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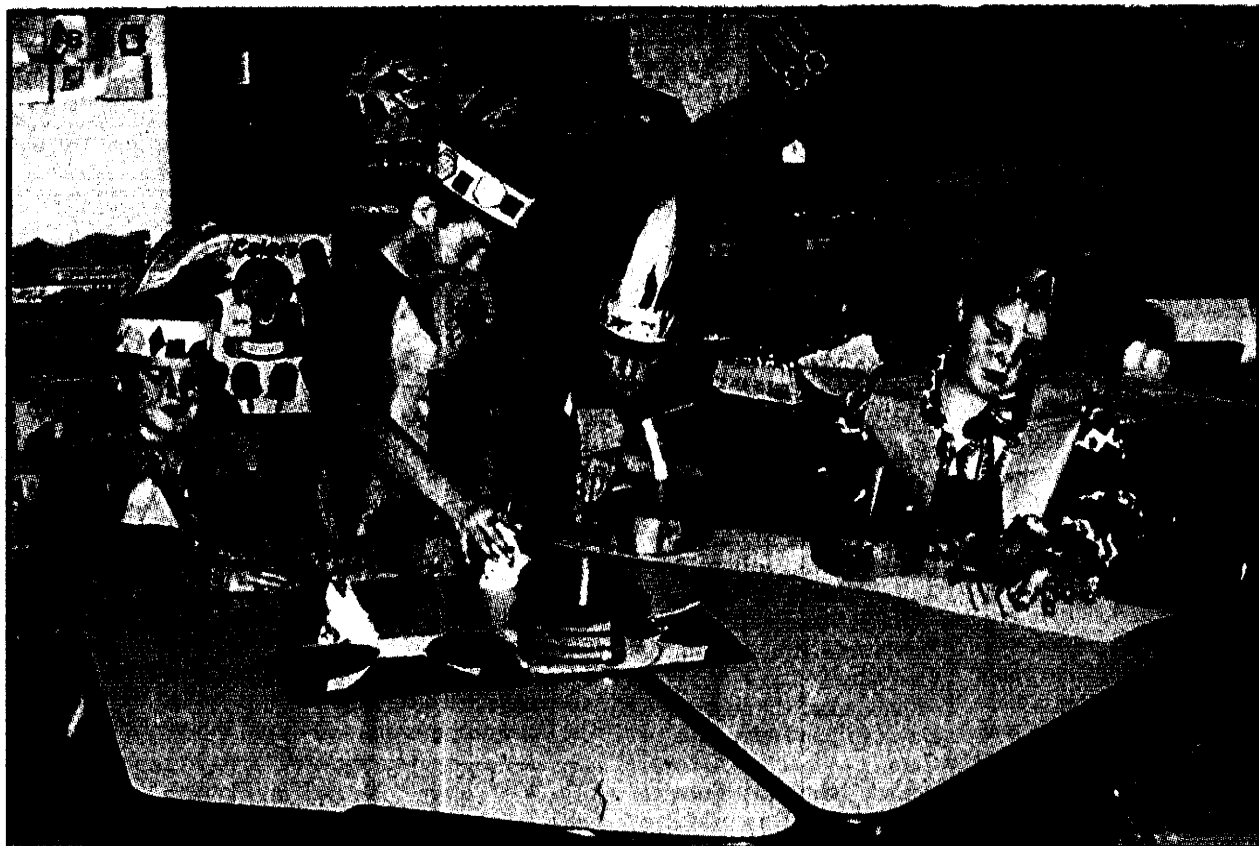
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THE TRADITIONAL Thanksgiving turkey will be replaced by vegetable soup, corn bread and pumpkin pie this week at Campbell Elementary School, where students have been studying Native Americans. Above, (from left) students Lashae Radeka, Cameron Dunnuck, Aleigh Kappen and Krystal Alexander prepare their costumes and decorations.

School finances in good shape

The Cass City School District will be in healthy financial condition in 1999-2000, but not as healthy as was predicted before the school's enrollment declined by 35 students this year.

That decline will cost the district some \$300,000 in state aid and may affect the time necessary to repay for planned construction at Campbell Elementary School, Supt. Ken Micklash told the board at its regular

Enrollment losses cost \$300,000

monthly session Monday at Deford School.

The budget revealed that the school will become a \$10 million operation for the first time this school year. Expenses are projected to increase 5.28 percent from \$9,582,068 to \$10,087,701. Despite the loss in students, total revenues are expected to

increase 3.6 percent, from \$9,739,113 to \$10,094,885. At the end of the year the fund balance will increase \$7,184 to just over \$1.26 million.

A complete breakdown of the budget appears in this issue.

The original plan for the addition to Campbell School

was to pay an estimated \$300,000 a year for 2 years from the general budget. Because of the student decline, the amount was reduced in the budget to \$130,000 a year. If that plan were followed, it would take 4 years to pay off the debt.

The board looked at a proposed floor plan and authorized asking for bids early next year for the project, which includes adding 5,500 square feet to the building.

If the building is completed, it will mark the end of building construction at the school in the immediate future, Micklash said.

SUNDAY PRACTICE

Basketball Coach Jim Green petitioned the board

for the right to hold Sunday practices on 10 selected dates from 3 to 5 p.m. The board quickly squelched that plan, but the green light was given to hold a practice on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Green said that at a meeting with the parents of the players, none objected to the Sunday practice.

Permission was granted by a 4-3 margin. Voting for one Sunday practice only were Jim Turner, Randy Severance, Teresa Rabideau and David Knight. Voting against were Allan Hartwick, Danny Haag and Beverley Auten.

STAFF CHANGES

Nick Colwell, who joined the staff this fall in a technical support position, has resigned. Kristina Elliott of Ubly will replace him. The position pays \$36,000 a year. Please turn to page 5.

Stolen handguns recovered

Police nab 3 suspects in hardware smash, grab

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies Michael Mattlin and Sgt. Curtis Chambers unknowingly gave a burglary suspect a ride into Cass City early Saturday morning.

But Mattlin and Chambers had the last laugh when the teen was later taken into custody, and their quick police work led to the arrests of 2 other suspects and the recovery of several stolen handguns following an early morning "smash and grab" break-in at Cass City Hardware.

The investigation involved a cooperative effort among deputies, Cass City police officers, Michigan State Po-

lice from the Bad Axe and Caro posts, and Police Officer Mike Anderson, head of the Bad Axe Police Department's K-9 unit.

Arrested were: Lauro T. Trevino, 17, of Elsa, Texas, Rudolfo Nuncio Jr., 18, of Sebawaing, and Nicholas C. Leitemann, 18, also of Sebawaing.

Police are seeking warrants charging all 3 teens with breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny, conspiracy to commit breaking and entering, and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

"The guys did a good job. I really appreciate their dedication and long hours," commented Cass City Police Chief Gene Wilson, who noted officers put in several hours to wrap up the investigation. "I appreciate the work of all of the departments," he added.

According to reports, Cass City Police Officer Michael Gebauer was on routine patrol at about 2:20 a.m. when he heard an alarm sounding

at the hardware store, located at 6092 E. Cass City Rd. Gebauer arrived to find that a 4-foot by 8-foot glass window had been smashed with a brick. He called for backup and secured the area.

Just minutes earlier, Mattlin and Chambers were on routine patrol just west of the village, and the pair stopped to assist a motorist whose pickup truck was stopped on the shoulder of Koepfgen Road, just north of M-81.

The deputies contacted the motorist, later identified as Nuncio, who stated he was having engine trouble. The deputies, unaware at the time that a burglary had occurred in Cass City, offered him use of a phone to call for assistance, then gave him a ride to the People's Choice Market in town.

Mattlin and Chambers later joined Cass City Officer William Hartzell in assisting Gebauer at the scene of the burglary. The officers found a gun display case inside the hardware store had been smashed with a brick, but

there were no suspects in the building.

According to reports, Mattlin and Chambers decided to return to where Nuncio's pickup was parked on Koepfgen Road. When they arrived at about 2:35 a.m., they observed a subject at the rear of the vehicle.

The subject turned out to be Trevino, who fled into an open field when the deputies pulled up to the pickup. He subsequently surrendered without incident.

Reports state the deputies, assisted by Hartzell, continued checking the field and spotted Leitemann lying on the ground. He also fled, but stopped and surrendered himself to the officers, who found several guns in his possession.

Cass City police later contacted the Bad Axe Police K-9 Unit and requested assistance in locating Nuncio. The tracking dog was unable to find the suspect, however, police learned a short time

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Huron authorities file murder charge in shooting

Huron County authorities Friday filed charges against a Bad Axe man in the shooting death of another Bad Axe resident last month in Sheridan Township.

Huron County Prosecutor Mark Gaertner said Eric L. Britt, 28, was arraigned in Huron County District Court on charges of first degree premeditated murder and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony in the Oct. 25 death of 22-year-old Nathan Wilde.

First degree murder is punishable by life in prison with-

out the possibility of parole, and possession of a firearm in the commission of felony is a mandatory 2-year felony offense.

Britt was ordered held without bond. A preliminary examination was scheduled for Dec. 1 at 1:30 p.m.

Gaertner noted the decision to file charges came after days of investigation and several meetings with Huron County Sheriff's Department detectives, officials at the Michigan State Police Crime Lab in Bridgeport, and Oakland County Deputy Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Kanu Virani, who conducted an autopsy on Wilde.

"This is a scientific evidence case and that takes a

while to compile," Gaertner said. "You have to wait for test results and you have to wait for reports, then you have to put it all together."

Gaertner said Wilde went to Britt's McMillan Road home, about 6 miles west of Ubly, where the pair were riding ATVs prior to the shooting. He described the pair as acquaintances, adding, "I would not call them close friends."

Investigators say the shooting occurred sometime between midnight and 1:30 a.m. inside Britt's McMillan Road residence, where Wilde died of a single gunshot wound to the abdomen. The weapon used was a .44 caliber. Please turn to page 5.

Fan's privileges reinstated

Rick Brinkman will be able to attend Cass City High School athletic events at the school instead of having to wait until the first semester ends.

Brinkman was banned from events held at the school after an episode last March in the district tournament held

in Harbor Beach. He became incensed at a decision reached by a referee and was ejected from the gym after his actions with officials.

When the school board voted to reduce the original penalty, it was noted that Brinkman was doing his best

to atone for his behavior at the game by apologizing to the Harbor Beach superintendent and to Cass City Supt. Ken Micklash.

While now welcome at the games, he will remain on probation and any trouble will reinstate the ban, the board decided.

Deer dispute lands Reese man in jail

A dispute among deer hunters last week in the Cass City area cost a Reese man a punch in the face and a day in court. Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro investigated the incident Tuesday, Nov. 16, in Ellington Township.

Post Commander First Lt. Doug Lautner said the dispute took place at about 9:40 a.m. on private land near the corner of Severance and Dodge roads.

"The suspect, in this case, shot a deer, and 3 other hunters thought he had shot the deer on the land they were hunting on," Lautner said, adding the 3 hunters - Bradley Roberts, 29, of Cass City, Robert Wood, 61, also of Cass City, and Donald Kew, 67, of Sterling Heights - approached Richard W. Moggo, 56, of Reese, who then allegedly pointed his shotgun at Roberts.

Lautner said the trio physically restrained the suspect, took his weapon away from him, then started to walk away. The suspect apparently followed the 3 men. Roberts indicated he thought the suspect was going to hit him, so he struck Moggo in the face.

The trio unloaded the shells from Moggo's gun onto the ground and returned the weapon to him, according to Lautner, who reported the 3 men fled when the suspect began to reload the shells into his gun.

The 3 hunters traveled to the state police post in Caro to report the incident. A short time later, Moggo arrived at the post to file a report, and troopers subsequently placed him under arrest. He was lodged in the Tuscola County Jail after being treated for facial injuries at Caro Community Hospital.

Moggo was arraigned last Wednesday in Tuscola County District Court on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, a felony punishable by up to 4 years in prison and/or a \$2,000 fine.

A \$7,500 personal recognizance bond was set for Moggo, who faces a preliminary examination Dec. 3 at 9 a.m.

Lending a hand



O-G STUDENT Council members (from left) Erin Salcido, Dee Fritz, Theresa Richmond, Derek Howard, Nick Warack, Jenna Root, Kendall Kretschmer and Jared Kovach surround the 537 food items recently collected by students during a student council contest from which area needy families will benefit through the food pantry at St. Agatha Catholic Church in Gagetown. The senior class proved to be the top contributors in the drive, collecting 234 food items.

Santa arrives Friday, holiday promotions set

The Christmas season gets off to its traditional start this week when Santa arrives via the Detroit Edison truck. Be ready the Friday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 26, at the corner of Main and Seeger when Santa comes cruising in at 6 p.m. He will remain at his Santa House until 8 p.m. that night and then return the next Friday, Dec. 3, to begin his regular visiting hours.

This year, Santa will be receiving visitors in his house in the Municipal Building parking lot Friday nights from 5 to 7 p.m. as well as Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In addition, free portraits with Santa will be offered at the Book Mart photo lab Friday, Dec. 3, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

This annual Christmas promotion, which is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce as well as local businesses and organizations, is packed with more exciting features.

Rawson Memorial Library will be holding a Kids Craft and Christmas Hour the first 3 Saturdays in December from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Plans include trimming the library Christmas tree, a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and decorating Christmas cookies.

There will be free Saturday matinees at the Cass Theatre Dec. 4, 11, and 18 for kids 12 and under. Teens and adults will also be admitted free with a Saturday shopping sales slip.

And on each of the 3 Saturdays in December, a model train set will be given away! Look for entry boxes at businesses throughout town. Shoppers are encouraged to enter as often as they like. All of the entries will be collected the Friday afternoons preceding the Saturday drawings. The entries will be delivered to Santa, who will draw the winner during his visiting hours. Contestants need not be present to win.



Phyllis and Leland Wendorf

Wendorfs mark 50th anniversary

Phyllis June Innes and Leland Oliver Wendorf were married Nov. 4, 1949. The wedding was at the bride's home in Decker. The Rev. Horace Freeman, pastor of the Decker United Methodist Church, officiated.

The maid of honor was Marilyn Pike Nichols and the best man was Virgil Geister.

Mrs. Wendorf's parents are Kitchener Innes and the late Olive Innes.

His parents are the late Charles and Essie Wendorf.

The couple has 3 sons, Randall Lee, Charles Kitchener and Jeffrey Innes, and a foster son, Randy Dale Tenniswood.

They have 5 grandchildren, Nicholas, Amy, Terry, Amanda and Steven Wendorf. One grandson, Gerald Lee, died in 1988.

The Wendorfs have resided on their farm at 595 Decker Rd., Marlette, since 1954.

Holiday events set at Rawson Library

Starting with a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, special events at Rawson Memorial Library are scheduled for children each Saturday in December from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Each week will be fun-packed with activities and stories.

Children will make Christmas tree decorations and be treated to a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus Dec. 4. Christmas cookie containers will be decorated Dec. 11, and Dec. 18, children will decorate Christmas cookies and take a container full home.

These activities are free, but pre-registration is required so that enough supplies are on hand. Sign up began Nov. 22. An adult or older sibling must accompany children under the age of 5. For more information, call 872-2856.



