven members of ten Traveling Breakfast Club met at Coral Gables in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at the Peppermill next week.

Mrs. Charlie Corbishley, Charles and Christopher of Bad Axe were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Mary Beardsley was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. David Beardsley Jr. at Metamora in honor of David's thirty-third birthday.

Bill McRae went with the Gutter Ball bowling team from Whitey's in Uby for a tournament at Monroe on the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland were Tuesday supper guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Betty Hagen visited Norene Mills at Four Seasons Health Care Center and Christine Conkey at the Huron County Medical Care Center in Bad Axe Monday.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mrs. Allen Depcinski visited Florence Booms in Bad Axe Tuesday.

Bobbi and Cheryl Allen and Allen Farrelly had dinner at Cousins in Bad Axe Tuesday.

Lorraine Peters and Darlene Hunt were Wednesday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pelton.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wills of Port Austin were Sunday afternoon guests of Reva Silver.

Allen Farrelly was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Farrelly at Armada and evening guest of Mr. and

Mrs. Jim Farrelly at Romeo.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Dick McRae and Bill returned March 18 from a 14-day trip to Florida. They visited Disney World before going to Miami, where they went on the Carnival Ecstasy ship for a cruise to Key West and Cozumel, Mexico. They then drove to Key West, where they went sightseeing and stayed for 3 days before driving home.

Mary Beardsley was a Monday afternoon guest and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker were Tuesday evening guests of Thelma Jackson.

Bryce and Betty Hagen were Sunday afternoon guests of Ben and Donelda Meske at Port Hope.

Edith Jackson visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Allen Farrelly was among a group who attended a graduation party for Stephanie Talaski at the Popple Trail Blazers Hall on Saturday.

Jacqueline Goretski of St. Clair Shores came Wednesday to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pelton.

Olive Grifka and Florence Watson saw Klondike Gold and heard the Flint Arrowhead Barbershop Chorus at Grand Blanc High School Saturday. They had lunch at the Old Country Buffet in Grand Blanc.

Elected

Cass City High School graduate Whitney Osentoski was recently elected a representative of the Saginaw Valley State University Student Association.

Osentoski, a sophomore at SVSU, is the son of Martin and Lola Osentoski, Cass City.

Thumb Electric Cooperative

600 attend annual meet

Allan Shaw, president of the board of directors, opened the 61st annual meeting of Thumb Electric Cooperative members Friday at Ubyly High School.

An estimated 600 people attended the meeting, which was highlighted by the election of 3 directors, and the retirement of \$107,000 in patronage capital.

Reelected to 3-year terms were Michael Lasceski, Huron County; Kim Nunn, Sanilac County, and Louis Wenzlaff, Tuscola County. Others nominated for a director position were Randall Dhyse, Huron County; David F. Blaine, Sanilac County, and Richard Witkovsky, Tuscola County.

In action taken after the annual meeting, the board of directors reelected Allan Shaw, president; Karl DeSimpelare, vice-president; Louis Wenzlaff, secretary, and Michael Lasceski, treasurer.

Members approved the 2 bylaw changes and one change to the articles of incorporation with regards to the date of the annual meeting and ability for TEC to sell other forms of energy.

Michael Lasceski presented the 1997 financial statement, which showed operating revenues of \$9,213,775 and expense of \$8,872,603, resulting in an operating margin of \$341,172. The cooperative also earned \$90,062 in interest on short-term investments, rental income and patronage capital from other cooperative organizations.

Total assignable margins were \$431,234 for 1997. 1997 members' patronage capital accounts were allocated nearly 5 cents on each dollar paid by TEC members. The 1997 general patronage retirement appeared as a credit on electric bills received in March 1997. Total expenses decreased nearly one percent when compared to 1996.

Shaw highlighted the following areas:

- In 1997 TEC employees

designed and constructed \$2.1 million of new utility plant, bringing TEC's total investment in the 3 county service area to nearly \$38 million, serving 11,000 member accounts.

- Completed the 11th year of member district meetings. A total of 1,700 members and guests have attended these meetings during the 11 years.

- Since patronage capital retirements began, TEC has refunded nearly \$2.5 million to its members.

- The major projects for 1998 will include a rebuild of the Kingston Substation in Tuscola County and Delaware Substation in Sanilac County.

- Highlighted partnerships the cooperative has formed with other local businesses to provide new value added services to TEC members. The newest service involves the sale of propane gas to TEC members through TEC's wholly owned subsidiary, Thumb Energy Services.

TEC General Manager Michael Krause highlighted the cooperative's financial status, rates, member services, marketing activities and patronage capital retirement. The report included:

- The cooperative maintained a strong financial position despite zero growth in kilowatt-hour sales due to a mild winter and cool summer.

- Members were thanked for their participation in TEC's energy management program. A total of nearly 4,000 members are participating in TEC's managed water heating and dual fueled space conditioning programs. TEC's free electric water heater program continues to flourish with over 1,900 high efficiency water heaters being placed in member's homes and businesses.

- TEC electricity rates continued to decline in 1997 for the 7th consecutive year, with rates reaching their

lowest level since 1985. In 1998 members' rates declined nearly 15 percent due to a new wholesale power supply agreement, which will save members over \$1.2 million annually.

- In 1997 TEC paid over \$404,844 in property taxes to schools and other government bodies in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties.

- TEC expanded its right-of-way clearing program with over \$400,000 spent on tree trimming, removal and spraying.

- TEC continues to take a proactive business and member service position in preparation for the deregulation of electric utilities in the future.

- U.S. Congressman Jim Barcia, State Senator Joel Gougeon, State Representatives Mike Green and Kim Rhead were recognized for their support of Thumb Electric Cooperative and the rural electric program.

In his closing report, Krause urged members to continue their strong interest in Thumb Electric Cooperative and thanked them for their past support.

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Saturday, April 18

Classes set at Petroglyphs

Teachers, educators and visitors are invited to a special workshop focusing on activities and lessons about Earth Day and the Sanilac Petroglyphs, Saturday, April 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Petroglyphs.

Demonstrations and lessons presented at this program may be useful in classroom lessons on Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22. These will include: Making Paper Using Native Materials, presented by Brittany Ceasar of Lansing; Stories of the Petroglyphs, a walking tour led by Harold Neitszke of Davison, and the Metis - French Fur Trade in the Great Lakes in the 1700s, presented by Tanya Carlson

of Traverse City.

In the spirit of Earth Day, visitors will have the opportunity to assist in cleaning up the area around the Petroglyphs as part of an ongoing environment program. Participants are encouraged to bring gloves, rakes and garbage bags. Hand-outs on "Stream Ecology" will be provided and may also be useful in classroom instruction.

Located south of Bad Axe off M-53 in Sanilac County, the Sanilac Petroglyphs are among the most important prehistoric sites in Michigan. Dating back 300 to 1,000 years, the Sanilac Petroglyphs are a series of figures carved into a sand-

stone outcrop. Archaeologists suggest that they may have been created by native Americans seeking to improve their hunting success or medicine men recording their visions.

