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Michigan Sugar to celebrate this week

Caro is host to the nation's ofdest operating sugar beet factory, and Michigan Sugar Company officials are gearing up for a celebration. Michigan Sugar Company's facility in Caro will celebrate its 100th birthday with a 3-

day celebration this week. "This is a major milestone for Michigan in general and the Thumb in particular," said Mitchell Reno, manager of communications for Michigan Sugar. "It is very exciting. It's exciting for Michigan because we've got a national landmark."

Reno said invitations have been sent out to a "couplethousand" people - current and former growers, employee families, retirees, vendors, community leaders and others - asking them to join in the celebration, which will kick off Thursday at 10:30 a.m

U.S. Congressman Jim Barcia and Michigan State Rep. Mike Green will make appearances at the event, which will feature a presentation on the history of the plant and the sugar beet industry in Michigan, as well as a luncheon and tours. They are among an estimated 200,000 people expected to attend the anniversary celebration.

Reno said tours, historical presentations and family activities will be offered to guests Thursday through Saturday.

Michigan growers will harvest more than 2.5 million

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THE CAUSE of a fire that destroyed a 17-foot travel trailer about 31/2 miles northwest of Deford Sunday morning remains under investigation. The blaze was reported at 11:43 a.m. on Shabbona Road, just west of Keilitz Road. The name of the trailer owner was not available. The loss was estimated at \$1,500 by Elkland Township Fire Chief Ron Pawloski, who said a DNR officer saved a nearby trailer by moving it out of the way. (Photo by Eric Esckelson)

3 killed in separate traffic accidents

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Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies are continuing to investigate a double fatal accident that claimed the lives of 2 Vassar residents over the weekend.

Tyler Lodge names Dobbs

1999 Mason of the Year

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The one-vehicle crash marked Tuscola County's eleventh and twelfth traffic fatalities of 1999. Seven people have died on county roadways in just the past month, including 3 residents killed in 2 separate crashes over the past week. Last year, 21 people were killed in accidents in the county.

The weekend crash occurred Saturday on Murray Road, four-tenths of a mile

Township. Deputies identified the victims as Troy Brady, 25, and Sara Schmandt, 22, both of Vassar.

A passing motorist reported the accident at about 6:14 a.m. after noticing the victims' car resting against a tree. Deputies aren't certain when the crash occurred, but they noted there was frost inside the vehicle when it was discovered.

Brady was apparently driving north when his vehicle left the roadway and struck 2 trees, according to reports, which note Schmandt was

geon or Caro can't harvest

his crops due to overflowing

and struck a westbound vesouth of M-46 in Dayton seated in the rear of the car. She was wearing a seat belt hicle driven by Herbert Hecht, 50, of Vassar. and Brady was not, deputies Vassar fire fighters used said.

Area basketball teams

gearing up for districts

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HEAD-ON CRASH

dead at the scene. Thomp-A Vassar motorist was killed in a head-on collision son suffered serious injuries last week in Juniata Townand was transported by FlightCare helicopter to St. ship. Mary's Medical Center in

Sheriff's deputies reported the accident occurred Wednesday at 3:44 p.m. on M-46, about four-tenths of a mile cast of Kirk Road. Deputies said an eastbound

scene by Vassar police, the vehicle driven by Kathy Vassar Fire Department, Thompson, 44, of Mayville, Vassar Ambulance and a Caro MMR unit. crossed the road centerline

Saginaw.

Barcia announces 'temporary relief' Scarce rail cars on the way

Lawmakers early this week announced some temporary relief in the acute shortage of rail cars used to transport agricultural commodities from Michigan farmers.

Congressman Jim Barcia (D-Bay City) said Monday that the Michigan Emergency Agriculture\Transportation Task Force has secured 600 to 750 additional grain transport rail cars to help alleviate Michigan's grain transport backlog.

Over the past several months the situation has deteriorated to the point that some elevators have been forced to close due to lack of grain storage capacity, which in turn caused farmers to delay crop harvesting. "I think we're all pleased that his agreement provides temporary relief for our Michigan farmers. After working hard the entire year, it is unfair to let them lose their crops simply because we can't find a way to get it transported," Barcia said. Members of the task force met Saturday with officials of the CSX Railroad to obtain the additional trains, each consisting of 60 to 75 rail cars. The trains were to have begun service within 48 hours, arriving in Saginaw (7 trains), Grand Ledge (one train), Weberville (one train) and Grand Rapids (one train). CSX also reached an agreement with its unions to allow extra crews to be transferred into the area, which should help alleviate rail congestion in the Toledo area. The task force has agreed on 4 other actions: That the Michigan Department of Agriculture will compile data on storage capacity and critical market need in order to identify and prioritize the greatest shipment needs. •The Michigan Agri-Business Association will set up an e-mail list server to allow for better flow of information among task force members. •CSX will consider the feasibility of using alternate routes around Toledo, an area experiencing heavy congestion, and

Congressional District," he sure we find a complete sosaid. "When a farmer in Pilution.

The lack of rail cars has left grain elevator officials frustrated in recent weeks.

elevators, something is "It's terrible," said Al wrong. To simply identify Marshall, grain merchanthe problem. . . is not enough. diser for Agri Sales Inc., As legislators, we must find which has 26 elevators in a solution. I believe this is a Michigan, most of them logood first step in that direction, and I intend to make cated in the Thumb.

"We're captive to the CSX system. We depend 100 percent on the system for our car supply and our ability to move grain," he noted prior to Monday's announcement. "It's bad - I've probably got 350 cars that I haven't gotten since September.

their Jaws of Life to free both

drivers from the wreckage.

Hecht was pronounced

The accident remains under

investigation by deputies,

who were assisted at the

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End of an era Fort's owners close the books on family business

Fort's Store, the oldest business in the community to be operated by the same family, is no more, Ralph and Becky Retherford, the third generation of the family to own the business, announced that the store's stock and liquor license were sold to Quaker Maid Store in Cass City and the building to Helen Pachla. The new owner reports that she will use the building as a

toy outlet store during the Christmas season and later it will be converted to a dog grooming and pet store.

That use will be a far cry from the store that served the community for nearly 8 decades.

Cass Theatre. It was prima-

rily a fruit and vegetable store and a source for ice cream and milk produced at the Fort farm north of Cass City. A dairy route was closed in 1941

The business prospered because the family dedicated It all started in 1921 when itself to the work necessary

Al Fort and his wife, Gladys, took over a small space that served as an entrance to the of the year except for a few hours on Christmas Day. The store got its start be-

cause Al Fort would rise early in the day to travel to the market in Bay City to secure the fresh vegetables that became a store trademark. The long hours were conto make it an integral part of tinued by the next 3 generathe community. It was the tions of the family that only store in the area that was owned and operated the open every day and evening store. Frank Fort and Shirley (Fort) Strickland took over from the store's founders. Phil and Betty (Fort) Retherford followed them. The store's closing is a reflection of the changing business community. No longer was it enough to just contribute sweat equity that made the business the success that it was for 79 years. For many years after Fort's obtained a liquor license, it was the only store in Cass City and in surrounding small communities to have a package liquor license. It was the only store to be open every evening. But that all changed in recent years as other liquor licenses were granted and

stores that duplicated or ex-

ceeded Fort's open hours sprang up. The business was unable to survive those changes. Over the years it did overcome a pair of fires that many firms could not have survived. The business was leveled in the late 1930s and again in February 1985. Each time it was rebuilt.

While Ralph and Becky will be leaving the Cass City business community, they will not be abandoning the retail business. In partnership with her sister, Julie (Dan)

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 CSX will address internal labor shortages and improve operational efficiency in order to improve its service to the Michigan agricultural market.

Barcia said that he, Sen. Spencer Abraham and other members of Congress are working on delivery of an additional 10 trains carrying 600 to 750 cars in the near future.

"Agriculture is an important commodity for us in the Fifth

SAYING GOODBYE - DNR Wildlife Biologist Bud Jarvis will retire later this month after a 33-year career. Jarvis has spent much of his time on the job planning and implementing wildlife habitat improvements on state lands in the Thumb.

Veteran wildlife biologist Jarvis calling it a day

You may have never met Bud Jarvis, but if you've bagged a nice bird or a white tailed deer on a state game area in the upper Thumb, chances are good his expertise had something to do with your success.

For nearly 30 years, it's been Jarvis' job to plan, map, create and preserve wildlife habitat on the some 50,000 acres of state land in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties. "I grew up on a farm. I liked hunting and being outside, and I had a degree in biology," Jarvis said of his decision to go into the wildlife

biology field with the Department of Natural Resources. "I thought it would be exciting, and it has been - it never got boring."

But it hasn't always been easy

Take the Thumb's deer population, for example. Managing deer numbers has always been a tightrope act of sorts for Jarvis, who constantly finds himself pulled in opposite directions by farmers and sportsmen.

'That's been a real challenge," commented Jarvis,

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BECKY AND RALPH Retherford, the third generation of the Fort family, said good-by this week to their business, the oldest family organization in Cass City.



Just Moo-ried! Melissa & Lancer Gilliam

Osantowski and Gilliam wed

Melissa Jean Osantowski married Lancer Baker Gilliam in a wedding ceremony at St. Pancratius Catholic Church in Cass City Aug. 14, 1999. The Rev. Paul Bala officiated.

The couple had a unique wedding and reception, which included a hay ride for the bridal party and a wedding cake frosted with black and white spots - like a cow.

Parents of the bride are JoAnn and Thomas Osantowski of Cass City.

The groom is the son of Carolyn and Lawrence Gilliam of New Port Richey, Fla.

Best woman was Tammy Priestly, cousin of the bride. Bridesmaids were Amy and Laura Osantowski, sisters of the bride. Junior bridesmaid was Katey Carey, friend of the bride. Valerie Courtright, Wash.

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cousin of the groom, was flower girl. Best man was Scott Gould,

friend of the groom. Groomsmen were George Gilliam and Duane Anderson, cousins of the groom. Junior groomsman was David Osantowski, nephew

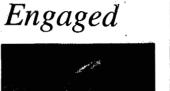
of the bride. Winston Anderson, cousin of the groom, was ring bearer. Ushers and greeters were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Osantowski, godparents of

the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Anderson, godparents of the groom.

The couple greeted guests at the Polish-American Club in Caro before leaving for a honeymoon at Niagara Falls and the Pocano Mountains. Melissa and Lancer Gilliam now reside in Spokane,

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Thaddeus Lambiris and Sharon Peyerk

Sharon M. Peverk and Thaddeus J. Lambiris announce their engagement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of James and Janis Peyerk of Cass City. She is a graduate of Ubly High School and the University of Michigan-Flint. She is employed as an accountant with TI Group Automotive Systems in Auburn Hills.

The prospective groom is the son of Theodore Lambiris of Oxford and Emily Lambiris of Taylor. He is a graduate of Walled Lake Central High School and Oakland Community College. He is currently employed as a police office in Oakland County.

An Aug. 19, 2000, wedding is planned.

Sanilac Democrats to meet

The regular meeting of the Sanilac County Democrats will be held Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Liberty Lanes Conference Room, Sandusky.

Guest speaker will be Senator John Cherry, Senate minority leader.

The public is encouraged to attend.



Deer hunters get restless, agitated and frightfully preoccupied this time of year. It's something that apparently gets into your blood. You can remove a hunter from the hunting scene for years, but he still gets that feeling of anticipation and the surge of adrenaline on

opening morning. Just in case you or your favorite hunter is unsuccessful, you needn't miss out on that gourmet venison meal. Mark Shaw passed along these instructions for making beef taste like venison (From all I've seen of the venison experience, having lived with hunters all my life, it sounds perfectly feasible.)

1. Start one year before culling date.

2. Feed beef only on wild berries, slough grass, weeds, sage and tree bark.

3. Two hours before you are ready to butcher the beef, have a friend chase it around the pasture to get the blood and adrenaline into the meat. 4. Shoot the beef immediately after it has been chased. (Make sure it is gut shot, and try to do this via the hindquarter.) A good shot will tenderize the meat and get as much hair as possible in the impact area.

5. Drag the beef to a slough and field dress it in the slough. Make sure to get as much grass, weeds, cattails and debris in the cavity as possible.

6. Drag the beef at least 1/2mile across a summer fallow field to get plenty of dirt mixed in the wound and in the interior of the carcass. 7. Load the beef on a car/ truck and drive first down a gravel road at least 4 miles, then down a highway. This will get as much highway grime, bugs and rocks embedded in the meat as possible. (For extra flavor, this should be done in the rain.) 8. Hang the beef in the garage. (Make sure it is low enough that the dog can

by Melva E. Guinther chew on the hindquarter and

then properly mark his territory.) 9. At least once a day, have the wife idle a vehicle at least 5 minutes in the garage. Carbon monoxide adds greatly to the flavor. 10. When the carcass smells

so bad that you can hardly stand being in the garage, the beef is ready to butcher.

long.

Montei of Deford.

Trevor Cole of Saginaw,

formerly of Cass City, spent

the weekend of Oct. 22-24

with Dennis Bartle and fam-

ily. Trevor spent an afternoon

of bow hunting with Rita

Bartle, enjoyed playing darts

and watching football with

Dennis and Tom Bartle, and

rides on a 4-wheeler. Sun-

day morning, Dennis, Tom

and Trevor had breakfast at

the Cass City Gun Club. The

Bartles had supper with

Trevor, his mother, Faith

LaPonsie, sister, Richelle

(Ricci) Cole, and Faith's

friends, Angie and Ken.

Ricci is looking forward to a

weekend with the Bartles in

The Cass City Boy Scout

Troop #594 surprised Chuck

Golinvaux with a birthday

celebration Monday evening

at their regular troop meet-

ing. Fourteen scouts, 3 lead-

ers and 3 committee mem-

bers enjoyed cake, ice cream

and punch. A good time was

Mrs. Elizabeth Fritz of

Owendale was a Monday

lunch guest of Charlotte

had by all!

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a couple of weeks.

Here's a description of drivers based on geographic data:

One hand on wheel, one hand on horn - Chicago One hand on wheel, one finger out window - New

York One hand on wheel, one hand on newspaper, foot solidly on accelerator - Boston Both hands in air, gesturing,

both feet on accelerator, head turned to talk to someone in back seat - Italy One hand on latte, one knee

on wheel cradling cell phone, foot on brake, mind on game Seattle One hand on wheel, one

hand on hunting rifle, alternating between both feet on accelerator and both feet on throwing brake, а McDonald's bag out the window - Texas

Four wheel drive pickup truck, shotgun mounted in rear window, beer cans on floor, squirrel tails attached to antenna - Alabama

One hand on wheel, cell phone, brick on accelerator California

One hand on wheel, cell phone, brick on accelerator, gun in lap - Los Angeles Both hands on wheel, eyes shut, both feet on brake, quivering in terror -Michiganian driving in California (I can vouch for this one)

Two hands choking wheel, blue hair barely visible above window level, driving 35 mph on the Interstate in the left lane with left blinker on - Florida.

It's a girl! Monday, Nov. 1, the United

Methodist Women met for dinner at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with 27 members in attendance and 3 visitors. Dinner was prepared and served by Group #2 with Margaret Czekai and Judy Profit as co-hostesses.

Connie Schwaderer and Rob and Leah Sangster of Laura Bryant attended the Deford announce the birth of annual District Meeting and a daughter, Alyssa Yvonne our group was presented with Sangster, Oct. 31, 1999, at a Certificate of Achievement 7:56 p.m. at Huron Memoplus another certificate for rial Hospital, Bad Axe. She participation in 5 different weighed 8 pounds, 13 channels of undesignated ounces and was 22 inches giving.

Nov. 21, the United Meth-Grandparents are the late odist Women will be giving George and Yvonne the sermon, greeting and Sangster, Charlotte Sangster ushering in recognition of of Decker, and Ron and Kay United Methodist Women Sunday.