Gift ideas

by Melva E. Guinther

The day after Thanksgiving is typically the biggest, most frenzied shopping day of the year.

Our son and daughter-in-law, who are much younger and bolder than I, tell of shopping in California on THE shopping day when Macy's employees were stationed at the top of the escalator, literally pulling customers to safety to keep them from being trampled by the crowd.

Personally, as much as I enjoy shopping, I don't think you could pay me enough to venture into a mall Nov. 26. As an alternative, if you really have to get at your Christmas shopping, here is our annual public service "Gift Ideas" column, compliments of the hundreds of catalogs the poor mail carrier totes to our mailbox day by day.

In case you just won the lottery and can't think of enough ways to get rid of all that loot, here are a few suggestions from the Hammacher Schlemmer catalog.

Know someone who's into alternative modes of transportation?

How about a Land & Sea Pedal Vehicle for \$5,999.95? It's a 2-person, 3-wheeled vehicle described as a popular attraction at beachside resorts that can be pedaled shoreward or directly into the water. (Add \$500 to regular shipping and handling.)

For \$12,000, you might choose the one-person helium balloon. It's quieter, easier to maneuver and 1/8 the size of a hot-air balloon. All you need are 2 "trusted" friends on the ground to hold tethers and a large open area with little or no wind.

You can also get an authentic Chinese rickshaw for a mere \$7,499. It's very colorful, with a red body and green canopy, symbolic of Chinese royalty. I think you have to come up with your own power source.

Sharper Image offers a Humdinger 6-seat electric cart for only \$21,500. It's 12 feet, 2 inches long, weighs 1,350 pounds and comes in Fire Engine Red, Gloss Black or Canary Yellow. Maybe one of each???

Or you might consider the Pacific Rim Pedicab for

\$7,999.95. It's a contemporary version of the cabs used on Pacific islands. The cab seats 2 adult riders and supposedly is no harder to pedal than a standard multi-speed bike.

For the James Bond fan, how about the World's Smallest Wrist camera? Worn discreetly on the wrist, it weighs less than 2.5 ounces and allows you to take pictures any time anywhere, completely unnoticed.

For the kiddies, there's the Blue's Clues Chair for \$199.95. It's the "thinking chair", where Steve sits to solve mysteries using Blue's clues. (If you haven't watched Nickelodeon with your kids or grandchildren, forget it.)

Okay, so some of those ideas are a bit pricey for most of us. Never fear. You can buy some unique items for considerably less.

The "What On Earth" catalog offers a lighted bocci ball set for the die hard enthusiast who wants to play bocci ball night and day. For \$64.95, you get 8 illuminated play balls and a target ball that flashes red and green.

For the individual who craves attention, the same catalog sells a soft sculpture flamingo hat that looks for all the world like a flamingo is sitting on your head. The legs dangle down to your armpits. It's only \$24.95.

For the dreamer, there's "Fat Trapper" and "Exercise In A Bottle", part of an "overall program that will help you safely lose weight without crazy diets or strenuous exercise." For \$39.95, you can get a month's supply.

If you need more ideas or would like to borrow a catalog, let me know. More are arriving daily.

It pays to advertise (beg?) in the Chronicle! Shortly after writing about my frustration in looking for cashew Poppycock and Twinings Lady Gray tea, I received boxes of the tea from my daughter-in-law in California and an anonymous reader (postmark Frankfort, Mich.), and 2 boxes of cashew Poppycock (postmark Honor, Mich.). Guess I need to be more specific regarding the socks I can't find.

Thanks. You made my day.

Cass City Social Items

Call your local news to the Chronicle office 872-2010

Mary Damm, Carmen Damm, and Nancy Frederick of Caro visited Tim and Susan Wooster in Flint Saturday.

Richelle (Ricci) Cole of Saginaw, formerly of Cass City, spent the weekend of Nov. 12-14 with the Dennis Bartle family. Ricci enjoyed a weekend of bow hunting with Rita Bartle, rides on the 4-wheeler, shopping and breakfast Sunday morning at the Cass City Gun Club. Sunday evening, Dennis and Rita Bartle had supper at Ricci's home with her mom, Faith LaPonsie, brother Trevor, and Faith's friends, Angie and Ken.

Marriage licenses

Brian Allen Kratz and Mary Josephine Meyer, both of Caro.

Darren Lee Stoneburgh and Helen Christina Sadler, both of Kingston.

Jeffrey Lee Mathewson, Deford, and Melissa Ann Keller, Ubly.

Russell Vernon Badger and Debra Ann Brown, both of Cass City.

Johnnie Lee Carpenter and Dawn Lillian Helm, both of Caro.

Erik Nicholas Fourie, Vassar, and Dawn Marie Clark, Swartz Creek.

Jason Michael Dubois and Andrea Renee Milliken, both of Vassar.

Jeremiah David Westfall and Nicole Elizabeth Hills, both of Gagetown.

Gary Eugene Armstrong, Kingston, and Cindy Sue Edwards, Vassar.

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

27 attend O-G seniors' dinner

The Owen-Gage Seniors met Nov. 4 at St. Agatha's Parish Hall, Gagetown, for their potluck dinner, with 27 members present. Florence Emers was a guest.

The table prayer was given by Iva Volz. President Jack Doerr opened the meeting after dinner with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Happy birthday was sung for Beatrice Jones and Iva Volz, and Phil and Mary Guza celebrated their wedding anniversary.

Door prizes were won by Stuart Merchant and Lillian Jacoby.

Bingo and cards were played after the meeting.

Twenty-five members at-

tended the Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 18.

The table prayer was given by Marge Zawilinski. Vice-president Lola Chippi opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and pledge. Jack Hrabec was a guest.

Get-well cards were signed for Jack Doerr, Sybil Miller and Louis Ouvry.

The December committee is: Iva Volz, Hazel Kramer and Clara Gaffney.

Members agreed to hold one meeting Dec. 9. The Jan. '00 meeting will include a ham dinner.

Door prizes were won by Bob Schell and Johanna Miklovic. The euchre winners were: men's high, Orville Mallory; low, Phil Guza; women's high, Marge Zawilinski; low, Pat Guza; traveling prize, Iva Volz.

Students guest speakers at women's club meeting

The November meeting of the Owendale Women's Club was held Monday evening at the school. Owen-Gage students Dawn Enderle and Josh Errer each presented an account of their summer trips to France with the French Class, and the International Blue Lake Band to Europe. The club helped sponsor the students on their adventures. The December meeting will

be a catered Christmas dinner at the home of Joyce Sheldon Dec. 7. Gift exchange will be donations of food or other items to be given to St. Agatha's Catholic Church, Gagetown, to be presented to the needy in this area.

The door prize was won by Mrs. Sheldon and dessert was served by Pat Enderle and Bonnie Gaeth.

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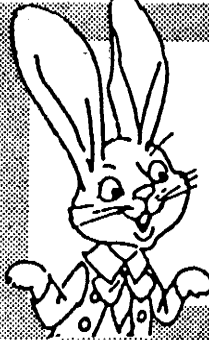
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

An American Farm Bureau survey indicates that a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for 10 with all the trimmings will cost \$33.83. That's 74 cents more than it was last year.

That's pretty good considering that hurricane Floyd devastated North Carolina, the nation's largest turkey producing state. A 16-pound turkey costs 52 cents more than last year, accounting for much of the increase.

Of course, for a real bargain, area folk can join the annual community Thanksgiving dinner at the VFW Hall at noon Thursday.

That's free. You can't do any better than that.

If the letter is authentic, there is one mother out there who feels Coach Don Markel did a fine job with this year's football team and wanted everyone to know it.

The trouble is that the letter was unsigned. It's well written, telling why Markel did an outstanding job despite the won-loss record.

The printed signature simply said "a sports mom." Sometimes the paper will withhold a signature for a valid reason. This is not a valid reason. You may be 100 percent in agreement with the assessment of the coach and want to see the letter published. But how about an unsigned letter appearing saying that he was lousy and should be replaced?

In addition to these deciding factors, there is a bonus to the writers if they have the courage to sign their names. A signed letter carries real impact, an unsigned letter is easily shrugged off.

Rep. Mike Green, R-Mayville, is a co-sponsor of a bill to make the golden retriever the official Michigan dog.

Green would like the golden retriever to join the ranks of the Petoskey stone, apple blossom and robin as symbols of Michigan.

It's probable that you could make a case for any number of breeds as a good choice as a state dog. When considering the antics of Democrats vs. Republicans, a pit bull comes immediately to mind.

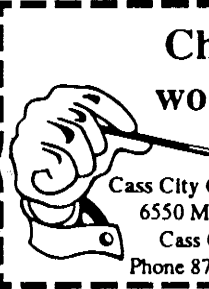
I often attend church dinners in the area and almost invariably I'm asked how their meal will be rated in this column of trivia. It occurred again Sunday at the Cass City Missionary Church. My answer is that I do not rate churches or restaurants in the immediate area.

But without rating one over the other, for home-cooked food, any church dinner is very good and almost invariably is priced below what you would expect to pay for what you get.

The Missionary Church dinner fit right in with that assessment.

The Weather			
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Tuesday	40	23	0
Wednesday	43	24	0
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Deputies investigate road rage incident Saturday

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies are continuing their investigation into an incident of road rage over the weekend in southern Moore Township.

Deputies said the incident

3 arraigned on felony charges

The following people were recently arraigned on separate felony charges in Tuscola County District Court:

- Theodore G. Dorics, 53, Mayville, was charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, driving while his license was suspended or revoked, and driving with expired license plates Nov. 5 in Fremont Township.

Fairgrove motorist injured

A Fairgrove man suffered minor injuries when his vehicle collided with a deer just south of Cass City last week.

The accident occurred last Wednesday at about 8:34 a.m.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies reported Theron J. Monroe, 63, Fairgrove, was driving on Cemetery Road just north of River Road when a deer ran into the driver's side door and mirror. The mirror broke through the driver's window, hitting Monroe in the face.

Monroe suffered facial lacerations, but refused treatment, according to reports, which note he was wearing a seat belt.

Road work approved

As part of the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) \$1.4 billion road and bridge program for 2000, Gov. John Engler recently announced the approval of 112 projects totaling more than \$46.5 million for transportation improvements across the state.

The announcement involved 56 projects to improve more than 444 miles of road, 3 bridge projects, 3 railroad improvements, 23 traffic signals, 13 airport improvements, 13 design projects and one public transit project.

Among the work is crack treatment on M-15, Millington village limits to Ellis Road; M-53 from Marlette village limits to Tulane Street; M-19 in the village of Uby; M-81 from Dutcher Road to Doerr Road; M-138 from Bay County line to Vassar Road; and M-46 from Towerline Road to Portsmouth Road.

was reported Saturday at about 6:45 p.m. by a motorist who called Sanilac Central Dispatch by cellular phone and advised he was being chased by another vehicle westbound on M-46

Bond in the case was set at \$4,000 and a preliminary examination was scheduled for Dec. 3 at 9 a.m.

- Michael C. Thomas, 26, Fostoria, was arraigned on charges of resisting and obstructing a police officer, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense, possession of a firearm while under the influence of liquor, driving while his license was suspended or revoked, and operating a motor vehicle without insurance Nov. 18 in Dayton Township.
- William A. Reavey, 55, Akron, was charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 5 in Akron Township.

Bond was set at \$1,000 and a preliminary exam was scheduled for Dec. 10 at 9 a.m.

The Haire Net



A little of this and that as viewed from the corner of Oak and Main. How it is or how it should be.

There was a sea of empty seats Wednesday night when the Cass City Red Hawks played in the second round of the district class B basketball tournament at Cass City High School.

Some of that was due to the game. Cass City was a huge underdog and for Frankennuth fans, used to championship performances, it was regarded as just another ho-hum game on the early tournament trail.

Another reason may be that the casual fan just doesn't know how much the girls have progressed in the over 2 decades that the sport has been offered. Mentally many fans are still in the days when 6 girls were on the team, 3 in the front court, 3 in the back court, and restricted from crossing the centerline.

Or perhaps they saw a game or 2 in the early days. Under the coaching of the late Kally Maharg, Cass City fielded a championship team, the best in the area.

If they judge the caliber of play today by what was exhibited then, they should take another look. This year's team was a middle-of-the-pack squad. But if it played the championship squad of the early years, it would be no contest. The 1999 squad would win hands down.

It gets every bit as rough under the boards as it is when the boys play. Individual skills have been honed by year-around practices. In short, when it's a competitive game, it's worth seeing simply to see the athletes in action and appreciate the skills they have acquired.

There has been an ocean of publicity concerning road rage resulting in shootings, fights and car wrecks. They

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The back forty

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One of the nice things about writing a newspaper column is I get to read a lot of papers. Not just the big dailies like most people read, but a variety of community newspapers and some excellent agricultural publications.

I even like reading the news from community correspondents, reporting from little towns I've never heard of. They do a great job and there's often an unintended twist that makes these stories all the more interesting.

A report from a small town sorority meeting is a good example. The writer states, "The Alpha Delphia Club met recently at the June Smith home." (Not her real name.)

"Members were reminded that there will be a cookie-candy exchange at the next meeting. Each member is to bring a plate of 2 dozen 'goodies' as well as the recipe."

"After refreshments, hostess June Smith told about her wedding and the unusual circumstances of how she met her spouse," end of story.

"You can't stop there!" I thought. "How did she meet her spouse, for heaven sakes?" Now the whole county wants to know."

One of the papers I always enjoyed was the *Prairie Sun* from Oakland, Ill. I first started getting the *Prairie Sun* when it was published by a woman named Helen Parks. Helen was very well-liked in the community, and the paper was well-read.

Helen called one day and said, "I can't afford your column every week, but what if I send you \$25 and you send me some columns? Then, when I get another \$25, you can send me some more."

Helen passed away a few years later, but the paper stayed the course with good community news and community support.

The *Prairie Sun* had an unusual style of business advertising. The back page was devoted to ideas and comments from local businesses with very little mention of what they had to sell.

Oakland is such a small town everyone knew what these businesses were selling, so the grain dealer would use his space to plug the annual bean supper. The machine shop owner explained how he dropped an acetylene tank on his toe and referred to a quote from the Bible.

Then, something happened to the *Sun*, and I'm not sure what. The paper got new owners, I think.

I read the *Prairie Sun* one day and there was a piece explaining the newspaper office had been closed for a day or 2 the previous week. As I understand it, the staff walked out and locked the door without telling the publisher or management.

Mutiny is the word for it. Management kept calling, but there was nobody there! The *Prairie Sun* is gone, I think, and I'm not really sure what happened to it.

This week I got a newspaper from the little town of Hell, Michigan. They call it "Newz from Hell." The publisher said he might want to use my column.

I'm not sure where this fellow got my address, but I surely hope that's not where the *Prairie Sun* wound up.



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Bennett's Beat

Students are giving

It's the season of giving and that is just what Cass City High School students are doing.

Friday, Nov. 19, the high school held its annual Harvest Dance. Admission to the dance was three canned goods. The canned goods will be distributed to food pantries in the area.

The Student Council will also be helping during the Christmas holiday. They will be having their annual Christmas Formal. This year instead of collecting money, the admission will be a toy. The toys will then be donated to Christmas for Kids in Cass City.