To reach the park, turn east off M-53 onto Bay City-Forestville Road and drive 2 miles to Germania Road. Turn south on Germania Road and drive approximately one-half mile. The Petroglyphs' parking lot is on the west side of the road. This event is free and open to all teachers, educators or

anyone interested in participating. This event will be held rain or shine and participants should bring their own lunch. For more information, call (517) 373-1979.

Other special events at the Sanilac Petroglyphs include:

* Geology of the Petroglyphs' Park Site, Saturday, May 16, 1 to 3 p.m.

* History Camp for Kids, Fridays, June 12 - July 17, noon to 1 p.m. (except July 3).

* Photography & Art at the Petroglyphs, Saturday, July 11, noon to 4 p.m.

O-G honor roll

The Owendale-Gagetown Jr./Sr. High 3rd marking period honor roll has been announced.

Jenna Root, Nicholas Warack*, Melissa Ziehm.

10TH GRADE

Anthony Brinkman*, Derek Howard, Melanie Lemanski*, Kristen Mandich, Theresa Richmond, Cassie Vargo*.

7TH GRADE

Julie Howard, Troy Parrish, Ashley Pawlak, Carrie Sheuflert, Bridget Stirrett, James Wise*.

8TH GRADE

Dawn Enderle, Joshua Errer, Rebecca Hartman, Nathan Kain, Guthrie Laurie, Earl McKee, Dale Minkler*, Brandi Ross, Sarah Stirrett, Corbin Swiastyn*.

11TH GRADE

Justin Anthes, Cara Bickel*, Debbie Bricker, Karen Kretschmer, Jennifer Loewe*, Chad Mellendorf, Kristie Radabaugh, Nicole Warrack, John Williams.

12TH GRADE

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5th Grade

Patti Dale, daughter of Mike and Helen Dale, Cass City, loves to swim and run when not in school. She hopes to become a marine biologist when she grows up.

Casie Jensen, daughter of James and Lori Jensen, Cass City, has a goal of visiting all 50 States in the U.S. after finishing her education. She likes the teachers her best about school.

Christina Osestoski, daughter of Steve and Cheryl Osestoski, Cass City, plans to become a school principal someday. She enjoys math, lunch and recess the best about school.

Jamie Pratt, daughter of Walter and Denise Connolly, Deford, is working towards becoming a teacher one day. She likes the bigger gym at the new school and would like more activities during her lunch period.

Sean Severance, son of Randy and Deb Severance, Decker, enjoys playing basketball and football when not in school. He likes the new school gym the best about school.

Kristina Spaulding, daughter of Ron and LuEllen Spaulding, Cass City, enjoys sledding, swimming, and roller blading when not in school. She hopes to be a farmer or a doctor when she grows up.

Steven Steely, son of Steve and Stacey Steely, Cass City, enjoys lunch and library while in school. His goal is to become a veterinarian someday.

Jessie Tuckey, son of Jeff and Janice Tuckey, Cass City, says he enjoys Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Kim, Mrs. Lohela, and gym class the best about school. He would like to be an investment banker after he completes his education.

Jake Wilder, son of Dave and

Diane Wilder, Cass City, likes to attend tractor shows when not in school. He hopes to pursue a career in mechanics someday.

Michael Wright, son of Norm and Sharie Wright, Cass City, enjoys playing soccer and football when not in school. He enjoys gym class the best in school.

Greg Dillon, son of Rick and Betsey Dillon, Cass City, likes the "new" school! He would like to pursue a career in law enforcement someday.

Tiaja Lowrey, daughter of Mike Parsons and Chris Lowrey, Deford, enjoys listening to music, watching T.V., rollerblading, and riding her bike when not in school. She hopes to go to college someday.

Tim Martin, son of Chris and Teresa Kapp, Cass City, says the new school is great; especially the new power tools in Tech Ed. He enjoys playing basketball and football when not in school.

Andrea McIntosh, daughter of Lorn and Diane McIntosh, Decker, wants to become a veterinarian when she grows up. She likes being with her friends and gym class the best about school.

Garrett Otulakowski, son of Mike and Deb Otulakowski, Cass City, enjoys playing hockey, hunting, walking, and fishing when not in school. He hopes to become a professional hockey player someday.

Mallory Powell, daughter of Morris and Pam Powell, Cass City, likes her friends, band, lunch, math, and Mr. Gogola the best about school. She hopes to find a career in medicine, law, psychology, or modeling one day.

Scott Regnerus, son of Paul and Virginia Regnerus, Cass City, likes our "new" school very much. He would like to cruise in a Dodge Viper for the L.A.P.D. as a career.

7th Grade

Laura Barnes, daughter of Gary and Sally Barnes, Cass City, enjoys reading and riding her bike when not in school. She would like to become a doctor someday.

Matthew Dzielinski, son of Dave and Carla Dzielinski, Cass City, enjoys playing football and basketball when not in school. His goals include becoming a carpenter or a computer programmer.

Brandy Cooper, daughter of Joe and Holly Cooper, Owendale, would like to see more hands-on activities in school and a longer lunch period. She enjoys sports and seeing her friends the best about school.

Sara Ann Henderson, daughter of Jim Henderson and Katy Henderson, Bad Axe, enjoys talking on the phone, seeing friends and writing letters when not in school. She plans to become a 7th grade language arts teacher someday.

Dara Iwankovitch, daughter of Daryl and Connie Iwankovitch, Cass City, enjoys her friends and academic track the best about school. She hopes to become an elementary school teacher or a lawyer.

Cory Rickett, son of Thomas Bailey and Wendy Rickett, Decker, likes riding his bike and soccer when not in school. He plans to become an architect someday.

8th Grade

Jesse Bouck, son of Roger and Vera Bouck, Cass City, enjoys playing basketball, snowmobiling, and four-wheeling when not in school. His goals are to get taller, go to college, and get a high paying job after completing his education.

Eli Healy, son of Michael and Sue Healy, Cass City, likes to play the piano, ride his bike, make crafts, read, and work on computers when not in school. His favorite things about school are: science, math, tech. ed., language arts, lunch, the teachers, and recess.

Pictured: (Front l-r) Michael Wright, Christina Osestoski, Kristina Spaulding, Jessie Tuckey, Patti Dale, Casie Jensen. Second: Sean Severance, Jesse Bouck, Steven Steely, Jamie Pratt, Andrea McIntosh, Tim Martin. Third: Tiaja Lowrey, Brandy Cooper, Jake Wilder, Scott Regnerus, Greg Dillon, Laura Barnes, Garrett Otulakowski. Back: Eli Healy, Matthew Dzielinski, Cory Rickett, Mallory Powell, Sara Ann Henderson, and Dara Iwankovitch.



Obituaries

Neva Gilmore

Neva M. Gilmore, 83, of Kingston, died Wednesday, April 1, 1998, at Hills & Dales General Hospital in Cass City.

A homemaker, Mrs. Gilmore was a lifelong resident of Kingston. She was born May 26, 1914, in Kingston, the daughter of Ross and Ina (Caulkins) Warner.

