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Colony House sold to Thumb area bank

A popular area banquet hall has been sold to Signature Bank of Bad Axe.

Signature Bank officials recently confirmed the purchase of the Colony House, which was closed last year by long-time owners Marv and Janice Winter.

The facility, located 4 miles north of M-81 on M-53, for years hosted scores of trade and craft shows as well as Thumb Electric Cooperative annual meetings and Thumb Ag Day — the area's largest agricultural show — not to mention dozens of banquets, wedding receptions, proms and other events.

When it reopens, the facility will serve as a general operations center for the bank, housing computer operations, statement rendering, accounting and other "back room" banking activities, according to Gerry Smith, bank president and chief executive officer.

Smith, who declined to discuss the purchase price, said the facility will enable the bank to continue growing in the Thumb.

"We outgrew our current facility in Bad Axe, so we were looking for some additional room," he added, noting the Colony House also offers a good, central location. "It was important to us to keep it close enough to Bad Axe" so employees won't have too far to travel.

Smith said 15 to 20 current bank employees will work at the facility, which is slated to undergo extensive remodeling this fall. Bank officials hope to begin operations in the spring.

The purchase by Signature Bank followed an unsuccessful attempt earlier this year to re-open the banquet hall.

The Huron County Economic Development Corporation served as a facilitator in an effort to organize a group of Thumb investors, which officials hoped would pool their resources and purchase the business.

More than 100 letters were mailed out inviting Thumb community leaders as well as business, agriculture, manufacturing and banking representatives to an informational meeting Jan. 13. The session drew 30 to 40 people, who toured the facility and discussed the proposal.

In the end, however, there simply wasn't enough interest, according to Huron County EDC Director Carl

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Blaze damages home

An electrical short ignited a small blaze in a Cass City home last week, causing an estimated \$2,000 in damage.

Elkland Township fire fighters were called to the Ida Jewett residence, 6555 Elizabeth St., Aug. 25 at 7:50 p.m.

Fire Chief Ron Pawloski reported an electrical outlet in the residence had shorted out and a portion of a wall began to burn. The blaze was quickly extinguished, but the home sustained fire and smoke damage.

There were no injuries. Jewett was home when the fire started, but she was alerted by a smoke detector and escaped unharmed, Pawloski said.

Firemen remained at the scene for about 30 minutes, the chief reported.

Back to school...



CASS CITY SCHOOLS opened Thursday for all students, including second grader Leigha Drohn (front, left), who is escorted by her mother, Suzanne Drohn (center), to the entrance of Campbell Elementary.

Against Agri Sales

Wills seek \$100,000 in suit

A Cass City area dairy farmer is seeking \$100,000 in damages from Agri Sales, Inc., claiming a feed supplement delivered to his farm by the company in 1995 resulted in the loss of milk production and 25 cows.

Harold T. Wills and his wife, Karen H. Wills, filed suit against Agri Sales Aug. 20 in Huron County Circuit Court.

The couple, who have operated their farm in Sanilac County since 1981, have requested a jury trial. They are represented by the Bad Axe law firm of Cubitt & Cubitt.

Attorney H. Dale Cubitt said the suit was filed because repeated attempts to negotiate a settlement with the company have been unsuccessful.

"All we get (from them) is, 'need more time, need more time'," he added. "You only have so much time to file these things."

According to the suit, Agri Sales delivered a load of feed supplement pellets allegedly containing antibiotics to the Wills' farm in early December 1995. The supplement was fed to the cows and, subsequently, the Wills' hired man discovered some form of drug in the farm's milk tank during random testing, the suit states.

The Wills then contacted their milk company, which conducted tests at the farm and discovered there was tetracycline, a broad spectrum antibiotic, in the milk, "thereby requiring the plaintiffs to dump their milk for a period of at least 6 days at a substantial loss," the suit states.

The Wills contend the feed supplement, delivered from Agri Sales' former Bad Axe operation, was supposed to be composed of protein soybean meal with essential vitamins, minerals and salt added.

And, on the day an Agri Sales driver delivered the

supplement in question, the couple claims they were told the supplement was, in fact, 44 percent protein and would be good for the dairy herd.

According to the suit, Robert Wischmeyer, who was manager of the Agri Sales Bad Axe facility at the time, was contacted by the Wills, made a visit to the farm "and acknowledged that there was Rumensin in the pelleted feed, but said that it would not hurt the dry cows and heifers and to 'go ahead and feed it to them.'"

Calls to Wischmeyer's Cass City residence, and offices of the Saginaw-based Agri Sales, Inc., were not returned.

The suit states the Wills ceased feeding the pelleted supplement to their dairy cows, but continued to feed the mix to their bred heifers and dry cows.

After feeding the mix to their cows on a number of days, the Wills claim they began to notice the animals' health failing, requiring constant veterinary attention.

In the end, Cubitt said, the dairy operation's milk production suffered. The Wills, who milked about 50 cows at the time, were forced to sell 15 animals, while another 10 cows died.

At one point, Cubitt said, Agri Sales had a representa-

Contract vote near Michigan Sugar, union optimistic

Michigan Sugar Company officials emerged from a marathon 12-hour bargaining session Monday with some words of optimism, although no tentative agreement had been reached.

Talks continued early this week as a lockout of some 250 employees entered its fourth week.

"We're hoping right now that we're going to have an offer that the (union) membership is going to have an opportunity to vote on," Mitch Reno, Michigan Sugar communications manager, said Tuesday morning.

Reno said negotiations were slated to continue Tuesday at 1 p.m.

Dean Hutchinson, president of Local 260, American Federation of Grain Millers, expressed cautious optimism Tuesday.

"We have a package to bring back" to the union membership, he said. "It's not signed, sealed and delivered. We haven't got everything ironed out, but I'm optimistic."

Hutchinson said union members are happy to have an offer, but the loss of nearly a month of work has taken a big toll on workers.

"We've lost so much being locked out, it overshadows

anything we could put in the contract."

Negotiators representing Michigan Sugar and the union spent more than 7 hours at the bargaining table Thursday after Don Power, a federal mediator, invited both sides to again try to work out their differences.

Following the session, company officials vowed to do what is necessary to meet their obligations to growers and customers.

Mark Flegenheimer, vice-president and chief operating officer at Michigan Sugar, said the company will continue to operate its 4 factories with managerial, salaried

employees and contracted workers as it has since Aug. 7, when employees rejected the company's settlement offer.

The workers were subsequently locked out of Michigan Sugar's factories in Caro, Carrollton, Croswell and Sebewaing Aug. 10.

Michigan Sugar's parent company, Imperial Holly Corporation, operates sugar-processing factories in 16 locations in 9 states and employs nearly 2,000 salaried workers, according to Flegenheimer, who said the company will utilize these resources to protect area sugar beet growers and their

croops. "We are committed to the 1,400 sugar beet growers who are the backbone of the agricultural community in mid-Michigan. We will not put their family farms and livelihoods at risk."

Negotiations began June 3 and concluded July 31, when the workers' previous 3-year contract expired. A week later, union members rejected the contract, citing disputes over wages and other issues, including worker morale.

Company officials have since proposed an extension of the contract until March 31, 1999, but the union has not accepted the offer.

Trio charged in dozens of break-ins last year

Huron County authorities have charged a trio of Thumb residents in connection with a spree of break-ins targeting dozens of schools, businesses and churches last year.

The crimes were committed in 11 different counties, covering a period of nearly 3 months.

The incidents — 50 in all — included break-ins at Deford, Gagetown and Kingston elementary schools, Ubyly High School and Gagetown Cooperative Elevator between Sept. 29 and Dec. 20.

Huron County Prosecutor Mark Gaertner announced Friday that the suspected "school bandits" had been arraigned in Huron County District Court following a nearly year-long investigation into the burglaries that resulted in damage estimated at a combined \$119,000 and the theft of \$67,000 in cash and checks.

The suspects were identified as Donald J. Kowalski Jr., 22, Bad Axe; John V. Champagne, 25, Kinde, and Melissa A. Filion, 20, Bad Axe.

Gaertner said the trio were charged with conducting a criminal enterprise under the state's Criminal Enterprise Statute, commonly known as RICO (Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act).

Kowalski and Champagne have been charged with one count of conducting a criminal enterprise, alleging 50 separate incidents of racketeering involving breaking and entering.

A majority of the crimes, 19, took place in Tuscola County. Seven break-ins were reported in Huron County, 6 in Sanilac County, 4 each in Saginaw and St. Clair counties, 3 in Bay County, 2 in Arenac and Iosco counties, and one each in Gratiot, Lapeer and Montcalm counties.

Gaertner said Filion has also been charged with one count of conducting a criminal enterprise, alleging she assisted the other suspects in 22 of the crimes.

If convicted, each suspect faces a maximum 20 years in prison or a fine of up to \$100,000, or both.

In addition, Gaertner said, the court could order the suspects to pay court costs and all other expenses related to the investigation and prosecution of the offenses. The court could also order forfeiture of any property used in or derived from the criminal

activity.

Bond was set at \$50,000 cash for Kowalski and Champagne, who remain lodged in the Huron County Jail. Both men face preliminary examinations Sept. 10. Filion, who was released on a \$50,000 personal recognizance bond, faces a preliminary exam Oct. 8.

Gaertner said his office undertook the investigation with a focus on RICO because it provides the necessary tool to take isolated criminal incidents, scattered over a large multi-jurisdictional area, with scant physical evidence, and weave them together to present a prosecution "which will have

the strength that would otherwise be lacking if pursued as individual prosecutions."

Investigators said the crime spree began with a meeting of the suspects late last summer in a Bad Axe apartment.

As the criminal enterprise unfolded, Gaertner said, the suspects allegedly committed an average of one burglary every 2 days.

"During this time, Huron County investigators recognized a pattern and ultimately developed suspects through traditional investigative techniques. However, the investigators were frustrated by the failure of the

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Union rejects school contract

Cass City School bus drivers, cooks and custodians last week rejected a proposed 3-year contract.

Members of Operating Engineers Local 547 voted Aug. 25 not to accept the labor agreement approved by the school board a day earlier. The vote was 12 to 10.

of 31 years, said union members rejected the contract for reasons other than the pay hike offered by the district.

"We're feeling the money issue was fair, but there were other issues that were tabled," she said.

For example, LaPeer said, custodians want written job

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--Jeanette LaPeer union steward

The union represents about 30 Cass City School employees whose previous 3-year pact expired June 30.

The proposed 3-year contract, approved by the school board during its monthly meeting Aug. 24, called for raises of 2.6 percent in each of the first 2 years and a raise of 2.9 percent in the final year of the pact.

In addition to wage hikes, the contract offered increases in insurance payments. Two-run drivers would have received \$100 a month with an increase of \$5 a month for the next 2 contract years. Three-run drivers and cooks were offered \$115 a month, increasing \$5 a month in the second year and \$5 more in the third year of the contract.