The National Honor Society will be collecting food Saturday, Dec. 18, for F.E.T.C.H. So if you have any extra canned goods, be sure to save them. They will be around collecting. They will also be having a can drive between the classes. This collection will also be donated to a food pantry in the area.

Thanksgiving is only one day away. Many students have plans for their 4-day weekend.

Some students have plans to work at the Community

Pitching in

Kingston community working together to make sure kids have warm clothing

An annual campaign to clothe kids in hats, mittens, coats and other warm clothing is underway in Kingston, where organizers say their community always comes through for their children.

"Four years ago I started this project...because there were so many little students who were wearing spring jackets in the middle of winter, or their coats would have big holes or the zippers would be broken. I felt I needed to do something for them," said project coordinator Patty Rodenbo, a third grade paraprofessional at Kingston Elementary School. "Together with several great parents and local businesses in Kingston, we started the Winter Warm Up Project."

"It seems every year more and more caring people get involved," she added. "Last year the Kingston Wesleyan Church pitched in and purchased winter coats for the high school students, which really helped make a great difference."

In previous years, organizers were only able to put winter apparel on the elementary children, Rodenbo said. She noted the church has again committed to buying winter coats for high school students this year.

The project received a \$205 boost Friday from Independent Bank, Kingston, which will serve as a drop-off site for mittens, hats, sweaters and coats, as well as cash donations through Wednesday, Dec. 15.

Bank Manager Sue Ross explained the \$205 contribution was raised through the bank's "Casual Because We Care" program, in which employees dress casually in return for donating money to support local charities. One bank branch is selected each month to support a charity, and the other bank offices contribute to that charity.

This is the fourth year the bank has participated in the fundraiser, according to Ronald Long, president and CEO of Independent Bank East Michigan.

"This is an important part of being a member of the community," he said. "We are proud to be part of the community and we support the community efforts to keep children warm this winter."

Rodenbo said many other Kingston businesses have committed to donating prizes for a raffle that will be held in conjunction with an annual Christmas Talent Show, which will be presented Dec. 9 and 10 at 7 p.m. at the school.

"Our Christmas Talent Show coincides with the Winter Warm Up Project," noted Rodenbo, who serves as director of the show.

"I have never been hurting for help on either project," she said. "Kingston is a community where parents really support children. Last year, I had 40 parents help set up for the talent show. It usually takes about a week to set up all the scenery. We have a huge winter pond scene and a huge castle, as well as Santa and his elves."

In the past, Silvernail Tree Farm and Hidden Hollow Tree Farm have donated Christmas trees, which students decorate with homemade ornaments.

"We also have a stocking contest for all of the classes," Rodenbo continued, adding the stockings are hung with lights from one basketball hoop to the other. "The public is welcome to come and see the scenery. It will be displayed Dec. 6 through Dec. 10."

In addition, the Kingston High School Class of 2001 is sponsoring a "picture with Santa" fundraiser. Parents interested in having their child's picture taken can do so Dec. 9 and 10 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 5 to 6 p.m. at the school.

"Kingston really pulls together for this project. We have a real team effort by the teachers, support staff, parents and local businesses," Rodenbo said. "Parents have taken over 700 tickets to sell so far. I am hoping to excite the community a little more and see if I can get them to double that amount. I would like to put some warm socks and sweatshirts on the children this year if possible."

Anyone interested in making a donation or who would like to purchase winter apparel is asked to contact Rodenbo at Kingston Elementary School, (517) 683-2029.

"We are also sponsoring a food basket program for the needy families in our area," Rodenbo said. "If people would like to help, they may contact Ester Lux at the elementary school."



INDEPENDENT Bank, Kingston, helped kick off the Winter Warm Up Project Friday with a \$200 donation. Pictured above are (from left) bank Manager Sue Ross and Winter Warm Up Project volunteers Jackie Bastian, Charlene Torrey and Patty Rodenbo. Mittens, hats, coats and other donations can be dropped off at the bank through Dec. 8.

Kingston High School Honor Roll

Kingston High School's first marking period honor roll has been announced.			
7TH GRADE		10TH GRADE	
Bobbi Adams, Marcus Bastian, Jessica Brzezinski, Jeanna Byers*, Jennifer Champine, Brittany Clinesmith, Leann Daniels, Kayla Diegel*, Melissa Haarz, EJ Herron, Brittni Hill, Luke Horenziak, Chad Jobson, Clint Keilitz, Patricia Larsen*, DuWayne Loney, Megan Melton*, Jennifer Nelson*, Nicole Nicol*, Brennen Osantowski, Crystal Skellett*, Crystal Troop, Eric Van Allen, Allison Walkiewicz*, Anthony Wilcox.		Mikhael Blackwell, Candice Boyle, Andrew Brzezinski, Megan Clapsaddle*, Justin Diegel, Nathaniel Gray, Melissa Hill*, Michael Lalko, Tyler Lyons, Amy Mahan, Eric Marquardt, Kristi McArthur, Cody Mehney, Brianne Ross, Lydia Rowinski, Chris Smith, Richard Westerby, Brandon Wyckoff.	
8TH GRADE		11TH GRADE	
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School finances healthy

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requires work during the school year and in June and August.

Kathy Jewett has resigned as food service supervisor/head cook. Her position has been posted.

Students serving on the student council presented a well-researched plan designed to establish a class for student council members. It would meet in the morning, 5 days a week, and be an elective class for credit.

Hurdles in the plan that may be too high to get over include scheduling difficulties and the necessity of voting a year in advance to determine council members. The board took no action.

OTHER BUSINESS

Principal Ed Pasant presented a 28-page brochure to board members that gave a curriculum overview in all grades, K-12. It can be updated as necessary and will be a handy guide to the courses offered at the school, Pasant explained.

Two new school buses were purchased. They will cost \$47,981 each, nearly \$2,000 more than the units cost the school last year. Bus bids are getting more difficult to get, Micklash explained, because many manufacturers, including Ford and Chevrolet, have gone out of the bus business.

Board members received information about the campaign to get school vouchers legal in Michigan. It is appropriate for school boards to take a formal position on the issue, Micklash feels.

Police arrest suspects

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later that Nuncio had been picked up in a vehicle by his sister and had been apprehended by troopers from the state police post in Bad Axe.

In all, police recovered 6 stolen handguns - 5 9mm pistols and one .44 magnum handgun - valued at a combined \$1,695.95.

Gebauer commented that investigations rarely fall together as quickly as the one that led to Saturday's arrests, but that timing and cooperation were key ingredients.

"It worked out perfectly," he said. "It was good police work with a little bit of luck."

The suspects were expected to be arraigned in early this week in Tuscola County District Court.

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

Cass City Schools

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE BUDGET

	Actual 1998-99	Adopted 06/28/99 1999-00	Revised 1999/00
Elementary Instruction	1,444,110	1,447,735	1,456,856
Middle Instruction	1,338,372	1,327,441	1,317,749
High School Instruction	1,080,121	1,089,598	1,137,273
Special Education	428,319	425,761	460,904
Chapter I, II, Prof. Dev.	517,468	471,253	497,133
Art. 3, Gifted & At Risk			
Vocational Education	75,170	77,285	80,292
Employee Benefits			
(Instructional)	1,292,977	1,300,485	1,421,542
Guidance	99,473	100,274	103,264
Health	29,760	27,679	28,335
Social Worker	32,681	32,845	33,555
Crossing Guard	8,670	9,500	10,000
Library	190,508	191,669	198,328
Audio-Visual	4,355	4,350	4,450
Computer Tech./Clubhouse	122,054	137,702	145,142
General Administration	15,386	16,140	17,340
Executive Administration	169,745	175,302	182,762
School Administration	418,521	441,709	512,851
Fiscal Services	34,134	32,370	38,369
School Plant Planning	174,891	312,000	130,000
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	824,892	843,727	934,295
Pupil Transportation	323,496	403,643	428,055
Fixed Charges	6,471	9,640	21,628
Athletics & Cafeteria	137,685	135,000	142,000
Employee Benefits			
(Supporting Services)	488,875	500,327	549,244
Community Services			
(Includes Early Childhood)	69,407	71,381	64,025
Employee Benefits			
(Community Services)	16,164	17,527	13,676
Capital Outlay	238,363	181,105	158,613
Transfer to Other Districts	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total	9,582,068	9,783,448	10,087,701

GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET

	Actual 1998-99	Adopted 06/28/99 1999-00	Revised 1999-00
Revenue-Local Sources	803,494	766,667	818,423
Revenue-State Sources	8,501,210	8,672,335	8,801,781
Revenue-Federal Sources	392,344	394,603	437,281
Other Financing Sources	42,065	13,464	37,400
Total Revenues	9,739,113	9,847,069	10,094,885
Total Expenditures	9,582,068	9,783,448	10,087,701
Adjustment to Fund Balance	157,045	63,621	7,184
Fund Balance - July 1	1,096,371	1,159,992	1,253,416
Fund Balance - June 30	1,253,416	1,223,613	1,260,600

O-G program recognized

Owen-Gage District officials have been invited to showcase a student recognition program at the upcoming Education Excellence Fair sponsored by the National School Board Association.

The fair will be held April 2 in Orlando, Fla., Supt. Manuel Thies told board members last week.

Owen-Gage's "Adult Role Focus Student of the Month"

program was among the initiatives accepted to be featured at the fair. The program honors a student in each grade, all nominated by the teaching staff, for best exemplifying positive characteristics such as being respectful to others, setting goals, being productive citi-

zens, and using technology.

Earlier this year, Owen-Gage officials received a 1999 Excellence Award for the focus student program. Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) officials presented the award in May.

For young farm workers

Minor license program revived

Secretary of State Candice Miller, with input from Michigan Farm Bureau, has reestablished the Minor Restricted License Program to allow young farm workers to drive as a part of the operation of the farm.

The program now has additional restrictions and requirements, but Michigan Farm Bureau Legislative Counsel Jim Miller says it is a good compromise. "We are pleased that the secretary of state was willing to reconsider an earlier decision and work with Farm Bureau to craft a new, but similar program to allow Michigan's farm families to continue to work together as a family."

Earlier this year, Miller eliminated the Minor Restricted License Program, citing safety concerns, contradiction with the new graduated licensing program, and use of the program to avoid driver education, the supervised driving requirements under graduated licensing.

Under the revised Minor Restricted Licensing Program, new applicants, at least 14 years of age, will be required to present a Segment One driver education certificate before a Minor Restricted License will be issued. This includes knowledge, vision and road tests.

In addition, a farm operation must meet an objective measure of source and need. A taxable household income for the last year must be below 2.5 times the poverty level, with at least one-third of the total taxable household income coming from the farm. "That means, for a family of 3, the taxable household income cannot exceed \$30,667 to be eligible for this program," Jim Miller explained. "This level is similar to the qualifying standard for other FIA (Family Independence Agency) programs."

Young farm workers are

Bad Axe resident charged

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ber revolver, Gaertner said.

Prosecutors allege Britt went to the Colfax Township home of his father, Robert Britt, after the shooting. Robert Britt then called 911, and he and his son returned to the McMillan Road residence, where they were met by police, Gaertner said.

Eric Britt was questioned and then released by police, who obtained search warrants for his home, his clothing, and the home of his father.

still free to drive farm equipment and vehicles on their private property without a Minor Restricted License. It is only when they travel on roads and highways that a Minor Restricted License is needed.

"We feel certain that this new program will allow our department to remain sensitive to the unique needs of Michigan farming families, and we were very grateful for the assistance and input of the Farm Bureau in these efforts," the secretary of state

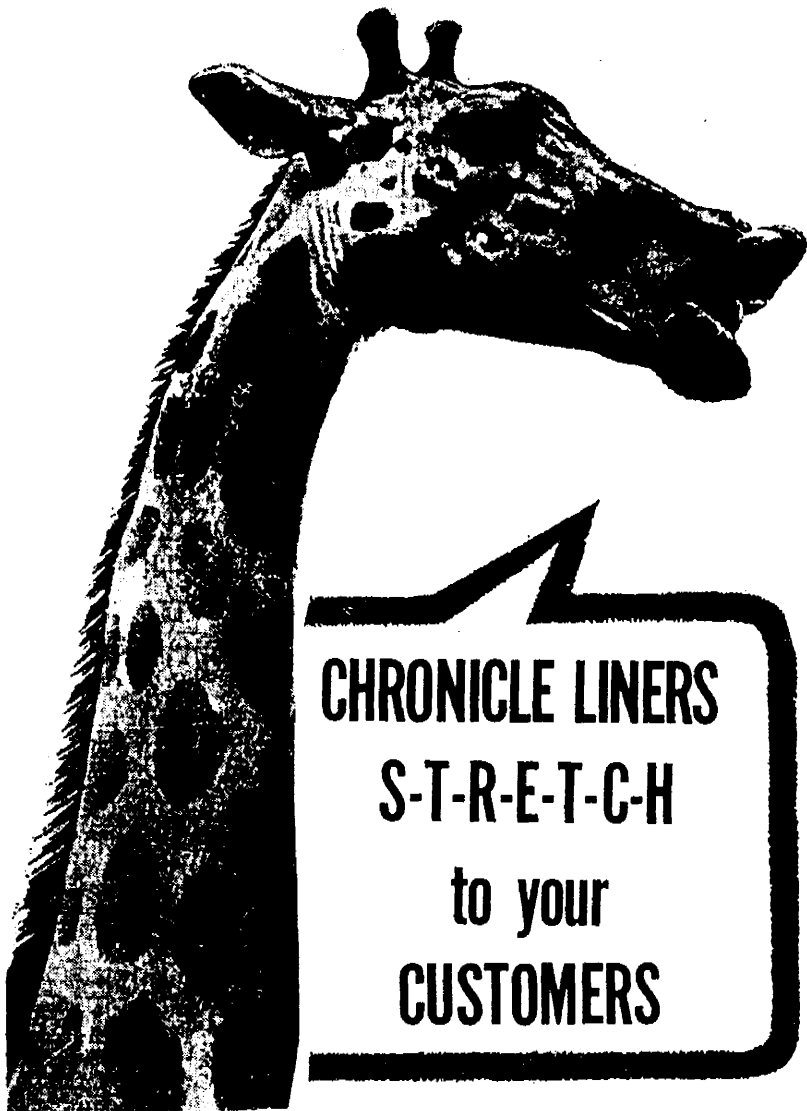
said. "By ensuring that driver education is an integral part of the revised Minor Restricted License Program, we not only safeguard the small family farm in Michigan, but also ensure young drivers and others on the road are not placed in danger."

The Minor Restricted License Program was established nearly 50 years ago to provide struggling farm families with a means of getting produce to market by licensing young family mem-

bers to drive. Over time, it had expanded to include families facing transportation problems related to school, work and medical or health issues. By 1997, department statistics showed that farm applications made up only 16 percent of all Minor Restricted License applications. This year, the program was eliminated except for farm purposes.

