



CASS CITY native Jeff Bader has returned home to serve as campus life director for a new Bluewater Thumb Youth For Christ region targeting the Cass City and Kingston communities. Above, Bader (seated) discusses plans for the new outreach with YFC Executive Director Rick Coleman.

Bader back home to head new campus life outreach

As a Junior Citizen of the Year candidate 8 years ago, then-Cass City High School senior Jeff Bader was asked by committee members what the community could do to enhance the lives of local high school students.

He didn't have an answer. But Bader, who went on to be named Cass City's Junior Citizen of the Year in 1990, has an answer now.

Programs geared towards youths seem to focus primarily on high school-age youths, he observed. "What we really need to be targeting is junior high, before they start getting into things. And now I'm back to do that."

Bader recently returned home to Cass City to accept the job of campus life director for a newly-created Bluewater Thumb Youth For

Christ region covering the Cass City and Kingston areas.

"In the high schools we're going to serve Cass City and Kingston and maybe Deford Academy," said Bluewater Thumb YFC Executive Director Rick Coleman. He explained the campus life program will involve organizing a breakfast club, Bible study or some other form of weekly gathering for area youths. Special events — concerts, rallies, etc. — are also an integral part of the outreach.

Bluewater Thumb YFC already has active campus life programs in Bad Axe-North Huron, Harbor Beach-Port Hope, Akron-Fairgrove-Sebewaing-Reese, Millington-Vassar-Mayville, Caro and Sandusky-Cros-

Lex-Marlette.

The goal, Coleman said, "is to reach young people and help change their priorities for God instead of the world. YFC offers an alternative (to alcohol and sexual promiscuity). Young people can make a stand against those things."

"Kids are into more things than they ever were before, and society isn't lending itself to Christian activities," Bader agreed. "We want to show kids there's something better."

Among the goals of campus life is to encourage youths to become active in church. But the approach is strictly non-denominational.

"We want to plug these kids into their own churches if they prefer," Coleman said.

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Police cite 18 in county booze sale sting Friday

Michigan State Police troopers and officers from the Thumb Narcotics Unit arrested 18 people Friday night in a sting operation in Tuscola County targeting alcohol sales to youths under the age of 21.

First Lt. Doug Lautner, commander of the state police post in Caro, said the operation was conducted in 46 establishments throughout the county, with the decoys able to purchase alcohol 18 times.

The sting operation began at 6 p.m. and continued through 1 a.m. Saturday, with 3 teams each composed of 2 officers and one decoy stopping at various businesses in the county.

"Troopers utilized a group of 19-year-old college students to act as undercover agents in an attempt to purchase alcohol in bars and party stores in Tuscola County," Lautner explained.

"The undercover agents simply went into the stores and bars and tried to purchase beer and wine. They did not beg anyone or put on any disguises in an attempt to trick the merchants into selling to them," he said. "None of the teens wore beards, mustaches or any-

thing to make them look older. They were just an average looking group of kids that came forward to help the police."

The names of the establishments visited by the decoys were not released pending formal arraignments of the individuals who were cited, but Lautner said 2 out of 7 businesses visited in Cass City sold alcohol to decoys. Individuals who were cited

Friday face a maximum penalty of a \$1,000 fine and up to 60 days in jail if convicted. They could also be ordered to complete community service.

Lautner called the results of the sting "disappointing" in light of the fact that training was recently offered to establishments Aug. 24 to help merchants deal with the ongoing problem of underage alcohol sales.

"The Caro post sponsored a training program along with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission and the Tuscola County Prosecutor that addressed the issues of checking ID and how to handle youths attempting to buy alcoholic beverages," Lautner said.

"Many merchants and their employees don't know that it's a violation of the law for underage persons to attempt

to purchase alcohol. Unfortunately, only 27 of the 100 licensed establishments in our county were represented at this seminar. We found during our operation that only 3 establishments that had employees attend the training sold to our decoy."

Based on the results of this operation, Lautner concluded, more undercover activities will be planned for the future.

Face up to 20 years

2 of 3 break-in suspects plead

Two of the 3 suspects charged in connection with a spree of break-ins targeting schools, businesses and churches in 11 counties last year have entered pleas of guilty in Huron County Circuit Court.

John V. Champagne, 25, Kinde, pleaded guilty Monday to conducting a criminal enterprise, the original charge against him. Likewise, Donald J. Kowalski Jr., 22, Bad Axe, pleaded guilty Friday to an original charge of conducting a criminal enterprise.

Huron County Prosecutor Mark J. Gaertner said both men face a maximum penalty of up to 20 years in prison or a \$100,000 fine or both.

"In addition, the court may order (them) to pay court costs and all costs related to the investigation and prosecution of the offense," he explained. "Additionally, the court shall order the forfeiture of any property that was used for, or derived from, the enterprise."

Gaertner said Kowalski also pled guilty to second degree

home invasion stemming from a July 9, 1996, incident in the Bad Axe area, however, prosecutors will not pursue a safe breaking charge resulting from that incident.

Gaertner said Kowalski, by pleading guilty, is also in violation of his probation stemming from a 1993 breaking and entering charge in Huron County.

Kowalski, who has been lodged in the Huron County Jail since April 9 on the home invasion charge, is scheduled to be sentenced this week in

St. Clair County for various breaking and entering charges.

Champagne, meanwhile, has been lodged in the county jail since March 12 for illegal possession of a financial transaction device. Gaertner said that charge will be dismissed upon Champagne's sentence on the more serious offense of conducting a criminal enterprise.

"Both defendants will be sentenced later this month

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Business growing

Quality key at Polega's Produce

Customers of Polega's Produce may not know it, but cantaloupes with the thickest netting are the sweetest, and the right seed along with a secret nutritional recipe results in tomatoes with a longer shelf life.

They probably don't know Harold Polega inspects every vegetable and piece of fruit before it goes on his shelves.

But that's okay. What's important is that customers know Harold and his wife, Joyce, offer the freshest, tastiest produce around, not to mention plenty of friendly conversation and, for the lost traveler, directions to the nearby Sanilac Petroglyphs or other destinations in the area.

It's been that way for 25 years at the couple's recently-expanded business, located about 300 feet east of M-53 on Bay City-Forestville Road.

Of course, some things have changed over the years, according to the Polegas, both Thumb natives who earlier this year moved their business into a new 24-foot by 37-foot building equipped with air conditioning.

"We started with sweet corn and a piece of plywood across a couple of sawhorses," Joyce recently recalled. Later she said, they added tomatoes, then cucumbers. "People ask you and you try to find what they want."

"It was self-serve when we weren't available," Harold added.

The idea of the honor sys-

tem — leaving a money jar out on the table along with the day's produce — really appealed to some customers, Joyce said. "People from out of the area would write and say, 'it's good to see people with trust.'"

In time, the plywood and sawhorses were replaced by a trailer Harold purchased from the fairgrounds in Bad Axe.

The couple also continued adding to their inventory; peppers, zucchini, cabbage, onions and potatoes along with apples and other fruits.

FAMILY AFFAIR

The business became a family affair as the couple's children — Pam, 30, Susan, 27, Jim, 25, Mary 23, Dawn, 17 and Amy, 15 — grew up.

"The kids come here and help. That's kind of neat," said Joyce, who explained the children earned spending money by helping out. "The older ones did a lot of hoeing and weed pulling."

There was less hoeing to do as the couple shifted their own production from the more labor intensive vegetables, such as corn, to vine crops, and began using plastic to reduce weed problems. But the kids have continued to contribute. Amy, for example, has been busy manning the produce stand on days this summer.

In recent years, Harold has spent more time growing pumpkins, squash, gourds as

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CUSTOMERS STOP to visit Harold and Joyce Polega (above) not only for the freshest produce around, but also for friendly conversation and directions.

Drinking party ends in damage at park, pool

An apparent drinking party on the sledding hill in Cass City Recreational Park led to an estimated \$1,350 in damage to the park and Helen Stevens Memorial Pool early Monday morning.

Cass City police, who have 4 suspects in the incident, are continuing their investigation.

According to reports, village police responded to a complaint of disorderly subjects at the park at 12:30 a.m. Officers arrived to find the suspects had fled. However, 2 vehicles were subsequently located near the volleyball courts, and officers watched 3 to 6 subjects running east into the woods.

One officer got out of the patrol car to wait at the scene, while the other officer patrolled the area.

A short time later, some of the suspects came out of the woods and entered one of the vehicles, but they fled when they spotted a police officer approaching. The officer apprehended one of the suspects, who stated he had heard there was going to be a party in Cass City, and there were several people on the hill, drinking. He also stated he saw someone throw some picnic tables into the pool.

A trooper from the Michigan State Police post in Sandusky, who assisted at the scene, suggested that both vehicles be impounded pending identification of the owners. A subsequent search turned up some marijuana seeds in 2 containers in the trunk of one of the vehicles, reports state.

During the search, the car's

owner emerged from the woods and was apprehended.

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Family Day set at barn

Area residents are invited to take a step back in time at the Octagon Barn near Gagetown this weekend.

The third annual Fall Family Day is slated to get underway Saturday at 9 a.m.

The day-long event features a host of activities and displays reminiscent of the early 1900s at the former James and Cora Purdy homestead on Ritchie Road.

Some of the featured activities will include displays of antique farm equipment, demonstrations of horse shoeing, rope making, a shingle mill, plowing, corn shelling, a buzz saw and quilting.

There will also be a variety of foods — bean soup, hog kettle popcorn, apple cider and homemade ice cream — a community bake sale, old-time music, special activities for the kids, and antique and craft sales.

Organizers will be asking for a gate donation of \$1.50 for those 16 years of age and older. Children under 16 will be admitted free but must be accompanied by an adult.

Additional information is available by contacting Bob Hirn, Fall Family Day chairman, at 872-3761.



Angela and David McArthur

Meredith and McArthur wed

Angela Ann Meredith and David Lee McArthur were joined in marriage Saturday, June 20, 1998.

Parents of the bride are Jerry and Penny Meredith of Snover. Parents of the groom are Robert and Joyce McArthur of Cass City.

Kathy Meredith, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Tracy Fisher, also sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Lindi Parrott was the bridesmaid.

Doug McArthur, brother of the groom, was best man. David Fisher and Rick Parrott were groomsmen.

The flower girl was Mikayla Fisher, niece of the bride, and the ring bearer was Tony McArthur, nephew of the groom.

Jaime Johnson served as hostess, and Ben Adams and Steve Kline were the ushers. The couple honeymooned in the Upper Peninsula and now reside in Cass City.

It's a girl!

Born to Craig S. and Janet E. (Koch) Tuin, a daughter, Hope Gabrielle Tuin, Wednesday, Aug. 12, 1998, at Centennial Medical Center Woman's Hospital, Nashville, Tenn. She weighed 8 pounds, one ounce.

Hope joins a sister, Arianna Grace.

Grandparents are Harold and Hilda Koch of Gagetown, and Art and Janet Tuin of Greenville.

Great-grandmothers are Nora Meyer of Frankenmuth and Louise Selbee of St. Augustine, Fla.

WCTU planning convention

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold its 124th annual state convention Tuesday, Sept. 15, through Thursday, Sept. 17, at the Bay Shore Camp, Sebawaing.

Theme will be "Share the Glow", II Cor. 4:16, "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

The WCTU still stands for God, home, and every land; purity, and home protection.

For details call: Mrs. Marie Kiehl, (517) 269-8046, or (517) 872-4075, Mrs. Ruth Dorman.



Meg's Peg

Getting there

by Melva E. Guinther

Some time ago we offered a quiz on "Places In Song." This time the category is songs, or words from songs, about how to get to those places. See if you can fill in the blanks. (The answer is usually more than one word.)

1. Pardon me, boys, is that the _____?
2. Come away with me, Lucille, in _____.
3. Get your kicks on _____.
4. I'd love to get you on a _____ to China.
5. _____, clippety cloppin' over hill and plain.
6. Leavin' on a _____.
7. Clang, clang, clang, went in _____.
8. You'll look sweet upon the seat of _____.
9. Dashing through the snow in _____ in the sunset.
11. I'm back in the _____ again.
12. _____ down the river.
13. Come _____ with me.
14. She'll be drivin' _____ when she comes.
15. _____ with a fringe on the top.
16. Put on your old gray bonnet...and we'll hitch _____.
17. I'll _____ Alone
18. _____, _____, _____ your _____.
19. These boots were made for _____.
20. I'll be down to get you in a _____, Honey.

Here's another question for you. Who, what or where is Taras Bulba?

