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IT WAS STANDING room only Monday night as 350 to 400 people packed into the Cass City High School cafeteria to learn more about the "Let's Build Some Fun in the Thumb" playground project. Above, designer Dennis Willes presents a preliminary sketch of the play area, which will cover an area totaling some 12,000 square feet on the site of the old middle school.

Building some fun

400 attend playground Design Day meeting

Cass City youngsters didn't hold back Monday when Dennis Willes asked what they would like to see included in the design of a new community playground to be constructed in the village later this year.

Sure, Campbell and Deford elementary students offered the typical suggestions — swings and slides and such — but they also thought a McDonald's restaurant would be nice, or maybe a hot tub.

"Everything from bungi jumping... to the more traditional swings and tire swings and that kind of thing, and really everything in between," Willes said of the students' input Monday afternoon as he incorporated the youngsters' ideas into a preliminary design of the play area.

While some of the kids' suggestions were a bit unrealistic, many other ideas were not; some wanted a wooden tractor and farm scape area, while others asked for a large ship and still others thought a space capsule would be great.

Willes, a designer with the Ithaca, N.Y.-based Leathers and Associates, spent much of Monday's "Design Day" in Cass City meeting with the children.

A group of community volunteers hired Leathers and Associates to design the "Let's Build Some Fun in the Thumb" playground, which will be constructed by dozens of volunteers at the site of the old Cass City Middle

School later this year.

Design Day is the first step in creating what will be a unique play area designed with the Cass City community in mind.

Willes' Design Day activities actually began Sunday night, when he met with steering committee members at the village municipal building. Monday morning kicked off with a site meeting with the project's general coordinators, site captains and others, followed by interviews with the children — nearly 60 youngsters in a span of about 2 hours.

The activity drew the attention of a WNEM-TV 5 crew, which stopped in to tape a segment to be broadcast later this week on the station's *Take 5* show.

Later in the day, Willes drafted a preliminary sketch and met with the children's committee in preparation for Monday night's community meeting.

STANDING ROOM

Attendance at the community meeting surprised organizers, with an estimated 350 to 400 people packing into the high school cafeteria to learn more about the project as well as listen to special song and creative writing presentations by the students.

Willes noted he incorporated a number of students' suggestions into his preliminary design, which features multi-level structures, playground equipment and activities for both the 2- to 5-year-old and

5- to 12-year-old age levels.

The sketch includes a "history wall" honoring memories of the old middle school, as well as jungle animal figures, a landing rocket, ship and tree house structures, and a wooden tractor. Swings and 4 different slides are also part of the design, as are a reading/quiet area suggested by some students.

The playground will cover an area totalling roughly 12,000 square feet, including ample space to build in a host of safety measures.

Paula LeValley, one of 3 general coordinators for the project, explained Monday night that the idea of creating a community playground originated several years ago from local residents who had seen what other communities had accomplished.

A couple years ago, she said, there was some discussion of pursuing the project, but the playground was put on hold due to another major construction project at the time — an addition and renovation at Rawson Memorial Library.

However, a decision was made last year to seek volunteer and financial support for a community playground, boosted by \$30,000 in seed money from Cass City School officials, who had planned to use the cash to build a play area on the site of the old middle school.

LeValley, who lauded the efforts of 42 people already serving on various playground committees, announced Monday that the

Pinney Foundation has pledged another \$30,000 towards the estimated \$100,000 project.

MUCH WORK LEFT

But much still needs to be done, she pointed out, adding hundreds of volunteers will be needed to do everything from helping to build the playground to providing childcare and food donation and preparation.

Community volunteers, with technical assistance

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Fan suspension, coaches' actions draw criticism

A decision of the Cass City administration, an action of volleyball coaches and concerns about safety on a school service road resulted in sharp attacks by interested residents Monday night at the regular meeting of the school board at the high school.

Following an incident at the Cass City-Harbor Beach basketball game, where Rick Brinkman was charged with making physical contact with a referee, the administration wrote Brinkman a letter saying that he was not to attend any sporting events at Cass City Schools until after the end of the first semester next year.

Judge Kim Gaspie asked the board if Brinkman had been called to give his version of what happened the night of the incident and inquired if the board had a policy in effect.

He said that Brinkman was being denied due process and that his rights were being trampled.

Supt. Ken Micklash said that he had checked with the school lawyer and the Michigan High School Athletic Association and felt that the action was within the rights of the school.

Gaspie said that Brinkman showed remorse for his action in that he called Coach Jeff Hartel the next day and apologized.

Gaspie pointed out that since Brinkman was under indictment on a criminal charge, he couldn't comment without possibly jeopardizing his case.

He also explained that he was not representing

Brinkman, but felt that the penalty was very harsh. There were several others in the audience who supported Brinkman.

After long discussion, the board voted to send Brinkman a letter and inform him that the board was ready to listen to his case in appeal.

ROAD SAFETY

The board acted quickly to improve safety conditions on the service road that runs next to the middle school after Jeannette LaPeer, veteran bus driver, recounted how a child was nearly run over during the time that the road was restricted for bus use only.

One of the complaints was that the sign at the road entrance was too small. Besides being small, it was slightly twisted after being hit by a vehicle. Another complaint was that milk was being delivered when the buses were using the road.

The board and Micklash agreed that new, larger signs on each side of the road and at both entrances would be erected and that the milk company would be informed that deliveries must be made other than during the times restricted for bus use, which is 7:45 to 8:30 a.m. and 2:45 to 3:30 p.m.

On the suggestion by Trustee Jim Turner, the possibility of a caution light with a timer at the road entrance will be investigated.

COACHES ACCUSED

Nancy Wolschlagier, mother of Kayla Wolschlagier, a player on the Cass City volleyball team, addressed the board demanding that something be done with the 3 coaches of the teams, because of an incident involving her daughter.

It started, she claims, after a volleyball game when her daughter told the coach that one of the problems was that

she gave up on the junior varsity team.

The next day Kayla was called out of classes to confer with the 3 coaches. The coaches of the varsity, JV and freshman teams were there because together they are trying (with some success) to rebuild a program that had been nearly winless for the previous 2 years.

At the meeting, Kayla became upset and decided to leave but one of the coaches put her hand on the doorknob because she saw that the girl was upset and wanted her to calm down before leaving. Kayla, her mother said, opened the door by placing her hand over the coach's to turn the knob.

The girl has a heart condition and after the episode suffered chest pains and her mother was called. She instructed athletic director Russ Biefer to take her to the doctor.

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O-G bond issue request could total some \$600,000

The Owen-Gage Board of Education has begun doing its homework in earnest as they prepare to ask voters to approve a bond issue to fund major facility improvements and technology upgrades in the district.

The board met in special session last Wednesday to review some preliminary

cost estimates for the various projects.

The proposed bond issue, which will go to voters in June, would pay for replacement of the junior/senior high gymnasium floor, paving the north parking lot at the junior/senior high school in Owendale and the west lot at the elementary school in

Gagetown, and technology improvements ranging from new equipment purchases to staff training.

School Supt. Manuel Thies presented estimates for the projects last week, saying 3 companies he contacted offered quotes from just under \$90,000 to \$180,000 for a

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Mush!



DOG SLEDDING offers something for the entire family, according to Jerry "Stu" Stirrett, his wife, Kathy, and the couple's daughters, Sarah, 14, and Bridget, 13. Above, Sarah competes at the 9th annual Mackinaw Mush, Feb. 6 and 7. (Story, photo page 5)

Owen-Gage to review NHS rules, guidelines

Owen-Gage School officials will take another look at the guidelines used to select students for membership in the National Honor Society.

In the meantime, the applications of 3 students rejected for membership this year were reevaluated and a decision made to accept their requests for membership. The students were inducted along with 12 other candidates Thursday night.

The NHS selection process was criticized at a recent school board meeting when the students and some parents asked for specific reasons why the students' applications were rejected.

Andrea Ziehm, a junior, read her letter of rejection to the board, noting she was not accepted because of what the faculty election committee called "weak leadership attributes." However, Ziehm argued she not only met the grade point average requirements to join the National Honor Society, but had also demonstrated leadership qualities in a host of activities, from participation in student council and extracurricular activities to clubs and sports.

She told board members that she wanted to know why she was not accepted into the National Honor Society.

Ziehm's mother, Mary Ziehm, stated she feels students are being rejected not because of their qualifications, but due to personality

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Township tradition

Annual meetings coming

Township annual meetings are a thing of the past in many areas, but a number of Tuscola County townships continue to host them each spring.

Area residents who want to voice a suggestion or gripe about an issue in their township, or who simply want to see their local elected representatives in action, will have an opportunity to do so this weekend.

Most townships in the Cass City area will be holding their annual meetings Saturday.

The following is a list of meeting dates, times and places for area townships:

Elkland Township
March 29 at 7 p.m.

Elkland Township Fire Hall

Ellington Township
March 27 at 1 p.m.
Ellington Township Hall

Novesta Township
March 27 at 1 p.m.
Novesta Township Hall

Evergreen Township
March 27 at 1 p.m.
Mizpah Fellowship Hall

Greenleaf Township
March 27 at 1 p.m.
Greenleaf Township Hall

Township annual meetings cover a variety of issues. Aside from the past year's revenues and expenditures, township boards typically discuss and approve pro-

posed budgets for the new fiscal year, road construction and repair projects, waste disposal service contracts and other matters.

Light attendance has prompted some townships to do away with the annual meeting altogether. But officials in those units that continue to meet each year encourage citizens to attend and voice their concerns, complaints and questions.

The electorate's power at the annual meeting has diminished over the years. However, residents still have the authority to accept or reject salary increases for local elected officials, and the proposed purchase, transfer or sale of township property.

29 attend Owen-Gage senior citizen meets

Twenty-nine Owen-Gage Senior Citizens met at St. Agatha's Parish Hall, Gagetown, March 4. The table prayer was given by Marge Zawilinski before the dinner.

President Jack Doerr opened the meeting with the Lords Prayer and pledge. The members welcomed a new member, Clara Gaffney, and Homer and Beulah Kretschmer were welcomed back.

Happy birthday was sung for Ruth Kaake, John Zawilinski and Clara

Free foot screening April 21

Marlette Community Hospital will offer free diabetic foot screening Wednesday, April 21, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the hospital's community education office, 3270 Wilson St. (behind Moore Ice Cream).

Interested residents are encouraged to call (517) 635-4348 to schedule an appointment.

Gaffney.

Door prizes were won by Homer Kretschmer and Helen Pyrek.

The April 1 meeting has been cancelled.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given and approved. The meeting was adjourned and bingo and euchre played.

For the March 18 meeting, 29 members, including 2 guests, were present for the potluck dinner. The table prayer was given by Marge Zawilinski.

After the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, President Doerr introduced guests, Roger and Mary Ashmore, son of David and Wilma Ashmore.

Members signed up for the Bach dinner April 15 and will be able to call in until April 1.

The door prizes were won by John Zawilinski and Beatrice Jones.

Euchre winners were: Men's high, John Zawilinski; low, Bob Schell; women's high, Wilma Ashmore; low, Nettie Doan. The traveling prize was won by Jack Doerr.

It's a girl!



Claudia Lane Riddle

John and Lori (Gohsman) Riddle announce the birth of a daughter, Claudia Lane Riddle, Feb. 22 at Bay Medical, Bay City, at 3:22 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

She has a big sister, Alliah Kathrene Riddle, 2 1/2. Maternal grandparents are the late Carl Gohsman and the late Catherine and Rich McDonald.

Paternal grandparents are Carl Riddle of Yuma, Ariz., and Peggy Riddle of Sun City, Ariz.

Great-grandmother is Florene Black of Yuma, Ariz.

Church hosts dinner

A potluck dinner to welcome those who have joined Good Shepherd Lutheran Church during the last year was held Sunday, March 21. Special guests were the new members, Stephen and Jalaine Schneberger, Marisa and Kayla; Ed and Amy Talaski, Jillian and Grace; Marie Ulatowski and Barbara and Joshua Koepf.

The Son-Shines provided entertainment during the program.

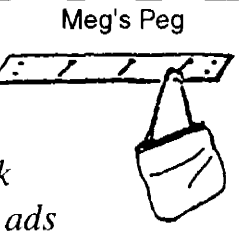
Library book sale slated

The Jacquelin E. Opperman Memorial Library in Kingston has scheduled its spring book sale for Wednesday-Saturday, April 7-10, when the library will be on holiday hours, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Check these ads



by Melva E. Guinther

Here are some interesting ads that "actually appeared" in newspapers around the country.

> One man, 7 woman hot tub - \$850/offer.

> Amana washer \$100. Owned by clean bachelor who seldom washed.

> Snow blower for sale - Only used on snowy days.

> Free puppies - Part German shepherd, part dog.

> 2 wire mesh butchering gloves, 1 1/2-finger, 1 3-finger, pair \$15.

> Tickle Me Elmo, still in box, comes with its own 1988 Mustang, 5L, auto, excellent condition, \$6800.

> Cows, calves never bred... Also one gay bull for sale.

> '83 Toyota Hunchback - \$2000.

> Free puppies, 1/2 Cocker Spaniel, 1/2 sneaky neighbor dog.

> Free Yorkshire terrier, 8 yrs. old. Unpleasant little dog.

> German Shepherd - 85 lbs., neutered. Speaks German. Free.

> Full sized mattress, 20 year warranty. Like new. Slight urine smell.

> Free 1 can of pork & beans with purchase of 3 bedroom, 2 bath home.

> For Sale - Lee Majors (6 Million Dollar Man) - \$50.

> Nordic Track \$300 - Hardly used - Call Chubbie.

> Bill's Septic Cleaning - "We haul American Made Products."

> Shakespeare's Pizza - Free chopsticks.

> Found: Dirty white dog... Looks like a rat... Been out awhile... Better be a reward.

> Hummels - Largest selection ever - "If it's in stock, we have it!"

> Get a Little John, the traveling urinal - Holds 2 1/2 bottles of beer.

> Harrisburg Postal Employ-

ees Gun Club.

> Georgia peaches - California grown - 89 cents lb.

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> Free: Farm kittens, ready to eat.

> American flag - 60 stars - Pole included.

> Tired of working for only \$9.75 per hour? We offer profit sharing and flexible hours. Starting pay: \$7-9 per hour.

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> Our sofa seats the whole mob - And it's made of 100% Italian leather.

> Joining nudist colony. Must sell washer and dryer.

> Bar S sliced bologna - Regular or tasty - Save 30 cents on 2.

> Kellogg's Pot Tarts - \$1.99 box.

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> Experienced mom will take care of your child. Meals and snacks included.

> Semi-annual After-Christmas sale.

> Man wanted to work in dynamite factory. Must be willing to travel.

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> Dog for Sale - Eats anything and is fond of children.

Engaged



Melvin Davis and Joan Hutchinson

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hutchinson of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Joan Hutchinson of Southfield, to Melvin Davis of Dearborn Heights, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Davis of Northville.

Hutchinson is employed as a manager at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan (Southfield) and has obtained her bachelor's degree in business administration from Saginaw Valley State University. She is currently pursuing her master's degree in health administration at Central Michigan University.

Davis is employed as a supervisor at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan (Detroit). He has a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in economics from Eastern Michigan University.

A July 17 wedding is planned.