Marion McClorey and

Mary Damm attended the

Service of Remembrance at

Kranz Funeral Home Sunday

Sr. Citizens' Menu

Senior Citizens are asked to

Gaffney, 872-2875.

afternoon.

Cass City Area Social

and Personal Items

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The women have been asked to provide luncheon Nov. 29-30 and December 1 for a seminar in the church by the County Extension Group.

Dec. 4 at 10 a.m. will be the Secret Sisters meeting and brunch.

The annual Women's Christmas program and dinner will be held Dec. 6 and all are invited to attend.

80 donate blood Nov. 2

Eighty pints of blood were donated during the blood drive at Hills and Dales General Hospital Nov. 2.

One-gallon donors were Susan Hoppe, Geraldine Simpson, Barbara J. Merchant and Robert Stickle; 2gallon, Randy Damm; 3-gallon, Marion Weltin; 4-gallon, Douglas Greverbiel and Michael Kropewnicki; 5 gallon, Barbara Crickon: 8 gallon, Larry Creutz, and 10 gallon, Bill Zinnecker.

First time donors were Sylvia Wengerd, Laniese Davis, Lois Nast, Lester Troyer, Monica Bessler, Margaret Michrina, Bryan Parrish and Tammy Woodward.

The next blood drive will be held Jan. 25, 2000.

Monday - Pasta w/meat sauce, zucchini and tomatoes, salad bar, garlic bread,

dream dessert. Wednesday - Beef tips/ noodles, French style green beans, tossed salad, rolls,

balls, mashed potatoes, Cali-

bread, oatmeal cookie.

cantaloupe.

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Mark William Schultz and Misty Lynn Stec, both of Friday - Swedish meat-Caro.

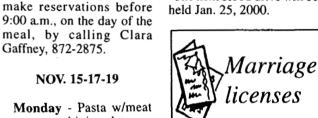
Anthony James Bradley and

Christle Marie McCrea, both

Kenneth Wayne Babcock, Cass City and Tamra Marie fornia vegetables, French Gokey, Caro.

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at Juniata Baptist

Revival meetings slated

County. A nursery service A widely-known evangelist will be coming to the Juniata Baptist Church the week of Thanksgiving Day to speak in special services recognizing "Christian Heritage."

Three days of revival meetings will be held Sunday through Tuesday of that week at the Juniata church. Mike Manor of Indianapolis is a fundamentalist preacher, converted to Christ in 1975 when he was a professional entertainer, who has served Christ as a traveling evangelist for more than a decade. He will be coming to the special meetings at Juniata Baptist Church with a musical team of 2 who will add their talents to the program.

The public is invited to attend these services at 7 p.m. Nov. 21 through 23. Juniata Baptist is located between Vassar and Mayville at 5656 Washburn Rd. in Tuscola

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will be provided for attenders each night. Manor will also be preaching in the morning service at 11 a.m. Sunday.

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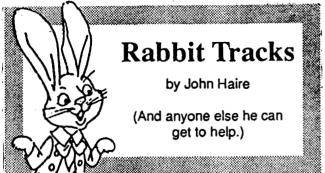
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It wasn't a total disaster. We arrived back home safe and sound. But that was the only good thing about a night out last week.

Some 2 decades or so ago, Bob Newhart gave a performance in Las Vegas that still rates as the best that I have experienced. When he was scheduled in Flint. I phoned and purchased tickets that were to be picked up at the box office.

Making a night of it, we arrived at Whiting Auditorium about 6 p.m., picked up the tickets and were informed of a good restaurant on Davison Street.

After roaming up and down the street unable to find the recommended restaurant, time was running out and we reluctantly dashed into a Big Boy.

We made it back to the theatre in time for the curtain, only to find that Newhart performed the night before and we had tickets to hear a singer that we never heard of.

We did succeed in getting our ticket money refunded along with a little free advice, "Take her to a movie and be sure of the ticket you are buying." Yeah, sure.

In case you forgot, Thursday is Veteran's Day and post offices will be closed that day except for express mail. Normal service will be resumed Friday.

Nearly a quarter of the fires in Michigan in 1998 (22 percent) were termed arson or arson-suspicious, according to the Insurance Information Association of Michigan. The 3county Upper Thumb area beat the averages, but was far from immune.

Sanilac County recorded the best percentage record with 14 of 159 (9 percent) in the suspicious category. Huron County had 17 of 164 (10 percent) and Tuscola County 34 of 328 (10 percent) suspicious blazes.

Because a suspicious fire occurs every 46 minutes in Michigan, a reward program with payments of up to \$5,000 is in effect for information leading to arrest or conviction of arsonists.

Call 800-44-ARSON or write MAPC, P.O. Box 86, Detroit, MI 48231-0086.

The Weather

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Tuesday	44			
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(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)				



MEMBERS OF Tyler Lodge 317, Cass City, recently honored their Mason of the Year for 1999. Chosen for the honor was Willard Dobbs (seated), pictured above with his wife, Verna. Also pictured are (from left) Lyle Melkerson, junior deacon; Ken Blue, junior warden; Milt Connolly, treasurer; Ed Karr, secretary; Barney Hoffman, past master, and Carl Palmateer, worshipful master.

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They endorse other meth-

It's another chapter in the

continuing battle over man-

agement of wildlife. The

Thumb has had its share of

disputes with the Department

The

acre park.

the way to go.

Nazario to discuss disabilities

Mark Nazario will give a hands-on speech for overcoming learning disabilities Wednesday, Nov. 17, at St. Agatha Parish, Gagetown, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Nazario, who suffers with ADD and dyslexia, will tell how he achieved a college education in his talk, "Add a Little TLC.

The program is designed to give many helpful survival skills to teachers, parents and students who must deal with dyslexia, ADD, ADHD and reading difficulties.

Pre-registration is requested (call 517 665-9966) so that sponsors can plan refreshments, but walk-ins are welcome.

There is no admission charge

of Natural Resources. Twenty years or so ago there was a deer controversy in the Thumb. The DNR started the first-ever killing of does and fawns. The uproar was immediate and sustained. Hunters bought doe licenses and didn't use them. Everyone scoffed at the idea that they were a major traffic hazard. Many of the farmers said that the deer were not a major problem. Kill the does, hunters said, and we will gut the deer herd in the Thumb and in Michigan. The debate was nearly as emotional as the one that established parking meters in Cass City or the cutting of majestic trees on Main Street. Bombshell issues at the time. Now we have replanted trees on the main stem and parking meters are no more. But I digress. We are talking here about the DNR management of our wildlife. It's not only harvesting deer that has ignited tempers in the Thumb. Another issue in the past was the DNR's plan to poison all the fish in the Cass River to eliminate the trash fish. The river was then to be restocked with desirable game fish. Many avid fishermen attacked the plan. They claimed that there were plenty of "good" fish in the

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Net A throng of protesters gathriver if the angler knew how ered outside of Stony Creek to fish for them and where Metropark Friday protesting the productive waters were. the killing of deer by 40 se-Looking back, we know lected bow hunters. Even the that the DNR was dead right about the deer problem and most ardent animal rights everyone now knows that advocate admits that there are too many deer in the 4,461killing does is necessary. We will never know if the plan

to clean the Cass River and ods of culling the herds withthen restock it was proper. out killing the deer. At the Bowing to public opinion, the DNR backed off on the very least, they want professional sharpshooters to harplan. And that's unfortunate. vest the animals. But at a cost At the time, the thought here of \$200 a head, the majority was to leave the management of our wildlife to the feels that allowing a hunt is

professionals. It paid off for the deer hunters and it could have helped the fishermen.



comes to mind. It was Ohio

State versus Michigan.

Michigan was ahead by 3

Our television flashed the

score but wasn't showing the

game. "Call your sister!" I

Connie had her sister, Barb,

"There's a minute 45 left.

we've got the ball?! They're

"Who's got the ball? Who

"He's running. He's run-

"Who's running? Who's

with 2 minutes to go.

It's amazing how college exceptions, however. and professional sports have changed over the years. People used to just load up their kids in the station wagon, drive out to the stadium, watch the game, and go home.

Now they spend 2 days planning their menu, drive shouted to my wife. "Find up in their motor home, and out if they're broadcasting the game in her area." grill steaks in the parking lot. Folks who never watched a complete football game in on the phone in an instant. their life will trundle out to the stadium like it's their life-They've got the ball! No, long passion.

For years I've said major close to the goal. Somebody colleges and professional fumbled," Connie repeated. teams are wasting their resources. Why spend all that fumbled? What's happenmoney on uniforms, players, ing?!" I shouted. referee's, etc., when most of ning, He's running. Oh! They the people at the stadium don't care if there's a game got him!" Barb said. or not?

Why not just pack them in, let them have a party, and forget about all that roo-rah down on the field?

The Cleveland Browns football team is a good example. Readers may recall the Browns moved to Baltimore in 1996 and turned into Ravens; so there weren't any Browns the past 3 years. That didn't stop their fans, though. Cleveland fans loaded their trucks and buses with food and provisions and headed for the old stadium

on Lake Erie each weekend - just like they did when there was actually a football game.

A man from Mentor said, "I haven't missed a tailgate party in 6 years. I'm not going to miss one now, just because we don't have a team."

Now Cleveland has their Browns again, and fans are still arriving in the parking lot as their forefathers did before them. (Quite a few thought the team was holedup inside the stadium since

This validates my longstanding belief that the best way to watch big-time sports is to turn on your television and lock the door. There are

got the ball?!" Connie One incident in particular shouted.

"I can't tell. They're all wearing helmets," Barb said

I often think about that game when I see all those people standing around in stadium parking lots. Some might have more fun if they actually saw the game, but I kind of doubt it.

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Cass City Public School Staff

Many times people ask me questions about our staff. Questions such as, "How many teachers are there in the district? How many bus drivers are there?", etc. The school district is one of the largest employers of our community. There are approximately 150 full-time employees and several more part-time. The following is a breakdown of employees by classification.

- Superintendents 1 Principals - 6 Guidance Counselors - 2 Teachers - 89 Librarians - 3 Social Workers - 2 Nurse - 1 Bookkeeper - 1 Clerical - 7.5
- Supervisors 4 Teacher Assistants - 12 Custodians - 7.5 Library Aide - 1 Bus Mechanic - 1 Bus Drivers - 15 Full-time Cooks - 2 Part-time Cooks - 7 Crossing Guards - 3

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



BEAT IT WITH THESE VALUES!



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aches, according to Jim

Byrum, president of the

Michigan Agri-Business As-

sociation, who called the

situation "critical" last week.

leave their crops in the field,

forcing elevators to close,

and creating strains on estab-

lished business relationships.

of credibility with our cus-

tomers that we ship grain to,

and those are long term rela-

tionships that will have to be

rebuilt. We need a quick so-

lution to this problem. Our

Tuscola County farmer and

"All of this results in a loss

"It is causing farmers to

Bennett's Beat

The Cass City High School National Honor Society inductions will be taking place Wednesday, Nov. 10. The public is welcome to attend. There will be 19 new members inducted Wednesday night. There are 8 old members who were inducted last year.

19 students

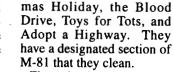
join NHS

Katie Hacker, a new member, said, "I'm excited that I was elected to National Honor Society and I'm looking forward to helping out in the community. "It is a good way to get involved."

The National Honor Society is a prestigious club in the high school. In order to join the NHS you have to have at least a 3.25 grade point average as a senior and at least a 3.5 grade point average as junior. You also have to have leadership skills and community service. You have to get 8 recommendations, 4 from teachers and 4 from people from the community. You have to fill out an application with the above information. A group of teachers goes over the applications and decides who fulfills the requirements.

National Honor Society has gotten a lot of flak over the past few years. They have been working very hard to rebuild their reputation and they are doing a very good jøb at it.

They are involved in F.E.T.C.H, which stands for Feed Everyone This Christ-



They also have an annual fruit sale from November to mid-December. The money they raise pays for refreshments at their inductions, pins and certificates, and refreshments for Baccalaure-

ate. Dave Hoard, advisor, said, They have taken on a lot of projects and they are working very hard to get the projects completed.

Officers elected are Leann Otulakowski, president; Dave Sutter, vice-president; Melissa Homakie, treasurer, and Jenny Parsell, secretary. The advisors are Dave Hoard and Stacee Markel. They try to meet once a month to plan upcoming projects.

This year we've taken on more activities to be better involved in the community and to demonstrate the National Honor Society qualities to everybody. National Honor Society is

a great club to join. It looks good on college applications and is a good service to the community. If you have a sophomore or junior who would be eligible to join in 2000, see to it that they get their community service. This is a great opportunity

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Rail cars coming Even so, the lack of rail cars Continued from page one has caused some big head-

"We have never suffered such poor service. What's the reason? I don't know." Marshall said a number of the company's 15 elevators

in the Thumb have simply been forced to stop accepting corn from producers. 'There's grain that will be in the field till January, waiting for a place to go," he said. Harold Rouget, MSU Cooperative Extension Service director in Tuscola County, said he hasn't received very much information about the lack of rail cars and its im-

pact on growers. farmers and elevators don't "I know a lot of the local have time to wait." elevators are filling up and we need to get the crop har-Michigan Farm Bureau vested and under cover," he President Jack Laurie agreed. said.

Rouget, who estimated 80 to 90 percent of the county corn crop has been harvested, added that some farmers without storage facilities of their own will have to store corn on the ground or delay their harvest. In either case, he said, they are not likely to suffer big losses due to the crop's exposure to weather.

Celebration set

product."

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tons of sugar beets this fall a Michigan Sugar Company and Great Lakes Sugar Beet Growers Association record. Over the next 4 months, the

2.5 million tons of sugar beets will be processed into 500 million pounds of sugar. Reno noted that some

throughout mid-Michigan total production represents a \$450 million impact on Michigan's economy.

the lack of cars to move the

Retailers optimistic

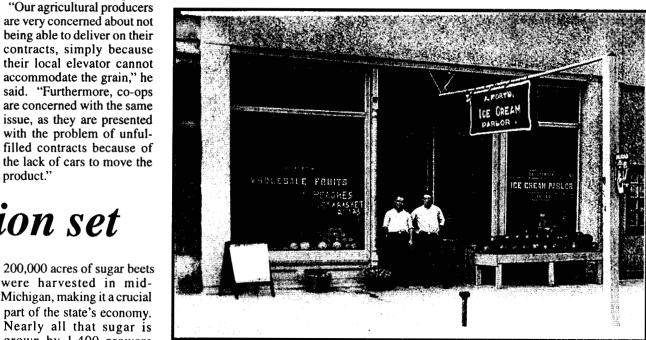
Michigan retailers expect the last holiday season of the 1990s to be a very merry one.

Three of every 4 retailers, 75 percent, expect strong sales - and their sales projections average a gain of 11 percent over last year's strong performance. That's according to the Michigan Retail Index's annual preholiday survey, a joint project of the Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Larry Meyer, MRA's

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MILK SOLD AT Fort's Store or house-to-house on a milk route was direct from the Fort farm to consumer. From fat-rich Jerseys, the milk was ideal for the homemade ice cream served at the store.



early years.

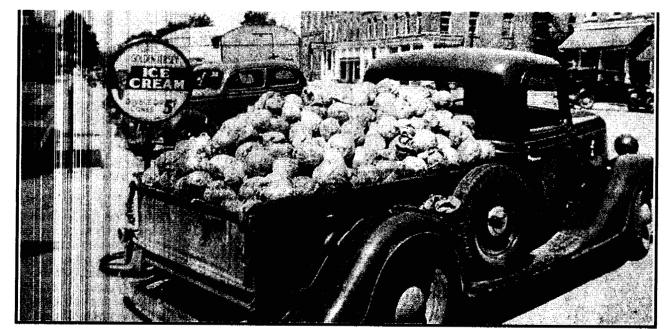
Fort's Store no more

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Martinez, they purchased a -7-11 Store in Saginaw Aug. 31.