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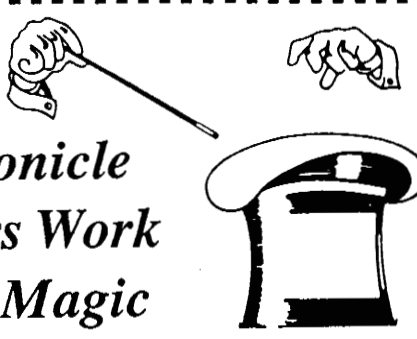
Cass City cagers bow in district semi-finals

For the Cass City Red Hawks to be competitive with the Frankenmuth Eagles, the girls needed to be on top of their game. Unfortunately for Hawk fans, the reverse was true and the Eagles flew by the Hawks in a semi-final class B district game in Cass City Wednesday, 63-22. Frankenmuth

then went on to oust Millington, 42-22.

The winners did nothing unexpected. Cass City was ready for the Frankenmuth press and in the early going solved it with ease.

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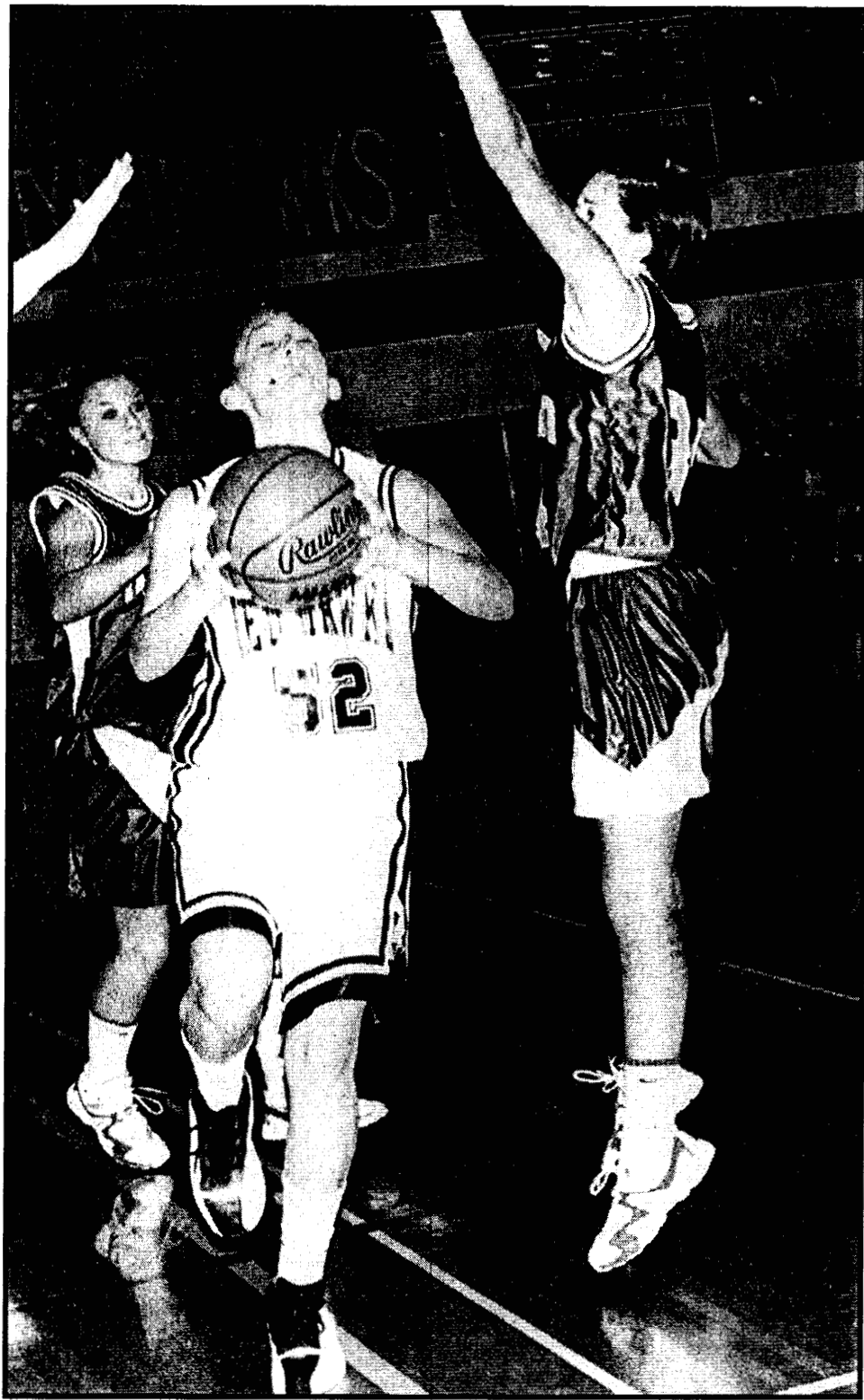
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Warriors end Owen-Gage hoop season in district play at Caseville

The Owen-Gage cage team bowed in the semi-finals of the Class D district in Caseville Wednesday night, suffering a 45-37 setback to North Huron. The Bulldogs enter the history books with a 6-15 record during the 1999 campaign.

As has been the case all season long, the Bulldogs had trouble putting points on the scoreboard, especially in the early going.

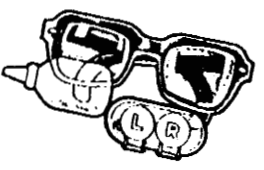
Coach Dave Fritz's squad managed just 3 points in the initial frame and trailed 20-12 at the break.

The 2 schools traded hoops for much of the 3rd frame. Dee Fritz kept the Bulldogs close entering the final period as she nailed consecutive treys to help the Bulldogs enter the final period trailing 31-24. Fritz led all scorers with a game high 20 tally.

The Warriors prevailed down the wire by connecting on 7 of 11 tosses from the charity stripe.

Erin Salcido added 8 points for Owen-Gage, while Melanie Lemanski added 5, and Melissa Ziehm chipped in 4.

Becky Tait's 17 markers led North Huron.



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CHARMONT LADIES As of Nov. 16	MERCHANETTES As of Nov. 18
Cable-ettes 3	Osentoski Trucking 3
Cass City Tire 3	Hills & Dales Hospital 3
Dee's M.P. Rockets 3	Caro Chiropractic 2
Live Wires 3	J.B.'s Crew 2
Wild John's 3	All Season Rent-All 2
Aprea Healthcare 1	Adamczyk Masonry 2
Dott Manufacturing 1	Detroit Edison 2
J.B.'s Crew 1	LaFave Steel 2
Team # 7 1	Thumb Auto Wash 1
	Health Mart Pills 1

High Team Series: Wild John's 3016.

High Team Game: Cass City Tire 1039.

High Series: M. Horne 482, D. Gornowicz 478, B. Kilbourn 480, M. Haley 483, M. Trueman 480.

High Games: M. Moore 197, D. Gibson 188, M. Horne 189, B. Ware 189, L. King 179, D. Gornowicz 171, M. Haley 182, E. Romain 180.

High Individual Games: Lapp 200, C. Davidson 194, C. Brown 193, J. Morell 191, C. Smith 190, J. Bemus 189, K. Fish 186.

High Individual Series: Bemus 534, C. Smith 516, J. Lapp 509, J. Morell 503.

High Team Series & Game: Caro Chiropractic 1965 (690).

MERCHANTS LEAGUE As of Nov. 17

Trisch Septic 6	New England 6	Wickes 6	Charmont 4	R H Body Shop 4	All Season Video 3	S S Builders 2	T Furness Builders 2	Hollywood & Vine *	Triple R *
*Points to be adjusted									

High Team Series & Game: Charmont 3031 (1055).

High Series & Games: M. Jackson 661 (231-248), G. Robinson 657 (211-212-234), R. Wright 646 (224-241), R. Koch 641 (269), L. Tomaszewski 636 (255), P. Robinson 634 (225-237), M. Lutz 627 (212-225), R. Hull 596 (222), J. Langenburg 593 (223), K. Repshinska 583 (220), J. Krol 582, J. Storm 232, M. Gettel 225.

THURSDAY NITE TRIO As of Nov. 18

Marlette Oil & Gas 30	Cass Tavern 29	Terra 28	New England Financial 27 1/2	Mycogen Seeds 27	Babich Farms 21	Schmaltz Construction 20	Generally Low 20	Thumb Auto Wash 19 1/2	BICCGeneral 19	Martin Electric 9
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Individual High Series & Games: J. Krol 669 (229-236), R. Doerr 668 (238-221), G. Robinson 649 (211-235), G. Smith 633 (231), D. Beecher 610 (228), D. Doerr 598 (225), R. Hull 228, D. Hyatt 213, D. Heleski 211, E. Schmaltz 211, D. Roth 211.

High Team Series & Game: New England Financial 182 (639).



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RECEIVING COACHES' awards for Cass City's fall sports were: (front l-r) Christina Kababik - soccer, Charles Maxwell - football, Jamie Fluegge - basketball, (back l-r) Melissa Homakie - basketball, Ross Sherman and Tracy Talaski - soccer, Nate Brinkman - football, Holli Cooper - basketball. Missing are Katie Hacker - basketball, and Adam Dorland - football.

Red Hawks hold fall sports banquet

A crowd of more than 200 gathered Thursday night at the Cass City High School gym to pay tribute to the Red Hawk fall sports team members.

Honored during the 1-1/2 hour program were members of the school's varsity girls' basketball, golf, football, soccer, cross country and cheerleading squads.

Special guest speaker Lew Tibbitts, director of Bay Shore Camp in Sebawaing, addressed the assembly on the importance of persever-

ance in sports.

In addition to recognizing the fall sports figures, the gathering of coaches, players and family members enjoyed a wide range of desserts supplied by the Cass City Sports Boosters. The boosters also decorated the gym for the evening.

"It was a nice evening. We had a great turnout and hope to continue (the banquets) in the future," said athletic director and master of ceremonies Jeff Hartel.



HONORED AS Most Improved Players during the Red Hawk Fall Sports banquet were: (l-r) Danielle Guilds - soccer, Joel Brinkman - golf, Dan Spencer - cross country, Cory Rickett - soccer.

New books at the library

Pop Goes the Weasel by James Patterson: Detective Alex Cross is back — and he's in love. His life would be wonderful except for a series of murders in Washington, D.C., that are so confusing investigators are really puzzled about the killer. Cross comes up with a suspect - a British diplomat named Geoffrey Shafer. But Shafer is not an easy person to convict. It may also be dangerous for Cross and his fiancé to pursue this diplomat. Soon Cross is entangled in an ugly and dangerous web of moves and countermoves, in and out of the courtroom that make for a surprising result.

Thunder City, A Novel about Detroit by Loren D. Estleman: Thunder City is about Detroit when it was in the process of becoming the Motor City. Harlan Crownover, head of a great family of carriage makers, argues with his father because Harlan wants to invest in Henry Ford's car company even though Ford has failed twice in the automobile business. When he needs more money to do this, Harlan turns to political boss Big Jim Dolan, and Sal Borneo a Mafia leader who is trying desperately to bring vice into the twentieth century. These 3 men start out as allies and end up as mortal enemies. When the crisis comes, only Edith Hampton Crownover, Harlan's mother, will be in a position to keep things on an even keel.

A Man Named Dave by Dave Pelzer (nonfiction): This is the sequel to Dave Pelzer's first 2 books, "A Child Called It" and "The Lost Boy." It tells the story of the struggles Dave continued to have for many years after he was rescued from a childhood of terrible mistreatment by his mother. He wanted desperately to make something of his life and to escape the horrible memories of his early years. Eventually Dave was able to break away from his past and learn to trust and love again and to live a normal life without fear.



PRESENTED Most Valuable Player awards Thursday during the Cass City Fall Sports banquet were: (l-r) Craig Emmert - cross country, Brent Goslin and Nick Chappel - golf.

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Tips to avoid holiday blahs

When the holidays come around, depression and stress can be byproducts of the high expectations people carry around with them, cautions Thomas Simmer, M.D., Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan vice president and corporate medical director.

"The holidays bring out the blahs in many people, especially those who recently lost a loved one or are separated from their children," says Dr. Simmer. "This melancholy feeling isn't limited, though, to those separated from loved ones. It can be brought on by the stresses of going over-budget on gifts, and trying to complete all the tasks we have added to our schedules because of the holiday."

Early warning signs for holiday season depression include having a shorter tem-

per than normal, sleep pattern disruption, losing interest in activities you enjoy, and overreacting to minor annoyances.

While the holiday doldrums rarely outlast the holiday season, there are ways to avoid feeling low during these festive weeks. Simmer suggests finding ways to exercise, such as parking far away from the mall entrance and walking. That exercise has the extra benefit of avoiding a stressful parking situation.

These activities can also rescue one's anxiety and depression level:

- * Realize that the holiday stress is real.
- * Surround oneself with a supportive network of family members and friends.
- * Use moderation when engaged in shopping.

* Set a budget and stick to it.

* Remember that you are not alone.

According to the Mayo Clinic, there is no scientific evidence to date that the number of suicides increase during the holidays. Still, take the time during the holidays to reach out to family members and friends, especially those who are isolated or recovering from a loss.

If the feelings of loneliness and depression don't go away with the holiday season, you may need help from a professional.

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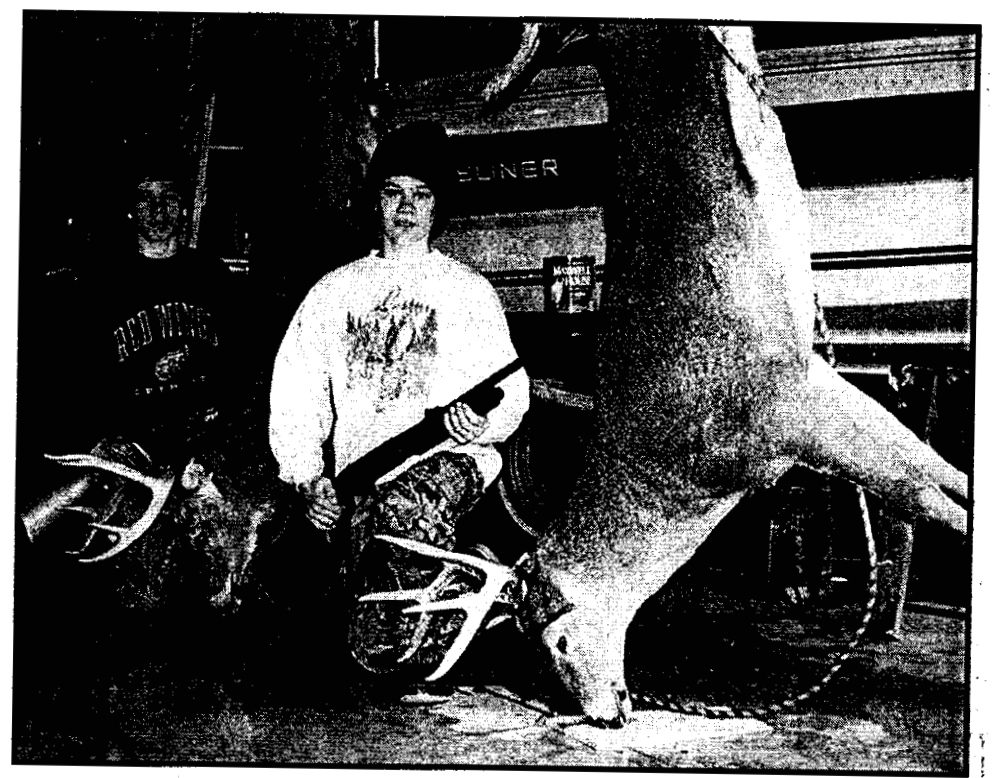
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WEIRD WHITETAIL - Doug Kruse bagged this trophy buck Nov. 3 at about 5:30 p.m. while bow hunting in Sanilac County. Strangely, the 8-point buck's rack, which boasted a 19.5-inch spread, was still covered with velvet. The deer dressed out at 180 pounds.