School Supt. Ken Micklash said the labor agreement rejected by union members featured the same package presented to the district's other employee groups.

Union Steward Jeanette LaPeer, a veteran bus driver

descriptions detailing what they are and are not expected to do. The cooks would like to be able to work on President's Day, taking care of preparatory jobs, and bus drivers want to be paid for fueling and washing their buses, rather than being compensated on a per-run basis only.

There are many, many issues that are important to the employees, she added.

Despite last week's vote, LaPeer indicated she's optimistic both sides can come to terms. "We've got some options, so hopefully it will be settled," she said.

Micklash said the next step is uncertain. Negotiators could start all over again, a mediator could be brought in, or the union could conduct another vote.

"At this point, we don't know what step will be taken next," he said Monday, adding school officials will probably have a better idea at the end of the week.



CASS CITY Police Chief Gene Wilson recently gave village council members a demonstration of the new lap top computers installed in 2 patrol cars. Above, Village President L.E. Althaver (left) and Trustee Dale McIntosh watch as Wilson accesses driver's license information. The computers also enable officers to complete reports in their patrol car.



Ronald and Shirley Geiger

Geigers mark 50th anniversary

Ronald and Shirley Geiger recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The former Shirley Wells and Ronald Geiger were married Aug. 28, 1948, at the Salem Evangelical United Brethren Church in Pigeon. They marked their anniversary by hosting a family weekend at the Holiday Inn in Flint.

In attendance were their children and grandchildren, Mart and Sandy Hyzer of Caseville and their children, Lori and Dan; Marc and Sally Anderson of Grand Rapids and their children, Joe and Nate; Ken and Shari Schott of Cass City and their children, Ben and Kevin, and Scott and Brenda Geiger of Ingleside, Ill.

Also attending were the couple's best man and his wife, Ken and Dorothy Geiger of Lake Odessa, brother of the groom, and maid of honor and her husband, Doug and Dorothy Harvey of Sterling Heights, sister of the bride. Also attending was Sara Lee of Pigeon.

Scout registration Sept. 8

Cass City Girl Scouts are having scout registration Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. Registration will take place at the Cass City Middle School room 408 in the cafeteria. This meeting is for all adults and girls interested in forming new troops.

Last year, girl scouts were involved in a food drive, Mitten Tree, Coat Collection, Girl Scout Birthday dinner and various camps. Individual troops made decorations for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, decorated trees at the hospital, made various crafts and had fun making new friends and earning badges. If these activities sound like fun, please come and join us. For more information or if you have questions call Cathy at 872-5088.

104 attend Field reunion

The 40th Field reunion was held July 25 at the municipal park in Cass City, with a record crowd of 104, 101 descendants and 3 guests, in attendance. They came from as far away as California, Florida, Oregon, Tennessee, and the surrounding area.

The usual potluck dinner was served. Games were played and the softball game was won by the Fields. Albums of old family pictures were available for viewing.

Representing the family's branches were 47 from Eldon's family, one from Lucille's, 7 from Caroline's, one from Clara's, 2 from Evelyn's, 28 from Everett's, 3 from Hazel's, 10 from Howard's, and 4 from Mary Ellen's.

The next reunion will be in 1999.



by Melva E. Guinther

Our older grandson, Drew, started kindergarten last week.

Naturally, Mom cried when he got on the school bus for the first time. Upon returning home, Drew, having observed the scene through the bus window, asked her why. How do you answer? How can you explain to a kindergartener what that first day of school means to his mother?

After you've done your best to prepare a child for that giant step toward independence by talking it up as a wonderful, long anticipated event, it's hard to justify the tears.

Mothers cry on the first day of school because, whether or not they are aware of it at the time, they somehow sense deep down that this is the beginning of a succession of steps that will ultimately result in separating the child from the parent.

You're glad the child has developed to this point. But at the same time, there's grief over the phase of childhood that will never be recaptured.

You're never ready for it completely.

Drew's school days will mean a new era for Grandma and Grandpa, too.

Those spur of the moment week-long visits to Michigan when Dad goes on a business trip will be much more rare.

We'll no doubt be making more trips to Pennsylvania to see the kids. And even then, we'll see them only when they're not in school. Drew's brother, Spencer, will begin preschool in a couple weeks.

Farther down the road, there will no doubt be soccer and a host of other activities to take up their time, meaning less and less time with Grandma and Gramps.

How do grandparents cope with their grandchildren growing up and the changes involved?

They try not to think about

Cass City Social Items

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The HUB Investment Club will meet Sept. 14, at 7:30, at Rawson Memorial Library.

Marion McClorey, Onalee Crawford and Mary Damm visited Ellen Crawford in Argle Sunday afternoon.

Marriage licenses

Jason Michael Williams and Anna Christel Holdren, both of Cass City.

Steven James Klida and Kimberly Kaye Clothier, both of Kingston.

Nathan Daniel Hurley and Joie Leigh Humes, both of Cass City.

David Alan Czaplak and Annette Mae Stewart, both of Cass City.

Dylan Adam Torkelson Miner and Jessica Starr Torrez, both of Caro.

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.

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Tuesday - Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, French bread, fresh melon.

Friday - Macaroni & cheese, cottage cheese, cream style corn, dinner roll, diced pears.

New books at the library

Reservation Road by John Burnham Schwartz: The Learner family is on their way home from a concert when 10-year-old Josh is hit by a car while standing near the family's car at a gas station. The hit-and-run driver, Dwight Arno, is a lawyer who has a 10-year-old son of his own. The story is about Dwight's struggle over whether he should come forward and admit his guilt and the frustration of Ethan Learner, Josh's father, when the hit-and-run driver cannot be found. Both families are profoundly affected by this accident and the book explores the psychological crises involved.

With Honor and Purpose by Phil Kerby: In this book the reader walks in the shoes of an actual FBI agent as he does battle with society's dark side. As both street agent and field commander, Phil Kerby has worked on every type of criminal case. He has been a leading investigator on important cases involving the Michigan militia movement, bank robberies, and even the Oklahoma City bombing. Now Kerby reveals the glory and pain of his life as he dealt with many of society's crooks, outlaws and murderers.

Rainbow Six by Tom Clancy: Ex-Navy SEAL John Clark is selected to head an international task force to combat terrorism. It is not long before the incidents begin and Clark's group gets into the action. At first the incidents of terrorism seem to be separate, but soon Clark and his team leaders begin to wonder if there isn't a connection. There is no way to predict the real threat: a group of terrorists different from any that has ever been encountered in the past. They are so extreme that their success could mean the end of life on this earth. Clark and his team must stop this group and it won't be an easy assignment.

Fay descendants meet for reunion Aug. 29

The descendants of John C. and Harriet (Yoe) Fay held the annual Fay reunion at the home of Manly and Ann Fay at Waterford Saturday, Aug. 29.

The eldest present was Irene Radovic. Jesse Wiederhold was the youngest.

Attending from Cass City were Charlotte LaPeer, Alice McComb and Shirley McComb.

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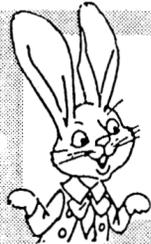
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

If predictions for travel over the Labor Day holiday prove correct, be prepared for traffic jams in peak driving periods. There are expected to be 1.6 million Michiganders with travel plans. That's 200,000 more than were on the road over the holiday last year.

As always on a Monday holiday, the Chronicle will publish one day later than normal. Deadlines for advertising and news copy remain unchanged.

In recent years goals set by the Cass City School Board included achieving the impossible to achieve 100 percent graduation rate and to emphasize "Character Counts" as part of the school improvement plans.

As part of this effort, a workshop will be held to get all of the school employees on the same page for school improvement. The workshop, at a date to be announced, is planned for custodians, teachers, bus drivers and administration staff.

In the recent school year, a total of 24 students were brought before the board for disciplinary reasons. Of the 24, 10 failed to appear and were expelled. Seven others were not expelled but placed on a one-point more and out, meaning that any minor infraction would have resulted in expulsion.

The official policy of the board is to keep all students in school and to increase in-school detention whenever possible.

If you are a dyed-in-the wool football fan, the proposed new expanded play-off plan will delight. If you feel that emphasis on sports is already the tail wagging the dog, you will be dismayed.

The plan calls for starting the games a week earlier and practices 2 days earlier than they are under the present system.

All teams with 6 or more wins qualify. For Cass City, that means that the chances are good that we would finally make it into post regular season play.

Under the 2 previous play-off systems, Cass City never qualified, although one 8-1 team would have made it under the system in effect today.

The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	89	60	0
Wednesday	86	56	0
Thursday	87	66	0
Friday	78	64	23"
Saturday	87	56	0
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THE CASS CITY Schools staff includes 3 new teachers this year. They are, from left, Sarah Satchell, fifth and sixth grade special education, Krista Connolly, ninth grade English, and Lisa Green, special education.

Investigate theft, vandalism

Cass City police investigated incidents of theft and vandalism, and arrested one motorist over the past week. According to reports, Kevin A. Hoppe, Cass City, told police someone damaged a fragrance machine hose and stole a vacuum hose nozzle at Thumb Auto Wash, 4385 Doerr Rd. Hoppe, who is employed at the business, reported the incident Aug. 25. Damage was estimated at more than \$100.

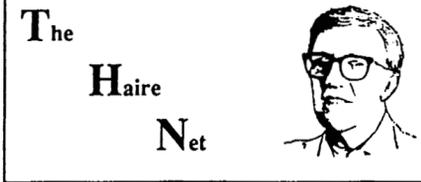
Also Aug. 25, Alfred Wright, Cass City, reported someone broke the driver's side door vent window on his 1985 Ford van. The vehicle was parked at Cass City Mini Storage, 4305 Doerr Rd., according to police, who estimated damage at \$100.

Cole Mellendorf, Cass City, reported someone stole his exhibition-style bicycle Sunday while the bike was parked in front of Cass City Hardware, 6092 Cass City Road. The bike is chrome in color with green diamonds.

Classes to resume

Sunday School classes at Fraser Presbyterian Church will resume Sept. 6 at 10:30 a.m. Classes are provided for both children and adults. New members are welcome. Sept. 13, a potluck meal and games will be held following Sunday School.

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The Haire Net

The medical service in Cass City worked on all cylinders last week to bail me out of what was possibly a life-threatening situation for me. It happened Monday night after I arrived home around 11 p.m. after a session covering and writing about the Cass City School board.

Without going into details, my condition eventually resulted in an early morning call to the Cass City MMR and it responded in a very few minutes.

The Hills and Dales Hospital staff quickly administered stabilization heart treatment and I was bundled off to what is commonly known as St. Luke's Hospital but has a new name now, which I can't recall.

Anyway, one thing led to another and it was determined that a pacemaker was needed and it was installed late afternoon Thursday.

Installing a pacemaker takes about an hour and is completed without a general anesthetic, although pills push you into "happy land" before you go on the table.