The subject has come up a couple of times in crossword puzzle clues. The latest was

in a particularly difficult, for me, N.Y. Times puzzle. The clue was "Taras Bulba, notably."

The cross-words that would have helped were mostly names of people and places I didn't know. (I hate it when they do that.)

Finding out what it means has become somewhat of an obsession. Taras Bulba couldn't be found in any of my reference sources.

A friend who has access to a computer information service discovered that it's a popular subject, based on the number of times the phrase was mentioned in print, but alas, the best she could offer was that it apparently is a musical work and a movie.

Quizzing many of my intelligent friends and discovering that they didn't know either only made the challenge greater.

So if any of our well-versed readers can enlighten me, the answer will be recorded in the crossword puzzle dictionary along with other important information such as:

dhotti = Hindu loincloth and oubliette = dungeon.

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2-Taxi

3-Your Boat, 19-Walkin', 20-

Walk, 18-Kow, Kow, Kow

Old Dobbin to the Shay, 17-

White Horses, 15-Shorey, 16-

Cruising, 13-Fly, 14-Six

10-Red Sails, 11-Saddle, 12-

A One-Horse Open Sleigh,

8-Bicycle Built For Two, 9-

Let Plane, 7-The Trolley, 6-

Slow Boat, 5-Mule Train, 4-

Oldsmobile, 3-Route 66, 2-

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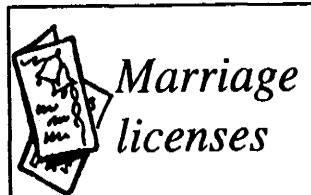
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Cub Scout registration

The Cass City Cub Scouts are starting up for the fall, and area youngsters are invited to join in on the fun.

The scouts will be having registration Thursday in the Cass City Middle School Cafeteria. First grade (Tiger Cubs) will have registration at 6:30 p.m. and second through fifth grade registration will be at 7 p.m.

If you have any questions, call Deb Ross, 872-2318, or Lora Kulinski, 872-4714.



Rodney Todd Bell and Tamera Kaye Wagner, both of Caro.

Norbert Gerald Reehl, Gagetown, and Elizabeth Kay Acker, Cass City.

Michael Kenneth Culbert, Caro, and Barbara Marie Burgdorf, Frankenmuth.

Klaus Walter Rittig and Betty Jo Kolling, both of Deford.

Micheal Edward Albin, Caro, and Candace Lyn Glaza, Kingston.

David William DeLeary and Alice Marie Heronemus, both of Cass City.

William Andrew Marshall and Deanna Marie Higley, both of Reese.

James Alfred Kennard and Cynthia Michelle Main, both of Caro.

Shawn William Macklin, Marlette, and Lisa Joy Morningstar, Kingston.

Todd Alan Nusz and Andria Belle TerBush, both of Caro.

Eric LaRay Albrecht and Angela Jane Stewart, both of Caro.



Melissa and Andrew Fribley

Flemington and Fribley married

Melissa Marie Flemington and Andrew Michael Fribley were married Aug. 29 at 4 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant.

The Rev. Steve Shugert officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Jerry Howard of Cass City.

The groom's parents are Jerome and Barb Fribley of Mt. Pleasant.

Maid of honor was Lauri Kingsbury of Mt. Pleasant.

Bridesmaids were Erica Schneider, Jennifer Campbell and Carol Hartupee, all of Mt. Pleasant.

Groomsmen were Aric Prudden of Lansing, Ben Cohen of Kalamazoo, and Ed Black of Cookeville, Tenn.

The couple honeymooned in New Orleans.

They are living in Whitmore Lake.

The bride wore an off the shoulder white gown with pearls and a train with streamers down the back.

The bridesmaids wore sleeveless navy blue, floor length, gowns with streamers.

The church was decorated with white, cream and pink roses and Stephanotis.

A reception was held for 200 people at the Comfort Inn in Mt. Pleasant immediately following the ceremony.

The groom is a microbiologist and the bride is a nurse.

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Childbirth classes set at Huron Memorial

Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, will offer a 6-week series of childbirth classes.

The classes will be held Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m., beginning Sept. 10. They are for any expectant mother who is due before December 1998 and wants to learn more about nutrition, exercise, the labor process, relaxation techniques, pain

management and more.

The class is taught by Deborah Ogleski, R.N., and cost is \$25.

For more information or to register, call Huron Memorial Hospital Community Relations Department at 517-269-9521.

Cass City Social Items

Stan and Melva Guinther spent from Wednesday until Sunday with their daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Andy Welter, in West Carrollton, Ohio.

Sr. Citizens' Menu

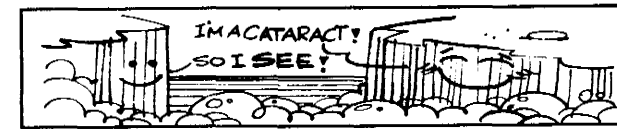
Senior Citizens are asked to make reservations before 9:00 a.m., on the day of the meal, by calling Clara Gaffney, 872-2875.

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Monday - Pork chops, mashed potatoes, marinated cukes/tomatoes, biscuit, peach cobbler.

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Friday - Buffet ham, baked beans, broccoli/cukes/sour cream, hot roll, lemon pie squares.



Some waterfalls—those in which the volume of water is small—are called *cascades*. If the volume of water is large, the fall is called a *cataract*. Niagara Falls is a *cataract*.

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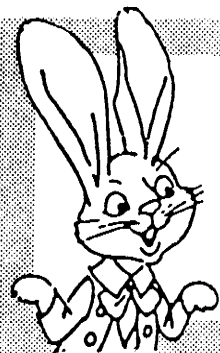
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

The great thing about the raffle, sponsored by supporters of the Octagon Barn, Gagetown, is that there is no cost to the committee for the prizes to be given away in a drawing Saturday, Sept. 12, during Fall Family Day at the Barn.



That's because the prizes were donated. The first prize, a hand-made doll, was donated by Marsha Copeland, and the second prize, a Princess Beanie Baby, donated by the Ben Franklin Store, Cass City. Tickets are available from any Octagon Barn supporter member.

Jean Maitrott, Cass City, takes the lead in the old Chronicles hanging around the house non-prize contest. She brought in an Aug. 15, 1915, issue that was mailed to John H. Chapman, route 3, Cass City.

An interesting article in the issue listed a herd of 33 sheep and 26 hogs purchased for show purposes from top producers in several neighboring states.

The owner was Harry T. Crandell, Cass City, and the animals were purchased at premium prices and worth close to \$4,500. They were to be exhibited at 7 state and national exhibitions. The herd included "Schoolmaster", the highest priced Chester White boar in America. It cost \$800.

Joel Gougeon, 34th district state senator, Republican, Bay City, was in town last week to visit constituents, and renew acquaintances at the Chronicle.

Gougeon will be involved in what may be a tight race for reelection.

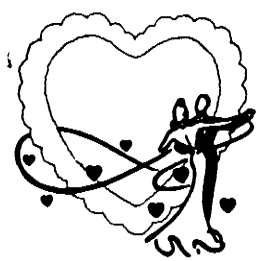
Former state representative, Tom Alley, Democrat, West Branch, and a proven vote-getter, is his November opponent.

For the tried and true sports nut for whom the deluge of sports stories in local and state media isn't enough, another avenue is open.

Every Friday night on 22 radio stations across the state from 9:30 p.m. to midnight, a Great Lakes Prep Roundup is offered.

It carries football scores and game reports in addition to feature interviews with high school sports personalities.

Stations closest to the area with the program are WFDF 910 AM, Flint, and WKNX 1210, Frankenmuth.



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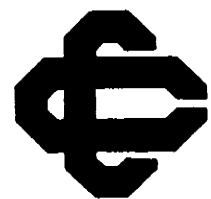
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from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

New School Year Begins

The 1998-99 school year has gotten off to a wonderful beginning for our students. I want to thank ALL of our staff for their dedicated efforts which made this possible. Without all of these dedicated people, our schools and facilities could not function.

Our children are the most important commodity of our community. They are our future. All staff members, of our outstanding school district, want to work in cooperation with parents and guardians to assure that each child is provided the very best educational opportunities possible within our means. All of our employees, in every job classification, care about our children and continue to strive for excellence in all that we do.

We hope this year proves to be the best year ever for all of the students we are here to serve. Questions can be sent to me at 4868 N. Seeger Street, Cass City, Michigan 48726. Thank you.

Bitter feelings remain

Michigan Sugar crews back to work Friday

Michigan Sugar Company workers returned to work Friday morning, a day after ratifying a new, 3-year labor agreement.

An estimated 250 workers had been locked out of the company's plants in Caro, Carrollton, Croswell and Sebawaing since Aug. 10. Michigan Sugar officials, fearing a strike, initiated the lockout 3 days after workers rejected the company's settlement offer.

"We're back to work and we're glad of it, and we've got a lot of work to do," Dean Hutchinson, president of Local 260, American Federation of Grain Millers, commented Friday.

"I'm not telling you everything (in the package) is great, but we were so close, there was no reason for us not to ratify or the company to change their policy."

Hutchinson indicated language issues, not money proved to be the biggest sticking point during bargaining, although he declined to be specific.

He also declined to be specific regarding the union's vote to ratify the new contract. "It wasn't overwhelming," he said. "We were surprised that it was as close as it was."

"There are a lot of bitter feelings."

Although the factory gates were unlocked and employee health care benefits reinstated retroactive to Sept. 1, workers lost an average of \$2,000 or more in pay due to the lockout.

Mitch Reno, Michigan Sugar communications manager, said the new labor agreement includes economic enhancements to the workers' previously expired contract, including improvements in wages, pension, 401K contributions, as well as insured benefits.

Two important new features of the agreement, company officials said, are an apprenticeship program and a drug testing policy.

"Drug testing is a critical

Food supplies

The outlook for world food supplies has improved further. Latest reports indicate a significant recovery in global cereal output in 1996 and in the expected level of carryover stocks, which will still remain below minimum safe levels, according to the United Nations.

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health and safety issue in today's work place," said Cheryl Haack, director of human resources.

"The drug testing program at Michigan Sugar Company provides an 'employee assistance program' for employees who request help in overcoming alcohol or drug problems," she explained. "Our goal was to develop a program that addresses alcohol and drug abuse fairly while meeting the needs of the company."

"We are excited about the new apprenticeship program we were able to negotiate," Haack continued. "This new program benefits the company and the employees by continually developing a talented and skilled workforce. Apprenticeship programs are 'win-win' for the company and the employees."

From the beginning of negotiations, Haack said, the apprenticeship program was an important feature of a new contract to both union and company bargaining teams. The apprenticeships are in technical fields and will be

offered at each of the 4 factory locations.

In the meantime, workers arrived to work Friday with a big task ahead.

"Readying our factories for the upcoming arrival of over 2 million tons of sugarbeets will continue to be our focus as workers return," said Mark Flegenheimer, vice president and chief operations officer for Michigan Sugar. "Processing these beets with our talented and skilled workforce will ensure a smooth harvest and processing campaign."

Despite the economic impact of the lockout on employees, Hutchinson said the union was able to maintain what it considered important benefits in the contract.

"It (also) united the people a lot closer. We feel the union is a lot tighter than it was."

"We've got a lot to try to catch up on and it's very important that we have a good campaign," Hutchinson concluded. "I hope we can make a good campaign out of it. We'll try."

The Haire Net



On weeks like this it's common for writers to bail out of their commitments by turning the space over to a guest columnist or a reprint with credit of another columnist's efforts.

Now it doesn't take long to write a column when a topic presents itself that has a general community interest.

When you are out of the main stream of events, as I have been for about 3 weeks, topics of community interest dry up like rain drops in the desert. They just disappear.

Most times at this juncture a column about the end of the official summer tourist scene as seen from the cottage in Boyne City was available for a few hundred words.

There will be no comment about the summer tourist season this year except to say that it still provides the largest single economic boon to the state of any season.

However, you may be surprised to learn which of the 4 seasons, spring, winter, summer or fall, is in second place in making the Michigan cash registers ring.

No, it's not the ski season (winter) or the glorious spring season with its fishing and mushroom picking. It's the fall season.

Judging by my experience in past years, if you plan a color tour on the weekend in northern Michigan, room reservations are vital or you may end up sleeping in the car.

Last year we tried to get a Saturday room in Mt. Pleasant, Cadillac and Traverse City and ended up having to go to the cottage in Boyne City to find a place to stay.

There's no reason to believe that this fall will be different. In fact, if predictions by the Auto Club prove accurate, the congestion will be even worse.