CASS CITY resident Mike Prosowski bagged this 7-point buck at about 5:30 p.m. Sunday while hunting on private land in Novesta Township.



GAGETOWN TEENS Tom Minkler, 17, and Dale Minkler, 16, bagged their first ever bucks - both 9 pointers - on the opening day of firearm season while hunting on private land in the Gagetown area.



CASS CITY'S Al Johnson bagged this 8-point buck Wednesday afternoon near Bay City Forestville Road, about 3 miles east of M-53. The buck had an inside spread of 13".



Jay Tuckey, Caro, bagged a 7-point buck opening day at about 2 p.m. while hunting in the Cass City area.



TEAM WORK - Heather Hewitt (left) snared her first buck last week hunting on private land just east of Cass City. Hunting in a blind with the help of spotter Amanda Lapeer, she shot the 9-point buck Tuesday, Nov. 16.

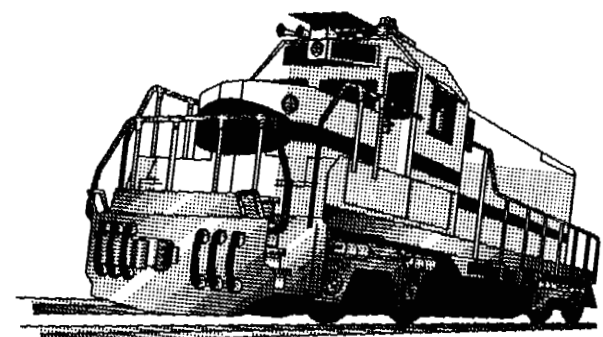
PAUL SKINNER dropped this 4-point buck hunting opening morning on the Daniel Osentoski farm. Skinner's shot from 35 yards dropped the 11" spread buck.



Mickey Engel, Cass City, shot a 6-point buck while hunting in Huron County's Bloomfield Township opening day.



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Holiday Schedule (Clip and Save)

Fri., 11/26	Welcome Santa, and the Detroit Edison Christmas Truck, to the Santa House on Seeger & Main, 6-8 p.m. You won't believe your eyes! (Courtesy of Detroit Edison)
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Sat., 12/4	Kids, Crafts & Christmas Hour, 10-10:45 a.m. at Rawson Memorial Library, Santa at the Santa House 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free Saturday Matinee 2 p.m., at the Cass Theatre, "Dudley Doornight"
Sun., 12-5	"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" by the Sally Doerr Dance Studio, 2 p.m. at the Cass City High School Cafeteria. \$2.00 donation
Fri., 12/10	Santa at Santa House 5-7 p.m.
Sat., 12/11	Kids, Crafts & Christmas Hour, 10-10:45 a.m. at Rawson Memorial Library, Santa at Santa House 11a.m.-2 p.m. Free Saturday Matinee, 2 p.m. at the Cass Theatre, "The Rugrat Movie."
Fri., 12-17	Santa at Santa House 5-7 p.m.
Sat., 12-18	Kids, Crafts & Christmas Hour, 10-10:45 a.m. at Rawson Memorial Library, Santa at Santa House 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free Saturday Matinee, 2 p.m. at the Cass Theatre, "Muppets in Space"

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Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, November 24

Duplicate Bridge, 7:00 p.m. at Charmont. No game this week. Last week's winners: John Haire and Bill Dupuis.

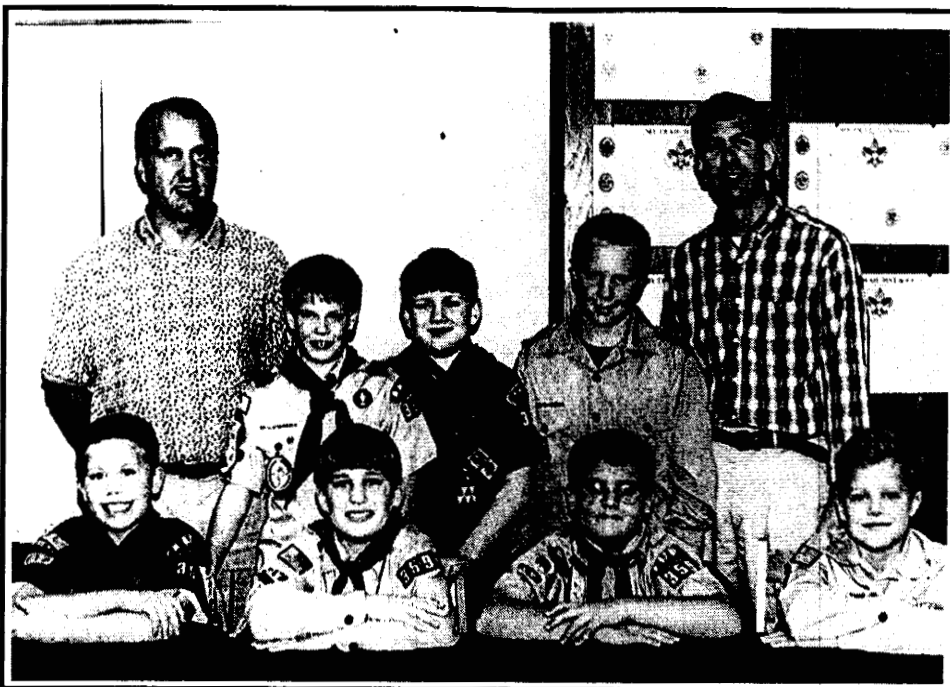
Thursday, November 25

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Friday, November 26

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

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THE CASS CITY Cub Scout Wolverines are: (front l-r) Kyle Swanson, Ray Ellis, Ryan Ross, Ryan Biddinger, (back l-r) leader Mark Swanson, Kurt Hanby, Eric Romain, Dennis Bowen, leader Don Ross.

Boy scouts thriving in Cass City area

Cass City Boy Scout Troop 594, Cass City, has participated in a host of events over the past several months.

In March the boys went "Polar Bear Camping" at Camp Mallory, where they braved a low temperature of 18 degrees during the night. In April, the scouts participated in crossover ceremony

in which 7 Webelo Scouts became Boy Scouts, bringing the total number of boys in Troop 594 to 16.

The boys were also active in Scouting for Food, collecting a total of 1,990 items for the community's food pantry.

The local scouts were among more than 1,000 scouts from throughout the Lake Huron Area Council to attend the Spring Camperall, held in Midland at the fairgrounds. The Cass City troop enjoyed the demonstrations and participated in a number of events.

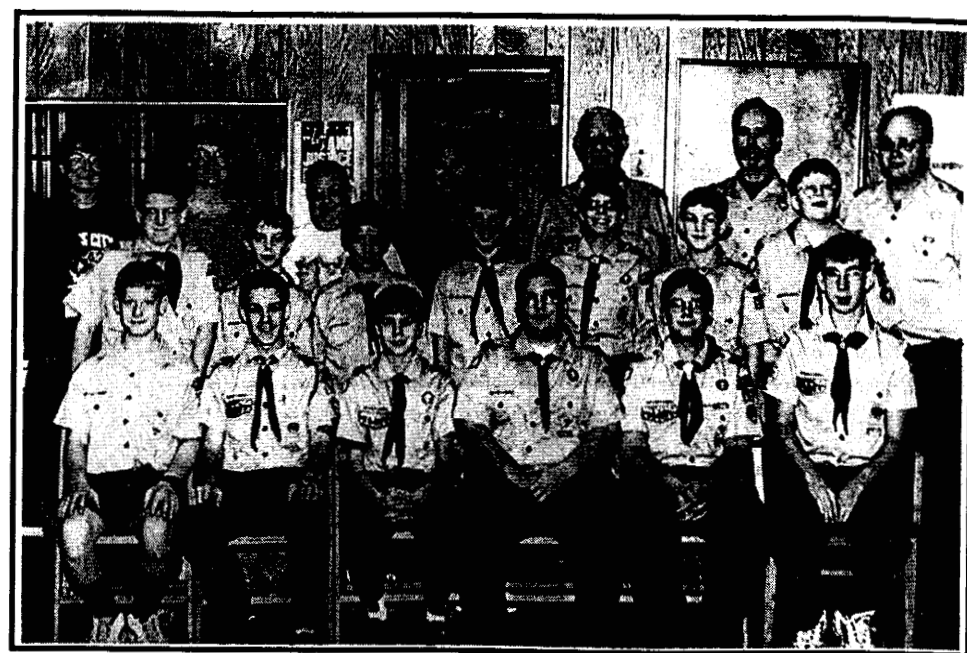
The troop also marched in the annual Memorial Day and Fourth of July parades. During the independence celebration, they constructed a lashed observation tower.

The first week in August found the boys at Camp Rotary in Clare, where they received the Quality Unit Award for having perfect attendance.

In September, the scouts participated in a joint campout with the Cass City Cub Scout Webelos and the Deford Boy Scouts at Camp Mallory. The event gave the Webelos an opportunity to participate with the Boy Scouts in several skill and

learning activities as well as enjoying outdoor cooking and the fun of scout camping.

Local scouts also attended the annual Fall Camporee held at Wagener Park in Harbor Beach, and have held 2 Courts of Honor. A Court of Honor is a ceremonial recognition of each scout's accomplishments.



THE CASS CITY Boy Scouts troop #594 members are: (seated l-r) Matthew Bock, Jonathan Bock, Dustin Mallory, Michael Zmierski, Eric Hanby, Jeremy Weippert, (middle l-r) Pat Reed, Alex Hiatt, Justin Grice, Rob Hoxie, Jeff Wills, Gavin Mills, Kenny Spencer, (back l-r) leaders Renee Mallory, Rita Hanby, Shari Bock, Nancy Weippert, Chuck Golinvaux, Brian Mallory, Ken Spencer. Missing are scouts Derrick Mallory and Robert Damoth.

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Study session slated Dec. 6

Cass City Village Council finalizing new budget

The Cass City Village Council Monday began the process of finalizing a new budget by scheduling a special study session for Monday, Dec. 6, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the municipal building.

A public hearing on the budget will follow during the council's next regular meeting, which is slated for Dec.

20 starting at 7 p.m.

The proposed 2000 spending plan was presented Monday, but officials spent only a few minutes discussing the lengthy document.

"It needs some study," said Village President L.E. Althaver, who described the new spending plan as a "hold the line" budget, with no major spending increases over the next fiscal year.

Proposed general fund expenditures, for example, are set at \$1,303,645, an increase of \$57,865, or about 4.6 percent, over estimated actual 1999 general fund spending levels.

Village Manager Jane Downing noted the fund balance in the general fund is expected to total \$277,000 by the end of this fiscal year - a 55 percent increase since 1997 - and the balance is expected to total nearly \$290,000 by the end of 2000.

Althaver and Downing said village officials intend to continue pursuing an aggressive capital improvement program in 2000, including replacement of the 40-plus year old storm sewer along Church Street (from Nestles to Brooker), which drains most of the north half of the village.

Village residents can expect to pay higher water and sewer rates in 2000 - increases of 10 percent and 5 percent for water and sewer, respectively, are built into the spending plan - but village tax rates will remain the same.

The general fund tax is set at 12.4625 mills and both

major and local streets will remain at 3.5 mills. The debt on the wastewater treatment plan will continue at 2.5 mills, according to Downing, who said the debt is expected to be paid off at the end of 2002, 16 years ahead of schedule.

In addition, Althaver added, other major debts, including purchase of the municipal building, will be paid off in 2001, substantially reducing the village's debt load.

The brief budget discussion Monday followed a 90-minute executive session to discuss wage and fringe benefit adjustments, which will be announced when the budget is formally approved next month.

The streets include Scotty McCullough Drive from Main Street to a terminus at the woods, and 4 streets in the industrial park: Schell Street west of Doerr Road, North Industrial Drive, Division Street west of Doerr Road and South Industrial Drive.

•Voted to sell the village's 1976 Ford "bucket truck" and a wing snow plow. The village has set a minimum bid of \$5,500 for the truck and \$1,400 for the plow.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday, the council adopted a revised sign ordinance hammered out a year ago by planning commission members and council trustees, with input from business owners.

The new ordinance was tabled by the council last June to give the public additional time to address concerns.

The proposed ordinance, particularly new rules governing use of temporary signs, initially drew protests from a number of business owners. In response, village officials eased restrictions on use of banners on exterior of buildings, sign size was expanded, proposed fees were reduced, and the number of portable sign uses allowed each year was increased.

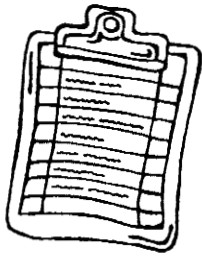
"To be honest, we've been more or less following this (revised) ordinance" since the council tabled its adoption in June, Althaver told council members Monday night. He pointed out that not every issue is addressed, "but we certainly have dealt with temporary and portable signs."

Turning to other matters, the council:

- Approved a 3-year extension with Cove Sanitation for weekly residential waste removal, recycling and composting. The extension locks the same prices - \$8 per household per month - that residents have been paying since 1997.
- Adopted a resolution to classify several village roads as "major" streets, making them eligible for Act 51 (maintenance) funding from the state.

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- ☒ **Belts/hoses:** Check belts for cracks or fraying. Check hoses for leaks, bulges or cracks. Make sure clamps are secure.
- ☒ **Windshield washer/wipers:** Make sure reservoir is filled with solvent. Replace wiper blades if needed.
- ☒ **Oil, brake, transmission, radiator coolant and power steering fluid:** Check oil and fluid levels. Follow owner's manual directions.
- ☒ **Air filter:** Hold air filter up to a light. If you can't see through it, replace it.
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THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by PAUL S. FIERROS AND LEONA FIERROS, Husband and Wife, of 417 Madison Street, Caro, MI 48723, Mortgagors, to CHADWICK MORTGAGE, INC., A TEXAS CORPORATION, which is organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, and whose address is 16390 Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 200, Huntington Beach, CA 92614, Mortgagee, dated June 11, 1998, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on June 30, 1998, in Liber 743 Page 724 of Tuscola County Records, which mortgage was thereafter on July 13, 1999, assigned to BANC ONE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., 8604 Allisonville Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46250 and recorded on August 4, 1999 in the office of the Register of Deeds for said County of Tuscola in Liber 778, Page 765 of Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of FORTY SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT AND 35/100 (\$46,458.35) DOLLARS.

And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity 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, January 7, 2000 at 10:00 a.m., said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), 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 12.49% per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums 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 situated in the Township of Indianfields, Tuscola County, and State of Michigan and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 3, and the Southwest half of Lot 2, Block 5, of William E. Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro. Part of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East.