The Retherfords say that one of the hardest things connected with closing the store was that it terminated their associations with the many persons who have been store customers and friends for many years. We certainly appreciated their support, they said.

While their business interests are now in Saginaw, the Retherfords plan to keep their home in Cass City, at least for the present.

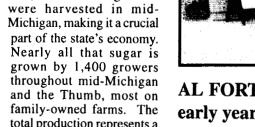


MUCH OF THE SUCCESS of Fort's Confectionery Store in its early years came

because Al Fort would arise early and bring produce from the farm market in Bay

DNR Biologist Jarvis retiring

AL FORT AND Vern Wright pose in front of the store in its



and in the days immediately

after. "All signs point to another strong holiday season," said Meyer. "It looks like a great way for retailers to close out

> the 90s and move into 2000." Michigan retailers' forecasts top strong national projections. The National Retail Federation, which says overall retail sales are up 8 percent for the first 3 quarters of the year, predicts holiday sales gains of up to 6.5 percent.

september was the strongest month of the year in

Michigan and the best Sep-

tember since 1995, accord-

ing to the index. Fifty-seven

percent of retailers reported

year-to-year sales increases

and another 17 percent re-

ported sales as good as last

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former CEO and former director of the Michigan Department of Commerce, said retailers are optimistic because: •The state and national

economies are strong. •Retail sales have been strong throughout the year,

September's performance especially the past 5 months. Retailers may get an extra boost from millennium-re-June and July, respectively. lated spending for Christmas

year.

Continued from page one. was up from 46 percent in August and in line with the 56 and 55 percent figures of

who plans to retire later this month after a 33-year career with the DNR. "You have one group of people that would like to see

City.

more deer, and then you have the problem of crop damage and road kills," he said. "And over the last 10 years, I think, the conflict between farmers and deer has grown.

"I think the decision has been made by farmers and legislators and the governor, that we will have fewer deer," Jarvis said of the near limitless antlerless deer permits issued last year and again this fall in many areas of the state. "And there are going to be fewer deer, and the hunters are not going to be happy about that.'

Interestingly, he recalled, there was a time when farmers were very much against taking antlerless deer. Hunters' resistance to take

does in the Thumb was extremely high back in the early 1970s when the DNR proposed issuing antlerless permits, according to Jarvis, who remembers landowners posting "Don't Shoot the Mother of My Buck" signs in the area.

"We had meetings at sportsmans clubs, and they just didn't want to take them (does). Finally, we issued 100 doe permits for Tuscola County, and they probably took 25 deer - very reluctantly."

Jarvis said the resistance in Huron and Sanilac Counties was so great, the DNR didn't open those counties to antlerless hunting until the early 1980s.

Times have since changed drastically.

The DNR is now issuing several thousand antlerless permits. Last year, Jarvis noted, Thumb hunters bagged close to 4 antlerless deer per square mile.

SUCCESS STORIES

Jarvis can look back on a number of success stories during his tenure at the DNR's Caro and, later, Cass City field offices.

In fact, he initially came to the Thumb to set up a managed game bird hunting plan at Fish Point near Unionville, a popular hunting area that couldn't support the number of hunters who swarmed in to shoot ducks and geese.

Jarvis grinned when he recalled the chaos. "The hunters would shoot a duck and whoever ran the fastest, got the duck," he said. Jarvis established a lottery system limiting the number of hunters at any one time, resulting in a more controlled and safer hunt.

At the same time, Jarvis became involved with more intensive timber management --- mostly by clear cutting - to create more suitable habitat for game birds and deer.

"We've made a lot of grouse habitat over the years," he said, adding habitat is also created through planting. "A lot of the work is carried out by share croppers, and we have farm equipment. We've planted a lot of grasses ourselves and a lot of the crops." Jarvis also played a key role

which were nonexistent in the Thumb until the DNR introduced them here in the mid-1980s. And, he has enjoyed improving the pheasant habitat at the Verona State Game Area - 8,000 acres of farmland sold by Detroit Edison to the DNR in 1986. "That's been a real interesting project over the years, to see that develop into a real popular pheasant hunting

area," he said. Jarvis acknowledged the popularity of pheasant hunting has waned since the sports heyday years ago, but he said the decline in bird numbers isn't the result of poor management.

"The pheasant management has been a big success. The only problem is we don't have enough land," he added. "There just aren't enough places for all the hunters who want to participate."

Shrinking habitat and an increase in predators such as hawks, owls and raccoons, have also contributed to reduced pheasant numbers he said. "The rural areas are not as rural as they used to be, and it's going to get worse and worse.

Jarvis said attempts to introduce Korean and Sichuan pheasants in the Thumb simply didn't pan out.

'We really gave it a good shot to bring in new blood to the pheasant population, but I don't think either project had an impact on the population. You can try any bloodline you want, but unless you have the habitat, you're not going to have pheasants."

Jarvis' 33-year career as a

in management of turkeys, wildlife biologist has been an enjoyable education. Interestingly, he spent some years in the classroom as a teacher before accepting a job offer from the DNR.

> "I graduated from Michigan State in 1960 and I had a degree in biology and teaching," he said, noting he spent 2 years teaching high school biology in St. Clair Shores, then taught for another 3 years in his hometown of Lapeer.

Jarvis was a research project short of his master's degree when his employment application with the DNR resulted in a job offer. "I got the job and never did finish the degree."

And he hasn't looked back. Jarvis said his years on the job really haven't seemed like work. "It's always something different, working with people and being outside.'

It's a career he doesn't plan to abandon completely when he walks out of his office for the last time Nov. 24. In the years ahead, he hopes to spend some time as a consultant to hunting clubs and other groups and individuals that want to learn about improving habitat for wildlife. But he indicated he's ready for retirement.

Now 61, the veteran wildlife biologist confided he's been a "reluctant, slow learner" when it comes to all of the high tech communications equipment now used in his field, "and I probably haven't got the energy I had before.

"It just seems like it's time to leave."

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Volunteers, donations still needed Habitat home work continues

The efforts of dozens of volunteers is evident at the site of Cass City's first Habitat for Humanity home.

The exterior of the home is all but complete, but there's still plenty of interior work to be done, and organizers say donations are still needed along with volunteers who can hang dry wall, paint and handle other jobs.

The house is located just east of Maple Street near the Elizabeth Street curve, and will be the home of Wendell and Rachel Guinther along with the couple's baby daughter, Hailey.

The house is being constructed under the auspices of Cass River Habitat for Humanity.

Work on the Cass City home began last August and the project is on schedule, according to organizer Chuck Volz.

"There's well over 100 people who have worked on it," he said, adding crews hope to spend more time on the project once electrical service has been installed. Currently, organizers are working on getting a plumbing contractor started.

Volz noted that much of the success of the work to-date goes to construction foreman

Support group set to meet

A newly formed Cardiac Support Group will meet Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Detroit Edison Building, 4100 Doerr Rd., Cass City. Ray Dice, Chaplain at Covenant Health Care, will speak on stress and the holidays. Following the lecture, the group will meet for discussion and support.

Holiday time can be very stressful for everyone and taking steps ahead of time helps to gain control and cope with various issues. Being informed of the ways holidays can affect people may prevent those emotional highs and lows.

Many individuals with cardiac problems face difficulties on a daily basis. Everyday activities may become a challenge. As with most health issues, talking about thoughts, concerns, problems and ways of coping, is beneficial. Socialization is a very important process in the road to recovery and a support group is now available to help meet those needs. Please call Laura LaJoie R.N., community education coordinator, at 517-872-5476 (ext. 215) with any questions or for additional information.

Mike Lowe, who has coordinated the work and guided gage payments go into a revolunteer crews. volving Fund for Humanity

"He's done just a great job," he said of the Cass City volunteer. "He's been there every Saturday. 1 wouldn't even want to guess how many hours he's put in out there."

Volz said fundraising efforts so far have enabled organizers to pay as construction proceeds, but that more donations are needed to complete the house. "And, if we're going to build another one, we have to keep rolling with the fundraising," he added.

The local habitat chapter received a funding boost for its first home earlier this year, when the Aid Association for Lutherans presented the group with a \$20,000 grant. Habitat for Humanity homes typically cost \$35,000 to \$40,000

The project quickly took off after local resident Pat Gee donated the building site.

Cass River Habitat for Humanity, Tuscola County's chapter of Habitat for Humanity, has already organized construction of 2 homes in Vassar and another in the Caro area

The county group is a locally run affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing organization.

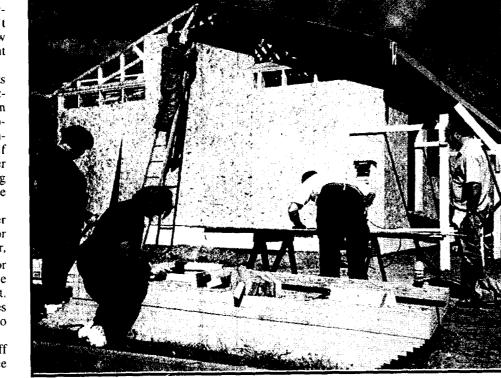
Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with people in need to build and renovate decent, affordable housing. The houses are sold to selected families at no profit and with no interest charges. Volunteers provide most of the labor, and individual and corporate donators provide money and materials to build the homes. Partner families themselves invest hundreds of hours of

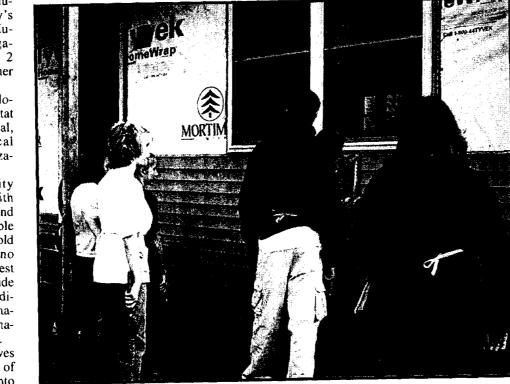
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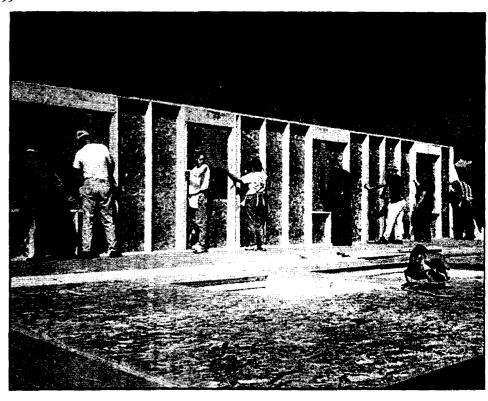
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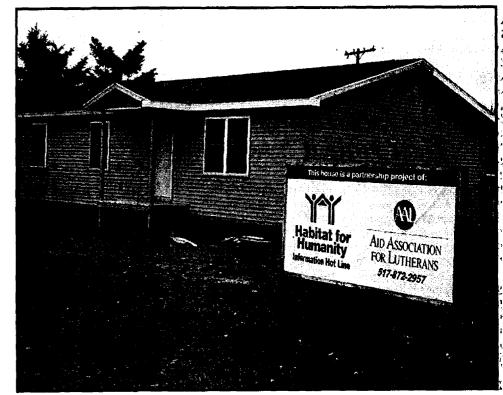
Anyone interested in volunteering their time or making

that is used to build more a donation is encouraged to call the local Habitat for Humanity's Hot Line at (517) 872-2957.









Working together...

MORE THAN 100 volunteers have put time into construction of Cass City's first Habitat for Humanity home. The exterior of the residence is complete, but volunteers and donations are still needed to finish the project.

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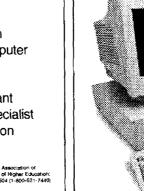
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ing shot and, for the second

time this season, the Cougars

posted a narrow decision

Sara Homakie led the

Hawks with 13 points and 13

rebounds. Holli Cooper was

in double figures with 11.

Ashley Ouvry each picked

CASS CITY - Gaszcynski

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District Cage **Action Set**

Hawks draw Caro on opening night

class C

For the first time in over 20 That game is also at 6 p.m. years, Cass City will com- In the second game Monpete in a district basketball day, Bad Axe meets tourney in class B instead of Millington at 8 p.m. with the winner playing Wednesday The tourney will be held in against Vassar at 8 p.m. The Cass City next week, Mon- finals are at 7:30 p.m. Friday. day, Wednesday and Friday. Cass City will reign as

Odds-on favorite to win and slight favorites to advance to advance to the regional is the second round. In the Frankenmuth, annually a regular season the Hawks girls' basketball powerhouse. defeated the Tigers.

There will be 2 games each For the tournament, Cass evening until the finals. Cass City Coach John Maharg el-City plays Caro at 6 p.m. evated 3 sophomores from Monday and the winner the junior varsity, Elise meets Frankenmuth, which Pasant, Tessia Zawilinski and drew a bye, on Wednesday. Chelsee Zimba.

O-G, Akron get first round byes

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs will face the victors of next Monday in Caseville.

The Vikings will meet the scheduled for tip off at apwinners of Monday night's proximately 8 p.m. opening round contest between tourney favorite Wednesday's games will

and the Akron-Fairgrove Vi- Monday's late game, which kings received opening pits host Caseville against round byes for the Class D North Huron, following the cage districts slated to begin Akron-Fairgrove tilt. Action on both nights begins at 6

The winners of Kingston and Port Hope on square off Friday for the dis-Wednesday. The Bulldogs trict championship at 7 p.m.

Cass City pair end season at Brooklyn

Cass City harriers Lindsay Mills and Craig Emmert were among the 563 participants Saturday at Brooklyn during the Class B cross country state finals.

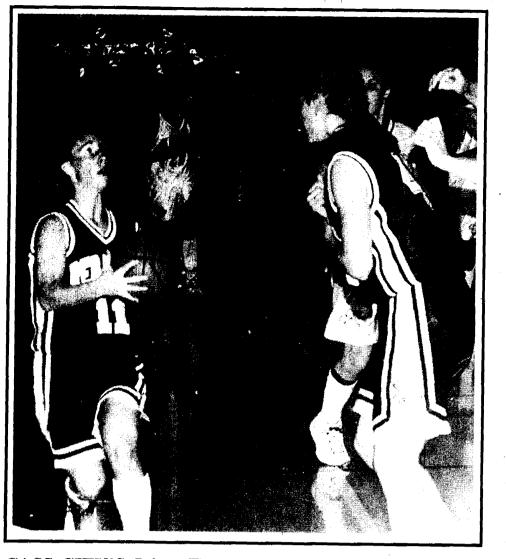
Mills finished the 3.1-mile course in a time of 20:23. good for 91st place among 279 female runners. Corunna senior Jamie Krzyminski defended her title with a winaning time of 18:18:60. However, Thornapple Kellogg captured the girls' team com-

petition. time of 17:07, resulting in 120th place against 284 boy runners. Flint Powers Catholic's Justin Perez helped his team capture top honors on the day by grab-

bing the individual boys' crown with a time of 15:19:90. "It was a great day and a fine ending to an outstanding season," said Hawk Coach Sandi Smith.

p.m., with the late game

Emmert finished with a



CASS CITY'S Jaime Fluegge uses a screen by teammate Ashley Ouvry during Friday's GTW meeting with the Bay City All Saints. The Hawks suffered a 48-45 setback. Fluegge scored 5 points.

GTW Conference airs gridiron All Star teams

Vermeersch, USA.

Re.