That's because most areas of the state have reported extremely strong spring and summer seasons and the fall season is expected to follow the trend.

Visitors spend a lot of cash in those 3-day or shorter color tours, estimated at about \$500 per person. That translates into some \$2.7 billion in the season from mid-September to late October.

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The back forty

by Roger Pond

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It happens every fall, like the song of the crickets and the geese flying north: My wife looks at her flower beds and exclaims, "The gophers are back! Why don't you do something about them?"

"I am doing something," I tell her. "I'm ignoring them." I've tried everything else. Traps, water, guns, voodoo. I even held a contest asking readers to submit their best ideas for controlling gophers.

Folks suggested pouring water down their burrows, siccing the dog on them, creating vibrations with whirly gigs. One person described a sport called "gopher spinning."

My wife chewed up some gum and put that in the burrows, on the theory that gophers like to chew gum and will eat it until their bowels clog-up.

"Why chew gum before stuffing it in the burrows?" I asked. "Let the gophers chew their own gum."

Then, I received a newspaper clipping from a reader in Alaska. The clipping describes a Colorado man who specializes in prairie dog control.

This fellow bought an old truck that had been used for pumping sewage lines around Denver. Then, he converted it into a prairie dog extractor.

Now, he drives up to a prairie dog town, inserts the truck's hose into a burrow, and fills his tank with rodents. This man sells prairie dogs to pet stores in Japan.

What does this have to do with gophers? I'm not sure, but anyone with a huge vacuum cleaner and a market for miniature prairie dogs should call me right away.

After years of frustration I think I've solved my wife's gopher problem. I have concluded her gophers are probably moles.

I should have known, but these moles don't act like the

moles I used to know. These critters raise the ground up in spots, but much of their burrow is deeper underground.

The experts claim you can eliminate insects in your lawn and the moles will go away, but I'm not so sure. Ours go away every fall and come back the next year.

A man I saw on television had a more violent solution. When the TV crew approached, this fellow was sitting in his pasture, watching an active mole hill.

His elbows are braced

against his knees, and a nickel-plated .38 rests securely between his hands. "When you see the dirt move, you have to shoot straight down the hole. Otherwise, you'll miss 'em," he said.

Cameras zoomed closer while he stared intently at the mole hill. Suddenly, Ka-boom! "Rats, missed another one," he said.

I thought about that, but I bought a mole trap instead. There's something about sitting in your flower bed with a .38 revolver that makes the neighbors nervous.

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Memory of 1881 fire, relief effort lives on in vases



REMINDERS OF the past — Dr. Delbert Rawson recently donated a pair of vases, presented to his great-grandfather by American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, to Rawson Memorial Library. Pictured above with Rawson are library Director Barbara Hutchinson (left) and Katie Jackson, president of the Cass City Historical Society.

At first glance, the flower vases appear to have little value. Their design is simple, and the smooth pottery is marred by cracks. In dollars and cents, they would probably bring in little more than the price of a cup of coffee. But the vases, recently donated to Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City, are indeed valuable; the Great Fire of 1881 and the effort that went into assisting survivors of the terrible destruction live on in them. "They aren't valuable. I had cousins who played basketball in the living room," Dr. Delbert Rawson commented Friday, referring to the cracks in the vases he recently presented to library Director Barbara Hutchinson. "There's more historical significance there than value."

Rawson, a long-time Cass City dentist and community leader, recalled taking the vases to a Detroit area antique shop to see if they could be repaired. "They told me to toss them and get some new ones." But Rawson hung onto the vases, which first belonged to his great-grandfather, the Rev. William T. Rawson. Rawson explained they were a gift from American Red Cross founder Clara Barton in appreciation for Rev. Rawson's work in distributing relief supplies to Thumb residents after the great fire. The disaster came on the heels of a very dry, hot summer in 1881. "Previously, the entire Thumb area had been extensively lumbered and the logs floated down the Cass River to Saginaw," Rawson said. "All the tree limbs and debris was left just as it fell, making the region a huge brush pile. "The huge fire caused so much smoke and debris, it is reported, that it blocked out all the sun in New York state

for a month. Communications were not what they are today and everyone thought the world was burning up." Rawson said his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Day, had a 5-acre field of green corn around their home 2 1/2 miles north of Cass City. "That saved their home," he continued. "My paternal great-grandparents in Marlette had a different experience. William Ronald, a Marlette teacher, went out to inspect some property he'd just purchased. He was caught by the fire and lost his life. "My other great-grandparents were involved in the Presbyterian Church. He (Rev. Rawson) had earlier started the church but had a 'saddle bag' mission to other areas in the Thumb. He knew the area well and started 32 Presbyterian churches during his ministerial career. Many are in this area.

"Perhaps because he was so familiar with the whole area, Rev. Rawson was asked to disburse the collected (disaster) relief. He was glad to do so and worked at it for 3 years," Rawson said. "He was in charge of disbursing the funds, seed and equipment. I don't think he got paid anything for his years of doing this relief." Rev. Rawson later passed the vases on to his son, who eventually handed them down to Dr. Rawson's aunt,

Vera Bearss. Rawson noted the great fire proved to be the first disaster relief activity of the American Red Cross. The effort was launched in Dansville, N.Y. "Clara Barton lived in New York state. She'd just returned home from Switzerland, where she'd seen their 'Red Cross' in action," Rawson said. "Using their format, she raised funds, seed and equipment, which

were forwarded, mostly by ship, to this hard-hit region. "More than \$250,000 was sent from all over the United States, plus other provisions, grain for seed, hay, clothing, bedding and furniture. "Relief came in from all over the country. When the American Red Cross celebrated their 100th anniversary year, they first held a big celebration in Bad Axe in commemoration of that long ago event," Rawson said.

Edwards selected for study program in Italy

After meeting qualifications and nominations by staff at the University of Michigan, Leana Edwards, Cass City, was selected to study in Italy for the summer. She was one of 52 students from 5 major universities in the United States to be chosen for this opportunity. While in Italy, she lived at the Villa Corsi-Salviati in Sesto Fiorentino in Florence.



Leana Edwards

Her courses of study were drawing and the Renaissance History of Florence. These courses offered her the ability to view and study original artworks and sculptures of the old Masters. The artwork in the text was actually seen and seemed to come alive. Drawings of fountains, villas, and people fill her portfolio with the exception of the 10-foot drawing done of the Villa.

In addition, Edwards visited Milan, Pisa, Rome, the Vatican, St. Peter's Basilica, Verona, Siena and many other sights and cities.

She toured a variety of churches and museums and heard a German choir perform at one of the cathedrals. The ballet, performing Swan Lake, was a highlight viewed at the Boboli Gardens. The celebration of Bastille Day while in a gondola replaced the traditional Fourth of July celebration she would have seen in the States.

One special highlight was the rare chance to meet and

perform with the Flag Wavers of the Renaissance. This prestigious group performs historical shows all over the world. This opportunity was in recognition of her position with the Michigan marching band. Some fun took place in a weekend hiking trip between the 5 fishing villages of Cinque Terre. Edwards arrived back in Chicago just in time to return for preliminary 1998/99 band preparations for her senior year with the University of Michigan and marching band. Her evaluation of her studies, however, beat her back home and she was notified of again making the dean's list with honors for these courses. Edwards is a senior majoring in graphic design with minors in sculpture and photography. She is the daughter of Linda Edwards and the late Ralph Edwards and the granddaughter of Jackie and Bernard Freiburger of Cass City.

To Sanilac County Field Days returns

If you were a youngster living in Sanilac County in the 60's and 70's, you probably recall the thrill of riding in the fire trucks and police cars during the Sanilac County Policemen's-Firemen's Field Days that were held each summer. These field days served a 2-fold purpose — to make area residents aware of the jobs performed by law enforcement officers and firefighters, and also to raise funds to help the families of county fire and police personnel who were injured or killed while on duty. Because of the support of area businesses and residents, this fund has grown to over \$50,000. Now, area firefighters and law enforcement officers would like to revive the field day this year as a way of thanking area residents for their support and also to make the public aware of the services performed by the county law enforcement officers and firefighters.

The free Sanilac County Policemen's-Firemen's Field Day will be held Sunday, Sept. 13, at the Sanilac County 4-H Fairgrounds in Sandusky. The events will start with a grand parade starting at 12:30 p.m. The parade will line up at the Sandusky Middle School and proceed through Sandusky ending at the Fairgrounds, where many events will be held throughout the afternoon. All events for the field day will be free. Activities will include a waterball contest, bucket brigade, K-9 demonstrations, an accident recreation, mounted posse formation, E.M.S. demonstrations and much more. One of the buildings on the fairgrounds will be open with booths and information. Smokey the Bear will be on hand with fire-prevention tips, and the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department's safety robot will be present. Youngsters will be able to

get free rides in police cars and fire trucks. A family lunch consisting of a hot dog, chips and pop, will be available for \$2. Fire and police officials want to emphasize that there is no admission charge, and all events are free. The public will also be able to tour the Sanilac County Fire Association's new smokehouse, and learn the latest fire prevention methods.

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PADGETT RANDALL'S bed and breakfast offers guests plenty of patio space to relax.

Randall describes her B and B as quiet, homey

Nearly 20 years ago, Padgett Randall couldn't wait to get out of Cass City.

The local high school basketball standout figured there were more and better things "out there". So, with a full-ride athletic scholarship to Saginaw Valley State University in hand, she left to experience as much as she could.

Fourteen years later, Randall came back to visit her family, with plans to leave again. But it didn't work out that way. Instead, she decided to stay home.

That was 3 years ago, and she couldn't be happier.

"I said I'd never move back here," Randall recently recalled. "Now, I'll never leave. I love what I do and I'm excited to be here, which really sounds crazy if you knew me 20 years ago."

Randall's homecoming has

a lot to do with her devotion to family — father Art and mother Helen Randall, and brother Mike are all nearby — but she also wanted to give something back to and be part of her community.

The 1981 Cass City graduate is doing just that through a unique combination of businesses that offer counseling for depression, anxiety and other problems, and a great night's rest in a quiet bed and breakfast setting.

Randall, a state-certified mental health therapist, established her own private counseling service, Caring for Others, Inc., a little over a year ago.

"One of my main objectives is to provide counseling in this area where, one, it doesn't cost an arm and a leg," she said. "And because there's a need here."

Randall earned her bachelor's degree at Saginaw Valley and her master's degree in social work at the University of Tennessee.

"I have approximately 15 years experience in the mental health field, working in a variety of settings," Randall said, noting she specializes in both individual and family counseling, working with children as well as adults.

Aside from her private practice, she provides contractual services for mental health agencies from Bad Axe to West Branch to Bay City.

Last spring, after buying the former Horner home at 4410 S. Seeger St., she began to entertain the idea of turning the residence into a bed and breakfast.

"The counseling is really my main business, my priority," she said. "I love the house and it was great for the front office setting. (But) I thought, how could I share it?" When the answer came, Randall ran with it. She recalled the idea of opening a bed and breakfast "just kind of flowed. I think it was meant to be."

"It wasn't something where I bought the house to (open a bed and breakfast). But I thought, great, I'm a people person anyway."

She enlisted the help of her parents and brother to tackle the work involved in transforming the house.

"We did quite a few renovations; the new ceiling,

painting, redecorating," she explained. "It's kind of a family project. Without my mom and dad, this would not have been possible."

Randall is obviously pleased with the results, which include 3 finished bedrooms on the second floor, each with its own decorating theme. There is a country room, another with a shipwreck theme complete with a waterbed, and a Floridian-style bedroom.

The master suite offers guests a hot tub, private sitting room and private bathroom. Downstairs, there is an entertainment center, den and patio area, as well as Randall's office.

"It's comfortable and it's quiet and it's homey," she said. "I like the openness. It's very laid back, a very quiet setting."

Randall just recently opened the bed and breakfast, but has already entertained her first guests.

Despite her busy schedule, she is enjoying both of her business ventures.

"I travel probably 400 miles a week and find time to enjoy all of this, too," said Randall, who counts her family and God as priorities in her life. "They are 2 very important assets in my home and in my practice."

Looking back, she indicated leaving Cass City years ago was a good decision, in part because the experience taught her a great deal. It also provided her with a special appreciation for what her home town has given to her.

Likewise, moving back "home" proved to be the right thing to do. "It worked out great for me and I love it," she concluded.

Crash victim has family in area

One of the victims in a double-fatal traffic crash Sunday in northern Oakland County has ties to Cass City. Police identified the victims as Jason David Smith, 16, and his passenger, Jennifer Hibbs, 13, both of North Branch.