She married Elmer Gilmore Dec. 24, 1931, in Kingston. He died Dec. 12, 1994.

Surviving are 2 sons, Donald and Laura Gilmore of Clifford and R.J. and Joyce Gilmore of Mayville; 4 daughters, Beverly and James Mallory of Kingston, Joy Davis of Brown City, Janet and Henry Rock of Marlette and Lois and Timothy Beatty of Port Huron; 2 sisters, Deliah Cummings and Deola Gilmore, both of Kingston; 17 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother, Raymond Warner; a grandson, Ricky Gilmore; a granddaughter, Patricia Davis; a great-grandson, Jacob Coulter, and a son-in-law, Mike Davis.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Marsh Funeral Chapel in Marlette, with the Rev. Richard Black from the Fellowship Bible Church officiating. Burial was in Kingston Cemetery, Kingston.

Memorials may be given to the Marlette United Hospice.

Bernard Molloy

Bernard J. Molloy, 80, of

New hours set at center

The new hours at the Ministry of the Word Distribution Center, 3008 Bay St., Unionville, are Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fridays from 1 to 7 p.m.

The center offers clothing, food, furniture, household goods, doors, windows, skates, beds, dishes, shoes and much more. All items are free; the distribution center is a service to the community and anyone who needs assistance is welcome.

A donation is expected to help pay expenses. The distribution center also has a "Help Program" for those unable to make a donation.

A new food program has been added to serve the community better.

More information is available by stopping in or calling (517) 674-2632.

Democrats in Sanilac set April 15 meet

The Sanilac County Democratic party will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, April 15.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Liberty Lanes, Sandusky. Dan Bewersdorff will be the featured speaker.

Palms, died Saturday, March 28, 1998, at Tendercare of Cass City.

Born May 30, 1917, in Palms, he was the son of Edward and Rose (Kramer) Molloy. He married Rose (Skuta) Leyrer Aug. 30, 1958, at St. Patrick's of Palms.

He was a graduate of the Snay Country School and farmed in Delaware Township until retiring in 1966. He was employed at Cass City Wire & Cable, and was a life-long parishioner of St. Patrick Catholic Church of Palms.

Surviving are his wife, Rose, of Palms; one stepson, Kenneth Leyrer of Austin, Texas; one sister, Viola Moses and her husband, Kenneth, of Sterling Heights; 2 brothers, Francis Molloy and his wife, Carol, of Deckerville, and Robert Molloy and his wife, Audrey, of Caro; 2 sisters-in-law, Margaret (Molloy) Swansen and Dorothy Molloy, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by 3 brothers, Louis, Edward Jr. and William Molloy. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place.

Arrangements were handled by the Smigielski Funeral Home of Minden City.

Clarence Schelke

Clarence C. Schelke, 75, of Bad Axe, died Saturday, April 4, 1998, at Huron Medical Care Facility.

Born April 23, 1922, in Bloomfield Township near Port Hope, he was the son of Emil and Frances (Fuhman) Schelke.

He graduated from Bad Axe High School in 1941, was a United States Coast Guard veteran and served in Greenland during World War II. He was employed at Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. as an accounts manager, retiring in 1982.

He was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bad Axe, and a former, very active member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Detroit.

Surviving are 2 sisters, Mrs. Emma McIntyre and her husband Colin, and Esther Perkins, all of Bad Axe; one brother, Alfred Schelke and his wife Elsie of Sun City West, Ariz.; one sister-in-law, Elizabeth Schelke of Bad Axe, and several nieces and nephews, grandnieces and nephews and great-grandnieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Lawrence Schelke, and one brother-in-law, Owen Perkins.

Funeral services were scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 8, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bad Axe, with the Rev. Kenneth Lueke, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery near Port Hope, with military honors.

Memorials may be given to Our Savior Lutheran Church or to Huron Medical Care Facility Park Fund.

Arrangements were made by the MacAlpine Funeral Home, Bad Axe.

Curtis Simmons

Curtis J. Simmons, 82, of Argyle, former co-owner of Simmons Brothers Garage, died Wednesday, April 1, 1998, at his residence after a long illness.

Born April 2, 1915, in Port Huron, he was the son of George and Lena (Spaetz) Simmons Sr. He married Evelyn Jarrett Sept. 30, 1950, at the Argyle Methodist Church.

He attended Decker Country School and was one of the first fire chiefs of the Argyle Township fire department. He was a member of the Decker Masonic Lodge #479, the Decker Eastern Stars #438 and the Argyle United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Evelyn, of Argyle; 2 daughters, Lena Clor and her husband, Raymond, of Deford and Fran Simmons of Cass City; one son, Ralph Simmons of Argyle; adopted children, Carl and Diane Gyurko of Caro; 4 grandchildren; 2 adopted grandchildren; 3 sisters, Eleanor Jones and her husband, George, of Sandusky, Buelah Ayliffe and her husband, Howard, of Caro, and Mabel Slater and her husband, Joe, of Decker; one brother, Ken Simmons and his wife, Karen, of Clarkston, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by 3 brothers, George, Virgil and Delmer Simmons; 4 sisters, Carol, Verna, Eileen Simmons and an infant sister, and one sister-in-law, Marion Rodgers.

Funeral services were held Saturday in the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home of Uby. Pastor Emerson Wm. Arntz of Jeddo United Methodist Church and the Rev. Jean Rencontre of the Argyle United Methodist Church officiated.

A Decker Eastern Star Service was held Friday at 7 p.m. and a Decker Masonic Lodge Service, at 7:30.

Cremation followed the service at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City.

Memorials may be given to Marlette Hospice or the Argyle United Methodist Church.

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Thumb writers to meet April 14

The next regular meeting of the Thumb Area Writer's Club (TAWC) will be held Tuesday, April 14, at Sandusky High School, 191 Pine Tree Lane, Sandusky. Follow Pine Tree Lane east to the end, turn left, park by double doors at east end of school. Upon entering the school, take first hallway to the right and go to room #259. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

All writers needing encouragement in their creative

endeavors are urged to attend the meeting and read their work.

Everyone is welcome. It is not necessary to be a member to attend any meeting, although membership is open to poets, and fiction and non-fiction writers.

Any correspondence should be sent to: Thumb Writer's Club, P.O. Box 27, Sandusky, Mich. 48471. Phone 810-648-9648 or 517-673-6653 for further information.



NORTHERN Michigan native Terry Wooten, a poet and published author, shared poetry and humorous stories with Cass City Middle School students Thursday. Wooten built the Stone Circle near Kewadin, a large ring of boulders forming a natural amphitheatre where poets, storytellers and folk musicians gather and perform on Saturday evenings.

Bank event to benefit camp

Independent Bank East Michigan offices held a "Casual Because We Care" day in March to raise funds to benefit the Bay Shore Camp. The \$250.10 raised will be used to send needy children to camp.