Tax ID: 034-500-605-0300-00

The redemption period shall be 6 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: November 24, 1999

BANC ONE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
Assignee of Mortgage
ELAINE W. MARDIROSIAN (P33528)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage
1373 Balfour
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230
(313) 881-0296

11-24-5

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 Doris J. Ewald, a single woman (original mortgagors) to DMR Financial Services, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 12, 1998, and recorded on June 12, 1998 in Liber 742, on Page 352, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated March 1, 1999, which was recorded on May 28, 1999, in Liber 772, on Page 1241, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE AND 97/100 dollars (\$71,975.97), including interest at 7.500% 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 VILLAGE OF CARO, TOWNSHIP OF INDIANFIELDS, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 10, Block 43 of the Plat of Centerville (now Caro), according to the Plat recorded in Liber 11 of Deeds, Pages 362-363, now being Liber 1 of Plats, Page 56, now being Page 59A.

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 24, 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 # 99112400
Mustangs

11-24-5

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

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 of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagors, to Simpson Mortgage Co., Mortgagee, dated January 8, 1996, and recorded on January 12, 1996 in Liber 684, on page 915, Tuscola County Records, Michigan and assigned by said Mortgage 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.

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 with the interest thereon at sixteen and 00/100 (16.00%) per cent per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses including the attorneys fees allowed by law, will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, 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 Local Time, on December 3, 1999.

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

The Southerly 600 feet of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 section of 28, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, excepting 5 acres in the Southeast corner thereof, 36 rods 6 feet North and South and 22 rods East and West.

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During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that if the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated October 13, 1999

Sharon Ann Bernhardt, Mortgagee

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

10-27-5

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 Dawn L. Helms and Morris 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 said 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 665.22 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
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Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 98021841
Panthers

11-10-5

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Douglas A. Davis of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to North American Company Mortgagee dated the 3rd day of June, A.D. 1998, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of 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 said mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$93,973.53.

And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity 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 the 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: Parcel 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 44.00 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

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

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.

By: Daniel E. Best (P58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
755 W. Big Beaver, Suite 10
Troy, MI 48064
(248) 362-6100

10-27-5

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 Dawn L. Helms, a single woman (original mortgagor) to United Companies Lending Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 17, 1997, and recorded on March 21, 1997 in Liber 707, on Page 352, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to United Companies Lending Corporation, as assignee by an assignment dated August 12, 1999, which was recorded on October 25, 1999, in Liber 785, on Page 871, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY AND 67/100 dollars (\$58,560.67), including interest at 13.250% 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 VILLAGE OF CARO, TOWNSHIP OF INDIANFIELDS, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot 1, Block 5 of Cooper's Addition to the Village of Caro, running North 9 rods; thence West 60 feet; thence South 9 rods; thence East 60 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of the Northwest quarter of section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East.

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 17, 1999

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1304
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Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 990910442
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11-17-5

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 Kenneth D. SCHULTZ, Luanne M. Schultz his wife and Dale W. SCHULTZ and Barbara R. Schultz his wife (original mortgagors) to NBD Mortgage Company, a Delaware Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 28, 1990, and recorded on November 29, 1990 in Liber 608, on Page 064, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Homeside Lending Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated October 5, 1999, which was recorded on October 28, 1999, in Liber 786, on Page 147, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINETEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THREE AND 35/100 dollars (\$19,303.35), including interest at 9.87% 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 TOWNSHIP OF TUSCOLA, Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as:

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 36, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, thence south 679.68 feet along the East Section line to the point of beginning, thence continuing South 208.00 feet along the East Section line, thence North 88 degrees 07 minutes 13 seconds West, 208.78 feet, thence North 208.00 feet, thence South 88 degrees 07 minutes 13 seconds East, 208.78 feet to the East section line and the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 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 17, 1999

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1304
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11-17-5

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 Adam D. Sherman, a single man; individual (original mortgagors) to First Choice Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated May 15, 1998, and recorded on May 28, 1998 in Liber 740, on Page 1011, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to the Flagstar Bank, FSB, Assignee by an assignment dated May 15, 1998, which was recorded on May 28, 1998, in Liber 740, on Page 1019, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-TWO AND 41/100 dollars (\$76,442.41), including interest at 7.375% 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 TOWNSHIP OF DAYTON, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 27 and 28 of Cat Lake Hills Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 18. Also part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, described as: beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 27 of the recorded plat of Cat Lake Hills Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 18, which is located from the Southwest corner of said Southwest 1/4 by the following four courses: (1) North 01 degree 27 minutes 25 seconds East (previously recorded as North 01 degree 06 minutes East), along the West line of said Southwest 1/4, 873.24 feet; (2) North 86 degrees 38 minutes 55 seconds East (previously recorded as North 86 degrees 49 minutes East), along the South line of said Plat, 183.62 feet; (3) North 79 degrees 14 minutes 38 seconds East, continuing along said South line, 115.48 feet (previously recorded as North 79 degrees 08 minutes East, 115.28 feet); (4) 82 degrees 43 minutes 18 seconds East, continuing along said South line, 99.99 feet (previously recorded as North 82 degrees 39 minutes East, 100 feet); to said Southwest corner of Lot 27; thence continuing along said South line North 82 degrees 43 minutes 18 seconds East 199.98 feet (previously recorded as North 82 degrees 39 minutes East, 200 feet) to the Southeast corner of Lot 28 of said plat; thence South 07 degrees 19 minutes 02 seconds East, along the Westerly line of a previously recorded survey (recorded in Liber 608, Page 1143), 100.00 feet; thence South 82 degrees 43 minutes 18 seconds West, parallel with said South line 199.98 feet; thence North 07 degrees 19 minutes 02 seconds West, 100.00 feet to the point 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: November 24, 1999

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1300
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Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 981111292
Hawks

11-24-5



MICHELE AND Gary Wills, along with daughters (from left) Katie, 12, and Jackie, 15, recently opened Golden Pheasant Gifts in the former Ryland & Guc building in Cass City.

Wills open new gift shop in Cass City

Area residents familiar with the old Ryland & Guc building in Cass City won't believe their eyes if they step inside the Main Street storefront today.

At one time a prime candidate for the wrecking ball, the store has been completely refurbished, inside and out, by Gary and Michele Wills, who recently opened "Golden Pheasant Gifts."

The new business offers shoppers a variety of unusual gifts, including candles and the popular line of Lefton Lighthouses, according to Michele Wills, who noted the couple plans to offer gifts for both men and women. There will be something for all ages, she said.

"The one thing I'm going to be doing is getting various artists and craftsmen from throughout Michigan to feature Michigan-made gifts," she added.

Michele said the store officially opened Sunday. "We had a lot of people in looking yesterday," she com-

mented Monday. "We don't even have all of our merchandise in yet, but people were very positive. It was very nice."

The Wills contacted local historian Jack Esau in hopes of learning some of the history behind the old building.

The store was originally a hotel, according to Gary, who explained it became the Golden Pheasant Restaurant at the turn of the century, after the Great Fire of 1880. Peddlers from Saginaw would travel to the storefront,

set up shop during the day, then eat at the restaurant before returning home, he added.

The Wills noted they would love to hear from anyone who has photos of the former Golden Pheasant Restaurant.

Michele Wills said business hours at the new gift shop will be 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Fridays, and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays during the holidays.

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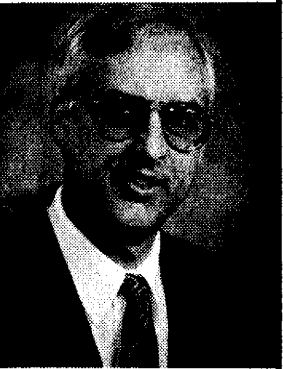
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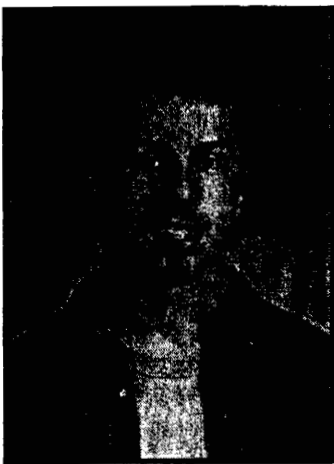
Sheufelt named student of month

Clint W. Sheufelt has been named Owendale-Gagetown Schools' "senior student of the month" for November.

As a sophomore, Sheufelt participated in basketball and was named a "Focus" student of the month at Owen-Gage. He was a member of the high school band as a freshman and sophomore. He and 4 of his friends currently have a band of their own called "Mindlaps."

Sheufelt is the son of Art Sheufelt and Beth Pillsbury of Owendale. His future plans include having a successful band and attending

college to study history.



Clint W. Sheufelt

O-G Honor roll

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

7TH GRADE

Wendy Errer, Mary Ellen McKee, Amanda Pillsbury, Nicole Schmidt, Kate Swiastyn, Kayla Zaleski.

8TH GRADE

Jonathon Bennett, Stephanie Dorsch*, Laura Enderle, Cody Howard, Hope Hunt, Timothy Kain*, Candi Rhodes, Justin Rogers*, Heidi Scott*.

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Crystal Brown, Julie Howard, Ashley Pawlak, Bridget Stirrett*, James Wise, Kelly Zaleski.

10TH GRADE

Ashley Adams, Dawn Enderle*, Joshua Errer*, Zachary Fritz, Rebecca

Hartman, Nathan Kain, Earl McKee, Dale Minkler*, Amy Pawelski, Donald Perdue, Brandi Ross, Sarah Stirrett, Lee Strickland, Corbin Swiastyn, Rebecca Turner.

11TH GRADE

Cory Fritz, Danielle Fritz*, Ryan Fritz, Amanda Howey, Kendall Kretschmer*, Stefanie Lowry*, Shane Mellendorf, Thomas Minkler*, Shannon Pitcher, Allen Roe, Matthew Rogers, Jenna Root*, Erin Salcido, Nicholas Warack*, Melissa Ziehm*.

12TH GRADE

Keith Bricker, Nathan Dale, Tonya Groulx, Derek Howard, Jared Kovach*, Melanie Lemanski*, Jamie Limberger, Kristen Mandich*, Crystal Pillsbury, Theresa Richmond*, Amy Sheufelt, Clint Sheufelt, Jeremy Sprague, Cassie Vargo*, Andrea Ziehm*. *Denotes all As.

Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Cass City's annual Storytime Christmas display won't be set up in the village park this year. Weather and vandalism have taken a heavy toll on the papier mache nursery rhyme figures. The figures will go on sale Nov. 26 at the Cass City Village Park. Chamber members plan to set up a Lloyd Vyse Memorial Fund to purchase some new decorations next year, reports chamber member Jane Hittler.

Rodney L. Wakefield, 30, of Cass City, was rescued from his burning car on Elmwood Road, a quarter mile west of Dodge Road, about 9:30 p.m. Nov. 14. Douglas Wilson of Cass City spotted the car burning and saw Wakefield slumped over in the car and pulled him from the vehicle.

Walbro Corp. officials and employees celebrated the company's 40th year of operations in Cass City with a luncheon Friday. More than 500 people were in attendance.

Joan Zemke, a teacher's aide at Deford School, is retiring after 26 years of service.

The ninth annual Thanksgiving Day dinner will be held at the VFW Hall Thursday. About 300 people are expected. The dinner the first year drew about 80 people.

10 YEARS AGO

Lambert E. Althaver of Cass City became one of only 800 persons nationwide ever to be a recipient of

scouting's distinguished citizen award. The presentation was made Thursday at a \$100-per-plate benefit dinner at Bay Valley Hotel and Resort in Bay City and netted the Lake Huron Area Council Boy Scouts of America some \$20,000.

The first snow storm, which dropped an estimated 4.6 inches of snow in the area, forced area schools to cancel classes Friday.

The Cass City School Board is concerned that the Thumb B Association will break up and all of the class C teams now in the league will pull out, leaving the school as the only class C school among all class B schools.

Miss Geraldine Auten and Riggs Bedford were winners of 2 front row tickets to the Alabama concert Nov. 4 at the Palace. After the concert, they were ushered back stage for autographs and had photos taken with Ricky Van Shelton and Alabama members.

An area woman found dead in her car last Wednesday in a ditch in Huron County died of natural causes. The woman was identified as Virginia L. Nagy, 62, of Huntington Woods and Cass City.

25 YEARS AGO

The Novesta Township board rejected a request by owners of the Deford Country Store that they be licensed to sell beer and wine.

State Police from the Caro post are investigating the theft of a safe from the M&M Block Co. on Kelly Rd. Sat-

urday morning. Police reported the safe, which had been heavily damaged, was found Sunday on a trail near the intersection of Keilitz and Severance Roads by a deer hunter. No money was in the safe but a number of papers were destroyed when the thieves apparently set fire to the contents.

Area rail users prepared to fight proposed railroad abandonments in Michigan's Thumb Thursday night when they formed a Rail Users Association during a meeting at Cass City High School. Dean Hoag, Cass City, was named chairman of the Tuscola County steering committee. Also serving in the group are Cliff Croft, Les Profit and Jim Turner, manager of J.P. Burroughs elevator in Gagetown.

A former Decker resident, Dr. Louis E. Caister, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Caister, has been appointed acting president of Barrington College, Barrington, Rhode Island. Caister is a former pastor of the Decker, Shabbona and Elmer Methodist churches, and is a 1942 graduate of Cass City High School.

35 YEARS AGO

Howard Loomis retired

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

Tuesday after 41 1/2 years as a Gagetown area mailman. Gagetown postal employees and members of his family will celebrate the occasion Saturday evening at a dinner at the Gagetown Hotel and an open house will be held Sunday at the Gagetown School.

Enjoying good hunting conditions and with the snow in their favor, hunters have taken at least 60 deer from the county's 2,000-head

herd.

There is no oil in the Novesta Township dump. Drilling began in August and continued until late October, but no oil was found after drilling 9,299 feet down. And no one is interested in drilling down any further.

Woods Rexall Drug employees attended the ice show in Port Huron Tuesday night in conjunction with the firm's annual employee night. Before the show, the

group had a smorgasbord dinner in Sarnia, Ont. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ryland, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Parrott, Mrs. Richard Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Law, Jim Ballard, Renate Connolly and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Proctor, store owners.

Only 14 Cass City juniors and seniors reported for positions on the Hawks' varsity basketball team for the 1964-65 season.

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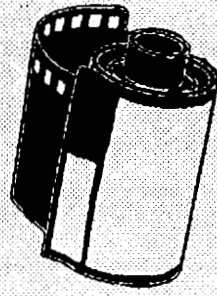


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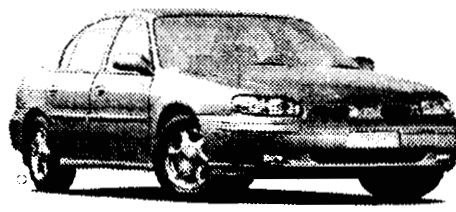
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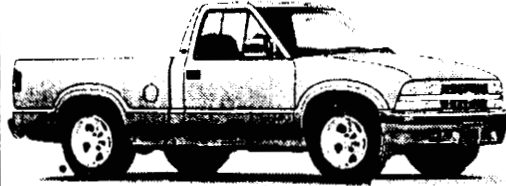
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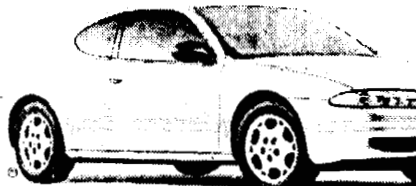


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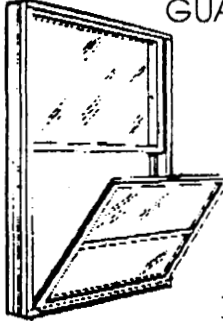
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Students enrolled at Michigan State University have the opportunity to apply for 2 scholarships as part of the Farm Bureau scholarship program.