Smith is the grandson of Marsha Schember of Cass City and the great-grandson of Ruth Dorman and Evelyn

Hendra, both of Cass City. According to an Associated Press report, the car Smith was driving northbound on Interstate I-75 jumped the median about 16 miles north of Pontiac just after 7 p.m. and collided with 3 southbound cars.

The report stated 10 other people were injured, but all were expected to survive.

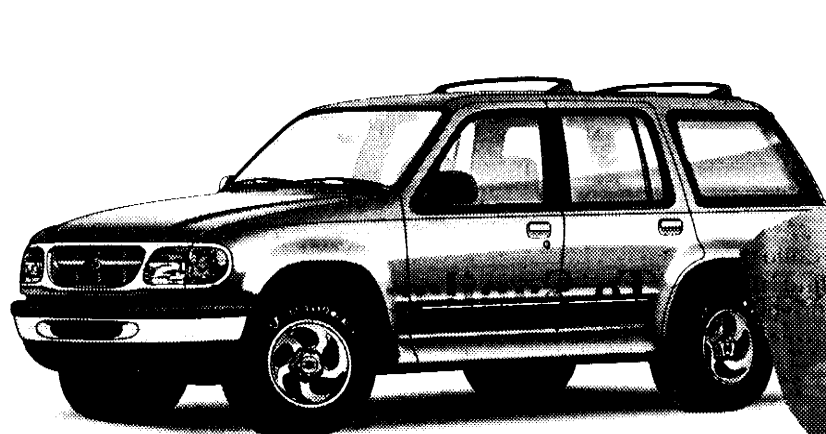
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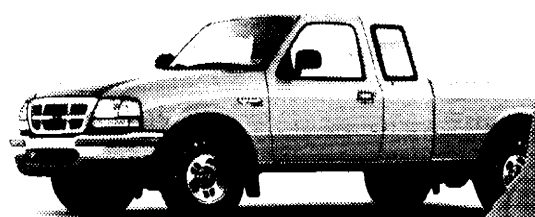
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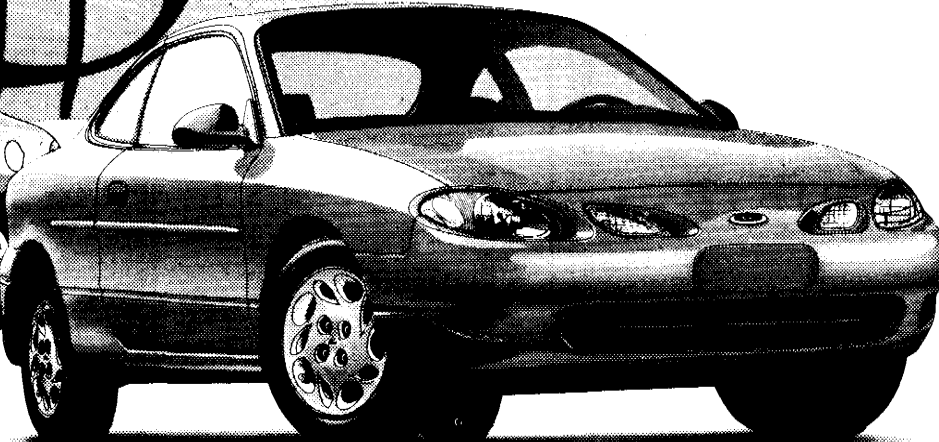
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* Michigan corn farmers expect a yield of 104 bushels per acre, down 13 bushels from last year, on 2 million acres for harvest as grain. Corn in the central and northern areas has been hurt by lack of rainfall since planting.

* Soybean production in the state is expected to total 68 million bushels, down from last year's record. The yield is forecast at 36 bushels. Acres remain at last year's level of 1.89 million acres.

* Sugar beet producers in Michigan estimate a yield of 18.5 tons per acre, a decrease of .5 tons from 1997. Expected production is just over 3.2 million tons. If realized, this will be the second highest production since 1990.

* Winter wheat yield is projected at 56 bushels per acre, an increase of 2 bushels from the July forecast. This is down 6 bushels from last year's record yield of 62 bushels per acre.

* Michigan dry bean growers expect their crop to yield 1,500 pounds per acre, down 150 pounds from 1997.

* Michigan all hay yield is forecast at 3.02 tons per acre, which is only slightly above last year. Yields were hurt by a very dry summer affecting growth after the first cutting.

* Nationally, corn production is forecast at 9.59 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last year and up 3 percent from 1996. Based on Aug. 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 130.0 bushels per acre, up 3.0 bushels from a year ago. If realized, this would be the second largest production and the third highest yield on record. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 73.8 million acres, down 495,000 acres from June, but virtually unchanged from 1997.

Ulfig scores career high 33 points

Hawk hoop team posts wins

Cass City opened its 1998 cage season with a pair of wins last week over Harbor Beach and Bad Axe.

The Hawks will try to keep the record unblemished this Thursday when they play host to visiting USA.

In Thursday's home opener against Bad Axe, senior Shelly Ulfig led the hosts to a 55-50 Greater Thumb West Conference win.

Ulfig poured in 33 points and grabbed 22 rebounds to hold off the upset minded Hatchets.

Coach Jim Mastie's squad came out using a full court diamond press that helped the hosts gain a 15-9 advantage after one period.

The Hatchets took their only lead of the night, 6-5, on Aleatha Johnson's free throw toss that followed her first trey on the evening from the top of the key. Johnson finished with 22 points that included 4 hoops from behind the 3-point arc.

Cass City stretched its margin to 32-22 by the intermission as Ulfig and center Kara Mellendorf controlled the boards. The Hawk towers helped limit the visitors to one shot opportunities throughout the night. Mellendorf finished with 13 tallies and 11 rebounds.

"We got the ball inside where we needed to," said Mastie about the win.

Behind the twin towers, Cass City continued its attack from inside the lane to open the final half.

The pair scored all of the hosts' 3rd period points that ended with the Hatchets trailing, 46-33.

A late rally by the visitors proved too little too late and the Hawks recorded their first conference victory.

Mastie felt sloppy ball handling in the final half let the Hatchets stay in the game.

"We had 16 turnovers in the final half. We need to take better care of the ball," said Mastie.

Another area of concern for the Hawk mentor was the Hawks' performance at the foul line, where the hosts shot just 52% on 25 attempts.

HARBOR BEACH

The Hawks traveled to Harbor Beach for their season opener and escaped with a 55-53 victory.

It was a typical opening game - 25 turnovers - for the Hawks, who trailed 31-16 at the break.

The Hawks played much of the initial half without the service of Ulfig and Mellendorf, who were benched by Mastie for attitudes the veteran mentor felt inappropriate. Ulfig was slapped with a technical foul, while Mellendorf was too concerned with the refereeing, according to Mastie. Both are unacceptable behavior to the veteran coach.

With the Hawks' inside muscle on the bench, senior guard Tara McNeil picked up

the scoring burden. McNeil played a near flawless game, scoring 15 points that included 3 hoops from 3-point land. The senior guard also passed for 3 assists.

"(I am) pleased with her (McNeil's) play. She's been steady," says Mastie.

Cass City went on a 22-9 run to open the final half as Ulfig and McNeil combined for 17 markers. McNeil nailed a pair of treys in the frame, while Ulfig tossed in 11 of her team high 16 points.

Harbor Beach was led by Chris Page, who recorded 14 points, while Jenna Haifax

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CASS CITY - Gaszczynski 0-0 (2-2) 2; Dore 1-0 (0-1) 2; McNeil 1-0 (0-0) 2; Zawilinski 0-0 (3-4) 3; Ulfig 14-0 (5-12) 33; Mellendorf 5-0 (3-6) 13.
TOTALS - 21-0 (13-25) 55.

BAD AXE - Howard 3-0 (0-0) 6; Mooney 2-0 (1-1) 5; Young 0-0 (1-3) 1; Bailey 2-0 (0-2) 4; MacAlpine 0-0 (2-6) 2; Taylor 0-0 (4-7) 4; Johnson 2-4 (6-11) 22; VanErp 3-0 (0-0) 6.
TOTALS - 12-4 (14-30) 50.

CASS CITY - Lindsey Gaszczynski 0-0 (2-2) 2; Becky Dore 0-0 (5-6) 5; Tara McNeil 3-3 (0-0) 15; Nicolette Zawilinski 0-1 (3-6) 6; Shelly Ulfig 6-0 (4-9) 16; Kara Mellendorf 5-0 (1-2) 11.
TOTALS - 14-4 (15-25) 55.

HARBOR BEACH - B. Volmering 2-0 (0-0) 4; C. Page 7-0 (0-0) 14; J. Halifax 4-0 (2-3) 10; Essenmacher 2-1 (3-4) 10; Oparka 2-1 (0-0) 7; Meissner 0-0 (2-4) 2; Kleinknecht 1-0 (0-0) 2; Dallas 1-0 (0-2) 2; Roberts 1-0 (0-0) 2.
TOTALS - 20-2 (7-13) 53.



RED HAWK Shelly Ulfig drew double coverage often Thursday against visiting Bad Axe during the Hawks' 55-50 cage win. It wasn't enough, however, as the senior forward responded with a career best 33 points and 22 rebounds.



OWEN-GAGE'S Cassie Vargo finds room to operate along the baseline in the Bulldogs' 43-24 North Central Thumb League victory Thursday over visiting Port Hope.

Bulldogs slip past Port Hope cagers

The Owen-Gage basketball team earned their first North Central Thumb League win Thursday over visiting Port Hope with a 43-24 victory.

Coach Dave Fritz's squad used a tough zone defense to record the win.

The Bulldogs will need the same type of effort to be successful this Thursday, when they host Kingston.

The Bulldogs, 2-1 overall, held the Blue Stars to just 2 points over the opening 8 minutes.

Behind Melanie Lemanski, the Bulldogs took a 14-9 advantage to the intermission.

"We're a scrappy team,"

says Fritz. "We're quicker than we've been in the past."

The Bulldogs opened the final half with a 14-4 run that sealed the win.

Lemanski led all Bulldog scorers with 12 points. Andrea Ziehm and Erin Salcido split 20 points for the winners.

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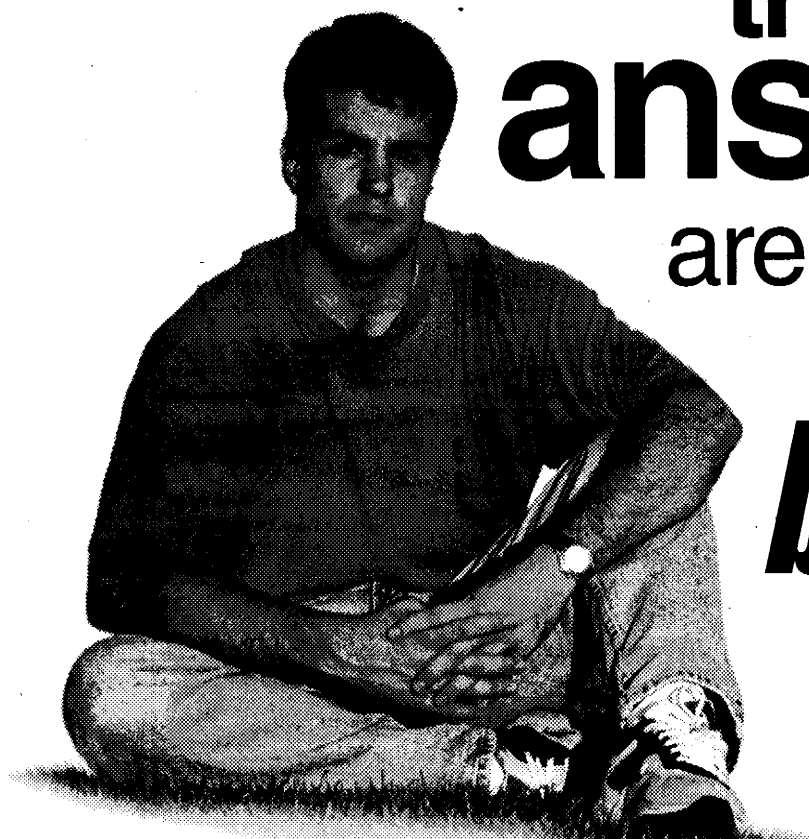


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A TRIO OF Cass City defenders, Ben Zimba (27), Nick Anthony (54) and Aaron Barriger (2), wrap up Caro's Adam McDurmon in the third quarter of Friday night's home opener. The potent Tiger squad blanked the Red Hawks, 28-0.