Cass City Social Item

Call your local news to the Chronicle office 872-2010

Sunday dinner guests of Robert and Joyce McArthur were Stanley and Pauline McArthur, Junior and Kathy Daneault and family, Doug and Brenda McArthur and family and Dave and Angie McArthur. Pauline McArthur celebrated her 95th birthday and Kathy Daneault, her 40th. Robert McArthur was surprised with a retirement celebration.

New books at the library

The Lion's Lady by Julie Garwood: Christina Bennett has taken London society by storm. The beautiful woman guards her mysterious past until the night Lyon, Marquis of Lyonwood, steals a searching, sensuous kiss. The arrogant nobleman wants to possess her, but Christina isn't easily conquered. She resists Lyon's charms because she dares not surrender to him. She doesn't want to give up her special secret and her promised destiny.

A Shilling for Candles by Josephine Tey: When a woman's body washes up on a secluded stretch of beach on the southern coast of England, Inspector Grant of Scotland Yard takes the case. But the simple inquiry into her death turns into a miasma of false accusations and baffling clues. There were many who wanted beautiful screen actress Christine Clay dead. It is up to Grant to search through the confusing situation and solve the case.

Sara's Song by Fern Michaels: A brilliant career and loving friends aren't enough to heal Dr. Sara Killian's aching heart. She falls in love with rock star Dallas Lord, but he is suddenly and tragically taken from her. Before he disappeared Dallas gave Sara a special gift - a love song written just for her. It's a legacy that will take Sara into some unusual places - places of danger and intrigue. When she meets Adam Lord, Dallas' older brother, she finds him to be the most complicated and attractive man she has ever known. Now she must choose between Adam and Dallas, the man she can't forget.

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With Ideas For Feature Stories

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Thursdays,
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
10:00 a.m.
Rawson Memorial Library



This program is offered free of charge, but children must be pre-registered. Parents may register children age 3-5, but not yet in kindergarten, beginning March 22. Registration deadline is March 30.

Scouts celebrate

Cass City Girl Scouts celebrated the Girl Scouts' birthday March 12 at the VFW Hall. About 150 Girl Scouts and guests attended. This year's dinner was hosted by Junior troops 239 and 151.

The evening began with a flag ceremony and a prayer. Each troop and their guests then enjoyed a meal planned and made by the individual troops.

This year's theme was Girl Scouts Are on Top of The World. A cake decorating contest was held based on this theme. Third place went to Junior troop 862, second place to Brownie troop 630, and first place to Junior troop 151.

Upcoming Girl Scout events are Leader Daughter Night in April and Keep America Beautiful in May.

Cass City Cooperative Preschool OPEN HOUSE

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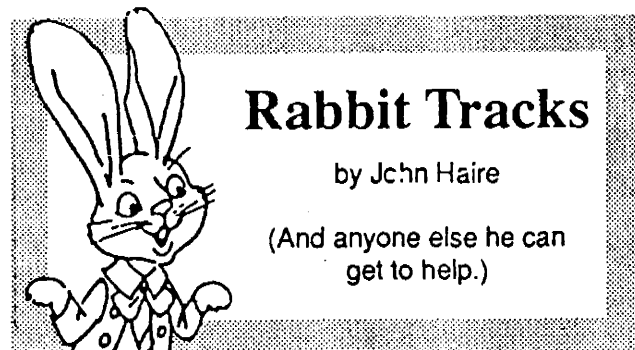
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Not all of us were frowning when we got up Monday morning and the ground was covered with a light dusting of snow. Grinning from ear to ear was Art Battel. We call that a sugar snow, he explained. When it is followed by a fairly warm day, it makes the sap flow and flow. Bet we will have a 600-gallon day Tuesday, he says.

At the Battel farm, springtime means tree-tapping time and the 500-tree plantation has been gathering sap for a week now.

The farm aims for 100 gallons of that pure maple syrup a season. Last year wasn't the best, about 65 to 70 gallons. Two years ago the trees yielded a big 200 gallons.

You never know, Battel cautioned, but with Easter coming around full-moon time, this could be a great year. Tree-tapping time used to be strictly a family affair, but now the job is handled efficiently by two Amish neighbors, Marty Miller and his brother.

We were brought up to date on the tree-tapping season when Battel came in to cancel his ad after one week because he completely sold out of the eggs advertised. (End of commercial.)

As regular as clockwork in the last few years have been sighting after sighting of unidentified objects in the sky.

These strange lights in the sky prompted a few Tuscola County residents to light up the central dispatch phone lines, at least briefly, last week.

According to the central dispatch log, 5 county residents reported seeing an apparent unidentified flying object(s) during a 45-minute period March 16.

The first call was recorded at 8:29 p.m. from the Akron Township area, where a caller reported seeing a large group of non-blinking orange lights in the sky.

At 8:57 p.m., a Juniata Township resident also reported seeing orange lights in the sky.

Two minutes later, a Novesta Township woman called in with a similar sighting.

The remaining calls were recorded at 9:04 p.m. from Fremont Township and 9:14 p.m. from the Fairgrove area. The Fremont Township caller described seeing orange lights in the shape of a football field, while the Fairgrove resident reported seeing a "Z-shaped formation in the sky."

The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	52	28	0
Wednesday	64	39	0
Thursday	45	32	0
Friday	50	30	0
Saturday	53	40	0
Sunday	40	29	2"
Monday	44	26	0

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)

National geography competition

McLaren eyes state bee

Justin McLaren, an eighth grade student from Owendale-Gagetown Jr./Sr. High School, was recently notified that he has qualified to participate at the state level of the National Geography Bee, sponsored by the National Geographic Society and Bank One. The state bee will be held Friday, April 9, at Central Michigan University, in Mount Pleasant.

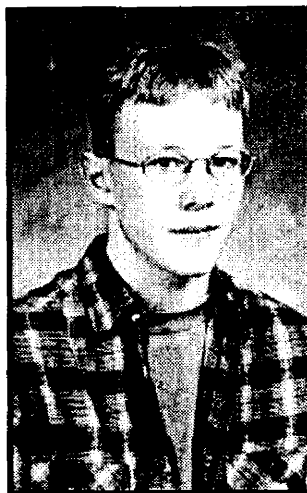
To qualify for the state level of competition, McLaren

was the first place winner of the National Geography Bee held at Owen-Gage Schools in December. He then took a written test that allowed him to continue at the state level of the National Geography Bee.

One winner from each state and territory will advance to the national competition, which will be held May 25 and 26 at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C. The fi-

nal round of the National Geography Bee, featuring Alex Trebek, will air on local PBS stations.

Anyone interested in more information on the National Geography Bee can visit GEOBEE online at www.nationalgeographic.com.



Justin McLaren

Maharg chosen for service project

Lindsay Maharg, a Hope College freshman from Cass City, will participate in a spring break service project sponsored by the college's Campus Ministries office.

The Campus Ministries office annually organizes mission trips for students to various locations in the United States, Canada and Latin America.

The office is coordinating 18 trips this year, with a total of approximately 270 students participating. The mission trips will occur during the college's spring break, which runs March 19-28.

Maharg will be serving in Staten Island, N.Y. She will join 11 other students in assisting with urgent construction on the Brighton Heights

Cooperative announces refund

Thumb Electric Cooperative refunded over \$90,000 in patronage capital on members' March 3 electric bills and will pay out more than \$70,000 to deceased estates during 1999.

Approximately 7 cents out of each dollar paid by member owners to TEC has been allocated back to member owners based upon their patronage with TEC. To date more than \$2,570,000 has been returned to TEC members in patronage capital.

Reformed Church, as well as interacting with local residents.

She is the daughter of John and Kally Maharg of Cass City, and is a 1998 graduate of Cass City High School.

The Haire Net



Over the years there have been scads of folks that received varied amounts of training at the Chronicle and went on to coveted jobs in their fields.

It leaves a warm glow when we hear alumni success stories. The majority of them have been students who received intern training while completing their college education. Even though here briefly, they still valued what they received here (definitely not money) enough to keep in touch. We are proud of that.

The list of workers who keep in touch also includes former valuable editors like Jim Ketchum, now at the Port Huron Times-Herald, and Mike Eliashohn, at St. Joseph Herald-Palladium.

Former employees are on both Detroit dailies and scattered around prestigious papers in other areas.

None of these writers is from the area. But a native Cass Cityan who learned the basics of printing in Cass City has received national attention in "In-Plant Graphics", a trade magazine.

Dwight Loeding has turned a small in-plant printing operation at Orlando (Fla.) Regional Healthcare Systems into a multi-press operation with a staff that increased from 2 to 10 since he took over in 1990.

It would be nice to be able to say that Loeding got his start at the paper and because of us he qualified for his present job, where he has earned the recognition of his peers by his election as vice-president of the East Central Florida Chapter of the International Publishing Management Association.

The truth is that wherever he landed, he would have been quickly recognized for his ability. When he arrived here as a co-op student, he learned to operate all the equipment with a minimum of training and before he left was looking for a new way to make his work easier and more efficient.

Dwight earned a business administration degree at Great Lakes College and at

the time, I felt that putting him in business and removing him from equipment handling was a waste of an outstanding talent.

I should have known better after I learned that he figured his own income tax returns, the LONG form.

As I said in the beginning, many former workers report back from time to time. Loeding is one of them.

Each time he did he discussed business, trying, I assume, to pick up an idea or 2 to take back to Florida.

We haven't seen Dwight for a couple of years or so now. When he came in to shoot the breeze the last time we had a role reversal.

He wasn't learning from me for sure and I was very interested in how he managed the work at his plant.

Sometimes the student becomes the teacher.



The back forty

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by Roger Pond

I guess I'll never be a collector of antiques. There's something about buying stuff someone else threw away that seems backwards to me.

Even though I don't understand antiques, I enjoy watching "Antiques Roadshow" on public television. Folks who haven't seen the show will have to bear with me -- It's like a huge flea market where the guests bring their antiques to have them appraised.

A commentator says, "Tell me a little more about this watch, Hazel. You say it belonged to your grandfather who worked for the railroad."

"Yes, Grandpa Casey used to ride the trains back in Tennessee," Hazel explains. "He used this watch to tell how far it was to the next town, and how long it would be until lunch time. Grandpa said if it weren't for his watch, Grandpa would have starved to death."

"When we look at the back of the watch we see it was made in Kentucky around the turn of the century," the commentator explains. "Many of these time pieces were made by elves who lived in the forests."

"Your Grandpa may have gotten the watch from an elf who was riding the train. That was pretty common in those days, because the elves weren't very big."

"I think this watch at auction would be worth around \$12,000 today. If you still had the elf, it would be worth considerably more. Does that surprise you?"

"Oh my, yes!" Hazel says. "That's a lot of money, but I would never consider selling it, of course."

That's what gets me about

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the antiques people. They want to know what it's worth, but they would never consider selling it!

Who cares what it's worth if you aren't going to sell it? By the same token, who knows what it's worth if you can't sell it?

The Antiques Roadshow always reminds me of the stuff I keep out in the barn. I wonder how my grandkids would explain my collection of useful items?

A commentator asks, "Well, Hannah, I see you have some old fishing equipment here. You say this belonged to your grandfather?"

"Yes. We have nearly everything Grandpa ever owned. Grandpa always said he had a bit of a cheap streak in him."

"I can see the first object is an old, rusty tackle box, with

a few railroad spikes in the bottom," the commentator says. "The other one has me puzzled, though. Your Grandpa called it a drift sack?"

"That's what he called it. He would tie it to the back of his boat when the wind was blowing," Hannah explains.

"I believe the term 'drift sack' may be a play on words," the commentator suggests. "This looks like an old feed sack your Grandpa reconstructed to avoid buying a drift sack!"

"Apparently he sewed a piece of garden hose into the neck of the sack and tied the whole shebang to the back of his boat. Do you have any idea what this is worth!?"

"I have no idea," Hannah says. "But it doesn't matter. I'd never consider selling it, anyway."



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Early Childhood Program

This article was prepared by Mr. Ed Pasant to hopefully answer some commonly asked questions about the Michigan School Readiness program (M.S.R.P.) or more commonly referred to as Cass City's Early Childhood Program.

What is the Early Childhood Program?
- It is a program funded from an allocation grant from the Michigan Department of Education to develop a preschool program that serves 4-year-old children "at risk."

Who may qualify for this program?
- Any four-year-old with a birthday on or between December 2, 1994, and December 1, 1995, that resides in the Cass City School District

When does the program meet?
- The program meets Monday through Thursday, either morning or afternoon; from approximately early September until early May.

Where does the program meet?
- The program is located in the Cass City Public School's Early Childhood Education Center.

Why doesn't everyone who applies get in?
- The state only allocates money for a certain number of students each year.

- Students are then chosen in the following order:
1st) the highest "at-risk" students (currently, 19 total spaces)
2nd) students who qualify for "at-risk", but all "at-risk" positions have been filled - - these students are offered the first tuition spaces.
3rd) "tuition only" spaces are available (usually 6-10 spaces) and will be granted on a "first-come, first-served" basis

How do I apply?
- Applications will be available beginning April 1 at any school district office. Get one, complete it, have verification, and submit it to the director as soon as possible - any tuition spaces that may be available will be filled on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

Applications are due June 1, 1999.
Notification should be by August 20, 1999. (If you move, change your phone number, etc., let us know.)
"At-risk" applications must send income verification with their application. (e.g., W-2 form, food stamp or FIP number, etc.)

If you have any questions about this program, please call (517) 872-2871. Thank you.

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CHAPPEL'S
CORNER

by Amanda Chappel

Club ready to travel



Do London, Paris and Madrid sound like great locations for spring break to you? They do for 29 High School Spanish Club members and several staff members. From April 2-11 they will be flying British Airlines overseas to see some great sights. They get the chance to tour London, Paris and Madrid and check out all of their monuments and museums.

"I am looking forward to the whole trip. It's going to be a bunch of fun," said junior Melissa Meyers.

This is the fifth trip taken by the Spanish Club. To make a trip like this possible, major fundraising is needed. Since the trip is every other year, it gives the participants 2 years to save and raise money. Participants have been selling all sorts of candy and sweet stuff. They've also worked at many concession stands at home sporting events. This helps them earn part of their trip so it is not such a burden to pay for.

"The fundraising projects help out a lot. When every-

Village police report arrests

A traffic stop last week in Cass City ended in the arrest of a local man wanted for alleged military desertion.

According to village police reports, a vehicle driven by Aaron R. Babb, 20, Cass City, was stopped for a moving violation near the corner of Church and Seeger streets March 15 at 9:35 p.m.

A check on the driver revealed Babb, a private in the U.S. Army, was wanted in Indianapolis for alleged desertion. There was also a valid warrant for him in Tuscola County on a misdemeanor charge of malicious destruction of property valued at less than \$100, reports state.

In other recent police reports:

- Mary B. Pryor, 35, Owendale, was arrested Sunday on suspicion of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and transporting an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle.
- Reports state a vehicle driven by Prior was stopped on Seeger Street near Chestnut Boulevard at 1:45 a.m.
- Duncan H. Thornton, 29, Cass City, was arrested Friday on suspicion of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and transporting an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle.
- Officers stopped a vehicle driven by Thornton near the corner of Cemetery Road and Elizabeth Street.
- Kell Hoffman, Cass City, reported someone broke out the driver's side door window of his 1983 Dodge pickup truck March 18. The vehicle was parked in a village lot at Pine and Leach Streets when the vandalism took place.
- Heather Guinther, 4455 West St., reported someone threw a snowball at her living room window, breaking the glass, March 15.