Bay Shore Camp, located on the northeast edge of Saginaw Bay in Huron County, has been in existence since 1911. It is a non-profit camping ministry for children, youth and their

families. Approximately 1,300 children and teenagers will attend one of 11 camping sessions this summer. The camps are 6 day/night sessions and involve many activities such as group games, singing, crafts and offsite activities that include swimming and putt golf. In addition to the children and youth camps, Bay Shore also has family activities such as a father/son catfishing tournament

and a mother/daughter weekend.

The bank developed the "Casual Day" program more than 5 years ago in an effort to raise money, supplies and awareness for local and national charitable organizations. Employees from all 19 bank offices donated to the Bay Shore Camp and then dressed in casual clothing as evidence of that support.

Cable to adjust rates

Cable Michigan officials recently announced they will adjust rates in May in response to escalating programming costs.

The cost to deliver cable television service is controlled by several factors, but the areas of major impact are programming, system improvements and operational costs, officials said.

In the past year, the price to purchase basic programming has increased over 20 percent. One example cited by the company is the cost to bring customers the Detroit Tigers, Red Wings and Pistons sports action on Fox Sports Detroit. The buy-out of PASS Sports by Fox Sports Detroit created a 60 percent increase in the cost to deliver that one channel of programming.

Cable Michigan has also experienced significant in-

creases in the costs of other channels including WTBS, Lifetime, ESPN Sports and Nashville Network.

Customers will receive an explanation of the rate adjustment in their April billing. All rates were calculated in accordance with FCC regulations.

Officials said Cable Michigan has embarked on a plan to upgrade technology and offer additional services, in-

crease reliability and provide the sharpest picture and sound quality available. In the year ahead, the company will commit all after-tax profits to upgrading its cable systems. In addition to increased programming, improved picture quality and greater reliability, the reinvestment will provide customers access to advanced technologies and new digital services.

Offer organ scholarship

The Saginaw Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) recently announced the availability of scholarship money for persons interested in learning to play the organ or wishing to improve their skills on the organ. The Saginaw Valley Chapter plans to give up to \$700 in

scholarship money to be used by the recipient(s) for organ lessons.

Deadline for scholarship application requests is April 15. For further information, send name, address, and telephone number to Dr. Kent Dennis, 5800 Highland, Midland, MI 48640.



McDONALD'S Restaurant Manager Roger Godinez is presented a plaque of appreciation from Cass City's Karl Witkovsky for hosting a pancake supper which raised \$650 for the Cass City Middle School's trip to Washington, D.C. Also pictured is Debbie Edler, representing Owen-Gage Athletic Boosters, which raised \$210 during another recent pancake supper fund raiser.

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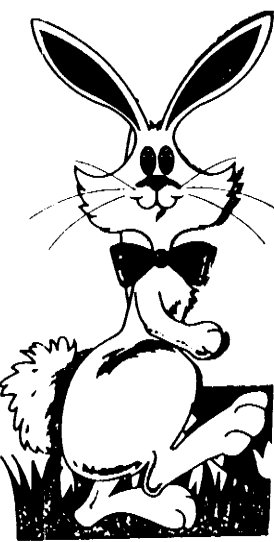
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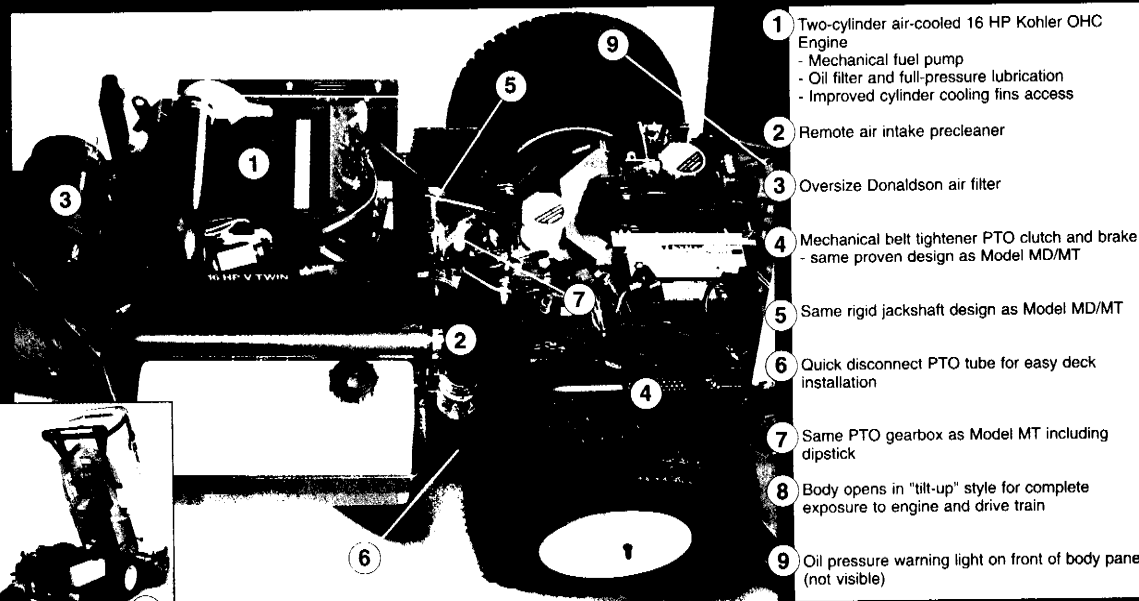
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Hawk thinclads surprise in early meets

Both boys' and girls' teams better last year's record

Teams are improving

The spring track season at Cass City High School has scarcely begun, but already the Hawk boys and girls are assured of a better season's record than they compiled last year.

That's because both squads won meets and last year both the boys and girls were winless.

The girls notched their win April 30 in a 4-team meet at Reese. The results: Cass City, 67; Reese and Akron-Fairgrove, 64 points each, and Clio, 54.

The girls won 5 events, including a pair by Jamie Fluegge. She took the 100-dash in 13.20 and the 200-run in 27.38. Fluegge also took second in the long jump. Other Hawk wins were by Rea, shot put, 35 feet; Holli Cooper, 400-meter run in 1:06., and Niah Hosner, discus. Cass City also finished second in the 800 and 3200 relays. Rea finished second in the discus. Other Hawk seconds were by Laura Laming, pole vault, and Heather Edwards, 300 low hurdles.

In boys' track Reese was a prohibitive favorite to win the Thumb C West league crown and the results of the 4-team meet reinforced the prediction.

The Rockets shot to an easy win with 127 points. Clio was second with 57 points, Cass City third, 51 points, and Akron-Fairgrove, fourth, 21 points.

Reese won 8 events, including all the relays. Cass City's wins were recorded by Heath Zawilinski, 400 Jash, 53.30, and Ryan Brinkman, 300 hurdles, 40.58. Brinkman also finished second in the 110 high hurdles. Cass City finished second in the 400 and 1,600 relay events. Adam Dorland finished second in the pole vault.

BOYS WIN MEET

The boys celebrated their first win of the year Thursday when the Hawks hosted a 4-team meet. Cass City won with 99 points while Marlette was second with 83

points. Sandusky had 64 points and Deckerville, 4 points.