Bulldogs lose heartbreaker Friday at Arenac Eastern

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs opened their 1998 gridiron season with a heartfelt loss Friday at Arenac Eastern. Coach Joe Candela's squad came up 3 yards shy and 2 points short in a hard fought 22-20 contest.

The Bulldogs will try to regroup for this week's tilt when non-conference foe Hale visits Owendale Friday for the team's home opener.

Against the Eagles, Bulldog Joel Bolzman scored 3 touchdowns and an extra point, but was stopped short of the goal line on a game tying extra point run with just 50 seconds remaining on the clock.

"I thought about using a different play," said Candela Monday morning. "But I wanted the ball in my best player's hands."

Who could argue?

Bolzman gave the visitors an 8-6 lead when he scored his first marker on a 10-yard run early in the second quarter. Bolzman also ran for the points after.

The Bulldog score was set up by Derek Howard, who sacked the Eagle punter, spotting the ball in the red zone. On the Bulldogs' first play, Bolzman found pay dirt.

The Eagles regained the advantage at 14-8 by the intermission as Brian Kammerzell found Luke Nashatka behind the Bulldog secondary for a 36-yard touchdown strike.

Bulldog Chad Mellendorf intercepted Kammerzell's point after pass try and the guests entered the locker room trailing by 6.

"The kids played well," noted Candela. "But our pass coverage wasn't very good."

Arenac's opening score came on a 40-yard pass play to Dustin Stodolak.

Owen-Gage knotted the game at 14 when Bolzman scampered 14 yards for his 2nd marker of the night and the game's only score in the 3rd frame. Bolzman ended the night gaining 149 yards on 22 carries to lead all rushers. Ray Salcido collected 57 yards on 9 totes for the visitors.

The Eagles used a broken play to record the go-ahead touchdown. With just over 3 minutes remaining, Kammerzell gathered a fumbled snap exchange from his center and rambled 12 yards to the promised land. Kammerzell found Stodolak in the corner of the end zone for the points after what proved to be the game winner.

The Bulldogs responded, however, with their best drive on the night. Bolzman capped the Bulldogs' final 60-yard scoring drive on a 13-yard run to bring the Bulldogs within 2. But the Dogs' run for point after was stopped at the line of scrimmage.

Bolzman broke 6 tackles, 2 behind the line of scrimmage, on his final touchdown run.

On defense, Bolzman, Nathan Dale and Earl McKay were credited with 7 tackles each. Nathan Klein and Nick Warack helped the Bulldogs' defensive cause, each picking off an errant Eagle pass.

Running attack lacking in Hawks season opener

When a team can't establish some sort of running attack, chances are they're going to come up short on the high school gridiron field.

That's exactly what happened to Cass City Friday during the Hawks' season opener against visiting Caro. Coach Tom Oesch's squad played the visiting Tri-Valley Conference Tigers tight for the initial half before bowing, 28-0.

Despite the score, Coach Oesch wasn't disappointed with his team's showing. The Tigers are considered one of the Thumb's top squads and did nothing to dispel their early season rating.

"Both schools played hard. Caro just physically wore us down," said Oesch.

The Hawks should match up in size better this Friday when they open their Greater Thumb Conference campaign with visiting Lakers.

The Lakers registered a come from behind win over Harbor Beach in their season opener on John Herzog's 3-yard run with 8 seconds left.

If the Hawks are to defeat the defending co-conference champs, however, they may have to do it without the services of senior lineman Don Ball, who sustained an ankle injury against the Tigers and is listed as questionable for Friday's tilt.

After a scoreless opening period, Corey Sweeney drew first blood for the visitors Friday when he reached pay dirt on a 5-yard run that capped a 9-play, 68-yard drive. Quarterback Ben Holder's first of 4 point after kicks ended the scoring in the maiden half at 7-0.

The Hawk offense on the night, that totaled 225 yards, was triggered by senior quarterback Heath Zawilinski. Zawilinski found seniors Dan Cuddie and Bill Goodall open on short passes that moved the chains in the early going. But without a rushing game, the Tigers were able to thwart the Hawk drives throughout the night.

Zawilinski completed 10 out of 18 passes for 137 yards. Cuddie hauled in 4 receptions that netted 96 yards, while Goodall caught 3 passes that earned 31 yards for the hosts.

Sweeney, who rushed for 59 yards on 7 totes, scored his 2nd touchdown from 7 yards out to open the scoring in the 3rd period.

The Tigers put the game out of reach shortly after, when Holder converted an unsuccessful fake punt into 6 points on a 6-yard run that capped a 36-yard march.

In front 21-0, Sweeney completed his hat trick with a 4th quarter touchdown jaunt that ended the scoring. Cass City recorded 13 first downs on just 88 rushing yards. Nick King led the hosts with 47 yards on 12 carries.

On defense, Oesch was pleased that his squad didn't allow any big plays or invoke any costly penalties. Cass City was flagged just twice for 25 yards in the loss.

King recorded 5 solo tackles and 5 assists for the Hawks. Goodall was credited with 2 solo stops and assisted on 8 tackles.

Oesch singled out the play of lineman Ryan Ouvry in defeat.

"(He's) willing to stick his nose in there," says Oesch.

Hawk runners compete at A-F Early Bird run

Rookie Coach Sandi Smith's Cass City Cross County team traveled to Akron-Fairgrove last Wednesday to compete at the 15th annual Akron-Fairgrove Early Bird run.

The Hawks' best finish was earned by sophomore Craig Emmert, who finished 7th overall with a time of 18:05. Also running for the Hawks was Brad Ypma, who posted a time of 19:09 that placed him at 23rd among the 70+ boys competing in Division I.

Cass City's Ben Adams finished the course in 19:30 and was the 33rd runner to cross the finish line. Kris Patera clocked the 3.1-mile course in 19:37 for 35th place, and teammate Matt Derfiny recorded a time of 20:02 that went for 44th place.

The Hawks had 3 girls running at Akron-Fairgrove. Lindsey Mills recorded the best time for the Hawk ladies with a time of 20:08. She was followed by Rebecca Kruse (26:30) and Melanie Nizzola (27:59).

The team's next match is scheduled for Saturday at the Bad Axe Hatchet Invitational.

Hawk linksters post victories

If the Cass City golf team had its choice, they might want to move the remainder of their home matches to Port Sanilac's Huron Shores Golf Club.

That's where the Hawks recorded 2 impressive outings last week on the Huron County 18-hole track.

Wednesday, Coach Paul Chappel's linksters downed host Deckerville by the score of 171-203. Earlier in the week, on Monday, Cass City posted its best total of the year while defeating Carsonville-Port Sanilac, Deckerville and Marlette during a 4-school match.


The Hawks blistered the par 70 course for a 9 hole sum of 154. Following the Hawks were the Red Raiders with 174, the Tigers with 197 and the Eagles with 199.

Coach Chappel simply called the outing, "the best we've played."

During the 4-school match, senior Dave Hobbs and freshman Nick Chappel led the way for the winners, each carding 37. Chappel's classmate, Derek Bellew, followed the pair with a personal best 39. Rounding out the Hawk scores were Matt Ender, 41, and Brent Goslin, who tallied 42.

Against the Eagles, Hobbs fired another 37 to pace the Hawks. He got plenty of help from Ender (44), Goslin (45) and Bellew (45).

The Hawks travel to meet Lakers tonight (Wednesday) and will make a road trip to Brown City Friday to compete against a 19-team field.





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Nelle Maharg 149.0	Arlene Regentin 111
Joan Montgomery 139.5	Peg Veldman 93
Toby Weaver 136.5	Blanche Rumpitz 90
Kally Maharg 118.5	Mary Lou Maurer 89
Ardis Haist 113.0	Joann Martin 85
Bunny O' Berski 107.5	
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Brown City vs. Cros-Lex	Brown City	Cros-Lex	Brown City	Cros-Lex
Harbor Beach vs. Deckerville	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Deckerville	Deckerville
C-PS vs. North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron
Kingston vs. Ashley	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Yale vs. Marlette	Yale	Yale	Yale	Yale
Valley Lutheran vs. Mayville	V. Lutheran	Mayville	Mayville	V. Lutheran
North Branch vs. Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth
NB Wesleyan vs. Almont	NB Wesleyan	Almont	Almont	NB Wesleyan
Hale vs. Owen-Gage	Hale	Hale	Hale	Hale
Peck vs. Centerline St. Clement 9/12	Centerline	Peck	Peck	Peck
USA vs. Reese	USA	Reese	USA	USA
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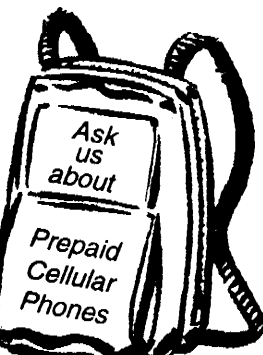
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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Cass City police are investigating a weekend burglary at Hills and Dales General Hospital, where a thief broke

into the pharmacy and stole a limited amount of narcotics.

The Cass City baseball program recently received a boost in the form of \$10,514

donated by the Pinney Foundation for fencing and other improvements to the baseball field.

Cass City's Andrea Speirs and her horse, "Sensational Poise," recently won Grand Champion honors in the Horsemanship Class at the 1993 Michigan State Horse Show. Speirs is a junior at Cass City High School.

The Cass City Village Council last week formally approved a 50-percent tax break on more than \$2.5 million worth of new equipment and machinery being installed at Orbital Fluid Technologies Inc. The tax rebate will remain in effect for 12 years.

Farmers in Tuscola, Sanilac and Huron counties safely discarded 6 tons of pesticides and other hazardous chemicals Thursday. The chemicals were collected throughout the day at the Cooperative Elevator Co. plant in Gagetown. The project was the first of its kind held in the Thumb.

gan Hall of Fame at the honor induction banquet at Crisler Arena Friday, Sept. 16. Dr. Donahue will be honored at the organization's 11th induction ceremony for his wrestling record at the University of Michigan.

Up to 20 youth offenders are expected to enter Michigan's first "work and learn" camp in Koylton Township Oct. 1 following licensing of the camp last week.

Cass City banker Curt Strickland was awarded a diploma at the 44th annual commencement exercises of the Graduate School of Banking, Madison, Wis., Aug. 19. Strickland is vice-president and branch manager of Thumb National Bank and Trust, Cass City.

The Cass City Friendship Festival will start the fall season this week. There will be entertainment by the Banjo Kings & Queens in the Chemical Bank Bay Area parking lot at the corner of Seeger and Main Streets Friday when the traditional free bean soup will be given away.

Fred Matthews and 3 children escaped injuries when their car was struck in the rear by a truck while traveling north on M-53 Wednesday. The car was totaled.

1971 graduate of Cass City High School.

Karen Eskilsen of Cass City is one of 109 selected high school girls who took an intensive look this summer into what traditionally has been regarded as a man's world. She was selected from more than 800 applicants to participate in the week-long "Women in Engineering" program at Michigan Technological University, Houghton.

Oct. 1 is the effective date of the no-fault auto insurance law in Michigan. It is the most revolutionary change in the auto insurance system which yet has been made anywhere in the nation.

35 YEARS AGO

Sherwood Rice Jr. announced this week that he is starting a new golf course and country club at Gagetown. The course will be located on a 65-acre site in the northwest section of the village.

Danny Bruce Gee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce D. Gee of Cass City, enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard Sept. 6 and was immediately transferred to the Coast Guard Receiving Center at Cape May, N.J.

Representatives of the Michigan Livestock Exchange opened its campaign last week to raise some \$75,000 in the Cass City area to build a stockyard at the corner of M-53 and M-81.

The Rev. Floyd Wilson, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Cass City, has accepted a call to the Flushing Church of the Nazarene.

At Erla Food Center - beet sugar, 49 cents for a 5-lb. bag; Hickory smoked whole ham, 45 cents a lb.; Homogenized milk, 38 cents for 1/2 gal.; Carnival brand ice cream, 49 cents for 1/2 gal.

25 YEARS AGO

An era spanning over 40 years ended Friday night when Irving Parsch locked the door for the last time at Parsch's Clothing Store on West Main Street. The Parsches began business April 1, 1933.