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Program focus changes

CRP acreage up in Michigan

Michigan is adding another 24,250 acres to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) following the latest 2-month enrollment last year.

The program allows farmers to take land adjacent to waterways or other environmentally sensitive areas out of production while receiving rent from the federal government for a period of 10 years.

Michigan has about 325,000 acres in CRP. The last sign-up, which ended Dec. 11, will contribute about \$12 million, over 10 years, for reserving the land.

Despite the increase, Michigan Conservation Program Specialist Bob Payne says he was hoping for even more Michigan acreage but understands why it wasn't higher.

"The 1996 farm bill established the Environmental Benefit Index (EBI), and the emphasis of the program - water quality - was further defined," he said. "With the

new EBI rating, the average rental rate per acre has gone down some, from about an average of \$55 to \$60 an acre, to about \$50 now.

With the program more focused on highly erodible or marginal ground, it takes a closer look at what land should not be put into production.

"There has been a change in the focus of the program," explained Bob Boehm, Michigan Farm Bureau commodity and marketing department manager. "By targeting only those key areas, it is keeping good ground in production. The USDA is less willing to pay for an entire field when there is only a portion of it environmentally sensitive."

Nationally, 5 million acres of farmland were accepted into CRP during the last sign-up, with Montana claiming 640,000 acres. Total acres in CRP are 31.3 million, which will result in annual outlays of more than \$200 million beginning in October of next year. About 3.5 million acres under contract will expire this year.

In addition to CRP, farmers can also take advantage of the Continuous Sign Up program, which pinpoints environmentally sensitive land through filter strips, buffer zones, wind breaks and other conservation measures. "This is not full fields, but rather environmentally sensitive land, which doesn't have to go through EBI scoring as long as it meets eligibility criteria," Payne said.

Cass City honor roll

The Cass City High School honor roll for the 4th marking period has been announced.

- 12TH GRADE
- All A's - Melissa Albrecht, Aaron Barrigar, Aaron Bell, Amanda Board, Mandy Chappel, Jim Dale, Rebecca Dore, Ryan Downing, Brandon Hartel, Dave Hobbs, Rose Hoelzle, Paul Kruse, Danielle Laming, Nicole Matheny, Steve McIntosh, Kara Mellendorf, Becky Oesch, Kary Otulakowski, Adam Stoeckle, Marissa Sweeney, Shelly Ulfing, Amy Venema, Eric Zawilinski, Nicolette Zawilinski.
- B or Better - Ryan Anker, Doug Ball, Vicky Benjamin, Melissa Biskner, Brian Brown, Keith Caverly, Carey Chard, Daniel Cuddie, Harry Deck, Taylor Diegel, Brenda Duquesnay, Luke Frederick, Nathan Fritz, Kara Gaymer, Bill Goodall, Nathan Haag, Ron Hawley, Jessica Henderson, Arlene Hoppe, Niah Hosner, Jeremy Kilbourn, Nicholas King, David Kolb, Laura Kundering, Amanda LaPeer, Ashley Little, Amanda Morrish, Dave Mellendorf, Joel Nicol, Susan O'Hara, Louise Pederson, Amber Phillips, Paul Powell, Matt Ross, Brad Russell, Sarah Rutkowski, Kevin Schott, Jon Sherman, Carrie Wentworth, Julie Westfall, Brandon Wood, Jason Wright, Heath Zawilinski.
- 10TH GRADE
- All A's - Branden Albrecht, Kaylee Bell, Holli Cooper, Andy Dale, Josh Dillon, Amy Duquesnay, Craig Emmert, Jaime Fluegge, Zach Glaspie, Katie Hacker, Laura Laming, Emily Rayl, Anand Raythatha, Manisha Raythatha, Kyle Ross, Sara Sabo, Andy Stoeckle, Brad Ypma.
- B or Better - Stacy Atkin, Mike Bashur, Joel Brinkman, Nathan Brinkman, Eric Brown, Jody Champagne, Ryan Cooper, Michelle Derfny, Randy Diebel, Monica Dorland, Shaun Engler, Greg Festian, Tara Gage, Brent Goslin, Kandie Hansen, Travis Hartwick, Ryan Holmgren, Eric Hueter, Heather James, Jason Johnson, Jeremy Klinkman, Erin McMahan, Andrew Nahernak, Laura O'Dell, Carol Phetteplace, Amy Polega, Megan Powell, Theresa Raymond, Josh Sherman, Ross Sherman, Adina Speirs, Stacy Sullins, Brenda Vandemark, Chris Vollmar, Joanie Westfall, Carrie Woodruff, Ricky Zeien.
- 9TH GRADE
- All A's - Danielle Guilds, Cason Harris, Sara Homakie, Tim Khoury, Guthry Laurie, Jamie Leiterman, Robin Messing, Jessica Metzger, Elise Pasant, Julie Roche, Rebecca Rockwell, Kerry Shagene, Chenelle Smentek, Stephanie Stevens, Jessica Tenbusch, Erin Venema, Tessa Zawilinski.
- B or Better - Raymond Abasso, Tyler Bader, Craig Bellow, Candi Benjamin, Joe Biskner, Ashlee Bojaj, Jesse Bouck, Tara Bryant, Nicholas Chappel, Melissa Doerr, Rochelle Dohn, Aaron Dorland, Clint Drinkard, Matt Ender, Jesika Ferris, Zeke Field, Sharon Finkbeiner, Jonathon Galloway, Jason Ganley, Jason Glaza, Noah Gould, Rob Havens, Jason Hill, Charles Keiser, Richard Klaus, Rebecca Kruse, Kari Lowe, Rob Lowe, Crystal Martin, Melissa Martin, David Mayer, Tim McFarland, Chris Mills, Ashley Ouvry, Kris Patera, Kayla Posluszny, Amber Reese, Crystal Sattelberg, Jeff Storm, Jennifer Tenbusch, Lyndi Trischler, Heather Waltz, Jeremy Weippert, Emma Witkovsky, Amanda Wright, Chelsea Zimba.
- 11TH GRADE
- All A's - Grant Gould, Melissa Homakie, Brad Roche.
- B or Better - Anthony Brinkman, Justin Carabello, Jason Damm, Luezeron Dickson, Adam Dorland, Sally Finkbeiner, Lindsey Gaszczynski, Emily Giddings, Andrea Gohsman, Jesse Hillaker, Christina Kababik, Jalal Khoury, Shawn Klinkman, Cory Kulinski, Lindsey Mills, Melissa Myers, Melanie Nizzola, Leann Otulakowski, Brooke Ouvry, Jenny Parsell, Matt Perry, Stephanie Pierce, Sonya Regnerus, Megan Romstad, David Sutter, Tracy Talaski, Bridgett

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Owendale couple, daughter enjoy sport

Mushing a family affair for Stirretts

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Ask Jerry "Stu" Stirrett to recall his early days of training sled dogs and chances are good he'll chuckle as the memories come flooding back.

Like the time he put a pair of dogs in a double leash for the first time.

"When they got shoulder to shoulder, they decided it was time to pull," Stirrett recalled, noting the dogs' strength kind of took him by surprise. "My tennis shoes were smoking."

"At first, Stu trained with a bicycle and a lot of prayer on my part," Stirrett's wife, Kathy, commented.

Since then, the Owendale couple have learned a lot about sled dogs and mushing. And they've shared their knowledge and enthusiasm for the sport with their daughters, Sarah, 14, and Bridget, 13, who also enjoy competing in events throughout the state each winter.

But competition is just a small part of what has become a family affair for the Stirretts, who are members of the Mid-Union Sled Haulers (MUSH).

"Dog sledding, care of the dogs, the people, are all

equally important in this organization," Kathy said. "It's a family, recreational oriented club. It's not anything cutthroat for us — the idea is to have fun."

The MUSH club was formed in 1980 by a group of about 30 mushers dedicated to dog sledding on an amateur basis and for the love of their dogs. Today, the club boasts a membership of nearly 150 people.

The Stirretts are active in the club — Kathy is secretary and Stu, a director at large. All 4 family members compete in various racing events, although Kathy indicated she's as happy working as a timer at club events as she is racing.

"I'm not a big one for going fast," she said. "I'm definitely a slow, recreational musher."

MUSHING

The family got started in the sport just a few years ago, although the idea of mushing had intrigued Stu since he was a child, when his favorite TV show was "Sergeant Preston and his Faithful Dog Yukon King."

Today, the Stirretts care for 14 sled dogs, one Alaskan Malamute and 13 Siberian

Huskies.

"We started racing in the '95-96 season, so this was actually our fourth season that we just completed," said Stu, who is employed as a driver for Lee Wood Contracting, Essexville. "We started out with one little Siberian Husky puppy, and we read about the breed, which led to sledding. Basically, it show-balled from there."

"I started out with a 3-dog sled team by myself," he noted, adding Sarah and Bridget tagged along and soon were bitten by the dog sledding bug.

The Stirretts said they don't breed the dogs. In fact, the family rescued 6 of them from animal shelters. "Almost all of our dogs, except 2, have been spayed or neutered," Stu pointed out.

The dogs are part of the family and go by names such as Diki, George, Blaze, Bingo, Velvet, Chase, Yukon Jack, Border and Kiana.

Kathy, a massage therapist who has her own practice in Schwaig, described the dogs as "very, very friendly. They love kids," she said. "They're not a one-person dog. They're very intelligent."

The dogs are also well-behaved. Strangers who visit

the family home won't step out of their car to a chorus of barks and growls; just a few curious looks from the backyard kennel.

"They're not watch dogs," Stu explained, "but if it's time for them to go and do something, they're excited."

They all want to go right now."

Their favorite activity? Running, of course.

"They're runners. That's what they were bred for," Stu said. "It's their natural instinct; they're a working dog,

a working breed."

"We like to let people know that this isn't cruel," Kathy added. "The dogs like to do it."

EASY TO TRAIN

"They're fairly easy to train

as a team," Stu continued, "because they learn from the other dogs. I was surprised how easy it went."

The MUSH season runs for about 10 weeks, starting in late January. The events scheduled each year feature a variety of activities, including junior, 3-dog, 5-dog and 7-dog team races. There are also one-dog competitions — a favorite among families — in which children drive a one-dog team and sled on a straight 100-yard course.

Spectators can also watch Skijoring (cross country skiing on a marked trail while tethered to one or 2 dogs), and weight pulling competitions in which the dogs pull incremental weight (the dogs can pull weights of up to 1,000 pounds).

Stu pointed out MUSH club members and their dogs start training in September.

The Stirretts, who emphasized it's important to get the dogs in shape each year, begin training as soon as the weather cools. "If it's over 60 degrees, we don't run them," Stu said.

"And at 60, we're careful," Kathy added.

The family utilizes a 3-wheeled cart for training before the snow flies. "We are often seen on the roads between Owendale and Gagetown," Kathy said. "It is quite a sight if you haven't seen it before."

At the same time, the Stirretts ensure their dogs receive the proper nutrition, which includes a diet high in protein and fat.

The family enjoys talking about their dogs and dog sled racing, in part because of a desire to help others understand what the sport is all about.

It's a goal shared by other

MUSH club members, according to Kathy, who along with Stu occasionally presents informational programs on mushing in the area.

ALL WELCOME

As for MUSH club membership, everyone is welcome, Kathy said. "A lot of people just start out running one husky, and they come to see what we do."

Like many other sports, dog sled racing isn't cheap, but it is affordable. A used sled, for example, can be had for \$150, compared to spending anywhere from \$200 to \$2,000 for a new one, Stu said.

"This is something that the whole family can do," Kathy added. "If you're a rank beginner or if you have 20 years experience, you're welcome to our MUSH club. Absolutely everybody can have a chance."

The Stirretts indicated safety and enjoyment — not winning at all costs — are club members' priorities.

"Both the girls have won major sportsmanship awards. We were very proud of them," Kathy said of the couple's daughters. "Those are life lessons you learn."

The Stirretts said they try to attend a competition each weekend during the season. They agreed dog sledding is truly addictive, even if it isn't the most well-known winter sport around.

There's nothing like being out on the trail with only the sound of the sled runners skimming across the snow, Stu said. "The scenery is just beautiful. You just can't help but have a great big grin on your face as you sail through the snow."

"I've always said it's Michigan's best kept secret."

THE HEROES OF THE SERUM RUN

by Stu Stirrett

*In a native home on the edge of Nome
a little child took ill.
What the Doctor saw when he made his call
gave that man a chill.*

*Diphtheria, he diagnosed,
a dreaded killer plague.
How to get the serum to cure
was little more than vague.*

*Winter here was at its peak
in the year of Twenty-five.
They had to get a message out
so that Nome could survive.*

*Telegraph was the only means
to get the word out quick;
down the wire the message went,
click-click...click, click, click.*

*Anchorage had the serum,
over a thousand miles away.
But how to get the serum so far...
there has to be a way!*

*Trains -- they didn't go that far,
and airplanes couldn't fly.
A cry went out across the North
"Don't let Nome's children die!"*

*The cry was heard by mushers
across that barren land
and with their mighty teams of dogs
they said they'd lend a hand.*

*Twenty mushers volunteered
and to avoid delay
they all spread out at intervals
to form a dog sled relay.*

*Some teams ran a trapline,
some teams carried mail,
but this would be a race for life,
they knew they couldn't fail.*

*A train pulled out of Anchorage
with a thousand tons of freight
and one small package of serum
marked "FRAGILE, Do Not Break!"*

*That train stopped in Nenana,
its closest point to Nome.
There a musher stood in wait
to take that serum home.*

*He took that little package,
more precious than all the gold,
and he wrapped it up in blankets
to protect it from the cold.*

*He tied it in his sled secure,
he knew he had to rush,
so he hopped onto the runners,
hollered, "Mush, you Huskies, Mush!"*

*The sled, it bolted forward
as those Huskies took to lope.
They followed a winding river,
then up a gentle slope.*

*Out across the Tundra,
over the frozen ground,
then down the Yukon River,
and across to Norton Sound.*

*Over the ice on Norton Bay,
where the wind chills to the bone,
then along the Bering Sea Coast,
right on into Nome.*

*The mushers and their dogs went home,
as if nobody cared,
but the serum stopped the spread of plague,
and little Nome was spared.*

*Today we run our huskies,
we do it just for fun.
We'll never forget those faithful dogs,
The Heroes of the Serum Run!*