The Hawks won 8 first places and 7 second places. Ryan Brinkman showed the way with firsts in the 110 and 300 hurdles while running legs on the winning 800 and 1600 relays. With Brinkman on the 800-meter relay were James Taylor, Chad Lenhard and Zawilinski. Running the 1600 relay were Lenhard, Nick King and Jason Wright. The Hawks also won the 400-meter relay with Taylor, Adam Dorland, Lenhard and Zawilinski.

Dorland took the pole vault with a leap of 9 feet, 6 inches and Taylor won the 200-meter in 25:21.

Second places were won by: Bryce VanVliet, 100-meter; Wright, 400-meter; Kyle O'Dell, 300-meter hurdles; Josh Brinkman,

800-meter; Kurt Russell, shot put; James Hill, discus, and Scot Moore, pole vault.

The girls finished second in a close battle with Deckerville. Deckerville finished with 68.5 points and Cass City with 67. Sandusky scored 63 points and Marlette, 37.5 points.

The Hawks won just 3 events, 2 by Fluegge, who won the 200-meter in 29.28 and the long jump, 14 feet. The other win was notched by the 800-meter squad of Holli Cooper, Johanna Hoelzle, Stephanie Humpert and Fluegge.

Earning valuable points for Cass City were Heather Edwards with seconds in the 100 and 300 meter hurdles and Andrea Rea with seconds in the shot and discus. Cass City also finished second in the 3200 relay and second in the 400 meter race with Holli Cooper.



RED HAWK Chris Dubay watches his discus toss during Monday's quad meet in Caro.



UNDER THE direction of first year Coach Barb Adams are the 1998 Owen-Gage softball team. They are (front from left) Jessica Klebba, Melanie Lemanski, Kristie Radabaugh, Theresa Richmond. Middle row (from left) Cassie Vargo, Melissa Vargo, Tonya Smith, Erin Salcido. Back row (from left) Crystal Pillsbury, Danielle Fritz, Melissa Ziehm, Andrea Ziehm, Coach Barb Adams. Missing are Kelly Tomich and Asst. Coach Dave Fritz.

Coach Larry Robinson continues to see improvement among his Red Hawk thinclad teams, evident by their latest showing Monday in Caro during a quad meet with Swan Valley, Unionville-Sebewaing and the Tigers.

Swan Valley's depth enabled them to run away from the field in the boys' competition, with 166 points. USA scored 97 points, followed by Cass City and Caro with 93 and 90 points, respectively.

Coach Robinson points to his 800 and 1600 meter relay teams as the strengths of his squad.

"We should be able to challenge for the league (championship) in those relays," says Robinson.

Both relays earned first place honors at Caro.

Running in the 800 meter relay, posting a time of 1:36.90, were Ryan Brinkman, James Taylor, Chad Lenhard and Heath Zawilinski.

In the 1600 meter relay,

recording a winning time of 3:40.2, were Jason Wright, Craig Emmert, Chad Lenhard and Ryan Brinkman.

Brinkman also earned top honors in both the 100 and 300 meter hurdles. The Hawks' only other top finish was registered by Adam Dorland in the pole vault with a jump of 11' 6".

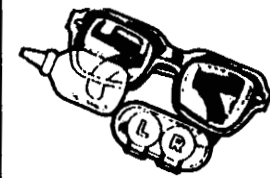
RED HAWK GIRLS

Host Caro narrowly edged Swan Valley in the girls' competition, 124 to 122. USA reached double figures, scoring 109 points, while the Hawks finished with 83.

Robinson says he is pleased with the effort he is receiving from his freshman girls, although a lack of numbers hinders the Hawks' cause.

Freshman Jamie Fluegge recorded 3 firsts to lead Cass City. Fluegge won the 100 and 200 meter dashes and added a top finish in the long jump with a leap of 14' 5".

The Hawks' only other winner was senior Andrea



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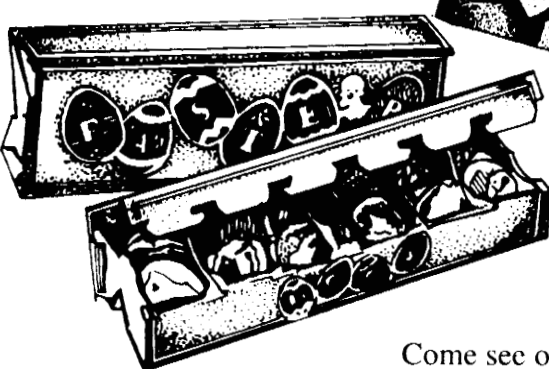


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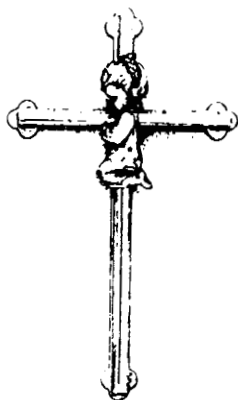
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The Township of Elkland Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on reprinting its current zoning ordinance and zoning ordinance map with minor revisions. The complete zoning ordinance is on file at the Township of Elkland Town Hall at 6691 Church Street, Cass City, MI 48726 effective April 7, 1998.

The changes are inclusion of previous changes which were approved by the planning commission after a public hearing on February 24, 1997 and additional minor text changes recommended subsequently by the Elkland Township Planning Commission.

The revised zoning ordinance text and map including these changes are available at the township hall after April 7 or at the public hearing, which will be held as follows:

Tuesday, April 21, 1998 at 7:30 p.m.
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6691 Church Street
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Comments, suggestions and possible revisions will be accepted at the public hearing and in written material submitted to township offices before or at the public hearing or ten days after the hearing.

Roger Root, Chairperson
Elkland Township Planning Commission

Letters to the editor

At Walbro Corporation

Are people still the greatest asset?

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regard to the possible plant closing of the Walbro Corporation's Cass City Small Engine Division, and the relocation of its jobs to sites overseas, to Mexico and to the southern

states. Please, I am asking you to take a few moments to read this letter because of the importance of these jobs to our rural area. The loss of what could be 250 jobs would have a devastating impact on the area's

churches, schools, hospitals, other businesses and what is now a thriving community. It has been portrayed by some to be only a small portion of the jobs, when in fact we have been told the entire manufacturing operation is

in jeopardy, both white and blue color jobs are in peril.

I have worked for Walbro for over 22 years now and have been proud of the job I do, and the company I do it for. I have stayed loyal to them, and with them when they needed help from both the community and employees. Help came in many forms, by way of contract concessions, working harder and pulling together, trying different methods to increase productivity and decrease cost, tax breaks from the city and grants from the state, in its time of need everyone helped Walbro to succeed in reaching its goals.