Perhaps you will find some of the functions of the pacemaker interesting. There are 40 different models available. Mine was one with 2 wire leads to the heart.

Entering surgery with the operating crew is a representative from the company which manufactured the pacemaker. He operates a computer to assist the surgeon.

The day after the operation, he visits to check how the machine is working. It's done by placing a receiver over the pacemaker installed in the chest and he operates a series of buttons on his computer. (He told me he was an engineer with medical training.)

A printout emerged and he took it to the doctor, returning in a few minutes to tell me that my rate had to be adjusted one beat a minute. He hit a few more buttons and his job was completed.

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The back forty

by Roger Pond

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It's easy to forget how much air travel has changed over the years. I remember the days when a person could walk into an airport, hand over his suitcase, and get on the plane.

Now, we arrive hours before takeoff, park the car miles away, and spend half the morning answering questions about how our bags were packed. Then we jump on a conveyer and ride through the airport — just like a bale of hay entering the barn.

Someday I'm going to tell the baggage clerk, "No, I didn't pack my bag. My wife packed it. And neither you, nor I are supposed to know what's in it."

All of this hassle comes in the name of progress and security. I can't speak for everyone, but I felt better in the old days — when I could see where my baggage went.

The concept of airline "hubs" with huge planes and enormous airports has gone too far in my opinion. We're getting to the point where it costs more to park the car than it does to buy the plane ticket.

Why can't the airlines help upgrade the smaller airports where a person could find his way around, instead of building a monstrosity no one can even get into?

I have fond memories of flying into the little airport at Pendleton, Ore. — many years ago when United Airlines still scheduled flights there. The Pendleton Airport was small then, and I don't suppose it's any bigger now that United has abandoned the premises.

I sat in that airport one morning and watched the wind howling down the runway. You can't see the wind in many parts of the country, but you can in Pendleton. The wind there is full of things: Russian thistles, Jim Hill Mustard, pieces of driftwood.

This particular morning, windows rattled and lights in the airport lobby began to flicker. I wondered if this was a normal day for that part of the country.

A woman staggered in from the parking lot to report someone tried to open the hood on his car. The wind peeled the hood back like someone opening a new can of Spam. "Must have been a tourist," the woman surmised.

Soon after that a 50 gallon oil drum went rolling across the runway. I figured the breeze was freshening.

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O-G board revises grade policy

Owen-Gage School officials last week revised a new, tougher grade policy adopted earlier this month, but students will still have to tow the line when it comes to their performance in class.

The school board also dealt with a pair of transfer requests, including one involving a student previously expelled by the district, during a special meeting Thursday.

Under the tougher grade

policy approved during the board's Aug. 10 monthly meeting, junior and senior high students were required to earn a minimum "D" grade in the first 9-week marking period, and improve that grade to at least a "C" in subsequent marking periods.

The policy replaced a point system which, school officials said, was being abused by some students. Under the old system, a student could

pass the first 9-week exam with a grade of D-plus, then go on to fail the next 9-week exam and the final exam, and still receive a passing grade.

School Supt. Manuel Thies recommended Thursday that the minimum grade to pass the first, 9-week exam, be changed from a D to a D-minus. Students will still be required to earn a C-grade or better on subsequent exams.

Thies said the revision was

suggested by the junior-senior high principal and counselor.

"Their rationale was, coming in to a new school district, (some students) might have difficulty adjusting, and if there are going to be any problems, they will probably occur in the first 9 weeks," he added.

Turning to student transfers, the board approved a petition allowing a student to re-enter the Michigan school system following his expulsion from Owen-Gage a few years ago. However, the board rejected the request of the boy's mother to release him to attend school in the USA District.

Thies explained the student was expelled as a seventh grader after school officials discovered a knife in the boy's locker.

The board noted the student could opt to attend any school district in the Huron Intermediate School District under the state's Schools of Choice guidelines. USA Schools are in the Tuscola ISD, and the board's policy has been to reject student transfers to other ISDs unless the receiving school has a student who wants to transfer to Owen-Gage.

In another student transfer request, the board rejected

Denise Smith's request to allow her daughter, Anna, to attend school outside of the Huron ISD.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, the board voted to repair, rather than sell, a district-owned home in Owendale.

Thies asked the board to consider the future of the house in light of the need for roof repairs, window replacement and other costs estimated at \$5,000 or more.

The residence has housed the district's superintendents in past years, but is currently being rented out because Thies has his own home in Owendale.

Trustees Ron Good and Walt Swiastyn both voiced a desire to keep the home, saying it could be difficult to entice future superintendents without offering housing.

A motion to keep the house and seek repair estimates passed on a vote of 5-1, with Trustee Jeff Faist dissenting.

The board also:
 • Unanimously approved the nomination of Janet Muntz as the district's Friend of Youth representative.

• Approved a motion to sell an old bus in need of several hundred dollars of repairs.



THE CASS CITY Lions Club have rededicated the flag pole - originally dedicated by the Cass City Order of Eastern Stars to the old middle school - to its new location in the Elkland Township Cemetery. Pictured are (l-r) Maxine Profit, Eastern Star Worthy Matron, Ken Martin, Lions Club board member, Don Erla, Elkland Township sexton.

VanVliet earns degree at CMU

Lindy K. VanVliet, Cass City, recently graduated with honors from Central Michigan

University. VanVliet, a 1994 Cass City High School graduate, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration at CMU, graduating

magna cum laude. The 22-year-old is currently employed by Plante & Moran, L.L.P., a CPA and management consultant firm in East Lansing.



Lindy K. VanVliet

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HDC gearing up for raffle

Each year the Human Development Commission (HDC) hosts a raffle which benefits a variety of services the agency provides to people throughout the Thumb.

The programs that benefit from the raffle are diverse, and include the Foster Grandparent Program, Housing Services, Early Head Start, and the Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center.

This year's annual raffle is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Caro, beginning at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$100 per couple

and admit 2 for dinner, beverages, fellowship, and a chance to win a \$15,000 savings bond, a \$2,500 savings bond, a color television, satellite dish, or a VCR.

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Thumb writers to meet

The next regular meeting of the Thumb Area Writer's Club (TAWC) will be held Tuesday, Sept. 8, in the Sandusky High School, located at 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. Please attend this month's meeting and read us your work.

Everyone is welcome, you do not have to be a member to attend any meeting. If you do decide to join, 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, MI 48471. Phone 810-648-9648 or 517-673-6653 for further information.

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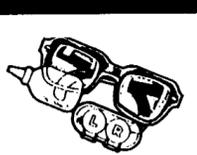


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Owen-Gage football team eager to open grid season

Coach Joe Candela's Owen-Gage football team is set to open a new season Friday at Arenac-Eastern. Despite winning just once in each of the previous 2 seasons, the Bulldogs appear confident and eager heading into their non-conference opener.

That's good news for the 2nd year mentor. Candela

felt his squad played without much emotion for parts of the 1997 season.

Although the Bulldogs return with some experience at the skilled positions, Candela admits the Bulldogs are relatively untested in the trenches.

"Some of our biggest concerns will be with our offensive and defensive line play," says Candela. Owen-Gage will need to fill a void created by the graduation loss of Jeff Maxson on the front line. Also gone from last year's team is Aaron Baker, who helped carry the load in the Bulldog backfield. Candela's biggest graduation loss was provided by Dan Dorsch, who weekly led the Bulldog defense last fall.

However, Candela feels this is his best team to date and should compete for the North Central Thumb League championship.

Owen-Gage will be led by a pair of seniors in Joel Bolzman and Chad Mellendorf. Bolzman is a hard running tailback with exceptional speed. At 6'1" and 190 lbs., he should see the pigskin often when the Bulldogs are on offense. "Bolzman was clocked at 4.5 in the 40. He'll return punts and kicks. I want him to get the ball as much as he can when we're on offense," says Candela.

Mellendorf has good speed also. At 6'2" and 215 lbs., he should be the team's best tackler. On offense,

Mellendorf will help secure the quarterback at the guard position.

Also assigned to protecting the quarterback for Owen-Gage will be junior center George Jansen and tackles Nathan Dale and Kendall Kretzschmer.

Calling the signals for his 3rd year at quarterback for Candela is junior Derek Howard. Howard is a seasoned player with a good arm and good mobility.

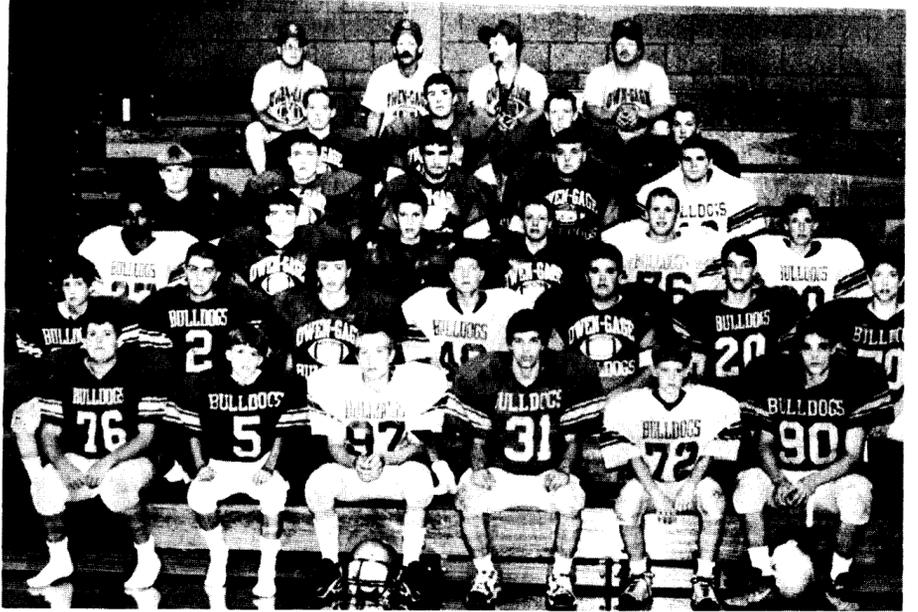
When Owen-Gage needs a big play, look for senior wing back Joey Salcido to be involved. Salcido will be Howard's favorite receiver. His hands are among the squad's best and he can be counted on to run good routes.

Teaming with Bolzman in the backfield will be senior Ray Salcido. Salcido is quick off the ball and should provide a useful outlet valve for Howard.

Candela also expects some help from a pair of freshmen in Earl McKee and Nathan Kain. Both have good foot speed and possess an overall toughness. McKee will see action at the other guard slot. Kain will see duty at the wing back position.

As usual, Candela sees Peck and Kingston as the teams to beat in the North Central Thumb League.

"They (Peck and Kingston) are always going to be there. Akron-Fairgrove showed improvement last year," says Candela.