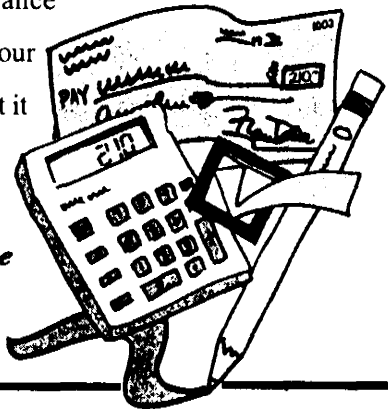
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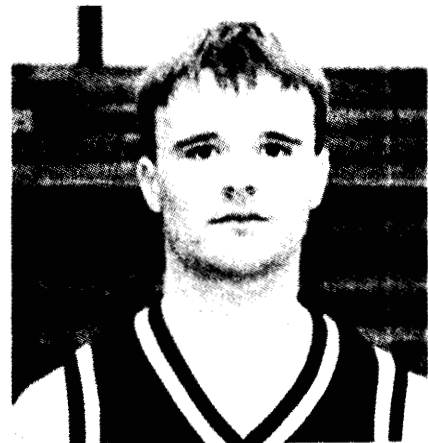
Cass City pair on GTW dream team



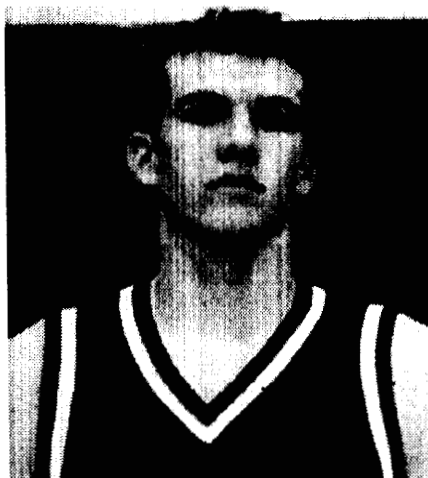
Craig Emmert
First team



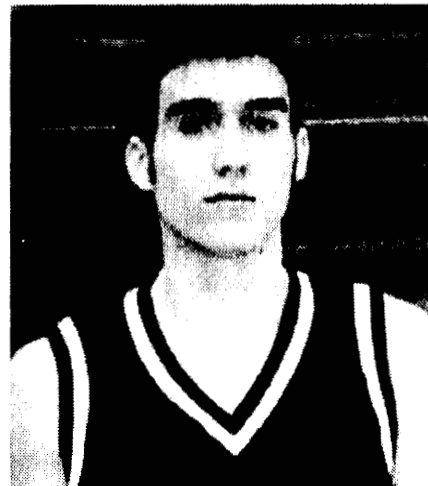
Heath Zawilinski
First team



Dan Cuddie
Honorable mention



Bill Goodall
Honorable mention



Jason Wright
Honorable mention

The Greater Thumb West all-conference basketball squad as elected by the schools' coaches has been released. Cass City dominated the first team with 2 of the 5 spots on the dream team. In addition, 3 other Hawks received honorable mention.

Named to the first team were senior Heath Zawilinski and junior Craig Emmert. On every coaches' list was Matt LePage, high-scoring junior from Lakers. Ben Hillborg of Reese and Joe Drossos of Bad Axe round out the other first team selections.

Zawilinski led Cass City's scorers. Emmert was the team's top rebounder and shot blocker.

The league's second team include some highly regarded players. One junior was named, Kevin Vermeersch, of USA. The remaining 4 are all seniors. They are: Mike Stockmeyer, Reese; Chuck Arnold, USA; Josh Bouverette, Lakers; and Brad Guoan, Bay City All Saints.

The 3 Hawks receiving honorable mention, all seniors, were Dan Cuddie, Bill Goodall and Jason Wright. Cuddie handled the ball at the point and led the team in steals. Goodall was a good rebounder and played consistently all season. Wright was Cass City's most consistent 3-point shooter.

Others earning honorable mention were: Josh Ruth and Vince Rogers, Bad Axe; Bob DuRussel, Shawn Ryan and Matt Elsesser, all of Reese; Josh Hahn, USA; Jeff Dubey and Brian Elbing, Lakers; Jim Cheney and Pat Yens, Mayville; and Nick Grange, BCAS.

Cass City Bowling Leagues

SUNDAY NO ROLLERS March 14

Leftovers	14
We'll Get Back To You	14
Smithsky & Hutch	13
Par-T Ranch	11
C B's 10	
Damn Near Last	9
Sparkle City Rollers	9
Dead Last	8
Pinheads	7
US	5

Men's High Series: J. Baker 623, P. McIntosh 600.

Men's High Games: P. McIntosh 223, R. Meredith 215, J. Baker 212, M. Hutchinson 211.

Women's High Series: J. Meredith 517, J. Hutchinson 504.

Women's High Games: J. Hutchinson 213, D. Witkovsky 210, J. Meredith 203.

High Team Series & Game: We'll Get Back To You 2037 (768).

MERCHANETTE LEAGUE MARCH 18

Hills & Dales Hospital	21 1/2
Thumb Auto Wash	20
Silver Birch Kennel	17
Caro Chiropractic	16
All Season Rental	13
J.B.'s Crew	12 1/2
Health Mart Pills	12
Detroit Edison	10
A Cut Above	10
LaFave Steel	8

500 Series: D. Potrykus 573, B. Howard 552, J. Dickinson 515, C. Wallace 502, R. Gaeth 500.

200 Games: B. Howard 217, D. Potrykus 212.

High Team Actual Series & Game: Thumb Auto Wash 1986 (686).

CHARMONT LADIES March 16

Live Wires	24 1/2
Cable-ettes	21
J.B.'s Crew	18 1/2
Wild John's	18
Dee's M.P. Rockets	16
Cass City Tire	15
Team # 7	15

Dott Manufacturing	12 1/2
Sister Act	10
Pizza Villa	9 1/2

High Team Series & Game: Live Wires 3122 (1079).

High Series: B. Ware 560, B. Kilbourn 533, D. Mathewson 530, N. Davis 520, J. Stevens 519, M. Truemmer 512, B. Watson 511, E. Romain 497, M. Horne 485.

High Games: B. Ware 221, J. Stevens 195, E. Romain 187, B. Kilbourn 188, D. Mathewson 187, N. Davis 183, J. Reed 196, T. Avery 181, B. Watson 183, D. Wilson 174, M. Horne 172, V. Patera 177, A. Sontag 175, M. Hirn 171, B. Dorman 173, T. Middaugh 172, D. Gibson 171, M. Truemmer 190.

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED DOUBLES March 19

Rolling Thunder	53
Easy 7	48
Pinheads	47
The Family	38
Rocketeers	31
Bye	14

Men's High Series & Game: P. Smith 489 (198).

Women's High Series & Game: B. Gray 518 (215).

High Team Series & Game: Rolling Thunder 1894 (706).

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High Team Series & Game: Thumb Auto Wash 1986 (686).

Farmers eye tax break

Some farmers may get a break for the 1998 tax year because a change in the federal tax code excludes long-term capital gains from investment income, says David Miller, East Coast Farm Management Specialist for Ohio State Extension.

Consequently, the change will make some farmers eligible for an earned income tax credit, according to Miller.

Farmers may qualify if 1998 investment income is below \$2,300 and if income meets one of the following criteria:

*Earned income less than \$30,095 with more than one child.

*Earned income less than \$26,473 with one child.

*Earned \$10,039 with no children.

Livestock producers are most likely to benefit from the changes, because past rules considered revenue from sales of breeding animals as long-term capital gains to be included as investment income," Miller says. The sale of farm equipment also generates capital gains, but equipment that is traded does not affect this, he adds. Consider each case separately for eligibility.

"It is going to help farmers who had low income for the past couple of years and would otherwise have qualified for an earned income tax credit except that their long-term capital gains amount was too high," Miller says.

He cautions farmers against following instructions on IRS Form 1040, which was printed before the changes were announced. Instead, they should use IRS Publication 596, "Earned Income Credit", or else consult a reputable tax consultant.

Howard among NCTL best

League champion Caseville dominated the North Central Thumb League all-conference hoop squads with a pair of first team choices.

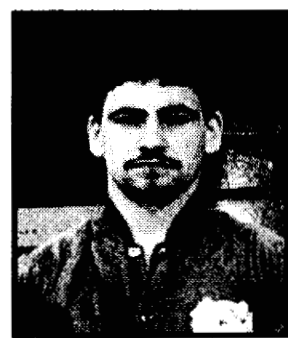
Eagles Matt Bednerek and Jordan Wroblewski joined Akron-Fairgrove's Jordan Ball, Kingston's Jeff Chappel, Peck's Josh Presnell and Owen-Gage's Derek Howard on the NCTL dream team.

Howard, a junior, led the Bulldogs in both scoring and assists.

Bulldog senior Joel Bolzman was selected to the NCTL second team, while senior Justin Anthes received honorable mention recognition.

Rounding out the second team choices were: Kyle Brink - Akron-Fairgrove, Tim Souva - North Huron, Scott Stafford - Peck, Mark Iseler and Kyle Mausolf - Port Hope, and freshman Eric Marquardt - Kingston.

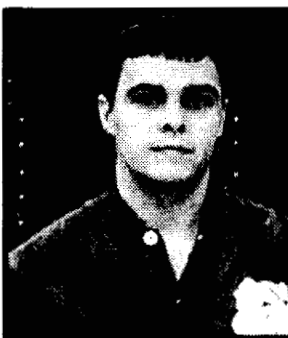
Honorable mention selections included: Brad Callahan - CPS, Ryan Herrin - Caseville, Derek Flikkie - Kingston, Steve Birchfield - North Huron, Rick Shall - Peck, and Bryan Ignash - North Huron.



Derek Howard



Joel Bolzman



Justin Anthes

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Caro hospital reopens clinic in Fairgrove

A local Family and Internal Medicine Practice recently returned to the Fairgrove area when Caro Community Hospital reopened the Fairgrove Medical Clinic. Services at the site had been in temporary suspension since Bay Medical Center realigned its rural healthcare priorities in late 1998, centralizing physician services in the Vassar area.

Caro Community Hospital

Spring revival slated

Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Road, will host a 3-day spring revival meeting beginning Sunday, March 28, at 10:45 a.m. Services will also be Sunday-Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

The guest evangelist will be Jim Bush of Hillsboro, Ohio. His sermon topics will include: "Bluejean Christianity," "In the Presence of Holiness," "Holiness Thru Suffering," and "Crucified With Christ."

The public is invited to hear these encouraging and inspirational messages as well as the music ministry of Jim Bush.

A nursery will be provided and there will be an afterglow with refreshments following the Tuesday night service.

Sr. Citizens' Menu

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

MARCH 29-31-APRIL 2

Monday - Lemon herb chicken, parsley potatoes, peas & carrots, variety bread, carrot cake.

Wednesday - Pasta with meat sauce, green beans Parisian, salad bar (lettuce/tomato/cukes), dinner roll, banana pudding.

Friday - Not available.

and Fairgrove Village officials came to terms on the operation of the facility not long afterward, and members of the Caro Community Hospital board of trustees approved the hospital's assumption of services and placement of a physician at the site.

Located at 5000 Maple Street in Fairgrove, the clinic will initially offer 2-day-per-week services on Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The primary physician will be Sayyid Raza, MD, who comes to the clinic from Bay City. As the need for more services arises, additional physicians will become available.

Caro Community Hospital Chief Executive Officer William "Pat" Miller explained that the hospital had wished to expand its services in the Fairgrove area, recognizing that residents there had benefited greatly from the long-time service provided by Dr. Edward Hunt.

"With the departure of Bay Medical from Fairgrove, our board and administration realized that both a need and an opportunity existed in the area," said Miller. "We are delighted that we are now in a position to assume the management of this clinic, and to help meet the healthcare needs of the residents there," he continued.

Caro Community Hospital is a full-service medical facility providing both inpatient and outpatient services from its main campus, clinics, and physician practices in the Caro area. Now in the midst of a capital campaign, the hospital is seeking to broaden its range of services to the residents of the greater Caro area and the Thumb. The reopening of the Fairgrove Medical Clinic is an important part of this plan.

Persons interested in receiving more information about the clinic, or who would like to schedule an appointment with Dr. Raza, are invited to call (517) 693-1059 during normal business hours.

Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

George Wilson won the post of Gagetown Village clerk during a tie-breaking draw Monday morning, but moments later announced he won't accept the post. However, Wilson will be sworn in as the village's new treasurer, a job he won by a 4-vote margin over incumbent Elery Sontag in the March 14 general election.

A local girl, Lisa McComas, Cass City, will be on TNN television Saturday, March 26. She will appear with her parents with a magic act on the Sattler Brothers Show.

Joe Merchant of Cass City is one of the performers in the movie, "Gettysburg", which is due to arrive in local video stores sometime this week.

The Cass City Red Hawks took the regional title Friday with a spine-tingling win over the Lakers, 55-52. Top scorer was Paul Ulfing with 21 points.

Patti Ann Timmons has been named valedictorian and Brandy L. Parks, salutatorian at Owen-Gage High School. Timmons is the daughter of the late Steven and Charlene Timmons and the granddaughter of Mrs. Ruth Timmons and Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer. Parks is the daughter of Lewis and Sandra Parks.

10 YEARS AGO

Area residents who enjoy music and can play an instrument are invited to participate in a new community band being organized and sponsored by the Cass City Community Education Department. The new music group will be called the "North Seeger Street Band." Gateway Sanitation Service is asking Cass City Village officials to approve a rate increase for trash pick up from \$3.83 per household per month to between \$6 and \$7 per household.

Cass City's Darlene Monroe was selected to the first team Thumb B Association all-star volleyball team by

league coaches. The only other Hawks to be honored by the coaches were Sue Papp, junior, who was named to the second team, and Jandi Hillaker, honorable mention.

Former Cass City resident Teresa Scollon is one of 3 winners of the 1988 Wilber K. Piermont Scholarship. The daughter of Ed and Dottie Scollon of Cass City, she graduated from the Interlochen Arts Academy in 1980. She spent a year studying Japanese at Konan University, Kobe, Japan, and graduated from MSU with a bachelor's degree in 1985. She is currently a first-year master of business administration student at the University of Michigan.

25 YEARS AGO

Maureen Jean Frederick, 36, of Deford, remains in fair condition in Hills and Dales General Hospital following a one-car mishap Saturday on Deckerville Road at the intersection of Englehart Road. She was injured after the car she was driving went out of control on slick pavement and slid 120 feet before going into the ditch.

Cass City roared into the quarterfinals of the Michigan High School Class C Tournament Friday with a 67-53 win over Unionville-Sebewaing at Grand Blanc. The quarterfinals will be held at Frankenmuth and Cass City will play Bay City All Saints. It's the first time since 1944 that Cass City made it through the regionals. Top scorers were Nick Gibas, 20 points, Scott Hartel, 16, Clark Hillaker, 12, and Jerry Toner, 11.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies continue to investigate the apparent starvation deaths of several horses on a farm located at the intersection of Tomlinson and Jacob Roads in Ellington Township. Sheriff's deputy Sgt. Larry Walker discovered a total of 7 dead animals in the barn and in a wooded area south of the building. Three horses, still living, were found in the barn, although

they appeared very thin.

The Caro Drive-In Theatre re-opens Friday, March 22, when it will begin its 24th season. Rick Ashmun is manager.

35 YEARS AGO

Cass City paid special tribute to a famous son Friday by flying flags when the funeral entourage of Leslie Kefgen passed through the village for interment at Elkland Cemetery. Kefgen, 73, a Cass City native and Bay City and Saginaw businessman and civic leader for many years, died March 17. His latest service to Cass City was as a room donor for Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Cass City High School students were awarded 2 first place awards and one second at the Regional Science Fair held at Ubyly March 21-22. Dennis Longuski took first place in the physical science division of the junior high for his entry, "Phases of the Moon." Jim Husa won first place in the health and medicine division of the senior high with his study of "Aspirin - Pain-Killer or Killer?" Bob Spencer received second place in the senior high chemistry division with his project, "Salvaging Useful Products from Waste Materials."