Led by Kevin Vermeersch and Joe Stoeckle, who were first team selections on both the offensive and defensive Greater Thumb West All Conference teams, unde-Unionvillefeated Sebewaing dominated this year's football dream squad. USA landed 4 players on the offensive and 5 on the

defensive first team squads. Cass City had one player honored. Adam Dorland earned honorable mention as a defensive back.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

Defensive line: Brian Champagne, La.; Tom Maczik, Re; Joe Bloomer and Steve Gruehn, USA. Punter: Ryan Fritz, La. Linebacker: Matt Reibling, La; Andy Rasmussen, Re;

Andy Rasmussen, Re; Kevin Quarterback: Ryan Fritz, La; Jim Cheney, May. Kicker: Jim Cheney, May. SECOND TEAM

End: Sam Brown, May. Center: Nat Andrus, Re. Backs: Jasper Howett, La; Steve Gruehn, USA; Tim

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HONORABLE

MENTION

Brandon Schultz, BA;

Isaiah Gainforth, USA;

Adam Meyersiak, La; Doug

Gruber, Re; Chris Thomp-

son, May; Adam Dorland,

Defensive line: Bob McDonald and Russel Zaredny, May. Smith, BA; Brian Jammer,

Punter: Devin Vermeersch, USA.

DEFENSE

Linebacker: Steve Hurley and Brad Langley, BA; Tyler Manninen, USA.

Defensive backs: Jim Cheney, May; Mark Haske, Re.

SECOND TEAM **OFFENSE**

Tackles: Tyler Manninen, USA; Kris Kurzer, BCAS. Guards: Bryan Erard, BA; Mitch Caub. May.

Heinlein leads Rockets past visiting Cass City

The Cass City Red Hawk hoop team had a final opportunity Tuesday to end the regular season on a positive note with a win at Mayville, a team which the Hawks defeated in the first meeting between the schools.

A victory would break a losing streak for the team that stretched to 6 games with losses last week to Bay City All Saints, 48-45, and Reese, 67-36.

The loss to Reese can be explained in just 2 words, Rachelle Heinlein. When the outcome was in doubt, she took control of the Rocket offense. In the first quarter she netted a basket and 3 of 4 free throws to lead Reese to a 17-14 advantage. In the second she added 8 points on 4 hoops, an output matched by Trista Damm, to lengthen the Rockets' lead.

Sara Homakie did her best to keep Cass city in contention with 12 of her team high 14 points in the first half, but she had little offensive help and Reese was comfortably ahead at the half, 39-23. Heinlein continued to pace

the Rocket attack in the third quarter with a trey and a pair of 2-pointers and Reese had all but decided the issue with a 54-33 lead. For the night Heinlein netted 22 and Damm and Tara Krieger each scored 10.

Deidre Deering was in double figures for Cass City with 11 points. Sara Homakie led the Cass City rebounders with 8.

ALL SAINTS

The Hawks challenged Bay City All Saints all the way before bowing. An early Cougar lead in the first quarter proved to be decisive. Page Babcock paced the early splurge by hitting a pair of treys and the Hawks trailed 12-5. Babcock led all scorers with 20 points. The Hawks bounced back to tie the score at the interscoring with 5 players sharing the scoring load. It was a nip and tuck game

the rest of the way. In the third quarter, Cass City forged ahead by 5 points before All Saints rallied to lead by a point going into the final quarter.

The game went to the final Cooper, Jaime Fluegge and minute but the Hawks were unable to find the game-ty-

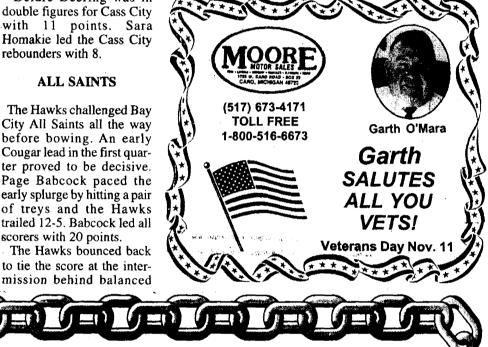
CASS CITY - Fluegge 2-0 (1-2) 5; K. Hacker 1-0 (4-6) 6; S. Homakie 6-0 (1-2) 13; B. Ouvry 1-0 (0-1) 2; Deering 1-1 (2-2) 7; A. Ouvry 0-0 (1-2) 1; Cooper 4-0 (3-4) 11. TOTALS - 15-1 (12-19) 45.

ALL SAINTS - Paveglio 3-0 (0-0) 6; Babcock 5-3 (1-5) 20; M. Werner 3-0 (0-0) 6; Caprathe 6-0 (0-0) 12; Botts 2-0 (0-0) 4. TOTALS - 19-3 (1-5) 48.

Heinlein 8-1 (3-4) 22; Sigelko 2-0 (2-2) 6; Damm 6-0 (0-1) 12. TOTALS - 28-1 (8-15) 67.

Red Hawks honored

A pair of Cass City Red Hawks recently received notification of being selected by the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association of their academic all-state status in Class C. Adam Dorland and Jaime Fluegge received the accolades for their efforts last spring during the state finals. Dorland finished 2nd in the pole vault and carries a 3.871 GPA. Fluegge placed 5th in the long jump and holds a 3.788 GPA.





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Bulldog Howard named to NCTL **football All Stars**

Owen-Gage senior Derek Howard, a 4-year starter, was the lone Bulldog to receive unanimous 1st team all conference gridiron honors, chosen from the North Central Thumb League conference's best players.

Howard was elected to the NCTL's first team offensive unit at quarterback and was a unanimous choice on the defensive squad at linebacker.

Also selected to the first team dream squad was Bulldog junior Matt Rogers at defensive end.

Among the 2nd team allstar members from Owen-Gage were sophomore Nathan Kain at running back and Rogers at offensive end. The Bulldog honorable

mention choices included: Jeremy Story, Ryan Fritz, Nathan Kain, George Janssen, Earl McKee and Kendall Kretzschmer.

Kingston, Scott Taylor -Kingston, Nate Toner - NH, Matt Rogers - O-G, Jon Webb - Peck; punter, Jeff Affer - Peck.

Nick Lahrs - NH.





High Team Series: M.P. Rockets 2973. High Team Game:

High Series: B. Kil

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North Huron defeats Bulldogs in final NCTL basketball tilt

North Huron's Jodi Yaroch and Amanda Souva combined for 28 points Thursday to lead the visiting Warriors past Owen-Gage 49-41 in North Central Thumb League cage play.

Preceding the game with North Huron, on Tuesday, the Bulldogs traveled to Caseville, where they halted a 5-game losing slide with a 35-24 victory over the Eagles

Coach Dave Fritz's Bulldogs have a pair of regular season tilts remaining before heading into district play at Caseville. Both contests are on the road, starting Thursday when Owen-Gage tangles with Armada in a cross over meeting, before Friday's season ending battle at AuGres.

Against the Warriors, the hosts fell behind 30-16 at the intermission and never recovered. As in weeks past, the Bulldog offense had trouble scoring in the game's initial period.

While the hosts were stone cold, a balanced Warrior attack saw the visitors take an guests during the 2nd period, high 18 markers.

Erin Salcido collected 6 of

GREATER THUMB WEST Mayville Cass City GREATER THUMB EAST 15 13 13 NORTH CENTRAL THUME

her team high 10 points to help narrow the Warriors' advantage to 38-28 entering

the final frame. The Warriors held off a final period Bulldog comeback effort, led by Danielle Fritz's 7 tallies, to escape with the win.

CASEVILLE GAME

Against the Eagles, the Bulldog defense led to a 35-24 victory at Caseville.

The Bulldogs rallied from a 17-14 deficit in the final period, as Salcido and Melanie Lemanski paced a 21-7 scoring blitz to the buzzer.

The Bulldog pair tossed in 7 field goals, while the visitors' defense held the Eagles to a lone field goal from Ross.

Lemanski tallied 9 points in the final period on her way to the game's only doubledigit performance. She finished with 11 points. Salcido finished with 9 markers, including 8 in the final period.

CASEVILLE - Rogers 1-0 (0-1) 2; Schultz 0-0 (2-2) 2 Ross 3-0 (0-8) 6; Redford 0-0 (2-2) 2; Quinn 2-0 (3-5) 7;



Katie Quinn led the hosts with 7 points. OWEN-GAGE - M. Ziehm

2-1 (0-1) 7; A. Ziehm 1-0 (0-0) 2; Fritz 2-1 (1-5) 8; Adams 2-0 (0-0) 4; Groulx 0-1 (0-0) 3; Salcido 2-1 (3-8) 10; Lemanski 2-0 (2-8) 6; Tomich 0-0 (1-2) 1. TOTALS - 11-4 (7-24) 41.

> NORTH HURON - Souve 4-0 (2-6) 10; Mazure 0-0 (1 2) 1; DeBlois 2-0 (0-4) 4 Rice 0-0 (1-3) 1; Yaroch 3-4 (0-2) 18; Langley 2-0 (1-1) 5; Tait 3-0 (3-6) 9; Weber 0

0(1-2)1. TOTALS - 14-4 (9-36) 49.

OWEN-GAGE - M. Ziehn 1-0 (0-0) 2; Fritz 1-1 (1-2) 6; Adams 2-0 (3-4) 7 Salcido 4-0 (1-4) 9 Lemanski 3-0 (5-6) 11. TOTALS - 11-1 (10-17) 35

Errer 1-0 (3-4) 5. TOTALS - 7-0 (10-22) 24

Thumb Ag Day scheduled

More than 65 exhibitors will be at Thumb Ag Day, Dec. 8 at Ubly Heights in Ubly.

Farmers from across the state will have the opportunity to visit with exhibitors representing a cross section of agribusinesses from across the state and the Thumb. Farmers may start visiting with exhibitors at 8:30 a.m. and continue to the end of the day at about 3:30 p.m. Those attending will also have the opportunity to attend several of the 7 educa-

ginning at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contional programs that will be tact the local MSU-Extenheld during the day. Educasion office in your county.

tional programs will begin at

10 a.m. and will continue

throughout the day. Two

RUP credits will be available

for those who attend the Pes-

ticide Handling program be-



THESE MID THUMB Girl Scout Daisies recently distributed their annual mitten boxes throughout the Cass City community. They are: (front l-r) Hailey Ames, Ali Smith, Stephanie Heckroth, (middle l-r) Samantha Clapper, Kristen Kawecki, Shannon Stec, (back I-r) leaders Linda Stec, Maureen Kawecki and Kelly Smith.

Girl Scout Daisies begin drive

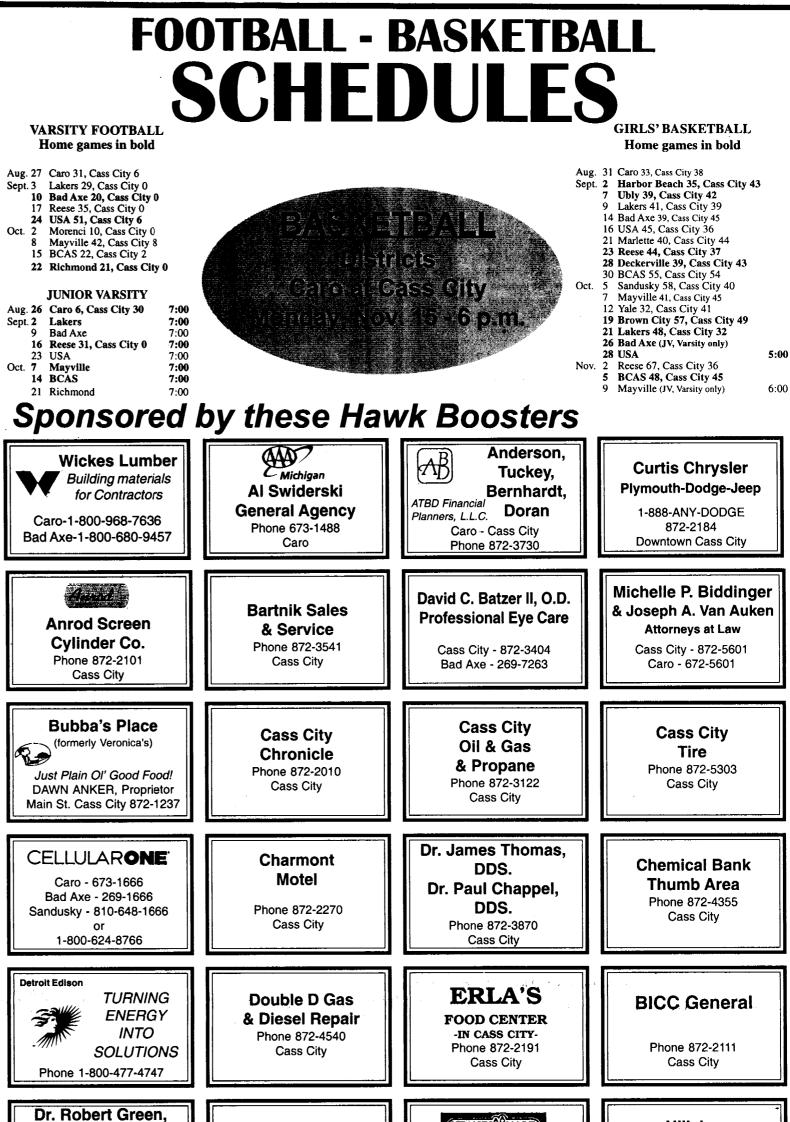
The Thumb Girl Scout Daisies recently distributed their annual mitten boxes throughout the Cass City community.

In an effort to insure that all

asked to drop off their donazation has created and then tions until mid December. At displayed their collection boxes at 4 Cass City locations. They are Detroit Edison, Thumb National Bank, Chemical Bank and

that time the articles will be collected and distributed to Cass Cityans in need. Club leader Kelly Smith

challenges the community to



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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR

ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.

ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN

WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been

made in the conditions of a mortgage

ried woman (original mortgagors) to MG Investments, Inc., an Indiana Corpora-

tion, Mortgagee, dated March 25, 1999,

and recorded on April 5, 1999 in Liber

767, on Page 1198, Tuscola County

Records, Michigan, and was assigned by

said mortgagee to the First National Bank

of Chicago, as Trustee, Assignee by an

assignment dated March 25, 1999, which

was recorded on September 2, 1999, in

Liber 781, on Page 17, Tuscola County

Records, on which mortgage there is

claimed to be due at the date hereof the

sum of FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND

THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY AND 93/

100 dollars (\$51,380.93), including in-

Under the power of sale contained in said

mortgage and the statute in such case

made and provided, notice is hereby given

that said mortgage will be foreclosed by

a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some

part of them, at public vendue, at the front

entrance to the Courthouse in the Village

of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at

Said premises are situated in VILLAGE

OF CASS CITY, Tuscola County, Michi-

The West Half of Lots 3 and 4, Block 3

of the Plat of Pinney's Addition to the

Village of Cass City, Elkland Township,

Tuscola County, according to the plat re-

corded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 60 now

being Page 6B, Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6

month(s) from the date of such sale, un-

less determined abandoned in accordance

with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case

the redemption period shall be 30 days

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

10-20-5

from the date of such sale

Dated: October 20, 1999

Attorneys and Counselors

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100

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ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.

ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been

made in the conditions of a mortgage

made by Joseph Schmidt and April

Schmidt husband & wife (original mort-

gagors) to Commercial Credit Corpora-

tion, Mortgagee, dated June 2, 1995, and

recorded on June 7, 1995 in Liber 674,

on Page 732, Tuscola County Records,

248-593-1305

Trott & Trott, P.C.

File # 990809000

10:00 AM, on December 3, 1999

gan, and are described as:

terest at 10.250% per annum.

made by Pamela S. Leiterman, an unn

Circuit court proceedings

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

•Charles W. Mitchell, 39, Bay City, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 90 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of no contest to writing a \$850 non-sufficient fund check April 12, 1998, in Mayville, and for a guilty plea to attempted absconding or forfeiting bond Feb. 26 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay \$660 in court costs and fines, attorneys fees totaling \$409 and restitution of \$850.