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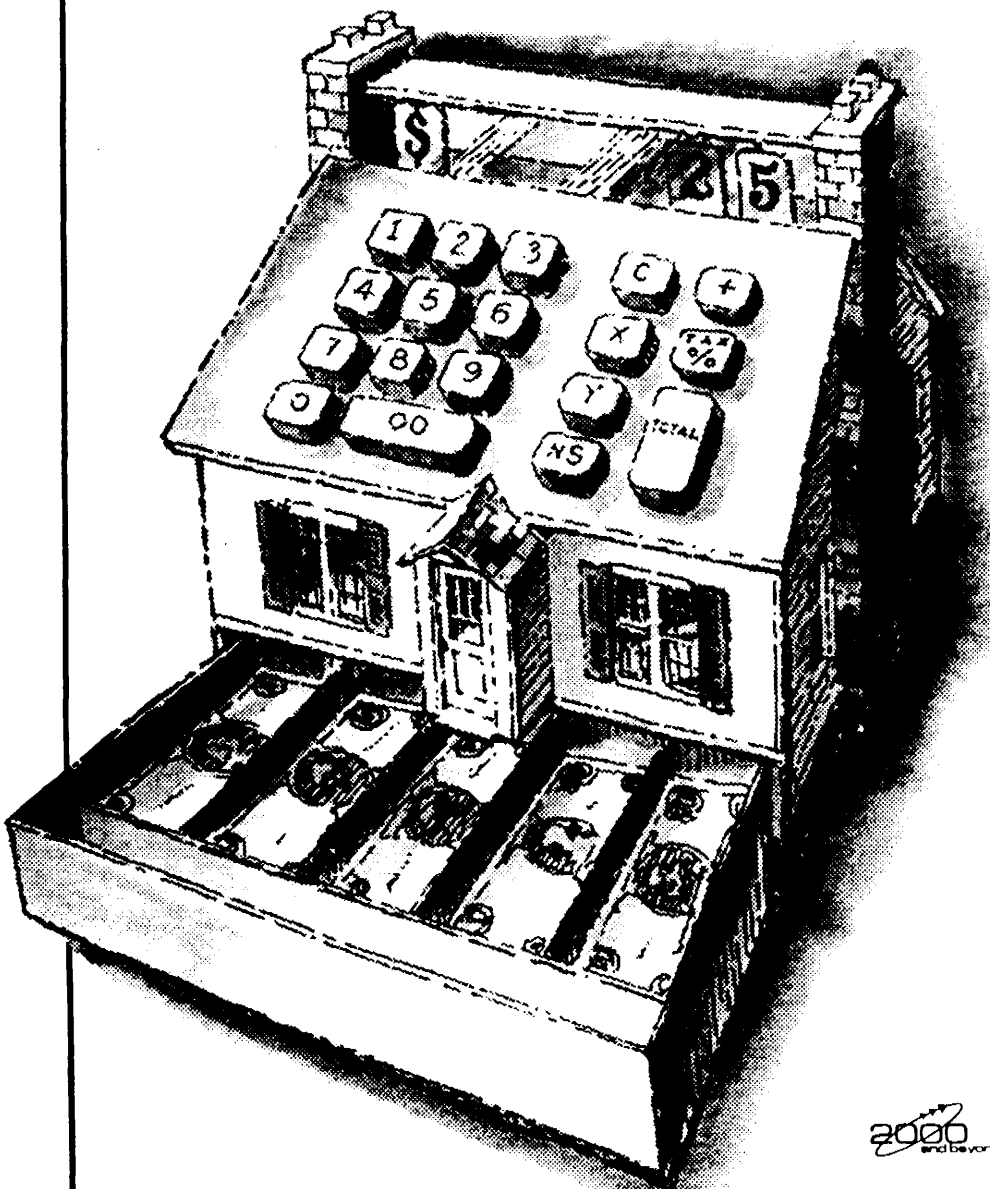


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Sheriff Kern reminds motorists

It's that time of year... you can smell fall in the air, there's fresh dew on the lawn and in neighborhoods far and wide a sigh of relief goes up from moms and dads - school has started! Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern reminds motorists that, with the start of school, you need to be alert for children on their way to and from schools and bus stops.

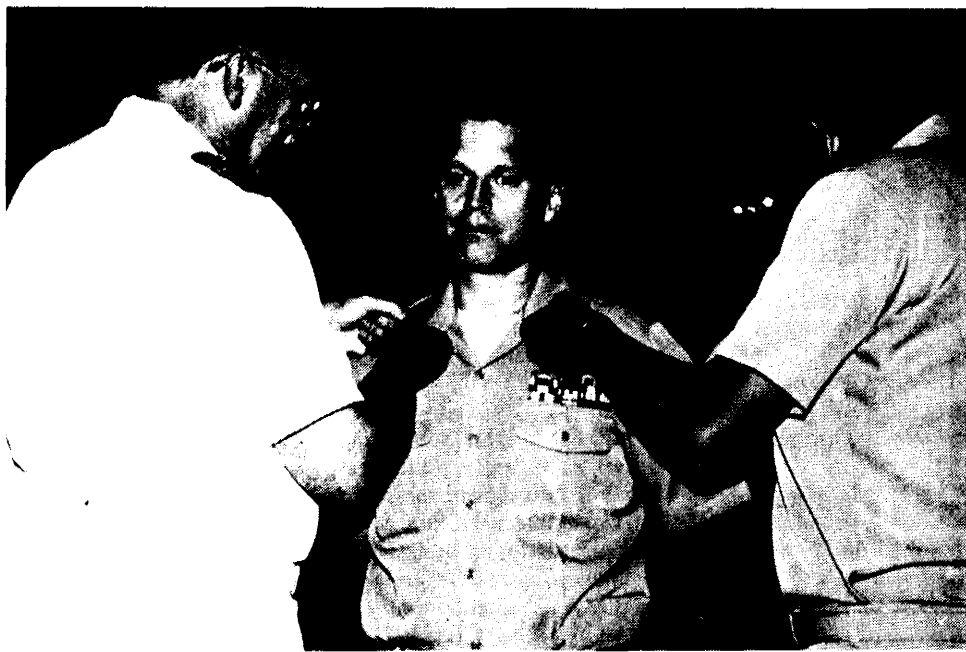
"Motorists have to be watchful this time of year," says Kern, "kids are out a lot earlier than we're used to, and we may not be able to react in time if a child runs into the path of our car. Slow down around intersections and school bus drop off points, and please obey the school zone speed."

The sheriff also urges motorists to obey the traffic laws when they encounter a school bus.

Cars must stop at least 20 feet in either direction when the red lights are flashing. You may proceed only after the amber lights are flashing, or the bus turns off its signal lights. When you start past a stopped bus, use extra caution, because you never know when a little one might dart out from behind the bus to retrieve something, or to cross the street.

Approach intersections with caution. Many times cross walks will not have a crossing guard, and kids rushing to get home may not check for cars like they should.

"Let's be extra alert this time of year, says Kern. "We want to keep our kids in school, not in a hospital bed."



RONALD CURTIS, son of Janet Curtis, Cass City, was recently promoted to senior chief at Naval Station Norfolk, Norfolk, Va.

Cass City homestead named a centennial farm

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller has announced that the Michigan Historical Commission recently certified 30 farms as centennial farms, including 2 farms in Tuscola County.

This marks the 50th year that the Michigan Historical Commission has honored working farms in Michigan that have been in the same family for 100 years or more.

The newly designated centennial farms in Tuscola County have been in the same families since the late 1800s. The farms are:

* A 275-acre farm owned by Allan and Jean Houghtaling, located at 2260 N. Reese Road, Reese. This farm has been in the Houghtaling family since 1898. The farm produces sugar beets, dry beets, wheat, soybeans and corn.

* A 160-acre farm owned by Delbert Rawson, located at the corner of Cemetery Road and County Line Road,

Cass City. This farm has been in the Rawson family since 1891. The farm produces beans, corn and wheat.

"As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Centennial Farms Program, I congratulate the Houghtaling and Rawson families as their farms join the roster of more than 5,000 Michigan centennial farms," said Miller, the state's official historian.

"Centennial farm owners can be proud of their efforts to preserve Michigan's rich farming heritage, and for reminding us of the important economic and social role family farms have played in our culture."

The Centennial Farm Program, with support from the Detroit Edison Company, Consumers Energy, local electrical cooperatives and farm groups, continues to recognize farms that have remained in the same family for generations and high-

lights the family farm's contributions to Michigan's development.

Farm owners receive a Michigan Centennial Farm Certificate from the Department of State's Michigan Historical Center and a metal display marker for the farm. Michigan electrical utility companies supply the green-and-yellow markers to commemorate the dramatic change electricity brought to farm operation and family life.

A centennial farm is classified as "a working farm of 10 or more acres that has been continuously owned by the same family for at least 100 years." The Michigan Historical Commission also has established a Sesquicentennial Farm Program to recognize certified farms that have been owned by the same family for 150 years or longer.

Letters to the editor

School board member clarifies in-school retention goal

Dear John,

We appreciate the Cass City Chronicle's coverage of the School Board meetings. It is an important public service to inform the school district residents of the board's actions.

I would like to make a minor clarification on a piece that you wrote in Rabbit Tracks in the Sept. 2 issue of the Cass City Chronicle. In the third section, you wrote, "The official policy of the board is to keep all students in school and to increase in-school detention..." Indeed, the board's discussion was to

keep all students in school, but our conversation was about increasing in-school retention rather than detention. As a result of that discussion, goal number 2 of the 1998-1999 Board Goals is stated as: "By the year 2000, Cass City High School's drop out/expulsion rate will be reduced 50%, from the current rate of 4.09%." Will you please publish this correction in a future issue of the Cass City Chronicle?

I read in The Haire Net about your recent situation with your health. Isn't it a blessing for the advancement

in health care and technology? I hope your recovery continues and you will soon feel better than you did before.

Sincerely,

David Knight
Secretary
Board of Education
Cass City Public Schools

Reader concerned with county shelter policies

Editor,

The November election is approaching and now is the time to talk with candidates for the Board of County Commissioners about their views on the Tuscola County Animal Shelter. The Commissioners are in charge of the shelter and set its policies.

The county shelter takes in unclaimed and abandoned

pets. Animals not adopted are either euthanized or picked up by a dealer, who ships them to laboratories around the country for use in medical research.

If you oppose the policy of sending lost and abandoned dogs from Tuscola County for use in research, make your views known to the candidates.

Nancy Regensburger

Local fan praises coach, band director

To the Editor,

If there were an award for Most Valuable Player for last Friday's Caro game, it would have had to have been awarded to Coach Tom Oesch and Mr. Smigell, Cass City High School's band director.

Coach Oesch, your coaching staff and team did excellent. Contrary to what a lot of fans think, the score does not always represent who wins. Your team never gave up against a Caro team that is predicted to win the TVC. You are bringing the fun and

excitement of football, that hasn't been there in years, back to Cass City.

As for Mr. Smigell's band. To sit near your band is very exciting and entertaining. I don't recall ever having this kind of half-time entertainment in our town. Your enthusiasm is very contagious among your students and fans alike.

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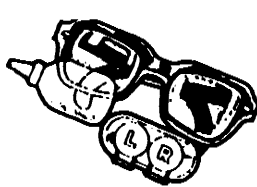
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Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, September 9

Duplicate Bridge, 7 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Last week's winners: Lyle and Marilyn DeRousse. Order of Eastern Stars regular meeting, 6:30 p.m., potluck supper.

Friday, September 11

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

Monday, September 14

America Links Up Internet information sessions for parents, 7-9 p.m., Sept. 14 and 16 at Rawson Memorial Library. Call the library for more information.

Humane Society of Tuscola County meeting, 7 p.m., Tuscola County Technology Center, Caro. Betty Kern, who operates a bird & wildlife refuge, will be the speaker. Public is welcome.

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m. Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 15

Rotary, 12 noon, Charmont. Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Thumb Area Parkinson Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., Hills & Dales Hospital.

Registration deadline for HDC trip by bus to Olde World Canterbury Village October 1. For information, call (517) 673-4121 or 1-800-843-6394.

Registration deadline for HDC Therapeutic Water Exercise classes at M.A.R.C. in Caro, beginning Sept. 29 and Oct. 1. Call Human Development Commission, (517) 673-4121 or 1-800-843-6394, for information.

Cyberspace. The information superhighway. The Internet. What is it? Where is it taking us? Should children be allowed to use it? What are the best Web sites? How can it help me?

Rawson Memorial Library is joining the American Library Association and libraries across the country to help provide answers to these and other questions for parents during "America Links Up: Kids Online Week", Sept. 14-19.

Parents may come to the library Monday and Wednesday evening from 7-9 p.m. to receive information on how to "surf the Net", some of the great sites for children available on Internet and some safety tips for parents concerning the Internet. A copy of "Parents Guide to the Internet" will be given to each family.