MEMBERS OF THE 1998 Owen-Gage football team are (front row, left) Josh Errer, Tommy Minkler, Donny Perdue, Eugene Kady, Dale Minkler, Devin Papkey, (second row, left) Ryan Tabar, Allen Roe, Matt Rogers, Shane Mellendorf, Kendall Kretzschmer, Cory Fritz, Jason Limberger, (third row, left) Juan Soto, Anthony Brinkman, Ryan Fritz, Nathan Dale, George Jansen, Zach Fritz, (fourth row, left) Nathan Kain, Nick Warack, Derek Howard, Chad Mellendorf, Joel Bolzman, (fifth row, left) Joe Salcido, Ryan Richards, Ray Salcido, Earl McKee, (back row, left) Asst. Coach Herschel Adams, Asst. Coach Arnie Howard, Head Coach Joe Candela and Asst. Coach Scott Gaeth.

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Hawks open gridiron year with visiting Caro Friday

Red Hawk gridiron backers are anxiously awaiting the team's season opener Friday against visiting Caro.

That's because under the direction of Coach Tom Oesch, Cass City will field a team with enough talent to challenge for the Greater Thumb West title.

Caro returns with plenty of talent of its own. The Tigers are the preseason favorites to win the tough Tri-Valley Conference and may be the Thumb's best squad.

If the Hawks could upset their M-81 foe, however, Cass City devotees would certainly like the team's chances to succeed in the

Greater Thumb West conference.

For Cass City to be successful, Oesch's team must open their campaign in mid-season form. After Caro, the Hawks will host Bill McLellan's Lakers in week 2. The winner in that contest will have a leg up on the field to capture the conference's top prize.

Oesch isn't without his share of graduation losses. Topping the list is Paul Smarks winner Chad Lenhard. Lenhard was an honorable mention all-conference defensive back for Cass City in his final year. He was the team's leading tack-

ler last fall.

Another honorable mention selection, offensive end Ryan Brinkman, will also be missed. Brinkman recorded 11 receptions that netted 302 yards and accounted for 3 touchdowns. The pair helped the Hawks to a 5-4 record in 1997.

Also gone by graduation are Josh Brinkman, Matt Irrer, Kurt Russell, Andy Edwards, Corey Mayer and Frank Hawley.

Oesch, now in his 3rd season as head coach, has a slew of veterans returning to lead his squad.

Foremost on that list are senior quarterback Heath Zawilinski and senior lineman Nathan Fritz.

As a junior, Zawilinski threw for 698 yards in league play that earned him 1st team all-conference accolades. He completed 55 of 101 passes and tossed for 7 touchdown strikes. Zawilinski also tossed for 6 2-point conversions. He was intercepted 6 times.

Look for the Hawks to use Zawilinski on roll out pass plays. His decision making on the field will play a pivotal role in the team's prosperity. If his receivers are covered, Zawilinski has plenty of speed and ability to elude pursuers.

Fritz was the team's best trap blocker in 1997 and also earned 1st team all-conference recognition. Coach Oesch calls Fritz a very smart football player who is capable of picking up the opponent's blitzes and blocking schemes. He will provide leadership on the front lines.

Another key player on the interior line is senior center Doug Ball. Big, strong, and just plain tough, he has played on the varsity team since his sophomore year.

Cass City returns several skilled players who are sure to figure in what should be a high scoring offense.

In the backfield will be junior Ben Zimba and senior Nick King. Both players are hard runners.

Also figuring to spend time in the Hawk backfield, mainly at wing back, will be senior Aaron Barrigar and junior Adam Dorland. Barrigar proved his worth during his junior season, while Dorland is one of the team's best athletes. The Hawks will find a way to get the pigskin into Dorland's hands.

When the Hawks go to the air, look for wide receivers Dan Cuddie and Bill Goodall for big play potential. The pair complement each other well. Cuddie has the speed to outrun most defensive backs and Goodall, the strength and size to cross the middle. Goodall will be one of the team's best hitters on defense. Senior Nathan Haag can also be expected to add receptions in the Hawks' air attack.

Another player expected to deliver big blows on defense for the Hawks is junior defensive back Bryce VanVliet. VanVliet played well as a sophomore and should benefit from another year of experience this season.

Junior Chad Wolschlager saw action as a sophomore on the Hawk line and, together with Ball and Fritz, gives the Hawks a tested group.

Untried in the trenches, but with plenty of size are juniors Luezn Dickson, Chris Hyatt and Nick Zartman. They will compete with returnees Adam Stoeckle and Steve McIntosh for time on the line.



CASS CITY Red Hawk varsity football team members are: front (l-r) Phil Mathewson, Tim Dooley, Dan Cuddie, Bryce VanVliet, Chad Wolschlager, Adam Dorland, Roy Davis, Adam Stoeckle, Nathan Haag, Aaron Barrigar. Middle row (l-r) Assistant Coach Ed Stoutenburg, Ryan Ouvry, Chris Dubay, Bruce Horning, Ben Zimba, Bill Goodall, Matt Perry, Jeremy Kilbourn, Grant Gould, Coach Tom Oesch. Back (l-r) Nick Anthony, Dave Sutter, Matt Frappart, Nick King, Steve McIntosh, Heath Zawilinski, Doug Ball, Nathan Fritz, Paul Balk, Luezn Dickson. Missing are Aaron Bell, Chris Hyatt, Nick Zartman.

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Marlette	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Mayville	Brown City
North Branch	North Branch	North Branch	North Branch	North Branch
NBW	NBW	NBW	NBW	NBW
Arenac East.	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Arenac East.	Arenac East.
Peck	Dryden	Dryden	Peck	Peck
Vassar	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
USA	USA	USA	USA	Sandusky
Redford	Redford	Redford	Redford	Redford

Red Cross class set

The American Red Cross, in an effort to increase the availability of Red Cross Health and Safety Courses in the Thumb, is holding an instructor class for persons interested in becoming certified to be a Red Cross instructor for Adult CPR, Infant CPR, First Aid for the Professional Rescuer and Standard First Aid.

Instructor training will consist of 3 classes to be held at the Red Cross Office in Caro, 852 S. Hooper St. The classes are as follows: Wednesday, Sept. 23, from 6:30 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 26, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, Sept. 30, from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

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11	Lakers	H	7:30
18	Bad Axe	T	7:30
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CASS CITY'S Cross Country team is under the direction of first year Coach Sandi Smith. They are: front (l-r) Coach Smith, Becca Kruse, Lindsey Mills, Melanie Nizzola. Back (l-r) Jeremy Klinkman, Brad Ypma, Craig Emmert, Kris Patera. Missing are Ben Adams, Matt Derfny.

Emmert top runner

Cass City opened its cross country season Wednesday at Bad Axe under new leadership in first year Coach Sandi Smith.

Although the Hawks have some gifted runners, a lack of numbers will hurt the team's chances to compete for any league honors.

"The whole team is essential," says Smith. "All of them are needed to make a team."

The Hawks have set their sites on improving throughout the season and qualifying for state as a team.

Smith says her squad is hard working, dedicated, and committed to cross country. She believes they share common goals and work well together. Smith says that as a group they are very supportive.

At Bad Axe, Craig Emmert bested the field of 28 runners at the Hatchet Early Bird Run

with a time of 18:28. Brad Ypma recorded a top 10 finish for Cass City with a time of 19:54, good for 9th place. The Hawks also had Ben Adams finish 11th with a time of 20:16, while Matt Derfny's time of 21:00 earned him 18th place.

With the girls, Rebecca Kruse finished 16th with a

time of 28:00. Melanie Nizzola ran the course in 30:49 that went for 23rd place.

Also competing for the Hawks this year are Jeremy Klinkman, Kris Patera and Lindsey Mills.

Cass City's next meet is tonight (Wednesday) at Akron-Fairgrove.

CROSS COUNTRY			
Aug. 26	Bad Axe	T	TBA
Sept. 2	AF Early Bird	T	4:00
5	Bad Axe	T	9:30
8	USA Inv.	T	4:00
12	Hatchet Inv.	T	9:30
19	Holly Inv.	T	8:30
26	AF Inv.	T	10:00
30	Bad Axe	T	4:30
Oct. 3	Har Bar Inv.	T	11:00
12	Brown City	T	4:00
17	Reese Inv.	T	8:00
20	Lakers league meet	T	4:30
24	Caro Inv.	T	11:00
31	Regionals Har Bar	T	TBA
Nov. 7	State Meet	TBA	



THE OWEN-GAGE Golf Team is composed of (front row, left) Anthony Brinkman, Ryan Fritz, Ray Salcido, Chad Mellendorf, Justin Anthes, Joe Salcido, (back row, left) Coach Dave Salcido, Nathan Dale, Earl McKee, Zach Fritz, Joel Bolzman, Shane Mellendorf and Corbin Swiastyn.



LEADING THE CHEERS for the Red Hawks will be Cass City cheerleaders: front (l-r) Alesha Fields, Melissa Biskner. Middle (l-r) Amber Phillips, Adrainne Keller, Kristy Haag. Top, Amber Angle.

Lady Hawks eye fast start in cage wars

Coach Jim Mastie enters his 3rd year as head of the Cass City girls' basketball program with 5 returning seniors, size and talent.

What this squad needs, and the previous 2 seasons lacked, is a favorable start during the early stages of their schedule. A year ago, the Hawks dropped 4 of their opening 8 games before rallying to set up a title game against the Lakers in the regular season ending showdown.

Mastie's rookie season at the helm nearly mirrored last season as the Hawks just missed capturing the Greater Thumb West Division crown. How the Hawks open their campaign this week may go a long way in deciding if they are to become a championship team. In the Hawks' first 4 games, Mastie's troops will face 3 schools that should challenge for their conference's honors.

"If we stay healthy and play to our capabilities, we should contend for the conference (title). Lakers, Bay City All Saints, Bad Axe and USA should also field experienced teams and contend for the

title," says Mastie.

After opening with Harbor Beach, one of the favorites from the Greater Thumb East bracket, Tuesday, the Hawks will face the Hatchets and Patriots among their first 4 tests.

One hurdle the Hawks must clear for a successful start is replacements for starters Janis Mastie and Lindsay Maharg, gone via graduation. Maharg was a 2nd team all-conference performer in her final year.

Also gone from last year's team that finished with an 11-11 record (8-4 in league play) are Andrea Rea, Colleen Cartwright and Sara Dore, who all saw plenty of playing time.

"Getting the juniors to step up and give quality minutes coming off the bench," is critical to the team's start, says Mastie.

That group includes Alyssa Glaspie, Andrea Walsh, Melissa Homakie, Brooke Ouvry, Lindsay Gaszczynski, Kim Morrish and Heather Pomeroy.

And although much of the team is untested, the Hawks' returning 5 seniors are about

as good as it gets.

The Hawks will possess one of the best inside combinations in the Greater Thumb West conference in twin towers Shelly Ulfig and Kara Mellendorf. Both seniors stand at 6' tall and have 4 years of varsity experience under their belts.