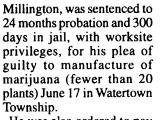
•Daryl L. Ostrander, 46,

LINE SAFETY and Maintenance

SEMCO ENERGY maintains all the gas and service lines that connect our gas distribution system to customers' gas meters. Customers are responsible for the gas lines between the meter and appliances including underground lines on property to yard lights, pool and spa heaters, garages, workshops and similar areas. Please make it a routine to check all gas lines for leaks or corrosion. Here are some signs to look for when a leak is suspected:

Blowing or hissing sounds Brown patches in vegetation or near a right-of-way Bubbling water at a pond, creek, or river Gas odor Dry spot in moist earth

If a hazard is suspected, call SEMCO ENERGY immediately at 1-888-GAS-1GAS (1-888-427-1427). A trained technician will check the line and shut off the gas supply if a safety hazard exists. Customers can choose to have the line repaired by SEMCO ENERGY or contact a local heating or plumbing contractor to assist in repairing underground lines. Once the leak is repaired, a service technician will turn the gas back on.



He was also ordered to pay \$850 in costs and fines.

•Brian J. Woodruff, 21, Fairgrove, pleaded innocent to a charge of second degree home invasion Sept. 24 in Novesta Township. A pre-trial was ordered

scheduled in the case, bond was continued at \$20,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Mark R. Swiecicki, 45, Waterford, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 30 days in jail for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, July 4 in Indianfields Township.

> Swiecicki was ordered to pay \$2,200 in costs and fines plus restitution totaling \$235. •George R. Donovan, 41, Deford, was sentenced to 180 days in jail (90 days deferred), with work release, for his plea of guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm Aug. 27 in Kingston Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$560 in costs and fines.

•Michelle A. Kirkey, 33, Caro, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 180 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for her plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - causing serious injury Aug.

3, 1998, in Indianfields Township. She was also ordered to pay

\$1,560 in costs and fines plus restitution totaling \$85. •Kevin F. Mitchell, 36, Port

Huron, pleaded guilty to probation violation. Sentencing was delayed for 6 months and probation was reinstated.

•Darci R. Dearing, 28, Caro, pleaded guilty to forgery involving a \$100 check drawn on Community Bank May 30, 1998.

Bond was continued and a pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing was scheduled for Jan. 13 at 8:30 a.m.

•Jason C. Kowitz, 22, Millington, pleaded guilty to attempted carrying a concealed weapon and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Aug. 28 in Caro.

Bond was continued at \$2,000, a pre-sentence investigation was ordered and sentencing was scheduled for Jan. 13 at 8:30 a.m.

•William A. McPhail, 26, Cass City, pleaded guilty to probation violation. Bond was continued and an updated pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be scheduled.



THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David A. HEIDGER and Monica L. HEIDGER his wife (original mortgagors) to First Security Savings Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated February 3, 1994, and recorded on February 9, 1994 in Liber 653, on Page 1448, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Atlantic Mortgage & Investment Corporation, as assignee by an assignment dated April 22, 1998, which was recorded on May 5, 1998, in Liber 738, on Page 308, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX AND 42/100 dollars (\$61,366.42), including interest at 7.375% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 1/1 of each year.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on December 17, 1999.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF WATERTOWN, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as

The Northerly 200 feet of the following described parcel: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 13, thence due West 666.22 feet along the South Section line to the point of beginning for this description; thence North 0 degrees 16 minutes 06 seconds East 662.0 feet; thence due West 664.22 feet parallel with the South Section line; thence South 0 degrees 20 minutes 35 seconds West, 134.01 feet; thence due East 216.72 feet parallel with said Section line; thence South 0 degrees 29 minutes West, 527.99 feet to the South Section line; thence East 449.78 feet to the point of beginning. Together with and subject to an easement for ingress and egress purposes over and across a 66 foot wide strip of a land the centerline of which is described as beginning at a point on the South Section line that is due West 665.22 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section 13; thence North 0 degrees 16 minutes 06 seconds East 662.0 feet to the point of ending.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale. Dated: November 10, 1999

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 248-593-1305 Trott & Trott, P.C Attorneys and Counselors 30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File # 98021841 Panthers 11-10-5

Rockwell drawing winner

The recent 50/50 drawing held by the Humane Society of Tuscola County was won by Susie Rockwell of Caro,

Legal Notices

with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

248-593-1303 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors 30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File # 990910546 Ravens

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Craig Evans, a married man and Lisa M. Evans, his wife, in Bar of Dower (original mortgagors) to Community Mortgage Services, Inc. /DBA Home Mortgage Co., Mortgagee, dated December 30, 1998, and recorded on January 4, 1999 in Liber 759, on Page 1033, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR AND 30/100 dollars (\$45,924.30), including interest at 8.500% per annum

mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front trance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF JUNIATA, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1: Land commencing at a point 10 nevs fees allowed by law, will be fore-Rods West of the Southeast corner of section 9, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, running thence North 12 Rods, thence West 44 feet, thence South 12 Rods, thence East 44 feet to place of beginning, being part of Lot 8, Block 1 of the Village of Watrousville according to the plat recorded in Liber 6 of deeds, Page 4 of Tuscola County Records, Parcel 2: the West 12 feet of the East 22 feet of Lot 8, Block 1 of the Village of Watrousville according to the plat recorded in Liber 6 of deeds, Page 4 of Tuscola County

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948C 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from

Dated: October 17, 1999 248-593-1306 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors Michigan, on which mortgage there is Bingham Farms, MI 48025

claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINE THOUSAND EIGHT Mustangs HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT AND 02/ 100 dollars (\$9,868.02), including interest at 15.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said been made in the terms and conditions of mortgage and the statute in such case a certain mortgage made by Douglas A. made and provided, notice is hereby given Davis of Tuscola County, Michigan, that said mortgage will be foreclosed by Mortgagor to North American Company a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some Mortgagee dated the 3rd day of June, A.D. part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village 1998, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at

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

from the date of such sale

Dated: October 27, 1999

By: Daniel E. Best (P58501)

755 W. Big Beaver, Suite 10

Troy, MI 48084

PURPOSE.

(248) 362-6100

Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee

THIS FIRM IS ACTING AS A COLLEC-

TOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A

DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OB-

TAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having

been made in the terms and conditions of

a certain mortgage made by Kevin T.

Hughes and Valeria J. Hughes, his wife

ors, to Simpson Mortgage Co., Mort-

gagee to Sharon Ann Bernhardt, by an

assignment dated January 22, 1996, and

recorded on February 5, 1996, in Liber

685, on page 862, Tuscola County

Records, Michigan, on which mortgage

there is claimed to be due at the date

hereof the sum of \$38,104.01 plus \$15.84

interest per day after 9/17/99.

Local Time, on December 3, 1999

Michigan, and are described as:

Said premises are situated in the Town

North, Range 11 East, excepting 5 acres

in the Southeast corner thereof. 36 rods

During the six (6) months immediately

following the sale, the property may be

redeemed, except that in the event that

the property is determined to be aban-

doned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the

property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

10-27-5

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO.,

Dated: October 13, 1999 FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 10-13-5

ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgaggagee, dated January 8, 1996, and recorded on January 12, 1996 in Liber 684, on page 915, Tuscola County Records, Michigan and assigned by said Mort-

Under the power of sale contained in said 10:00 AM, on December 10, 1999.

mises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10 o'clock AM ship of Koylton, County of Tuscola, The Southerly 600 feet of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 section of 28, Town 11

6 feet North and South and 22 rods East and West C/K/A 6411 Mayville Road, Clifford, MI Sidwell Nos. 016-028-000-3760-00 and the date of such sale. 016-028-000-3750-00

FOR INFORMATION. PLEASE CALL: 30150 Telegraph Road Suite 100 File # 990910726

> Sharon Ann Bernhardt, Mortgagee 10-27-4

Michael A. Nedelman (P35433) Attorney for Mortgagee MORTGAGE SALE - Default having Nedelman Romzek Smith & Wolf 3000 Town Center, Súite 2700 Southfield, Michigan 48075 (248) 353-4400 File No. 1104.371

Dated October 13, 1999

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

Dated: November 10, 1999

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1300 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors 30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File # 991011321 Hawks 11-10-5

MORTGAGE SALE

RUSSELL AND BATCHELOR IS AT-TEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OB-TAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE

Default has occurred in the condition of a mortgage made by WOODROW W. FINLEY AND MITZI FINELY, to release her dower rights a/k/a Mitzi L. Finley to EXPRESS FUNDING, INC., DBA EPI FUNDING, A Nevada Corporation. 16802 Aston St., Irvine, CA 92714, dated January 16, 1996, and recorded with the Tuscola County Register of Deeds on February 5, 1996, in Liber 685 at Page 843. Said mortgage was assigned to BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee, 16802 Aston St., Irvine, CA 92606, by mesne assignments and recorded with the Tuscola County Register of Deeds on June 24, 1997 in Liber 716 at Page 259. By reason of such default the undersigned elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of said mortgage due and payable forthwith.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case At the date of this notice there is claimed made and provided, notice is hereby given to be due for principal and interest, at the that said mortgage with the interest thereon at sixteen and 00/100 (16.00%) rate of 13.990% per annum on said mortgage the sum of SEVENTEEN THOUT per cent per annum and all legal costs, SAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTEEN charges and expenses including the attorand 54/100 DOLLARS (\$17,316.54). No suit or proceeding at law has been insticlosed by a sale of the mortgaged pretuted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided and to pay said amount with interest as provided in said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including attorney's fees allowed by law, said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at the Courthouse in Village of Caro, the place of holding the Circuit Court within the County of Tuscola, City of Village of Caro on Friday, December 3, 1999, at 10:00 a.m., local time.

Pursuant to Public Act No. 104, Public Acts of 1971 (MSA 27A3240(3)) the redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of the foreclosure sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

The premises covered by said mortgage is situated in the Township of Dayton. County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and more fully described as

BEGINNING AT THE SE CORNER OF THE S 1/2 OF THE S 1/2 OF THE NE 1/ 4 OF SEC 12, T11N, R10E, THENCE N 320 FT; THENCE W 550 FT; THENCE S 320 FT: THENCE E 550 FT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. RIGHT OF WAY FOR ENGLISH ROAD OVER THE ESTERLY SIDE THEREOF ITEM NO. 79-005-012-000-0400-02

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee Assignee of Mortgagee.



10:00 AM, on December 3, 1999.

Said premises are situated in VILLAGE OF UNIONVILLE. Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

All that Certain parcel of land in village of Unionville, Tuscola County, State of Michigan as more fully described in Liber 566 Page 1487 being known and designated as Lots 1, 2 and south 26 feet of Lot 6, Block 15

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

Dated: October 13, 1999

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1305 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors 30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File # 990809738 Panthers 10-13-5

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PUR-

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dale M. Romain. a married man and Diane J. Romain. his wife (original mortgagors) to American Financial Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated October 11, 1995, and recorded on October 17, 1995, in Liber 680, on Page 837, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Standard Federal Bank, Assignee by an assignment dated October 11, 1995, which was recorded on October 17, 1995, in Liber 680, on Page 843, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY THOUSAND FOUR HUN-DRED NINETY AND 11/100 dollars (\$80,490.11), including interest at 7.875% per annum

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public enue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on December 3, 1999.

Said premises are situated in VILLAGE OF CARO, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 1 and 2, Block 5 of the original plat of the Village of Caro, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page , Now Being Page 59A.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, un-

Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 5th day of June, A.D. 1998, in Liber 741 of Tuscola Records, on page 880, which said mortgage was thereafter on, which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and in-terest, the sum of \$93,973.53.

And no suit or proceedings at law or inequity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Friday, the 3rd day of December, A.D., 1999, at 10:00 a.m. o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid. on said mortgage, with the interest thereon at seven point five zero per cent (7.50%) per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sum which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Fostoria, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows, to wit:

All that certain tract or parcel of Land situate in the Township of Watertown, County of Tuscola, and State of Michigan, known and described as being: Par cel a part of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, Described as: Beginning at a point that is S 98 Deg. 8 Min. 0 Sec. West 1201.82 feet along the South Section Line and N 0 Deg. 30 Min. 35 Sec. West, 500.00 Feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 25; thence S 89 Deg. 8 Min. 0 Sec. West. 127.38 feet; thence along the West Line of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, N 0 Deg. 31 Min. 5 Sec. West, 824.06 feet; thence along the North Line of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, N 89 Deg. 13 Min. 7 Sec. East, 332.43 feet, thence along the East Line of said West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, S 0 Deg. 30 Min. 42 Sec. East, 823.56 feet; thence S 89 Deg. 8 Min. 0 Sec. West, 204.96 feet to the point of beginning, together with and easement for ingress and utilities being part of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, Described as Beginning at a point on the south Section Line that is S 89 Deg. 8 Min. 0 Sec. West 1121.82 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 25; thence continuing S 89 Deg. 8 Min. 0 Sec. West 80.00 feet; thence N 0 Deg. 30 Min. 35 Sec. West 500.00 feet; thence N 89 Deg. 8 Min. 0 Sec. East 66.00 feet; thence S 0 Deg. 30 Min. 35 Sec. East 175.00 feet; thence N 89 Deg. 8 Min. 0 Sec. East 14.00 feet; thence South 0 Deg. 10 Min. 35 Sec. East 325.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Tax ID #021-025-000-3700-03

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10-27-5

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tanya L. Keiter, a married woman and Christopher R. Keiter, her husband (original mortgagors) to Advance Innovative Mortgages, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 8, 1998, and recorded on April 15, 1998 in Liber 735, on Page 961, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Flagstar Bank, FSB, as assignee by an assignment dated April 8, 1998, which was recorded on April 15, 1998, in Liber 735, on Page 969, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND SIXTY-EIGHT AND 92/100 dollars (\$72,068.92), including interest at 7.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 7, 2000.

Said premises are situated in TOWN-SHIP OF MILLINGTON, Tuscola ounty, Michigan, and are described as:

Situated in the Township of Millington, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, to-wit. Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 1, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, also being a part of "Parcel No. 4" of a previously surveyed parcel of land as re-corded in Liber 514, pages 764 to 766 of Tuscola County Records. Described as beginning at a point which is located from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 1 by the following seven (7) courses, (1) South 75 degrees 02 minutes 51 seconds East, along the South line of said Southeast 1/4, 1,488.56 feet and (2) North 12 degrees 37 minutes 40 seconds East, 615.76 feet and (3) North 13 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds East, 261.70 feet and (4) North 28 degrees 13 min-utes 00 seconds East, 415.50 feet and (5) North 44 degrees 46 minutes 16 seconds East, 78.0 feet to the Southerly line of "Parcel No. 4" and (6) South 47 degrees 52 minutes 00 seconds East, along said Southerly line, 197.69 feet and (7) North 54 degrees 34 minutes 06 seconds East. 10.24 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 47 degrees 52 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel with said Southerly line, 145.28 feet; thence North 54 degrees 34 minutes 06 seconds East, perpendicular to the Northerly line of said "Parcel No. 4", 158.87 feet to said Northerly line; thence North 35 degrees 25 minutes 54 seconds West, (previously recorded as North 35 degrees 27 minutes 00 seconds West) along said Northerly line, 141,87 feet; thence South 54 degrees 34 minutes 06 seconds West, perpendicular to said Northerly line, 190.16 feet to the point of beginning.

Dated: October 20, 1999

James W. Batchelor (P25500) **RUSSELL & BATCHELOR** Suite 411-S Waters Building 161 Ottawa Avenue, N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 774-8422

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10-20-5

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Wilson and Penny Wilson, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Bay Creek Mortgage, A Michi gan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 8, 1996, and recorded on Novem ber 18, 1996 in Liber 701, on Page 547 Tuscola County Records. Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation. Assignee by an assignment dated July 21, 1997, which was recorded on August 6. 1997, in Liber 717, on Page 233, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE AND 41/100 dollars (\$72,621.41), including interest at 8.375% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 4/1 once every year.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on December 3, 1999

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF VASSAR, Tuscola County, Michigan. and are described as:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, thence East 12.5 rods, thence South 12.5 rods, thence West 12.5 rods, thence North 12.5 rods to place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600,3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 20, 1999

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 248-593-1306 Trott & Trott, P.C Attorneys and Counselors 30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File # 981111327 Mustangs 10-20-5

New books at the library

The Killing Game by Iris Johansen: The killer knows Eve Duncan well enough to know that she is in deep pain because of the death of her daughter Bonnie, whose body has never been found. He knows she will insist on identifying the 9 skeletons found buried on a bluff near Georgia's Talladega Falls. He knows she believes that one of those skeletons belonged to her daughter. The killer stalks Eve relentlessly, following her every move. He enjoys the pain he is causing her and waits to strike again. Two friends, businessman John Logan and Atlanta detective Joe Quinn, try to protect Eve, but they can't go everywhere she must go. Eve herself must match wits with a most dangerous psychopath who wants ultimately to kill her.