In all the years I have served the company I have seen lines leave because they were not profitable or because the customers decided to do the work themselves. But in all my years I

can never remember a profitable line or lines relocated so that money could be put into an operation that was failing. The fact is the Small Engine Division posted an 8% increase in sales and had a healthy profit for 1997, if other operations are falling short, maybe they need to be evaluated on a stand alone

basis. As the great and beloved founder of Walbro Corporation, the late Mr. Walter E. Walpole or Wally as he was called by his friends, who was everyone he met, always stressed "the people are the greatest asset we have." I hope his words and his dreams never die, be-

cause if they do along with them will go our jobs, our community and our dreams for a future as well.

Please, if there is anyway you can help, by writing, by calling, or by voting it would be deeply appreciated.

Thank you for your time. Sincerely,
Robert Burleson

Why not relocate less productive Walbro plants?

A letter to the Editor,

I am an employee of Walbro Corp. and have been there 16 years, but have been a part of this community for 38 years. I have a real concern on this community what could happen if Walbro decides to pull its Small Engine production lines out of this Cass City plant. We

have 282 production people which could lose their jobs plus all the salary personnel employees that would be affected.

Our Small Engine Division in Cass City posted a sales increase of 8% in 1997 and was profitable, also our Walbro Aftermarket in Cass City had an increase of 17% in sales and was profitable. The Caro Walbro plant sale increase of 8% and was profitable.

The Walbro plants out of North America aren't doing well, so why not relocate their work?

The Cass City Walbro plant has supported things in this community which came from the employees. We need the support of this community to keep our Cass City Walbro plant production lines kept here.

Thank you!

Deb Gilliam

Why move profitable operation?

Dear Editor,

I write this letter, as an employee of Walbro Corp., Cass City, with 9 years' seniority. I feel the need to express my deep concern about the future of our company. This concern is not only for my job, but for all the jobs that will be lost. There will also be a devastating effect on local and surrounding businesses, and the communities in which affected employees and their families live.

There should not be any consideration of moving jobs from a location that is profitable. Cass City bargaining unit employees have received team share bonuses for 14 out of the past 15 months. This was a result of profit from production within the Cass City Plant. It is my hope that the Walbro Board of Directors will consider a Worldwide cost cutting analysis instead - beginning with trimming costs at the top. Please help us to keep the long time, dedicated, caring employees of the Cass City Walbro plant working here in Cass City. It will be the best thing for everyone involved.

Sincerely,
Kelly Rochefort

Multi-age programs a very positive alternative

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter partially in response to Mr. Battel's letter to the Editor last week and partially to help inform the community about multiage education. First of all, I would like to give you a list of my credentials to help you understand why I feel I am a better source for your information. I graduated from Cass City (only 2 years prior to Mr. Battel), then attended Hillsdale College. I graduated from Hillsdale one of the highest ranked private colleges in the United States, in 1993 with a B.A. in Early Childhood Education and minors in English and Psychology. I am presently finishing my Masters degree in Elementary Education through Spring Arbor College.

Upon graduation from Hillsdale, out of over 300 applicants, I was hired by the Coldwater Public Schools. I have spent the past 3 years team teaching in a K-1-2 multiage program and I LOVE IT! I team teach with a teacher, who has been teaching for 40 years. She taught Kindergarten for the past 25 years and was excited to research multiage and then volunteer to teach with me in our multiage classroom. Obviously she has not stagnated herself in her profession. I have used my knowledge base of multiage to present at numerous national and local conferences throughout the country and continue to collaborate with other multiage teachers.

With this background, I would like to present the positive aspects of multiage, which is NOT Outcome Based Education or Mastery Learning, as Mr. Battel believes. A multiage classroom teaches children from differing age levels together, since in the real world people of various age levels work together. Children spend the entire 2-3 years with the same teacher in a classroom that becomes a family unit. Although students in multiage classes are taught at their own individual level they still take standardized tests, such as the MEAP. Just so you know, Mr. Battel, research shows that these students have done AS WELL, or BETTER on standardized tests. I have confidence that Cass City's multiage program is in the best interest of education!

Cass City is no different from Marshall, Coldwater, or Battle Creek. These children are all growing up in the 90's and soon the year 2000. So Mr. Battel, if you would like to know the life

of a teacher, spend a day with my husband, Troy, in his first grade classroom in Marshall. Better yet, spend a day with me in my multiage classroom, only 35 minutes from Marshall. Perhaps then, if you still need to criticize the effort to improve Cass City's education, you will be working from personal experience rather than with what you have read in some book or papers.

Mr. Battel, I encourage you to experience the "real" life of a teacher in the 90's. I love my job. I chose this career! I never want to do anything else. When I feel the warmth of a child's arms around me and they tell me they are glad to be at school - This is what it is to teach and love it! When a child's illiterate family hears their 6-year-old read a story for the first time and cries - That is why I know I work so hard to do what is new, innovative, and best for children. If anyone in Cass City is ready to take the step into the challenging work of multiage - I COMMEND YOU, and I will do anything

I can to support your effort to improve children's success. If you are interested in learning more about the multiage programs which are being developed in Cass City, I am sure Campbell's multiage staff would be more than happy to have you visit their classrooms, sit in on their meetings or just phone to ask some questions. I encourage everyone to become as involved as possible when it comes to our schools. This is a great opportunity to volunteer in your children's educational process.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Krista (Iseler) Reehl

Thumb area. Not only would it affect the people employed at Walbro. It would affect all the businesses in the Thumb.

As we all know, Walbro would not be the company it is today without the support of the people in the community. I feel Walbro should look elsewhere to cut

back on costs. They should not cut back in the area which allowed them to begin their climb to the successful worldwide company they have become. Not only is the Cass City plant profitable, it also offers the company: loyalty, a skilled workforce, gratitude, dedication, and support. These are all traits that would be hard to replace if a new workplace was chosen for Walbro's work.

I hope Walbro's board of directors would think of these things, and vote to keep the Cass City production here in Cass City where it belongs.

Sincerely,

Sabrina Wood

Location not the problem

Dear John,

I saw the news on Thursday night and Friday morning. I think the news must be circulating the same rumors as we have been hearing around Cass City, the same ones that Bert Althaver said were just that, rumors. I also find it hard to believe that the location of Walbro is the problem with being competitive. The Thumb area has several automobile related plants that seem to do well such as in Pigeon, Sebawaing, Elkton and Marlette. Maybe the problem is in the Executive branch of Walbro where raises and bonuses have been given to executives that have not shown a profit in years. I hope that if Walbro moves the manufacturing plant out of Cass City, the workers that lose their jobs can find new jobs in the plants that were mentioned.

In Harbor Beach when Nutra Sweet and Hercules Corporation announced that they would be closing their plants everyone thought that was the end of Harbor Beach. Dow Chemical and Red Star Products bought the plants and kept most of the employees. Now Harbor Beach is doing better than ever.

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10 appear in court

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

- Jeffery L. Engelhart, 37, Vassar, pleaded innocent to a charge of probation violation.

He was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. A hearing is to be set in the case.

- Ozzie Swinton, 40, Vassar, pleaded guilty to probation violation — failure to report to his supervising probation agent and submitting a urine sample that tested positive for cocaine.