One of the fastest growing track meets in the state, the Gavel Club Invitational, is continuing to set new records. Bob Stickle, tournament manager, said this week. With the meet a full month away, already some 33 teams have indicated that they will send representatives to Cass City April 25.

Eight new members were received into Salem EUB Church on Palm Sunday. The group included Don Kaufman, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Auten, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Stoutenburg, Mrs. Newell Harris, Mrs. Ervin Miller and Miss Shirley Watson.

Alfalfa co-op moving ahead on stock offering

The Michigan Alfalfa Processors' Cooperative Steering Committee has been given permission to move forward on their stock offering by the Michigan Securities Commission.

As a result, a series of informational meetings have been scheduled across Mid-Michigan for interested producers to learn more about

the project. The steering committee has been analyzing this project for 2 years. A feasibility study was completed late in 1997 and a series of informational meetings were held during the winter of 1998 followed by a membership drive.

Currently, there are 161 members from 19 Mid-Michigan counties.

The group has taken an op-

tion on a piece of property near Akron and has been negotiating with a few companies interested in marketing the cubed alfalfa products.

The Michigan Alfalfa Processors' Cooperative is intended to be a closed cooperative, meaning only producers of alfalfa will be able to purchase stock. The shareholders will have delivery rights and obligations.

In the Thumb, the steering committee will be presenting the complete proposal to current and prospective members Tuesday, March 30, at 1:30 p.m. at the Brentwood, Caro, and at 7 p.m. at Cousins, Bad Axe.

For more information, contact the MSU Extension-Project Office in Bad Axe at (517) 269-6099.

Weight restrictions lifted south of M-46

Normally, in the spring, the Michigan Department of Transportation implements weight restrictions to help ensure pavement life. Effective last Wednesday, weight restrictions were lifted on all trunklines south of M-46.

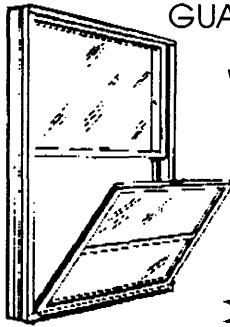
This includes the following highways: M-36 (Dansville to M-52), M-40 (from Marcellus to US-12), M-43 (from M-79 to M-89), M-50 (from Kentwood to Lake Odessa), M-62 (from Dowagiac to Cassopolis), M-86 (Colon to I-69), M-99 (from Albion to M-60), M-124 (from Brooklyn to US-12), Business Route-131 (from Parchment to Augusta), M-136 (from M-19 to Fort Gratiot), M-140 (from Eau Claire to Niles), M-152 (from M-51 to the county line), M-188 (from M-99 to Onondaga) and M-216 (from Moorepark to Marcellus).

Seasonal weight restrictions continue to be in effect on all trunklines north of M-46 from Muskegon east to Port Sanilac, as well as all seasonal highways in the upper peninsula.

There are no restrictions for legal loads on those trunklines designated as "all season" trunklines, which is the vast majority of state highways. All extended permits will be valid for over-size loads only within the restricted area. Permits will not be issued for any loads

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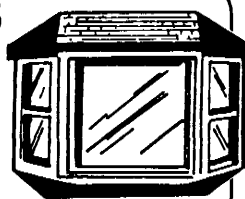
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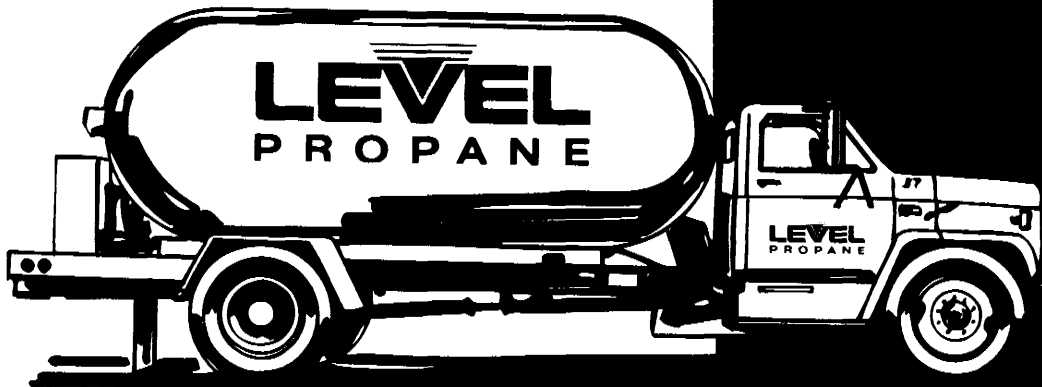


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In addition, energy-efficient techniques for new and existing homes will be discussed. Presentations by Jim

Nawrot, founder of the Home Building Workshops; Jerry Goetz, residential heating and cooling specialist - Detroit Edison, and Larry Kaufman, geothermal program manager - Detroit Edison, will be featured.

A geothermal system - the most energy-efficient way to heat, cool and provide hot water to homes - uses the earth's constant natural temperatures to heat and cool with no flames or fossil fuels.

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self in a few years," said Goetz. "The benefits are derived whether you're building new or replacing your existing furnace."

The Lapeer, Milford, Ann Arbor, Cass City and Livonia seminars will address geothermal units and dealers will have information available. In Cass City, the seminar will be held at the Detroit Edison North Area Center, 4100 Doerr Rd., Thursday, April 8, from 6:45 to 9:30 p.m.

Seating is limited. Register by calling 1-800-833-2786.



"MARCH IS READING Month" activities continued last week in the Cass City Schools, where members of the community were invited to visit classrooms and read to the children. Above, Cass City pediatrician Dr. Ashraf Aly set some time aside to share a story with students at the early childhood education center.

Campbell honor roll announced

Campbell Elementary School's 4th grade honor roll for the 4th marking period has been announced.

Ryan Biddinger*, Dennis Bowen, John Brown*, Daniel Buckbee, Lucinda Carr, Sasha Cole, Brent Cooper, Nicole Crandall, Alyssa Cryderman, Mirissa Curtis, Kristen Curtiss, Terra Czekai*, Joey Daneault, Brian Dean, Joseph DiFrancesca, Jill Dillon, Brittany Dorland, Jeremy Farr, Aaron Fent, Jeremiah Fritz, Jimmy Froede, Courtney Hacker, Jennifer Hacker, Danielle Hartel, Brad Hartel, Kyle Hartwick, Kati Hill, Alli Hillaker, Rachelle Hopper, Lauren Howard, Mark Hutchinson, Stephanie Jamieson*, JT Ketterer, Ryan King, Whitney Kirn, Meredith Kirn, Katie Kleo, Lysa Knight*, Galen Kuebli*, Andrew LaFave, Anthony Langlois, Cameron Lautner, Micah Little, Ricky Lovejoy, Jimmy Luana, Andrew Mar-

tin, Chelsea McCallum, Laura McComas, Kate Miller, Brandon Miller, Kyle Monroe, Lindsey Montgomery, Monica Montreuil, Scott Moore, Deric Murphy, Adam Nerkowski, Megan O'Dell, Kevin Ouvry, Jessica Pachla, Lief Parr, Andy Perusk, Kevin Phillips, Katie Pine, Jessica Pratt, Ashleigh Rabideau, Courtney Rabideau*, Danielle Reed, Kyle Reif, Allie Richards, Eric Romain*, Ryan Ross, Nick Sattelberg, Emily Schinnerer, Brad Severance, Kane Smith*, Kari Spencer, Beth Spencer, Preston Steed, Michael Stevens, Bren Stine, Philip Strong*, Kyle Swanson, Rebecca Sweeney, Andrea Thane, Courtney Voss, Alex Walsh, Bren Weaver, Adam Wentworth, Kareen Whitlock, Tyler Whittaker, Leah Whittaker*, Amanda Williams, Ashley Wilmoth, Bobby Windsor, Nicholas Woodruff, Samantha Wright. *Indicates all A's.

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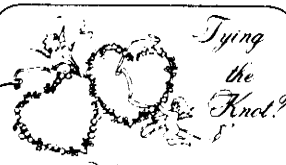
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Laurie lauds U.S. trade victory

U.S. agriculture won an important battle last week - the first in what could be a series of trade victories for U.S. producers.

The World Trade Organization (WTO) confirmed, March 18, that Canada is unfairly subsidizing its dairy exports. The decision marks an important step in eventually opening the border for U.S. commercial milk shipments to Canada.

"This opens the door for U.S. producers to use their efficiencies to move into the Canadian market," said Jack Laurie, Michigan Farm Bureau president. "We need to

be able to trade fairly, and I think this sets a precedent for other trade disputes. We now have a mechanism in place to address unfair trade, and this decision helps to renew our faith in the system."

The decision came when about 150 Michigan farmers were in the nation's capital last week to talk with their legislators about key agricultural issues - including trade sanctions and barriers that make it difficult for American producers to compete

globally.

"It is vital for us to capture markets abroad, creating more demand and, eventually, a better price for the producer," said Laurie, a Tuscola County dairy farmer. "It is the nature of our agriculture industry to produce for the world. In the past, there has been an inability to address trade disputes, so this mechanism offers new hope in correcting unfair trade and solving trade disputes."

The WTO affirmed the U.S.

challenge that the provision of low-cost milk to processors for exports by Canada's federal and provincial governments constitutes an export subsidy. In addition, the panel affirmed the U.S. position that Canada's prohibition on fluid milk shipment valued at more than \$20 per entry was inconsistent with Canada's market access commitment in the Uruguay Round.

Laurie said the decision is

encouraging when other trade disputes are pending, including poultry conflicts with Canada, and alleged dumping of apple juice concentrate from China and vegetables from Mexico.

Canada must now appeal the case or abide by the WTO ruling. Following a possible appeal process, the WTO will determine a reasonable period of implementation for the ruling, which has been up to 15 months for other rulings.

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TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF EVERGREEN TOWNSHIP AND GREENLEAF TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that Monday, April 12, 1999 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

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Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

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- ✓ At your city or township clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.
- ✓ At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
- ✓ At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, Dept. of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- ✓ At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

BY MAIL:

- ✓ By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting your county, city or township clerk. A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

The following question will appear on the ballot:

MEDICAL CARE FACILITY MILLAGE PROPOSITION

Shall the 15 mill tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within Sanilac County, State of Michigan, be increased as provided by Article IX, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, by 0.2000 mills (\$.20 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for five (5) years 1999 through 2003, inclusive, for the purpose of funding the payment of Maintenance of Effort fees charged the County of Sanilac by the State of Michigan for the operation of the Sanilac County Medical Care Facility and for the operations of the facility itself; which levy shall raise in the first year of the levy an estimated \$174,540.00?

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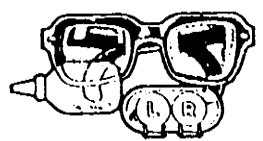
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Four Red Hawk spikers earn all-conference honors

Cass City's Shelly Ulfing was named to the first team Greater Thumb West all-conference volleyball team by league coaches and 3 Cass City players received honorable mention.

The dream team was dominated by 3 selections from Bad Axe and a pair from

Lakers.

Joining Ulfing were Aleatha Johnson, Brooke Bahling and Stephanie Taylor from Bad Axe and Ann Iclamovski and Kristie Gehrs of Lakers.

Receiving honorable mention from Cass City were Kara Mellendorf, Sara Homakie and Carrie

Wentworth.

The second team selections were: Megan Young, Bad Axe; Kristin Wisenbaugh and Kristy McKenzie, Lakers; Shannon Schafer and Kristin Geiger, USA, and Kyleene Rupp, Reese.

Others receiving honorable mention were: Stephanie

Patterson, Katie Elwell, Katie Bissonnette and Becki Hazen, all of Mayville; Taylor Buchinger, Reese; Leigh Ann Wagner, Amanda Bublitz and Jackie Taylor, all of Bad Axe; Kendra Haag and Lori Reithel, USA, and Page Babcock and Sara Erdnt, both of Bay City All Saints.



RED HAWK SPIKERS Shelly Ulfing, Kara Mellendorf, Sara Homakie, and Carrie Wentworth.



CASS CITY teammates (from left) Chanda Kelley, Lindsey Hendrick, Coren Crane and Becky Hartel captured the 7th and 8th grade division title in the Wildcat 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, held Feb. 20 in Mayville.

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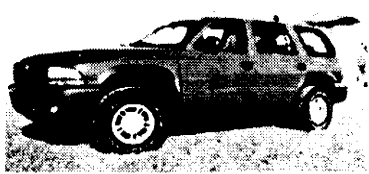
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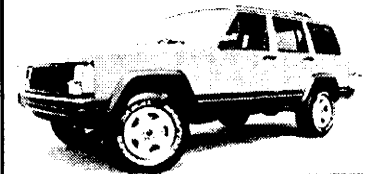
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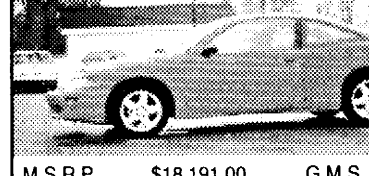
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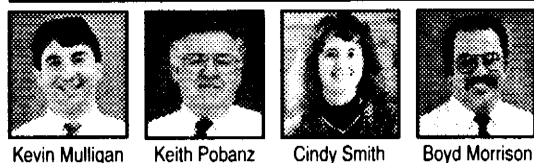


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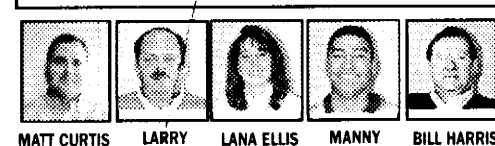
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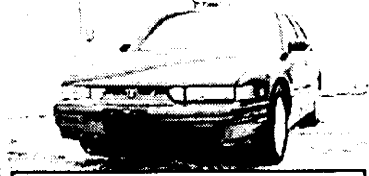
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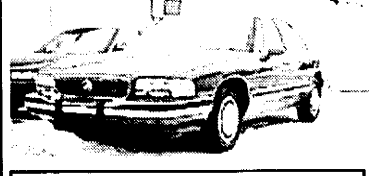


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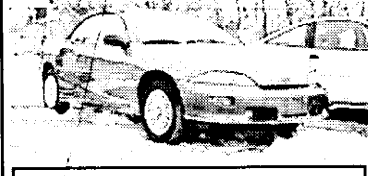


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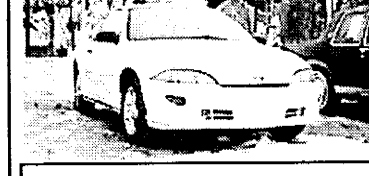


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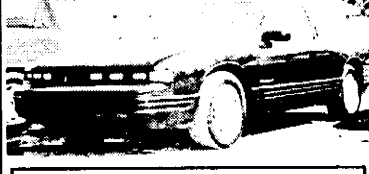


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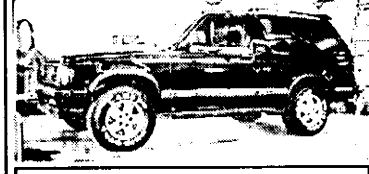


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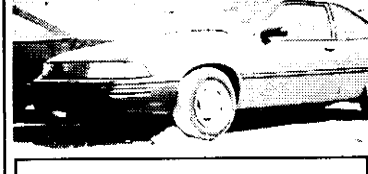


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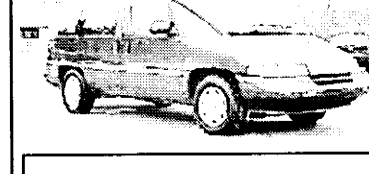


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Obituaries

Florence Boley

Florence Boley of Bettendorf, Iowa, formerly of Milford, died Tuesday, March 16, 1999, at Genesis Medical Center, West Campus, Davenport, Iowa.