Mellendorf, a first team all-conference selection as a junior, will anchor the post. She is a solid rebounder with a soft touch around the hoop. Ulfig was chosen to the conference's 2nd team fantasy squad last season. She will play power forward. A roughed rebounder, she is capable of running the floor and hitting her jumper from

inside the 15' range.

Running the Hawk offense will fall partly on the shoulders of senior Becky Dore. Dore is the team's best ball handler and her penetration will be a key factor in helping to open the Hawks' inside game.

Mastie will depend on a pair of returning seniors to provide offense from the perimeter. Tara McNeil and Nicolette Zawilinski both are capable of hitting from behind the 3-point arc. If they can score consistently, it will go a long way in developing Cass City's inside threats.

The Hawks' home opener is slated for Thursday against Bad Axe.



CASS CITY Red Hawk varsity basketball team members are: front (l-r) Shelly Ulfig, Kara Mellendorf, Tara McNeil, Nicolette Zawilinski, Becky Dore. Back row (l-r) Heather Pomeroy, Kim Morrish, Andrea Walsh, Melissa Homakie, Alyssa Glaspie, Brooke Ouvry, Lindsay Gaszczynski.

Hobbs team leader Hawk golfers look to defend crown

The Cass City Red Hawk golf team has started their defense of the Greater Thumb West Division title in splendid fashion.

After opening the season capturing the top place at a 9-school tourney, Coach Paul Chappel's linksters have continued their winning ways. Despite heavy graduation losses, the Hawks seem loaded with talent.

Gone from last year's championship squad are graduates Chad Tate, Andy Green, Shawn Henn and Drew Kelly.

Tate's achievements seemed endless. He left, arguably, as the best golfer in the school's history.

This season, however, it is Tate's playing partner that's leading the charge.

Senior Dave Hobbs has led Cass City to wins in matches with Vassar, Merrill and Brown City. Hobbs also helped the Hawks to a 2nd place finish during the league meet.

In Chappel's team's last outing, Hobbs fired a 39 at Rolling Hills Friday to help set back visiting Brown City. The Hawks upped their individual record to 3-0 with a 166-187 win.

Hobbs had plenty of help from sophomore Brent Goslin against the Green Devils. Goslin was co-medalist with 39. One shot back, at 40, was freshman Nick Chappel.

On Tuesday last week, the Hawks traveled to Vassar and defeated the Vulcans by a score of 176-194. Also playing on that day was Merrill, who finished at 205.

Again Hobbs registered medalist honor with a career low 36. Ryan Downing fol-

lowed with an impressive 43, good for runner-up medalist honor.

LEAGUE MEET

Cass City finished 11

GOLF SCHEDULE

Aug. 13	CC Tourney	H	8:45
25	Vassar/Merrill	T	4:00
26	Lakers 9 hole Tourney	T	TBA
28	Brown City	H	4:00
Sept. 2	Deckerville	T	4:00
8	Ublly	H	4:00
9	Lakers	T	4:00
11	Brown City Tourney	T	8:30 a.m.
14	Harbor Beach	H	4:15
16	BCAS	H	4:00
23	Bad Axe	T	4:00
30	Mayville	H	4:15
Oct. 2	Vassar Tourney	T	8:45
7	League Tourney	TBA	
18 hole			
9	Regionals	TBA	
16-17	State Finals		

strokes back from the league tournament winners Wednesday at Lakers.

The Bay City All Saints ran away with top honors by carding a lofty 154 total that included 2 players posting low scores of 36 on that day.

Hobbs completed his runner-up medalist round at 37, helping the Hawks to a 165 total. Rounding out the scoring was Mayville at 169, Lakers at 181, and Bad Axe with 193.

Chappel and Goslin tallied scores of 40 and 43, respectively, at the league meet for Cass City.

The Hawks will swing back into action Wednesday at Deckerville.



THE CASS CITY Red Hawk golf team will battle for the Thumb C West Division League crown. Team members are: front (l-r) Nick Chappel, Derek Bellew, Zack Glaspie, Matt Ender. Back (l-r) Joel Brinkman, Brent Goslin, Ryan Downing, Dave Hobbs, Coach Paul Chappel.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL			
Sept. 1	Harbor Beach	T	
3	Bad Axe	H	
8	Ublly	T	
10	USA	H	
15	Marlette	H	
17	Reese	T	
22	Deckerville	T	
24	BCAS	H	
29	Sandusky	H	
Oct. 1	Mayville	T	
6	Yale	H	
7	Caro-Frosh	T	
13	Brown City	T	
15	Lakers	T	
22	Bad Axe	T	
27	USA	T	
29	Reese	H	
Nov. 3	BCAS	T	
5	Mayville	H	
10	Caro JV/Var.	H	
12	Lakers	H	

Chip Shots

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES' LEAGUE
As of Aug. 25, 1998

Mary Rabideau	141.0
Nelle Maharg	135.0
Fran Bellew	129.0
Joan Montgomery	127.5
Toby Weaver	114.5
Kally Maharg	110.0
Ardis Haist	107.5
Bunny O'Berski	101.5

1st Flight - 18 Holes

2nd Flight - 18 Holes

Millie Nadison	149.5
Bonnie Miller	134.5
Linda Helwig	126.0
Lil Jaroch	118.0
Marie Scott	109.5
Barb Wilson	100.0
Dee Pickett	88.5
Candy Holdship	77.0

3rd Flight - 9 Holes

Eleanora Rees	125
Jane Hool	114
Arlene Regentin	98
Peg Veldman	86
Mary Lou Maurer	82
Joann Martin	78
Blanche Rumptz	77

4th Flight - 9 Holes

Pearl Parsell	102	W-Winner T-Tie
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WEDNESDAY 2-MAN GOLF LEAGUE
1998 Interdivision Match Results

Noreen Krug	96
Phyllis Ridge	89
Virginia Ruthko	57
Evelyn Coaster	38

Maharg/Pasieczny v. J. Hillaker/S. Murphy (W)
Zdrojewski/Wiseman (W) v. Wright/Prieskorn
Burns/Hutchinson v. McCallum/Randall (W)
Henn/Peters v. Schneberger/Kelley (W)
Williamson/Rieman (W) v. Hartel/Comment
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Kritzman/Burns v. Chappel/Pasant (T)
Bliss/Baker v. M. Murphy/Martin (W)
Wallace/Apley v. Becking/Bliss (W)
Stickle/Iwankovitsch (W) v. C. Hillaker/deBeaubien
Smith/Regnerus (W) v. Jones/Marshall
Miller/Greenlee (W) v. Doerr/Haire
Herron/Tuckey v. Smith/Biddingner (W)
Dillon/Retherford (W) v. LeValley/Morgan

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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

The Rev. Duane Plonta will begin holding regular services soon in a building he recently built on Farver Road. The new church will be called Farver Road Baptist Church.

Several residents have reported damage such as broken windows and scratched cars in recent weeks, and a number of Cadillac owners have contacted police regarding the theft of hood ornaments.

Some of the suggestions made at the "town hall" meeting held at the Detroit Edison building Tuesday night were: Build a primitive camping area near the woods in the recreational park. Build a park on 25 acres already owned by the village near the Cass River. Enlarge the walking trail by adding a loop so that walkers wouldn't have to return to the starting area by retracing their steps. Deb Otulakowski of Cass City was one of 165 persons from among 25,128 applicants to be awarded a license to hunt elk in the season that starts Wednesday. Her license calls for the shooting of an antlerless elk only.

The Knights of Columbus recently made a \$500 donation to the Cass City Schools for special education programs.

10 YEARS AGO

The community lost one of its strongest boosters and a retired prominent business leader Friday when Frederick Pinney, 83, died at

Midland Hospital Center in Midland. Pinney served with distinction for 57 years at the Pinney State Bank, now Chemical Bank Bay Area.

The Hills and Dales "Scrubs" softball team recently won a 3-day tournament and at the same time raised \$220 for Special Olympics.

A Colorado author, Fawcett Gold Medal novelist Jim Miller, has dedicated his latest book to late fellow author Lawrence Wright, who died Oct. 11, 1987, in Cass City after a lengthy bout with cancer. He was 44. Miller has 17 westerns in circulation.

Teacher contract negotiations are "progressing well" in the Kingston and Owen-Gage school districts, but the prospects are less optimistic in Cass City. Teachers have agreed to work Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 29 and 30, but work thereafter will be decided on a day-to-day basis. The teachers have requested (and received) strike authorization.

25 YEARS AGO

Tuscola County's long-awaited State Police post will finally become a reality about Nov. 1. It is presumed the site for the post will be in the building formerly occupied by the County Road Commission in Caro.

The Misses Karen O'Dell and Evelyn Merchant arrived home Aug. 20 after an absence of 8 weeks during which they traveled from Washington, D.C., to San Francisco and returned. They were part of a group of

37 functioning as a Teen-Mission National Parks Evangelistic team.

Lynn Rayl fell in love with Spain in an 8-week study tour and returned to Spain Sunday for a stint as an English instructor in a private school. She is obligated for at least 6 months in her new job.

The Huron County Sheriff's department is investigating a report of a Gagetown man who was reportedly held up and robbed in front of his home on Lincoln Street Saturday.

Cass Cityans should have no trouble buying gasoline over the long Labor Day weekend -- if they stay in the area. Many metropolitan stations might close in protest to government pricing actions affecting their profit margins.

35 YEARS AGO

Cass City's Bob Profit has one chance in 100 of driving one of Chrysler Corporation's new gas turbine cars this fall, when they are distributed on a selected basis.

James Wallace of Cass City has been named a district scout executive of the Paul Bunyan Council, Boy Scouts of America. He will be responsible for the administration of Chippewa District, which comprises all scouting units in the city of Midland and the southern part of Midland County. Wallace and his family will be moving to Midland.

Amasa Anthes Sr. of Gagetown was injured last week when he fell 16 feet from a tree while picking pears. He suffered a dislocation of his right collarbone and re-injury of a lumbar vertebra in the spine.

Miss Martha Knoblet, a member of Cass City's faculty for the past 17 years, was guest of honor Saturday at a tea in the home of Mrs. Delbert Profit. Having taught second grade here, Miss Knoblet will teach third grade in her new position in Bloomfield Village school.

The Bad Axe Little Theater group will open this fall with a comedy, "I Remember Mama." Ernie Schwaderer has the role of Papa and Vic Guernsey is also a member of the cast.

Fish ears

Although you can't see them, fish do have ears! Located and hidden at the back of the fish's head, 2 hair-lined sacs that contain fluids are thought to contain nerves that send signals to the fish's brain. Some fish also use a special fluid-filled tube called a lateral line as a built-in hearing aid. The lateral line runs from the head to their back fin and senses vibrations and movement similar to how the human ear works.