Family Honor by Robert B. Parker: Boston private detec-*tive and former police officer Sunny Randall is hired by a wealthy family to find their teenage daughter, Millicent. Using underworld contacts, Sunny is able to locate Millicent, who has been working as a prostitute under the control of a dangerous pimp. Sunny finds that Millicent has more serious problems than just running away from home. She is involved with the mob and Sunny becomes involved in a shooting war with mobsters that she didn't bargain for. Sunny enlists the help of her ex-husband, Richie, and a close friend, Spike, to solve a murder, unravel a criminal conspiracy that reaches to the top of state government and return Millicent to a normal life with her family.

Mother of Pearl by Melinda Haynes: This novel takes place in a small Mississippi town in the 1950s. The story revolves around a 28-year-old black man named Even Grade, who grew up as an orphan, and a 15-year-old named Valuable Korner, who is the daughter of the town whore and an unknown father. The 2 meet when Joody Two Sun, a seer, sets up a camp near the river outside of town and Joody becomes Even's lover. Even and Valuable are looking for a family, love and commitment that neither of them has ever had. Their search takes them to places they never imagined.

Farmers revise, debate resolutions Eighteen farmers from across the state, representing a broad range of agricultural backgrounds, gathered for 3

long days last week to revise and debate more than 1,000 resolutions brought to them by 68 county Farm Bureaus in Michigan.

National farm policy, farmland preservation programs and road funding topped the list of concerns of most county Farm Bureaus.

These 18 farmers, who make up Michigan Farm Bureau's Policy Development Committee, developed 120 proposed resolutions outlining the organization's stance on local, state and national issues and desired course of action. The resolu-

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than last year, will now be Bill expires. debated at the organization's 81st annual meeting, Nov. 30-Dec. 3, in Traverse City.

"I'm sure there will be one issue that we didn't see or address during this process, but will be brought up on the delegate floor," said Wayne Wood, chairman of the Policy Development Committee. "It's so important for everyone - members and non-members - to recognize

the fact that volunteers spend a great amount of time to make sure we have policy that reflects the needs of our members.

According to Wood, much of the committee discussion centered on what needs to happen when the 1996 Farm tions, which include 10 more

Other top issues included

crop insurance, education finance and wildlife management. Additional discussion centered around trade agreements and the current farm program.

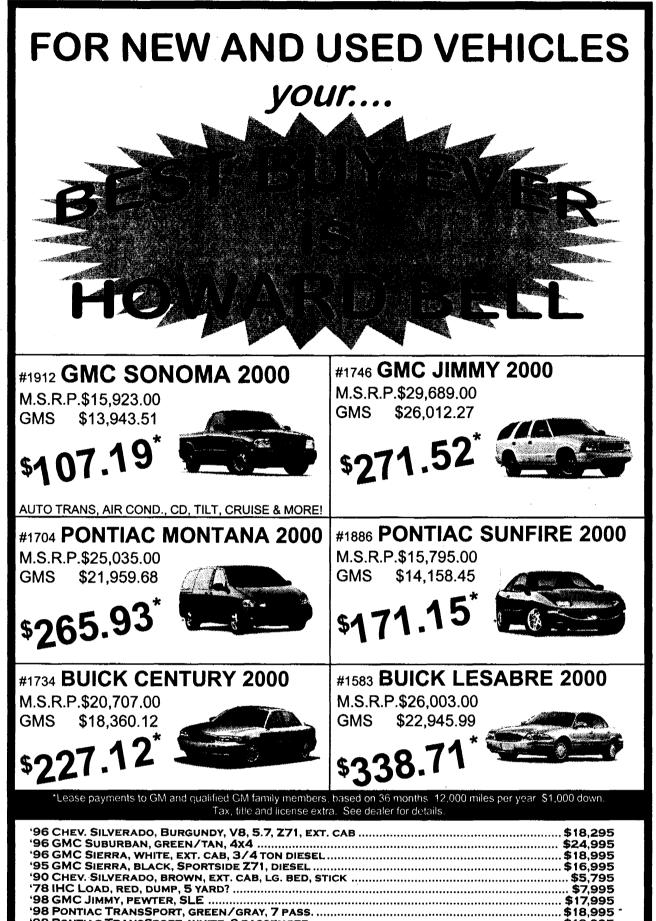
state and bringing them together to create policy and direction for the coming year. The State Policy Devel-

MFB prides itself on being opment Committee broke a grass-roots organization by taking the concerns of farmers from every county in the

into subcommittees to debate resolutions before convening to vote on them as a whole.

Annually, Michigan Farm Bureau - the state's largest general farm organization said.

undergoes this process. "This is a time-proven process that allows Farm Bureau members the opportunity for input on the policy that directs the organization for the coming 12 months," Wood



Cass City's Brad Roche named a commended student

tion (NMSC), which con-Cass City High School Principal Dorland R. Kuntz ducts the program, will be presented by the principal to announced that Bradley J. this scholastically talented Roche has been named a Commended Student in the senior. year 2000 National Merit

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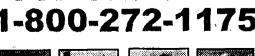
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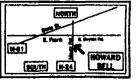
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CONTINUED MILD fall weather has allowed Thumb farmers to get plenty of harvesting work completed in recent days, but a lack of rail cars has forced some elevators to close their doors due to a lack of storage space. Fortunately, some temporary relief is on the way in the form of 600 to 750 additional grain transport cars. (See story, page one)

Dairy farmers enjoying best prices in years

Because of poor markets and high production, times couldn't be worse for many sectors of agriculture. Dairy producers, however, have received some of the best market prices in years while milk production soars.

Statistics tallied in September show that in the 20 leading dairy producing states, overall milk production rose by 5.3 percent, with California output increasing 16.5 percent and Idaho, 14.3 percent. Milk production in Michigan increased 1.4 percent and in Ohio, 3.5 percent. It was the largest monthly increase in nearly 6 years. Michigan State University Extension dairy economist Larry Hamm says the milk production increase in Cali-



producer - is startling.

"The percent increase in California's milk production in September was more than the total amount of milk produced in Ohio last year," Hamm says.

Though milk production increases may portend lower consumer prices, which have also risen considerably in the past year, reductions won't be seen soon. In the meantime, milk production will continue to increase. He says that low prices for

commodities in other farm sectors means cheap inputs dairy producers, and they are trying to maximize the opportunity.

"What we're seeing now is other products, there is goa direct response to profiting to be a significant lag ability in the dairy industry between the price of the raw and people trying to cash in product coming off the farm on that profitability and a and what shows up at the dramatic increase in milk

fornia - the nation's largest the old record by nearly because of the way the pricing system works. \$1.10 per cwt. Current farm

The anticipated drop in gate prices are averaging prices to dairy producers is \$16.26, though they are exsimilar to the drop of \$6 per pected to drop to around \$12 cwt. seen last January and per cwt. in early November and, according to the U.S. February.

"This will be the first time Department of Agriculture, that we can ever recall that decline to an average of we've had 2 of these drops \$10.75 to \$11.55 per cwt. in within the same year," Hamm says, "There are fun-The reason is that, as milk damental factors that cause production continues to acthat, but basically it is becelerate, the supply is begincause Congress and society ning to overtake demand. decided that there no longer which to date has been exshould be a dairy price supceptionally strong, according port program at the levels that it is, and as a result there is no mechanism for provid-Lower consumer prices ... ing industrywide stability within the dairy sector." won't be seen soon, however.

Good prices or bad, stability or no, dairy farm num-"Because so much of dairy is ingredient or goes into bers, along with the rest of production agriculture, continue to decline.

Nationally, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation, dairy farm numbers consumer level," Hamm dropped from 131,535 in 1992 to 87,669 in 1999, or an average of 5.6 percent each year. The statistics show that 190 dairy farms went out of business in Michigan last year.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson Phone 658-2347

(Sweeney) VanErp.

Tuesday for breakfast.

Tuesday afternoon.

Moore's 40th birthday at the

Lamotte Township Hall at

Decker. They also celebrated

Heather Moore's 10th birth-

Bryce and Betty Hagen, Allen Farrelly, Doris Western, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Ed Schember attended the ham and pancake breakfast at the Masonic Hall in Bad Axe Sundav.

Ray and Rita Depcinski, Charles Depcinski, Shawn and Nicole, and Bradley Osentoski attended a supper for Dean Carpenter Jr.'s 14th birthday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Carpenter Sr. and family at Caro. Other guests were grandparents, Donald and Caroline Carpenter, and great-grandparents of Caro.

Ed Schember of Elkton, Ron Wolschlager, Doris Western, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Friday morning for breakfast.

Eleven members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at Best Western in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at Franklin Plaza next week. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker,

Mr. and Mrs. David Hacker, Mrs. Earl Schenk, Thelma Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, Mrs. John O'Henley, Mrs. Martin

OES installs officers

Decker Chapter #438 Order of Eastern Star installed officers for the coming year Nov. 2 at 7 p.m.

Guests from Sandusky Chapter #273 were present, Janet Higgens being the installing organist. Eastside #185 Port Sanilac was represented by Joyce Knight and her husband. She is on the Grand family membership revitalization committee.

Lunch was served in a Thanksgiving theme by Carolyn MacDonald.

Chapter meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., except Sweeney, Mrs. Allen day. Depcinski, Ray and Rita Mrs. Evans Gibbard visited Depcinski, Mrs. Elgin Wills, Edith Rye in Cass City Mon-Mrs. Gerald Wills and Bryce

and Betty Hagen were at the Charles and Therese Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Depcinski and family were Home Sunday to pay re-Sunday evening guests of spects to Ruth Ann Ray and Rita Depcinski. Betty and Bryce Hagen vis-

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, ited Ben and Donelda Meske Doris Western, Beatrice at Port Hope Sunday. Sternberg, Margaret Cook Allen Farrelly was a Saturand Allen Farrelly met at day evening guest of Mr. and

McDonald's in Bad Axe Mrs. Leonard Bezemek and Marie in Ubly. Larry Silver and friend Mrs. Martin Sweeney and

Thelma Jackson visited from Utica, Reva Silver and Clara Bond in Cass City Mrs. Gerald Wills had supper at the Franklin Plaza in Around 100 relatives and Bad Axe Saturday. friends attended a surprise Mike Grifka and son, Allen birthday party for Greg

Farrelly, Mark Farrelly, Ron Wolschlager and Ed Schembers had lunch Tuesday at the Cass City Stockvards.

PAGE ELEVEN

Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Thelma Jackson and Charlotte LaPeer attended the funeral of William Rohlfs at the Cass City Presbyterian Church Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Henley were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and

Mrs. Allen Depcinski. Eva McKnight was a Monday guest of Mrs. Earl Schenk.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Walsh and Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard attended the funeral of Jerry Phillips at the Kaatz Funeral Home at Yale Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary Beardsley, Mrs. Rose Wills and Jason Wills spent Friday and Saturday with Mrs. Debra Wilson and children of Muskegon. Rose Wills is spending 2 weeks with Mrs. Wilson.

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chains required

Though it's been a law in Michigan for years, many farm managers may not realize that safety chains are required on trailers and wagons (grain or forage) that are towed on the roadway by a truck or tractor.

Howard J. Doss, Michigan State University Extension agricultural safety specialist, says the law requires that safety chains be strong enough to pull a loaded trailer or wagon.

"The safety chain is intended to retain the connection between the towing vehicle and towed equipment in the event of the failure of the primary attaching device, such as a hitch pin with retaining clip," Doss says.

According to the American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE) recommendation, the chain strength should match the total gross loaded weight of the trailer or wagon: 6,400 to 60,600 foot-pounds.

The chain should be from 59 to 80 inches long to allow for turning and maneuvering without binding. It should be attached to the wagon or trailer tongue a few inches behind the hitch with a highgrade steel bolt. An intermediate support, such as a Ubolt, may be needed to keep the chain from dragging on the ground.

The chain should be attached to the lowest point on the tractor drawbar or truck receiver hitch using a safety hook to prevent accidental unlatching

Details and illustrations on selecting and attaching safety chains can be obtained from the county MSU Extension office. Ask for the October 1999 Safety News fact sheet on safety chains for trailers and wagons.

production," Hamm says. Overall, last year was one of the more profitable for dairy producers in decades. Milk prices at the farm gate averaged \$14.20 per hundredweight (cwt.), eclipsing

says. "The price declines we are talking about have yet to arrive — they will occur over the next 3 to 6 months. So consumers will not see any reduction in dairy prices through the end of the year

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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

nition parts.

5 YEARS AGO

The fall of 1994 will be remembered as one of the best harvest seasons in years. Unfortunately, record yields throughout the country have pushed commodity prices into the cellar.

A formal lighting ceremony will be held Nov. 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Chemical Bank building to showcase Cass City's new downtown Christmas decorations

John and Betsy Tuckey and son, Trevor, will soon be moving to Virginia, where the area couple will live out their dream of training quarter horses for a living. Betsy is a world class quarter horse judge and John, a top-notch cutting horse judge.

Police received a report from central dispatch Saturday that someone with an axe had knocked down the front door at the Jane and Stanley Derengowski residence. Damage to the door was estimated at \$30.

10 YEARS AGO

Apparent personality conflicts between Owen-Gage school officials and preschool Director Diane Warack dominated discussion Monday night at a public meeting called to discuss the recent temporary closing of the preschool. The meeting, requested by a number of parents, was held 2 weeks after Warack shut down the program, citing harassment by school administrators.

Agriculture agents are calling this year's corn crop harvest the best in recent years. The average harvest is 130 to 140 bushels per acre. This year, fields are running 150, 160, and some fields are hitting 170 bushels per acre. B.A. Calka, owner of Calka Real Estate in Cass City, was honored recently at the 75th anniversary luncheon of the Michigan Association of Realtors in Grand Rapids. A crystal letter opener was a gift from the Association, given to selected persons as outstanding members.

For the second year in a row, the office of Doctors Green and Nahernak was named the group winner of 25 YEARS AGO

Janet Bishop, Mildred McConkey, Neva Zinnecker and Elwyn Helwig have a combined 87 consecutive years of handling election results in Elkland Township. None has missed a vote since they began working on the

election board. Ed Stoutenburg had the best game of his career when he scored all 4 touchdowns in Friday night's game when the Hawks defeated the Marlette Red Raiders, 26-22. Pranksters kept police and fire departments busy Halloween night. In Cass City, Police Chief Gene Wilson said minor damage included

spray painting village signs, 4 fire hydrants opened and almost constant egg throwing.

Fire of undetermined origin did approximately \$2,500 damage to a garage at the Oran Hughes residence at 6619 Houghton St., late Wednesday night, Oct. 30. Arson is suspected in the

blaze. Kevin Woodward had Doug Hyatt as a dinner guest Sunday.

35 YEARS AGO

The Ron Graceys are raising Araucanas or "Easter Egg" chickens, the only domestic chickens to lay colored eggs. Mrs. Gracey sent for 3 Araucanas, hoping that at least one of them would be a hen. Twice she sent for the chickens and twice they all

turned out roosters. She had and Joe Mark.

Representative Green praises USDA ruling

ized.