She was born in Gagetown to Michael and Anna (McHale) Carolan. She married Roger Boley June 8, 1935, in Detroit. He died March 15, 1960.

Boley was a founding member of the Milford Widow and Widowers Club and a member of the board of directors of Milford Senior Center. In 1997 she moved to Iowa to be closer to her daughter.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Nancy (Nann) and Paul Parr of Bettendorf, Iowa, and 3 grandchildren, Jason and Deanna Parr of San Diego, Calif., and Justin Parr of San Francisco, Calif.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at St. Agatha Cemetery, Gagetown, with Sr. Joan Mahar officiating.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Gordon Bostwick

Gordon H. Bostwick, 79, of Bad Axe, died Thursday, March 18, at Four Seasons Health Care Center following an extended illness.

He was born March 8, 1920, in Allegan, the son of Harold and Marguerite (Mosher) Bostwick.

He lived at various adult foster care homes in Port Austin, Caseville and Pigeon.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 19, at the MacAlpine Funeral Home, Bad Axe, with Father Jack Leipert, pastor of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, officiating.

Burial followed at Oakwood Cemetery in Allegan.

James "Jay" Crane

James "Jay" W. Crane, 78, of Cass City, died Tuesday, March 16, 1999, at Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe.

He was born Oct. 24, 1920, in Cass City to James I. and Ella (Ball) Crane. He married Elaine Ruth Hartwick April 19, 1951, in Fraser Presbyterian Church.

Crane served in the Army Air Corps from 1940 to 1945 and survived the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He was a member of Cass City VFW Post #3644, and the Army Air Force 11th Bomb Group. He worked for the Village of Cass City for many years, and was a member of Cass City First Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his wife, Elaine; a daughter, Karen (Robert) Fischer of Cass City; 2 granddaughters, Bobbi Jaye Fischer and Jamie Lynn (Michael) Withey of Cass City; a great-granddaughter, Allyson Deborah Withey; sisters-in-law, Marilyn Crane of Milford, Wanda Crane of Waterford and Gloria Hartwick of Cass City; brothers-in-law, Leland (Wilma) Hartwick, Leslie (Carole) Hartwick and Charles (Kathleen) Hartwick, all of Cass City; Robert (Pat) Hartwick of Florida, and Paul Hartwick, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son and daughter-in-law, James William Crane Jr. and Deborah Jean Crane; an infant brother and sister; brothers, Harold Crane and Vern Crane; a special cousin, Katie Crane; sister-in-law, Erma Mellendorf; brothers-in-law, Arlan Hartwick, Laurence Hartwick and Gerald Hartwick.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 20, at Cass City First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Mark Morningstar, of Sandusky Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Memorials may be made to Cass City First Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund or Building Fund.

Military services were under the direction of Cass City VFW Post #3644.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Aletha Pearce

Aletha Louise Pearce, 98, a resident of Sandusky the past 2 years, died Monday, March 15, 1999, at the Buskell Adult Foster Care Home, Sandusky.

Born Feb. 19, 1901, near Ubyly, she was the daughter of George Andrew and Minnie (Jurgens) Mills. She married Edgar Pearce July 25, 1956. He died Jan. 5, 1974.

Pearce attended Wadsworth Country School and Ferris Institute, where she earned her teaching certificate. She taught country schools and was a homemaker.

Surviving are one niece, Colleen Loeffler of Sandusky; 3 nephews, Duane Mills of Port Sanilac, William Mills and his wife Memmie of Lakeland, Fla., and Robert Reed and his wife Delores of Marlette; 4 grandnieces and 3 grandnephews.

She was preceded in death by 2 sisters, Noreen Mills and Katherine Reed, and a brother, Howard Mills.

Funeral services were held Thursday at the MacAlpine Funeral Home, Bad Axe. The Rev. Jerry Sutton, pastor of the Bad Axe Free Methodist Church, officiated.

Memorials may be offered to Hospice Marlette Community Hospital.

Burial was in Colfax Cemetery.

Inez Snow

Inez Quick Snow, 85, wife of the late Joseph Snow, died March 16 at the home of her daughter, Mary Anne Riley of Beaverton, after a brief illness.

She was the daughter of the late Clarence and Lottie Quick of Cass City and a member of Church of Christ.

Surviving are 2 daughters, Mary Anne Riley of Beaverton and Gloria Gallagher of Atlanta, Ga.; 6 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren, and 2 sisters, Viola Colton of Tonawanda, N.Y., and Beatrice Tewsley of Centerline.

Two sisters preceded her in death, Lorena Morley of Clio and Bernice Gifford of Fulton, Mo.

Services were held Friday, March 19, in Lantana, Fla.

Joseph Trepkoski

Joseph Trepkoski, 84, of Parisville, died Saturday, March 13, 1999, at the Huron County Medical Care Facility after a long illness.

He was born May 31, 1914, in Parisville, son of Joseph and Otilie (Gwisdalla) Trepkoski. He married Irene Danielski Feb. 28, 1938, at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Parisville. She died Jan. 20, 1992.

He attended Schemka Country School, and farmed with his family until 1975. He was a trustee for Paris Township for many years, a

Baur named to board

A Tuscola County resident has been appointed to a citizen volunteer board created by the Michigan Legislature to review children's foster care placements.

The new board member is Linette Baur, who participated in a 2-day orientation training conducted by the Foster Care Review Board Program in Lansing.

The Tuscola County Foster Care Review Board meets one day each month to review a sample of cases of children placed in temporary foster care. The purpose of these reviews is to determine what efforts are being made by the juvenile court, the Michigan Family Independence Agency, or private child placing agency to develop and carry out a plan for permanent placement. The program is administered by the State Court Administrative Office.

member of the Ruth Knights of Columbus Council #3823, a lifelong parishioner of St. Mary's Parish and a member of their Ushers Club. He was a former member of the Michigan Milk Producers Association and of the Huron County Farm Bureau.

Surviving are 4 sons, Richard Trepkowski and his wife, Deanna, of Ubyly, Joseph Trepkoski and his wife, Eileen, of Ubyly, John Trepkowski and his wife, Nona, of Sandusky and Timothy Trepkowski and his special friend, Jackie Billot, of Albany, Ga.; 2 daughters, Phyllis Dutkiewicz and her husband, Thomas, of Leonard and Arlene Susalla and her husband, Donald, of Utica; 15 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren, and one sister, Bertha Swartz of Minden City.

He was preceded in death by 5 sisters, Clara Cook, Martha Jaroch, Blanche Makowski, Laura Alent and Margaret Klebba, and 4 brothers, Leo, Walter, Julius and Ira Trepkoski.

Mass of Christian burial was held Thursday at St. Mary's Church of Parisville, with the Rev. Charles Hammond, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubyly.

HDC offers variety of programs

The Human Development Commission (HDC) offers Tuscola County seniors and their families a variety of programs and services designed to improve their quality of life.

In addition to the commonly known programs offered by HDC (foster grandparents, the Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center and senior dining centers), there are also programs specifically designed to meet the daily needs of seniors, such as CHORE, respite care, home-making, personal care and home delivered meals.

The CHORE Program offers seniors assistance in maintaining their home's care. CHORE services are available to individuals in Tuscola County who are 60 years or older.

Examples of CHORE services include: cleaning cupboards, washing windows, trimming shrubs, installing storm windows/screens, shampooing carpets, waxing floors, washing walls and ceilings and raking leaves. CHORE is intended for major household tasks.

HDC's homemaking program, meanwhile, is intended to assist seniors in completing their routine household tasks, such as cleaning, vacuuming, dishes, and buying groceries. This service is also available to area seniors who are 60 years of age or older.

Recognizing that some elderly need continual supervision in order to stay at home, the Human Development Commission extends its service to caregivers.

Respite Care provides temporary companionship, supervision and assistance when the primary caregiver is either away from the home or in need of relief. Respite responsibilities include, but are not limited to, companionship, observing medications, toileting, linen change, laundry, transferring, assistance with ambulating, meal preparation, assistance with eating, dishes and armchair exercises.

The Human Development Commission can also provide seniors assistance with their daily routine of personal hygiene through the personal care program. This program is designed to aid seniors with hygiene tasks which they may not be able to accomplish alone. Examples of personal care include bathing, grooming and dressing.

Home delivered meals provide nutritionally sound meals directly to the homes of seniors 60 years or older and their spouses. Home delivered meals are delivered to those who, under normal circumstances, do not leave their homes. Seniors may also receive meals if they are

recovering from surgery or an accident. Some basic eligibility requirements must be met, including the inability to attend a senior dining center because of physical or emotional problems.

Each of the services is free of charge through the Human Development Commission, although a donation is appreciated.

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CARD PARTY

The Euchre Club met Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Arnold LaPeer. High prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gracey. Low prizes were won by Mrs. Frank Laming and Jerry Decker. Ronnie Gracey won the traveling prize.

The group had supper at Charming restaurant in Cass City.

The next party will be held at the home of Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer April 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's Friday morning for breakfast.

Mrs. Tom Wills of Las Vegas and Mrs. Gerald Wills were Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wills at Port Austin.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim B. Sweeney Tuesday evening. Larry Silver and friend from Utica and Mrs. Gerald Wills were Saturday dinner guests of Reva Silver.

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

Jim and Kay Sweeney spent a few days with Sally and Pat Bell at Carp Lake.

Phyllis Pickler of Marlette and Mrs. Gerald Wills were Wednesday guests of Reva Silver.

Bob Cleland Sr. of Waterford came home Saturday from Florida and left Monday for a week's trip to Aruba.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and Thelma Jackson attended the funeral of Agnes Grifka at St. John's Catholic Church at Uby Monday.

Bobbi Allen and Allen Farrelly were Wednesday evening guests of Cheryl Allen.

Wilfred Depcinski came home Sunday evening after spending a week at Hills and

Dales Hospital in Cass City. Eleven members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at Stafono's Thursday morning for breakfast. They will meet at McDonald's Food and Family Deli in Bad Axe next week.

Allen Farrelly went to the Smigielski-Zinger Funeral Home Sunday to pay respects to Agnes Grifka, Tuesday for Louis Osentoski and Wednesday for Joe Trepkowski.

Prizes were won by Jean Reid, Leo Feebish, Mrs. Martin Sweeney and Marge Feebish at a card party at the home of Jim and Stella Ballagh. The next party will be held at the home of Mrs. Martin Sweeney April 8.

Greg and Susan Krozek, Ryan and Samantha of Kinde, Robert and Carol Osentoski, Krysten and Matthew and Bradley, Charles, Therese Depcinski, Shawn and Nicole were Sunday afternoon and supper guests of Rita and Ray Depcinski to help Ray Depcinski celebrate his birthday. Birthday cake and ice cream were served. Other evening guests were Clarence and Leone Depcinski.

Mrs. Tom Wills left Saturday after spending 10 days with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ulfig and family in Uby, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wills at Port Austin and other relatives in Elkton and Mrs. Gerald Wills.

Jim Foster of Waterford and Allen Farrelly were Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cleland Jr. and sons, Carol Laming and Mrs. Alex Cleland were Saturday guests of Bob Cleland Sr. at Waterford and all attended a birthday party for 15-year-old Alex Cleland at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cleland and family at Walled Lake in the afternoon.

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



CASS CITY elementary school students celebrated "Grandparents Day" Thursday at the Tendercare nursing home, where the youngsters shared books with the residents. Above, second grader Abbey Palmateer reads to resident Lila Wilhelmi.

Grant spices up lunch at O-G

During the month of February, Fridays were anything but normal for staff and students eating in the cafeteria at Owendale-Gagetown Jr./Sr. High School.

Thanks to a U.S. Department of Agriculture Nutrition Education and Training "Team Cash! III" Grant, school lunches became part of the "International Cafe."

The purpose of the grant was to have students try different foods. International Cafe focused on a different country each week. The cafeteria was decorated, music played, and the menus included foods such as enchiladas, glazed chicken, stuffed manicotti and egg rolls.

Students were exposed to foods and culture from Mexico, France, Italy and China.

It took a team effort to organize the month-long event. School cooks Sandy Salcido and Karen Gaeth planned and prepared the unusual but delicious meals. French teacher Sandy Juengel and her French students helped with the French dinner. So-

cial studies teacher Joe Candella was helpful in preparing the Italian dinner.

Many students were involved in decorating the cafeteria, providing art work, and serving some of the meals. Community members Bonnie Gaeth, Regina Salcido, and Judy Wright donated decorations and assisted in serving some of the meals.

For the Chinese dinner, Anne Eichler, Chinese teacher at Laker High School, and several of her students were guests for dinner. They also wrote students' names in Chinese calligraphy.

Students' responses to the event were very positive. They enjoyed being able to try foods from different countries, learning a little bit about each country, having the cafeteria decorated, and receiving a token gift each week to commemorate that country.

There is a good possibility that a similar event will be held next year.

Pet supplies needed

The Humane Society of Tuscola County is in need of some donated items from the public to assist in the foster pet parent program.

Patricia Trisch, who handles the public relations for the organization, explained that foster pet parents are people who are willing to take a homeless pet into their home until a permanent home can be found. This is usually for a short period of time such as one or two weeks.

The Humane Society tries to help out these foster pet

parents by supplying them with food for the animal they are holding. They are desperately in need of canned cat food. Other items needed include both dry cat and dog food, cat litter, old rugs, blankets, old toilet seat covers and plastic bags. Of course, tax deductible donations of money are always helpful also.

If you have some items you wish to donate, or if you are interested in becoming a foster pet parent, call 672-PETS.



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Butterflies

Unique programs to benefit victim fund

Rick Mikula, author and butterfly farmer, will be presenting "Butterflies in Your Backyard" slide shows and live butterfly presentations in the Thumb next month.

The programs are being sponsored by the American Red Cross, with proceeds going to the Thumb disaster victim relief fund.

The shows will be presented April 8 at 10 a.m. to noon, 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at Great Lakes College, 1231 Cleaver Rd., Caro; April 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Pigeon District Library, 7236 Nitz St., Pigeon; and April 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Sanilac Career Center, 175 E. Aiken Rd., Peck.

Seating is limited. Tickets are \$3 or \$2.50 if purchased in advance from a number of Thumb area businesses, including the Cass City IGA and Coach Light Pharmacy, Cass City.

Residents can call the American Red Cross at (517) 672-4557 for a list of ticket sale locations.