FOOTBALL - BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

BASKETBALL
Bad Axe at Cass City
Thursday, Sept. 3

FOOTBALL
Caro at Cass City
Friday, Sept. 4

BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD
(Home games in bold)

Sept. 1	Harbor Beach	Oct. 7	Caro-Frosh
3	Bad Axe	13	Brown City
8	Ubyly	15	Lakers
10	USA	22	Bad Axe
15	Marlette	27	USA
17	Reese	29	Reese
22	Deckerville	Nov. 3	BCAS
24	BCAS	5	Mayville
29	Sandusky	10	Caro JV/Var.
Oct. 1	Mayville	12	Lakers
6	Yale		



FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD
(Home games in bold type)
All games at 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 4	Caro
11	Lakers
18	Bad Axe
25	Reese
Oct. 2	USA
9	Byron
16	Mayville
23	BCAS
30	Marlette

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YOUNG IDEAS FARM BUREAU

The Young Ideas Farm Bureau group met at the home of Jim and Virginia Sweeney. After the meeting cards were played and Ray and Rita Depcinski won high prizes. Clarence and Pat Heleski won low prizes. The next meeting will be held at the home of Joe and Josephine Wolschlagler. The hostess served a lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pelton attended the wedding of Miss Jennifer Gamer and Edward Mongo at the Open Door Missionary Church at Sandusky Saturday afternoon. A reception followed at the Sanilac Center at Sandusky.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Mrs. Gerald Wills, Mrs. John O'Henley and Thelma Jackson visited Mary Louise Booms, Mabel Fisher, Gillis Brown, Lou Osentoski and Christine Conkey at the Huron County Health Center in Bad Axe Sunday.

Mrs. Elgin Wills, Ella Mac Becker, Clara Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ballagh and Thelma Jackson were among those who attended the funeral of Lorene Rienstra at the Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City Tuesday. A luncheon followed at the Fraser Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Elkland Cemetery, Cass City.

Al Novak, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western, Ray English, Ron Wolschlagler and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Saturday and Wednesday mornings.

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

Mrs. Gerald Wills, Reva Silver and Thelma Jackson were Sunday supper guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Ted Particka and Kim Willaby of Clinton Township and Greg LaMere of Ubyly were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka.

Sister Marie Decker of Adrian is spending a few days with Florence Watson.

Pat and Janet Garey of Pigeon, Dan and Mary Kay Ritter, Alex and Beth of Elkton and Jim A. and Kay

Sweeney enjoyed dinner at Ubyly Heights Country Club Sunday.

Gary Wills of Port Austin visited Mrs. Gerald Wills Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ross and Jim of Arcadia, Ruth Karg and Jaimie of Westland, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Schultz and daughters, Carol Corbishley and sons, and Bill Bredow attended the annual family get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Allen Farrelly attended the funeral of Ray Puvalowski at St. John's Catholic Church in Ubyly Friday morning.

Bob Cleland Sr. of Waterford and Bill Cleland of Walled Lake were Monday guests of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland was a Wednesday afternoon guest of Florence Watson.

Sixteen members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at Stafono's in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at the same place next week.

Allen Farrelly was a Saturday evening guest of Bobbi and Chuck Allen Sr.

Mrs. Alex Cleland was a Tuesday afternoon guest of Phyllis Pelton in Cass City. Edith Jackson, Reva Silver and Mrs. Gerald Wills were Saturday afternoon guests of Thelma Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Schultz of Canton and Ruth Karg and Jaimie of Westland spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt. Shannon, Sabrina and Samantha Shultz returned home with their parents after spending a week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt.

Allen Farrelly was a Sunday supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland was a Friday supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bailey, Cory and Caitlyn Rickett.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended a backyard barbecue and wedding reception for Jeff and Missy Guewa at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Guewa.

Mrs. Ken Osentoski was a Tuesday afternoon guest of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Allen Farrelly was a Tuesday evening guest of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bezemek and Marie in Ubyly.

Reporter's notebook

CMU intern says goodbye

By Leah Nixon
Staff Writer

School is just around the corner as summer winds to an end, and for many college students that means the car is already packed and the keys are hot in their hands as they count down the final days of summer before they return to school.

I must admit, I've been counting down days myself. Not because I want to get away from my mom, but because I am actually excited to go back to school.

A scary thought, I know, but I look at returning to school as a reunion of friends you haven't seen all summer and activities which stopped dead in their tracks the day I left Mount Pleasant.

Good of Central Michigan University. It will be nice to be back, for a month or 2 anyway until I am counting down the days before semester break and then summer.

I can't complain, though, because CMU is the reason I spent my summer in Cass City, a town I may have heard of somewhere in a random conversation once in my life before I came here.

My journalism advisor knew I was hot on the beat looking for an internship and suggested I apply to the Cass City Chronicle because it is a wonderful paper to gain writing experience with a knowledgeable editor.

So, here I am 6 months later with 3 months valuable journalistic experience under my belt. Not to mention knowledge of farming and farm animals. I am a born and raised city girl.

A TRUE CITY GIRL

Being a true city girl at heart was rather intimidating when Tom gave me my first big story to report on the outcome of planting season for farmers.

I thought to myself, the only vegetable I can identify in the field is corn and that is because it is an obvious choice. Other than that, I don't know the difference between a weed and a sugar beet plant.

That thought also came to mind when I was helping Mrs. Hitler weed her garden. I said, Oh God, I don't know the first thing about gardening. I hope there are even plants left after I plow through the garden digging up weeds left and right.

She made it easy on me, though. I only had to weed around the marigolds. Better for her, she might have been missing more than a few green beans, spinach and beet plants by the time I was done.

It gave my family a few

good laughs anyway when I told them about my adventures in farming and gardening.

My experiences over the summer helped me gain my confidence covering farm issues, but nothing could prepare me for the Tuscola County Fair.

Animals. Real, live, farm animals, and the Chronicle wants me to cover the small animal and livestock auctions. I'm going to stick out like a sore thumb because the closest I have come to a farm animal is in a book.

I finally just told myself, Leah, you're not a dumb gal, just look at it as a learning experience and have fun with it. My positive attitude in tow, I prepared to set off for the fair.

Five minutes before I walked out the door another thought screamed through my mind, they want me to do what? buy a pig? That's right. Clarke gave me all the information and a check and sent me on my merry way to buy a pig from the auction. I had never even been to a fair before.

I must say, it was fun. In fact, buying that pig was the highlight of my week. And boy, did my family ever think that was a hoot. Leah, who wouldn't go near a farm animal with a 10 foot pole, bought a pig for the Chronicle at the fair.

You got it, and I even had my picture taken with the pig. This adventure even prompted my grandfather to send me an article about pig farming.

You may be wondering why I refer to everything as an adventure. Well, that's exactly how I see my story assignments, as an adventure to learn about new people, places and events.

Curious by nature, I love jumping into new stories and assignments to see where I might go, whom I might meet or whom I might talk to.

ADVENTURES AND ATTITUDES

It was definitely an adventure coming to Cass City. I am originally from Saginaw and didn't know what to expect May 13, my first day on the job.

All I can say, now, is that working at the Chronicle has been one great adventure after another. My decision to accept this internship was the right choice.

I have learned valuable skills which were taught in journalism class and reinforced by my work on CMU's student paper, CM LIFE, but refined at the

Chronicle.

The people I have encountered have been nothing but nice and friendly, always offering a smile and a hello. A far cry from the many unfriendly faces of a city.

Making my stay in Cass City even more enjoyable were the Hitlers, who graciously gave me a place to live while I worked at the Chronicle.

In fact, if you were wondering why there was such a dry weather spell, it was because I didn't wash windows during the month of July. Every time I washed windows, 3 to be exact, in June there was a rain storm that very same evening or very next day.

You wouldn't have known I washed the windows after it rained if you hadn't seen me with your own 2 eyes, was the joke between Mrs. Hitler and me.

Having a positive attitude has also helped me along the way. I like to be positive because it makes life more enjoyable number one, but it also gives life a light-hearted spin.

It really came in handy, snapping me out of my depression when I left my friends and my apartment in Mount Pleasant at the end of the school year to spend the summer as an intern in Cass City.

I am thankful I was able to have a positive attitude about

28 attend McLarty reunion

The McLarty reunion was held Sunday, Aug. 23, at Wildwood Park, Bright's Grove, Ontario. Approximately 28 were present. Susan Trzasko presided over the gathering.

The oldest guests were Mildred Rossman, 86, of Owosso, and Ray Maedel, 72, Livonia. Taylor Nicole, 21 months, daughter of David and Susan Trzaski, North Street, was the youngest. Traveling the greatest distance were Carla Barber and children, Andrea, Ahron and Chris, of Jenison.

Verna McLarty, Bright's Grove, acted as auctioneer for the white elephant sale.

Officers for 1999 are: President Susan Trzaski, North Street; vice-president, Carol Fiedler, North Street; games, Andrea Barber, Jenison, and secretary, Deloris Willerton, Midland.

The next reunion will be held Aug. 22, 1999, in Canatara Park, Point Edward, Ontario.

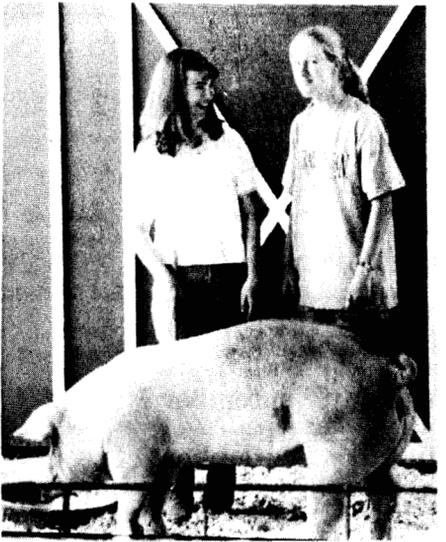
spending 3 months in a small town far from my shopping malls and fast food restaurants because if I didn't, I would have passed up the opportunity to know what a pleasant, friendly, welcoming town Cass City is.

So, when next year's intern asks me what I thought about my stay in Cass City, I can say you'll love it.

I can also say they always need extra guards at the pool, so if you have your lifeguarding certifications, you can also get some sun in your spare time by lifeguarding like I did.

Not only do you beef up your resume by the end of the summer, but you make contacts, make new friends and learn a lot about agriculture all while getting a tan on the side.

As I spend my last few days in Cass City, I just want to say thank-you to everyone. You've made my adventure here one I will never forget.



AMY VENEMA and I share a laugh at the Tuscola County Fair. I bought Venema's pig for the Chronicle while I was on assignment covering the small animal and livestock auctions.

Notice of Public Hearing on Increasing Property Taxes

The Township Board of the Township of Elkland will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of .0631 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 1998.

The hearing will be held on Monday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Elkland Township Hall, 6691 Church St., Cass City, Michigan.