State Rep. Mike Green recently praised the decision by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to split Michigan into disease control zones, helping the state to eradicate bovine tuberculosis.

"This is great news for gan quarantine TB testing Michigan farmers," said policies will remain in effect Green, R-Mayville. "It recthrough the fall feeder cattle ognizes that most of Michisales season. gan is free of bovine TB and reinforces efforts to elimi-

chicken that laid green eggs, but he had to get rid of it because it was scaring the daylights out of all his laying hens. Mrs. Gracey took the hen, introduced it to her rooster and now hopes the introduction will blossom into a flock of baby Araucanas next spring.

Mrs. Zella Vyse of 6769 Main St., Cass City, slipped and fell Nov. 4, shattering both wrists.

given up when Harold Copeland, a neighbor, an-

nounced that he had a

The nurses at Hills and Dales General Hospital have a new lounge. The lounge that was planned for the nurses when the hospital was built 4 years ago never materialized. However, the late Walter Mann, former manager of the old Nestles plant in Cass City, left money to the hospital in his will, some of which was to provide the nurses with a retreat from

The farm owned by Dorus W. Benkelman on Schwegler Rd. has been declared a Centennial Farm. It was purchased by his grandfather, Adam Benkelman, in 1864. The second owner of the

doctors and patients alike.

farm was John A. Benkelman, the present owner's father.

Jim Jezewski, scoutmaster, led 8 scouts on a 30-mile hike to Owendale and back again between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. last Saturday. Making the trek were Tom Crow, Chuck Hughes, Robbie Alexander, Joe Hillaker, Jeff Spencer, John Asher, George Martin

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Cass City's town-wide employee costume contest held Oct. 31. They all portrayed circus characters.

Walbro will hold an open house Saturday and Thumb area residents will be able to tour the new modern automated plant on Doerr Road. Miles Smith, automation and tool consultant from England, calls this robot-controlled plant the most modern, most automated plant in the world for producing ignate the disease in the quarantined northeast portion of the state.' The USDA ruling permits

farmers to move cattle freely unless another state has enacted a restriction and allows the Michigan Department of Agriculture to focus financial

and human resources on the region of the state where bovine TB is present. The interim rule will be implemented according to conditions outlined in a

by contacting the Michigan Department of Agriculture at (517) 373-1077 or by accessing the web site www.mda.state.mi.us. "We are united in our efforts to see this disease ut-

terly annihilated," Green said. "At the same time, we need to make sure that our efforts are going where they are most needed. This ruling helps focus our efforts."

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gan experienced the worst storms in many years. Record snowfall and very cold air turned some of the enjoyment of the season to tragedy. To focus attention on winter safety precautions, Governor John Engler has declared Nov. 7-13 as Winter Hazards Awareness Week in Michigan.

"Last winter will be remembered for significant winter weather around the New Year's holiday," said Darin Figurskey of the National Weather Service and member of the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness.

Most memorable was the blizzard Jan. 2, which brought heavy snow and wind gusts as high as 65 mph to many areas of Michigan. In southern Lower Michigan, snowfall totals around a foot were common, with a few

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mained impassable for days, and some schools were closed for up to 2 weeks af-In parts of Lower Michigan, this was the most significant

snowstorm in 20 years, since the blizzard of 1978. Lakeeffect snow was prevalent in the wake of the winter storm. and very cold air moving over Lake Superior through Jan. 4 resulted in a final snowfall total of 31 inches in Marquette. The very cold air was also responsible for 3 deaths and 29 injuries in southeast Michigan. For the entire winter, 10 storms produced double-digit snowfalls

across Upper Michigan. Just prior to New Year's Day, bands of lake-effect snow plagued northern Lower Michigan with whiteout conditions. During the early afternoon of Dec. 31,

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were up to a half-inch thick and power outages lasted 3 days at some locations. According to the Michigan

Committee for Severe Weather Awareness, no matter what the winter weather hazard - from extreme cold and snow to ice and wind everyone in Michigan should be prepared for winter's dangers. Winter storms can im-

Peninsula. Ice accumulations mobilize a region, disrupt utilities, and even cause flooding. 'Now is the time to prepare

for the unexpected," said Figurskey. "There is no need to be caught by surprise no matter, how winter tries to sneak up on us."

The severe weather coalition suggests keeping emergency supplies in the home and motor vehicle. Those supplies should include firstaid kits, battery-powered radios, flashlights, extra batteries, matches, blankets, warm clothes and non-perishable foods. Problems while traveling can be avoided by keeping vehicles properly maintained and filled with fuel. Residents should always check the weather forecast before leaving home and take note of advisories, watches and warnings.

A winter storm watch indicates that severe weather conditions may affect your area. A winter storm warning indicates that severe winter conditions are imminent and you should take immediate precautions. A snow advisory is issued for the Lower Peninsula when snowfalls of 4 or 5 inches (average of the forecast range) are expected in a 12hour period.

In the Upper Peninsula, a snow advisory would be issued when 4 to 7 inches of snow are anticipated in that same time period. A wind chill advisory or wind chill warning may be issued when strong winds increase the

danger of exposure to cold air. If residents have to go outside during severe winter weather, they should wear loose-fitting, light-weight warm clothing in layers. Outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent, and they should wear a wool hat and mittens. It is important to avoid overexertion, such as shoveling heavy snow, pushing a car or walking in deep snow. Sweating from these activities could lead to wind chill and hypo-

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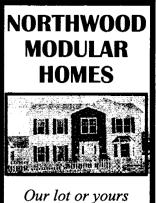
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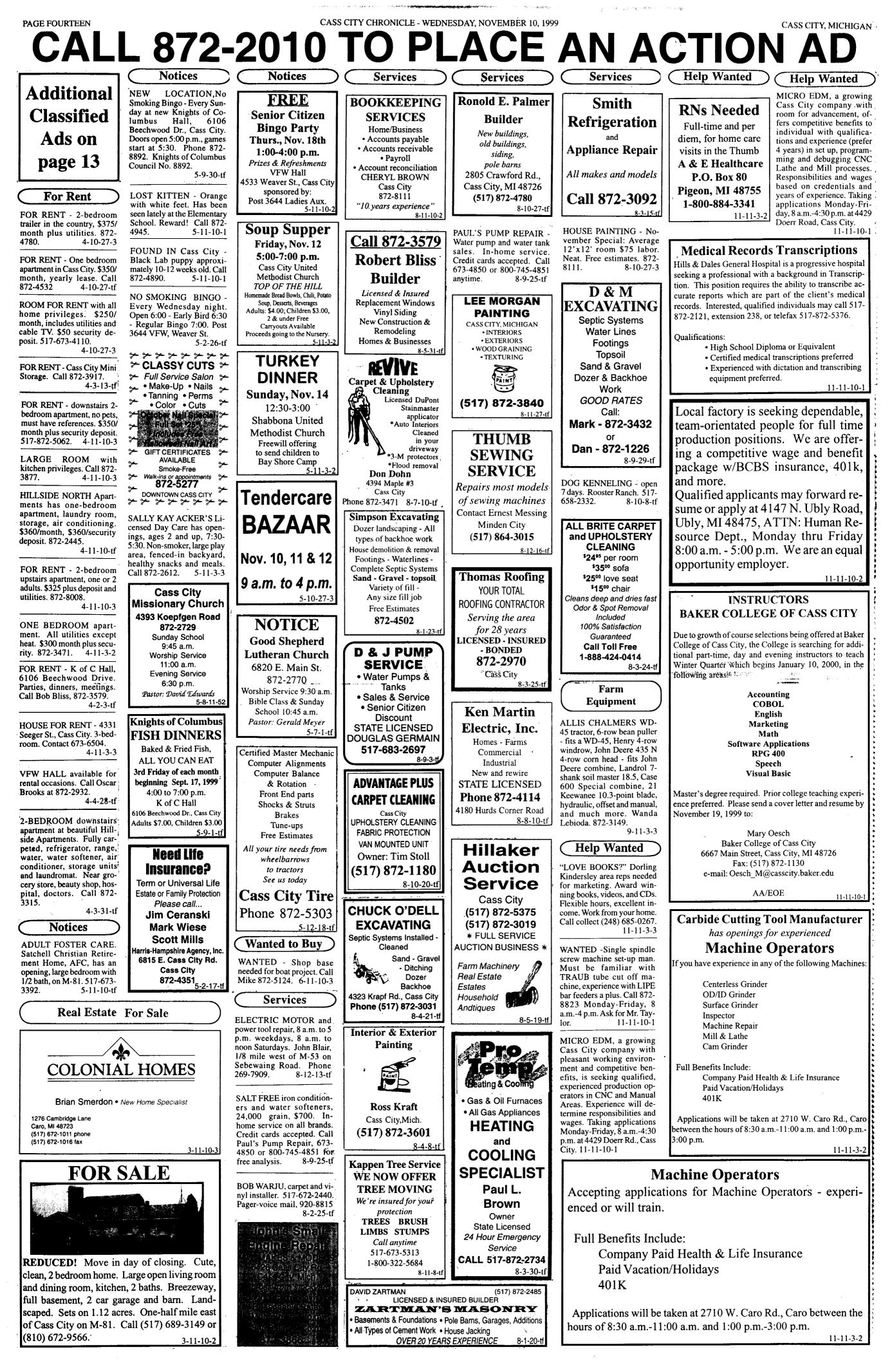
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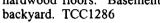


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CCT-231 - Large 2 story brick home on a corner lot with a 1 car detached garage. 3 bedrooms, 4'x5' mudroom, very nice formal dining room, 1 open porch and 1 large enclosed porch. Definitely not a drive by.



BA-119 - Large 5 bedroom, 1 bath home on city lot. Nice, private setting in quiet neighborhood, dead end street. 2 car detached garage. Large partially fencedin backyard.





CC-368 -3 bedroom, 2 bath home, minutes from Cass City on paved road. 1 acre parcel includes mature trees and beautiful backyard. Bright open home. Family room new in '98.



CCT-237 - Cozy 2 bedroom home in nice, quiet neighborhood. New shingles & windows in 1994. New siding in 1995. Tastefully decorated, hardwood floors. 1.5 car attached garage



CC-376 - Cute, country 1 bedroom home on 1/2 acre. 1 1/2 car detached garage. Fenced-in yard. Hardwood floors. Home has many updates. New doors & kitchen cupboards in '99. New windows in '98. New roof in '97.

K-192 - Updated Home & 40+- Acres - This 1 1/2 story home has a lot to offer with many updates. 2+ car unattached garage, large hip roof barn, pond, 13+acres of woods, adjoins state game area, and more. Opportunity only knocks once - Don't pass up this chance! Deford area.

3 bedroom tri-level home on main road, 1 1/2 miles from town. Family room has a woodburning fireplace. Beautiful landscaping, mature trees on 1.75 acres with additional 119'x350' partially wooded lot available. CC-358

4 bedroom 2 bath ranch style home, only 3 years old on 2.5 acres. Property has Cass River frontage, many nice trees Full basement, extra tall. Living room has LP fireplace, patio door off dining room, master bath has whirlpool tub. CC-371 Country living at its best! 3 bedroom, 2 bath newer ranch home on 16.5 acres. Property is 60% wooded with a pond. Small utility shed. Great hunting area. CC-372

2 story apartment house located in Cass City. Good condition. Each unit has 2 bedrooms, living room, kitchen, bath. 2 car detached garage. CCT-216

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Obituaries

Marion Dorman

Marion E. Dorman, 84, of Shabbona, died Saturday, Nov. 6, 1999, at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw. She was born Feb. 21, 1915,

in Shabbona, daughter of James and Lula (Raymond) Groombridge. She married Voyle Russell Dorman Nov. 4, 1930, in Snover. He died Aug. 6, 1988.

A homemaker, she had worked at the former Gamble Store in Cass City and was a life member of the Shabbona RLDS Church.

Surviving are 2 sons, Harley and Sandra Dorman of Caro and Wilbur and Carol Dorman of Decker: 3 daughters, Yvonne and Charles Roe of Decker, Janice and John Mika of Decker and Karen and Robert Sawdon of Oak Grove, Mo.; 23 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a sister, Netti, and brothers, Gil, Les, Gene and Audley. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the Shabbona RLDS Church with Evangelist Donald Richards officiating.

Interment was in the Mooretown Cemetery, Snover.

Memorials may be given to the Shabbona RLDS Church or Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette.

Lewis Grifka

Lewis "Lloyd" Griffka, 76, of Ubly, died Sunday, Nov. 7, 1999, at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

He was born July 30, 1923, in Tyre, the son of Edward and Katherine (Pollum) Grifka. He married "Maggie" Magdalene Susalla May 6, 1950, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Parisville.

He was a graduate of Proctor Country School, served in the Marines for 2 years and farmed on the family farm until retiring in 1978. He was a Third Degree member of the Bad Axe Knights of Columbus #1546, and an Austin Township trustee for 20 years.

Grifka was a member of the Tyll's Bowling league for many years. He was a life long parishioner of St. John's Church in Ubly, where he was an usher and member of the Men's Club. He was also a member of the South Buena Vista Park Men's Club in Florida.

Surviving are his wife, Magdalene "Maggie" Grifka of Ubly; 2 daughters, Marlene Sossi and her husband Michael of Harper Woods and Linda Grifka of Roma; 3 sons, Daniel Grifka and his wife Peggy of Wayne, Gary Grifka and his wife Pat of Bristol, R.I., and Edward Grifka and his wife Billie Ellen of Snohomish, Wash.; 12 grandchildren; 2 brothers, John "Jack" Grifka of Warren and Cass Grifka and his wife Margaret of Ubly; 4 sisters, Martha Leppek and her husband Chester of Ruth, Theresa Taylor of Ubly, Alice Horetski of Port Austin and Agnes Taylor and her husband Frank of Ironton, Ohio. He was preceded in death by one brother, Alec Grifka, and 3 sisters, Eleanor Particka and Gladys and Irene Grifka.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. John's Catholic Church in Ubly. The Rev. T.J. Fleming, pastor, will officiate.

Burial will be in the church cemetery with graveside military services provided by the Veterans of the Ruth and Ubly area.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to the Diabetes and American Heart associations. Arrangements were made

by Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubly.

Ann McLaren

Ann McLaren, 85, of Clarkston, died Friday, Nov. 5, 1999, in her home.

She was born Nov. 30, 1913, in Clarksburg, W.V., to John and Elizabeth (Ladina) Vasko. She married Harold McLaren June 24, 1950, in Toledo, Ohio. She worked part-time as a

clerk at Federals and Montgomery Wards. She was a member of Clarkston Seniors and a life member of the Waterford Seniors.

She is survived by her husband, Harold McLaren; sisters, Clara Munn of Norman Beach, Fla., and Flo Money of Battle Creek; brothers, Daniel (May) Vasko of Cleveland, Ohio, and Robert (Donna) Vasko of Sun City, Calif., and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by sisters, Ethel Thrasher and Betty Winfield, and a brother, William Vasko. Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 8, in Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston, with Dr. Rudyard Fay of Kingston Wesleyan Church officiating.

Interment was in Kingston Cemetery. Memorials may be made to

Animal Rescue League. Arrangements were made

by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

Hazel Peters

Hazel Marion Peters, 84, of Shelby Township, formerly of Evergreen Township, died Tuesday, Nov. 2, 1999, in Shelby Nursing Center, Shelby Township.

She was born Aug. 20, 1915, in Moore Township, Sanilac County, to John and Ida (Henry) Kritzman. She married Harold A. Peters March 2, 1935, in Detroit. He died July 1, 1982.

She was a member and on the altar society of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Argyle, Our Lady of Mt. Carmal, Emmett and Our Lady of the

Lake, Prudenville. She was valedictorian at Owendale a member of the Shabbona High School and a member Extension Group and volunof St. Agatha's Catholic teered with the COOR Church in Gagetown. He County Schools in Crawford, married Patricia Loretto Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon counties.