A free brochure, "The Librarian's Guide to Cyberspace for Parents and Kids", is also available at the library. The brochure provides tips for parents on how to guide their children's Internet use and includes a list of "50 Great Sites for

Kids", reviewed and recommended by librarians.

"The Internet is the most exciting new learning tool since the printing press," said Barbara Hutchinson, library director.

Hutchinson pointed out that like other new technology of the past, radio, movies, television, the Internet has raised concerns about its possible negative impact on children.

"It's important to remember that it isn't the technology, but how you use it that makes a difference," Hutchinson said. "That's why it's important that parents teach their children to make wise choices, whether about books, TV or the Internet."

Hutchinson noted that the American Library Association has a Web page with tips for parents and hotlinks to "50 Great Sites for Kids" at <http://www.ala.org/parents/greatsites>.

Rawson Memorial Library's home page also has a "Kids' Sites" link that has many interesting sites to check out.

Hutchinson said the most important thing parents can

do is to spend time online with their children and provide clear guidelines for Internet use.

"The best way to ensure your child's safety on the Internet is to be there. But that's not always possible. Just as you teach your child rules about dealing with strangers outside your home, you must provide rules for communicating online."

Hutchinson offered the following tips for "Webwise" parents:

* Take time to learn about the Internet, the wealth of educational resources it offers and how to use it wisely.

* Explore cyberspace with your children. Ask them to share their favorite Web sites and what they like about them. Help them discover Web sites that can help them with their homework, hobbies and other special interests.

* Talk with your children about what they are seeing and doing in cyberspace. This will give you insight into their special interests and an opportunity to express your point of view.

* Provide clear guidelines.

Let your children know there are subjects or areas that you prefer to be off limits and explain why.

* Teach children "netiquette" — how to behave online. Rules like not typing in all capital letters (It looks like you are shouting) and keeping quiet in chatrooms until you get a sense of what people are talking about are considered basic good manners when communicating online.

* Teach your children to be wise consumers in cyberspace. Remind them that not everything they see or hear may be true. Some sites may be trying to sell them something.

* Learn how to evaluate Internet sites. Most public libraries provide books, magazines, brochures and other material with reviews and guides to Worldwide Web Sites.

* Teach children "safety" rules for dealing with strangers online, such as never giving out their full names, address or telephone number; never giving out a credit card number or never arranging to meet someone they met

online without your permission.

* Remember, reading and viewing is not the same thing as doing. Many young people seek information in books and online that they are embarrassed or are afraid to ask an adult. Factual information obtained from a reliable source can ease their

fears and even keep them safe from harm.

* Ask a librarian. Librarians have always been willing to give assistance in selecting print material for children of varying ages, interests and abilities. Today they are applying those same skills online. They are there to help you and your child.

Innovative Farmers receive \$15,000 grant

The Innovative Farmers group has been notified that it has received a \$15,000 grant to support the continuation of the Integrated Cropping Systems Project being conducted in Huron County.

The Innovative Farmers group is investigating alternative cropping systems that reduce erosion, improve soil quality and enhance the family farm income.

Funding for this project was provided by the Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network (WIN) and the Sustainable Communities Initiative Fund of the Bay Area Community Foundation. WIN is a group of more than 80 individuals and organizations who have committed to work together to enhance the Saginaw Bay watershed and create a more sustainable future for everyone who lives, works or recreates in the area.

Businesses, philanthropic foundations, conservationists, farmers and communities have created a unique partnership to protect this watershed and enhance the quality of life for everyone (and everything) that lives in the Saginaw Bay watershed.

Ross Voelker, president of the Innovative Farmers, stated, "This grant will help the Innovative Farmers continue to research environmentally sound agricultural practices. Our unbiased information is currently being put to use to aid farmers in

their production practices."

The Innovative Farmers have 120 acres of applied research plots comparing 4 tillage systems in the production of dry beans, sugar beets and corn. In addition, they are looking at reduced salt fertilizers, comparing planters in the establishment of sugar beets, working with Michigan State University Extension specialists to study the effect of tillage on white mold suppression, sugar beet emergence and reduced tillage on long-term soil quality.

The Innovative Farmers were established 5 years ago to address surface water quality concerns. The group is comprised of members from Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac and Saginaw counties. In addition, there are 33 sponsoring partners that provide financial support as well as field supplies and equipment.

The data is showing that chisel and zone-till systems are achieving higher yields, and more profit per acre than the traditional fall moldboard plow system. In addition, these systems are reducing erosion, improving soil quality as expressed in better water infiltration and reduced soil bulk densities.

For more information on the Innovative Farmers, contact the Michigan State University Extension-Project Office in Bad Axe, (517) 269-6099.

Stressed trees need care, lots of water

Are your trees being invaded by insect pests such as aphids, leaf rollers, and gall mites? Have they been defoliated by gypsy moths? At this time of year, many people experience the frustration of having their beautiful trees damaged by such pests. Applying insecticides may help to control the infestations, but what do you do about the damage that has already occurred? The best way to nurse your trees back to health is to simply make sure they are getting enough water.

Stressed or defoliated trees should be watered once a week during dry weather periods. Set a hose out at the edge of the canopy and let it trickle slowly all day. Or, if you prefer to use a sprinkler at the edge of the canopy with a tin can nearby. Allow the sprinkler to run until there is at least an inch of water in the can. By following this procedure once a week, and avoiding wounding your trees with a lawn mower or weed whacker, your tree should remain

healthy and recover from any stress caused by defoliation.

When tending to your stressed trees, do not be tempted to apply nitrogen fertilizers. Increasing the amount of nitrogen available to trees encourages foliar growth, however, root growth remains the same. Therefore, fertilizing may create drought conditions which will further stress your trees.

Adding fertilizers also increases the amount of nitrogen in the leaf tissue and the tree sap. This benefits most plant-feeding insects including gypsy moth caterpillars, and sapsuckers like aphids and leafhoppers. Extra nitrogen usually leads to larger, healthier insects that produce more offspring. Again, insuring your trees have an adequate water supply is the best way to make them healthy and pest free.

For more information, please contact MSU Extension - Huron County at (517) 269-9949.



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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 3, 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 857 and 858 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 ways of record.

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Council proceedings

The Regular Meeting of the Cass City Village Council was held Aug. 24, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees were present.

Village Manager, Jane Downing, President Althaver and all the Trustees met at 5:00 p.m., as posted, to tour village facilities. No business was conducted. Tours were conducted through the Cultural Center, facilities at the Recreational Park and observed a demonstration of the Police in car computer.

Minutes of the regular July meeting were approved as presented.

The July Financial Statement was reviewed. Treasurer's report showed that 44.6% of taxes have been collected to date.

Eugene Horlacher was present and requested that

the walking trail be utilized for bikes.

Motion by Trustee Kropewnicki and supported by Trustee Karr that the bills due through August 31, 1998, be approved for payment as reviewed by the Budget and Finance committee. MOTION CARRIED 7 yeas 0 nays.

The Budget and Finance Committee presented an upgrade plan for the Village Computer System and recommended that Village Manager, Jane Downing, be authorized to purchase computer upgrades up to the budgeted amount of \$16,000.00.

Motion by Trustee Kropewnicki and supported by Trustee Haley to accept the committee's recommendation. MOTION CARRIED 7 yeas 0 nays.

Public Works Committee reported that bids of the WWTP Tank have to be reviewed before discussion and a recommendation.

A request was received from the Friends of Rawson Memorial Library requesting that the Council adopt a resolution recognizing them as a nonprofit organization operating in the Village of Cass City for the purpose of obtaining a gaming license from the State of Michigan. Motion by Trustee Haley, supported by Trustee Weaver to adopt the resolution. MOTION CARRIED 7 yeas 0 nays.

Minutes of the joint EDC and DDA meetings of May and June and the August Agenda were reviewed. The Manager's report was reviewed.

Discussion was held regarding the removal of dead wood from the wooded area in the park. The Rules Committee will look into the possibility of giving the wood to a needy family in the area.

Discussion was held in regards to a complaint that was lodged with the Tuscola County Health Department by residents on Beechwood Drive, that raw sewage was bubbling up out of the ground. After extensive amounts of time and testing, by our lab and the State labs, high levels of bacteria were not found and evidence of raw sewage bubbling was not found.

Thank You was received from the July 4th, 1998 Festival Committee for support before, during and after the festival. A donation in the amount of \$100.00 and a thank you were received from Farm Credit Services for the use of the park for their annual picnic.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Joyce A. LaRoche
Village Clerk

New books at the library

Firebird by Janice Graham: Set in the Flint Hills of Kansas this is the story of a man caught between 2 women. Ethan Brown is a rancher and lawyer who is engaged to the daughter of the wealthiest landowner in the county. Then Annette Zeldin enters his life when she returns from Europe to settle her mother's estate. A concert violinist, Annette is an outsider to this area. She and Ethan met in his law office and the passion begins to grow. They begin an affair that is destined to end in disaster and will effect them both long after it is over.

Four to Score by Janet Evanovich: As part of her job is working for cousin Vinnie who is a bail bondsman, Stephanie Plume is searching for Maxine Nowicki, whose crimes include bail jumping, theft and extortion. Maxine's friends are being terrorized and those who have seen her are turning up dead. Stephanie's archenemy and rival bounty hunter is also after Maxine. Stephanie keeps on searching in spite of encounters with such unsavory characters as crazy Grandma Mazur, ex-hooker Lula and transvestite rock musician Sally Sweet. Stephanie makes some deadly enemies and isn't even safe when she moves in with vice cop Joe Morelli.

The Pied Piper by Riddle Pearson: The kidnapper is dubbed the "Pied Piper" when infants are disappearing from their cribs from San Diego to Seattle with only a penny flute left behind. Detective Lou Boldt and forensic pathologist, Daphne Matthews set out to determine who is taking these children and what is happening to them. There are few leads and no witnesses and the detectives must deal with the involvement of federal law enforcement agencies driven by the crazed press. The harder they probe the more elusive the evidence becomes. Why are there so many mistakes being made in this case?

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pleaded guilty to probation
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Darling was sentenced to 60
days in the county jail with
work release. He was re-
manded to the custody of the
sheriff's department and pro-
bation was continued.

• Richard E. Ruth, 41,
Mayville, pleaded guilty to
operating a motor vehicle
while under the influence of
liquor, third offense, March
26 in Mayville.

A pre-sentence investiga-
tion was ordered and bond
was continued at \$1,000.
Sentencing was scheduled
for Oct. 30.

• Jermie R. Ide, 19,
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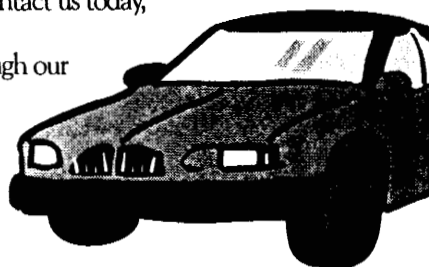
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Bader new campus life director

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"We need the churches to support us and not see us as a rival."

"I'm not competing with churches," Bader added. "I'm just coming along side to help them."

Although the job of campus life director is a new challenge for Bader, working with young people is nothing new for the Cass City native. In fact, he spent the

past 4 years working as youth pastor at the First United Methodist Church in Gaylord.

Before that, he served as youth minister at 2 different churches while earning his bachelor's degree at Spring Arbor College, where he majored in youth ministry. During his first 2 years of college, he was a youth leader at the Shabbona United Methodist Church.

"Jeff came highly recom-

mended to us by Bay Shore Camp," Coleman noted, referring to Bader's work as a counselor at the Sebawaing camp.

"I've been there for 9 years," Bader said. "I started out as a (volunteer) counselor and then I worked full time for 3 summers." Bader has worn many hats at Bay Shore, including director's assistant, dean of junior camp for 3 years and dean of an annual basketball camp.

"What's neat is while he was out there (Bay Shore), he met all these kids from Cass City," Coleman said, adding that familiarity is a plus for Bader in his new position.

Another boost is the fact that other Christian oriented programs are already in place in the area, including the Novesta Church of Christ's Fifth Quarter Parties and an active, student-run

Bible study at Cass City High School.

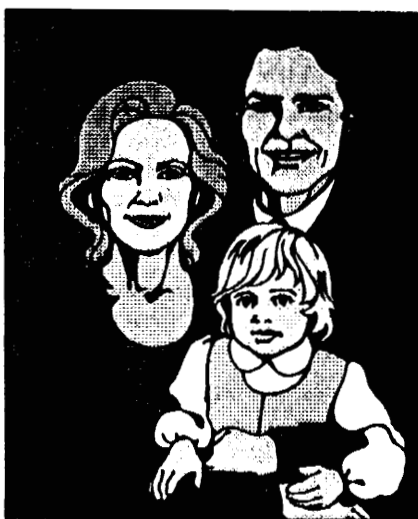
"That's a big start. The key in this is going to be relationships — getting to know the kids," Bader said.