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

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 2.71% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by 1.56% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

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

This notice is published by:
Elkland Township
6691 Church St.
Cass City, MI 48726
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Tuesday, Sept. 8, 1998
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Maynard Stine
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Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, September 2

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

Thursday, September 3

Friends of the Library meeting, 9:30 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Friday, September 4

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.
Every Friday, Bingo, Bad Axe/Port Austin VFW Post 116 at 3101 Rescue Rd., Bad Axe. Doors open 6 p.m., Early Birds, 7 p.m., regular Bingo 8 p.m.

Monday, September 7

Have a safe and happy Labor Day!

Tuesday, September 8

Rotary, 12 noon, Charmont.
Girl Scout registration, 7 p.m., Cass City Middle School, room 408.
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Letter to the editor

School contract fair?

Union member: every job important piece of puzzle

To the editor,

This letter is in regards to a union contract that was rejected by the bus drivers, cooks, and custodians of the Cass City Public School District. The meeting and vote was on Tuesday, Aug. 25, 1998, the contract was rejected by a 12 to 10 vote.

We wondered if anyone cared why we rejected the contract. Our union representative, Doug Fogelman, left after the vote was counted without one question as to reasons why members rejected the contract. Maybe we should be looking for a new representative.

Many things were asked for by each group yet very little was given. A wage increase is always expected and appreciated. The wage increases, by majority, were not the issue of rejection. Most felt that the increases in wages were satisfactory, averaging about 22 cents an hour in the first and second year and 25 cents an hour in the third year of the contract. Those members that did

have a problem with the wage increase, was with the fact that we were given the same percentage increase as the teachers of the district. Which sounds all well and good, except let's not forget that 2.6% raise on a teacher's salary is quite a sum more than on a bus driver, cook or custodian. To put this into a better perspective, after tax per week, the increase allows us to buy a gallon of milk, but the teachers would be able to fill an empty gas tank. (Of course this depends on the size gas tank.)

An item of the contract that needs much attention is the fact that the district wants to offer a credit toward paying health insurance on the average of \$110.00 a month. This is a credit toward paying for health insurance that runs approximately \$540.00 a month for a family of two. Many members are working just to pay for health insurance.

Also, this credit cannot be used in conjunction with another health insurance plan. For example, a union member's husband works elsewhere and pays for health insurance out of his check because it is a cheaper plan, but the Cass City employee is not entitled to apply the \$110.00 a month toward her husband's insurance plan. If this is a benefit that they are giving us, then give it to us.

For those who already have insurance, they should be able to receive benefit from this money also. One suggestion was to put the money into a 401K. That is about \$990 per school year that we should be able to receive and use as we see fit. If we all bought the insurance the money would be spent anyway.

The major problem with the contract is lack of job descriptions or a list of duties for each classification. The employees related to this contract are being given duties or are expected to do tasks that they either do NOT get paid for or due to their job title should NOT be expected to do.

In the Cass City Chronicle's, Aug. 26 article titled "School Board okays non-union pay hikes", it stated that Mr. Micklash was given a \$6500.00 payment for his services in the nego-

tiation process of the union contracts. Negotiating contracts are time consuming and the bonus was probably much deserved, however, the amount paid to Mr. Micklash is more than many of the employees related to this contract make all year. Since this money was in addition to his salary, why should we as employees be expected to do things on our own time and not be compensated?

For example: The bus drivers requested this contract be changed to compensate them for washing their buses and refueling their buses. Bus drivers are paid per run. A run should be considered from the time they leave the high school until they return which for most drivers is an average of 2 hours. They are expected to wash and refuel their buses when necessary, which is necessary many times per week.

It is impossible to do these things while driving the children on a run. Washing and refueling buses are time consuming jobs also, and as Mr. Micklash's compensation was deserved, so do the bus drivers deserve to be compensated for their time in taking care of the districts buses.

Now let's talk about not being appreciated. The teachers were invited to a welcome back breakfast Wednesday, Aug. 26. The bus drivers, cooks, and custodians were not invited to this welcome back breakfast. Of course the cooks cooked it and other than a few individual teachers, were not given a public thank you at the breakfast. While the teachers and administration ate together in the cafeteria, the cooks and custodians ate what was left over in the kitchen. Isn't this a form of discrimination?

Every job in this district is an important piece to a puzzle. The puzzle requires every piece so that the beauty of the picture can be seen. The edge pieces are the structure and foundation but they are meaningless without the inside pieces.

Sincerely,

A concerned parent, tax payer, and union member
Sheila Robinson

Area couple district dairy representatives

Keith and Jane Wood, Kingston, recently represented Michigan Milk Producers' Association District 9 in the annual Outstanding Young Dairy Cooperators (OYDC) Contest held Aug. 12-14.

The Woods, members of the Deford Local, were selected by fellow dairy producers earlier this year to participate in the annual conference.

The Woods milk 54 cows and farm 250 acres in Kingston. They have 3 children, Wendy, Will and Katie. Each year one couple or individual is selected from the 11 district winners to represent MMPA at various industry activities. James and Doreen Slavik, Ashley, were selected as the state winning 1998 OYDCs.

Selection of the OYDC is based on the applicant's farming operations, farm-related and community activities and demonstrated leadership abilities.

Legal Notices

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Robert Bank and Licia Bank, husband and wife, Mortgagees, to Mortgage Corporation of America, a Michigan corporation, Mortgage, dated December 30, 1997, and recorded January 13, 1998, in Liber 728, Pages 75-81, of Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice, the sum of Forty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Seven and 74/100 Dollars (\$47,927.74), including interest at 14.990% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction to the highest bidder, on October 9, 1998, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at the front entrance of the Court House in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Lot 32, of Haines Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats Pages 15 and 16, Tuscola County Records.

Commonly known as: 4829 Cottrell Rd., Vassar, MI 48768, Tax Item: 019-012-300 3200 00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 21, 1998

Mortgage Corporation of America, Mortgagee

Allen J. Dyer P54857
Attorney for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 24021
Detroit, MI 48224
(313) 886-5555

Post: 4829 Cottrell Rd.
Vassar, MI 48768

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

PURSUANT TO SECTION 1692 OF TITLE 15 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE, YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION THAT YOU PROVIDE MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Debra D. Pflizen and Beverly A. Pflizen, Mortgagees, to NationsCredit Home Equity Services Corporation, Mortgagee, on the 20th day of August, 1997, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, on the 5th day of September, 1997, in Liber 719, Pages 531-538, and:

WHEREAS, the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage as of the date of this Notice is the sum of \$91,219.80, principal, interest and insurance, and:

WHEREAS, no suit or proceeding at law or equity has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage or any part thereof, and default having been made whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 11th day of September, 1998, at 10:00 in the forenoon, local time, said Mortgage shall be foreclosed at a sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the front entrance of the Courthouse, Village of Caro, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, (that being one of the places of holding Circuit Court in said County), of the premises described in said Mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage with the interest thereon at the applicable note rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises described in said Mortgage is located in the Township of Millington, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan and legally described as:

The West 129 feet 7 inches of the South 258.44 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 33, Township 10 North, Range 8 East.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the period of redemption, pursuant to MCL 600.3240, shall be six (6) months from the time of the sale; unless said premises are abandoned, in which event the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days.

DATED: August 5, 1998

NATIONSCREDIT HOME EQUITY SERVICES CORPORATION
Mortgagee

MARTIN H. NEUMANN
Attorney for Mortgagee
6810 S. Cedar Street, Suite 16
Lansing, MI 48911
(517) 694-3300

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Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by ROBERT G. SCHIPINSKI and BARBARA E. SCHIPINSKI, HUSBAND & WIFE to AAA MORTGAGE & FINANCIAL CORPORATION, A MICHIGAN CORPORATION Mortgagee, dated October 14, 1996, and recorded on January 8, 1997, in Liber 703, on page 924, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to THE CIT GROUP, by assignment dated December 13, 1996, and recorded on July 30, 1997, in Liber 716, on page 1052, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date hereof the sum of one hundred seventeen thousand four hundred fifty nine and 74/100 Dollars (\$17,459.74), including interest at 15.600% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in

MORTGAGE SALE

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in Mortgages given by Richard L. Powell and Sharon K. Powell, husband and wife, to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture:

1) Mortgage dated and recorded on January 27, 1993, in Liber 636 on pages 847 to 850 of the Tuscola County Records;

2) Mortgage dated and recorded on April 26, 1978, in Liber 486 on pages 36 to 39 of the Tuscola County Records together with Extension Agreement dated and recorded on January 27, 1993, in Liber 636 on pages 851 and 852 of the Tuscola County Records;

3) Mortgage dated and recorded on October 18, 1982, in Liber 528 on pages 75 to 78 of the Tuscola County Records together with an Extension Agreement dated and recorded on January 27, 1993, in Liber 636 on pages 853 and 854 of the Tuscola County Records;

4) Mortgage dated September 27, 1985, and recorded on September 5, 1985, in Liber 553 on pages 198 to 201 of the Tuscola County Records together with an Extension Agreement dated and recorded on January 27, 1993, in Liber 636 on pages 855 and 856 of the Tuscola County Records;

5) Mortgage dated September 27, 1985, and recorded on October 7, 1985, in Liber 554 on pages 207 to 210 of the Tuscola County Records together with Extension Agreement dated and recorded on January 27, 1993, in Liber 636 on pages 857 and 858 of the Tuscola County Records;

6) Mortgage dated and recorded on January 27, 1993, in Liber 636 on pages 843 to 846 of the Tuscola County Records.

No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now One Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Three Hundred Ninety One and 66/100 (\$185,391.66) Dollars.

The Mortgages will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held September 25, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. local time, at the front entrance of the Court House in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, which is located at 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan, which is the location of the Tuscola County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the rate of 7.75% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Kingston Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, and is more specifically described in the Mortgages as:

Parcel 1: Commencing in the Southwest corner of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, Township 12 North, Range 11 East, thence North 297 feet, thence East 165 feet, thence South 297 feet, thence West 165 feet to point of beginning.

Parcel 2: The East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11, Township 12 North, Range 11 East.

Parcel 3: The West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4, Northwest 1/4 of Southeast 1/4, East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 Section 11, Township 12 North, Range 11 East, except commencing at the Northwest corner of the West 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of said Section 11, thence East 1287 feet; thence South 438 1/4 feet; thence West 1287 feet; thence North 438 1/4 feet to beginning.

The property will be sold subject to prior liens and interests, unpaid and/or delinquent real property taxes, easements and rights of way records.

The redemption period will expire one (1) year from the date of the sale.