Swinton was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail with worksite privileges. His probation was continued.

- Mari M. Rathbun, 18, Caro, was sentenced to one year probation and 90 days in jail for her plea of guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Feb. 9 in Caro.

She was also ordered to pay \$550 in court costs and fines plus \$498 in attorneys fees, \$120 in oversight fees and a \$60 victim crime fee.

- Kimberly S. Hess, 42, Millington, pleaded guilty to charges of attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud and obtaining a controlled substance by fraud between October 1997 and March 1998 in Vassar.

Bond was continued at \$25,000 and a pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing was scheduled for June 5.

- Louis E. Neal, 63, Saginaw, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, March 3 in Reese.

Bond was continued at \$2,000, a pre-sentence investigation was ordered and Neal's driver's license was

revoked. Sentencing was scheduled for June 5 for the defendant, who was ordered to attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings regularly.

- Duane S. Wilcox, 28, Caro, pleaded guilty to domestic violence and possession of a weapon by a felon March 16 in Caro.

Bond was continued at \$5,000, a pre-sentence investigation was ordered and the defendant was ordered to enroll in counseling. Sentencing was scheduled for June 5.

- Trevor D. Bitzer, 18, Caro, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Dec. 14 in Indianfields Township.

Bond was continued at \$1,000 and a pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing was slated for June 5.

- Jeremy P. Bader, 17, Caro, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Dec. 14 in Indianfields Township.

Bond was continued at \$1,000 and a pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing was scheduled for June 5.

- Michael C. Smith, 44, Vassar, pleaded guilty to probation violation — possessing/consuming intoxicating beverages.

An updated pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Bond was continued at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.

- Ronald J. Dunnebeck Jr., 20, Caro, was sentenced to 3 to 5 years in prison for his plea of guilty to receiving and concealing stolen property valued at more than \$100 Feb. 9 in Caro.

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- Richard E. Ruth, 41, Mayville, was charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and driving while his license was suspended or revoked March 26 in Mayville.

Bond in the case was set at \$1,000. A preliminary examination was scheduled for May 1 at 9 a.m.

- Scott A. Thomas, 18, Millington, faces a charge of possession with intent to deliver marijuana Oct. 18, 1996, in Millington.

Bond was set at \$4,000 and a preliminary exam was slated for today (Wednesday) at 1:30 p.m.

- Michael C. Hiser, 17, was arraigned on 4 counts of larceny of more than \$100 between December 1997 and February 1998 in Caro.

Bond was set at \$5,000 and a preliminary exam was scheduled for April 17 at 10 a.m.

- Luther G. Dinsmore, 18, Akron, was charged with home invasion, second degree, Sept. 24 in Akron Township.

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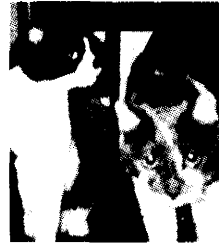
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Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, April 8

Cass City Schools art exhibit at Rawson Memorial Library, April 6-11.

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

Regular meeting of Order of Eastern Stars, 8 p.m., Masonic Temple.

Cass City Chamber meets, 7 a.m., McDonald's.

Thursday, April 9

Preschool Story Hour, 10:00 a.m. at Rawson Memorial Library.

Friday, April 10

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

Sunday, April 12

Mini cantata, "I've Been Redeemed", 8 a.m.; Easter cantata, "Were You There?", 10:45 a.m., Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 Cemetery Rd. The public is invited.

Easter celebration, 9:30 a.m., Marlette Middle School. Nursery provided. Sponsored by Lamotte Missionary Church. 517-635-7204.

Monday, April 13

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Elkland Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.

DDA meets, 7 p.m.

EDC meets, 8:15 p.m.

Spring rally of Lutheran Women's Missionary League/Lutheran Women in Mission, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Linkville, 6 p.m.

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SATURDAY'S Easter Egg hunt in Gagetown featured appearances by the Easter Bunny as well as co-sponsors Nel Wald (above) and Rich Rabideau, who made sure no one went home empty-handed. (related photo, page 1)

Trooper Sulkowski honored

The Michigan State Police Board of Awards recently named Trooper Mark Sulkowski of the Sandusky post the recipient of the Michigan State Police Life-

saving Award. He is credited with administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation to preserve life.

June 13, 1997, Sulkowski was dispatched to a possible drowning in a residential pond. Upon arriving at the scene, Sulkowski learned that a 15-year-old boy was suspected to have drowned in the pond. The caller who reported the accident stated that he was unsure whether the boy was under the water, but that the boy's shoes and clothes were lying on a deck next to the pond.

At that time, Sulkowski and a Sanilac County deputy entered the murky water and began to search for the boy. When the dive team arrived, Sulkowski and the deputy had narrowed the search

area down to a 15 foot by 15 foot section of the pond. Because they could concentrate their search on the remaining area, the dive team was able to locate the victim immediately. When the victim was brought to the surface, he was not breathing and had no pulse. For the next 5 to 10 minutes, Sulkowski did chest compressions while EMS administered breathing.

In presenting this award, the Michigan State Police Board of Awards recognizes that if it were not for the immediate response to the situation and for Sulkowski's expertise in performing CPR, the boy might have died.

Sulkowski enlisted with the department in 1994 and graduated as a member of the 110th recruit school. He has been assigned to the Sandusky post since graduation.

Township to enforce zoning

Continued from page one

Hopefully, Patera concluded, publishing some of the basic zoning ordinance laws will help to curb the problem. "At least the people are going to be aware of it," he said.

In other business Monday, the board:

•Approved a motion to accommodate winter burials at the township cemetery and to charge \$600 for the service. Also approved was an increase in the fees for cremation and infant burials, from \$40 to \$60.

•Approved a bid of \$950 from Yeo & Yeo PC CPA, Marlette, to conduct a routine township audit. Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran PC CPAs, Cass City, submitted a bid of \$1,000.

•Approved transfer of a cable television franchise from Cable Properties Inc. to DF Cablevision Limited Partnership, pending review of the transfer documents by the township's legal counsel.

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Stops in Cass City

Gougeon announces bid

State Sen. Joel Gougeon (R-Bay City) Thursday cited the "little issues" — helping to secure needed assistance for a veteran and assisting a farm family to resolve a fuel tax issue, for example — as the most rewarding in his career as a senator.

Gougeon made the comments during a stop in Cass City, where he officially kicked off his reelection campaign.

More than 30 supporters greeted Gougeon at the Cass City Municipal Building, the third and final stop in a day that included similar rallies in Bay City and West Branch.

"My first campaign focused on big issues, big problems and big solutions," Gougeon said. Since that election in 1993, we have reformed welfare, eased the crushing burden of property taxes and fought against child abuse, just to name a few very important statewide solutions.

"But the work I am proudest of doesn't necessarily involve the big issues," he added. "It has been the little issues, the ones that never make the headlines, that have made serving the people of the 34th district such an honor."