Equally important will be local support, both financially and in terms of volunteer time.

Coleman explained the campus life programs, including the directors' pay,

depend entirely on donations. Also needed are residents willing to serve on a steering committee that will work with Bader in overseeing the new Cass City-Kingston Region.

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Quality key at Polega's

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well as Indian corn and other decorative items.

"I also have a new line of tomatoes for the fall season that I buy locally," Harold noted. He explained the specially grown hydroponic tomatoes are in season until November. "These are picked ripe, not green."

The Polegas have experimented with garden space, at one time trying to work 20 acres. But that proved too costly, both in terms of overhead and time spent, according to Harold, a tool lathe machinist at Liberty Special Tool Co. in Bad Axe.

Likewise, the couple experimented with location. They tried their hand at selling some produce at the corner of M-53 and Bay City-Forestville Road.

"It was amazing what we found out about the customers," Joyce said. "They wanted fast service, like McDonald's. They were in a hurry."

"You didn't enjoy it," added Harold. "The people were quite rude."

CONTENT

Today, the couple grows produce on a couple of acres, and they are content with their location east of the intersection.

"I think, with people, if there's a place they want to go, they'll find it," Joyce said. "I really enjoy it when people come out."

"We have a lot of customers from Warren, Sterling Heights, Auburn Hills," Harold added.

Harold, who handles much of the business' marketing over the telephone these days, also buys and resells produce, including onions, potatoes, corn, melons and fruits, all grown by area producers.

"Everything I buy and resell is Michigan grown," he continued, adding he supports local growers, but never compromises on quality. "I go right out into the fields. I really check over the melons."

"He's picky," Joyce said, smiling.

"I would say that, with the pumpkins, about half of what we sell is what we grow," Harold added. "We have 7

varieties of squash, probably 10 varieties of gourds and 7 varieties of pumpkins."

Aside from the couple's own operation, Harold sells and delivers produce to 3 stores.

Asked for the secret of his success, he hesitated, then grinned. "I've got a lot of secrets. I've got 25 years behind me," he said.

Years of learning from other growers has proven invaluable, and while the area resident isn't about to share many of those secrets, Harold indicated his attention to quality has been a key

over the years.

"In order to make something good, you have to have the right goods to start with," he said.

"You have to like what you're doing and have the drive and energy to do it. Some days I come here and work till 12 o'clock and get up at 5 to make a few store deliveries."

"Right now I'm calling it (produce business) a second income," Harold added. "Eventually, I'd like it to grow and maybe become my full-time business."

Pair plead guilty to burglaries

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after the Michigan Department of Corrections conducts a pre-sentence investigation," Gaertner said.

The third suspect, Melissa A. Filion, 20, Bad Axe, is also charged with conducting a criminal enterprise, alleging she assisted the other suspects in 22 crimes.

She was released on a \$50,000 personal recognizance bond and faces a preliminary examination Oct. 8.

The prosecutor emphasized the plea agreement places both Kowalski and Champagne in the position of receiving the maximum punishment.

Gaertner said that if either defendant had taken their case to trial, the prosecution would have been required to call into court more than 200 witnesses from 11 counties to testify. "We were looking at a month-long trial and that would be a great burden on the courts and criminal jus-

tice system."

Investigators say Kowalski and Champagne were responsible for at least 50 break-ins between Sept. 29 and Dec. 20, 1997.

The lion's share of break-ins — 19 — took place in Tuscola County, where the targets included the Deford, Gagetown and Kingston elementary schools, Ubyly High School and the Gagetown Cooperative Elevator.

The burglaries resulted in a combined damage estimate of \$119,000 and the theft of \$67,000 in cash and checks.

The prosecution of all 3 suspects followed a nearly year-long investigation involving more than 30 agencies, including officers and detectives at the Michigan State Police posts in Caro and Bad Axe, the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department and the Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office.

Farm prices hit bottom

It seems there's always something to complain about in farming. Prices are too low. The weather is wrong. The banker is tough. This time the complaints are serious. Commodity prices are in the dumps and farmers are left with a gloomy outlook.

While prices inevitably ebb and flow, farmgate figures for just about every major commodity — cattle, corn, hogs, soybeans, wheat and more — are at rock bottom. Prices haven't been so poor for all the major commodities at the same time in recent history, says Michigan Farm Bureau Commodity Specialist Bob Boehm.

"Several factors are to blame," said Boehm. The Asian financial crisis, a slowdown in foreign export demand and over-production are among them. It's a classic example of supply and demand."

According to Bruce Sutherland, branch manager for Michigan Agricultural Commodities, Lansing, corn has reached its 10-year low, and the soybean situation is similar.

"This is a market where a lot of people think it can't get any lower," Sutherland said.

"But I'm afraid it can and probably will."

Sutherland expects corn to get down to \$1.50, soybeans below \$5 and possibly as low as \$4.50. Wheat will drop below \$3. He recommends that farmers take advantage of loan deficiency payments. "It's working already for wheat this year and it's going to work in corn and soybeans later this year," he said. "Producers should get to their local Farm Service Agency office and find out what their options are."

He said this harvest season will be especially rough for corn growers.

For producers who haven't yet priced corn and soys, Sutherland offers this advice. "Think about minimum price contracts this year," he said. "Then, if it looks like the market may improve, you can later buy calls against that position."

"It's going to take some pencilling, some homework," Sutherland said. "Producers can't just sit back and say, 'Well, the market will take care of itself,' because I'm afraid it won't."

Vandals damage park

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Two other suspects later contacted police, but requested attorneys before discussing the incident.

Police said the suspects are 18, 19, 20 and 21 years of age and reside in the Caro, Deford and Kingston areas. Names were not released pending formal charges.

Damage to the park included soccer goal netting (\$100), aluminum bench stands (\$100), fluorescent lights and fixtures (\$300), a wooden dugout bench (\$50), dugout walls (\$100) and 5 picnic tables (\$200). In addition, a pay telephone valued at \$500 was damaged.

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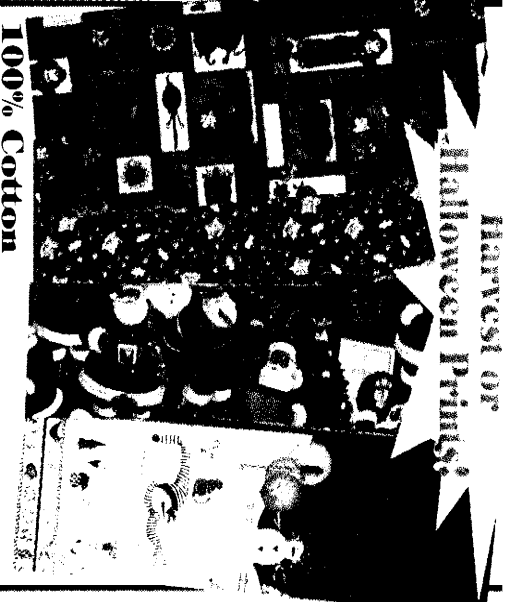
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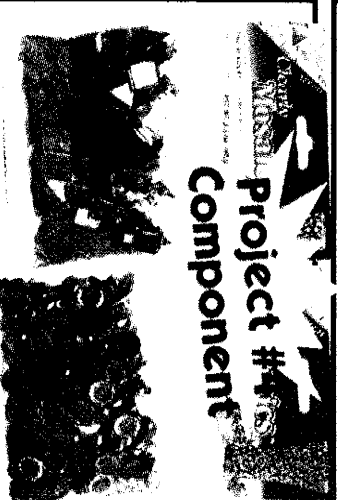
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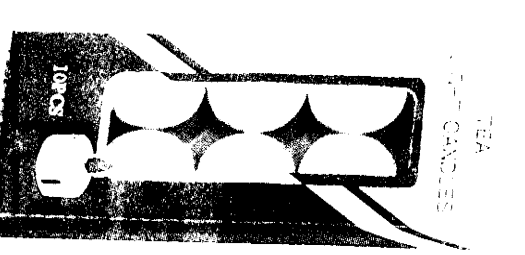
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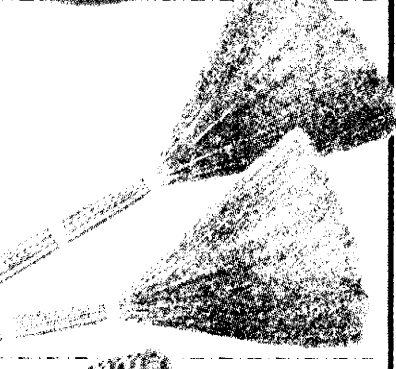
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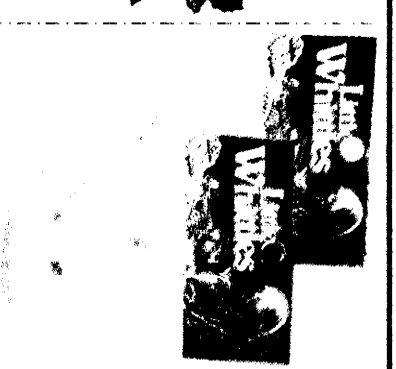
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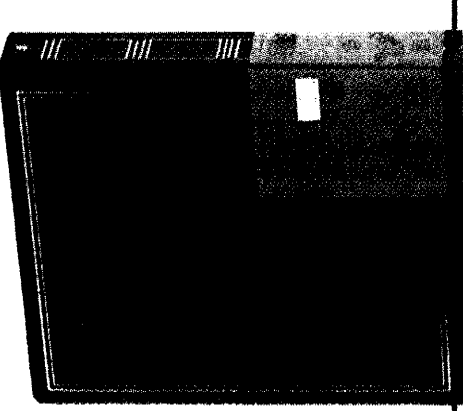
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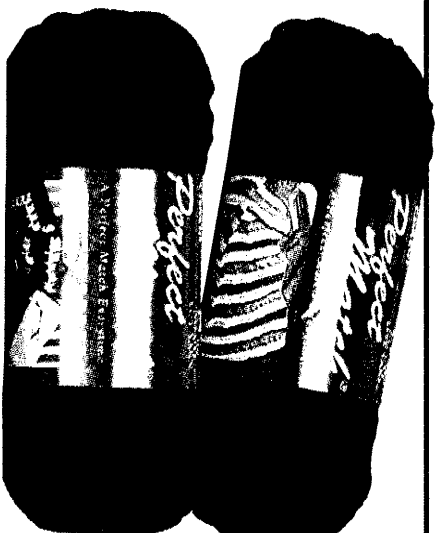
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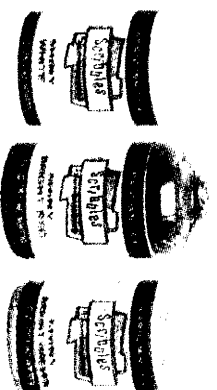
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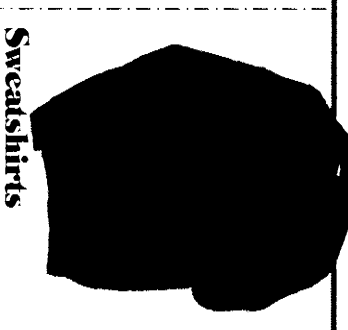
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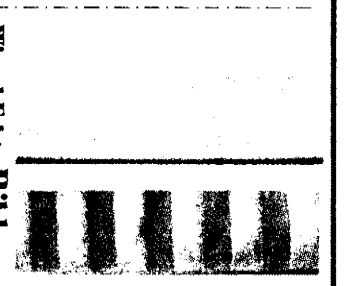
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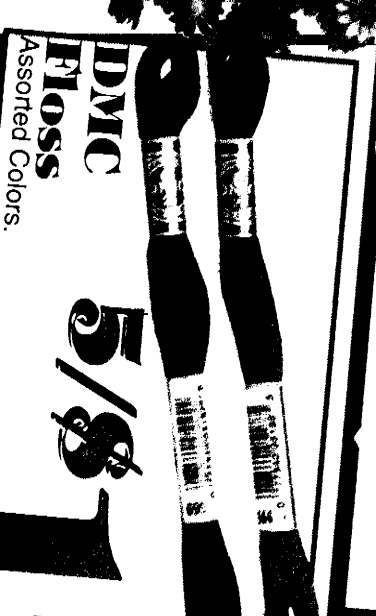
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