For more information about the property you may contact the Farm Loan Manager listed below

Robert Catherwood
USDA - Farm Service Agency
1075 Cleaver Road
Caro, MI 48723
(517) 673-8173

Dated: August 19, 1998

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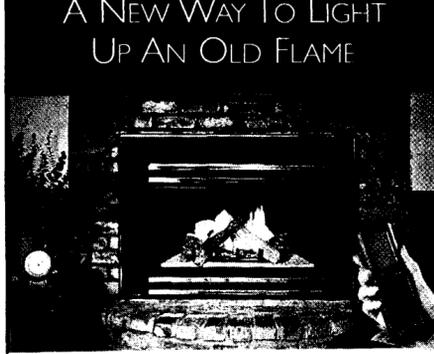
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Obituaries

Mary Jane Meininger

Mary Jane Meininger, 67, died Wednesday, Aug. 26, 1998, at the Covenant Medical Center-Cooper in Saginaw following a one-year illness.

She was born June 21, 1931, in Owendale, daughter of Nickolas and Alice (Kretschmer) Alexander.

She married Frank Meininger Oct. 22, 1952, in Owendale.

She was a member of the Owendale United Methodist Church and was active in their women's society.

Surviving are her husband, Frank of Sebawaing; one son, James Meininger, Owendale; 2 sisters, Nancy and her husband, Charles Grady, and Janet and her husband, Joe Todaro, all of

Bad Axe; 4 brothers, Willard and his wife, Joanne Alexander, Arkansas, Robert and his wife, Marvel Alexander, Ubyly, J.D. and his wife, Marti Alexander, Decker, and John (Jack) and his wife, Edna Alexander, Bay City, and 32 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Franklin Alexander, one sister, Shirley Alexander, and 3 nephews. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Owendale United Methodist Church. The Rev. Richard Kriesch officiated.

Cremation followed and inurnment was at the Grant Township Cemetery near Gageton.

Arrangements were made by the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home (a Golden Rule Funeral Home) in Sebawaing.

Charles Parker

Charles Ralph Parker, 71, of Shepherd, died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 1998, at the Central Michigan Community Hospital, Mt. Pleasant.

He was born Nov. 10, 1926, in Akron, son of James and Eunice (Freeman) Parker. He married Beverly Lootens July 18, 1953, in Cass City.

He was a farmer, a meat cutter, a factory worker and painted for Evans Products for 11 years.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly Parker of Shepherd; children, John Parker and David (Rachel) Parker, all of Mt. Pleasant, and Jean Parker of Shepherd; 6 grandchildren; a brother, Wayne (Donna) Parker of Cass City; a sister, Jeanette Schultz of Richmond, and many special nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 brothers, James and Norman; 2 sisters, Hortence Gaeth and Helen Turner, and an infant sister.

Funeral services were held Friday at Helms Funeral Home, Mt. Pleasant, with Pastor Richard Fulkerson officiating.

Interment was in Woodland Cemetery, Rosebush. Memorial contributions may be made to the family. Arrangements were made by the Helms Funeral Home, Mt. Pleasant.

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FOR SALE - Duomatic Olsen 124,000 BTU fuel oil furnace. 11 years old, excellent condition. \$400 OBO. Call 517-872-2474 after 6 p.m. 2-9-2-3

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FOR SALE - Brahma pickup cap, fits 1988 and up full size Chevy pickup, \$300. Call 872-2633. 2-9-2-3

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Household Sales
MULTI-FAMILY garage sale - Sept. 4-5-6, 9:00 till 6:00. 3 miles south of M-81 on M-53, books, clothes, and miscellaneous. 14-9-2-1

GARAGE SALE - Sept. 3-4. Small tools, lawn chairs, exercise bike, etc. 6632 Huron. 14-9-2-1

GARAGE SALE - Sept. 3 and 4, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. antiques and collectibles, old oil lamps, several Aladdins, Dazey churns, to include a 1-quart churn (rare), 2 portable sewing machines, one Singer in cherry cabinet with bench. Snow shoes, ladies' and men's clothing and household items too numerous to list. 6839 Herron Dr., Cass City. 14-9-2-1

FIRST TIME yard sale - 6394 River Rd., Sept. 3-4, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 5, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Baby items, hunting equipment, antiques. Weather permitting. 14-9-2-1

GARAGE SALES - 6851 Herron Dr., 6797 Houghton, Thursday and Friday, 8-5, Sept. 3 and 4. Hedge trimmers, welder, sand blaster, post hole digger, weed whacker, file cabinets, 3 drawer legel, winter suits size 3-4, 5-6, Jacobsons. 14-9-2-1

GARAGE SALE - Thursday and Friday, Sept. 3-4, 9:00-5:00. Everything goes. M-53 and Bay City-Forestville Rd. 14-9-2-1

GARAGE SALE - Friday, Sept. 4, and Saturday, Sept. 5, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Recliner, computer desk, household items, dolls, other miscellaneous items, 9 miles north of Cass City at 3575 Elkton Rd. 14-9-2-1

GARAGE SALE - Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Thursday and Friday 9-6, Saturday, 8-4. Lots of material. Stella Leyva, 4770 Gifford St., Gageton. 14-9-2-1

GARAGE SALE - 6634 Gage St., Gageton (Val Downing). Dolls, doll clothes, lamps, dishes, pictures, curtains, few antiques - many good items. Thursday, Sept. 3, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, 9 a.m.-noon. 14-9-2-1

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Household Sales

GARAGE SALE - Saturday only, Sept. 5. Lots of toys and baby clothes, other miscellaneous items. 4211 Doerr Rd. 14-9-2-1

GARAGE SALE - Friday, 2 p.m.-6. Saturday 9 a.m.-6. S-10 seat cover, S-10 bed trap, girls' clothes, toys, books, many other things. 5 1/2 miles west of Cass City, 3770 Cass City Rd. 14-9-2-1

GARAGE SALE - Thursday only, Sept. 3. Everything must go. Clothing, hunting and fishing equipment, horse supplies, tools, more. 6313 Kelly Rd. 2 south and 1/3 mile west of Cass City. Everything free after 5 p.m. 14-9-2-1

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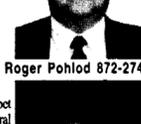
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Trio charged in dozens of break-ins

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at any one crime scene," he added. Huron County investigators subsequently met with other police agencies in the affected counties in an effort to coordinate their efforts. Gaertner offered to undertake the prosecution so that all or as many victims as possible could be addressed in a single prosecution.

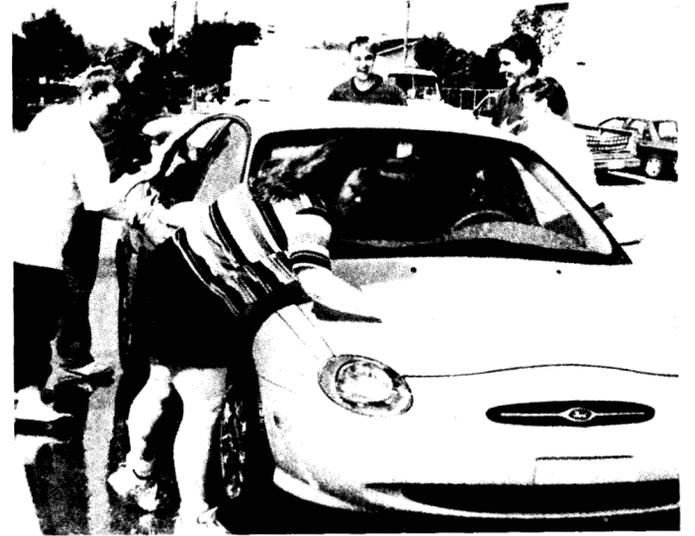
As the investigation intensified, one of the suspects, Champagne, was jailed March 12 on an unrelated charge. Soon thereafter, Gaertner said he was able to charge Kowalski with a breaking and entering that occurred almost 2 years ago. Kowalski was jailed April 9. "At this point both of the main suspects were in jail and out of circulation, thus allowing investigators to further develop the racketeering case," said Gaertner, who stressed this was a crucial key in the case. "We had to be sure the crimes were no longer being committed." Gaertner said attempts to conclude the investigation were stalled on a number of occasions as new information was developed and investigated.

"We have not developed sufficient evidence to charge on every burglary that may appear to be linked to these suspects," he explained. "We have only charged on those burglaries, and there are many, that we felt we can prove in court."

"We have worked on this case morning, noon and night. This was and will continue to be difficult case with a lot of work ahead for all of us in law enforcement. "We have tried to the best of our ability to address each

and every victim that was harmed during this episode," Gaertner continued. "Every institution we hold dear to our hearts in our, and enjoying communities, was violated by this organized, continuing, criminal enterprise. Churches, schools, cooperative elevators, businesses, veteran meeting halls, were all touched by this."

Gaertner said his office was assisted by detectives from the Huron County Sheriff's Department and the Michigan State Police posts in Bad Axe and Caro.



EMPLOYEES AT the Cass City McDonald's held a car wash last Wednesday to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The crew washed a total of 17 cars, raising \$71.

Cancer support group to meet

Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, is offering a Breast Cancer Support Group that will begin Sept. 17. The group will meet for 6 weeks on Thursdays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Huron Memorial Hospital.

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Colony House sold

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Osentoski. Although the effort failed, Osentoski said, the decision by Signature Bank officials to purchase the Colony House is good news. "In the ideal world, we would have had a meeting facility. These meetings are still going to take place, but it (Colony House) will be hard to replace," he said. "On the other end of it, it's nice to see a business buy it and put it into productive use, rather than let it sit vacant."

Indian Heritage Day Sept. 12

The Deckerville Historical Museum will present the 11th annual "Indian Heritage Day," Saturday, Sept. 12, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The museum will feature many displays of Native American items and there will also be guests of Indian descent who will speak and show artifacts. Talks will be given both morning and afternoon for the public.

The first talk is on "Indian Dave", the famous Chippewa Indian who was widely known throughout the Thumb area. This will be given at 10:30 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m.

"The Three Tribes of Michigan" will be given at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

"Indian Artifacts" will be given at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

There will be Indian crafts for children all day and at 1 p.m. prizes will be given to the children who come in the best Indian costume. There will also be a piñata contest. A potluck luncheon will be held at noon. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to pass.

Special music written about "Indian Dave" will be presented.

Pop and popcorn will be sold by the Minden City Boy Scouts all day.

Face painting will be done by Erin Tighe-Munoz. A \$2 fee will be charged.

The museum is located at 4028 Ruth Rd., just one mile north of the stoplight in Deckerville.

The show will be held rain or shine. Cost is adults, \$3, and children, \$2 for all day.



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Program matches hay, farmers

Huron County FSA officials have announced a new effort to match farmers suffering from hay shortages with producers having hay surpluses.

Hay Net is a national clearinghouse for producers with shortages or surpluses of hay. Farmers are encouraged to sign up and register their hay situation at the Huron County Farm Service Agency. FSA will use its

national computer network to share the information.

Producers in need of hay will be provided with lists of the closest producers with hay to spare and vice versa, allowing them to contact each other and make other arrangements.

Hay Net will remain in operation for 6 months. Further information on Hay Net is available at the Huron County FSA Office.

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