She is survived by her children, Fred Peters of Nuevo, Calif., Janet (John) Laszlo of Deford, Marilyn Gulley of Clearwater, Fla., Linda (Gerald) Maher of Grayling, Dean (Darlene) Peters of Howell, David (Kathy) Peters of Macomb Township, and Alice Peters of Fowlerville; daughter-in-law, Michele Peters of Battle Creek; 19 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandson; sister, Beatrice (Howard) Fox of Indianapolis, Ind.; brother, Kenneth Kritzman of Marion, Ala.; sister-in-law, Force Iris Kritzman of Decker, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by sons, Gary, Michael and Joseph Peters; grandsons, Mark Laszlo and John

Gulley; great-great-granddaughter, Kelsi Whitbeck; brother, Harvey Kritzman; sisters, Cletice Evans and Josephine Shuler.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 6, in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Argyle, with the Rev. Anthony

A. Wozniak officiating. Interment was in Frieburg Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church or the American Cancer So-Seattle, Wash.; 2 brothers, ciety. Andrew and John Warack; a

Arrangements were made sister, Marian Halasz; 6 by Kranz Funeral Home, grandchildren; 33 nieces and Cass City.

Christian Warack

Christian Adam Warack, 64, retired Air Force colonel, died unexpectedly Wednesday, Oct. 27, 1999, in Colo-

Warack was born Oct. 22, (Horrasz) Warack. He was

Amendments

Library reading project "Plant a Seed...Read!"

"Plant a Seed...Read!" is the theme for the 1999 celebration of National Children's Book Week, Nov. 15-21. Special activities scheduled at Rawson Memorial Library include a family storytime and a children's reading project.

Parents are invited to bring their children to a special story hour Nov. 17 from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. A fun-filled evening is planned for the whole family to enjoy.

During book week, children are invited to turn the library bookworm into a butterfly by adding a circle to the bookworm for each book they read. Children who read 5 books will receive a butterfly sticker, a Butterfly Club membership card and a new book. Encourage your children to join the fun and watch the bookworm change into a beautiful butterfly.

brarians, booksellers and families have celebrated National Children's Book Week. The need for this emphasis on reading is as important today as it was in years past.

Frederic Melcher was editor of "Publisher's Weekly" when the first Book Week was celebrated. He explains the purpose and need for Book Week in the following statement: "Book Week

brings us together to talk about books and reading and, out of our knowledge and love of books, to put the cause of children's reading squarely before the whole community and, community by community, across the whole nation. For a great nation is a reading nation."

Hospital offers **CPR** classes

Hills and Dales General Aid Basics include checking Hospital is offering American Red Cross CPR and First Aid classes in November.

Adult, infant and child CPR class is scheduled for Nov. 22 from 6-10 p.m. This class will enable the participant to recognize and care for and infants.

an unconscious and conscious victim, recognizing and caring for life-threatening bleeding, sudden illness

and injuries. Classes will be held at Hills and Dales General Hospital in the meeting room. Pre-registration is necessary. To earn





rado Springs, Colo.

1935, in Gagetown. He was the youngest of 10 children born to Adam and Amalia

of St. Peter's Parish in Monument, Colo., officiated. Memorial contributions may be donated to the St. Peter Catholic Church Building Fund, 55 N. Jefferson, Monument, CO 80132.

Ambrose.

and Lillian M. Clark, Sept. 23, 1961, at the Pauline Chapel in Colorado Springs. Col. Warack retired from the Air Force in 1989 after nearly 29 years of service. He graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1960, completed pilot training in 1961 and was a command pilot with over 8000 hours flying, mostly in the C-124

and C-141. His career included tours as USAFA assistant football coach; commander, 14th Military Airlift Squadron and 619th Military Airlift Support Squadron, and Chief of Staff, 4th Air

His military decorations included the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, Air Medal, Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, and Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross.

Clark, daughter of Robert S.

Most recently Warack was the Knights of Columbus.

a realtor. He was a member of St. Peter's Parish and of Surviving are his wife; 3 children, Maj. Christopher A. and Karen J. Warack of Centreville, Va., Maj. Mark A. and Karen K. Warack of Little Rock, Ark., and Karin P. and Dennis C. Heusted of

nephews, and many grand-

nieces and grandnephews.

He was preceded in death by

his parents; 4 brothers, Peter,

William, Joseph Nicholas

and Jacob, and 2 sisters, Eva

Reinholz and Elizabeth

Funeral services were held

Nov. 1 at the Cadet Catholic

Chapel, U.S. Air Force Acad-

emy. Father Robert E. Jaeger



affect SCD candidates

With the signing into law of the amendments to the Conservation District, Part 93 of the Natural Resources and **Environmental Protection** Act P.A. 451 of 1994; the following changes became effective June 1:

Candidates running for conservation district director must be a resident of the county. A petition must be filed 60 days prior to the annual meeting and be signed by at least 5 district residents. Forty-five days before District Annual Meeting, the date, time, and location will be posted in the newspaper.

Absentee ballots will be made available at that time from the Tuscola SCD office, 1075 Cleaver Rd., Caro. All residents of legal age in the district may vote. Because of the absentee ballot provision, nominations from the floor will not be allowed. A space for write-in candidates will be on the ballot.

The new length of term for district directors will be 4 years instead of 3 years.

The Tuscola Conservation District will have petitions available for 2 positions in this year's election.

Area I will cover Akron, Fairgrove, Almer, Juniata and Columbia Townships, and Area II will cover Millington, Indianfields, Fremont, Watertown and Vassar Townships. Persons running in each area must reside in that area. Petitions are due in the Tuscola Conservation Office in Caro no later than Nov. 22.

For further information, please contact the Tuscola SCD office at 517-673-8174 (ext. 3).

Cass City

looks on as Ralph Retherford shakes hands with Tahani Khoury, who purchased the inventory and liquor license of Fort's Store.

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The Cass City Middle School first marking period honor roll has been announced.

5TH GRADE

Ryan Biddinger*, Dennis Bowen*, Whitney Braun, Brent Cooper*, Alyssa Cryderman, Kristen Curtiss, Joseph Daneault*, Cheryl Davis, Jill Dillon, Aaron Fent, Jeremiah Fritz*, Jimmy Froede, Courtney Hacker, Jennifer Hacker, Jennifer Hadd, Bradley Hartel*, Danielle Hartel*, Kati Hill, Allison Hillaker*, Joseph Homrocky, Stephanie Jamieson*, James Ketterer, Ryan King, Meredith Kirn, Whitney Kirn, Kathryn Klco, Lysa Knight, Jessica Lange, Cameron Lautner, Micah Little, Ricky Lovejoy*, James Luana*, Andrew Martin*, Chelsea McCallum, Laura McComas, Brandon Miller*, Kaitlyn Miller, Thomas Mittlestat, Lindsey Montgomery, Adam Nerkowski, Megen O'Dell, Kevin Ouvry, Angela Parks, Andrew Peruski, Kevin Phillips, Katelyn Pine, Rachel Putnam, Ashleigh Rabideau, Courtney Rabideau*, Kyle Reif, Allyn

Richards*, Eric Romain, Ryan Ross, Nicholas Sattelberg*, Emily Schinnerer, Bradley Severance, Beth Spencer, Kari Spencer, Michael Stevens, Brent Stine, Philip Strong, Kyle Swanson, Rebecca Sweeney, Nancy Thane, Sheila Wasserman, Brent Weaver*, Adam Wentworth*. Leah Whittaker*, Tyler Whittaker, Bobby Windsor, Samantha Wright.

6TH GRADE

Brett Babich, Dustin Baker, Caitlin Barnes, Racheal Biebel, Jennifer Brinkman, Lauren Brzuchowski, Eric Bullock, Amber Burns, Donna Bushong, Sara Childs, Shawna Compo, Trevor Copeland, Stacy Crandall, Monica Cronk, Libby Doerr, Andrea Erla, Jerica Fenningsdorf, Ross Forrest, Nicole Froede, Justin Glaza*, Tiffany Glaza, Justin Grice, Ashley Hendrick, Aimee Hennessey, Alexander Hiatt, Ivy Hiatt, Jason James, Christopher Johnson, Justin Kilbourn, Matthew Koepf, LaShae Bradley LaJoie. Langenburg*, Sarah

Langmaid, Evan Laurie, Derrick Mallory, Kevin Martin, Katie McIntosh*, Gavin Mills, Philip Nahernak, Nicholas Nanney, Brandon Otulakowski, Jack Palmer, Alex Papp, Ivan Peruski*, Heidi Pomeroy, Shane Posluszny, Tara Powell*, Ashley Puterbaugh*, Klyn Puterbaugh, Rebecca Putnam, Eric Reed, Samantha Risdon, Jamie Ryan, Chad Sparks, Lindsey Speirs*, Ryan Storm, Jarod

Stoutenburg*, Jeffrey Stoutenburg*, Brandi Talaski, Jenna Timko*, Kalen Trischler, Heather Vatter, Janelle Venema, Adrienne Warju, Amber Weiss.

7TH GRADE

Ashley Barrigar*, Andrew Brown, Tasha Bryant, Erica Conley*, Patricia Dale, Allison Ellis, Chad Francis, Samantha Glaspie, Caleb Hanby, Bryan Hill, Carrie Hillaker*, Paul Hoelzle, Krista Homakie*, Elizabeth Hoxie, Lee Hutchinson, Luann Laming*, Bethany Langlois*, Timothy Mills, Christina Montgomery, Delores Rabideau, Jesse Rader*, Patrick Reed,

Stephanie Richards*, Lauren Rowe, Sean Severance, Leah Sherman, Jason Speirs*, Angela Stoeckle, Nicholas Stoutenburg*, Jeffery Tenbusch, Jessie Tuckey, Amanda Warner, Tara Whittaker*, Jake Wilder, Heather Wilmoth, Michael Zmierski II*

8TH GRADE

Allyson Bell*, Jamie Benjamin, Clifford Biskner. Jacob Brinkman, Justin Darr. Greg Dillon, Krystee Dorland*, Santana Eckhardt, Alison Emmert*, Tyler Erla, Nathan Fisher*, Kristi Fluegge*, Gavin Frederick*, Leslie Hacker*, Adam Haag, Erik Helwig*, Sara Hobbs*, Amy Howard*, Erika Karavas, Kayla Karr*, Alex Kundinger, Nathan Laming*, Maegan Laurie*, Kevin Lowe, Kyle Lowe, Tiaja Lowrey, Dustin Mallory, Timothy Martin*, Cole Mellendorf, Henry Metzger*, Nicholas Miller, DeAnna Newby, Norman Pierce, Mallory Powell, Scott Regnerus, Jamie Robinson, Joshua Schaudt, Amanda Sparks, Shanna Spencer, Brandon Stec, Brice Stine, David Strickland, Zachary Sutter, Nicholas Swanson*, Jennifer Sweeney, Megan Toner*, Arielle Urban, Joshua Wark, Teresa Woodward*, Megan Zartman, Sarah Zebolsky, Kaylene Ziehm.

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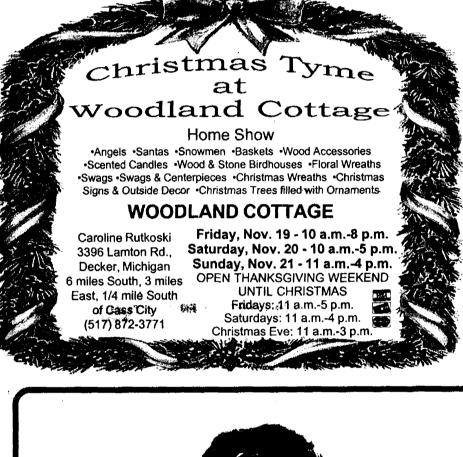
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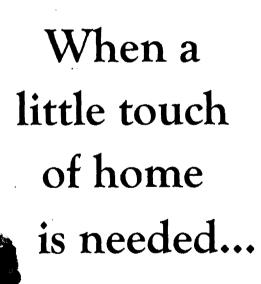
Even for the simplest wedding there are many details to be attended to and questions that arise in planning the wedding. Every bride wishes her wedding to be just perfect. To help you prepare for that wonderful day, we have compiled a list of questions most commonly asked by the bride-to-be. The answers are taken from authoritative sources on etiquette. May your wedding day be a perfect one, from the time you say "yes," to your joyful departure in a shower of rice!

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Library to host Barn Again! meet Nov. 11

While it seems as though the "Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon" exhibit, coming March 6, 2000, is quite far off, for planning purposes the time is getting very short.

Many people from outside the community will be in town to visit the exhibit. Efforts are underway to make it a worthwhile experience for everyone. Volunteers are needed to plan events and to act as interpreters for the exhibit.

A meeting will be held at the library Thursday, Nov. 11, at 7:30 p.m. for committee members and anyone interested in being a part of the project.

Preliminary plans for spring include exhibits, window displays in stores, a barn tour and completion of the area barn survey. Details need to

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be worked out and other events may be added.

The initial inventory of area barns is nearly completed and the information is being compiled. From the completed data, letters will be sent to barn owners requesting known history or other information about the structure. To make this barn survey comprehensive, the cooperation of owners is needed, so please make time to fill out and return the surveys.

Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon was organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition and is sponsored by the Michigan Humanities Council, along with several other organizations. Cass City is one of 6 communities in the state to host the exhibit. **Calendar of Events**

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

Wednesday, November 10

Duplicate Bridge, 7:00 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Winners Oct. 27, Bill and Alice Lovejoy, Nov. 3, John Haire and Bill Dupuis.

Thursday, November 11

Barn Again! Committee meeting 7:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Caro La Leche League, 7:00 p.m. For more information call (517) 673-8460 or (517) 674-2676.

Friday, November 12

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

Saturday, November 13

Harbor Beach Lioness Club Spaghetti Dinner, 4-8 p.m., at the Harbor Light Inn, Harbor Beach.

Tuesday, November 16

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m. Thumb Area Parkinson Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., Hills & Dales Hospital.

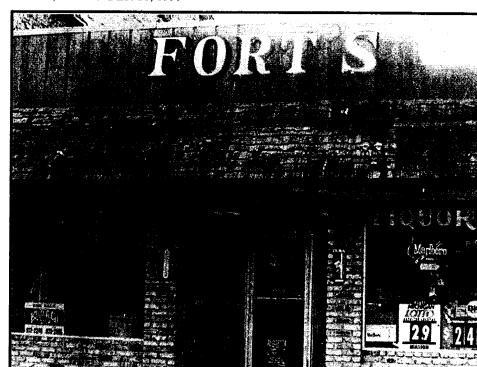
Wednesday, November 17

Family Story Time 6:45-7:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Food safety tips

When reheating leftovers, keep food safety in mind. Putting food in the refrigerator slows the growth of bacteria but doesn't kill it. When the food reaches the danger zone - 40 degrees to 140 degrees F - bacteria multiply rapidly. That's why it's important to thoroughly reheat it

When reheating liquids like sauces, soups and gravy, bring them to a boil. For other leftovers, heat thoroughly to 165 degrees F. Use a meat thermometer to check. At that temperature, any bacteria on the food should be killed. If you reheat leftovers in the microwave oven, make sure no cold spots remain in the food by stirring a few times dur-



THE OLDEST business in Cass City to be operated by the same family is no more. (See story, page one)

Myers completes training

Air Force Airman Amber M. Myers has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the 6 weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Myers' parents are George D. and Tammy M. Myers of Kingston.





eftovers, ing warming.

With all that in mind, food safety experts say, "When in doubt, throw it out." If the food wasn't cooked, handled or refrigerated properly to begin with, you're taking a risk if you hope heating it thoroughly will make it completely safe.

TO USERS OF VILLAGE WATER SERVICE

NOTICE

During the flushing of the hydrants Wednesday and Thursday, November 10 & 11 starting at 4 a.m. there may be an abundance of crystalized iron (rust) in the water supplied to your area of the village.

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

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

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

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. VILLAGE OF CASS CITY