According to Eve Elliott, Thumb area director of the American Red Cross, Mikula innovated "raise and release" butterflies for weddings, graduations and public events.

He designed the Dollywood and Hershey Butterfly gardens. "Garden Butterflies of North America" is the latest

book release from the author, who raises 7 varieties of butterflies in his 9 greenhouses in Pennsylvania in an effort to meet the demand for live butterflies.

Elliott said she was fortunate to attract Mikula to schedule 5 shows in the Thumb to raise money for area disaster victims in need.

Area businesses are also participating by contributing items for door prizes and selling \$1 paper butterflies.

Holy week services set

Holy Week worship services at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church begin March 28 with the 9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday service. The Sunday School children and junior choir will have a palm procession and will sing an anthem.

There will be a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Maundy

Thursday, April 1, followed by a worship service at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday services are slated for 1:30 p.m. April 2. Easter Sunrise service will be at 7 a.m. followed by an Easter breakfast served by the youth of the congregation. The regular Easter service will be at 9:30 a.m.

Legal Notices

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Russell D. Hill and Marian L. Hill husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Commonpoint Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated April 30, 1998 and recorded on May 12, 1998 in Liber 739, on Page 31-37, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the ContiMortgage Corporation, as assignee by an assignment dated May 11, 1998 which was recorded on February 24, 1999, in Liber 764, on Page 512-513, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED ELEVEN AND 89/100 dollars (\$69,511.89), including interest at 12.99% 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 April 30, 1999.

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

Lot 2, Block 28 of the Village of Vassar (now City), according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Deeds, Page 143 and Liber 2 of Deeds, Page 93 of Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 1 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless an affidavit of the occupancy or intent to occupy is recorded in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241(d) and given to the mortgagee, in which case the redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 17, 1999

ContiMortgage Corporation

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1302
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Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #990100454
Tigers

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Edward T. Hill, Jr., a single man, also known as Edward Hill, Jr., Mortgagee, to Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 19, 1996, and recorded on December 3, 1996, in Liber 702, Page 106, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which said mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date hereof, the sum of FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO AND 43/100 (\$56,152.43) Dollars, including interest at 11.90% 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, on Friday, April 16, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Said premises are situated in the Township of Vassar, County of Tuscola, and State of Michigan, and is described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, thence South 364.5 feet, thence West 409.2 feet, thence North 364.5 feet, thence East 409.2 feet to the East Line of said Section 29 and the Point of Beginning. Subject to the Eastern 33 feet thereof. Parcel No. 79-020-029-000-2700-00

The redemption period shall be twelve (12) 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: February 19, 1999

Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation
Mortgagee

Keith A. Sotiroff, Esq.
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30400 Telegraph Road, Ste. 444
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Wilson and Penny Wilson, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Bay Creek Mortgage, A Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 8, 1996, and recorded on November 18, 1996 in Liber 701, on Page 547, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mortgage assignments to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, as assignee, by an assignment dated July 21, 1997 which was recorded on August 6, 1997 in Liber 717, on Page 233, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN AND 04/100 dollars (\$68,227.04), including interest at 8.375% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 4/1 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 May 7, 1999.

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

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

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

Dated: March 24, 1999

Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation

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File # 981111327
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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Patrick M. SAVAGE, a single man (original mortgagors) to Old Kent Mortgage Services, Inc., Its Successors and/or Assignees: a/k/a Old Kent Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated June 11, 1997, and recorded on June 18, 1997 in Liber 713, on Page 287, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN AND 94/100 dollars (\$30,967.94), including interest at 8.125% 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 April 23, 1999.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF CARO, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Block 3 of Charles Montague's Subdivision, according to Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 10, now being page 11A.

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: March 10, 1999

Old Kent Mortgage Services, Inc.

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File #990201727
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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael C. Murphy, a single man (original mortgagors) to Rock Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 22, 1997, and recorded on October 6, 1997 in Liber 721, on Page 664, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mortgage assignments to The Bank of New York as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Date as of November 30, 1997, Series 1997-D as assignee, by an assignment dated January 7, 1999 which was recorded on February 10, 1999 in Liber 762, on Page 1038, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN AND 67/100 dollars (\$113,477.67), including interest at 14.150% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 9/26 and 3/26 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 April 9, 1999.

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

Parcel C-1
Commencing at the East quarter corner of Section 34, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, running thence North 89 degrees 52 minutes 35 seconds West 1174.44 feet along the East West quarter line; thence south 18 degrees 11 minutes 50 seconds East 700.28 feet; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 32 seconds East 963.07 feet; thence North 0 degrees 37 minutes 54 seconds West 664.02 feet along the East Section line to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southeast quarter of Section 34, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, EXCEPT the North 332.01 feet thereof. Right of Way for Oak Road over the East-erly side thereof.

Parcel C-2
Commencing at the East quarter corner of Section 34, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, thence North 89 degrees 52 minutes 35 seconds West 1469.36 feet along the East West quarter line to the point of beginning. Running thence North 89 degrees 52 minutes 35 seconds West 112.64 feet along the East West quarter line; thence South 0 degrees 55 minutes 20 seconds East 665.43 feet; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 32 seconds East 320.70 feet; thence North 18 degrees 11 minutes 50 seconds West 700.55 feet to the point of beginning. EXCEPT the North 332.01 feet thereof. Being part of the Southeast quarter of Section 34, Town 10 North, Range 8 East.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 24, 1999

The Bank of New York, as Trustee

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith O. Burns and Debra A. Burns his wife (original mortgagors) to Gehlke Mortgage Corporation, A Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 13, 1997, and recorded on January 17, 1997 in Liber 704, on Page 165, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Standard Federal Bank, as assignee by an assignment dated January 13, 1997 which was recorded on January 17, 1997, in Liber 704, on Page 172, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTEEN AND 45/100 dollars (\$53,415.45), including interest at 7.875% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 4/1 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 April 23, 1999.

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

Parcel B - Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 32, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning distant North 01 degrees 38 minutes 57 seconds West, 1497.35 feet along the East line of said Section 32 and South 88 degrees 21 minutes 03 seconds West, 1320 feet and South 01 degrees 38 minutes 57 seconds East, 173.61 feet and South 88 degrees 13 minutes 58 seconds West, 233.01 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 32; thence from said place of beginning, South 88 degrees 13 minutes 58 seconds West, 487.00 feet to the centerline of Bruesse Road, so-called; thence North 01 degrees 30 minutes 48 seconds East, 205.00 feet along said centerline; thence North 88 degrees 13 minutes 58 seconds East 487.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 30 minutes 48 seconds West, 205.00 feet to the place of beginning.

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

Dated: March 10, 1999

Standard Federal Bank

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John E. Conrad and Candace J. Conrad husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Standard Federal Bank, Mortgagee, dated June 3, 1998, and recorded on June 18, 1998 in Liber 742, on Page 930, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-NINE AND 96/100 dollars (\$112,899.96), including interest at 6.250% 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 April 30, 1999.

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

Commencing 40 rods North of the Southeast corner of Section 8, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, running thence West 90 rods, thence North 40 rods thence East 90 rods, thence South to the point of beginning, except commencing 40 rods North of Southeast corner of Section 8, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, thence West 348.00 feet, thence North 170.00 feet, thence East 256.00 feet, thence South 170.00 feet to the point of beginning, and also except commencing 910.00 feet North of Southeast corner of Section 8, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, thence West 256.00 feet, thence North 170.00 feet, thence East 256.00 feet, thence South 170.00 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 17, 1999

Standard Federal Bank

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As a part of "Health Awareness Days", Rawson Memorial Library is featuring books, videos, magazines and tapes on all aspects of well-being and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Recent books are on display near the entrance and book lists are available.

Good health begins with good nutrition. A new book, "Portion Savvy: The 30-Day Smart Plan for Eating Well" by Carrie Latt Wiatt, teaches how to manage food wisely with the right size portions. "The Healthy Exchanges

Cookbook" by JoAnna M. Lund features 180 quick-and-easy low-fat, low-sugar recipes made with everyday, ordinary foods.

"Brand Name Fat-Fighter's Cookbook" by Sandra Woodruff has over 150 low-fat and fat-free recipes from breakfast to dessert using brand name products. There are many other nutrition and "healthy cooking" cookbooks available. There are also a number of books targeted to special needs such as diabetes and heart disease. Exercise is also necessary

for good health. Books and video tapes on working out can be borrowed. "Prevention's Practical Encyclopedia of Walking for Health" is a practical and down-to-earth book about our most natural activity - walking.

Current books on most medical conditions are available at the library, as well as information on prescription and over-the-counter medications. Other important subjects covered are aging and caring for aging family members.

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, March 24

Duplicate Bridge. 7:00 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome.

Barn Again! meeting 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

The Adolescent Health Advisory Board will hold its bi-annual meeting from 3:00-4:30 p.m., Huron County Health Department, Bad Axe.

Friday, March 26

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

Monday, March 29

Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Circuit court proceedings

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

•Daniel G. Lisee, 49, Reese, pleaded no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon (shotgun) Jan. 23 in Denmark Township.

Bond in the case was continued at \$3,000 and a pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is scheduled for May 28.

•Joseph R. LaFountaine, 29, Caro, was sentenced to 2.5 to 5 years in prison for his plea of guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon Nov. 27 in Almer Township.

He was also ordered to pay a \$50 victim crime fee and undergo mental therapy/counseling.

•Eugene M. Bilicki, 42, Caro, was sentenced to 5 years probation and one year in the county jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 7 in Wells Township.

Bilicki was ordered to undergo substance abuse therapy/counseling and to pay \$1,000 in court costs and fines plus \$716 in attorneys fees and \$85 in restitution.

•Warren L. Raddick, 28, Vassar, was sentenced to 90 days in jail, with work release, for his jury convictions on charges of fleeing a police officer, fourth degree, and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor April 3 in Fremont Township.

•Raddick, whose driver's license was revoked, was also ordered to pay \$1,060 in costs and fines.

•William G. Eckenswiler, 42, Mayville, was sentenced to 12 to 22.5 years in prison for his plea of no contest to third degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years between July 22, 1998, and Oct. 2, 1998, in Watertown Township.

Eckenswiler, who will undergo psychological counseling, also pleaded no contest to having one prior felony conviction.

•Zenos C. DuPuis, 26, Reese, pleaded guilty to attempted uttering and publishing involving a \$400 check drawn on Community Bank Oct. 5 in Reese.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Kenneth L. Wood, 37, Kingston, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with work release, for his pleas of no contest to fleeing a police officer, fourth degree, resisting and obstructing a police officer and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Jan. 9 in Caro.

Wood's driver's license was suspended for one year. He was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department and ordered to pay \$260 in costs and fines. Attorneys fees are to be determined.



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I WISH TO thank Dr. Ray and his nurses, and the staff at Hills and Dales Hospital for their wonderful care. Also I thank those who sent cards and gifts. Special thanks to Rev. Rice for his comforting words. Also special thanks to Lena and Sandy for their help. Bertha Alexia Cook. 13-3-24-1

THE FAMILY OF James "Jim" Baker Sr. would like to express their "Thanks" and "Love" to all those who have been there for us this last year, and during the time of Jim's illness and death. There are so many wonderful people to thank, family, friends, church family, health care givers, it's hard to name them all. They all had one thing in common, they prayed for Jim and our family. Jim loved this town and its people, and I believe they loved him back. Jim was a good man, husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. Was always on call for those who needed him whether in business or as a friend. He served his country. Special thanks to the "Hospice of Marlette," Dr. Phil Rice, Dr. No Y. Yun and staff at Hills and Dales Hospital, the doctors and hospital and staff at Mid-Michigan Cancer Center and Hospital. They were all so caring. Rev. John Allan and Karen for being there whenever we needed them. Our drivers to Midland and Bay City, they are and were angels among us. Brian Mallory for his playing and singing. Son Jim for the solo tribute to his Dad. And daughter Ruth and brother Bob who took such good care of him, and help from other family members. Also Don Greenleaf and the Cass City VFW Honor Guard. Also to those who sent food, flowers and memorials. "God Bless" you all. Family of Jim Baker: Bea, Ruth, Jim and Stephanie, Austin, Lucas, Bradley and Brent. 13-3-24-1

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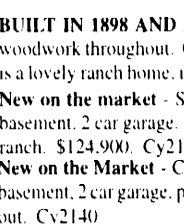
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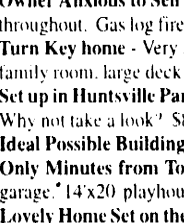
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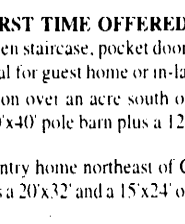
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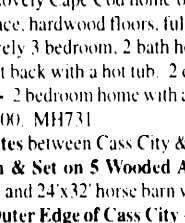
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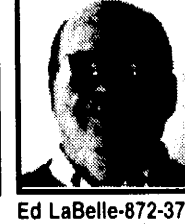
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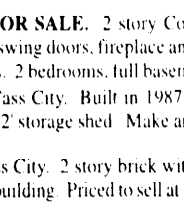
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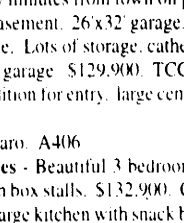
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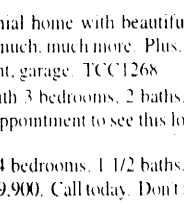
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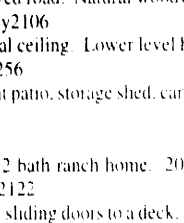
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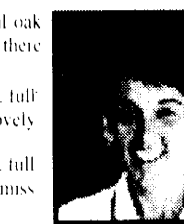
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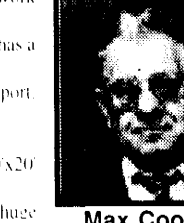
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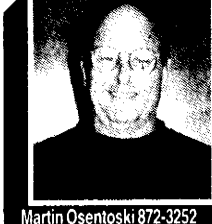
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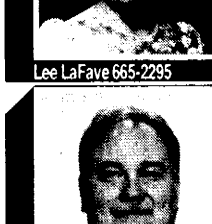
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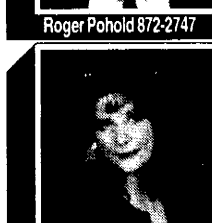
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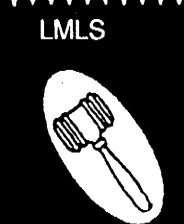
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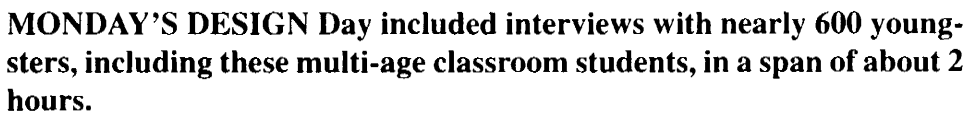
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He explained volunteers work in shifts, using a variety of tools — from hammers to circular saws — all borrowed from members of the community.

After all of the hard work is completed, a paper chain created by the children is wrapped around the full perimeter of the play area, fol-

"It's a moment that you'll never forget," Willes promised.

Anyone interested in joining the ranks of volunteers is urged to contact Shelly Miller, volunteer committee chairperson, at 872-4246.