The deadline for applications is Dec. 1 to the Farm Bureau home office, and applicants must be from Farm Bureau families, or be Farm Bureau members themselves.

The first scholarship, supported by the Marge Karker Scholarship Fund, is designed for students enrolled in the 2-year agriculture technology program at MSU. The recipient will receive a \$1,500 award to be applied to their 2000/2001 tuition.

The second scholarship is designed for a 4-year student enrolled in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources who has at least 22 credits left before graduation. The recipient will receive a \$3,000 award, sponsored by the Young Farmer Trust Fund.

Applications can be picked up at county Farm Bureau offices, or on the Michigan Farm Bureau Web site at www.michiganfarmbureau.com. Scholarship interviews will be held in early 2000, with the awards presented at the MSU Awards Banquet in February.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 658-2347



DELAYED NEWS

Ed Schembers of Elkton, Ron Wolschlager, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Friday and Monday mornings.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western, Ed Schembers and Allen Farrelly attended the Port Hope steak fry Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Ron Wolschlager and Allen Farrelly attended the ham and sausage dinner at Ruth Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bezemek and Marie and Allen Farrelly attended the funeral of Lloyd Grifka at St. John's Catholic Church at Uby.

Ed Schember of Elkton, Bea Sternberg, Doris Western, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Saturday morning.

Allen Farrelly went to Tri City Airport to get Bobbi Allen who was returning home after spending a week in Oklahoma City, Okla.

CURRENT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hendrick, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and Thelma Jackson met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe for supper Sunday for Thelma Jackson's birthday.

Rita Depcinski worked at and attended the fish fry at the Bad Axe K of C Hall Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland, Judy Horton and Mrs. Curtis Cleland went to the Port Austin Playhouse to see the play 1776.

Sister Marie Decker of Adrian spent a couple days with Florence Watson and visited other relatives.

Graham Griffen, Bill and Alex Cleland of Walled Lake spent a few days with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming and all got a deer.

Seven members of the Traveling Breakfast club met at the Peppermill Thursday morning. They will meet at Stephano's next week in Bad Axe.

Ron Wolschlager, Ed Schember, Doris Western,

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Beatrice Sternberg and Allen Farrelly met Wednesday and Thursday at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast.

YOUNG IDEAS FARM BUREAU

The Young Ideas Farm Bureau group met Thursday evening at the home of Lorraine and Dewey Holz. After the meeting cards were played and prizes were won by Pat Heleski and Ray Depcinski. Low prizes were won by Delores and Russell Bouchard.

The next meeting will be in January at the home of Joe and Hilda Sweeney.

Richard Bukowski, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and Thelma Jackson were Tuesday evening guests of Mr.

Chemical dividend announced

Alan W. Ott, chairman of Chemical Financial Corporation, announced Nov. 15 that the board of directors of the company declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$.21 per share of common stock payable Friday, Dec. 17, to shareholders of record Dec. 3.

Grant awarded for Caseville park

State Rep. Mike Green recently announced a \$372,000 grant to improve recreational opportunities at Caseville County Park in Huron County. The Saginaw Bay facility

will see a variety of improvements, including vehicle and non-motorized day-use entry and additional parking areas. Waterfront areas will see upgrades for picnicking, playgrounds and barrier-free

beach access. The funds are part of a state-wide effort to improve indoor and outdoor recreation through the Clean Michigan Initiative, which was approved by voters in 1998.

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Letters to the editor

Put differences aside, be thankful

Dear Editor,

When we think of Thanksgiving, most of us can smell that golden succulent juicy turkey, hot from our ovens with steamy dressing, all the trimmings topped off with our grandma's best pumpkin pie. Our mouths water in anticipation as that great bird emerges and we all gather around grandma's table with our loved ones.

How different it was for our forefathers. They had to hunt down and kill the turkey first. Of course that was after they obtained a turkey permit and got permission to hunt on the Indians' property. When they cooked that first turkey, did they oven roast or deep fry that 35-lb. beast? They couldn't have cooked it over the open campfire, how would they get the dressing to stay in? Preparing the turkey was the least of the pilgrims' problems.

The world is a lot different now than it was years ago on that first thanksgiving. Today the news is full of Columbine, Waco, White Water and Egypt Air 990's. The pilgrims came to a new unexplored land, fought off Indians, disease, cold unbearable weather, wild animals and many, many other hardships.

I respect and admire those adventuresome first settlers. They were faced with unbearable hardships and were still thankful. I'm sure they had their disagreements, but they stuck together and faced the challenges before them.

They even made friends with their enemies and on the day of their celebration of thanks invited them to be their guests.

We today could take a great lesson from that first Thanksgiving. Be thankful, not only for the good things in your lives, but also for the hardships that make us stronger, more understanding, compassionate people. And forgive others, they like the Indians, didn't come from our world and don't understand our motives. Let's put our differences aside and be thankful!

Have a great Thanksgiving.

Lois Hillaker

Railcar shortage still a problem for area farmers

Dotted throughout rural Michigan, piles of corn on the ground are a visual reminder of a railcar shortage that has left some farmers and elevators without good storage options for their grain.

While some elevators have constructed makeshift storage, some have stopped accepting grain altogether. Railroad congestion around Toledo and labor shortages have caused the backlog.

A group of agricultural industry leaders and legislators met with officials of the CSX railroad system, Nov. 6, to bring additional cars into the state. The Agriculture/Transportation Crisis Task Force, appointed by Sen. Spencer Abraham (R-Auburn Hills) secured the commitment of 6 unit trains of about 65 cars each. Later, the railroad agreed to send 17 more unit trains.

While the additional railcars rolling into Michigan alleviate some problems, more are needed. Jim Byrum, president of the Michigan Agri-Business Association, estimates the state needs 100 unit trains just to clean up what's at extreme risk of loss, let alone what's needed to free up some storage space.

Byrum estimated, as of Nov. 7, that Michigan farmers had approximately 28 million bushels of corn and 2.4 million bushels of soybeans still in the field, based on Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service projections. That grain, along with possibly another 5 million bushels harvested but not covered, is at high risk of loss if the weather deteriorates.

"We're concerned that the lack of rail availability is creating a potential loss of income for producers who are unable to harvest their crops and get them under cover before winter weather sets in," said Bob Boehm, Michigan Farm Bureau Commodities and Marketing Department manager.

The issue goes beyond short-term storage concerns, according to Boehm. "We also have a long-term concern about customers viewing us as unreliable suppliers," he explained. "We have elevators piling grain on the ground uncovered - opening the door for storage losses. Our goal is to get the attention of the railroad companies and encourage them to raise their priority for getting our railcars rolling."

CSX has reached an agreement with its unions to allow extra crews to be transferred into Michigan, which they say will alleviate rail congestion in the Toledo area. At the recent task force meeting, CSX also agreed to consider alternative routes around Toledo and address internal labor shortages.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture will compile information about storage capacity and critical market need in order to identify and prioritize the greatest shipment needs.

Members of the task force include Abraham, Boehm, Byrum, Michigan Farm Bureau President Jack Laurie, Michigan Department of Agriculture Director Dan Wyant, Burt Keefer of the Cooperative Elevator Company in Pigeon, Dick Leach of the Great Lakes Sugar Beet Growers Association, Rep. Jim Barcia (D-Bay City), CSX officials and others.

Read Meg's Peg, page 2

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Dear Editor:

Each year the Human Development Commission's Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center is blessed by a number of teens doing goodwill projects on Make A Difference Day. This year's generosity has been no exception; gifts to help residents in their quest for self-sufficiency continues to appear at the shelter's doorstep each day.

HDC's AmeriCorps Team Leader, Julie Hartzell, coordinated this year's Make A Difference Day projects at the shelter.

Students from Caro Community Schools and the Bad Axe Student Council worked together with AmeriCorps Members and other volunteers cleaning shelter grounds. Inside the shelter walls received a fresh coat of paint, carpets were cleaned, and rooms received new bedding and window treatments. Volunteers are still working

on projects that should be completed by the end of November.

The Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center provides safety, support, shelter, and prevention services to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Isn't embezzlement a felony?

Dear Letters Editor:

Congress has embezzled our Trust Fund

Most people correctly believe that Social Security has been our most successful social program, however as the program has matured it faces many obstacles to its viability. The first major crisis it faced was in 1981 when concerns were raised about the Trust Fund running out of money by 1983. The Greenspan Commission was formed which made recommendations to resolve the

short-term financing problems the program faced. A combination of legislation enacting the recommendations, low inflation and the economic boom has contributed to yearly Trust Fund surpluses until the proclaimed total is now in excess of \$650 billion.

Unfortunately, within the Treasury, Social Security taxes are co-mingled with general tax revenues which allows Congress to spend Trust Fund surpluses to fund other expenses within the budget. For example, the 1998 \$70 billion surplus expended only because Congress included the 1998 \$99 billion surplus when the actual budget showed a deficit. To cover up the embezzlement of Trust Fund money by Congress, the Department of Treasury has been forced to issue non-negotiable IOU bonds to the Trust Fund.

AmeriCorps Team and the student volunteers have been very important and will continue to Make A Difference to those we serve.

Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center

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Robert A. Dahlquist
Orange, CA 92865

Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number.

The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper.

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Cake bake and auction net \$837

Cass City Cub Scout Pack #3594 held a cake bake and auction sale at their monthly pack meeting Thursday.

Each Cub Scout, with the help of a pal, baked and decorated a cake. The cakes were judged for their size and appearance by several members of the Gavel Club, which sponsors the Cub Scouts in Cass City.

David and Tavis Osentoski of Osentoski Auctioneering donated their time and talent to the cause, auctioning off 41 cakes.

The proceeds raised from the sale are being donated to Christmas for Kids in Cass City. A total of \$837 will go to making Christmas special for area children. The Christmas for Kids program is or-

ganized by the Rotary Club. The winning cakes and categories were:

Best overall presentation - Joshua Inbody.

Yummiest looking - Clinton Ellis.

Most creative - Thomas LeValley.

Longest - Kurt Hanby.

Smallest - Andy Martin.

Most unique - C.J. Blake.

Tallest - Robert VanAuken.

Shortest - Collin Mason.

Most original - Joseph Rule.

Funniest - Tyler Perry.

Best in a scout theme - Dennis Bowan.

Thomas LeValley's cake was the big money maker, selling for \$37.50.

Each scout that participated received a Cake Bake patch.



WEBELO SCOUT Kurt Hanby (left) and Bear Scout Bradley Hanby show off their creations during the Cass City Cub Scouts' recent cake bake and auction sale, which raised \$837 for the Christmas for Kids program in Cass City.

Hilker to address market outlook

Dr. Jim Hilker, MSU Agricultural Economic Department, will be one of the featured speakers at Thumb Ag Day, to be held Dec. 8 at Ubyly Heights, Ubyly.

Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. to view exhibits. Beginning at 11 a.m., Dr. Hilker will discuss the current and future market outlook for farm commodities.

Other educational programs will include: Added Value Update, Site Specific Management, Managing Your Dairy for Profit, and Risk Management for Farms. Participants will also be able to visit with over 75 exhibitors beginning at 8:30 a.m. and lasting to 3:30 p.m.

Admission is free. Lunch tickets may be purchased at the door. Thumb Ag Day is sponsored by MSU Extension in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties and Farm Credit Service.

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O-G students shine at Foreign Language Day

Saginaw Valley State University's Department of Foreign Languages sponsored its 24th annual Foreign Language Day Tuesday, Nov. 9.

Ten regional schools participated in the competitions in various ways. Owendale-Gagetown Schools sent 20 students who took part in dance, skit, poster, and display competitions.

The French folk dance performed by Owen-Gage students took second place honors. Kendall Kretzschmer's display on the theme, "Connect to Other Cultures: Learn a Foreign Language", received

honorable mention.

Students attending from Owen-Gage Schools included: Cynthia Anderson, Samantha Brown, Stephanie Dorsch, David Field, Randi Lee Glaza, Lacey Gruber, Cody Howard, Hope Hunt, Tim Kain, Kendall Kretzschmer, Annie Leiteman, Shawn McClorey, Meagan Mentor, Justin Pitcher, Shannon Pitcher, Candi Rhodes, Justin Rogers, Erin Salcido, Heidi Scott and Amanda Wise. They were accompanied by French teacher Sandy Juengel and several parents.



O-G STUDENTS (back row, left) Kendall Kretzschmer, Justin Rogers, Tim Kain, Heidi Scott, Amanda Wise, Cody Howard, (front row, left) Erin Salcido, Cynthia Anderson, Stephanie Dorsch, Randi Lee Glaza and Meagan Mentor brought home honors from SVSU's 24th annual Foreign Language Day.

Support group to meet

The Huron County Epilepsy Support Group will hold its next meeting at Harbor Beach High School, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Access to the meeting is through the east door off of Third Street.

The group is open to those who experience seizures, and their families, from throughout Huron County and neighboring Sanilac and Tuscola counties. Meetings are about 90 minutes to 2 hours in length. The meetings include both an educational presentation and an opportunity to learn from one another.

The topic for December is "Stress Management". The presenter is Nicole Mason, manager of individual and support services for the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan.

The Huron County Epilepsy Support Group meets

regularly on the second Monday of each month. For

more information, call Claudia at (517) 479-9100, or Debbie at (517) 479-6765.

HDC gearing up for celebration

The Human Development Commission will host Tuscola County's second annual Holiday Cheer Celebration Dec. 3, 4 and 5.

Located at the American Legion Hall in downtown Caro, the Holiday Cheer Celebration will offer fun for the whole family, including competitive bidding on decorated trees, holiday wreath sales and a raffle for the

adults, face painting, crafting and stamping for children.

Santa will join the celebration Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. to visit and take pictures with children. Hours are Friday 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Crop yields are up

Continued warm and dry conditions in October advanced maturity of most crops in Michigan, according to the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service.

Some highlights of the crop production report include:

Corn yield, at 130 bushels per acre, increased 7 bushels from last month and 19 bushels from 1998. Corn production increased 9 percent from last year. The weather in October was excellent for harvesting, and corn harvest was three-fourths complete by Nov. 1, a record pace. The estimated yield would break the previous state record yield by 13 bushels.

Soybean production, at 79.6 million bushels, will be the highest on record, exceeding last year's record by 8 percent. Yield, at 40 bushels per acre, was up by one bushel from last year and if realized will tie the record yield for Michigan. Michigan soybeans continued the early trend as 94 percent of the crop was harvested by Nov. 1, compared with 93 percent last year and 85 percent for the 5-year average. Ideal harvest conditions let farmers harvest quickly and easily as dry weather continued through October.

Sugarbeet yields were up to 18.5 per acre from last year's 16 tons per acre. Growing conditions for the sugarbeet crop were excellent until the crop suffered from a lack of rain in early fall. Conditions for harvest were ideal as 2 weeks of dry weather were enough to harvest most of the crop.