Gougeon outlined several constituent case stories that highlighted 4 years of service to the people of the district, which covers Arenac, Bay, Huron, Ogemaw and Tuscola counties.

They included securing a deaf child sign to protect a child with special needs as he plays in his yard, assisting a family farm that was being erroneously charged taxes on diesel fuel used every day on their farm, and extending a hand to a senior

citizen who was not receiving a much-needed home heating tax credit.

"On problems like these, and hundreds of others, we were happy to be at their service," Gougeon said. "We solved problems, found answers — got results."

"I am excited about the campaign ahead. We will keep moving Michigan in the right direction on those big issues. But, most importantly, we will continue solving the small problems, too."

A businessman and former Bay County commissioner, Gougeon was elected to his first term in the Michigan Senate in a special election in March 1993, and won reelection in November 1994.

He chairs the senate's Families, Mental Health and Human Services Committee, is vice-chair of the Farming, Agri-business and Food Systems Committee, and is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee.



STATE SEN. Joel Gougeon (R-Bay City) kicked off his reelection campaign Thursday with stops in Bay City, West Branch and Cass City (above), where he addressed more than 30 supporters at the village municipal building.

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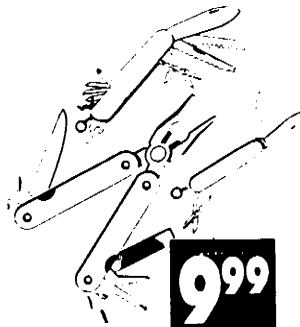
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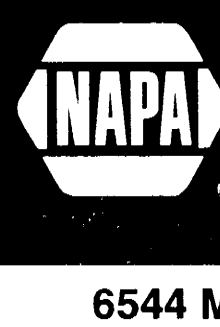
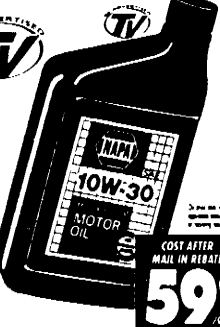
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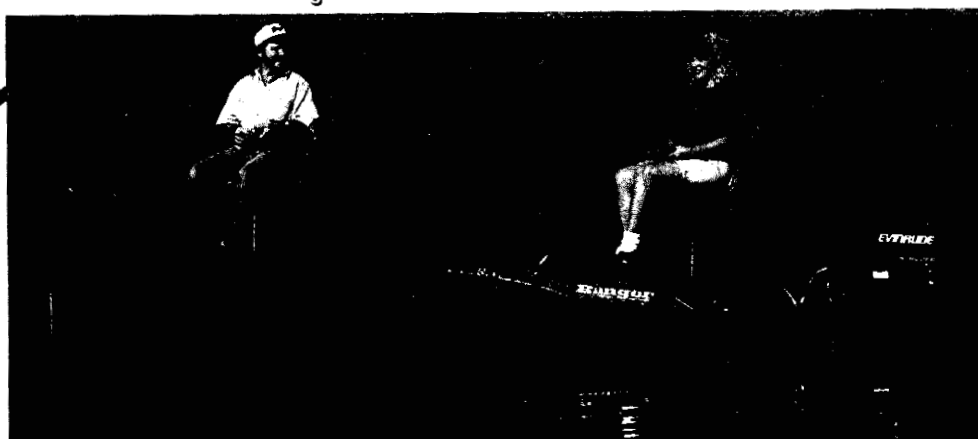


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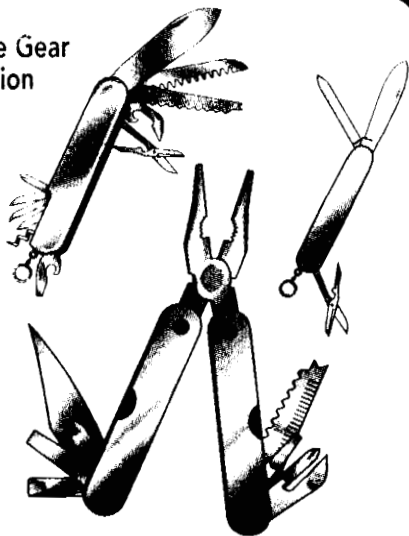
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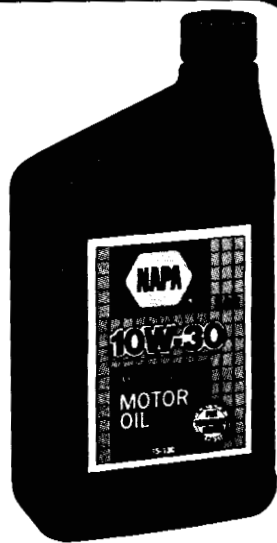


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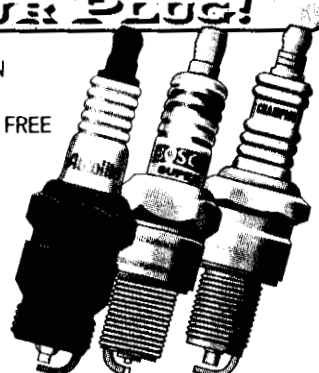
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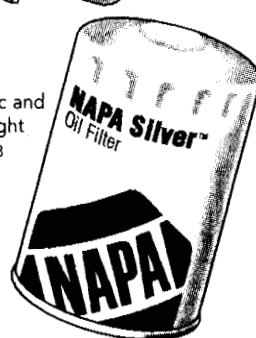
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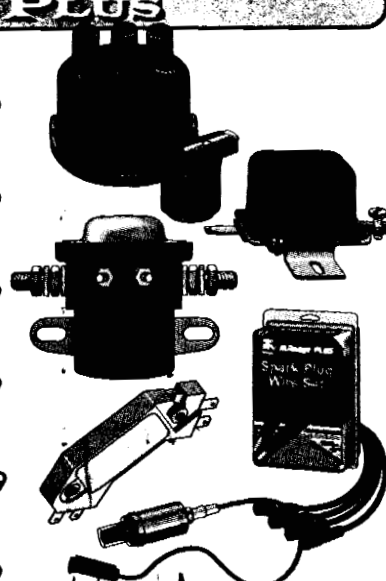
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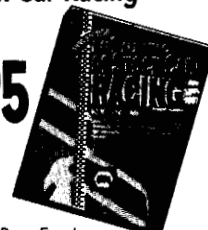
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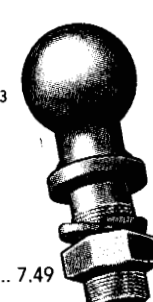


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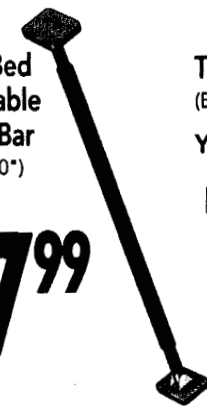
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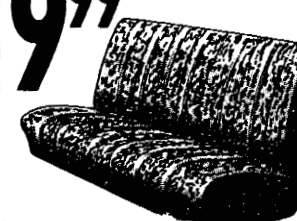
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