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Tom Wade, junior/senior principal, did just that and announced last week that a decision had been made to induct all 3 girls along with 12 other students who had previously been accepted for NHS membership.

The committee will be looking at the NHS guidelines and by-laws in place at other area schools, then offer some recommendations to the faculty selection com-

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OTHER BUSINESS

- The board accepted with

- A request to authorize Valley Lutheran High School to join the Greater Thumb

• A resolution was adopted for the June 14 annual school election. Deadline for petitions for 2 vacant board positions is April 12. The terms of James Turner, who will seek re-election, and Marilyn Peters, who will not, are expiring.

Board member Randy Howard outlined a number of

They include an integrated computer system linking the elementary and junior/senior high buildings, direct Internet connection, a new computer lab, computers in all classrooms, a CD "tower" or "juke box" that would allow multiple CD programs to be accessed by any computer in the district, and a video projector.

CONCERNS

He explained the district would have no problem selling bonds for the project. However, state law requires

And, Thies pointed out, there is probably no better time to consider a bond issue in terms of current interest rates. "If you're going to build, if you're going to repair, if you're going to buy new, this is the time," he said. "The interest rate is cheap."

"I think you should give voters a couple of choices," said Mike Mandich. For example, he added, some voters might be willing to support technology upgrades, but not the paving work. "You're not going to please everybody."


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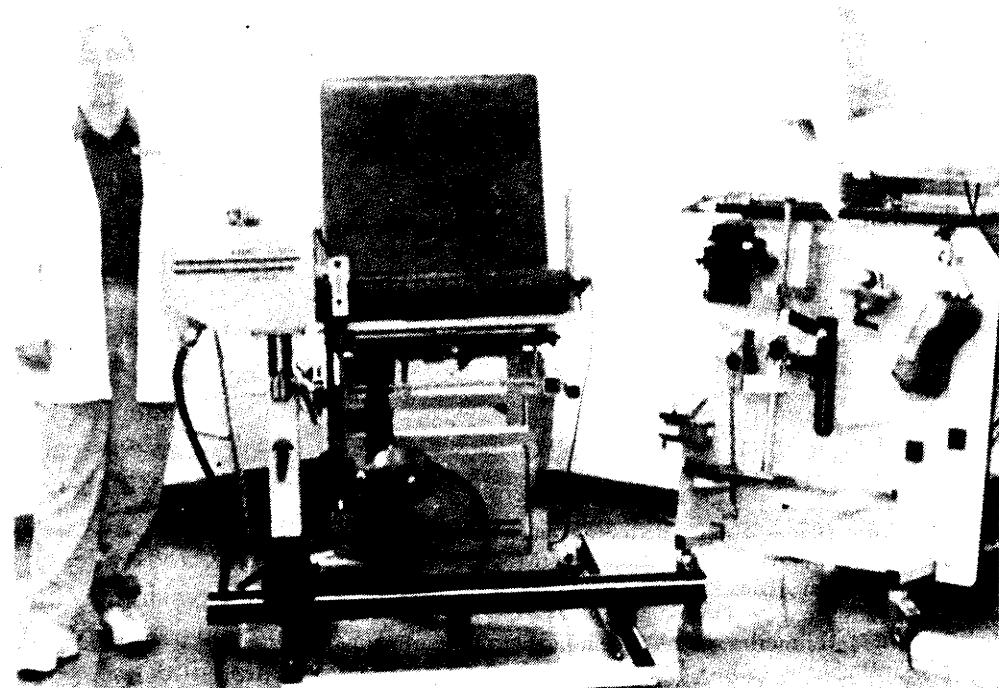
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A good example of future expansion of services can be seen at the Michigan Cardio Vascular Institute, which plans to begin recruiting efforts for a full-time cardiologist in Cass City.



ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING FEATURES of the new Center is the rehabilitation department. It is operated under the direction of board certified Muhammad S. Jilani, M.D. The center includes the latest rehabilitation equipment demonstrated by Barb Hollenbeck, rehabilitation department manager.

Hospital's progress continues

Continued from page 3. Institute, which plans to bring in a cardiologist for a second full day each week. The institute also plans to begin recruiting efforts for a full-time cardiologist in Cass City, which will allow more cardiac patients to remain at Hills and Dales for treatment.

Hospital officials welcome calls from anyone interested in learning more about the medical arts center or any of the hospital's facilities, clinics and services. Residents are encouraged to call (517) 872-2121 for more information.

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INVESTMENT

The medical arts center was financed through Old Kent Bank, Grand Rapids, along with Thumb National Bank in Cass City.

Kathy Rowe, Hills and Dales' chief financial officer, noted about half of the project cost was financed through municipal bonds issued under the authority of the Cass City Economic Development Corporation. The bonds, which enabled the builder to receive a lower interest rate, were used to finance only the portion of the building housing the non-profit MARC and Thumb Area Home Care Agency.

The medical arts center is state-of-the-art, according to Rowe, who said computers at the facility are linked with the hospital's computers via fiber optic cable.

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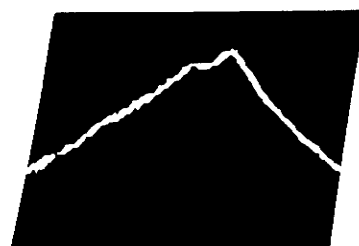
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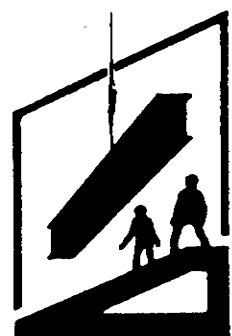
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New center continues hospital's progress

The newly-opened Medical Arts and Rehabilitation Center is the focus of Hills and Dales General Hospital's open house celebration this week, but the facility is only part of the hospital's efforts to continue "Branching out. Reaching out." In fact, the hospital has

invested nearly \$4 million in capital expenditures over the past several months.

And, officials are gearing up to open the hospital's fourth satellite clinic.

Aside from the \$2.266 million medical arts facility, the hospital recently completed some \$565,000 in renovations to the second floor of the hospital.

The floor was redecorated and updated with the latest technology, including:

*A new heating/air conditioning system throughout the entire floor.

*Space Lab monitoring system to provide state-of-the-art technology in patient monitoring.

*A new nurse call service to improve the communication between the nursing staff and patients.

*A new phone system, providing a phone at each bed.

*New computerized medical records.

In addition, the past year saw Hills and Dales install a Picker PQ

2000S CT (computerized tomography) Scanner, the only spiral scanner in the entire Thumb area.

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nificant accuracy, allowing for early detection and treatment. The equipment scans 6 times faster than conventional scanners with outstanding detail.

Hills and Dales also began implementation of a \$500,000 hospital-wide information system designed to completely computerize hospital operations, including medical records.

NEW CLINIC

The new satellite clinic, located at 5915 State St., Kingston, will open April 5. The facility will be staffed by a physician specializing in pediatrics and internal medicine.

Appointments can be made by calling (517) 683-8065.

Hills and Dales also operates satellite clinics in Caro, Ubyly and Unionville.

Guide to medical arts center suites

Visitors to the Medical Arts and Rehabilitation Center, 6190 Hospital Dr., Cass City, should have no problem finding their way around.

The various offices are designated by the following suite numbers:

*Suite 100 — Tri-County Medical Equipment.

*Suite 101 — Michigan Athletic and Rehabilitation Center.

*Suite 102 — Thumb Area Home Care Agency.

*Suite 103 — Arshad Aqil, M.D., internal medicine physician (Mondays and Wednesdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.), and Muhammad Jilani, M.D., psychiatrist, Thumb Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

*Suite 104 — Michigan Cardio Vascular Institute (MCVI).

*Suite 105 — The Knee and Orthopaedic Center, John D. DeSantis, D.O., and Gordon McClimans, D.O., orthopaedic surgeons (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

*Suite 107 — Thumb Pediatrics and Pediatric Cardiology, Ashraf Aly, M.D., pediatrician (Mondays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

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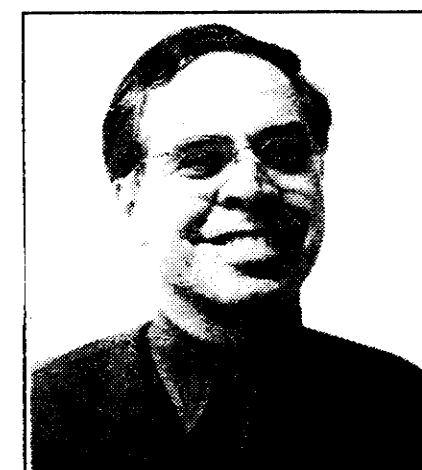
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The celebration begins today (Wednesday) and continues through Saturday.

Residents are welcome to visit and tour the facility today from 2 to 7 p.m., Thursday from 1 to 5 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Residents are also invited to stop in at Hills and Dales to see the new CT spiral scanner and the hospital's newly-remodeled medical-surgical units.

Aside from tours, visitors are encouraged to take advantage of free blood pressure checks, cholesterol and PSA and glucose checks for a nominal fee, fat analysis, orthopaedic demonstrations, nutritional advice and recipes, free blood sugar checks, grip strength, wellness information, and information on heart disease.

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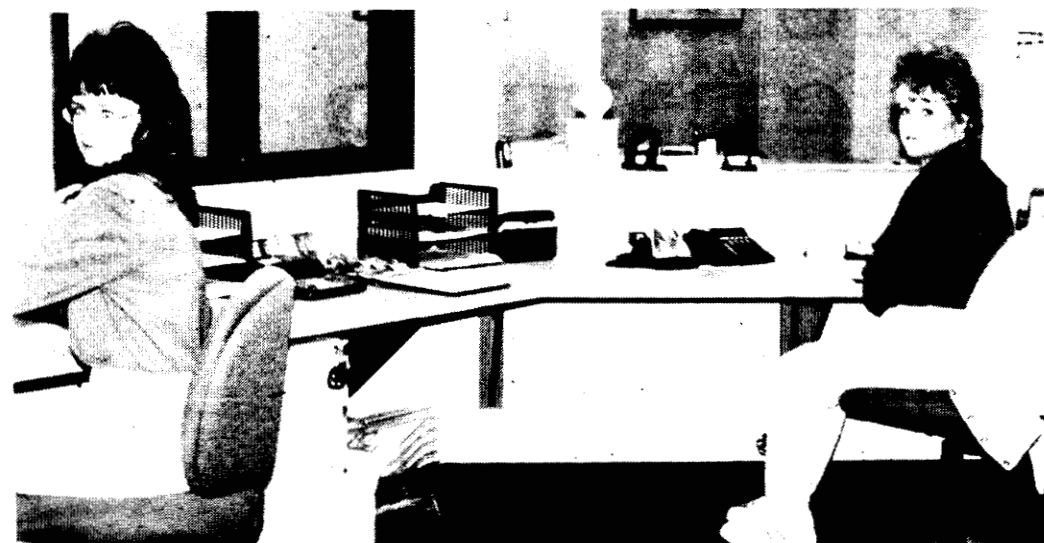
Among Janet Kroetsch's duties at the hospital is working in the specialty clinic.

Office employees enjoy new clinic offices

SEVERAL CLINICS are in the new building and these office people are enjoying the space, convenience and equipment not available previously.



Merry Warju keeps tabs on the various supplies needed at the Tri-County Medical Clinic.



Sue Parker, left, and Lori McNeil at the Knee and Orthopaedic Center operated under the direction of Dr. John G. DeSantis and Dr. Gordon A. McClimans II.

\$2.266 million building New center eases hospital space problems

Completion of Hills and Dales General Hospital's Medical Arts and Rehabilitation Center early this year marked another milestone in the hospital's commitment to invest in the wellness of the

community. The new, \$2.266 million facility, located at 6190 Hospital Dr., totals 19,046 square feet. The Michigan Athletic and Rehabilitation Center covers

7,573 feet, with an improved setting for rehabilitation services, including physical therapy, occupational therapy, work conditioning, speech therapy and hydrotherapy.

In addition, the facility offers a bright, relaxing atmosphere designed to help people improve their physical fitness and personal wellness.

Two new treatment areas have been added, according to Lou Ann Williams, MARC administrative assistant, who said the number of residents participating in fitness activities has nearly doubled since the new facility opened.

Clients are very pleased with the new MARC, she added.

"They like the open area. They like the sun shining through," Williams said. "They've got nice locker rooms where they're not cramped when they're trying to change their clothes."

Plans call for the addition of fitness aerobics — now offered at MARC in Caro — through the Cass City MARC in the future.

Aside from MARC, the medical arts center houses the Thumb Area Home Care Agency and Tri-County

Medical Equipment, both of which have expanded their services.

By consolidating the services of the hospital, officials said, it will make these services more convenient for both patients and physicians.

cardiology.

"We were outgrowing our clinics. We didn't have enough space," she said, adding physicians now "can see more patients in a better en-

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Anthony said a good example of future expansion of services can be seen at the Michigan Cardio Vascular

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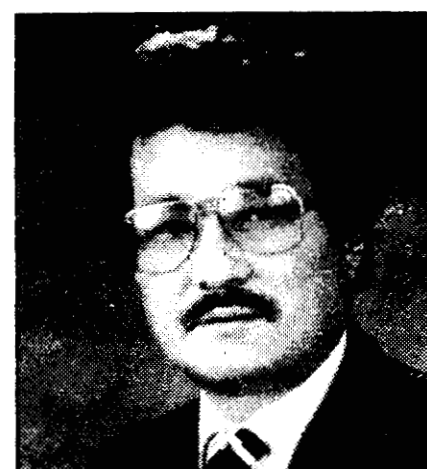


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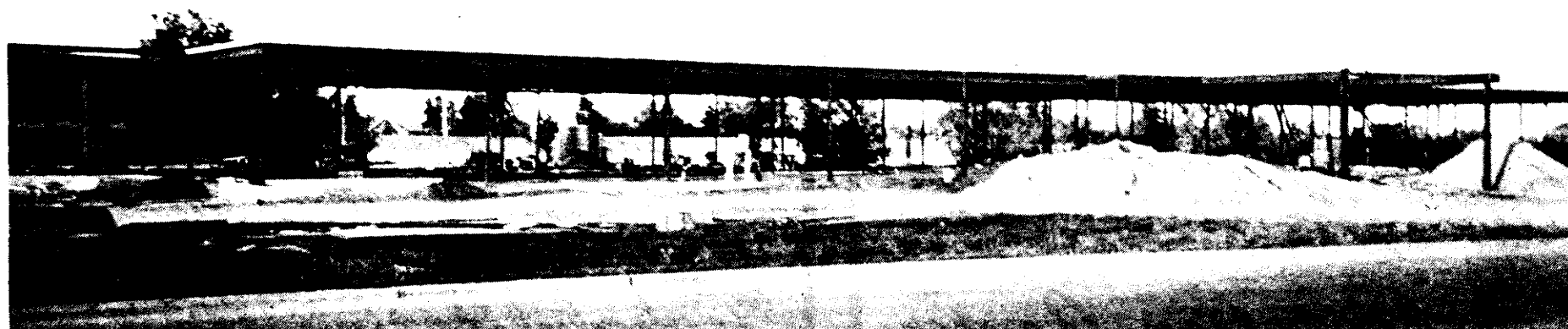
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