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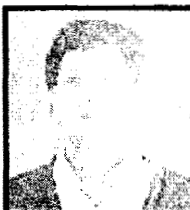
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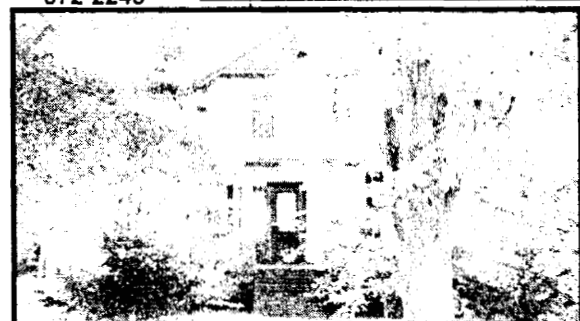


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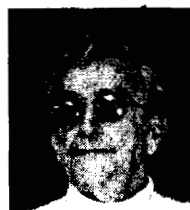


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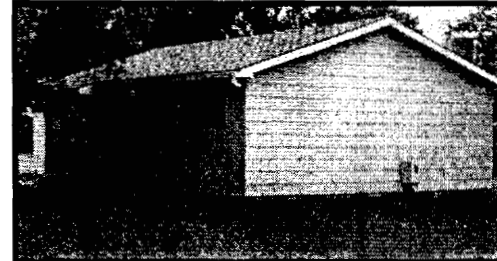
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V-114 - 3 bedroom, 1 bath ranch home on a city lot. Home is only 1/2 mile from Vassar Schools. Interior has been recently updated and remodeled. Very functional floor plan for modest size family.



MR-042 - Nice cozy country home with 3 bedrooms, wood floors. Large country kitchen-dining room combination with a large living room. All of this located on 1+ acres.



CCT-223 - Large Family Home. 3 large bedrooms. Open staircase. Brick fireplace in family room. Kitchen has been redecorated. 1 car attached garage with large utility room. Approximately 1,800 +/- sq. feet sitting on a double lot.



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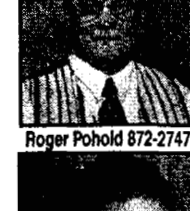
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For School of Choice students

O-G board okays bussing policy

Owen-Gage School buses will travel up to 2 miles outside the Owen-Gage District to pick up Schools of Choice students.

That was the decision of the board of education during a rescheduled monthly meeting Tuesday, Nov. 16.

School Supt. Manuel Thies asked the board for direction on the issue last month, saying the district has been traveling about 2 miles outside the district to pick up 2 or 3 students who have chosen to attend Owen-Gage through the state's Schools of Choice law.

Trustee Walt Swiastyn last week suggested the district stay within its boundaries. Trustee Ron Good said he would like to see the school officials deal with the transportation issue on a case-by-case basis.

Thies urged board members to continue allowing buses to travel short distances outside the district to accommodate Schools of Choice students, who translate into significant per-pupil funding from the state.

"There are no rules or regulations stating that we can not go out of our district to pick a student up," Thies said, adding he doesn't want to stop the flow of new students to the district. "If something comes up, it's a policy - we'll change it."

INTERNET POLICY

Turning to other matters, the board approved a Network and Computer Code of Conduct policy.

The focus of the policy is Internet access and the types of materials students may and may not view, as well as a guide to acceptable uses of the district's computers.

The rules state students may access the Internet for the purposes of research, education and school related business and operations. Unacceptable uses include

violating of copyright, license agreements or other contracts; interfering with other users through chain letters, network games or by broadcasting messages; gaining unauthorized access to protected data; destroying computer-based information; invading others' privacy; installing unauthorized software; accessing the Internet for commercial, political or illegal uses, and viewing obscene and other inappropriate materials.

Thies noted a copy of the policy along with a permission form will be sent to all students' parents.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, the board:

•Voted in favor of expelling a high school student who brought a sword to school earlier this month. School officials, who met behind closed doors for 75 minutes

before rendering the decision, said they will offer to place the student in an alternative education program through the Huron Intermediate School District.

Learned that phones will be installed in all classrooms in the junior-senior high, similar to the system now in place at the elementary school. The system, which enables instructors to call for help in an emergency, will cost \$12,600. Thies said Universal Service Fund dollars will pick up \$7,500 of the tab.

•Approved a Headlee rollback of 17.9964 mills to 17.8020 mills on non-homestead property in the district. The rollback translates into about \$880 in revenue, according to Thies.

•Approved the purchase of a new printer for the superintendent's office. The cost was estimated at \$1,517.

•Voted to allow home-schooled students to enroll in the district's driver education program provided students pay the difference between the cost of the program and what the district receives from the state in driver education funding.

•Accepted the resignations of varsity football Coach Joe Candela and Assistant Coach Arnie Howard.

•Approved band Director Don Starks' request for a band trip to Mackinac Island next spring. The overnight trip will include music clinics as well as time for tours and other fun activities, according to Starks, who said the trip would be educational as well as serve as a reward and motivation for students. He added several fundraisers are being planned to cover the cost.

•Approved elementary Principal William Britt's plan

to begin holding orientation sessions for incoming kindergarten students beginning next school year. The sessions will involve a portion of 2 days, during which students will be familiarized with a bus ride and other kindergarten routines.

•Recognized a student in each grade, all selected as best exemplifying the district's November adult role focus of being "respectful of others".

The students, in grades K-12, are: Christin Harris, Isaac Perez, Kelsey Quick, Michael Louks, Kayla Neal, Rebecca Schmidt, Michael Edler, Jennifer Czewski, Cody Howard, Bridget Sturtevant, Eugene Kady, Shannon Pitcher and Richard Papkey.

•Approved the recommendation of senior Clint Sheuvelt as "student of the month."



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<p>#4069 1999 Chrysler Sebring LXI 2 Dr. Coupe M.S.R.P. 22,615⁰⁰ Curtis Chrysler Disc. -1,238⁰⁰ Dealer Cash -500⁰⁰ Rebate -1,500⁰⁰</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sale Price</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em;">\$19,377⁰⁰ + tax</p>	<p>#3977 1999 Dodge Ram 1500 Pickup 2WD M.S.R.P. 21,745⁰⁰ Curtis Chrysler Disc. -1,970⁰⁰ Dealer Cash -1,000⁰⁰ Rebate -1,000⁰⁰</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sale Price</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em;">\$17,775⁰⁰ + tax</p>
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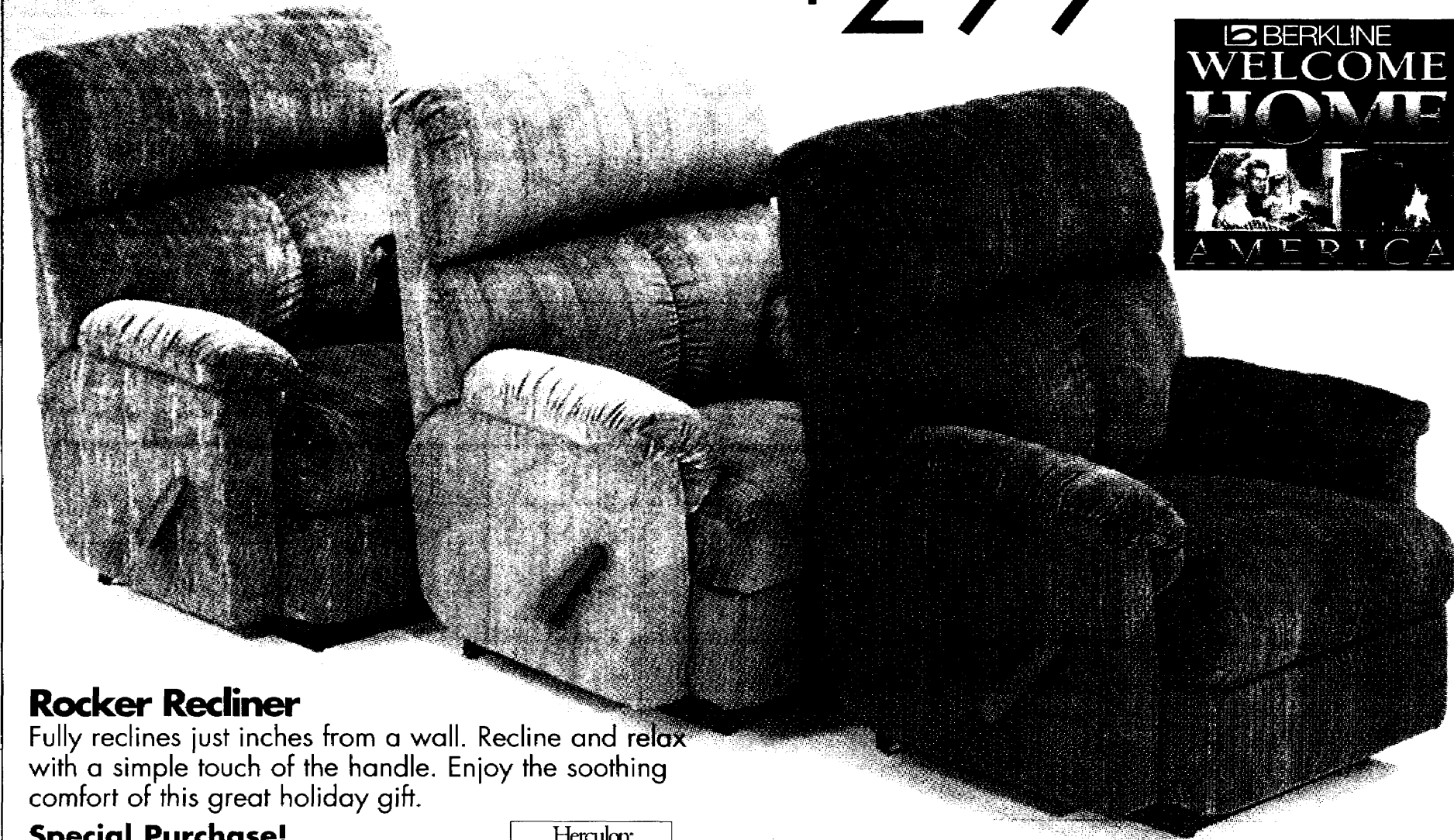
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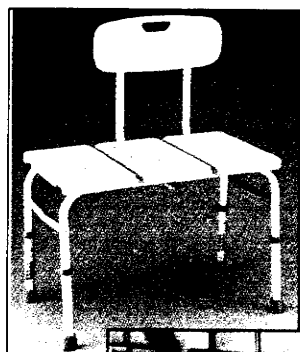
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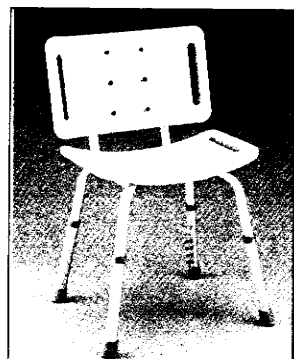
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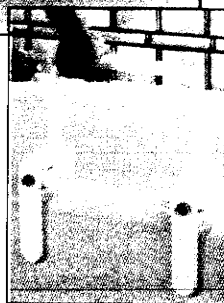
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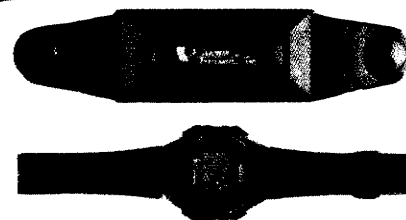
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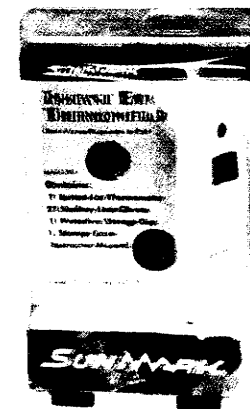


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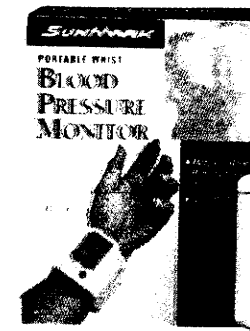
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One-touch operation, beeps "on"
and when "finished". Includes 21
sanitary lens covers, battery and
storage case.



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2. Wrist Blood
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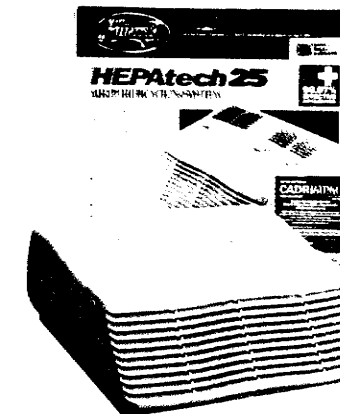
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Automatic inflation and
deflation. Measures systolic,
diastolic, and pulse. Includes
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Hunter 30075
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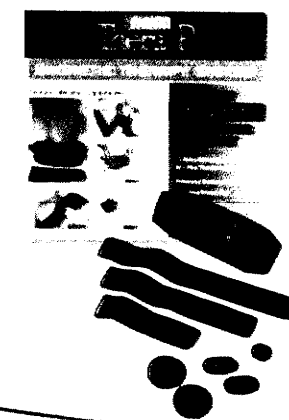
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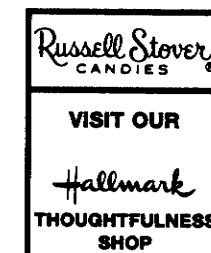
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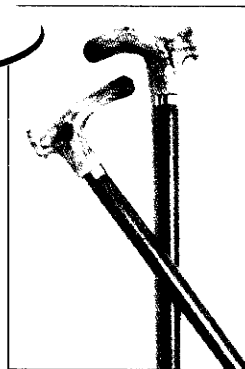
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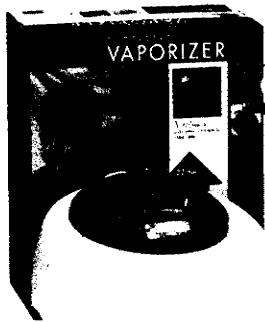
Model 750SMK

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10. Warm Mist Vaporizer Model 1387-3

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1 gallon capacity provides 15-17 hours running time on one filling.



2.0 Gallon Humidifier
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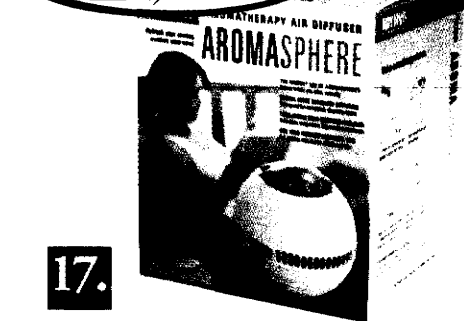
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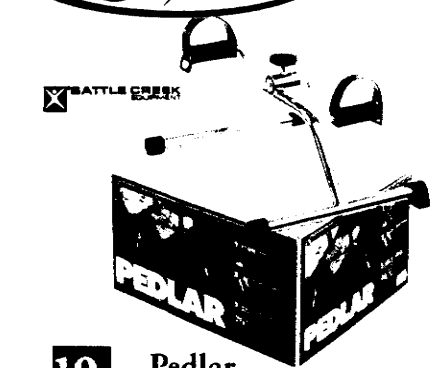
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